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Professor featured on BBC special

BY LISA RUGGIERO
Beacon Staff Writer

Dr. Carl Charnetski, chairperson, psychology, will be featured on the British Broadcasting Corporation's (BBC) children's science program "It'll Never Work" in November.

Charnetski has been researching the influence of pleasures such as music and pets upon the human body's immune system for the past fifteen years.

This particular experiment featured the effects of petting a dog for a specified amount of time and measuring the participants' levels of immunoglobulin A.

Dr. Kenneth Pidcock, professor, biology and Sandy Riggers, graduate and owner of the dog also participated in this experiment, which was research in psycho-neural immunology.

Immunoglobulin A, or IgA, is the most prevalent of five major antibodies that can be found in all body secretions and can be easily

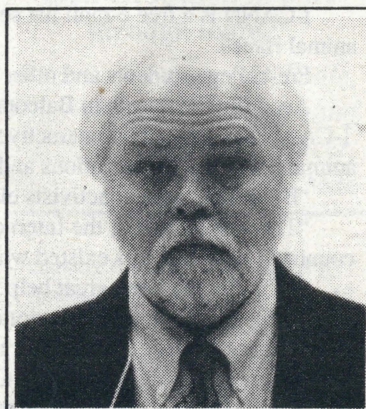


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Dr. Carl Charnetski to appear on television special.

measured by taking a saliva sample.

By gauging the levels of IgA, one can determine the state and strength of the immune system because it is IgA that protects against pathogens.

This project was designed after considering the results of other researchers across the nation who determined that a pet has influence on the cardiovascular

system.

A dog was used in those experiments and that was why a dog was used in Charnetski's research.

However, it is likely that one can achieve the same type of results with another pet.

Approximately forty-some college students were divided into three groups for the investigation.

The IgA levels were measured directly before and after the experiment.

One group (the control group) remained in a room and did nothing for eighteen minutes.

Another group pet a student's Sheltie for eighteen minutes and the final group pet a stuffed replica of the sheltie for the same amount of time.

The stuffed replica was put in the experiment to take into account the influences of tactile stimulation, meaning the researchers wanted to observe if stroking any object (like a table top) would have an outcome on IgA levels, and therefore, on the

immune system.

The results of the experiment were positive, the researchers found a 12 percent increase in IgA in the group that pet the live dog, a 7 percent increase in the group that pet the replica and no change at all in the control group.

This leads to the conclusion that having a pet enhances the immune system, which could protect people from disease like cancer and AIDS.

Charnetski is continuing his research by studying the effects of music; he would like to expand his experiment to include human touch and love.

"What we've done here is an unusual way of positively manipulating one's immune system," said Charnetski.

Charnetski's research on the immune system and pets has been featured on "CBS This Morning," in the magazines *Scientific American*, *Glamour*, *Allure* and in two London newspapers.

Professional educators gather to 'LEARN' 3,500 educators gather at Wilkes and King's over fall break for Project LEARN V

WILKES-BARRE — A consortium of 3,500 professional educators, kindergarten through university level, will gather on the campuses of Wilkes University and King's College on October 16, 1998 to participate in Project LEARN V.

Project LEARN (Local Educational Action Resource Network) is a day-long series of workshops, presentations, tours and performances that provides cutting-edge information to area teachers to help them meet the needs of their students.

"The success of Project LEARN results from wide-spread participant involvement.

"It is a rich opportunity to work and communicate together to support meaningful learning across grade levels and institutions," said Dr. Douglas Lynch, acting coordinator Project LEARN and associate professor/chairperson, education, Wilkes University.

This year's central theme is "School to Careers," which emphasizes the student's need to

acquire the necessary skills to succeed in the workplace.

Keynote speaker, Dr. Mike Kneale, will echo this theme in his address, "Reflecting on Success: The Billy Hawkins Story," at the FM Kirby Center.

A special school-to-career session for Northeastern Pennsylvania Student Teachers titled, "Transition to a Teaching Career," is being sponsored by the Northeastern Pennsylvania Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development.

Its goal is to enable students to successfully make the transition from student to teacher through a panel presentation, video conferencing and interview simulations.

Friday morning is packed with approximately 120 workshops located throughout the Wilkes and King's campuses.

Middle and secondary school teachers can attend "Careers and Consumers Project," a presentation of the Wilkes "Careers and Consumer" week-long

interdisciplinary project using locally-produced focused videos, lesson plans and distance learning.

American Institute of Certified Planners member, Howard J. Grossman, will discuss two initiatives during his workshop at King's, "Regional Education Needs & Economic Growth in the Twenty-first Century."

He will discuss the Economic Development Council of Northeastern Pennsylvania and Penn's Northeast and how these initiatives tie into the school-to-career theme.

Pulitzer Prize winning playwright and Academy Award nominee Jason Miller will participate in a panel discussion and question-answer session, "Public Theatre of Pennsylvania: Bringing Drama to Life," at Wilkes.

The session will discuss and describe the goals of Public Theatre of Pennsylvania.

Dr. Irwin A. Hyman, director, National Center for the Study of Corporal Punishment at Temple University, will present "Teacher

Variance: A Multi-Dimensional Approach to Discipline" at King's.

Dan Harvey Wishnietsky, Ed.D., associate professor, mathematics, Winston-Salem State University, will present "Establishing School Policies on Sexual Harassment" and "Using Computer Technology to Create a Global Classroom," at Wilkes.

A number of new events have been planned for Project LEARN V.

During the afternoon, teachers will have the opportunity to visit numerous business sites to build connections between the classroom and the world of work.

Elementary teachers will study how to help their students meet Pennsylvania Mathematics and Reading Standards.

Industrial Arts teachers will travel to West Side Vo-Tech to learn innovative, new ways to teach industrial arts to their students.

For more information on Project LEARN V, contact Dr. Douglas Lynch, 408-4680.



News



In the nation now...

WASHINGTON—The government is taking *Visa* and *Mastercard* to court. It claims the country's largest credit card networks are limiting competition.

Visa is promising a vigorous defense. It says the credit card offers that consumers get in the mail and on the phone are proof there's plenty of competition.

The government says, though, that *Visa* and *Mastercard* account for 75 percent of all credit card purchases in the United States. It says they prevent banks that issue their cards from doing business with smaller credit card networks like *American Express* and *Discover*.

The Justice Department says if the suit is successful it could eventually mean lower credit card interest rates.

WASHINGTON—President Clinton is calling on house democrats to vote their conscience today when they decide on an impeachment probe. The first lady is doing so as well.

But at the same time, the White House is pushing for a democratic alternative, one that would first set standards for impeachment, before proceeding with an investigation.

Her spokesman says Hillary Rodham Clinton met yesterday with a group of freshman house democrats to make it clear that she favors that alternative.

Still, some democrats are ready to back the republican plan for an open-ended impeachment probe.

Tim Romer, Indiana, says it can't be the kind of vote where lawmakers try to defend the president of their own party.

Democrats say, however, that they're willing to show strong party unity by voting first for a more limited inquiry, even though it's certain to fail.

WASHINGTON—The White House says next week's Mideast Summit will take place at a conference site on Maryland's eastern shore.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat will meet with President Clinton, hoping to work out an agreement on a west bank pullback and other issues.

Secretary of State Madeline

Albright, after meeting with the two leaders yesterday, reported "significant progress" in advance of next Thursday's meeting in the United States.

Netanyahu tells reporters in Jerusalem that they have "climbed the foothills," but that they still have a "very large mountain to scale."

He says if the U.S. Summit is a success, he might start talks with Arafat at the summit that could lead toward an overall settlement.

President Clinton told reporters yesterday that the talks may take more than a day and that he's asked the Israelis and Palestinians to put a couple of days aside. He says he's "prepared to invest as much time as it takes."

WASHINGTON—Laws aimed at easing Americans' frustrations with their HMO's will have to wait for another year.

That's because Congress has failed to pass either President Clinton's "Patients' Bill of Rights" or a republican counter proposal.

Senate democrats and republicans haven't been able to reach a compromise on rival revisions. Neither side had the 60 votes needed to force its own legislation onto the Senate floor.

Each side is blaming the other. Senate Minority Leader Tom Daschle faults what he calls the "intransigence" of the republican leadership.

Republicans say democrats held up any action in order to place blame on them in fall elections.

Both sides do agree the HMO debate will pick up where it left off in Congress next year.

NEW YORK—The stock market declined yesterday in very heavy trading.

The Dow Jones industrial average was down a point and decliners led gainers by 2 to 1. The S and P 500 index was down nearly 12. The NASDAQ composite index dropped 48.

The Dow industrials were coming back from a sharp loss late in the session.

Banking stocks and the hi-techs were being hit hard and the NASDAQ composite index hit a new low for the year.

Attention all animal lovers

WASHINGTON, DC—The Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) encourages students to take advantage of a new way to share ideas about animal issues, the Inter Campus Animal Advocacy Network (I-CAAN).

I-CAAN is a free e-mail list server that provides an opportunity for college students to network about animal issues.

Pre-college students and other animal activists are also encouraged to join I-CAAN.

According to Jonathan Balcombe, associate director, education for HSUS animal research issues, I-CAAN has created an interactive forum to exchange ideas and strategies, recruit members of campus animal advocacy organizations and carry out campaigns for animals.

"By linking animal activists electronically, I-CAAN will empower and encourage student activists.

"Through I-CAAN, the Internet has created a community of college students from campuses across the country. I wish that this existed when I was in school," said Balcombe.

"I-CAAN has been great help to me, as I have discussed a few things and have been pointed to many great websites, not to mention gotten a lot of incredibly helpful information," said Charlotte Firestone, junior at Waynesburg College, Waynesburg, Pa.

Recent topics discussed on I-CAAN include a student's successful campaign for a dissection choice policy and opportunities for jobs that advance vegetarianism.

Another message requested information on finding a graduate program in animal behavior that doesn't require students to harm animals.

Although the HSUS administers the network, the ideas and viewpoints expressed are not necessarily those of the HSUS, which is the nation's largest animal protection organization.

To subscribe to I-CAAN, students should send the message "subscribe icaan" to waste@waste.org. For more information about I-CAAN, contact the HSUS at 2100 L St., NW, Washington, DC 20037 or visit the HSUS on the Internet at www.hsus.org.

Where are they now?

WILKES-BARRE—Wilkes University's health sciences department announces the graduation of seven Wilkes alumni from the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic (PCOM) Medicine and the Allegheny University of the Health Sciences/MCP Hahnemann University School of Medicine.

Paul K. Azimov, Wilkes-Barre; Karen L. Pastula, Swoyersville, Pa.; and Jill Diane Surdy, James A. Tricarico and Lisa Catherine Ann (Wrubel) Tricarico, Old Forge, Pa., received medical degrees from PCOM.

Jodi Lynn Powlus, Berwick, Pa. and Stephen Francis Lynch, Philadelphia, graduated from Allegheny University of the Health Sciences/MCP Hahnemann University School of Medicine.

All received their undergraduate degrees in biology and are members of the Wilkes class of 1994.

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Come out and celebrate

The Intercollegiate Ally Club, a club celebrating diversity and acceptance of gays, lesbians and bisexuals on local college campuses, will hold a party this Sunday, October 11, beginning at 7 p.m. at Annette Evans Alumni House.

The party is in celebration of National Coming Out Day, a day of gay and lesbian pride.

The party is open to all who accept and support the homosexual and bisexual members of the university community.

Refreshments will be served and there is a \$3 cover charge. Reservations should be made by calling the faculty advisor of Ally, Mr. Jim Harrington, at extension 4428 or at email: harringt@wilkes1.wilkes.edu

ATTENTION ALL STUDENTS:

The Beacon is currently looking for writers to write about news related issues on campus. We are also looking for any newsworthy story ideas that pertain to the Wilkes community. If you are interested please call *The Beacon* office at Ext. 5903 or stop in for our general staff meeting on Tuesday at 11:30 a.m. You can also e-mail us at:

beacon@wilkes1.wilkes.edu

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Are you feeling the weight of school loans?

BRAINTREE, MASS—Nearly one-fourth of all former undergraduate students at private four-year colleges and 18 percent of their counterparts at public four-year schools have student loan debt levels exceeding their current salaries.

What's more, 12 percent of all undergraduates report that their monthly student loan payments represent more than 20 percent of their monthly income, according to the results of the National Student Loan Survey conducted by Nellie Mae, one of the nation's largest providers of student loans.

The study shows that although student loan debt is higher than ever most respondents felt that it was worth it to borrow for a college education.

A total of 51 percent of private four-year college undergraduate borrowers reported a significant burden due to student loans, as did 47 percent of public four-year college undergraduate borrowers.

In addition, some former undergraduate students, particularly art and music students, have debt levels so high that they feel their starting salaries are inadequate.

"While most students are able to repay their loans successfully without significant impact on their lifestyle, that

number is getting smaller overtime.

"It's important that students consider the salary potential of a chosen career early on so there's a strong likelihood that the salary will support repayment after graduation," said Lawrence O'Toole, president and chief executive officer, Nellie Mae.

Data showed that the average student loan debt level, from a population of approximately 65 percent undergraduate borrowers and 35 percent graduate borrowers, increased from \$8,200 in 1991 to \$18,800 in 1997 (median debt was \$13,000).

In addition, 36 percent of all borrowers surveyed in 1997 said that they experienced hardship from their student loan debt as opposed to 25 percent in 1991; 45 percent of undergraduate borrowers surveyed in 1997 said they would borrow less if they could do it all over again, as opposed to 31 percent of all borrowers in 1991.

The survey included responses from 1,098 undergraduate, graduate, vocational and professional student loan borrowers who began repaying their student loans between January 1993 and July 1996.

Average debt for private four-year school borrowers was

\$15,300; for public four-year school borrowers, the amount was \$10,900.

Some borrowers felt that their college education debt is

"More than half of all college students now finance their education in part through loans."

*-Lawrence O'Toole,
president and chief
executive officer,
Nellie Mae*

causing them to delay starting families (22 percent, up from 12 percent in 1991), purchasing homes (40 percent, up from 25 percent in 1991) and making other major life decisions.

Undergraduates' growing use of credit cards is also impacting borrowers' ability to repay student loans.

In a separate study, Nellie Mae found undergraduate credit card balances average almost \$2,000.

"Our survey confirmed what many have suspected. While student loans have helped millions of students gain access to a post-secondary education, higher debt, incurred from borrowing to cover the cost of college, is becoming more of a burden for some students.

"More than half of all

college students now finance their education in part through loans," said O'Toole.

To address the issue of student loan debt burden, Nellie Mae encourages greater debt management education for borrowers, employer assistance in repaying employees' student loans and college and university financial aid packages that are not heavily comprised of loans.

Nellie Mae's newly redesigned web site, www.nelliemae.com, offers immediate on-line information and interactive tools to help borrowers better understand borrowing and managing their debt and teach borrowers how debt might impact them individually if they are not thoughtful about borrowing levels while in school.

The website also features Nellie Mae's Debt Management EDvisor which helps recent graduate and undergraduate students learn to budget and manage their student loan payments and other financial obligations, based on their personal information.

Several factors have contributed to increases in borrowing, including rising college costs, less availability of grant aid, increased eligibility for federal loans beginning in 1992, a larger percentage of older "independent" students who have little family financial

help and starting salaries that, until recently, had not yet caught up from the wage stabilization that began with the early 1990s recession.

A majority of undergraduate borrowers, 79 percent, reported that student loans were a very or extremely important factor in allowing them to continue their education after high school.

For four-year private and public college borrowers, 76 percent felt that the investment they made in their education through borrowing was worth it for personal growth, while 65 percent and 56 percent for private and public college borrowers, respectively, felt that it was worth it for career opportunities.

Nellie Mae, located in Braintree, Mass., a subsidiary of the non-profit Nellie Mae Foundation, is one of the largest providers of federal and private education loan funds in the nation.

Its mission is to ensure access to higher education by providing education loan capital directly to students and families, through colleges and as a secondary market program for lenders.

For additional information on survey results or to speak with Diane Saunders, Nellie Mae vice president, public affairs, call Jennifer Knight at (617) 227-0012, Ext. 224.

Police blotter...



Here are some incidents that occurred right here in Wilkes-Barre:

• On October 2, 1998, a robbery occurred at 2:01 a.m. on Andover Street and Strauss Lane. The victims report walking at the location when they were approached by three suspects. The suspects asked if they could purchase beer off of the victims. When victim #1 declined, suspect #1 punched victim #2 in the face and displayed a semi-automatic pistol and removed \$20 from victim #2. Suspect #2 punched victim #1 and removed 2 six-packs from him. The suspects fled into a wooded area.

Descriptions of the suspects: suspect #1-white male, 6' tall, 175 pounds, short blonde hair parted to the side, wearing white & blue windbreaker; suspect #2-black male, dark skin tone, 5'9", 180 pounds, late 30's,

wearing black clothing and a black baseball cap; suspect #3-dark skinned, possibly hispanic, male, 25 years old, 5'8", 175 pounds, short dark hair and goatee, wearing a red windbreaker.

• On October 5, 1998, criminal trespassing occurred at 3:30 a.m. on 551 North Main Street. A gentleman was discovered sleeping in the basement of the residence without permission. He was issued a non-traffic citation for criminal trespass.

• On October 6, 1998, a burglary occurred at 1:36 a.m. on 435 North River Street. An unknown person(s) gained entry and ransacked the interior of the business. It is unknown as to what items, if any, were stolen,

pending an inventory. The investigation is continuing by the detective division.

• On October 6, 1998, criminal mischief occurred at 1:40 a.m. at 493 North River Street. An unknown person(s) smashed the driver's side window on victim's 1990 Chevrolet Cavalier.

• On October 6, 1998, public drunkenness occurred at 3:15 a.m. on 200 North Pennsylvania Avenue. Officers encountered a gentleman at the location mentioned above. He was under the influence of alcohol to the degree that he was a danger to himself and others. He was placed under arrest and issued a non-traffic citation for public drunkenness.

Priority Notification

At about 7:30 p.m., on Tuesday evening, a male and female undergraduate, resident students were approached by two teenage males in front of 30 West River Street (President's Home). One of the males attacked the male Wilkes student. Robbery did not appear to be the motive for this assault.

One of the assailants is described as hispanic, high school age, 5'7", with black curly hair, wearing a flannel shirt, blue jeans and sneakers. The other is described as 5'6" with dark hair, wearing blue jeans.

Anyone with information that could be helpful to the investigation should contact Wilkes Security at 408-4999 or Wilkes-Barre Police at 826-8106.

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Letters to the editor guidelines:

Letters should include your name and phone number. They should be no longer than 250 words and must be signed in order to be printed. Letters will be printed in the order they are received and must be submitted by 10 a.m. on the Tuesday prior to publication. Letters can be sent via electronic mail, intercampus mail or dropped off at The Beacon office.

Dear Editor:

While reading the October 1 edition of *The Beacon*, I couldn't help but notice that the field hockey coverage was lacking. In fact, it was missing. This was a great injustice to the hard-working Lady Colonels, especially since in that past week they won their first Freedom League victory of the season, and put up a great struggle against Bloomsburg, the #1 field hockey team in the country. I took this very personally, especially since I wrote these columns. Allow me to tell my story.

On Wednesday, September 23 I spoke with the Sports editor about writing for *The Beacon*. Even though it was a long shot, I told him about my idea. Since I seriously plan to enter the professional wrestling business, I knew that I could write the best possible pro-wrestling article, and assist *The Beacon*, as well as my own future career. The Sports Editor told me that in order to prove myself knowledgeable and worthy of the article, I would have to take on the assignment of field hockey reporter. I agreed. That week I handed in two field hockey articles, and did my best to refresh interest and bring attention to the Lady Colonels Field Hockey squad. Neither of these articles, or any version of them, received publication.

To make matters worse, just one week later, the Sports Editor printed his own Pro-Wrestling editorial. Permit me to point out certain flaws in this article. This may take a while. First, he writes "A Monday night stroll through any male dormitory on campus..." That is what I said in my pitch to him when I first gave him the idea. He continually compares wrestling to Major League Baseball, showing blatant bias and jealousy towards the fact that his favorite sport is no longer popular.

"As a stranger professional wrestling scene since the death of Andre the Giant," this means that he has not watched wrestling since January of 1993. "Armed with the knowledge of the recent death of my all-time personal favorite wrestler, Junk Yard Dog," how recent is May 17?

What bothers me the most is his last sentence. "...assuming that these people are actually athletes." Try telling Steve Austin, Shawn Michaels, and Dan Severn, all of whom have ridden in ambulances from temporary paralysis, that they are not athletes. Tell Ron Simmons, whose jersey was retired at Florida State (also an All-American), that he is not an athlete. Tell Mark Henry, former Olympic Power-Lifter, that he is not an athlete. Tell Steve McMichael, former Super Bowl Champion, and not some one-time celebrity wrestler, that he is not an athlete. Tell Sabu, whose body is almost a road map of scars, that he is not an athlete. Tell Cactus Jack, whose right ear was torn off (April '94, Munich, Germany), and whose doctor sticks a 12-inch needle into his spine every week so he can wrestle one more night, that he is not an athlete! This whole situation was handled completely irresponsibly and bordered on plagiarism.

That's what I say!

Robert E. Hansen

Editors Note:

The Beacon editorial staff thanks Robert E. Hansen for identifying a breakdown of communication between our editors and staff reporters. The editorial staff has taken measures to ensure the proper handling of article assignments and requests for revisions.

The editorial staff believes there is confusion concerning column subject matter. Most column topics are based on issues and events which effect both our readers and authors. The Beacon editorial staff acknowledges the fact that these events and issues are raised through a variety of means including but not limited to casual discussions, community events, social and political issues and everyday life occurrences.

All opinions expressed within The Beacon are those of the author or source quoted.

Correction:

In the October 1 publication, Beth Weir's name was omitted from the byline for the article entitled "The Time of Your Life." The Beacon staff wanted to make sure that Weir got the credit deserved for her contribution to the article.

I can't be "under the table and dreaming" with Matthew Sowcik

Well, I ran across a small problem last week when trying to name my column. I borrowed the intended name from the *Dave Matthews Band's* first CD. I figured Under the Table and Dreaming was as good a name as any, but I was shot down.

Apparently, *The Beacon* is worried about being sued by the *Dave Matthews Band* because it is a violation of copyright laws. This topic in itself would be a fun article to write but due to my little time and actually lack of concern I present you with the final title of my column.

Every week thus far I have written an article about something that in its full extent has not truly affected me. Sure the cops in this area are poor and sure Resident Assistant's (RA's) have an important role in the Wilkes community, but neither issue affects me 100%.

So, this week I am writing about stress. You know the feeling you get when the Eagles can't win a game or the Bo Sox threw away their series. Stress can even come on a more personal level, like when every teacher gets together and decides to honor national test day at least once a week.

I can't even begin to believe that it's just coincidence that I could be scheduled three tests in one day. Although on a lighter side everyone has to deal with it and almost everyone gets through it.

I guess what I want to get across this week is some very simple words of wisdom a very close friend gave me, "Nothing you really want or need will ever come easy."

To that, I would just like to add, if it did come easy I guess we wouldn't enjoy it as much. I hope everyone can make it through the first set of test blues and if nothing else inspired you in this article, remember at least you don't go to King's.



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Where does the time go?

An editorial

Yes ladies and gentlemen, we ARE approaching the halfway mark and many of us are still weeks behind. Have you hit the brick wall yet? Are you beginning to feel those mid-semester blues?

If you have, giving up is definitely not the answer. So, you may have missed a class or two, failed a test or even turned in a late assignment. This is the time to start over while time is still on your side.

Time management is the key in determining how much you can get done with your schedule. This may be difficult considering how hectic a college students schedule may be. Here are a few pointers in getting a grip on your work before it is too late.

For one, get your syllabi out and start on those reading assignments that you have been putting off. The professors do actually expect you to do the readings assigned and many even incorporate those assignments into their hourly exams. Reading will help increase your knowledge and grade simultaneously.

Another thing you can do is cut out any activities which are biting into those precious study hours. If you miss your favorite show, talk for a few less minutes to your significant other or even cut back on a few late night outings, you will surely be able to get things done.

One final note, BE ORGANIZED! The only way you will be able to get those grades up is by comprehending the notes you have taken. Also, you may want to study in a neat area with little clutter. Many times, students are distracted by items in their room which have a higher interest level than the work that needs to be done.

Remember college is a learning experience. Even if you think you can't achieve it, don't give up. Success can become a part of everyone's future as long as they are willing to put a little bit of effort into accomplishing it. Delmore Schwartz puts it best by noting, "Time is the school in which we learn, Time is the fire in which we burn." You can put this fire out if you just remember why you are in college.

Quote provided by Bartlett's "Famous Quotations," John Bartlett, Justin Kaplan, general editor.

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Welcome to the Web

with John Bruett

One of the new crazes on the net is now online gaming. Software designers have now made it possible to get on the net and play games interactively with other people around the world. I have researched the three major clients, MPlayer, Heat and MSN Gaming Zone.

MPlayer is the first of these three, it is the first successful gaming company. It utilizes a program called Gizmo which is necessary for play. The home page is somewhat basic and very easy to use as are most of the sites...the quicker they get you to the games the better, right?

MPlayer has the widest variety of games including action, sports, role playing games, simulation, strategy, classics such as board games and card games and finally Java. I found that it was the only site that supported Java Games. MPlayer also had the widest variety of classic games of the three beasts, called online gaming.

Heat is the next site that I found on the internet. It has a more futuristic home page. It is also very user friendly. It supports most of the major strategy and sports games, and like MPlayer needs a program to run. However, Heat is different from the others in that there is an option to bet against your opponent, so if you think that you are that good then put your money where your mouth is. Heat also has a special feature that I found interesting, they have a set of ten games that you can't play anywhere else. These games include Vigilance, Battlezone, Net Fighter, Plane Crazy, Sin, and 10Six.

The final site that I researched was Microsoft Networks Gaming Zone. As usual Bill Gates is getting his nose into something that he shouldn't. I think that this site was the weakest of the three design-wise. However, like the others, it gives a large supplement of games and needs a program.

All of the programs and memberships are free and are easy to access. It takes about five to ten minutes to download. So have a blast on the services and find others that are out there because there are about a million.

These are the URLs for these three sites:

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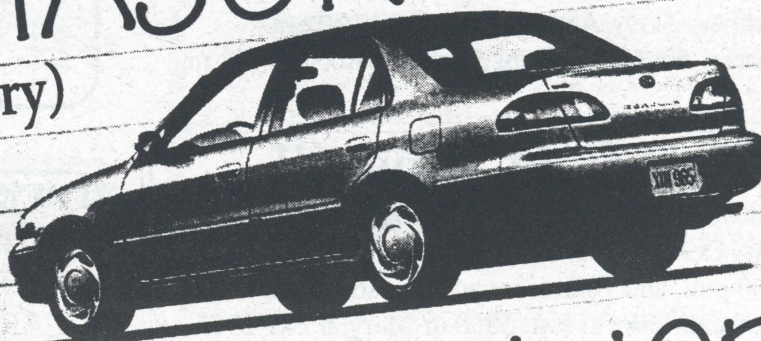
Heat -- <http://www.heat.net>

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Schedule of Events



Thursday, October 8

- Inter-Residence Hall Council, SUB basement, 11:00 a.m.
- Study Abroad Fair, SLC Lobby, 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
- Programming Board Meeting, COB 106, 11:30 a.m.
- Weight Management Group Meeting, Health Services Waiting Room, 12:00 p.m.
- Student AIDS Awareness Committee Meeting, COB 209, 12:00 p.m.
- Charity Shoot-Out, Marts gym, 7:00 p.m.

Friday, October 9

- "The Perfect Murder," CPA, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, October 10

Sunday, October 11

- CROP Walk, Ralston Field, 1:00 p.m.

Monday, October 12

- Columbus Day

Tuesday, October 13

- Simchat Torah
- Off-Campus Council Meeting, SUB Basement, 11:00 a.m.
- Amnicola General Meeting, Chase Hall, 11:15 a.m.
- Commuter Council Meeting, SUB Basement, 12:15 p.m.
- Circle K Meeting, Alumni House, 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday, October 14

- "Talk it Out," Alumni House, 5:00-6:00 p.m.
- Student Government Meeting, Marts 214, 6:30 p.m.
- Scripture Study, Alumni House, 6:30-7:30 p.m.
- Martial Arts Club Meeting, Wrestling Room, 6:45 p.m.

Help fight hunger!!

Help fight world hunger by volunteering in the Crop Walk on Sunday, October 11, at Ralston Field. The walk begins at 1:00 p.m. and volunteers are needed! If you are interested call Mike at Ext. 5850 or Mary at Ext. 5904.

Study Abroad Fair

Stark Learning Center, lobby

Talk with study abroad representatives!

Thursday, October 8, 1998
11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Learn about living and studying in a foreign country for a summer, a semester or a year. Internships for academic credit are also available.

For more information contact
Dr. Karpinich, study abroad coordinator, Ext. 4524

Student Government

Building for the future

Upcoming Events and Announcements

"Singled Out" at Rumours

Thursday, October 8,
9:30-11:00 p.m.

\$3 to play if you sign up today!
Sign up in the SLC lobby from
10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. or in the
Cafe from 4:30-6:30 p.m.

\$4 at the door to play

Come join the fun!

Sponsored by the sophomore class

LIVE Bands!

Don't pay those ridiculous club prices...come to *Rumours* this Friday night, October 9, from 6:30-11:30 p.m. to experience four LIVE bands. Cover charge at the door, only \$5. Don't miss out on the excitement!

Members of the month

The sophomore class for their hard work and dedication with *Rumours*!

Homecoming Information

Tickets

Homecoming tickets are now on sale!

Tickets on sale Monday-Friday
11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. in SLC lobby and
4:30-6:30 p.m. in the cafe. Last day to buy
tickets is October 26. Tickets are \$20 each.
The dinner dance is Friday, October 30 at
Genetti's.

Student government holds their meetings every Wednesday night @ 6:30 p.m. in Marts 214. The meetings are open to all students, feel free to attend or stop by the student government office located on the third floor of Conyngham Hall.

Information compiled by Jeff Reichl

Nominations for council

Tuesday, October 13, in the
SLC lobby from
11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. and in
the Cafe from 4:30-6:30 p.m.

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All about Islam: teaching the Wilkes community

By MEL MOYER
Beacon Staff Writer

On Monday night in Classroom Office Building (COB) 107 Wilkes Multicultural Week kicked off with a speech from Harris Ahmad, a Wilkes student, entitled "Introduction to Islam." Ahmad, born in Lahore, Pakistan, has been a devout Muslim his entire life. The speech lasted for an hour and a half and covered the topics of describing the religion of Islam, stereotypes associated with Islam and the differences between Islam, Judaism and Christianity.

"The speech was explosively informative!" stated a speech attendee, Jeff Ward.

The majority of the speech went into the five pillars of the Islamic religion: Iman, Salah, Sawm, Zakah and Hajj. For the students who were not fortunate enough to experience this speech, here is a brief synopsis.

Ahmad described the pillar of Islam titled Iman or in English, Faith. In this aspect of the religion one must believe that there is only one god, Allah. They must also believe in all the prophets and divinely inspired scriptures. Other beliefs incorpo-

rated in that of Iman include judgement day and the predestination, or fate of an individual.

Ahmad went on to describe Salah, as the pillar dealing with prayer. This part of the speech included the display of a prayer mattress and Ahmad himself exhibited the different positions involved in the six to ten minute prayer process. He stated you must always pray towards Mecca, Saudi Arabia, which is to the east.

Ahmad mentioned that there are five specific times throughout the day set aside for prayer in the Muslim faith. He also said that he schedules his classes around these times and that in high school he was allowed to pray in the office.

The third pillar is fasting. Ahmad described this pillar, Sawm, intricately. He stated there is a 30-day period set aside every year on the Islamic calendar for fasting. During this period one is not permitted to eat or drink from dusk until dawn. They are, however, allowed one meal either one hour before sunrise or one hour after sunset.

The final two pillars Ahmad described were intriguing. Zakah requires the head of every household to donate 2 percent of

all he owns to the poor, a noble aspect of the Islamic religion.

Hajj is the journey or pilgrimage to Mecca, that every devout Muslim should take in his lifetime. Ahmad is planning his fulfillment of Hajj in April, 2000. During his trip, which can only be taken at a certain time of the year, he will go through a discreetly planned out five-day schedule involving prayer and a feast at the conclusion.

Ahmad continued his speech describing how women are treated in the Islamic religion. Muslims had the idea of women's rights and child support many years before western civilization instated these concepts.

"Women are treated in such regard that the countries of Turkey and Pakistan both have had high-ranking female officials in contrast to our society," said Ahmad.

Ahmad closed his speech by describing the differences between Islam, Judaism and Christianity. All in all, the differences were not very broad. For the most part the three religions are strikingly similar.

In conclusion, Ahmad's speech was educational and beneficial in broadening awareness public.

A new face to Residence Life

By JOYCE SORRENTINO
Beacon Staff Writer

Many of you may have noticed a new face alongside Darren Hack director, residence life, as you have walked around campus. On your way to the cafeteria you may have passed by the residence life office and seen an unfamiliar face inside.

This face belongs to our new assistant director of residence life, Gretchen Yeager. Yeager's job is to work with Hack in helping to ensure that residence life at Wilkes remains fair and enjoyable for all. Hack and Yeager work along with the resident assistants, on campus, to keep the students safe and disciplined.

Yeager's past job experience and her experiences with other residence life offices, make her a great addition to the team here at Wilkes. She brings new insights about what residence life is working towards this school year.

Yeager is originally from Sweet Valley, Pa. Her experience with residence life started when she

was a graduate student at the University of Scranton, where she was a hall director.

Yeager then took a job at State University of New York (SUNY), Oswego, also as a residence hall director. When asked, after working in New York, how she ended up at Wilkes University, she stated, "My job at SUNY just wasn't working out, my mother called me one day and told me about an ad in the paper for an assistant director of residence life at Wilkes so I sent my resume in and here I am."

Yeager arrived at Wilkes and has been working since the summer preparing for her first school year at Wilkes. Hack gave her the responsibility of resident assistant training, that was held in August.

Yeager said that it was great to come in as a new staff member and be trusted with such a significant responsibility immediately.

"It gave me a great chance to get to know all the resident assistants, they were all great,"

said Yeager.

When asked to compare her job here at Wilkes to her previous job at SUNY, she said that since her job in New York was not working out well, it was good to have a change. Also, now that she is back in Wilkes-Barre she is closer to home.

Professionally, she has more responsibility and is now working for the well-being of an entire student body rather than just one hall.

You may wonder what her plans are for Wilkes this year as a new assistant director, residence life. Her reply was that she has already started making changes to the residence life program.

"I've changed the programming aspects for the halls, now instead of educationals and socials, dorms will have what we call wellness programs," Yeager said.

With the wellness programs there are have socials, but the educationals become more specific in their topic areas. According to Yeager some dorms

No Strings Attached ~to perform~

WILKES-BARRE-With a trove of instruments and a wealth of musical styles, *No Strings Attached*, a foursome based in Roanoke, VA., make their debut at the Chicory House, Friday, October 9, at 8:00 p.m. The musically adventuresome band, which began as a duo in 1978, started out playing traditional music, then moved to jazz-influenced tunes. Their latest recording features swing, Latin and Celtic-oriented tunes, including styles ranging from Caribbeian and Portuguese to basic Jelly Roll Morton stride style blues.

Just as adventuresome as their musical styles in their wide range of instruments; two hammered dulcimers, guitar, bass, harmonics, bouzouki, pennywhistle, flute, kalimba, djembe, synthesizers, bass and tenor clarinets, bass and tenor saxophones and various percussion instruments, including Slinky's.

Bandmember Bob Thomas is the bassist; that's bass guitar, bass clarinet and bass saxophone. Multi-instrumentalist Wes Chappell runs through at least seven or eight different instruments during each concert set, adding vocals in between. Randy Marchany plays the hammered dulcimer and keyboard, and Pete Hastings adds the chromatic and diatonic harmonica.

Their special brand of on-stage humor has prompted them to tango in their instruments, do parodies of old "rock and roll" bands or break into a clog dance while playing an old-time tune. A typical concert is likely to feature tunes by Dave Brubeck, *The Chieftains*, Thelonius Monk, Sonny Rollins, Dan Hicks or *The Coasters*. The group has performed throughout Europe and the U.S. including the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts. They have appeared on World Cafe radio programs and on CBS-TV's morning show. With eight albums under their belt, the group has been recognized with several critical awards by the National Association of Independent Record Distributors (NAIRD):

In 1988, *Take Five* was named Best Album, String Music Category; in 1985 and 1986, *Traditional Music of the Future* and *Dulcimer Dimensions* were both named runners-up; and in 1990 and 1992, *Coffee at midnight* and *Blue Roses* were nominated for NAIRD's "Indie" award.

The non-profit, volunteer-run Chicory House presents a range of acoustic folk music from blues to bluegrass, Celtic to Cajun, jazz to gospel. The coffeehouse-style concerts are held in the community room of St. Stephen's Church, 35 South Franklin Street in Wilkes Barre. The Chicory House is not affiliated with St. Stephen's.

Admission to the concert, Friday, October 9 at 8 p.m. is \$8, \$7 for supporting members. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. Seating is first-come, first-serve. Desserts and beverages will be available for purchase throughout the evening. The Chicory House public information number is (717) 825-8772.

have already begun this by having Mary Hession, director, campus interfaith come and do a spiritual discussion. The purpose is to basically have more specifically designed programs available for the students and to have a larger variety to choose from.

Another change that has been made to residence life is the disciplinary action system. In the past students have sat down one-on-one with Hack. Now, the students in question and the Resident Assistant, (RA), accusing them of the charge go before a judicial board that consists of Hack, Yeager, Mizelle "Jacky" Nakoba, director, Evans Hall and two other RA's who were not involved in the incident.

Both the student and the RA state their case to the board and the

board then discusses, in private, their ruling on the situation. Yeager said that at this point the system seems very effective.

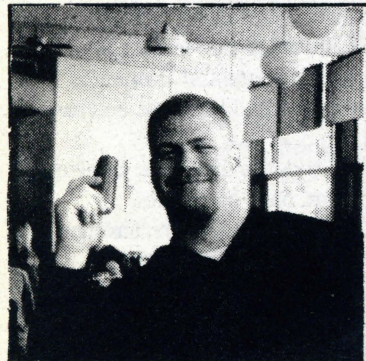
When asked if Yeager feels she is more beneficial to the campus in certain ways and if she get an equal chance in everything because she is a woman she replied, "Of course, Darren has been good with including me in every decision. I feel he is relieved to have a female working with him, because then if a female student comes to residence life with a problem they may not feel comfortable talking to a male so therefore I am available to help out."

Yeager wants all students to know that she is there whenever they need a person to go to for problems, advice or even a friend.

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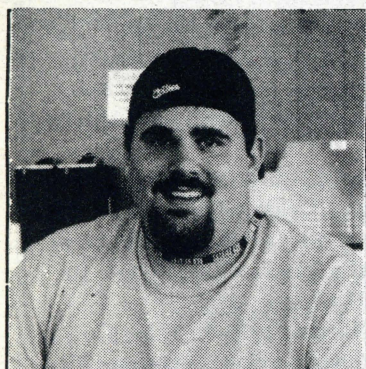
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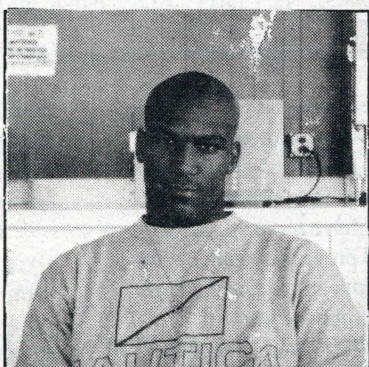
Brandon "Rage" Carlin—
"Barney the dinosaur because I could beat the snot out of him and have a feast forever."

Jill Klicka—"My horse so I can ride all over the island."



John Rosinski—
"Carmen Electra because there is no other option."

Tirrell Ryn—"Jim Carey because then I could laugh all the time."



Adrienne Corrigan—"Rage because he is the man!"

Roving photos and reporting by Derek Bleiler

"Strange Like Me", a success

By **DEBBIE BRANDT**
Beacon Staff Writer

On Tuesday night in the Dorothy Dickson Dart Center, the Metamorphosis Performing Company took the stage as a part of Multicultural Awareness Week.

This interactive performance astounded all that sat in the audience. The audience was encouraged to voice their opinions on the issues of race, religion, prejudice and sexual preference.

As the actors took the stage, they began saying any crude name that has ever been said or thought. They then proceeded to do two

skits.

They first dealt with racial and gender discrimination. Afterwards the actors asked the audience questions, encouraging interaction between the actors and the audience members.

Two freshmen audience participants, Bethany Jenner and Rosemary Cabanillas, explained that participating helped bring the audience into the skits and made the actors purpose more effective.

Perspectives and reactions were expressed, such as how an individual would have felt in that situation or what the individual would have done to change the

outcome.

The second skit focused on prejudice toward homosexuals. A male actor was informed that his roommate of two years was gay. This was after he had assumed his roommate had gotten his female friend pregnant, which was impossible because she was also gay.

The actors reactions to the situations were extreme, but easily acceptable.

The Metamorphosis Performing Company should be commended on their display of talent, showing how these situations would play out in the "real world."

MOTLEY CRUE ready to rock Wilkes Barre

Tuesday, November 3 @ 7:30 p.m.
at the FM Kirby Center

tickets on sale Saturday, October 3- 10 a.m.

Motley Crue will stop in Wilkes Barre on Tuesday, November 3 at 7:30 p.m., to perform songs from their upcoming "Greatest Hits" package. The "Greatest Hits Tour" will feature a raw and "in your face" Motley Crue's Tommy Lee (drums), Mick Mars (lead guitars), Vince Neil (lead vocals) and Nikki Sixx (bassist) at The Kirby Center.

The concert will feature tracks from the band's first "Greatest Hits" album, to be released October 27, which will include memorable live songs such as: "Dr. Feelgood," "Girls, Girls, Girls," "Same Ol' Situation" and "Kickstart My Heart." Motley Crue recently reteamed with legendary producer Bob Rock for two new tracks "Bitter Pill" and "Enslaved," both included on the album and scheduled to be performed during the show.

Throughout their tour, Motley Crue will give a local band in each market a chance to open the show. The "Kickstart Your Career" promotion will be sponsored in part by WZMT-The Bear and Paiste. Aspiring musicians from Wilkes-Barre will submit their tapes to the local drop-off location, five finalists will be selected and a "battle of the bands" will decide on the lucky winning band who will be able to play a twenty minute opening for the Crue.

Tickets go on sale October 3, priced at \$35.00, all seats reserved, at The Kirby Center Box Office and all Ticketmaster locations. For more information call 717-826-1100. To charge by phone call 717-693-4100. To purchase tickets online: www.ticketmaster.com.

EXPANDING our horizons

The LifeStyles section of *The Beacon* is looking for new ideas. If you are interested in writing a column or writing articles for this section bring your story ideas and/or columns to *The Beacon* office on the second floor of Hollenback Hall, (to our meetings every Tuesday at 11:30 a.m.) or call *The Beacon* office at extension 5903 (ask for Joanna). All ideas are welcome and will be considered for print.

**For example, we are looking for columns such as a food critic, music reviewer, and humor columnist.

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Critic's Corner with Dan Lavelle "A Night at the Roxbury"

Hello fellow movie viewers. Here is a little trivia question for you. What do the "Blues Brothers," "Wayne's World" and the "Coneheads" have in common? You are correct if you stated that all three were once "Saturday

Night Live" (SNL) skits which turned into movies. Joining this long list are the Butabi brothers, who had their film debut in "A Night at the Roxbury." These two slick guys venture into different nightclubs and end up getting thrown out of every one.

In the film, the brothers are trying to achieve their ultimate dreams. One dream they have is to own their own night club and the other is to get into the Roxbury. Along the way they run into a few mishaps. Can these two guys together through the unusual ordeals they are about to encounter?

Playing the Butabi's are Will Ferrell and Chris Kattan, who appear on "SNL" and were the skits original duo. Ferrell and Kattan were able to transform their comedy teamwork from the TV screen to the big screen rather well. Expect to see a mix of physical humor and catchy one liners from the duo. This is their first major film together and they seem to be headed in the right direction. I just hope they can do a lot more than "SNL" characters.

Also, look out for Molly Shannon, another "SNL" cast member. Shannon plays one of Steve Butabi's obsessive admirers. Considering the fact that she works on the same show as Ferrell and Kattan, she seemed to fit right in. Don't be surprised if you see her in her own film someday. Maybe she will play her "SNL" character, Mary Katherine Gallagher.

The only problem I had is that the comedy seemed dry at times. Most of the crazy acts seen in the film are based on the material from their skit. Plus, some of the same catch phrases are constantly heard throughout the film and at times they tend to get annoying.

In conclusion, I'm giving it **TWO AND A HALF STARS**. It gave me a "so-so" feeling as I left the theater. Although the humor seemed bland a couple of times, it seems like a good start for Ferrell, Kattan and Shannon. This might be a film for the loyal "Saturday Night Live" fans, but you might want to enter this film with extreme caution. Be careful!



Aligning the planets with Madame Zelda

Taurus (April 20 - May 20) This is a tough week for you and it will not get easier for a minute. Attack things one at a time, it is the only way to get things done.

Gemini (May 21 - June 21) There is someone who needs your help this week. Make sure you are there for them to talk to, your compassion will have great rewards.

Cancer (June 22 - July 22) Make sure all your work and business is completed by the end of the week, you have a great travel weekend ahead of you.

Leo (July 22 - August 22) Just when you thought your life was slowing down you will approach a conflict that needs immediate attention. Don't push it off or it may never resolve itself.

Virgo (August 23 - September 22) - You will find yourself having a great amount of success this week. Use it to your advantage and the outcome will be nothing but successful.

Libra (September 23 - October 23) You will feel you have no way out this week. Use it to your advantage and the outcome will be nothing but success.

Scorpio (October 24 - November 21) This is your week to catch up with old friends. If you get together with them it will be the relaxation you need right now.

Sagittarius (November 22 - December 21) You received some pretty big news this week, take time to ponder your thoughts so you make the correct decision.

Capricorn (December 22 - January 19) Your natural talents seem to dominate this week, use them to achieve a long awaited goal.

Aquarius (January 20 - February 18) Watch your spending this weekend, you seem to be throwing money away left and right. Don't lose sight of what your priorities are.

Pisces (February 19 - March 20) Speak your mind this week. Don't let others walk all over you or the outcome of the situation could go the wrong way.

Aries (March 21 - April 19) Keep yourself low profile this week, a situation will arise that seems impossible, but if you lay low and let it work its way through, it will turn positive by the end of the week.



Inner peace with Ani

Dear Ani,

Last semester, I broke up with my boyfriend, who I had been seeing for eight months because I thought we would be better off as friends. Then this summer, we had the chance to hang out a lot as friends and I realized I really missed being with him and wanted to get back together. When I asked him if we could get back together, he said no, that was really hard for me. I realized it was a mistake to ever let him go. It took me the whole summer to get over the fact that it was over for good between us. Now, just the other day he told me he was ready to get back together! I don't know what to do!!

Signed,

Indecisive

Dear Miss Indecisive,

Wow. Now there's a sticky situation. What you have to really think about first of all, very simply- do you want to be with this guy? It sounds like you really regret letting him go in the first place. However, it sounds like a painful experience getting over him and realizing he wasn't coming back to you. Now that you are over him, you have to realize that if you take him back, you stand the risk of going through that hurt all over again. Now remember, you are the one who broke up with him, maybe it just took him a while to get over the hurt you caused him. Maybe he has healed and he has realized he wants you back. Now if he is willing to come back for more after you obviously hurt him once before, that says a lot for his feelings for you. The things you have to consider are: Why did we break up in the first place? Are those same issues still around that may cause you to end the relationship again if you should get back together? I would suggest talking to him and telling him everything you feel and be honest. Tell him how hard it was when he turned you down, when you asked him to get back together. Tell him why you left him in the first place. Find out why he said no to you over the summer and why he has now changed his mind. Is he sure he wants to be with you? The most important thing in this situation is to be honest. It sounds like you have both hurt each other in this situation. I think that once you have both healed and forgiven each other, this could work for the two of you, since he is now willing and not so long ago you were too. You have to talk to him, that is very important. A relationship isn't worth diddley-squat unless you communicate. Look deep into your heart and find the answer to this question, this will solve all of your problems. Do you love this guy and could you see things working out in a relationship situation? If you foresee a relationship full of problems and hurting, don't get involved. Find a situation that you think will make you happy and go for it!! If he's not the guy that can do that for you, keep on lookin' sister!

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TV. Timeout with Derek Bleiler

Come on down game show fans.

When you think about TV, what is the one thing that has been on for as long as you can remember? Game shows of course. You know the classic shows that you will never forget like "Family Feud," "Name That Tune," "The Ten Thousand Dollar Pyramid," and "Press Your Luck," the "no whammy" game.

However, some of the best game shows are still on the television.

"The Price Is Right" is celebrating its twenty-seventh year of being on TV. Not much has changed over the years except for Bob's hair. They still have the same old game, and the same old prizes. Everyone still waits for Rod Roddy to say "A NEW CAR" and we still wait for those nice looking Barker Beauties to show us all the prizes. My personal favorite game is Plinko. I love the intensity of that little plinko chip bouncing around heading toward the \$5000 slot.

"Jeopardy" is another game show that has been around for quite some time. This show is more popular now than it ever was. It is a great show to watch if you want to learn some new information and Alex Trebek always makes the show fun to watch.

There have been some game shows that were around awhile ago, but now have been regenerated and put back on TV. One of these shows is "Hollywood Squares." You remember the one back in the eighties with Steven Shadows, Jim J. Bullock and Joan Rivers. Now it is back on TV and Whoppy Goldberg has taken over in the middle square. I am not sure if many of you have watched it recently, but there is one guy on there named Bruce Vilnich. He looks like he could be the first muppet to ever be on a game show.

Another show that has been brought back is "The Newlywed Game." This game is fun to play with your boyfriend or girlfriend. You get a chance to see how well you know your partner, plus it is funny to hear some of the answers that are given. But the best is the man gets the answer wrong and his wife throws a old fashion style whooping on him.

As you can see, game shows have been around for a long time. They are fun to watch and you might even learn something along the way.

On a more personal note, this will be the last TV time out that I will be writing due to time restrictions. I know this is terrible news to all of my avid readers, but it must be done. I apologize for this and I hope you all can find it in your hearts to forgive me. So I have run out of time-outs, so I say to you all, goodbye.

Sports

Stickers slips behind King's Volleyball fails versus King's

By SCOTT VEITH
Beacon Sports Editor

The Lady Colonels field hockey team has earned themselves a 3-8 record. Their Middle Atlantic Conference (MAC) Freedom League record is 1-2.

The team took on the Lady Monarchs of King's College on Tuesday, October 6.

The Lady Monarchs proved to be too strong for the Lady Colonels fancy, as King's took home the crown by a score of 2-1. Jill Wilson scored her third goal of the season as she found the back of the net just before halftime.

The team has a rigorous schedule ahead of them to round out the month of October. They will play eight games over the course of 17 days including three Freedom League contests. They will also travel to Cortland, New York, to take on Cortland State.

After this series of games, the team will engage in play-off games if their record warrants post season play.

At present, senior Lisa Werkheiser stands at 43 career points. She is trailed by junior Sara Clause in this regard by 11 points. Clause has not scored a goal this



Photo by Shawn Perrine

Senior Lisa Werkheiser tries her nifty stick handling skills against a Marywood defender.

season, but has earned an assist in her 11 games.

Seven different Lady Colonels have etched their name in the score book this season. Five of these women have earned their scores with goals and two others have managed assists.

Pam Truszkowski has been a mainstay in between the Lady Colonel pipes for every minute of the season. She has started and completed each of the team's

contests and she has given up fewer than two goals per game.

Her backup, junior January Johnson, has not yet seen action in a Lady Colonel uniform.

Defensive specialists Sarah Reed and Megan Fogle have also contributed to the Lady Colonel efforts.

This afternoon, the squad plays host to Gettysburg College in a match that will take place on King's home turf.

Soccer falls to Elmira Eagles

By JOHN MURPHY
Beacon Staff Writer

In a out-of-conference matchup, the Eagles of Elmira College took the field against the Colonels last Sunday afternoon. Wilkes went into this game coming off of a 1-0 win last Wednesday against Fairleigh Dickinson University of Madison. This win improved the Colonels record to 5-5.

The Eagles started the game by coming at the Wilkes defense. They controlled the offensive play for the majority of the first ten minutes of play. The Colonels finally began to turn the play around from there as they drove toward the Eagle net.

This led to several quality offensive chances. The first of which came 30 minutes into the match when Wilkes fired away at the goal. This shot was stopped by Eagles net minder Craig Bohram.

Then at the 36:30 mark, Tim Seymour came in on the goal. His shot sailed high and went out of bounds.

Wilkes placed one more charge on the Eagle net with six minutes remaining in the half. Matt Jagursak attacked the net one last time for the Colonels, but his shot also sailed wide. The Colonels and the Eagles took to the locker room tied at zero.

As the final half of play started, it looked as if Wilkes was going to open up the scoring attack. At the 4:27 mark, the Colonels had a chance to score on a penalty kick.

Seymour faked a direct kick at the net and a Colonel teammate passed the ball into the goal box. A shot was then fired at the Eagle net but was again turned away by Bohram.

The Colonel defense played well throughout the game. Senior Scott Kowalski, as well as sophomore Bill Smith and junior Heath Niederer, played well on defense for Wilkes.

Wilkes provided several more scoring chances including shots from Jarrad Max, Dave Reinert and Kyle Rush. Each of these three shots sailed just wide of the Eagle

goal.

The offensive dominance started to shift in favor of the Eagles. Elmira came back with 16 minutes remaining in the game. Two shots were fired in the direction of the Colonel net, but freshman goalkeeper Seth Nye stopped them.

With just over eight minutes left in the game, the Colonels were not as lucky.

The Eagles slipped a shot passed Nye to place them on the board for the first score of the day. The Colonels could not manage a sufficient attack for the remainder of the game. Elmira's defensive prowess held tight in the final minutes to earn the Eagles a 1-0 victory.

The Colonels have seven games remaining in their regular season. This Saturday, they play host to the Crusaders of Susquehanna University.

The squad has four Middle Atlantic Conference Freedom League games remaining on their schedule.

By SCOTT VEITH
Beacon Sports Editor

The Lady Colonels took the floor to take on the Lady Monarchs of King's College on Wednesday, October 7 at the Marts Center.

Coming into the match, the Colonels had not yet won a Middle Atlantic Conference (MAC) Freedom League matchup. The squad would try to end their three game losing streak in the Freedom League against the Lady Monarchs.

The Lady Monarchs blew away the Lady Colonels in the first game by a score of 15-7. In the game, sisters Stefanie and Shanna Henninger led Wilkes by accounting for five of their seven points.

In the second game, the Lady Colonels came out of the gate firing. They worked their way to a 10-8 lead when Wilkes coach Maria Haslin called a time out.

King's replied to the break by taking over the game. King's earned five consecutive points to take the lead. Freshman middle hitter Aimee Coleman served up the final point for the Lady Monarchs by nailing an ace.

With this victory, the Lady Monarchs sealed the team triumph, but there was another game of volleyball still to be played.

In the third game, The Lady Colonels fell behind immediately. The squad gave up eight points on eight consecutive King's serves.

Three of these service points were aces from the right hand of sophomore Susan Frayte. Frayte accounted for eight aces for the Lady Monarchs on the night.

The Lady Colonels had no gas left in their tanks for the final points of the match and the Lady Monarchs stole seven more points from the Lady Colonels.

The Lady Monarchs, led by the serves of senior Luz Castillo, swept the match to drop the Lady Colonels season record to 3-13.

Despite their woes, the Lady Colonels have had several bright spots. Freshman setters Courtney Tindal and Deanna Roulinavage have registered more assists than any other Lady Colonels.

Tindal has notched 208 assists and Roulinavage has chipped in with 114 of her own.

Carin Smurl came into the outing with the team lead in kills. She has recorded 92 kills in the teams 15 matches.

Smurl's twin sister Shannon is still sidelined with various injuries including a twisted ankle. She has not yet seen action this season despite her stellar performance as a freshman last season.

This Saturday, The Lady Colonels will return to action when they travel to take on Wilkes Baptist Bible College.

The team has six regular season dates left on their calendar including a matchup with both Susquehanna University and the University of Scranton on Thursday, October 29.

Of their remaining games, they have three MAC freedom League contests including two against the Lady Royals of Scranton. The team has already been mathematically eliminated from MAC championship contention.

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Break on through

Wilkes-Barre Breakers rugby wants you

By MICHAEL SCHREIBER
Beacon Staff Writer

Saturday afternoon is probably the slowest time of the week for college students. What are you doing? Waking up, slowly getting to the cafe, watching whatever is on TV, talking about last night or waiting for tonight. You have all day Sunday to study.

What many students may not know is that there is something fun and worthwhile that they could be doing besides waiting for Saturday night and that something is rugby.

Rugby is a sport that is similar to both American football and soccer. Many Americans don't understand but most of us can agree that it looks like fun.

"It's a lot of fun," said Tim Reilly, a Wilkes student and second year rugby player for the Wilkes-Barre Breakers.

"Not only do you get to learn the sport and compete, you get to know a lot of people too," added Reilly.

This is the 25th year of the Wilkes-Barre Breakers Rugby Club. The team, composed of local athletes interested in rugby, competes in two seasons; spring and fall. Kirby Park is the site of the teams practices and home games.

The Breakers are not limited to action at Kirby Park. The team travels throughout Pennsylvania, New York and New Jersey for their away games. Anyone is welcome to play and the team is always looking for new members.

Here's how it works. The club holds practices twice a week, Tuesday and Thursday from about 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Games are Saturday at 1:00 p.m., whether home or away and transportation is available for the away games.

By coming to at least one practice or by being an active member, you are guaranteed to compete on Saturday.

This is made possible by having an "A" game for the more

competitive and experienced players, followed by a "B" game for anyone else.

The "B" game is still very competitive and gives players a chance to learn the game and develop their skills.

"The two games allow everyone to progress at their own pace. We let everyone play as soon as they know what is going on, and no one is forced into more than they can handle," said Richie Owens, a long-time member of the Breakers and a Wilkes-Barre resident.

Owens and other members of the team think this should appeal to many college students. In fact, the club started with mostly Wilkes students and many people from Wilkes have played in the past.

"Many people come to college and stop playing the sports they played in high school.

"Rugby is a fun way to stay in shape, and it's not as demanding as a college sport. Two 90 minute practices a week and Saturday games can fit into most peoples schedule," explained Owens.

However, because it is a club team attendance is not mandatory.

"People can come and go as they want.

"The thing is, they stick with it because they like it, and most of us only miss a practice or game when we really need to," said Owens.

With only a few weeks left in the fall season, Owens believes that it is a great time for new people to get started.

"By learning the basics now, a player could get a good feel for the game and have a real productive spring season," said Owens.

Owens also described the team and the sport as being very social.

"After every game, the home team has a party at a local establishment for the away team. You get to know your teammates and your opponents.

"Sure, we want to win, but we also make sure that everyone has a good time," said Owens.

Another aspect of the club

team that Reilly enjoys is the support that the team gets from the city.

"As long as people like 'Jammin' Jason Lenko and Chris 'Stingray' Rehmann (both Wilkes students) keep coming out, I'll play this game forever.

"Everyone really appreciates the crowd support, and it helps us to play harder," said Reilly.

Although the club's main objective is to have fun, the ultimate goal at the end of every season is to make the play-offs and try to win a championship. The Breakers are in good position to enjoy post-season action. If they win one of their remaining two games they have a good shot at play-off contention.

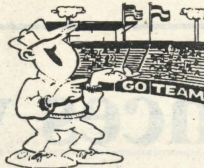
If anyone would like to learn more about the team, about rugby or is interested in playing, please call Rich Owens at 824-9372.

If you would like to see a game first, then decide to talk to someone, there are home games at 1:00 p.m. in Kirby Park on October 10 and 17. Any of the players would be glad to talk to you after the games are over.

Of course, by showing up at Kirby Park around 6:00 p.m. tonight, you could play on Saturday too.

So, if you are interested, get involved. This has provided a lot of fun for a lot of people and it might be just what you need to add some excitement to your weekend.

That's what I say



with SCOTT VEITH

Does anyone in their right mind feel that professional athletes actually deserve the money they are paid? What makes these people any better than the people who bust their hump all week just to pay for the television service that brings these morons into everyone's living rooms?

The players of the National Basketball Association (NBA) feel that they are better than the rest of us. They not only demand to be millionaires, they want to own the teams, too. These athletes have worked their entire lives to be the superstars they are, but this is apparently not enough. Most professional sports owners have earned their keep as successful businessmen. They don't need some hot-headed athlete with overgrown feet and an overgrown ego telling them how to run their business.

Imagine, if you will, Wilkes' men's basketball coach Jerry Rickrode as the coach of an NBA team. His star players, Dave Jannuzzi and Brian Gryboski, are now NBA stars. His superiors, athletic director Phil Wingert and Wilkes University President Chris Breiseth, are now the owners and chief executive officers of basketball operations for the franchise. For the sake of argument, we'll call this franchise the Colonels, stolen directly from the defunct Kentucky Colonels of the American Basketball Association of the 1970's.

Rickrode has a job to do. His job is to see to it that his players and assistant coaches are ready to perform for each and every game. His responsibilities, in theory, extend no further than game preparation and team performance.

Jannuzzi and Gryboski have responsibilities of their own. They are to stay in shape and be ready to perform on game day. This responsibility knows no bounds. If this means an extensive off-season training regimen, then so be it.

Wingert and Breiseth are in charge of every other basketball aspect of the business. These responsibilities are not to be tackled by players or coaches unless the duty is exacted upon them and they are rewarded accordingly. They are never asked to dribble the ball down court and pass to the open man and the players and coaches should not be asked to take care of business operations.

Players, coaches, owners and executives are role players. The NBA has had trouble in assigning these duties and finding the individuals who are willing to perform the duties they are assigned for the pay for which they are expected to work, so the league is involved in a lockout.

Although it is well documented that Wilkes' basketball superstars can have their head expanded by success, the thought of a lockout would be preposterous. These athletes have come to Wilkes to do two things. They want an education and they want to play ball.

Jannuzzi would never overlook the thousands of hours he has spent in gymnasiums perfecting games. Gryboski would never forget about the hours of weight training that has helped him get to the level of performance that he is at now. The game of basketball is too important to them to worry about business details. They want to play.

Anyone who attended a Wilkes basketball game last season knows that the few dollars that they may have spent to get into the gym was returned to them in excitement provided by the Colonels high flying offense. The worst seat in the house (as if their actually is a bad one) is less than 150 feet from the floor. In the NCAA tournament games, the gymnasium literally shook due to the noise and excitement displayed by loyal Wilkes fans.

This sensation can not be matched by regular season NBA basketball. If a fan is lucky, he scores a ticket to a 76ers game for only \$30. He travels two hours to get to the stadium, spends \$10 on food and watches the game from 500 feet away. He can not see the expressions on the players faces if he had a set of binoculars and he misses half of the game because the nimrod in front of him gets up 20 times to use the bathroom.

We at Wilkes don't need the NBA. We've got all the basketball excitement we need right here in Wilkes-Barre. Only three Division III teams can say that they were as good as Wilkes last season. The Colonels bring enough excitement to last a winter and the NBA can do nothing about it. So please, NBA, stay locked out. We don't want you and we don't need you.

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Sports

Kim ad-Vances with Lady Colonels

By MATT REITNOUR
Beacon Staff Writer

Many athletes have their game faces. Some people paint their faces. Some people refuse to smile. The game face is a look of determination, almost to say, "Let's get it on." For junior soccer player Kim Vance, she has her game eyes.

The junior sweeper from Reeders, Pennsylvania wears purple contacts during her games. This is something she started her freshman season at St. Francis College of Loretto, Pennsylvania.

When Vance transferred to Wilkes, she brought her purple contacts and her work ethic.

Vance, whose father got her started in soccer at the young age of seven, said work ethic was one of the key factors in joining the Lady Colonels.

"The work ethic here never changes. No matter what the team plays hard all the time, I like that a lot," said Vance.

Vance has joined this year's club and made an immediate impact.

As the team's starting sweeper, Vance is second on the team in

assists with four and has been making great strides at a new position.

According to head coach Kevin Vrabel, Vance has been doing a great job at sweeper and just keeps getting better with each game.

"She is just getting better and better all the time," said Vrabel of his newest junior.

Vance played the sweeper position in high school, but moved to midfielder at St. Francis. Now Vance says her back is against a wall, she's the last field defender before the goalie, which makes things hectic.

"I can see the whole field, but I'm scared to mess up," said Vance.

Seeing the whole field is not something new for this player. When her father coached her, he taught her soccer skills and how to play mentally. Now, that mental toughness has made Vance a more complete player and a team leader.

As just one of two juniors on the club, Vance says she can feel that leadership as the year goes on.

"I see myself as a leader to an extent. I'm more of the vocal type," said Vance.

Vance said she would like to see the teams hard work finally pay

off. At 5-7 overall and just 1-4 in the Middle Atlantic Conference Freedom League, all is not lost.

After dropping a tough 2-0 loss to Delaware Valley on October 6 the club has

just six games remaining, but would they ever love to continue play into November and league play-offs. Were playing real hard, I just want to see the end result.

"Losing really gets old," said Vance.

Lady Colonel Kicks

The squad hosts Misericordia on October 8, then travels to Albright on Saturday for a non-league battle.



By Shawn Perrine

Lady Colonel newcomer Kim Vance has earned her way onto the field and into the hearts of her teammates.

The club won't play at home again until October 20 when the squad hosts Neumann College at 3:30 p.m. The team just needs two more wins to tie and three wins to break the all-time school record for wins with eight. Last year's team won a record setting seven.

Football Leaders

Passing yards - Neil Rine, 1112
Rushing yards - Mike Hankins, 37
Receiving yards - Brian Miller, 25
Scoring - Hankins, 30 points
Tackles - Mark Hendry, 38
Sacks - Chris "Stump" Shannon, 4
Interceptions - Hendry, 2
Pass Breakups - Walter Hall, 3
Scott Schoffner
All-Purpose yards - Hankins, 657

Field Hockey Leaders

Goals - Kim Walker, 3
Jill Wilson, 3
Assists - Lisa Werkheiser, 2
Points - Walker, 6
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Wilson, 6
Points Per Game - Walker, 0.6
Werkheiser, 0.6
Saves - Pam Truszkowski, 100
Shotouts - Truszkowski, 1
G.A.A. - Truszkowski, 1.58

Women's Soccer Leaders

Goals - Donna Rothrock, 7
Larissa Giza, 7
Assists - Rothrock, 6
Points - Rothrock, 20
Points Per Game - Rothrock, 2.86
Saves - Rothrock, 47
Shutouts - Rothrock, 1
Adrienne Corrigan, 1

Football clobbers Flying Dutchmen, 44-

By ROBERT J. MORCOM
Beacon Staff Writer

Junior tailback Mike Hankins ran for a season-high 174 yards and three touchdowns as Wilkes blanked the Flying Dutchman of Lebanon Valley College by a score of 44-0.

The Colonels scored 34 second half points and improved their record to an even 2-2 while the Flying Dutchman slipped to 0-4.

Both teams were battling through the beginning of the first quarter, but Wilkes' explosive offense eventually broke out setting up freshman place kicker Matt Diltz for a 37-yard field goal attempt.

Diltz put it through the uprights and gave Wilkes the early lead.

After a number of defensive stops by the Colonel defense and a fumble recovery by Jermaine Richardson, Wilkes got the ball back in good field position.

Hankins then ran it in from six yards out to increase the Colonel advantage to nine points. Diltz's point after was good and the Colonels went into the locker room with a 10-0 halftime advantage.

Hankins started the second half the same way he ended the first. He scored. The junior tailback capped a seven play, 71-yard drive with a 9-yard touchdown scamper.

Diltz again added the point after to give the Colonels an even

bigger lead, 17-0.

Wilkes defensive pressure stepped up again as sophomore Jake Schlichter and junior Brandon "Rage" Carlin forced Lebanon Valley quarterback Dennis Yagmourian to throw an errant pass. The pass was picked off by Colonel defensive back Mark Hendry and returned 40 yards.

Five plays later, junior running back Floyd Allen reached pay dirt as senior quarterback Neil Rine hit him with a 25-yard touchdown pass.

Diltz added another point after to give the Colonels a 24-0 lead heading to the final quarter.

Early in the fourth quarter, Hankins would steal the show once more. From the 4 yard line, Hankins

took the hand off from Rine and sprinted to the promised land.

Diltz added the extra point giving Wilkes their largest lead of the season, 31-0. This tally was Diltz's ninth point of the day.

Hankins then handed the running back duties over to freshman Jim Mack. Mack responded by racing 65 yards past the Flying Dutchman defense for another Colonel score and a 37-0 Wilkes lead.

Then, the Colonel defense went at it again as freshman Jerry Superko recovered a fumble.

Freshman Thomas Patterson then got the call at running back. He made his best effort to out-do Mack as he ran into the endzone

from 20-yards away.

Sophomore Tim Caron scored the extra point that gave the Colonels their final point of the contest, making the score 44-0. This marked Caron's first point of the season after being the Colonels' starting kicker a year ago.

Lebanon Valley was held to only 120 yards of total offense and no scores for their poorest offensive output of the season marked the Colonels first shutout of the season.

The Colonels take the field again this Saturday at Wesley College in Delaware. The game begins at 1:30 p.m.

October 8

- * Field Hockey vs. Gettysburg @ King's, 4:00 p.m.
- * Women's Soccer vs. Misericordia, 4:00 p.m.

October 10

- * Field Hockey vs. Delaware Valley, 1:00 p.m.
- * Men's Soccer vs. Susquehanna, 1:00 p.m.
- * Volleyball @ Baptist Bible, 11:00 a.m.
- * Football @ Wesley, 1:30 p.m.

October 13

- * Field Hockey @ Susquehanna, 4:00 p.m.
- * Volleyball @ Lycoming, 7:00 p.m.
- * Women's Tennis vs. Marywood, 3:30 p.m.
- * Women's Soccer @ Baptist Bible, 4:00 p.m.

October 14

- * Men's Soccer vs. Moravian, 4:00 p.m.



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