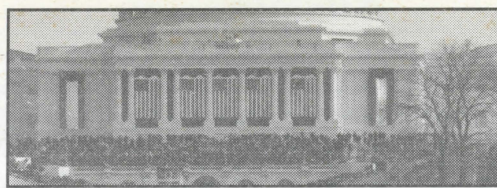


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Tondrick, Malkemes contribute to holes in staff

BY NICOLE FRAIL
Beacon Managing Editor

Between late December and early January two members of the Wilkes University staff announced plans for departure.

Mike Malkemes, director of Campus Support Services and 19-year Wilkes employee, finished his tenure at the university January 16 and left for an unspecified position in industry. And on February 6, Christine Tondrick will leave her position as associate director of Marketing Communications at Wilkes University for the position of communications director for the Pennsylvania Homecare Association (PHA) in Camp Hill. A 1998 alumna of Wilkes, Tondrick has been employed by the university since May 2001.

With a wedding date set for September, Tondrick had been actively looking for employment opportunities in and around Harrisburg, where her fiancé lives.

"The [new] job will be very focused on one particular industry. At Wilkes, we have multiple audiences of prospective students, current students, parents, internal, employees, the board, alumni... We have multiple audiences that we serve and service. At PHA, our audience is focused on members and our homecare providers and health professionals," she said.

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New permits, weather leads to parking lot woes

BY AMY FUSCO
Beacon News Editor

As the second semester began, so too did the struggles with parking permits and spaces.

Last Thursday, public safety officers began ticketing students who are parking illegally--either without parking passes or in areas not designated for student parking.

According to students and school officials, it is typical to encounter confusion and frustration during the first weeks of each semester.

Gerald Rebo, manager of Public Safety, explained that Wilkes wants students to have time to pick up their permits. They do not start ticketing because they have not had time to pick their permits up, which is a process that consists of three rounds.



The Beacon/Bethany Yamrick

The ticket on the car above signals the start of the season of which public safety officials remind commuters of the rules of the parking lot. Parking enforcement began last Thursday.

"It's courtesy-wise that we do that [wait to ticket]; that way students have a chance to get their permits," said Rebo. Since there

are three rounds to go through, it does take time. The first round involves students ap-

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Nursing program improves scores, avoids probation

BY GINO TROIANI
Beacon Op-Ed Editor

For almost a year, anxious nursing faculty and students awaited National Counsel Licensing Examination (NCLEX) test results to see if the nursing program's accreditation would avoid the worst-case scenario of probation.

According to the National Council of State Board of Nursing, the national pass rate for all students who took the NCLEX was 85.5 percent for the 2006-07 testing period. In

that same period, Wilkes recorded an average pass rate of 59.7 percent, just under the minimum requirement.

If a university or college does not achieve the national minimum pass rate, its program runs the risk of probationary status.

With below average exam results, members of the Wilkes University nursing community discussed what would happen if Wilkes's accreditation was suspended.

However, the Wilkes nursing program made significant gains and avoided any problems this year. For the 2007-08 testing

period, Wilkes posted a 73 percent pass rate on the NCLEX exams.

"It's still lower than our previous years," Mary Ann Merrigan, chair of the nursing department acknowledged, but she noted that the university is still working hard to maintain a healthy and prosperous program.

According to Merrigan, the NCLEX exam is a "...national examination administered by the state board." The computerized test is limited to five hours and can range anywhere between 75 and 265 questions.

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SUB kitchen receives facelift, expansion and updates

BY JACQUELINE LUKAS
Beacon Asst. News Editor

Changes to the way students unload their trays in the cafeteria of the Henry's Student Center has left some students feeling short-changed.

The changes are part of a renovation to the cafeteria's dish room, says Paul Kaspriskie Jr., director of capital projects for Wilkes Uni-

Due to the increasing number of students who are purchasing meal plans and utilizing the cafeteria, the dish room is being expanded, said Kaspriskie. He added that tile was replaced on the walls, a new dishwasher was installed and a new conveyer system is being put in within the next few months.

He explained that currently, there is only one smaller cut out in the wall for the cafeteria's patrons

the amount of the people that we serve there during the day," said Kaspriskie.

Although the renovation is only a temporary inconvenience to the patrons, some students have trouble reaching over the space to place the trays on the conveyer.

Maggie Wesolowski, a sophomore business administration major, has had trouble placing her tray on the conveyer system.

She said, "It's hard for me to reach over to put my tray on the rack."

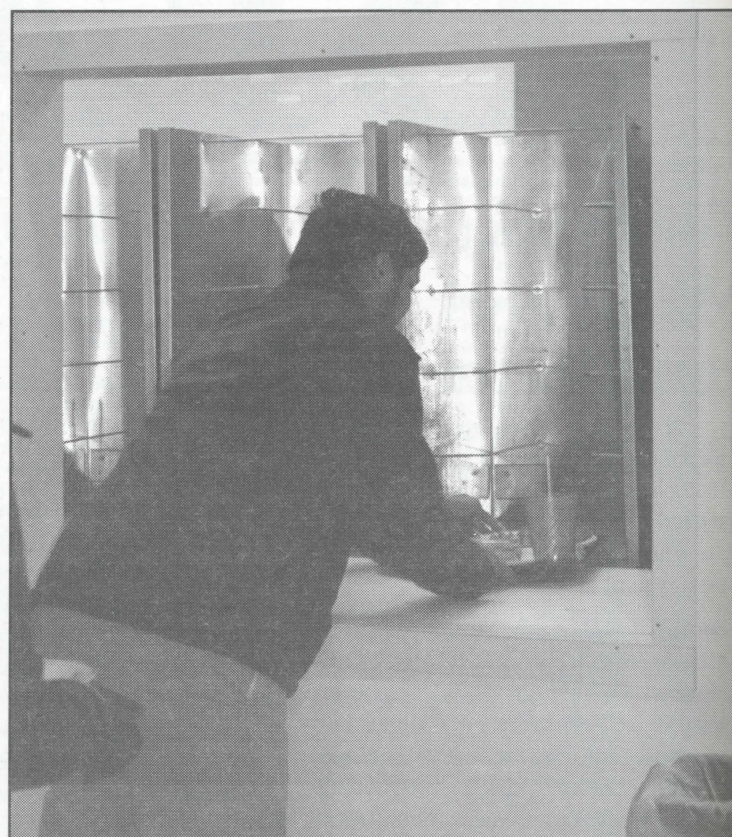
Mahamed Jalloh, undeclared freshman, does not believe the renovations were necessary.

"I feel we could have spent the money on something else. You know, if it's not broke, don't fix it," he said.

Mike

Molnar, general manager of Campus Dining, says the renovations and upgrades to the space are necessary.

"We outgrew it a little bit. So the new system will handle the addi-



The Beacon/Jacqueline Lukas

A student reaches across the platform to put his tray in the rack. The new conveyer system will be flat unlike the current system.

tional volume," he said.

Molnar added that the equipment in the dish room has not been updated since the Henry Student Center opened in 1999.

John Pesta, currently interim manager of support services, said the dish room is being completed in phases due to the fact that the conveyer system had to be custom made.

The first phase is to replace the dated equipment, re-tile the area, and expand the room. The second phase will include installing the new conveyer system. The new installation will be more of a flat

system as opposed to the current system we have now which is a referred to as a carousel system.

Molnar said the total cost of the project is about \$250,000. The price includes replacements in the kitchen, stoves, ovens, dishwasher, tiling and the new conveyer system.

Pesta said the money for the project comes from the University Capital Projects funds. He added that all of the projects were bid on by different companies and Wilkes took the lowest prices on the projects.



The Beacon/Bethany Yamrick

Students line up to place their trays on the conveyer. Students need to lean over to reach it. Other updates of the kitchen include new stoves, ovens and tiles on the wall.

versity.

According to Kaspriskie, the school has been thinking about renovating the dish room and replacing machines for the past year and a half.

to place their trays, but there will be an additional cut out once the new conveyer system is installed.

"We expanded the dishroom because there just wasn't enough room in there for the help and

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plying for a parking permit and being selected by Commuter Council and Residence Life in order to go to the next round.

Kevin Hettrich, Wilkes junior and president of Commuter Council, further explained the application process. He said that on the parking application, there are a few questions with regard to how far away the student lives from campus.

"If you are in walking distance to campus, which is one of the questions of the application, you don't get a parking spot," Hettrich said. "We usually favor the people who are further away. It goes on a point system." After the first round, students on the waiting list will move up if people do not pick up their permits.

Hettrich also admitted that some people, including himself, thought that public safety officials started parking enforcement the week before, which was part of the mix-up. He sympathizes with the students who are not able to park in the parking lots, but Hettrich said that the process has worked similarly in the past. Lastly, he explained that students' accounts are not charged for parking until they pick up their passes.

Amanda Woodle, P3 student, has been applying for a parking pass similarly in previous years since she was a first year student, close to five consecutive years.

"I always seem to have problems when trying to apply for the commuter parking pass," Woodle commented. "I live right near campus, within walking distance, so I never seem to qualify for the first round of parking passes."

An issue she consistently deals with is living so close to campus, meaning she did not meet the qualifications of the first round of parking passes. Woodle's main concern is obtaining a pass because she needs to be able to drive to pharmacy sites off campus up to three times a week for class.

"I am told that I can't have a parking pass because I live so close. They don't seem to understand that it is a requirement for my classes that I have a car available to drive to sites off campus," said Woodle. "I was eventually able to get a parking pass during second round selections, but by that time I had already received a parking ticket."

Along with parking issues due to people parking in the wrong lots, some parking lot conditions have reduced the amount of spaces. In the past few weeks, temperatures have been extremely low causing snow and

ice to remain around the parking lot. Rebo explained that people are not ticketed for parking over the line unless it is an extreme issue.

According to Rebo, Public Safety will not accept the excuse that a student could not find anywhere else to park, in reference to parking on campus without a parking pass or lack of space due to weather conditions. He suggested the use of the parking garage because there are always parking spaces open. Before the semester began, there was an email sent out to students describing the parking enforcement policy.

"A \$25 ticket will be given if you don't have the proper permit for the proper lot," stated Rebo. Additionally, if anyone is parked in the fire lane or in a handicapped spot, the car will be ticketed and towed. Furthermore, people cannot park alongside Passan Hall in the alley in case of emergencies requiring fire trucks and, specifically, ambulances, as Health Services is now located on the first floor of Passan Hall.

"The first two weeks, we give them [students, faculty and staff] the benefit of parking on campus," Rebo said. Parking enforcement will be consistent with ticketing from now on. Finally, he stated that not everyone can be satisfied within the first two

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"Also, one of the more challenging things about my job will be learning and working for the state government, working in legislative affairs and working very closely with PHA's lobbyists to advocate for homecare providers... to



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Christine Tondrick, associate director of marketing communications will be leaving for a career opportunity PHA in Camp Hill.

help draft legislation that will help benefit our audience," she added.

Throughout her years at Wilkes, Tondrick has worked closely with many members of the President's Cabinet, faculty, staff and students. Melanie Mickelson, director of Admissions, described Tondrick as "class, with a capital C."

"I have always admired her class. I don't think that that's something everybody naturally has, and if you don't have it, it isn't something you can learn," said Mickelson. Mickelson credits Tondrick with aiding the development of the relationship between Wilkes and 160over90, a branding agency based in Philadelphia. The campaign has earned the university national recognition recently.

"I'm happy for Christine. This is a really wonderful opportunity and in today's job market, it says a lot about the quality of the individual to find and get this kind of job. It allows her to get on with a major portion of her life," said Jack Chielli, executive director of Marketing Communications. "Over the years she has done a fantastic job... She has earned the compliments and respect of the entire campus community."

"I met Christine when I tried out to be the mascot. She was the one who really spring boarded the entire mascot program, and she has been sort of the mk-lascot advisor for Dave [Lewis], Jason [Woloski] and me," said Emilee Strubeck, junior elementary education major.

"It was obvious how passionate she was toward making it a successful program, and her leadership skills and professionalism she displayed with us were surely among the best. It will be hard to replace her," Strubeck added.

Both Mickelson and Chielli stressed that Tondrick's personality and commitment to Wilkes can not be replaced, though her position will be filled.

Chielli does not expect to hire outside of the university to fill Tondrick's position. Instead, other members of the Marketing Communications team will take on her responsibilities.

"Do I think there are other individuals out in our community that can learn to grow on the job like Christine has? Yeah, I do," said Chielli. "I hope that we get a good applicant pool; this is a critical position."

According to Chielli, Tondrick acted as the chief spokesperson for Wilkes University. Her responsibilities as associate director of the department included, but are not limited to, writing press releases, writing for the president and administration officials and working closely with the graphic design and advancement departments to

make campus events, such as the Outstanding Leaders' Forum and the Kirby Lecture, successful.

"I'll miss the people [at Wilkes]... People have been so overwhelming supportive and I'm just so touched by everybody's kind words and well wishes," said Tondrick.

On December 23, Tom Messinger, executive director of Campus Support Services, announced Malkemes's choice to leave the university. According to Messinger's release, Malkemes was leaving Wilkes for "a new opportunity in a private industry" on January 16.

As manager of CSS, Malkemes was responsible for campus safety, mail room, insurances, vehicle fleet, access control and support services, said Messinger. Prior to his departure, Malkemes had been an employee of the university for 19 years.

"He has done a wonderful job here at Wilkes. He was well-respected and liked and really did a good job," said Petra Carver, vice president for finance operations.

Having only begun his career at Wilkes in late September, Messinger did not work with Malkemes long before he informed him of his resignation on December 15. "He appeared to be a very capable and well organized individual," said Messinger.

Neither Carver nor Messinger could comment on Malkemes's future employment opportunities.


"[H]e indicated this new position provided some future potential that he could not pass up," said Messinger.

"He was not willing to share that information with me..." said Carver. "The way he communicated with me was that after 19 years he had a career advancement opportunity... that was very exciting to him, and I would never hinder that kind of initiative."

According to Carver, John Pesta will act as interim manager of CSS until they decide how they will permanently fill Malkemes's position. Paul Kapriskie will fill Pesta's empty position in capital projects as Pesta takes on new responsibilities.

"[Malkemes] leaves a big hole for us. Fortunately, in the past, John Pesta has handled these areas. He has a similar background here and he should be able to seamlessly fill in. Though it is very painful, we should not experience a lack or loss in service," said Carver.

Malkemes was contacted but chose not to comment on the details of his departure.




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Students don't receive a score, but rather a "pass" or "fail". It is taken yearly and to maintain accreditation, Pennsylvania requires each college/university to achieve a minimum pass rate of 60 percent.

Merrigan explained that state board monitors the university's program to ensure improvement. She also added that even if the accreditation were suspended, Wilkes would still be fully approved by the State Board of Nursing. In other words, accreditation is an option rather than a requirement.

The state board of Pennsylvania allows nursing students to practice with a permit for up to one year after graduation. Merrigan said, "If students don't take the examination within the first few months of graduation," they are less likely to pass. "We had five students who waited over eleven months...and they were all not successful."

But the pressure of the test does weigh heavily on nursing students as they work toward that culminating event in their education. Jeanne Wood, a sophomore nursing major said, "I was worried that Wilkes was going to lose its accreditation because many employers look for that. Even though it's more than two years away, I'm still pretty

nervous because everyone seems to say it's hard."

Records show that from 2003-2005 Wilkes posed pass scores of 77.80%, 84.00%, and 70.00% respectively.

Merrigan explained that the nursing program "...grew rapidly" in 2006 and that resources could not keep up. "We more than doubled our enrollment in the past five years, and our faculty did not." According to Wilkes's 2007-08 Fact Book, the number of full-time undergraduate nursing students has jumped from 89 in fall 2003 to 282 in fall 2007, a trend that is consistent with national growth in the nursing education area.

According to Merrigan, in order to compensate, Wilkes hired five new full-time instructors and has also introduced a slew of review programs. In addition, the nursing program has raised admission requirements. Applicants must now stand within the top 50 percent of their class, achieve a minimum math score of 450 on the SATs, present two letters of recommendation, write an entrance essay and conduct an interview.

This March the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education will conduct a full overview of Wilkes's nursing program to decide if it will be approved for another ten year accreditation.

SG Notes: January 21, 2009

BY AMY FUSCO
Beacon News Editor

Treasurer's Report

- General: \$11,324.74
- Special Projects: \$3,864.06
- Spirit: \$4,000.00
- Leadership: \$8,652.56
- Start-Up: \$2,400.00

Club Reports

The following clubs presented updates on their events.

- Programming Board
- MSC

New Business

Acceptance of Positions

- new SG members accepted their positions

Lacrosse Club Fund Request (Week 2 of 2)

- motion passed to fund \$2,685.00 for the club

Paint Ball Club Recognition (Week 2 of 2)

- motion passed for club status

SG Major Initiative

-SG members brainstormed ideas for ways to enhance the Wilkes campus through the Student Government buffer fund.

Student Concerns

Old Business

- Vagina Monologues Donation
- Rock Wall Certification

Events

- Jail & Bail- January 22
- PA Student Government February 7
- Winter Weekend February 20-21
- VIP Day March 21, 1-2:30pm

* At 7:30 p.m., a motion was made to adjourn the SG meeting. The motion was approved.

SG meetings are open to all students. They are held every Wednesday in the Miller Conference room on the second floor of the HSC.



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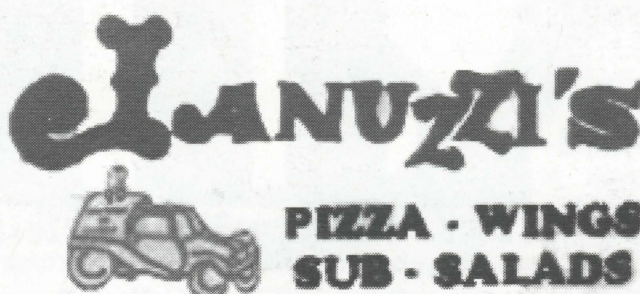
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- French Fries
- Cheese Fries
- Onion Rings
- Chicken Nuggets (8)
- Bread Sticks

SALADS

- Tossed w/ Croutons
- Tossed w/ Tuna
- Pasta w/ Cheese
- Crispy Chicken
- Chicken Caesar
- Antipasto
- Caesar
- Chef Salad
- Greek

WRAPS

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An open letter to President Obama on education

BY THE BEACON
Editorial Board

Dear President Obama,

Congratulations on becoming the 44th President of the United States of America. Over the past three years you have overcome so many obstacles and broken countless barriers. You have inspired us as well as enchanted the nation and most of the world with your promises of change, but now it is time to deliver.

Understandably, yours will not be an easy job. The global economy is in terrible shape, we are fighting two wars, and most of the world distrusts us. You obviously have a rather lengthy to-do list. But we want to make sure that you don't forget about some of the other important issues facing the nation like the cost of higher education.

In November of 2007, you said, "We need to put a college education within reach of every American." Over the past five years the average cost of a college education has grown nearly 40 percent. Because of the rising costs, two million people will have been denied a college education during the first decade of the new millennium.

Throughout your campaign you discussed what you would do to address the cost of higher education. Your tax credit plan, which will insure that the first \$4,000 of an individual's education is paid for, is a good start. We especially like the idea that students must complete community service to be eligible for the credit. The plan reminds us of a similar one proposed by President Clinton during his administration. However, given the cost of a college education at private and public four-year institutions, this \$4,000 puts only a small dent in the challenge young people and parents must meet to

earn a bachelor's degree. And

most would agree that today's bachelor's degree is the equivalent of a high school diploma of the 1950s and 1960s—a must for sustainable employment. Thus, we urge you to assemble the most creative minds out there to design yet more opportunities to defray—or even eliminate altogether—the overall cost of tuition with national or international service.

You have also mentioned that you will eliminate the Free Application for Federal Student Aid or FASFA. Michael Frantz, our Vice President for Enrollment Services, explained that your plan is not eliminating the process for analyzing student need, just simplifying the it. This is definitely a good change, because for some, the process is about as clear as the Tax Code (which means as clear as mud).

In addition, special consideration must be made for those families who have been hardest hit by the current economic crisis. If the federal government could subsidize special programs for free or low-cost retraining for those who have lost their jobs, colleges can partner in that effort. Locally, we applaud Luzerne County Community College for taking the lead in offering free classes to community members and see it as the sort of model colleges across the nation should consider. But colleges

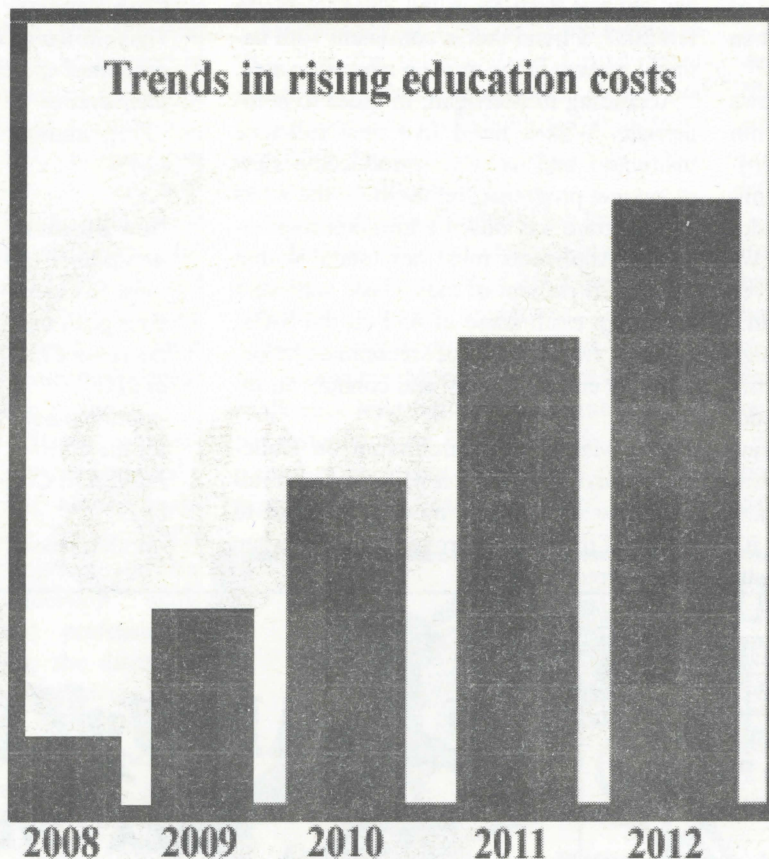
\$42,323

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\$34,132



This chart shows a national increase in tuition at 6% annually according to College Board projections.

can't afford to take such measures indefinitely. We ask that your administration harness the creativity we think is there and devise a means by which such solutions can be found.

On that note, please try to ensure the survival of community colleges. Community colleges play a key role in providing affordable and adequate education to individuals who may not have been able to pursue higher education if the institutions were not available.

The most important thing that you could do for us is to ensure that student loans will be available when we need them. Headlines are popping up all across the country about the uncertain future of student loans. Frankly, we are scared. Many of us cannot afford college on our own and depend on

banks and financiers to fund the remaining cost. While we hate the idea of debt, not attending college because we can't get the loans does not seem like a viable alternative.

We know that these issues may seem trivial right now, but we are depending on you. The future of this country rests in the hands of our schools and the future leaders they are shaping. But because of this financial crisis, that future feels at best murky, and at worst non-existent. We ask you once again to give us hope and the change we need in the area of higher education.

Sincerely,

The Beacon Editorial Staff

Talking Points



#1

The average cost of a college education has grown nearly 40% in the past 5 years.



#2

President Obama intends to simplify the application process for financial aid.



#3

If legislation is properly written, student loans will become more accessible to individuals pursuing higher education.

The Angry Rant: Celebrating cultural absurdities

BY TIM SEIGFRIED
Beacon Wilkes Alumus

It's a new year, and that means it's also awards season, and 'The Angry Rant' is no exception. Over the last year, I've compiled some of the most rage-inducing cultural...uh, events... and compressed them into an easy-to-read collection of fury and acerbity.

Let's get to it.

The Most Absurd News Story of the Year...

The "pregnant man."

Okay, let's get a few things straight: men can't have babies. Can we all agree on that? So why did the major news organizations in the country decide to call a female - who had some "refinements" - a man? In reality, she possessed no organs or genes that would label her as such. Unless scientists have successfully found out how to manipulate the human genome (which means my Metal Gear Solid fantasy could be a reality - awesome), she still is a female. Just because you call yourself a male, cut off your cans, and pump yourself full of enough testosterone to look like Mick Foley, guess what - you're still a chick. Oh, and also, you are able to bear a child. That's one thing that men haven't figured out, at least without having hilarious results (see also: Junior).

You're not a pregnant man, you're a female who is doing something that many other females in the history of the world has done: bear a child. You're not special.

Also, did anyone else catch his her interview with Oprah? At one point, she said that she was concerned that their neighbor would find out that she was pregnant, and you know, they wanted to have privacy in this moment of joy with her and her wife.

I'll give you all a moment to bang your head on the table.

Really? You go on The Oprah Winfrey Show, and you're worried that your neighbor might find out? This fetus has had more exposure than Madonna's skeleton-arms. So there is a pretty good chance that your neighbor has already caught wind of your story. And if he hasn't, then I'm sure that the ten news vans parked in your front yard may have him just a tad suspicious.

Listen, I don't see how this woman is legally a male. It doesn't make any sense, because she retains the genetic structure of a female, and unless she was born with both sets of equipment (she wasn't), she is still a woman. But if we are allowed to call ourselves whatever we want, then I wish to be called Odin - I'll ride around on Sleipnir, my eight-legged horse, welcoming the proud dead into Valhalla until I am slain

during Ragnarok. (My props to the three people who got my Norse mythology joke. Which is the best kind of mythology, by the way. That's right, Greeks, you and your "gods" that look like rejects from the Abercrombie and Fitch catalog can take a hike. Seriously, have you seen what Zeus looks like? Nice wax job on your chest, Nancy.)

Back to the rant.

Best movie series that was given an unnecessary sequel that was the cinematic equivalent to an abortion...

Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull!

First off, the Indiana



Jones series

has produced

some of the best adventure movies of all-time. The first three ranged from "good" to "perhaps the greatest film about a fedora-clad archaeologist and his octogenarian father."

But the latest installment was an abomination. It was like a mother giving birth to three children who turned out to be Einstein, Martin Luther King Jr., and George Washington, and then giving birth to a fourth child nearly two decades later, only that kid turns out to be Dane Cook.

Anyhow, the gift that Miley received from Tyra Banks, model-turned-actress-turned-talkshow host-turned-windbag?

A picture of a 16-year-old Tyra Banks.

That's right, because nothing says "your special day isn't about you" more than a picture of an aging model who is more bat-ESS crazy than the old man who keeps jars of his own feces in his basement so the aliens can clone him when the mothership returns.

Remember when Tyra Banks was considered to be a talented actress who had one of the most critically acclaimed talk shows on television? Me either.

All I can remember is the time that she was photographed in her bathing suit and the media frenzy that followed.

For those who aren't aware, Tyra was photographed on vacation on in a bathing suit that was less than flattering. Perhaps it was a bad angle, but whatever it was, Tyra, who is at the vanguard of promoting a healthy self-esteem among the females, decided that the only way to combat this was to wear the suit on her show to prove that she is a healthy woman who was victimized by the paparazzi.

The result: Tyra was right, it was a bad angle. She would go on to say that women are hurt by comments like that, and that self-esteem is a fragile and frail creature, like a kitten made of glass.

Except that, during her explanation, she basically said: "As you can see, I'm not fat. But if I was, that would be okay because I'm happy with myself. But I'm not that, just to let you all know. Me, Tyra Banks, international supermodel, isn't fat. But guess what, it would be okay if I was. But I'm not. Just to be clear."

Nothing like promoting a healthy image and self-esteem for women who aren't supermodels, so as long as it's not you, right Tyra?

Hey! Remember me, I'm somehow still popular...

Paris Hilton!

Really? She has her television show?

What? It's about people who want to be her friend? Well, are they dudes who just want to nail her? WHAT? They're girls who actually crave her friendship? Oh, I see, so those girls are pulling an elaborate prank on MTV and the rest of society, right? No? They're serious? Wait, did any of those girls vote? Oh, they didn't even know who Obama was? Well, thank God for that, I guess.

Which leads me to this: This country needs to establish a license for people to vote. If we can't consistently meet 60% for turnout, then we do the next best thing and eliminate all those who are too uneducated to vote. Of course, that rules out a good portion of the American population, but is anyone else with me when I say that it's a

problem that the voting system for the NFL Pro Bowl is more organized than the current system we have in place for electing the leader of the free world?

The unnecessary sampling of two good songs by an artist who is less talented than the guy who is pumping your gas...

Kid Rock!

Kid, seriously?

Did you really need to sample "Sweet Home Alabama" and "Werewolves of London" for your song "All Summer Long?" You single-handedly ruined two songs and the ears of anyone who has good taste in music, when you could have done the same by just remixing "Bawitdaba."

But really, how bad is music getting? Katy Perry is somehow popular, Britney Spears is on her third comeback and for whatever reason, Rob Thomas is still producing hits. Nothing makes sense anymore!

This is some of the worst music to be released, ever, including the "stone rock" era. (That's where cavemen would pound out tunes with rocks and sticks. Oops, cromagnon puns not doing it for you? Fair enough.)

The truth is that the youth of today (including many who are reading this) have no idea about classic music. I don't mean Beethoven or Mozart. I mean classic music like Led Zeppelin or the Beatles. Because I'm going to scream if I have this conversation again:

"Man, this song by Sean Kingston is great! I love the composition!"

"You know that he just sampled Led Zeppelin, right?"

"Who?"

But seriously, children, can you switch off the bad music, if only for a moment, and embrace the beautiful composition that is known as "Stairway to Heaven." Or "Hey Jude." Get to know names like Plant, Paige, Hendrix, Morrison, Lennon and McCartney. Forget Britney and Fergie. It's going to hurt at first, because your ears have been conditioned to such poor music that it won't fully recognize brilliance. But I promise you, you will not regret it.

This is your job, readers. Go out and pick up a copy of Led Zeppelin IV, and just listen to it. You will not be disappointed. In fact, I guarantee that it will change your life. If everyone could listen to Led Zeppelin, then there would be no war, there would be no recession, there would be no hatred. There would only be love...and the sweet sounds of Robert Plant.

Welcome back, Wilkes.

Charges dropped on 9/11 conspirator

BY GINO TROIANI
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Imagine a prison where prisoners are subjected to prolonged isolation, sleep deprivation, forced nudity, physical threats, degrading treatment, prolonged exposure to cold, and 18 to 20 hour interrogations that span over 48 days. Prisoners are completely cut off from the outside world and all basic civil liberties are non-existent.

No, this is not a story cooked up by Stephen Glass. Nor is it a rehash of Abu Ghraib. This is a cruel reality for many detainees being held at the Guantanamo Bay detention camp located in Cuba.

The existence of Guantanamo has severely blemished the United States' image within the international community, and has sent a message that completely contradicts its own laws protecting civil liberties.

On August 4 2001, Mohammed al Qahtani, a Saudi national, was denied access to the United States by a suspicious immigration inspector at an Orlando airport.

According to U.S. officials, Qahtani planned to become the "20th hijacker" in the attacks on September 11, 2001. In 2002, Qahtani was captured in Afghanistan and

transported to the Guantanamo detention facility where he began interrogation.

Qahtani had been facing counts of conspiracy, terrorism and murder in violation of the laws of war. His interrogation began in November 2002 and ranged over a fifty day span. Qahtani was then held in isolation until April 2003.

Currently, there are approximately 245 prisoners being held in the Gitmo detention camps alongside Qahtani. That is 245 to many.

According to Susan Crawford, a retired judge that runs the military tribunals at Guantanamo, the interrogation methods used on Qahtani were life threatening and qualified as torture.

In an interview published by The Washington Post on January 14, Crawford said, "The techniques they used were all authorized, but the manner in which they applied them was overly aggressive and too persistent. . . . You think of torture, you think of some horrendous physical act done to an individual. This was not any one particular act; this was just a combination of things that had a medical impact on him, that hurt his health. It was abusive and uncalled for."

The Washington Post also reported that because the interroga-

tion process used on Qahtani was so intense, he was hospitalized twice because of a condition called bradycardia, which happens when the heart falls below 60 beats per minute. Bradycardia can lead to heart failure and death.

According to a report by Amnesty International, a human rights organization, Qahtani was also forced to wear women's clothes, tied by a leash and ordered to perform animal tricks.

Because Crawford defined the treatment Qahtani sustained as "torture," she found herself unable to prosecute and has dropped all charges. However, Qahtani still remains a prisoner at Guantanamo.

Despite outrage from critics, former president Bush and vice president Cheney have continued to deny any allegations of torture being used for interrogation purposes at Guantanamo.

In a recent interview with Larry King, Bush proudly commented, "We don't torture... I am very comfortable with what we did, and know it was necessary to protect the country."

President Barack Obama signed an executive order last week to shut down the detention camps and has promised, "Guantanamo

will be closed no later than one year from now." In addition, he has also ordered the closure of all secret CIA prisons overseas.

This is where it gets sticky. If Guantanamo is shut down, what is to become of its remaining 245 prisoners?

On January 24, the New York Times reported that 50 to 100 detainees may face federal trial.

There have been talks of moving dozens of detainees into federal maximum security prisons; however, it seems as if lawmakers are shying away from the possibility of accepting them into their own states. Some lawmakers have argued that If these individuals are placed into the U.S. prisons, the risk of possible terroristic attacks on U.S. soil greatly increases.

Obama administration officials are currently reviewing inmate files to determine where they should go. Although some detainees have been deemed not dangerous, no countries will take them. If these individuals disliked the U.S. before imprisonment, just imagine how they feel now.

All possibilities are imperfect, however, GITMO needs to be shut down immediately.

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.

Next Week's question:

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

- Yes
- No
- Undecided

Visit www.wilkesbeacon.com to cast your vote. Results will be published online at wilkesbeacon.com

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Local EMS units face problem: Volunteers

BY ANTHONY DORUNDA
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On the morning of November 25, 2008, Rice township resident Susan Kaminski suffered for nearly an hour before receiving medical attention after she had slipped on a pile of wet leaves and shattered her leg. Between the time it took for someone to find her and an emergency unit to respond, she developed hypothermia from the harsh conditions.

The Mountain Top Area Community Ambulance Association, which is made up entirely of volunteers, was the crew originally called to the scene of Kaminski's fall.

The association is made up of approximately 30 volunteers covering four towns, which, according to the 2000 census, is a total of

12,218 residents.

The problem is that the Mountaintop Area Community Ambulance Association has only a limited number of volunteers who are expected to respond to every emergency in a 54 mile radius. This makes it difficult to provide adequate and timely service.

Hanover's crew already covers the area for calls requiring advanced life support, but with a new deal in place, the crew will be dispatched for basic life support calls as well - something a first responder crew with enough volunteers should be capable of.

Thus the nagging problem: vol-

unteers.

It is becoming more difficult for emergency medical services to recruit and retain unpaid volunteers because of the amount of training and time commitment.



This problem is prevalent throughout the field of emergency medical services in general.

According to firehouse.com, during the span of 1974 to 2005, the number of volunteer firefighters in Pennsylvania plummeted nearly 230,000 people, from 300,000 to 72,000 volunteers.

The drastic decline can be chalked up to many different possibilities, but probably the most pressing issue is that many peo-

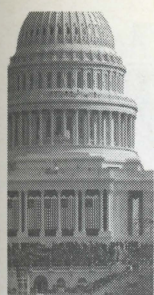
ple do not have time and feel as though there is little incentive.

In previous generations, it was not only considered an honor, but a duty to volunteer for the EMS. Today, that is not the case.

The EMS certification process takes approximately 180 hours and is usually offered through local hospitals or emergency response units. Graduates of approved EMT-Basic training programs must pass a written and practical examination administered by the State certifying agency or the NREMT.

Local ambulance companies like the ones in the small towns surrounding Wilkes-Barre need our help. Young and old alike have a responsibility to make a stand and give back to both their communities and fellow man.

Make a difference, volunteer.



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Conservatory instructor takes one final bow at Wilkes

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After stepping onto the stage of the Dorothy Dickson Darte Center at the age of 17, Corinna Sowers-Adler didn't yet realize the influence it would have on her life.

Now, nearly 15 years later, Sowers-Adler is gearing up to say her final goodbyes to the theater where she started as an undergraduate and left as performer, director and professor.

A 1999 graduate of Wilkes University with a theater major and musical theater emphasis, Sowers-Adler, 31, will leave the university this semester after 10 years teaching theater in the Wilkes Conservatory, a division of the department of visual and performing arts. Along with running a vocal studio each semester, Sowers-Adler also served as an adjunct professor through the department of visual and performing arts.

"Corinna bonded with many students over the years, and has left a unique, indelible mark on the community," said Shelley Pearce, director of the Conservatory. "In many ways, she is truly irreplaceable."

Starting in February, Sowers-Adler will take on the role of Director of the Foundation Series at the Young Actor's Training Center (YATC), a professionally-focused acting studio for children and teenagers in New York City. She will also work with the New Jersey School of Dramatic Arts. As Director of the Foun-

dation Series for YATC, Sowers-Adler will be in charge of developing, marketing, and teaching a program for 10 to 13-year-olds that will include acting, theatre, performance art vocabulary and vocal lessons. The goal of the Foundations Series at YATC is to prepare students for the Masters Series, a program tailored to professionally-working students.

According to J.P. Matthews, the Founding Artistic Director of YATC, Sowers-Adler seemed an ideal candidate for the position because of her work mentoring young actors here at Wilkes.

"Most importantly, she brings a real passion to the development of kids," he said. "She is about instilling the belief in kids that they are unique. It's more about support and their own development, and that's what turned us on to her."

Additionally, Matthews points to Sowers-Adler's role in the development of the Conservatory program at Wilkes as evidence of her talents working with young people.

As director of theater for the Conservatory, Sowers-Adler was responsible for expanding the theater program from one class with five children to six courses each semester, ranging from children to adults. Pearce credits Sowers-Adler with the expansion of the program in less than a decade from a handful of students to over a hundred each year.

Like the children she taught at the Conservatory, Sowers-Adler joined the field of theater at an early age. After performing in a talent show at the age of nine, Sowers-Adler was bitten by the acting bug. She performed with professional theater and opera companies during her high school and college years.

"I just always loved to sing," she said. "I can't remember a time when I didn't think

it was going to be my life. It changed and evolved as I got older and different opportunities presented themselves, but that initial knowing has always been there."

Over the years, theater has taken Sowers-Adler all over the country, where she performed in regional, dinner and touring companies. While teaching at Wilkes and performing, she also served for five years as the children's theater director for the Pocono and Bucks County playhouses.

Juggling roles as performer, director and teacher can be difficult. While Sowers-Adler loves mentoring children and teens, she has learned it is necessary to devote time to perfecting her own skills as well.

"It's tough. I work hard to carve out time for my own instrument and my own creative growth," she said. "It's not always easy because I love mentoring and directing, and it's

easy to forget that I need to hone my own skills."

However, Sowers-Adler believes a strong mentoring relationship is vital to breaking into the world of theater. She describes the industry as "very competitive," and imparts to her students the same advice she received when studying theater.

"Until you come to terms with the fact that any rejection you may receive is not personal, it can be a tough road," she said. "You need to realize there is no other person like you in the world. Therefore, there is no competition. There is only you making your instrument better."

Sal Infantino, a junior telecommunications major with a theater minor, says Sowers-Adler helped him grow as a performer by teaching him to step outside his comfort zone. Infantino, who worked with Sowers-

Adler since he was a middle-school student in the Conservatory program, often had to learn lines and stage directions on the spot.

"She was always so concerned with making classes fun that I often forgot how embarrassed or nervous I felt," he said. "By the time I actually hit the stage and nerves set in, I was so practiced with such a close-knit group of people that I overcame a lot of fears."

Infantino believes that Sowers-Adler's departure will leave a hole for the Conservatory kids, and that "the Darte Center will never be the same."

Leaving the Darte Center was indeed an emotional experience for Sowers-Adler, who walked off the Darte stage for the last time on January 11, after directing the final show of the Conservatory's production of "Children of Eden."

She described the final days leading up to the show as filled with "lots of tears and hugs." After spending much of her professional career at Wilkes, leaving it will be a trying experience.

"There was a moment about two days before our final show together when I was alone in the theater and I just sat down and cried like a baby," she said. "It kind of just hit me at that moment how much that place has meant to me. You just don't forget something that has made you grow as much as this place has helped me grow."



Photo courtesy of Sowers-Adler

Corinna Sowers-Adler directed nearly 100 individual performances while at Wilkes.

Wilkes students react to Presidential Inauguration 2009

BY CHRISTA SGOBBA

Beacon Lifestyles Editor

Almost two million people packed into the National Mall and along the presidential parade route in Washington, D.C., to see Barack Obama sworn in as the 44th president of the United States.

But for those who couldn't make the trip, Wilkes University offered other alternatives.

On January 20, Student Development hosted coverage of the inauguration in the Henry Student Center by providing a place for students, faculty and staff to gather and watch the ceremony on television. Student Development provided free hot chocolate and food for students to snack on while they watched the coverage. But televisions all over campus were trained to the coverage. Next door to the first floor lounge in the Henry Student Center, community members crowded around the flat screen television on the wall, and just one floor up in the Grand Ballroom, those attending the internship meeting watched the coverage projected onto the big screen. And the scene was repeated all across campus.

Rae Ellen Zekas, a graduate assistant of Student Development, estimates around

150 students turned out to watch the coverage over the course of the day in the student center's first floor lounge.

According to Zekas, the idea for the event stemmed from a desire to provide students with a venue where they could get together and witness a historical event.

"This was part of history, and it was nice to offer students a festive community environment in a group setting," she said.

Zekas described the atmosphere as generally calm while the students listened attentively to the speeches. However, during the swearing-in, they became more emotional.

"It was pretty quiet for the most part, but right after Obama took the oath, the students started cheering because they were excited," she said.

Joshua Siejak, a junior political science major, watched the inauguration in the Rifkin Café, and observed the same burst of excitement during the oath.

"In Rifkin, everyone just started clapping," he said. "It was teachers, students, and faculty alike."

However, students watching the swearing-in noticed it did not go as smoothly as planned. During the oath of office, there

was a verbal flub, when Chief Justice John Roberts recited the oath out of sequence.

For freshman accounting major Matthew Ruch, who describes himself as "not having much political interest," the garbled oath provided an even more memorable addition to an already-historical event.

"I thought it was funny how the Chief Justice messed up the oath," he said.

Freshman nursing major Christina Kuriakose also counts the verbal faux pas as a memorable moment; however, she paid close attention to the speeches as well.

Kuriakose, who keeps up-to-date on political happenings, thought Obama's speech was slightly lacking.

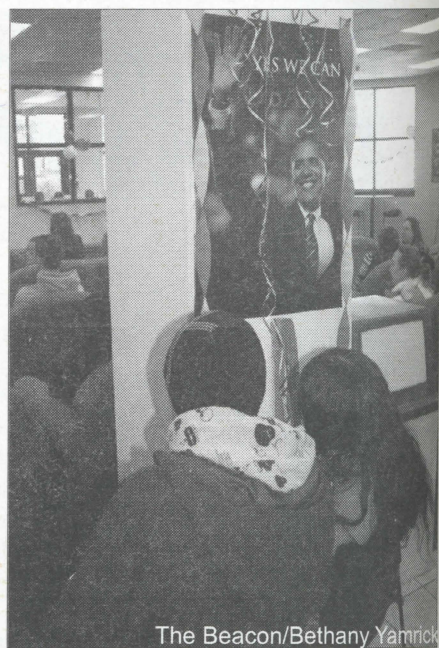
"It was good, but it was a little bland," she said. "He could have spiced it up a bit."

As a political science major, Siejak looked to the inauguration as a crucial point in bringing in a new face to deal with old problems. He is especially interested in seeing how Obama will act during his first 100 days.

However, while Siejak speculated on the future, some parts of what he witnessed during the inauguration will stick with him

as pieces of history.

"For me, it was seeing the scope of the people, all the ex-presidents and people of government there," he said. "Everyone seemed to get along for an hour."



The Beacon/Bethany Yarnick
Students gather in the SUB to watch coverage of the residential inauguration.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK:

JEFFREY NIEMIEC

&

DAVID COOK

Millions of people shuffled onto the National Mall to watch the 44th president of the United States be sworn in. Junior mechanical engineering major Jeff Niemiec and freshman English and communication major David Cook were among the millions.

Their leadership roles on the Wilkes University Speech and Debate team allowed them the chance to participate in a forensic competition near Washington, D.C., as well as tickets to the inauguration and a ball.

Along with their spots at inauguration and subsequent celebrations, Niemiec and Cook also had the opportunity to interview Congressman Paul Kanjorski about his personal thoughts and experiences.

Their unique perspective of one of the most historical inaugurations of the nation's history make Niemiec and Cook The Beacon's Students of the Week.

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

Niemiec: Building rollercoasters!

Cook: I will be in Boston, in some court room, arguing something that should not be argued.

The Beacon: Describe yourself in three words.

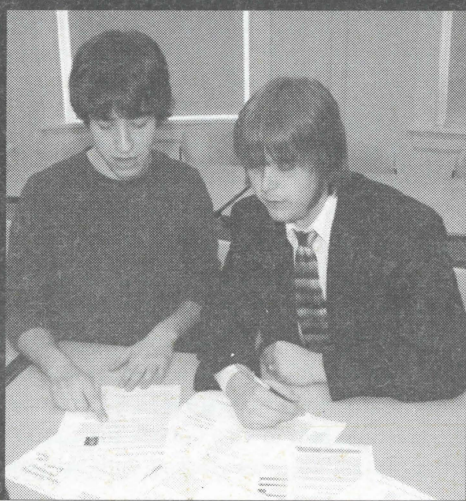
Niemiec: Mold-breaker, loud, attention-whore.

Cook: Arrogant, creative, and analytic.

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

Niemiec: ...that I was known as the "Thriller" kid in middle school and high school. I learned the dance and was called upon to perform it at every social, dance, and formal.

Cook: ...that I actually have a soul.



Martin Luther King Day January 19, 2009



Photo Courtesy of The Beacon/Jacki Lukas

Just one day before the inauguration of America's first black president, Wilkes University hosted several events to commemorate Martin Luther Day on January 19. Students, faculty, and staff turned out to march from the Student Center to Public Square. Later, community leaders and presidents of local colleges spoke at the Kirby Center in remembrance of Dr. King's legacy. Martin Luther King Day concluded with a multimedia event which included songs and a slideshow.

Presidential Inauguration: A Personal Account

In below-freezing temperatures and an eight mile walk in the middle of the night, I was determined to join history.

BY LEEANN SEARFOSS
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The world turned its eyes and ears to the nearest televisions, radios, and computers, to watch the 44th President of the United States take the oath of office last week. People crowded around whatever medium they had access to with their friends, family, and co-workers to listen to the solemn oath that marked a pivotal turning point in-ideally to a time of optimism and change. While many watched from televisions and computers, several million got to experience firsthand the Presidential Inauguration in Washington, D.C.

I was one of the lucky millions in attendance.

After months of annoying my local Congressman for a ticket, and a few weeks of preparatory planning for food, transportation, hand warmers, etc., I was ready to trek to Washington to see what I believed would be deemed one of the most historic moments of our time.

I logged my experiences from Monday, January 19, 2009 through Tuesday, January

20, 2009. The following excerpts provide snapshots of my journey.

Monday, January 19, 2009

After a four hour car ride, I arrived in Arlington, VA at my sister's house. I immediately put my things down and headed for the metro to ride the 14 stops to Capitol South, where I planned to get off the metro in front of my Congressman's office to pick up my ticket. Monday was the only day ticket holders could pick up their tickets, and stepping off the metro, I realized we all had the same idea at the same time. I did not anticipate standing in line for hours just to get the ticket to Inauguration, but that's what happened.

Taking a cue from the girl behind me, I phoned my Congressman's office and asked them if they were too busy to run the ticket out to me. Lines of people wrapped around House Office buildings, three and four times over.

Tuesday, January 20, 2009

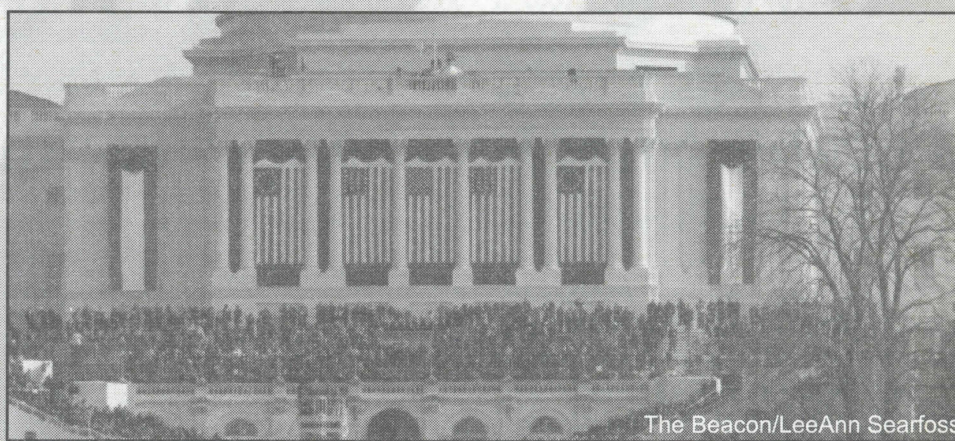
3 a.m. Wake up call!

4 a.m. After eating some breakfast and putting on four layers on the bottom and six layers on the top, we hobbled out of the house to begin the seven mile walk to Washington, D.C. My sister, Laura, her friend, Allison, and I walked through Arlington to Georgetown and wandered our way into the District. Laura and Allison had planned a route for us to walk. The city had advised anyone who lived within eight miles of the District to walk because of the number of streets that were shut down or would otherwise be packed with traffic.

5:30 a.m. As we entered Georgetown, we began seeing more and more people leaving their homes (and some bars) to walk toward the Inauguration. Bars that applied for specific licensing were able to open at 4 a.m. on Tuesday and stay open until 2 a.m. on Wednesday morning.

7:30 a.m. We arrived at the security checkpoint for the parade grandstands (this is where Laura and Allison would be sitting for the remainder of the day). At this point in the morning, as the sun just started to creep over the horizon of the Capitol, people already filled the streets, many chanting and yelling. Clumped together in groups, swarms of patriotic people filed through toward the National Mall. The security checkpoint for the parade grandstands is where I had to part with Laura and Allison. I had to find my own security checkpoint for my particular ticketed area.

8:30 a.m. After almost an hour of being apart of human traffic jams on the streets of Washington, I finally found the line for my security checkpoint. Unfortunately, the end



The Beacon/LeeAnn Searfoss

Members of Congress, as well as former Presidents and members of State, crowd the steps of the U.S. Capitol to witness Barack Obama and Joseph Biden be sworn in.

of the line was a bit harder to track down. Thousands upon thousands of people filed one after the other in the line. Making my way to the back of security checkpoint line took several minutes--and almost two miles. The line wrapped around several blocks, around several street corners. This began my two hour wait to get through security to get to the section in which I was ticketed to stand (because everyone had to stand, unless you were a former President...or Oprah).

10:30 a.m. The line eventually did move and I hustled to the security checkpoint. After being patted down by a well-intentioned policewoman, I wandered around the Mall towards a spot where I thought I could see the Capitol clearly.

11:00 a.m. I sandwiched myself between a middle-aged couple and two college-aged girls. Talking was minimal, probably to keep the warm air inside themselves. Most people in my vantage point huddled together to stay warm and snapped pictures. Listening to the sounds of the choir that offered the prelude, eyes were intent and kept forward.

11:15 a.m. The chanting started. Invoked somewhere in the middle of the crowd and waving towards the outside, chants of "Yes we can!" echoed throughout the masses of people.

11:30 a.m. Aretha Franklin. Her voice was loud, but not as loud as her bow head dress.

11:45 a.m. After the procession of members of Congress and former Presidents, Vice President Joe Biden was sworn in. The crowd cheered and clapped for our new Vice President.

11:50 a.m. Yo-Yo Ma performed with an ensemble of other classical artists.

12:00 p.m. Chief Justice John Roberts was introduced to administer the oath of office to Barack Obama. At the mention of

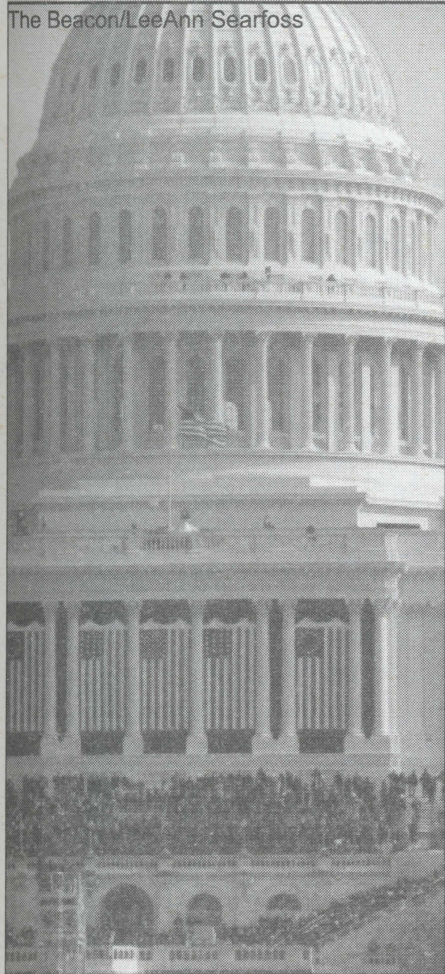
Obama's name or a glimpse of him on one of the many jumbo-trans that surrounded the Mall, the crowds erupted with cheers. As he stepped forward to take his oath, the crowd fell silent. When Chief Justice Roberts said "Congratulations," the crowd applauded, screamed, yelled, cheered and many cried. Two women in front of me hugged.

12:05 p.m. Newly-sworn in President Obama stood to give his address to the millions in front of him and the billions watching around the world. The crowd of people, despite its size, fell oddly silent as he began to speak. I turned around at one point to take a picture and noticed that not one person was yelling or screaming. Each person I could see from where I stood looked straight ahead and watched in awe at our new president.

12:40 p.m. People began funneling towards either the parade route down Pennsylvania Avenue or toward the opposite side of the Mall to find their routes home. I shuffled with thousands of others who were just as tired, cold, and sore as I was up miles of avenues and streets. As I maneuvered my way toward the meeting spot Laura and I had agreed upon, I passed stands of food, tables of souvenirs and people dancing and singing in the street. The celebration has definitely begun.

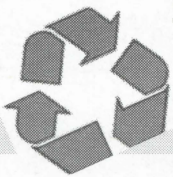
5 p.m. I head back toward Arlington, with thousands of others trying to leave the city. The feeling of happiness and change has stayed with those present at Inauguration 2009 as their aching feet and tired eyes work towards their respective homes.

Even though the crowds stretched into the millions and temperatures stayed well below freezing, the frustration of traveling through all those people subsided as those in attendance claimed their spots on the National Mall. Having the opportunity to witness such an event will always be with me.



The U.S. Capitol became the focal point for millions of people who crowded the National Mall.

SES Club
to show "The Story of Stuff"
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Theater complex changes hands and adds Blue Chip Gourmet

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To ensure better chances of success in the revitalization of downtown, the Wilkes-Barre Chamber of Commerce announced in December that they would transfer 75% of its stake of the former project "University Corners" to Carlsberg Management Company, a Los Angeles based real estate firm.

Carlsberg Management Company is responsible for bringing new businesses into the complex where Movies 14 is located.

"University Corners is the new name for the Chamber of Commerce development that has been in existence for several years," said Bill Geary Jr., President of Carlsberg Management Company.

"University Corners is a new name for the movie theater, the movie theater includes the 14 screen movie theater plus 13 stores that are surrounding the movie theater. Blue Chips cookies is one of the stores," said Bill Fraser, Treasurer.

Blue Chip Gourmet was the first tenant to be announced after Dennis Bonvie, ex-hockey player for the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins, signed a lease agreement.

The location of Northampton and Main Complex creates a very central place for this new project that consists of shops and restaurants. Considering that Wilkes University and King's College surround the

complex, it represents a great opportunity to market and to advertise aiming at students.

"There are several levels that University Corners is going after. Of course, Wilkes University and King's College absolutely we are going to market. But keep in mind we have over 14,000 office workers downtown that we are going to market; the local residents are also going to be marketed. There are just so many individuals that we are going to make aware not only in Wilkes-Barre but outside of Wilkes-Barre," said Fraser.

Fraser added, "This is the place to be - University Corners, and of course the revitalization of the entire downtown."

This new project will not only bring life and lights to downtown but it will also be a new opportunity for those students who are searching for jobs off-campus. When asked if students will be able to apply for jobs, Pamela Rudd, Marketing Director said, "Absolutely! If the retailers and restaurants open, there will be multitude of jobs available [on many]



The Beacon/ Alyssa Benner
Pedestrians unknowingly pass by the future site of Blue Chip Gourmet. Blue Chip Gourmet is tentatively expected to open in March of this year.

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Movie Review: Notorious earns yawns, fails expectations

BY KENNY BROWN
Beacon Staff Member

Who knew what to expect when Hollywood decided it was time to produce a biographical film about one of the most famous rappers of all time?

Some worried that it would be a shoddy B-list flick that did nothing more than mock the artist's life and history. And then there were the hopefuls--the ones who waited and believed Hollywood could get it right and catch the true persona of the musical prodigy so many knew and loved.

Notorious, is the long-awaited biographical film by George Tillman, Jr. about the life and death of rapper Christopher Wallace, better known as the Notorious B.I.G.

Sadly, despite hopes for a complex story that shed light on a cultural phenomenon, all that came of some excitement was an average Joe gangster movie with nothing more than some mediocre acting and a slightly interesting story.

We mostly all know the story. It was the early nineties and a rap war was waging between the East and West coast. A handful of popular artists stood on one side, and more on the other. Stuck in the middle of this was the Notorious B.I.G. along with others like Tupac and Lil Kim. They led lives of extravagance--performing, spending money, and participating, at least according to rumor, on the fringe of gang wars. In the end, the worst happened and B.I.G. was shot and killed one night by rival rappers.

When transformed to film and put on the big screen the story is pretty much the same. However this big screen gangster street movie lacks excitement, thrill, or true interest in the plot unless you're an avid fan of B.I.G. It's not a film for the masses.

Playing the main role as Christopher Wallace aka B.I.G is newcomer Jamal Woolard. His acting is okay, his resemblance to the artist is striking, but his performance is well, to be completely honest, forgetful. There does not seem to be anything special or superb. Do not get me wrong, his performance was not terrible. It is just that given the hype and the hope, an average, common performance is disappointing. Woolard's performance felt

like anything we could catch on Friday night TV.

When we look to the storyline and script there do not seem to be any striking moments of nostalgia. The writing was elementary - lacking depth. You really only have to get in up to your knees to follow the story. The writers Reggie Rock Bythewood and Cheo Hodari Coker do not seem to know how to really throw you into the middle of it all. They just seem to coast along with the writing style of high school seniors.

Now, to the camera work. I usually tend not to point these things out, but there were some very seedy cuts and angles

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

SES Club to show short documentary

BY ALYSSA BENNER
Beacon A&E Editor

The current buzz word is "change." The new administration has promised copious amounts of change in America but how do these supposed changes affect Wilkes students? For those involved in Students for Environmental Sustainability, the changes in the nation's energy plan are being closely watched.

Sarah Decesaris, president of SES said, "I think there have been a lot of promises made about the direction of environmental policies by the new administration, and we will eagerly evaluate those moves. Our main objective for Wilkes is to change our values toward the environment and I would like to see more support in our environmental and sustainability clubs."

In efforts to create discussion within the Wilkes community about environmental sustainability, SES is showing a film entitled, "The Story of Stuff." The film, sponsored by the Funders Workgroup for Sustainable Production and Consumption, is twenty minutes in length. It will be shown on January 29 in Stark Learning Center Room 435 at 12:00 noon. The movie goes through the stages of how "stuff" is made. The film depicts the extraction, production, distribution, consumption and disposal processes of making "stuff" and then relates it to the social impact.

"Hopefully others will offer their opinions in the discussion afterward and maybe even learn something new. The point is not to agree or disagree with the film, but to just think about it," said Decesaris.

Dr. Marleen Troy, associate professor of Environmental Engineering and Chair of the Department of Environmental Engineering & Earth Sciences also serves as advisor to the SES Club.

Troy, along with Decesaris, worked with the Environmental Working Group consisting of Wilkes faculty, students and staff.

The group composed a report of the anthropogenic greenhouse gas emissions for fiscal years 2006-2008. The report states that, "This inventory serves as a benchmark for future reduction strategies as Wilkes University moves towards its long-term sustainability goals."

Further plans for SES involve showing films once every month during club hours and holding a sustainability salvage in April. According to Decesaris, "It is a collection and redistribution of items often tossed away at the end of the academic year which could be reused by other students. Binders, box fans, storage bins, lamps, toasters- you know the kind of think your new apartment might have so you discard your old one."

Decesaris said, "Our main objective for Wilkes is to change our values toward the

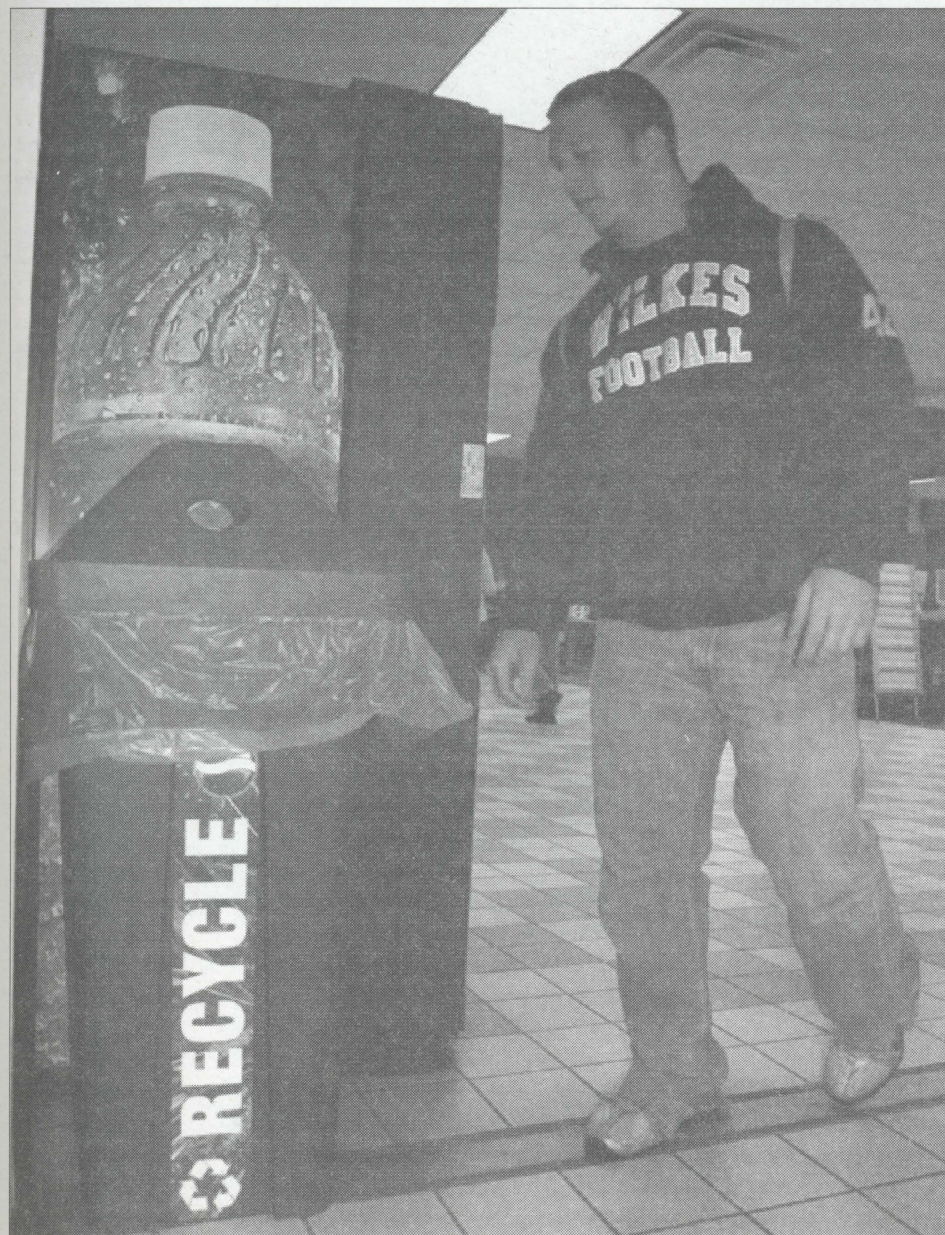
environment and I would like to see more support in our environmental and sustainability clubs."

On a more national level, Troy said, "I am optimistic about the new administration and feel that the timing is right for the implementation for several environmental initiatives - particularly in regards to energy efficiency and sustainability. I hope to see many of these programs become routine and accepted."

According to the Barack Obama official website their goal is to, "Build more livable and sustainable communities."

The comprehensive energy plan captures the essence of what the SES club is trying to accomplish at Wilkes. However, none of the objectives can be met without student and staff cooperation.

Troy states, "Increased awareness of their actions (day-to-day activities); participating in the programs we have on campus; requesting and having a voice to ensure that these programs become implemented and are part of any future planning that is done will be helpful."



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Sophomore Harry Reese practices environmental awareness in the Stark Lobby by recycling. A short film will be shown by the SES club to raise awareness about where "stuff" comes from on January 29 in Stark 435 at 12:00.

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different levels."

Johnny Espinoza, freshman and business major, said, "I'm more used to the city so it will make me feel more at home and I'm pretty sure people around here wouldn't mind walking through a few more stores around here instead of just heading to the bookstore."

"Right now we are talking to national, regionals, and local prospects...Carlsberg Management and Colliers work together in Bill Geary's entertainment complexes in the Florida Area. We have a lot of contacts, we are contacting those individuals because we know there is enough synergy and enough opportunity to attract quality tenants that will do very well down there," explained Fraser. At the moment, they cannot disclose the identities of said contacts, but assured restaurants and retailers are qualified.

"They will have the opportunity to enjoy their redevelopment district with additional festivals and activities from the redevelopment of University Corners," said Rudd. "The stores as they open will create college programs at the complex and customer programs for locals," she added.

"The Chamber started the redevelopment," added Rudd. The Wilkes-Barre Chamber of Commerce shares the other 25% of the project.

When more businesses join the complex there will be more places to choose from which could attract even more students to the area. University Corners represents one of the first steps for a better year in the area because it will serve as incentive to come to the downtown area.

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being used. It wasn't prevalent but every once in a while if you looked closely viewers could catch a glimpse of how quickly some shots tended to cut out, as if the film editors were not really paying attention.

The list of shortcomings goes on and on.

Some were hoping for greatness. Then there were some who were worried about garbage. But in the end neither was correct. You will not be seeing any Oscar nods for *Notorious*. And it isn't low enough to earn itself a Razzie. Movies come and go, and one of them is *Notorious*. It will be forgotten in a few months and no one will be saying in ten years, "Hey, remember that movie." So in short here is my rating. On a one to ten scale this time around *Notorious* is earning a

simple 5, for being so terribly average it's annoying.



Movies 14
Downtown is
showing *Notorious* and
will soon be showcasing many of the movies coming out in time for the Oscar's.



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Chinese New Year

Where: Peking Chef

When: Feb. 1, 2-5 p.m.

Cost: TBA

Sexual Jeopardy

Where: Henry Student Center

Ballroom

When: Feb. 10, 9-10:15 p.m.

Cost: FREE!

Barry Manilow

Where: Wachovia Arena

When: Feb. 5, 8 p.m.

Cost: \$99.99

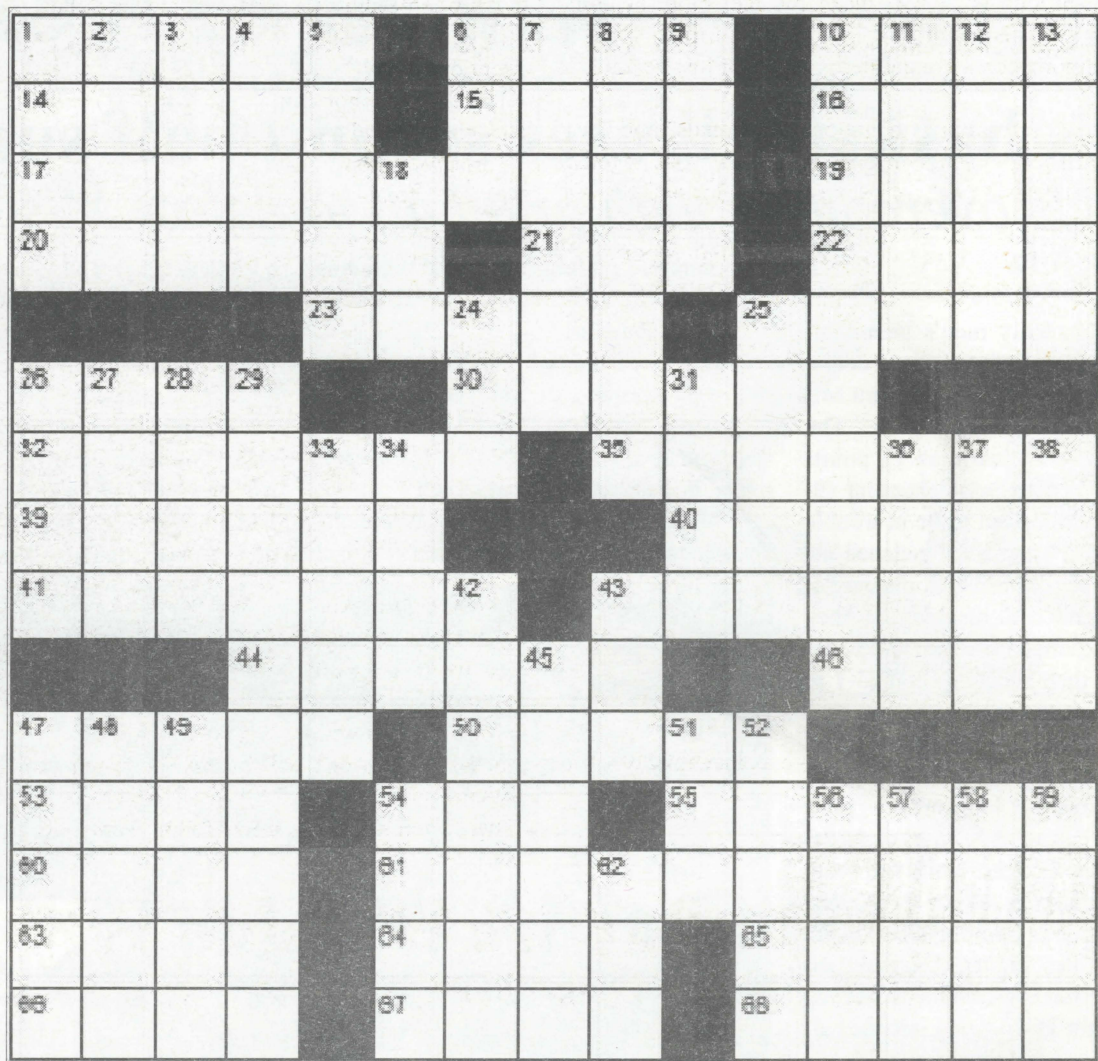
ACROSS

- 1 Abbr. for celebrity
6 Home of Adam and Eve
10 Past tense of "slay"
14 An excuse
15 Short note used as a reminder
16 Religious man in the white hat
17 Meaningless subject
19 Belongs to us
20 The 4th state of Matter
21 Noah's large wooden boat
22 Violent Uprising

Crossword

BY DEVIN J. KING

Beacon Correspondent



- 23 Dense black wood
25 Synonym of Objects
26 Talks in Pee Wee's playhouse
30 Take up plan or idea
32 Of which
35 Fast eye movement
39 People enlisted in US Air Force
40 Ship used for catching whales
41 Louis XIV
43 Epic novel by James Joyce
44 Fate of untended flowers
46 Large scholarly book
47 Wheeled wagon
50 Pocono Down's big attraction
53 Opposite of good
54 Relaxing water treatment
55 Result of heating a pan
60 Underwater respiration organ
61 Small compartment for letters
63 Erase the last change done
64 Popular figure
65 Hopeless person
66 Scottish monster
67 To be inclined to behave a certain way
68 Secreted from sweat glands

DOWN

- 1 Live in a tent outside
2 6th month of the Jewish year
3 Largest city of Peru
4 Refluxes of the tide
5 Rainforest and desert
6 Large bird
7 To ask for
8 Site for stem cells
9 ___ and cranny
10 Televised info about sports
11 Former Family Feud Host
12 Answer is Eprom
13 In ownership of Kanye
18 Straight punch
24 Big, clumsy person
25 Mouse from The Simpsons
26 What Phelps did at the Olympics
27 Home of Cedar Point
28 Popular green houseplant
29 Two armored mammals
31 Part of a ratchet

- 33 Weird and Spooky
34 On one occasion
36 Likewise
37 To consider
38 Goidelic language of Ireland
42 Home for terminally ill
43 July 7th, 1947 citing
45 Large pitcher used for drink
47 Past participle of begin
48 Sheep-like
49 Make something seem better
51 Vietnamese Diplomat
52 Music albums consist of
54 Camel activity
56 Word in 10 Commandments
57 Smaller than a lake
58 Old term for margarine
59 Territory Abbr.
62 Opposite of beginning

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Men's basketball uses second half surge in win *Colonels overcome rough first half to defeat Misericordia 59-53*

BY DANIEL KAUTZ

Beacon Asst. Sports Editor

The Wilkes University men's basketball team needed a strong performance to defeat visiting Freedom Conference opponent Misericordia University on January 14. The Colonels trailed by as many as 12 points in the first half behind poor shooting (9-28, 32.1% FG) and looked to be in trouble entering the half, despite having closed the gap to five. They would not disappoint their fans in attendance, however, as they eventually pulled ahead for the 59-53 victory, improving their record to 9-4 (5-1 in league play) in the process.

Misericordia (8-8, 2-5) hit seven of its first thirteen shots, jumping out to a quick 14-5 lead in the opening 12 minutes of play. The lead would extend itself to 21-9, largely as a result of the Cougars' ability to score points off of turnovers (seven to Wilkes' three) and penetrate (14 points scored in the paint against Wilkes' eight). Despite their troubles, The Colonels were able to heat up and close to within 31-26 going into the half behind a couple of big defensive stands.

"I felt that our offense was somewhat stagnant in the first half our game with Misericordia," said head coach Jerry Rickrode. "We seemed to have little north to south movement, with few punctures to the basket."

The Colonels came out gunning in the second half, shooting 57% from the floor as Misericordia suddenly went cold (24% FG). The Cougars' missed their first eight shots of the second half, allowing Wilkes to pull back within a point; they would eventually take their first lead of the game after junior guard/forward Tom Kresge made a layup to make the score 35-33. Misericordia would tie the score four more times, but was finally put away by a 10-4 Colonel run in the game's last four minutes. Senior forward Steven Kline led Wilkes by scoring

15 points and pulling down nine rebounds, while Kresge contributed with 13 points and eight rebounds.

"We moved the ball much more inside-out in the second half and were able to get high percentage shots," said Rickrode in his assessment of what allowed the Colonels to make their second-half comeback.

"We really pulled it together as a team," added sophomore guard Kyle Ruby. "Coach

cord to 9-7, 5-4. The short losing skid is part of what has been an up and down season for the men's basketball team, a trend Rickrode is looking to stop.

"I would assess our performance as somewhat inconsistent at this point," said Rickrode. "We have ridden a bit of an emotional rollercoaster with some big road wins and bad home losses. I hope to have us more on an even keel mentally down the stretch with



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Freshman guard Michael Donatoni drives towards the arc against Misericordia on his way to scoring two of his six points. The Colonels defeated the Cougars 59-53.

let us know that we didn't play well in the first half, and so we came out prepared to play harder in the second. Our intensity on defense really allowed us to come back and take the win," he concluded.

After their win against Misericordia, the Colonels lost three straight games against Alvernia (75-66), DeSales (65-30), and Eastern (60-58), dropping their current re-

more consistent overall effort. If our intensity is there night in and night out, that's all you can really ask for."

The Colonels will need to bring their intensity tomorrow night when they play rival King's College at the Marts Center at 8 P.M.

Basketball Recap from over Winter Break:

12/20/2008- W 97-73 @ PSU-Hazleton

Five different players scored in double figures, helping Wilkes rout PSU-Hazleton. Tom Kresge scored 20 points for the Colonels, who hit 13 three-pointers in the game in one of their best offensive performances of the season.

1/3/2009- L 71-69 Elizabethtown

Sophomore guard Chris Derojas hit six three-pointers and led the Colonels with 27 points, but it wasn't enough to stop visiting Elizabethtown from eking out a close win. Kline was the only other Wilkes player to score in double figures, contributing 19 points and eight boards.

1/4/2009- W 89-86 Ramapo

Ramapo jumped to a quick 14-5 lead in the first half of the game, but the Colonels recovered to take the lead for good entering halftime. Derojas scored 27 points for the second straight game, earning himself a spot on the Wilkes-Barre Challenge all-tournament team.

1/7/2009- W 58-49 @ Manhattanville

Kresge scored 18 points and grabbed 15 rebounds to help the Colonels defeat Manhattanville in Purchase, New York. Wilkes shot 42.5% for the game and out-rebounded Manhattanville 38-26 for the conference win.

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No. 19 Wrestling
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Women's Basketball
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BASKETBALL

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**1/10/2009- L 86-80
FDU-Florham**

FDU-Florham's Ryan McPherson scored 33 points behind the strength of five three-pointers and 8-12 shooting to lead the Devils past Wilkes. Kline scored 27 points for the Colonels, with seven rebounds, three blocks, and three steals. The Colonels held a lead until the very end of the game, when FDU-Florham went on an 8-0 run to close out the game and seal the win.

**1/12/2009- W 91-81 (OT) @
Delaware Valley**

Delaware Valley scored 30 points off of Wilkes University turnovers, but was unable to beat the hot-shooting Colonels. The men's basketball team shot 60.4% for the game and out-rebounded Delaware Valley 47-24. Kresge and Kline both had double-doubles for the Colonels, and James Jones scored 35 points for the Aggies.



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Senior forward John Defeo and the Colonels took on visiting DeSales University on January 19. The Colonels were defeated 65-30 in what has been their worst defeat of the season to date.

Lady Colonel's basketball winter break recap

BY GINO TROIANI
Beacon Op-Ed Editor

**12/13/08 Wilkes 80,
Keystone College 57**

Wilkes' defense was a force in the win against Keystone. Sam Lynam lit up the Giants, going 8-13 with 22 points. The lady colonels improved their record to 5-3 with the win.

1/3/09 DeSales 69, Wilkes 39

DeSales downed the Lady Colonels, confining them to just 39 points. LeighAnn Burke of DeSales was a force with 17 points and 4 rebounds.

1/5/09 Wilkes 65, Immaculata 46

Sam Lynam once again led the Colonels with 17 points and 4 rebounds and 3 steals. Mackensy O'Hara and Allison Horn also helped, scoring 9 points each.

**1/7/09 Manhattanville 78,
Wilkes 76**

In a close match between Wilkes and Manhattanville, Wilkes suffered their third freedom conference loss. Five of Manhattanville's players scored ten or more points, and racked up a total of nine steals.

**1/10/09 Wilkes 67,
FDU-Florham 52**

Wilkes exhausted the Devils in the second half, scoring 36 points, 16 of which were on free throws. Allison Horn performed at a high level, dropping 20 points with 6 assists, and 3 steals.

**1/12/09 Wilkes 74,
Delaware Valley College 57**

With a 44.1% field goal average on the game, Wilkes rolled over Delaware Valley with ease. Erin Schneider lit up the court with a total of 23 points and shooting 5-5 on three pointers.

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RINKSIDE REPORT

Lovejoy makes impact after going undrafted

BY MIKE CIGNOLI
Beacon Staff Writer

In the 2003 National Hockey League entry draft, there wasn't a single team interested in selecting Ben Lovejoy, a young defenseman who had just wrapped up his freshman season at Boston College.

Six years later, it's hard to believe that there wouldn't be a club interested in having him in their organization.

Lovejoy, who leads all Penguins defensemen with 7 goals and 24 points in 44 games this season, is midway through his second year of professional hockey and was one of three Penguins selected to play in the 2009 American Hockey League All-Star Game.

Veteran forwards Jeff Taffe and Chris Minard also represented Wilkes-Barre/Scranton in the annual affair, held in Worcester, Mass. on Monday.

But Lovejoy's story reads a little different than those of his all-star colleagues. Minard and Taffe are established offensive threats at the AHL level, whereas Lovejoy is developing into one of the premier two-way

defensemen in the league.

After a disappointing freshman season at Boston College, Lovejoy transferred to Dartmouth, an Ivy League institution located in his home state of New Hampshire. It was there that Lovejoy started to develop into the rock-solid defenseman that he is today.

"I went to a place where I was more comfortable, close to home," Lovejoy said. "I sat out a year, really remembered how much I loved hockey and how much I missed it while I wasn't playing. That was a big thing. You know, you kind of take hockey for granted sometimes. Sitting out really re-ener-

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After going undrafted, Ben Lovejoy has been able to make an impact on the Penguin's defense and has been tapped for the 2009 AHL All-Star game.

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Athlete Spotlight: Shaun Farnham

BY ANTHONY DORUNDA
Beacon Asst. Op-Ed Editor

Shaun Farnham, senior criminology major, and co-captain of the Wilkes University wrestling team from Baldwinsville, New York is this week's Beacon Athlete of the Week. On the season, Farnham has led the Colonels to a 12-5-1 overall record while recording a 23-2 record of his own in the 125 weight class.

As of last week, Farnham was ranked second in the conference at 125, the highest ranking of any Wilkes wrestler.

It's apparent that Farnham is no stranger to success. He won the state title match as a junior in high school and then came back and earned a second place finish as a senior. At the end of his senior campaign, he was ranked 15th in the country at the 112 weight class.

As much success as he's experienced individually, it would be easy to soak up the limelight and take all the credit, but Farnham dedicates all of his success on the mat to his teammates, contending they are the reason he has been so successful over his career.

"I credit all my success to the team and for them pushing me, especially Josh Pauling," said Farnham. "He pushes me everyday and makes me a much better wrestler."

But his teammates do not think it's them. They see the work and preparation Farnham puts into every

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said sophomore Jake Weinrich. "In practice, he will pick people up that are falling behind, and he always

wrestler to push harder."

Coming into his senior season, Farnham kept his goals simple: "Win the metros and qualify for nationals." Obviously, he wanted to be an all-American and a national champion, but nationals were the important goal.

Last season, after winning an astounding 35 matches throughout the course of the season, Farnham lost the most important one: a 3-2 decision to York's Kyle Flickinger to earn the alternate spot in nationals. That match set the tone for what Farnham set out to accomplish this year.

"Just missing the tournament made me push so much harder this year," said Farnham. "I had my work cut out for me and it gave me even more motivation to get to the national tournament."

Farnham can add another goal to shoot for, the prestigious 100 win plateau.

As of this writing, Farnham is only 13 wins away and counting. At this pace, he would have to get into the national tournament to have a shot at that remarkable feat.

"I have got to get to the national tournament before I can even think about 100 wins," said Farnham. "It would be pretty nice though."

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Senior Shaun Farnham prepares for the whistle while on top against No.4 Chris Sheetz of Delaware Valley.

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he has to win every single match.

"Shaun's greatest attribute is his leadership; he pushes everyone to work harder, whether it be at practice or during a match,"

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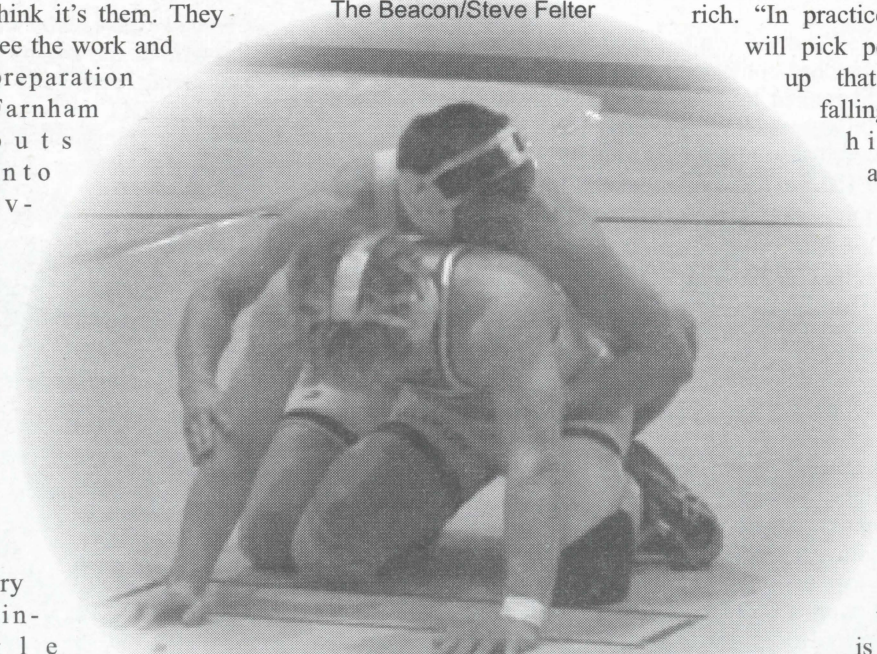
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better and work harder. He is not

only a vocal leader, but one that leads by

example. He motivates his teammates on and off the mat and is always pushing each



RINKSIDE REPORT

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Lovejoy's second wind translated into a significant increase in point production. After recording just six assists in 22 games at Boston College, he tallied 11 goals and 43 assists in 96 career games for the Big Green.

During his junior year of eligibility, Lovejoy led all Big Green defensemen in scoring and helped Dartmouth win its first ever Eastern College Athletic Conference regular-season title.

According to Lovejoy, that led to a lucrative contract offer from the Montreal Canadiens. Just three years removed from not being drafted by any NHL team, he had

an opportunity to join what is arguably the most storied organization in the NHL as a 22-year-old.

He said no.

"I was offered a pretty good deal and decided that hockey hadn't worked out quite so well earlier, why rush it? If I'm good enough to make it, I will after my senior year," Lovejoy said. "I wanted to graduate."

Lovejoy signed an AHL contract with Wilkes-Barre/Scranton after his senior year at Dartmouth and registered 20 points in 72 regular season games as a rookie. That led to an NHL contract offer from Pittsburgh, which Lovejoy inked prior to the 2008-2009 campaign.

Midway through his second year of professional hockey, he already surpassed his offensive totals from his rookie season, but there is one statistic that is truly remarkable – his plus-25 rating is the highest total in the AHL.

In hockey, a player is given a plus-one rating for each time they are on the ice when their team scores an even strength goal. Likewise, they are given a minus-one rating when the opponents score an even strength goal against them.

Lovejoy, along with defensive partner Joey Mormina, have been assigned the daunting task of neutralizing the opponent's most potent offensive lines.

"They've been our match-up pair all

year long," said Penguins head coach Dan Bylsma. "Ben Lovejoy's plus-minus is outstanding, considering the job that he gets assigned every night."

If Lovejoy keeps it up, he'll not only shatter the previous Penguins record for plus-minus in a single season – Alain Nasreddine's plus-24 rating during the 2005-2006 season, but he'll also be competing against some of the NHL's most dangerous lines on a full-time basis.

"Everyone's goal is to get (to the NHL)," Lovejoy said. "But right now I still have some things to learn and still have goals to get to down here."



WILKES COLONELS

Wrestling
L 38-3 Delaware Valley
W 30-15 @ Hunter

Men's Basketball
L 65-30 DeSales
L 60-58 @ Eastern

Women's Basketball
L 64-54 @ Lycoming
W 54-49 @ Eastern

Colonel wrestlers bounce back after tough loss

Fall to No. 3 Delaware Valley, defeat Hunter

BY ALISSA LINDNER
Beacon Sports Editor

After suffering a home loss Friday, January 23 to No. 3 Delaware Valley College, the No. 19 Colonel wrestling team came back to defeat Hunter College just a day later.

On Friday evening in the Marts Gymnasium the Colonel wrestlers were only able to defeat one Delaware Valley wrestler, as sophomore James Histed won a 2-0 decision over Robert Hickerman at 157 pounds. Several other Wilkes wrestlers came close to winning their bouts; however, the Aggies would take the convincing 38-3 win.

"I think we may actually gain a little confidence from [Friday]. We certainly could have won at 125, 133, 149, 197 and 285 last night, and add in the match

Histed won at 157 and we win 6 out of the 10 matches contested against the third ranked team in the country. I think we just need to take the next big step and we are right there. I think the guys know we are close," Head Coach Jon Laudenslager said.

The Colonels traveled to Hunter College in New York for a dual meet the next day. Despite a loss at home the night before, the Wilkes wrestlers won six out of nine matches to take the 30-15 win over the Hawks.

The Colonels opened the match with four straight wins. Senior Shaun Farnham started the winning for the Colonels. Farnham, who has only lost two matches on the season, won a 9-2 decision over Hunter's Eric Velez at 125 pounds. Senior Josh Pauling, freshman Anthony Dattolo, and senior Erik Smith would post the

next three wins before Histed, the only winner Friday evening, lost by pin with 30 seconds left in the 157 pound weight class.

The Hawks would also take the next bout as Billy Calvacca defeated freshman Richard Sparks by an 8-4 decision. Junior Frank Heffernan received a forfeit at 174 pounds before junior Chris Smith was pinned by Joey Scott in the second period. Junior Andrew Feldman would finish the match strong for the Colonels, earning his first pin of the season a minute into the bout at heavyweight.

The Colonel wrestling team has performed steadily this season, currently ranked No. 19 in the country with a 12-5-1 record.

Of the season thus far, Laudenslager explained,

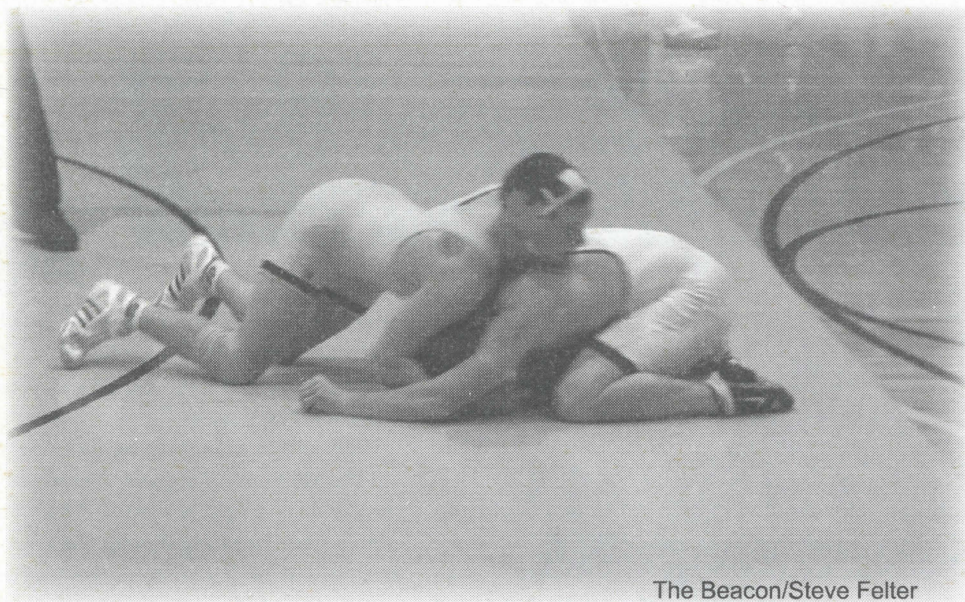
"Well, we have really wrestled well throughout the season, so I think just being consistent each week has provided many highlights. I think the thing that really vaulted us up the National Rankings was the tournament win at Messiah

son, the Colonels have six more dual meets before the Metropolitan Conference Championship on March 22. Laudenslager explained the need to continue working hard in hopes of making it to the national tournament.



The Beacon/Steve Felter

Senior Josh Pauling tries to gain control against the Aggie's Brandon Clemmer on Friday. Pauling lost the match by a close 3-0 decision.



The Beacon/Steve Felter

In the 141 pound weight class, junior Donny Clark battles Delaware Valley's Eric McCann on Friday January 23 at the Martz Gym. McCann went on to defeat Clark 14-4 and the No. 3 Aggies went on to win the match 38-3.

back in December."

The Colonel roster features 13 freshmen wrestlers including Sparks, Dattolo, and Daniel Brown, who all wrestled over the past weekend for the team. Laudenslager explained the importance on the new talent in the room.

"Freshman are always going to be a big part of the team in one way or another. It just so happens that we have three freshmen in the line-up every week. We also have many other freshmen that are getting better and also pushing some of the upperclassmen to reach their goals this year, so the all are making an impact," he said.

As for the remainder of the sea-

"The rest of this season we need to maintain our focus and make a big push to get as many guys to the NCAA tournament. I think we need to get in a little better shape and also clean up our technique in some areas, so we can bring home a conference title. We certainly need to continue to improve each day for that to happen though," Laudenslager said.

The Colonel wrestling team will take on The College of New Jersey on Tuesday January 27 at the Marts Gymnasium at 7:00 p.m. before traveling to Gettysburg College to take on Gettysburg and Kutztown on Saturday, January 31.

What to see and do this week...

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Go to the House of Nutrition in Luzerne for an informational session called Detoxifying your Body and Weight Loss at 6:00 p.m. Call 570-714-0436 for more info.

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Attend the Wilkes vs. King's basketball games at the Martz Gym. The women tip off at 6:00p.m. and the men at 8:00 p.m.

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Attend the Reducing Stress, Managing Energy and Improving Performance Seminar at 9:00 a.m. in UCOM 231.

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Listen to Jason Anderson, Strand of Oaks and These Elks Forever at Cafe Metropolis at 8:00 p.m. Admission is \$7.

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Head to Barnes and Noble for milk and cookies at 11:00 a.m. for storytelling hour.