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Urban Studies Institute in Planning Stages

Institute will aim to assist in the revitalization of

Wilkes-Barre

BY GABRIELLE LAMB Beacon News Editor

As new reports of city-wide defecits in Wilkes-Barre worry officials and residents, the future of a once booming city is becoming more and more questionable. Many college students often complain "there is nothing to do," and the abandoned buildings downtown, such as the former Sterling Hotel, are evidence of the urban blight that has gripped Wilkes-Barre for the past decade. For many, the term "Public Square" is an oxymoron these days, after countless businesses have pulled out of the downtown location and only the weekly Farmer's Market seems to draw the sorts of crowds downtown used to claim every day of the week.

However, in a few months Wilkes University officials hope that through a combined effort between local colleges and universities and city officials, Wilkes-Barre's future as an energetic, vital community may begin to take shape.

Wilkes University is among several groups that have taken the lead in establishing the Urban Studies Institute downtown to

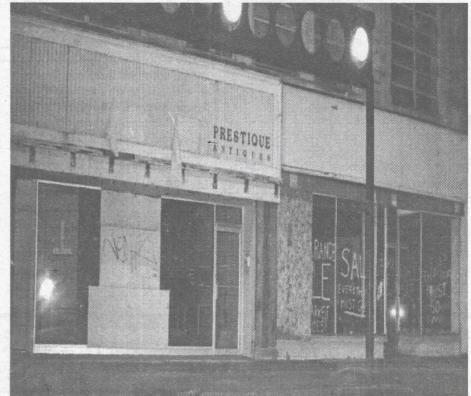
initiate that revitalization process.

According to the mission statement, the Urban Studies Institute will serve as a "catalyst for urban transformation, demonstrating innovative and best practice approaches to solving the urban challenges of small to midsize cities. The center assists policy makers and practitioners in making informed choices that influence community well-being."

In other words, area colleges will form an alliance in an attempt to help cities like Wilkes-Barre with revitalization and renovation, and ultimately to make the community a better place. The Urban Studies Institute was made possible by a Wilkes University Board member who was passionate about ensuring a brighter future for the deteriorating Wilkes-Barre.

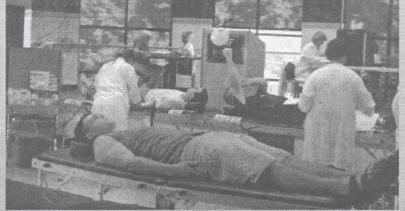
"The idea came from a gift of \$300,000 from Wilkes University Board member Bill Montague and his wife, who are deeply dedicated to the revitalization of Wilkes-Barre," said University Provost Dr. Maravene Loeschke. "The gift ties in well with the objectives of President Gilmour and the other

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Although the future of Wilkes-Barre appears questionable, there may be hope in a new Urban Studies Institute initiated by Wilkes and other local universities



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The Red Cross blood drive held Tuesday, September 16, 2003 is only one of many community service projects this year

Community Service Projects are Underway

Beacon Correspondent

If holsitic learning involves classroom as well as out-of-classroom experiences, Wilkes University seems to have all bases covered this semester. Students are finding that one way to round out the education experience is through service learning.

The Community Service Office has filled this semester with numerous volunteer opportunities. Charity fund-raisers, blood drives, and other activities will flood the Wilkes community and surrounding WilkesBarre area throughout the academic year. Every week students are offered an array of opportunities to get involved.

Gail Minichiello, Coordinator of Community Service and Area Coordinator of Residence Life said, "Our goal and our mission is really to get students involved in community service, for them to learn more in a way outside the classroom to compli-

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Abandoned Class Roster Raises Questions on Identity Security

BY GABE LeDONNE Beacon Managing Editor

Last week, *The Beacon* acquired a student roster from an English class listing students' names, majors, grade years, and student identification numbers-i.e., social security numbers.

The computer-printed roster, belonging to Eileen Sweeney's English 121 I class, was found in a computer lab in Breiseth Hall. Sweeney, who was not aware that the roster had been left in the lab, acknowledged the

danger that identity theft poses in universities, commenting in an e-mail to *The Beacon* that "students quickly learn each other's access numbers and...get into each other's 'stuff' without permission."

In fact, the discovery of Sweeney's class roster is not an unusual occurence. Because students' social security numbers are printed out and distributed to faculty and staff for a

variety of purposes including advisors' lists, class lists, and financial aid information, among others, the possibility of papers being misplaced and left in public spaces raises the potential for identity theft at Wilkes.

Indeed, identity theft is a significant problem. According to the Federal Trade Commission's latest report figures, there are

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SG Happenings

Notes from Student Government September 17, 2003

-- Dance team had the first reading of their constitution.

-The Pharmacy Fair will be held in the Hiscox Room on Tuesday, December 2, 2003.



--Freshmen and replacement elections will be held September 22 and September 23, 2003. A ballot will be sent to all Wilkes

--Homecoming activities are being final-

-- Library Committee met last week. Discussion included five year plan for updating library.

SG meets every Wednesday at 6pm in the Hiscox Meeting Room, 1st Floor of the Henry Student Center. Meetings are open to the public.

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ment what they're learning inside the classroom.-to help the community, to be an asset and a resource for them and try to get student volunteers out there."

One annual event is an Alterna-

tive Fall Break. From October 10-12, 2003, students will embark on a trip to Harrisburg and team up with Habitat for Humanity volunteers there. "It's only about two hours away so we

can go down and we're going to stay in a church nearby and work at a house during the weekend, which they would normally have volunteers and do that the whole weekend," said Minichiello.

Senior Kris Fayock, and president of Circle K, a community service club on campus, said he is unable to attend the Alternative Fall Break but has worked with Habitat for Humanity in the past. "It was a great experience, and I had a lot of fun," said

Blood drives are once again also

in full force. Twice a semester the Red Cross, along with the Community Service Office, holds a blood drive in the Student Union Building. The first blood drive this year was held September 16, 2003. "We had a very successful blood drive; a lot

I definitely recommend getting involved either through the community service office or through the number of on-campus organizations that do specific projects.

> Rejitha Devadoss Junior Biology/Pre-Med major

of donors came out. We kind of stopped it at 110, [but] we had a target of 65," said Minichiello. "It was great to see donors and volunteers come out." The next blood drive is scheduled for November 18.

Rajitha Devadoss, junior biology/premedicine major, is treasurer of Circle K. "Community service is a great way to get involved with fellow peers to help improve the daily lives of everyday people. It's wonderful to know that what one does makes a difference," said Devadoss.

While Wilkes does host many community service activities, not all are located on campus. Minichiello said, "A lot of them are off in the community at different agencies. Sometimes they're at a church or at a school, or learning center. Sometimes we do bring people to campus. So it's kind of a variety. More is out in the community and that's a

> great thing to get students out and a part of the Wilkes-Barre area."

> Not only does the community benefit from volunteering, but the students do as well. "By being involved in community service, I know I am making an impact on someone's life. Seeing the children smile

when you are helping them is the best feeling," said Fayock.

Devadoss added, "I definitely recommend getting involved either through the community service office or through the number of on-campus organizations that do specific projects."

The next volunteer opportunity is a Habitat for Humanity workday on September 27. "Into the Streets Week" will follow with a week of various community service opportunities with local non-profits from September 29 to October 3.

"There's a lot of an opportunity to get involved," concluded Minichiello.

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News Briefs

Courtesy of the Associated Press

Prosecutors disclose error in mobster's sentence

BOSTON (AP)-Federal prosecutors have disclosed that they mistakenly helped sentence a convicted mobster to life in prison in a 1985 killing when he should have only received 10 years, meaning the man could soon be free.

Pasquale Barone's lawyers already have been seeking a new trial for him because a key witness last year said he had been pressured to lie at the original trial.

Barone was convicted on a murder conspiracy charge in the 1985 slaying of Vincent Limoli, a charge with a 10-year maximum sentence. The trial jury deadlocked on a murder charge that carried a life sentence. But in 1993 Barone was sentenced to life anyway, a mistake apparently missed by federal probation officials, the judge, Barone's defense lawyers and prosecutors, the *Boston Herald* reported Friday.

Barone has not been harmed by the sentencing error because he also was serving a 20-year sentence for other crimes, sources told the newspaper. With credit for good behavior in federal prison, he would be eligible for release soon.

"The government has not yet researched the question of the relief available as a result of this apparent error, but wished to advise the court and the defense of this information as soon as possible," Assistant U.S. Attorney Jeffrey Auerhahn told the court.

The revelation comes during an investigation into whether Auerhahn and FBI agent Michael Buckley withheld exculpatory evidence that their key witness may have wavered on his story before the trial.

Another player in the case, mob boss Vincent Ferrara, who pleaded guilty to racketeering and is serving 22 years, also has asked for a new trial. A hearing on his case and Barone's is set for September 24.

Appeals court to reconsider postponement of California recall

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)-The federal appeals court that postponed California's Oct. 7 gubernatorial recall election agreed Friday to reconsider, taking the voters-and the candidates-on another dip on the legal roller-coaster.

The 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals announced without explanation that it would convene an 11-member panel on Monday for a hearing on when to hold the election that will decide Governor Gray Davis' fate.

The decision came four days after a three-judge panel of the San Francisco-based court ruled that the Oct. 7 election must be postponed because some counties were planning to use the error-prone punch-card ballots that caused such a mess in Florida in 2000. The panel cited the Supreme Court's ruling in Bush v. Gore as the main basis for its decision.

Some legal experts said Friday's decision suggests the court has serious misgivings about the postponement and may be inclined to let the election go ahead next month. The 11-judge panel, chosen by lottery, includes eight judges appointed by Democrats, seven of them by President Clinton.

The court's ruling could be further appealed to the Supreme Court.

The American Civil Liberties Union and other minority or civil rights groups argued that punch-card ballots would cause up to 40,000 votes to go uncounted in six counties. Months ago, the counties promised to switch to electronic voting machines in time for the March 2 statewide primary.

Scientists uncover fossil of history's largest known rodent-the size of a buffalo

WASHINGTON (AP)-A rodent the size of a buffalo? Researchers say they have found fossils for a 1,545-pound giant that thrived millions of years ago in a swampy South American forest

"Imagine a weird guinea pig, but huge, with a long tail for balancing on its hind legs and continuously growing teeth," said Marcelo R. Sanchez-Villagra of the University of Tübingen in Germany, the first author of a study appearing this week in *Science*.

The formal name of the rodent is *Phoberomys patterson*. The last term is in honor of Brian Patterson, a Harvard professor who led a fossil-collection expedition to Venezuela in the 1970s. Informally, the skeleton is called "Goya."

Researchers found the fossils in a semidesert area of Venezuela, about 250 miles west of Caracas.

The largest living rodent is another South American animal, the capybara, which can weigh up to 110 pounds. The most common rodents are mice, which weigh one to two ounces, and rats, which can weigh up to 10 ounces or more. The rodent clan also includes squirrels, beavers and prairie dogs.

Deadly Isabel Leaves Millions Powerless in its Wake

BY JULIE HALENAR Associated press writer

BALTIMORE (AP)- Isabel raced from Virginia to the Canadian border Friday, delivering far less rain than expected but leaving millions without power, smashing homes and causing tidal surges that trapped even some city dwellers in their homes.

At least 17 deaths and potentially billions of dollars in damage were blamed on Isabel, which proved troublesome despite taking just a day to fizzle from a 100 mph hurricane into a 30 mph tropical depression.

A man in Rhode Island drowned after he was swept into the ocean by a giant wave while walking along the shore.

"You get to a point where it's out of your control," said Trish Kaidanow, who sloshed out of her Broadway Deli onto Baltimore streets flooded with up to 7 feet of water from the storm-swollen Chesapeake Bay.

At least 400 people, and even a dog or two, had to be rescued by boats, school buses and dump trucks when flood waters spilled over the seawall onto the storefronts of the city's famed Inner Harbor and up to the windowsills of rowhouses and even some suburban homes.

An elderly couple in Bowleys Quarters was rescued from the attic of their house after the home filled with water, county officials said.

She doesn't know how she did it, but 29year-old Evelyn Augosto walked three flooded blocks with her three young children after neighbors urged her to get out. She put one child on her shoulders and a neighbor carried another while her 10-year-old son walked in water up to his chest. None of them can swim.

"I was scared, but I had to get myself together to not get my kids scared," she said, adding that her children kept saying, "Mommy, mommy, we're going to drown."

Mayor Martin O'Malley, whose city also is dealing with 63,000 people without power, said: "We never thought we'd have enough sandbags to hold back the Chesapeake Bay, and that's what we're dealing with now."

Maryland Gov. Robert Ehrlich on Friday asked for federal disaster aid, which President Bush has granted to Virginia and North Carolina.

In all, about 6 million people from North Carolina to New York lost power from Isabel-1.6 million of them in southeastern and central Virginia, where uprooted trees and downed power lines closed hundreds of highways and secondary roads. Debris was scattered everywhere. Long lines spilled around gasoline stations that managed to stay open.

About 16,000 Virginians were in shelters; 8,000 in North Carolina.

Virginia also had nine deaths-more than any other state. Six motorists died there, as did two people hit by trees and a man who died when his canoe capsized.

"We've just gone through the worst storm in the Commonwealth probably in at least a generation," said Virginia Gov. Mark R.

Warner, who advised that it could be several days before power is restored because of the extensive damage to utility lines.

Water service was lost or diminished in many areas because pumping stations lost power; residents were advised to boil water before drinking it.

By midday Friday, Isabel had moved into Canada with a 30 mph whimper, a far cry from the 160 mph behemoth that had loomed in the Atlantic just a week before.

Along North Carolina's Outer Banks, where Isabel first made land Thursday, Friday's brilliant sunshine brought the first real glimpse of the destruction. In the town of Kitty Hawk alone, at least three fishing piers crumbled into the surf and about 25 oceanfront homes were destroyed or ripped from their foundations.

On the only highway through the 120-mile barrier islands, long stretches were simply erased, or left pocked with asphalt craters. Near the famed Cape Hatteras Lighthouse, Isabel's storm surge tore a new inlet that stranded 300 residents and floated at least one house into the Pamlico Sound. Authorities were still working to account for all of the 4,000 coastal residents who refused to evacuate.

Much of the destruction on the Outer Banks came late Thursday night, hours after the strongest winds hit, when the tidal cycle combined to produce raging waves.

"We kept hearing this real whirring noise," said Sandra Simmons of Avon. "I think it was a tornado that had done it. Our house is on stilts and it was swaying. We had waves in the toilet.'

Farther inland, residents worked in the sunshine to repair damage from waist-deep floodwaters that rushed in and quickly receded.

"It kind of looks like they misplaced the bomb for Saddam and dropped it here," said 72-year Brooks Stalnaker, whose home was one of 30 destroyed in the inland community of Harlowe, N.C. "We just got totaled."

Because Isabel sped out of the country at more than a 20 mph clip, it spared many areas the worst. West Virginia got up to 51/2 inches of rain -but far less than the original forecast of a foot. Pennsylvania received only 1 to 3 inches-not the 6 to 9 inches once feared.

But Federal Emergency Management Agency director Michael Brown warned that Isabel's flooding threat may be a delayed reaction.

"Because Isabel moved through so quickly, we're going to see some blue skies and people will think it's all over with. But indeed we still have a very good chance of some flash flooding. We will still have some rivers that continue to creep up on their banks and overspill," Brown said.

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Presidents who want the institutions of higher education to be a part of the healthy future of the city and its development as an exciting college town for students."

The University matched the donation made by Montague and collected another \$100,000 from other colleges and universities that had the same goals and wishes. These surrounding colleges and universities include King's College, Luzerne County Community College, Penn State Wilkes-Barre, and College Misericordia.

"The major goal of the Institute is to work with the other colleges and universities and community leaders to revitalize Wilkes-Barre. It is also hoped that when it is successfully completed the Institute can be a resource for other cities in the area to help plan their revitalization," said Loeschke.

Dr. Thomas Baldino, Professor of Political Science, and advocate for the Urban Studies Center said the Institute will aim to work with administrators and city officials to improve not only Wilkes-Barre, but any other city that may seek the assistance.

"Starting with Wilkes-Barre the center will try to assist community leaders and city administrators...to improve the city. We expect that once the staff has been hired, they will... help to bring in grants, help in bridging together (local schools) and help with promoting the city. Ultimately once we see if this center works for Wilkes-Barre the center can hopefully offer services to other surrounding cities, such as Hazleton, Scranton, and Kingston," said Baldino.

Baldino also said that the center will aim to have a full staff and a director is currently being sought by a headhunting firm that the university has hired.

"This office will have a director, a secretary, and somewhere down the line a researcher. The director's job will be to help with grants, help with networking, and training and educating the staff," said Baldino.

Eventually, the students will make up the staff of the center, helping out with projects and assisting the director, much like the Small Business Development Center on the Wilkes University campus does now. Both Baldino and Loeschke expect that this can eventually lead to internships and networking with local business people, which will greatly benefit students

"We want the Urban Studies Institute to provide internship and service learning opportunity to participate in the planning for revitalizing the city. This would be invaluable experience for students interested in planning, politics, city renewal, architecture and other areas," said Loeschke.

Thus far, the Wilkes University has raised nearly \$1 million, which can fund the first few years of the Institute's existence before it will become self-sufficient.

"The university is very close to raising \$1 million for this. The goal is actually to exceed it. That million dollars will provide the endowment that will generate enough money to pay the salaries of the director, the secretary... for the first three years. The center will be self-sufficient within five years. The money it brings in for projects will pay for itself. So this won't

be costing the students anything," explained Baldino.

Baldino also stated that although it is tentative, hopes are that the center will be functioning by January.

"The first meeting of the Board was in August. The headhunting firm is now conducting its work to identify its list of candidates to serve as director. I think we will try to have a director on board by November. Of course that depends on when the person is available and so on. But I think we really do want to try and have this up and running by January, which would coincide with the new Mayor coming in. That would be good. There is a new mayor gearing up and new urban studies center gearing up. Hopefully, there is some energy that can be generated by this," said Baldino.

Baldino also pointed out that this can be a great way to improve the relations between local communities and the surrounding colleges and universities.

"We want to be good neighbors and we want our students to be enriched by these experiences," concluded Baldino.

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over 160,000 reported victims of identity theft in the United States every year-with 26% of those victims in the 18-29 age bracket. Often, identity thieves need little

more than an individual's name and social security number to access private information, take out credit cards or loans out in the acquired name, or create a false driver license.

With the risks involved social secu-

rity number use, one of the students on the found roster, sophomore business administration major Will Wilson, wonders why the university chooses to use social security numbers as student ID numbers.

"Every paper I sign here at Wilkes asks for my social security number," Wilson said, illustrating, "When I go down to use the weight room, they ask you to sign in with your name and social security number. So the person who's in charge of that work study, they could have access to everybody."

He added, "If it's out there in the open like that...who knows where it could end up?"

Wilson is not alone in his query. Student Life and Media Committee (SLAM) investigated the use of Social Security numbers as ID numbers last year; and investigation that resulted in a recommendation to university administration in October of 2002 to "begin an assignment of unique identifiers for Wilkes identification as soon as possible for all campus members," according to the proposal. The proposal, which made its way to the President's cabinet, resulted in an academic task force committee to address the issue.

So then why is the Wilkes community still using social security numbers?

While some members of SLAM were un-

der the impression that the change would begin this fall with the incoming freshmen class, no number change has taken place as yet.

> Dr. Paul A d a m s, Vice-President of Student Affairs, said "The A cademic I.T. (Information Techn o l o g y) Committee is

already com-

mitted to making the change, so the change is coming." He added, "I think it's just a matter of them implementing it according to their priorities. There are any number of projects that they (I.T.) are slated to do, and it's a matter of their opinion of where this one slots into the hierarchy."

Some of the factors that may affect the project's prioritization, as Adams pointed out, include that there has never been a reported case of identity theft on campus due to the use of social security numbers, nor has there been much of an outcry from the Wilkes body complaining of the use. "Have I ever had a student come up to me and say, 'this is a problem,' Never." But Adams pointed out that he still thinks it "needs to be done."

"I don't think any of us are interested in holding onto the Social Security numbers." Adams said.

Dr. Fred Sullivan, Dean of Technology, explained the progress to date saying, "In the spring...we went through...and identified all of the problems that are likely to come up as we try to convert over." Adding that currently, "the task force that is working on this is setting up a timeline to do the changeover."

But Sullivan also warned, "It's not something that can happen instantly. The problem is that Social Security numbers are used in our main administrative system, which is Banner. But they are also used in the One-Card system (which controls among other things, parking lot gates, room doors, and meal plans on campus). And they're also used in the library system. So you have three interconnected systems, and so you have to deal with the problem at all three places."

One of the biggest potential problems, Sullivan cited, involves the Financial Aid Office. Sullivan explained that because the government tracks financial aid through social security numbers, the change-over process has to be done with some care.

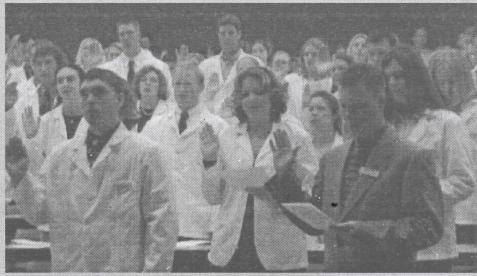
"What we have to do, is make sure that when we replace the primary ID in Banner...we're not screwing up all of our financial aid reports." Sullivan said.

Sullivan also pointed out that the problem

doesn't only concern the current Wilkes population, but former members as well. "Its not just current students and employees, but it's also 20,000 alumni in our database." Sullivan explained that alumni ID numbers are still used to track gifts made to the school from the alumni.

Despite these obstacles, Sullivan still expects the change to happen in the near future, saying, "I would hope that we would start doing this by next fall-but that's not a promise."

Until Wilkes begins using alternative student ID's, both Adams and Sullivan stressed that if a student feels uncomfortable with his or her social security number being used, The Registrars' Office can, by request, change a student's ID number to a randomly assigned one immediately. Employees of the university can do the same through the Human Resources Office.



The Beacon/Kristin Hake

On Sunday, September 21, pharmacy students in the class of 2007 were inducted officially into the Nesbitt School of Pharmacy with the 8th annual Professional Initiation Ceremony--better known as the "White Coat Ceremony." 67 pharmacy majors received their white jackets after a keynote address from Dr. Richard R. Smiga, Chairman of the PA State Board of Pharmacy.

Student Government Debates Constitutional Changes

BY JOE DeANGELIS Beacon Layout Artist

Campaigning for Freshmen and replacement elections for Student Government (SG) have already begun to start up. A number of candidates who are running for a spot on SG are hoping to play an active role in decision-making for their class this year.

However, the voting procedures and policies used in the upcoming election may soon be changing. Some of the rules of elections outlined in SG's constitution have come under scrutiny recently-namely, the rules concerning write-in candidates.

In SG, as some students run for high positions in office, others aim to be class representatives. In order to run as an officer (President, Vice President, representative etc.), he or she must collect a specific number of supporting signatures from their peers. For example, Presidential nominees need 100 signatures to be put on the ballot while Vice President nominees need 75, and Representatives need 50. However, with write-in candidates, a student can be voted into SG without even having to run for office. All they have to do is fill out their own name in the write-in space on the ballot; if he or she recieves the most votes on the ballot, he or she can assume office without ever having to go through the signature process.

"In order for a write-in, it's just a blank space that you write somebody's name in," explained SG Treasurer, Madhan Srinivasan, junior biology/premed major. "It's for someone who hasn't run but has interest in it and wants to see what happens."

Some members of SG complain the policy desuades current SG Representatives from trying for higher office within the group, saying that it could leave those who leave their current position to seek a higher positions in office, such as President or Vice President, without a position at all.

"They would run, lose, and then all the remaining spots would

be filled (by write-ins) before they could get a chance to get in," said SG Parliamentarian Abhishek Nenani, a business/premed major.

"They're taking a risk by going for such a high spot but they don't have a fall back option," Srinivasan said.

If a candidate runs for President or Vice President that person cannot run simultaneously for a representative position. However, in a representative race that has no candidates on the slate, often a write-in name may win with only a handful of votes.

The assumption is that those who run for an office are likely committed to the idea of campus government service. However, a representative might be elected who has little or no interest in a representative position, but whose friends get together and decide to write his or her name into the write-in ballot. Though the Presidential/Vice Presidential candidate might win 100 or more votes and lose, a

write-in candidate might have eight votes campus-wide and still win. The controversy arises when a person who clearly wants to serve and attains clear support-though not enough in the race in which they are entered-cannot serve, and a person who has not launched a campaign and possibly has no interest in campus service is thrust into a position.

"I think a concern that some members of Student Government have is that if you have students who are truly interested and

If the decision is made to change the nature of the write-in ballots, that means that there will have to be a change made to the SG Constitution, which is a fairly drawn-out

"We don't just make final decisions," Nenani said, who is also on the Constitutional Committee responsible for making those changes if they come about. "That's not even how we go about doing things." This also means that no changes will be made to effect the upcoming elections.

Possible changes to the ballots could include a minimum percentage for those to be qualified for the position. Also, students could need a certain number of write-in votes to be considered eligible for the position. Another idea under SG consideration is that the

write-in candidates might have to go get a certain number of signatures from their peers.

Members of SG are also discussing plans to put up an Internet survey to see what the students think about the issue.

Besides the write-in candidate issue, SG is also considering making other changes to its Constitution. One idea includes removing the current obligation for every class president to hold one whole-class meeting per year. Also, SG is proposing to remove the requirement of the to Budget Committee to audit every single club on campus yearly; they propose, instead, to simply reserve the right to any of the clubs affilated with the SG.

Before any changes can be made to the constitution, they must be put to a vote by the entire student body.

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Madhan Srinivasan Student Governement Treasurer

want to get involved, they may be excluded by doing everything right procedurally," said Dean of Students Mark Allen, who is also advisor for SG.

"This is also a concern because the candidate who is written into office might not want to take the position seriously. The six people (running) may be totally qualified (or) they might not," Srinivasan said.

"Seldom do we have write-in candidates that actually follow through, because the write-in candidates don't even consider themselves for the position," Allen said. "That really is the issue-to get people who are most interested in getting involved versus those with a fleeting interest or no interest at all."

As a result, SG representatives are currently considering alternative procedures to the traditional write-in ballot approach.



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The Editorial Board Opinon Article:

Total California Recall Spells Doom for Future of Politics

Hey, have you heard about the new hit mini-series coming to TV? This one will be great! It will cost \$35 million and offer a star studded cast consisting of Gary ("whatchu talking 'bout") Coleman, Gallagher (the fruit smashing comedian), Larry (Hustler) Flynt, Ariana (Gossip Supremo) Huffington, porn star Mary Carey, and the Terminator himself, Arnold Schwarzenegger. How can it not get the ratings?

This amazing series comes to you thanks to collaborating artists from Hollywood and Washington. You see, this won't be the first time these two camps have put together a successful saga. You might remember the Iraqi War with gratuitous live "look ins" on action down in the trenches. That show sustained our attention and ratings for some time until the images were no longer shocking or new-the American public has a short attention span, after all. But this California Recall that is scheduled to debut October 7 does offer a few new interesting twists guaranteed to keep us watching, at least until something new comes along.

All sarcasm aside, it is really getting hard to determine the difference between entertainment from politics these days. The California Recall election is just another sad political situation which has turned into a media frenzy with viewers sitting in front

of the TV, eating popcorn waiting to see what happens next. But before the effects and repercussions of this glorified, freak-show election are laid out, let's just see how we got to this point.

According to the 1.6 million people living in the Golden State of California, current Governor Gray Davis has been ineffective. Citing reasons such as raising taxes \$8 billion, state bankruptcy, and a plummeting surplus resulting in a \$34.8 billion deficit, these petitioners argue it's time for a change. Therefore, thanks to something called Initiative and Referendum in California, the people can say effectively, "We want a do-over," and a recall election that challenges the existing office-holder is ordered. Anyone can run in the recall as long as he or she gets the requisite number of names on a nomination petition and a few measly dollars. Enter Hollywood. Or maybe "send in the clowns" is a better way to describe the competition.

What this recall has ultimately succeeded at is not improving the state of government but rather opening the floodgates to those unqualified "candidates," thus undermining the original electoral process and the entire concept of democracy. And if this recall is effective in unseating Davis, no government official is safe in his/her of-

Gary Coleman, the star of Different Strokes, is one candidate entering the election. Coleman who couldn't keep a job as a security guard because he slappe a woman, is a fine example c the attitude that does not tak governance seriously

Coleman told CNN, "I though (the recall) was a joke. And thought hey, why not. I'm prot ably the least qualified for th job but I'll have some

great people around me." Ah, that should put Californians at ease.

porn star, Mary Carey, whose platform is to hire XXX stars to get better wholesale electricity prices, tax deductible lap-dances, and a "Pornos for Pistols" program where people trade in guns for X-rated films. Or maybe Larry Flynt, creator of porn magazines Hustler and Barely Legal who aims to legalize prostitution? Or Gallagher the comedian? Or why not just elect the Terminator himself? C'mon, if he can take out aliens and predators, then why wouldn't he be able to run a budget already in deficit

The Capitolizing of Hollywood circus does not stop there. The Game Show Network has recently announced its new program, "Who Wants To be Gover-

VJ Kennedy will host it to be aired October 1. Five candidates (including Carey and Coleman) will debate on issues concerning the Governor recall. Game Show Network President Rich Cronin said, "This debate is for entertainment purposes only, and our lawyers made it clear to me, I should say this debate is for entertainment purposes only." Glad to see democracy is being taken seriously. Thomas Jefferson would be

Depressing as it may sound, Gov. Gray Davis is the most qualified for the job. Once one is voted into office there are no more "do overs." While Davis clearly faces problems, it is a term he was voted in for by the majority. In a country where economies are plummeting all over and budget deficits and bankruptcy are becoming commonplace, why single out Davis? It all comes from the top.

Politics is no joke or fantasy world. When we start trivializing the positions in government, we end up with unqualified leaders. We

gas prices coupled with a war that continues, despite being "over."

It's time to snap out of our fantasy world double shot of entertainment and government. It is no

"I thought (the recall) was a joke. And I thought hey, why not. I'm probably the least qualified for the job but I'll have some great people around me."

> Gary Coleman CA Gubernatorial Candidate

The California Recall Beacon Editorial



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fice. And while it might be a way

of shaking up our officials, it leaves

loopholes for ousting the righteous.

all the right calls and there will al-

ways be a sense of "coulda, woulda,

shoulda". But such power to recall

basically ensures that the active mi-

nority might just amass enough

power to make radical change. Take

for example a state like Georgia

where the Ku Klux Klan held a lot

of power for many years. If Klan

members were to rally the troops,

so to speak, gathered names on pe-

titions, and captured the media's

attention, then leaders of African-

American descent, Jews, and

Catholics could be exhausted just

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- Member of the Pennsylvania
- Newspaper Association
- * Printed on Mondays, with the exception of holidays
- * 1,500 papers distributed weekly

Going the Extra Miles and Miles and Miles



BY DR. DARIN E. FIELDS Dean of the College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences

If you are a freshman participating in one of the several undergraduate experience pilot programs, you will know the people I am about to mention. Many of the rest of you will know them as well because they are some of our most talented and gifted faculty and staff, but you may not be aware of the wonderful things they are doing this semester.

ing and life as part of Provost Marvene Loeschke's campus-wide initiative to create a guided and interconnected undergraduate learning experience at Wilkes University.

There are two learning community pilots involving roughly 44 students. One group of freshman resident students is living together on the same floor of Evans this fall. These students take the same English 101 course with Dr. Phyllis Weliver and the same Freshman Foundations course with Mr. Jim Harrington. These two classes are linked closely in theme, assignments, and activities. In similar fashion, a group of commuter students are taking English 101 and Communications 101 together with Dr. Janet Starner and Dr. Mark Stine.

A freshman writing pilot in-This academic year Wilkes volving four faculty (Dr. Janet is experimenting with different ap- Starner, Dr. Agnes Cardoni, Dr. Tom proaches to undergraduate learn- Baldino, and Mr. Jack Grier) seeks

to improve and strengthen writing skills through structured writing experiences over two semesters in different courses.

Several faculty and staff are also exploring a new approach to advising with freshmen in the College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences. Working with Jim Harrington, an advising team of faculty (Dr. Janet Starner, Dr. Tom Baldino, Dr. Andrea Frantz, Dr. Ed Schicatano, Dr. Steven Thomas) and staff (Tom Thomas, Andita Parker-Lloyd, and Brian Sacolic) are working with all freshman advisors in the college to develop a more personalized and supportive advising experience for students.

I have deliberately been brief in my description of each of these pilots because any one of them would take pages to describe fully. Furthermore, as a campus community, all of us will be hearing more

Well Deserved Recognition

about these efforts in the coming months. My desire today is to recognize the enormous commitment of time, energy, intellect, and passion each of these remarkable people have put into these pilots.

The faculty and staff involved still have all of their regular work to do. That, in and of itself, is a lot of work. These efforts are in addition to and not in lieu of teaching a full load of courses, conducting scholarship and research, serving on other committees, advising students, directing the Learning Center, or the Writing center, running the library, advising The Beacon, directing the Choral Ensemble, or coordinating multi-cultural affairs. These people are nothing less than extraordinary.

Right in the midst of the fall semester start-up and nearing the end of my first four months as Dean College of Arts, Humanities, and

Social Sciences, I am asked daily about how busy I am. Yes, I have a lot to do; but these people do a lot, and I am deeply appreciative of their hard work. Just as all of you students are beginning to grow accustomed to the workload, schedule, and rhythm of college again (or for the first time), so it is also with all of us. For these individuals, this fall brings another layer of activities and work and still more challenges in balancing time, family, and career. They are not doing it for extra money. They are not doing it because someone told them to do it. They have taken on these extra duties with passion and desire to improve your education and to make Wilkes University a great place to live and learn. Thank them when you get the chance.

Can We Trust Our

BY MEAGAN BROWN Beacon Correspondent

The government, like individual people, works at satisfying itself not others. Can we really trust the government, or do our representatives invent truths that give us a false sense of security just so they can avoid dealing with a problem and make us feel secure?

Conspiracy is a word we use often. To some, however, their lives revolve around searching out government cover-ups. Conspiracy theory websites fill the Internet, claiming to offer the counter "truths" to what the government tells us.

One such website, <abovetopsecret.com>, discusses topics ranging from Area 51 to weather modification. Area 51 is actually Groom Lake, a secret testing site for the flight tests of Lockheed Martin's spy planes, authors of the site claim. Some of the other claims are ridiculous, such as aliens being seen from Apollo 10 and the government's ability to "own the weather." However, these claims bring up one good point, is our government truthful?

Why did we wage a war against Iraq? Was it for the reasons that the President tells us: Saddam was building dangerous weapons, or was it for another reason?

The Democratic faction of our government believes that Bush waged war in order to gain Iraqi oil, which would help in drastically

reducing our gas prices. Only time will tell if this accusation is true. Gas prices are skyrocketing now but if the Democrats are right, we will see a sudden drop in the pricing due to our purchase of Iraqi oil.

Let's look to a more painful occasion. Most of America was shocked on September 11, 2001. The ones who weren't, we are now seeing, were members of our own government, the exact people who are in charge of keeping us safe. Many facts of 9/11 are suddenly coming to light just two short years after. We have found out that our officials were not oblivious; they had evidence that a sizeable terrorist attack would happen to a city on the East Coast. But our representatives in Washington decided to withhold the facts from the American people and just let us believe that the entire country was completely taken by surprise. And now over 3,000 people are dead as a result.

Another example of withheld information is the country's colored alert system. The color is constantly changing, orange to yellow, orange to red, back and forth like we're on a seesaw. The color changes more than Michael Jackson's nose, but are the American people ever told what information was gained to change that colored alert? No we are not. We are just expected to adjust blindly to what the government says. I, for one, want to know what sort of threats, if any, are being made to our country before I go out and buy duct tape and plastic wrap for my doors and win-

Enron is another in a string many illustrations of our corrupt and secretive nation. Enron, as a company, was doing badly for quite some time but the "underlings" or non-executives were not told what was happening. At the end of the whole scandal people's lives were shattered, they had lost their money and they were unemployed. Had the company, and subsequently the government, alerted the people to what was happening, the whole scandal could have easily been avoided. Later, we found out that Enron was a huge contributor to President Bush's campaign and Vice-President Cheney met with Enron officials days before Enron's fall. Are we really to believe that the government had no prior knowledge of Enron's failing business? Seems a bit suspicious to me. Had the government told what information they had on Enron the whole scandal may never have happened.

Who else can we trust in this world if not the people who are making decisions for us? The American people should always be told the truth not just led blindly into a false sense of security. September 11, the war in Iraq, our colorcoding system, all have been shrouded in lies. Is it really good for the American people or would the release of vital information help us, perhaps even save lives and allow us to make well-informed de-

"Art" and Art:

Caring Enough to Express Yourself



BY MATTHEW JONES Beacon Columnist

"My Life Has Been Empty, My Life Has Been True." I forget who said that, but I wish I could say the same, at least about the last part.

I have a difficult time grasping direction in my young and curiously complicated life, as I imagine many other "kids" (let's face it, we're not adults) my age do. The world today just doesn't make any sense to me. Everything seems to be a glaring contradiction of what feels right. Politics, music, war, school, parents, and relationships all seem to strive towards finding this proverbial pot of gold at the end of the rainbow. I don't know about you, but I feel as though I've made it that far and all I found was the charred and smoking remnants of something that could have been a pot someday long ago, left there by previous generations.

I could sit here and waste everyone's time describing how great it must have been years ago when the youth of this country had a unifying purpose-and I guess I'm

going to. The Beats acknowledged their lack of direction and they made art (books, poetry, music), the hippies actually believed in peace and love. They made art, too. And even Generation X came together to commiserate over their inexplicable depression and art soon followed.

So what's our problem? We have something along the lines of a war going on, but we don't unify over peace. Well, some tried to protest but I'm pretty sure that's just because that hot girl in biology was doing it (or vice versa). We have a grotesque lack of direction (having a major is not having direction-mull that one over for awhile and you'll see what I mean), yet we only downplay it and have another beer. Our generation has art but...wait; no, we definitely don't have art.

Could this be it? True artistic expression...is that what's lacking? Well, yes, and that's the problem. We certainly have artists who express themselves but NO ONE NOTICES. This is not good. To express feelings today isn't only unpopular, it's practically mocked by the majority. Those people who pour their hearts out over poetry and music are looked at as weird, different and even lazy (I'm talking to you, parents). So what's popular? Well here's a list: murderers

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Point/Counterpoint:

Are Online Courses For You?

Today on-line courses are offered everywhere. You can even get a degree online through various institutions. Some people view these courses as a way to conveniently learn without having to go into the classrooms. Others believe that time constraints will be too severe and expectations of instructing yourself will be nearly impossible to meet. Whatever your stance may be this issue is one worth thinking about because we are faced more and more with the choice of whether or not we should try an online course.



Ginger Eslick Slackers initially attracted to online courses

Most people choose to take an online course because they are convenient-or at least they appear to be. What could be better than doing work in the comfort of your own home? There is no hassle of driving to school, and forget about participating in class, the most participation that is done in through work e-mailed to the professor teaching the course.

What most people don't realize is the amount of work and time needs to be put into online courses. There sole purpose is not to make

your life easy and help you get an that I wanted to spend as little time A with little or no effort.

Effort will be put into the class like you never imagined. You may slack for a little while-after all, who will know? It is not as if roll is being taken here. But when you get down to the bottom line you will realize that if you don't have your work done, if you don't read your assignments, manage your time in an effective way and TEACH YOURSELF enough to be able to pass a test, well, then my friend, you are fooling yourself by thinking online courses are for you.

Of course, we are bound to find more online courses in our future. Online courses are perceived to be an easy and immediate way to skip out of taking a "real" class. Living in a nation that privileges ease and immediacy, such as we are, the notion of an online course seems like a dream come true. Well, you may be right about one thing, it is a dream. Wake up and face reality.



Kari Parienello Online courses offer flexibility, new challenges

Last spring, when it came time to register for classes, who really looked into each course thoroughly? I know I didn't, but I knew

in a classroom as humanly possible. When I stopped at the Registrar's Office, they had a revised class list, and I chose to substitute my traditional in-class English 120 with the online class. It was really a great thought, but what attracted me to this class?

Was it the fact that I didn't need to leave my room to complete assignments and participate in class discussions? Or maybe the idea that I'd never have to feel self-conscious about asking questions or giving wrong answers.

The first thing stated on the Wilkes University Online Course web site < www.online.wilkes.edu> is that "online learning is not for everyone." This is totally true. I've heard horror stories about students not completing assignments or having friends take their classes for them, but I think this is the most amazing concept.

The biggest problem with these classes that I've had is that getting a hold of the professor is a little more difficult, but that is something that can be dealt with. A student can take part in these classes from anywhere, so if there's an emergency and a student can't be at their own computer, they can access assignments and discussion groups from

People who travel a lot for work can take the courses and not have to worry about missing any class time. These classes provide a sense of flexibility to students that traditional classes don't give, and I feel that in the next few years, online courses and others like them will become more popular.



The Beacon/Jay McDermott

Poster Sale Crowds Student Center

The Student Union Center was jam-packed this past Tuesday and Wednesday with a variety of posters. The poster choices were varied greatly. Some of the posters shown were movie posters, celebrity posters, and cartoon character posters. Students crammed around the posters looking for something to fit their

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and drug-dealers (that's thug rap, yo), souless disposable moneymaking marketing tools (virtually everything on MTV), and talentless hacks masquerading as sensitive love-torn artists (95% of rock music, including most "emo"....ugh).

This shameless ignorance of anything "real" and "inspired" is the drive behind this generation's alienation. The majority is responsible for this rift and they seem to be perfectly happy with it. Well, maybe

they don't even notice it, so they have no feelings towards what I'm talking about. Maybe this article will help them realize and suddenly everything will be perfect and we'll all go dancing through the streets, ecstatic with the notion that we are actually alive, and dammit, no one can take that from us.

Probably not, though. Maybe I'm just wasting my own time saying something about it. Yeah, that's probably it. All right, I'm done. Who needs a drink?

Tooley Sentence Raises



BY SABRINA McLAUGHLIN Beacon Asst. Op/Ed Editor

I don't support capital punishment, because I believe that it is dangerous for it to exist unless we can guarantee that our system is perfectly just and infallible. We can never reach that level of infallibility because perfect omniscience is not humanly possible.

Any student of sociology can tell

you that our justice system is far from perfect, although those who strive to make it as just and equitable as it can possibly be are to be commended. But it is a hard fact that true 'equality under law' does not exist. More often than we like to think, innocent people have been put to death-their innocence proven too late. Flaws, glitches, errors, and biases occur all too often. For instance, why are African-, Hispanic-, and Native-Americans more likely to be sentenced to death than whites who commit the same crime?

same type of crime as a woman the jurors, the sentence defaults to action that led to the loss of must spend the remainder of his likeier to be executed? If a person commits murder in Texas, why is he or she more likely to be sen-

tenced to death?

This past Monday, in a local case, jurors were asked to decide whether or not convicted murderer Larry Tooley should forfeit his life as punishment for his crimes.

Tooley was found guilty of murdering a 16-year-old boy during a robbery. Ten jurors voted that Tooley should receive the ultimate punishment for his crime. Two others could not bring themselves to sentence the man to death.

In Pennsylvania a jury must vote unanimously for the death penalty. would still find it difficult to come that rather than receive the quick Why is a man who commits the If agreement is not reached amongst to terms with having a hand in an painless release of death, Tooley life imprisonment, and this is what another's life, even if that person days contemplating his crimes in occurred in the Tooley case.

Some would no doubt find fault life.

with the jurors who voted against the death penalty for Tooley. After all, the man has been convicted of coldly shooting down a teenage boy in his own home, ending a promising young life, not to mention the sorrow and trauma caused for the boy's family.

But I know that I would not want to be in a position where I would be asked to make a decision to sentence a man to death. Even if the law says that capital punishment is just under the circumstances, I had robbed someone else of their what many who know the prisor

If some feel that in these capital cases justice is not served if the sentence is not death, there is this to consider-what if, after all, the harsher punishment is life in prison?

In a case in Utah in 1977, convicted murderer Gary Gilmore successfully lobbied to be immediately executed rather than wait out : lengthy appeals process on death row. For him, prison was truly : fate worse than death.

Perhaps the just punishment system say is a hell on earth.

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

THE BUSINESS AND ACCOUNTING (B&A) CLUB Dr. Anne Batory, Advisor

Beacon: When was the Business and Accounting (B&A) Club created?

Dr. Anne Batory, Advisor: I do not know. The club has been in existence for at least 20 years. I am asking other department faculty who have been at Wilkes longer than I have for some history.

Beacon: What is the B&A Club's mission?

Batory: Our formal mission is to provide opportunities for students to experience, develop, and apply knowledge and practices related to the business disciplines; create a forum for the dissemination of information related to Wilkes business programs; provide students with opportunities to network with other students, faculty, and practitioners in their own and other majors; support and participate in university and community-sponsored service activities; and organize and coordinate opportunities for interaction among students in the business disciplines.

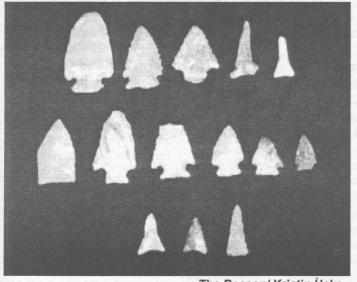
Beacon: What kinds of activities do you do?

Batory: Career Development Activities-seminars, workshops, mock interviews, dress for success, portfolio evaluation, etc. Field Trips--Toys R 'Us flagship store, New York Stock Exchange, Federal Reserve Bank, Twin Towers site in NYC, Lion Brewery and Black Rock in Wilkes-Barre, etc. Community Service-Donate-a-Phone (cell phones reprogramed for emergency use by families at risk, Toys for Kids, Fire Victims Fund, Egg Hunts, etc.Speakers-Student interests and connections help define our speaker series Service Learning-Craft day with children at the learning center Bonding-fall and spring gettogethers, holiday parties, flag football games,etc.

Beacon: Why is the B&A Club important to Wilkes University? Batory: Our Wilkes Business & Accounting Club is a student-driven organization. All students are invited to join, participate, and/or come to any program or activity. We are interested in the dynamic world of business-accounting, eBusiness, economics, entrepreneurship, finance, international business, management, and marketing. We want to learn more about ourselves in interaction with others. Our members learn, lead, and have fun!

Beacon: How can students join the B&A Club?

Batory: Our first Business and Accounting Club meeting is Tuesday, September 23, 2003, in Breiseth Hall Room 212 at 11 a.m. Anyone who wants to participate is welcome. If a student cannot attend this meeting, just e-mail me at Batory@wilkes.edu.



The Beacon/ Kristin Hake Above are some of the many arrowhead artifacts that several GES students will be cataloging.

Ancient Artifacts To Be Cataloged by Wilkes Students

BY GINGER ESLICK Beacon Op/Ed Editor

Wilkes University students know that in every classroom lies something valuable, if they look or listen hard enough. But what they may not know is that in one particular classroom a piece of history is coming to life in the form of some ancient artifacts. Their his-

tory dates back to 10,000 years ago and they can be found in SLC 434. And students are getting a firsthand opportunity to work with the trea-

George Fenner, a philanthropist, avid supporter of Wilkes University, and once a local Wilkes-Barre attorney, passed away in 2001. In his will he donated not only a building (Fenner Hall located at 171 South Franklin Street) and money to Wilkes, but he also donated a collection of 370 prehistoric Native American artifacts for university faculty and students to study.

Fenner had a strong passion for local history and a great love for fishing. During one of his

many local fishing expeditions, Fenner found some prehistoric artifacts. It was at this time that Fenner developed an interest in collecting more of the ancient pieces of history. He began to plan trips with the sole intention and hope of finding artifacts.

Webster's Dictionary defines an artifact as, "something created by humans usually for practical purposes; especially an object remaining from a particular period." The ancient artifacts that can be found at Wilkes include: Susquehannock pottery, which was made by the Susquehanna Indians; knives; spearheads; arrowheads; net sinkers; drills; axes; pipe fragments; and mortar and pestles, which were used to make food such as corn bread. The mortar was used as a bowl and the pestle was used as a mixing stick.

Theresa Kintz, fall semester instructor in the Antropology/ Sociologoy Department, was originally hired by the Fenner estate to

appraise the artifact collection at Wilkes. Kintz is a professional archeologist who has dug all over the world, in places such as, Norway, London and England. Kintz appraised the artifacts at approximately \$4,000.

Kintz now uses the artifacts to teach students in her Introduction to Anthropology class. Kintz has developed groups of students who

The Beacon/ Ryan Klemish

Theresa Kintz shows one of the many Indian artifacts to be catalogued.

will be working with the artifacts to catalog and identify each one of

Through careful examination, the artifacts have been broken down into time periods. The time periods are determined by evaluating the artifact's features, such as the shape and material the item is made

"The archeologists have a chronology. We know the way the Indians made the artifacts for 12,000 years, and it changes over time, just as the shape of cars changes over time," commented Kintz.

One of the reasons the shape of the artifacts changed over time is because early on, the first Indians exclusively hunted large game, such as deer. As time went by and the Indians moved around, the game they hunted changed and, therefore, so did the tools they used to hunt. As a result, the shape of artifacts today can tell us a great deal about the time period in which the artifact was made.

Studying the materials from which the artifacts are made is also a good way for students to indicate what time period a certain artifact is from. The materials used depended on the geology of where the artifact was found. Different geological areas contained varied sources of material used in making tools for hunting. Again, as the Indians moved around, they used the

> material that was available to them in the area they were located.

One of the oldest artifacts in Wilkes' possession in a humped back scraper, which is thought to be approximately 10,000 years old. The humped back scraper had a dual purpose. One of its functions was to scrape the hair from a deerskin or a rabbit skin in order for the Indians to make clothing. Another function was to aid in making utensils such as spoons. The Native Americans used the scraper to scrape wood into the form of a

For some students, access to genuine ancient artifacts is a true enhancement of the educational experience.

Matthew Navin, a freshman history and secondary education major, has had a fascination with fossils and artifacts since he was a young boy. "I hope to get more understanding of cataloging, cleaning and hands-on gratification of a boyhood fantasy," said Navin.

Navin is one of the four people who can be found in a group put together to identify, catalog, and determine what time period the artifacts came from.

Michael Walk, a senior criminology major, also belongs to this group. "I am interested in artifacts. I like the idea of holding objects in my hands that other people, such as Native Americans, held in their hands years ago," said Walk.

Understanding and relating to the way Native Americans lived many years ago requires imagination and knowledge. Merely looking at and holding the artifacts can transform a person into another time period where life was not nearly as easy as it is today.

EQ, Not IQ, Determining Success of Business Professionals

BY LINDSEY WOTANIS **Beacon Features Editor**

Are you in touch with your emotions?

Being in touch with your emotions could ensure greater success in today's business world. In fact, according to some experts, IQ may no longer be as important as "EQ".

"EQ" is short for emotional intelligence. According to Daniel Goleman, PhD. and author of "Emotional Intelligence," having EQ is "the capacity for recognizing our own feelings and those of others, for motivating ourselves, and for managing emotions well in ourselves and in our relationships."

Those involved in the curriculum development and visioning for the new Jay Sidhu School of Business and Leadership believe that EQ is a fundamental quality for today's business leaders to possess a perspective that may well set the School apart from other business schools across the country. According to the School's vision and five-year plan, "the goal of the program is the development of the individual as a business professional, a community leader and a person."

Dr. Maravene Loeschke, Wilkes University Provost, feels as though one of the ways to achieve this goal is through adding EQ to your "personal development equation."

"It's very difficult to be an outstanding citizen, an outstanding professional, and outstanding leader or a person if you don't have a clue what's happening to yourself or others' emotions," stated Loeschke. She feels as though EQ "enables people to be a more complete person. If you don't enter that into the equation of self-development, you are missing one huge piece of the way people relate to other people."

According to "Intelligence at Work," an article in BizEd, there are four categories that "define an individual's understanding of himself and the people around him." They include: Self-Awareness, Social Awareness, Self-Management, and Relationship Management.

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University Provost

that although our culture has led us to believe that IQ is a determinant of success, it may be more myth than reality.

"Academic intelligence offers virtually no preparation for the turmoil, or opportunity, life's vicissitudes bring. Yet even though a high IQ is no guarantee of prosperity, pres-

as we looked at the way Sovereign Bank was being managed, as we looked at education programs around the country, we said, 'We cover the stuff intellectually, the knowledge, but we don't help our students practice it, develop the competencies,' and that is really what this new curriculum focuses on," added

School of Business. According to Loeschke, the management philosophy of the bank, as well as its CEO, embody the principals of EQ and authentic leadership.

Dr. Anne Heineman Batory, Professor of Marketing added, "They [Sovereign Bank] feel that intelligence, the competencies and

> skills, are a given, but what separates the ones [business professionals] that move on to leadership positions and become super successful is the EQ."

> Batory, who has been a key individual in laying out the new curriculum, added that there would be a variety of ways in which students will learn and develop their own EQ. Courses will use cases and scenarios that will look at different ways of responding to a situation. Internships, teamwork, and the new structure of the program, which

will allow students to move in cohort groups throughout their four years in the BA program, will all foster a greater sense of EQ.

"There are many different kinds of smart," concluded Batory. Adding EQ to your "personal development equation" will give you the competitive edge. You don't need a 4.0 to be successful, but you do need emotional intelligence.

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Traditionally, business programs have totally ignored these [EQ] kinds of skills. We'll talk about EQ and leadership styles and techniques in a course, but we never really apply these skills, and yet businesses, governments, educational institutions, school districts spend billions of dollars helping people to recognize and develop these skills.

Dr. Jeffery Alves Professor of Free Enterprise and Entrepreneurship

tige, or happiness, our schools and our culture fixate on academic abilities, ignoring emotional intelligence, a set of traits some might call it character that also matters immensely for our personal destiny," stated Goleman.

Goleman also argues that business schools do have the power to turn out excellent leaders and encourages them to do whatever they can to help their students learn EQ.

"I would really like to encourage schools to give students whatever opportunities they can to hone these skills because these are the skills that, once students are in the workplace, are the distinguishing competencies that will determine whether or not they'll rise to the top... It's the skills within the domain of emotional intelligence that much more powerfully seem to predict which person will be chosen to head a team or a group or a division or be named president," stated Goleman in BizEd.

Dr. Jeffery Alves, Allan P. Kirby, Jr. Professor of Free Enterprise and Entrepreneurship, helped to develop the curriculum for the

According to the article in BizEd, Goleman states that, "Business school graduates who learn emotional intelligence will not only do better in their careers, presumably, but also be in better positions as alums to help their schools."

Together with Sovereign Bank, Dr. Jay Sidhu, CEO of the bank and alum of Wilkes University, serves as benefactor of the new school. Sidhu donated a record \$3 million last year to Wilkes to establish the new

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According to the article, Self-Awareness includes being aware of one's emotions, accurately assessing one's self, and displaying self-confidence. Social Awareness is being able to recognize other's emotions, or having empathy. Maintaining self-control, being adaptable ontimistic and innovative encompass Self-Management, and being able to manage conflict, work in teams, inspire and influence others makes up Relationship Management.

Goleman goes on to explain in his book

new school and agrees in many ways with Goleman's theories.

"Traditionally, business programs have totally ignored these [EQ] kinds of skills. We'll talk about EQ and leadership styles and techniques in a course, but we never really apply these skills, and yet businesses, governments, educational institutions, school districts spend billions of dollars helping people to recognize and develop these skills," said Alves.

Like Goleman, Alves also feels as though incorporating EQ into the curriculum is essential. "As we looked at our curriculum, and

New Business Class Provides Global Education

BY MEAGAN BROWN
Beacon Staff Writer

Have you ever gazed outside your classroom window at the sun and wished your professor would take the class to the Greenway and conduct the lesson outside? A new business class to be offered this spring will take students farther outside the classroom than the Greenway. BA 398 and MBA 598 will be heading to Europe

Both classes will be taking this trip to Germany, Italy and Switzerland. The class will begin in a Wilkes classroom and end in Europe

Students taking this class will begin by learning some background information on the course's topic, International Business. When spring break finally rolls around, the students of both classes will take off to Europe to visit various international businesses. The students will be traveling with two professors, Dr. Wagiha

Taylor and Dr. Anne Heineman Batory, both of the Business Division. They will visit the cities of Frankfurt, Munich, Venice, Verona, and Lucerne, among others.

When students return from the trip a paper will be written and the class will wrap up soon after. The trip is a study tour, explained Dr. Wagiha Taylor, but students will be allowed free time to explore the cities. As of right now, no detailed itinerary is available, but Dr. Taylor expects to receive one in a matter of days.

The purpose of this class is to open students up to the International Business world and also to make them aware of the world in which we live. It will also give firsthand field experience to business and possibly non-business students.

Batory feels as though the opportunity to travel abroad will provide the students with an opportunity to see the commonalities within the international marketplace and to better understand consumer behavior across the globe

"This environment is very global and we need to stop thinking of ourselves as just Americans, but as human beings," stated Batory.

The class is open to all students. Students who are majoring in international business, marketing, or even those of other disciplines who wish to use it as a free elective are all welcome to take the class.

According to Taylor, the student interest has been amazing so far. "We may have to limit the class and run it on a first come/first served basis," said Taylor. Students should also know that there is an extra cost. The cost of the trip is \$1,265, which covers airfare, hotel, breakfast and dinner every day, tours and admissions.

This class was offered a few years ago as well but on a smaller scale. Now it is being used as an important development in the new Jay S.

Sidhu School of Business and Leadership. One topic emphasized in this class, as well as the new business school overall, is the concept of globalization. The new business school has three goals: to develop internships both domestic and international, studying abroad, and international recruiting. This class is the first step in accomplishing the goal of globalization

Taylor is optimistic about the outcome of this class and hopes to offer it every year. She looks forward to traveling with the students and with Batory. Taylor invites all majors to take this class to enhance their awareness of international business. Students who are interested in this class can contact Taylor or Batory to fill out the necessary paperwork and to begin payments, the first of which is due on September 30.

Wilkes Undergrad Takes On State-Of-The-Art Internship

BY ELVIRA ILLIANO
Asst. Features Editor

If you think that internships can be boring and monotonous, then think again. One person who can prove you wrong is Wilkes's own Selena Bednarz.

Bednarz, a senior at Wilkes majoring in mathematics, participated in a very unique internship this past summer with Aberdeen Test Center in Aberdeen, Maryland. Aberdeen, also known as ATC, is part of Aberdeen Proving Ground and its main goal is to do "testing for military equipment and weapons," used by the Department of Defense, explained Bednarz.

While with ATC, Bednarz took on various responsibilities ranging from collecting test data to programming computers. "My title was Mathematical Aid and I worked with the data analysis team as part of ATC. What we would do was collect data from the test and do things on the computer like programming and generate plots and tables and put it into Excel tables and give it back to the directors," clarified Bednarz.

ATC was exactly what Bednarz was looking for. Not only did she put her future degree to good use, but she also discovered a potential career choice. "As a math major, most people are teachers or in education. I didn't want to go into teaching, so I wasn't sure what else was out there for me. This internship totally helped me to see that there are jobs out there," explained Bednarz.

Although Bednarz enthusiastically stated that she enjoyed her internship, she also said that it wasn't always easy. "I didn't realize how many different weapons and guns there are. We did maybe about ten different tests or something for ten different things. That was kind of the hardest thing: keeping things straight." She also added, "It probably took me a

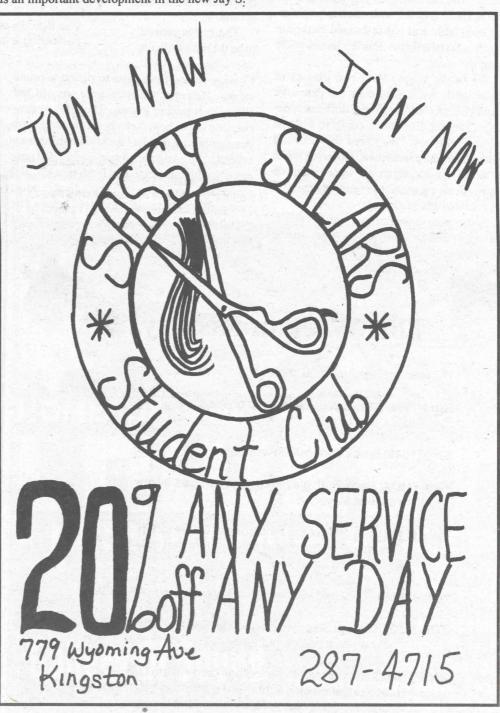
good part of the summer, maybe the first two months. It wasn't until the last month that I felt more comfortable."

Philip Ruthkosky, Wilkes University's Internship Program Coordinator, said that although each internship is different and its outcome is a result of what each student makes of it, Bednarz's internship was probably one of the most unique internships in which a Wilkes student has ever participated. "Not only did Selena have the opportunity to see math applications in the real-world and explore her career interests, but she also had a unique opportunity to work within a highly diverse and modernized testing facility, which exposed her to state of the art test procedures and instrumentation," explained Ruthkosky.

Ruthkosky wasn't the only one to believe her internship was unique. Bednarz herself believes in was an out-of-the-ordinary opportunity. "It was out of state and not many people from up here [Wilkes-Barre] go down there [Maryland]," said Bednarz.

"It was with the government, so I had to go through all of this paperwork and background checks. I had to get started in March to get all of my stuff in. I was very fortunate to get the internship."

Bednarz encouraged Wilkes students to experience the excitement of an internship. She does, however, offer some helpful advice. "Definitely start early. Try to a get contact inside. Keep in contact with them [company offering internship]. Keep e-mailing them and things like that." She also added that, although it is helpful to have a contact, it's not always enough. "My brother works at ATC and he was my contact so he helped me a lot. But there is only so much he can do as far as the hiring process. So once I found out who my supervisor would be I kept in touch with him. I went down for an interview then afterwards I kept [on top] of the situation. I definitely think that helps so they don't forget who you are."



Restaurant Review:

Billy G's: The Ultimate Pampering Experience

BY MONICA CARDENAS
Beacon Asst. Arts & Entertainment Editor

I don't know about all my fellow college students, but my car has never been valet parked. That is, until I visited Billy G's on Tuesday evening. As soon as I pulled into the parking garage, the pampering began...

Billy G's replaced Olives Mediterranean Cafe at the North River Street Courthouse Towers location (corner of North River and Pierce St. just a few blocks from campus) a few months ago, and while it is probably not in all students' budgets to visit regularly, it is certainly worth it on occasion.

Upon entering, my companion and I were immediately greeted and guided to our table. The restaurant is divided into two separate areas. The bar occupies one side, and the dining room is quiet, with candles brightening each table and old-fashioned European liquor advertisements framed handsomely upon the walls.

We began simply with two glasses of water while we looked over the extensive menu. Billy G's offers 15 very different appetizers, ranging from duck confit to smoked salmon Iollipops. We chose the crab and wild mushroom cheesecake. However, while awaiting our appetizer, we were treated to warm foccaccia bread, served with olive oil and roasted green peppers.

Just as soon as we finished with our bread, the appetizer arrived, served with grilled crostini. The cheesecake was blended to a spread that we eagerly placed on the bread. Delicious.

Our meals followed in perfect sync with our appetites. Just as we finished our appetizer, our soup and salad arrived. My friend ordered the cream of crab and asparagus soup; it was filling, but absolutely perfect. I ordered the fresh mozzarella and tomato salad. It was drizzled with a light vinagarette and accompanied by fresh greens.

The entrée proved to be the most difficult decision of all.

Choices ranged from pasta to risotto to prime steaks. However, we both chose one of Chef Billy G's signature dishes. These brave concoctions left us both curious after reading their descriptions. In the end I decided on the salmon braciola. The Atlantic salmon was stuffed generously with lump crab and fresh spinach, and presented beautifully with grilled vegetables, including asparagus, celery and red onion. The garlic mashed potatoes were spiraled and sprinkled with color, creating an aesthetically

free-range chicken. The chicken was mari-

My companion chose the pretzel coated

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beautiful dish.

nated in molasses-based barbecue sauce, dredged in ground pretzels, sautéed with a honey mustard sauce. The effect was wonderful-sweet and tangy with a bit of crunch.

Just when we thought we had finished, our dessert choices arrived. Our server pre-

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sented us with five very different options. I considered the cheesecake, but finally we both decided on the chocolate cake. However, this traditional dessert was far from ordinary. It was a small round portion, with a fudgy center, drizzled with chocolate syrup and served with a scoop of ice cream. The coffee came with many options; our server offered a tray with brown and white sugar cubes and real whipped cream.

Overall, everything was delectable. From the appetizer to coffee, nothing could have been better, including the service. Servers were very attentive and never left us waiting. Billy G's is certainly offering some muchneeded style and elegance to the area.

So if you are tired of little nuisances like putting your napkin on your lap yourself, or parking your car, Billy G's is the place to go. Without alcohol (although there was a tempting martini menu), our bill rounded out to about \$75. A little pricey for the average student, but it is definitely worth the treat. Certainly it is a consideration for an upscale Homecoming weekend, a very special date, or a way to say thanks to the folks when they come to visit.

Billy G's, at 216 North River St., Wilkes-Barre, opens at 5 p.m. for dinner. Reservations are suggested.

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This Week in History...

The week of September 22 through 28...in retrospect:

22nd- (1967) The Beatles appeared on the cover of *Time* magazine.

23rd-(1949) Bruce Springsteen was born.

24th- (1934) Babe Ruth played his last game as a New York Yankees player.

25th- (1492) The crew of the Pinta, one of Christopher Columbus' ships, mistakenly thought that they had spotted land.

26th- (1969) "The Brady Bunch" series premiered on ABC-TV.

27th- (1825) George Stephenson operated the first locomotive that hauled a passenger train.

28th- (1892) The first nighttime football game in the U.S. took place under electric lights. The game was between the Mansfield State Normal School and the Wyoming Seminary.





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From the Cutting Room: Pirates of the Caribbean

BY ALISON SHERRY Beacon Staff Writer

This movie recieves 4 1/2 flying W's and is rated PG-13.

Let's face it...we've all grown up with our beloved Disney movies. Many of us even own our own collections. But you know Disney is running out of ideas when

the execs start making movies about their own theme park rides! At first glance

glance you might be a bit skeptical. However, this comic adventure is well

worth seeing and worthy of the attention it received this summer. You may not be the type of person who is into pirate stories, but rest assured that "Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl" has everything from comedy to adventure. In fact, this 143-minute movie may only seem ten minutes long.

The story is set roughly around the mid-1700s and centers around the tomboyish and stubborn Governor's daughter, Elizabeth (played by Keira Knightley). She discovers a mysterious medallion as a young girl and keeps it close well into her adulthood, never really understanding its meaning.

After she is grown, the pirate, Barbossa (played by Geoffrey Rush) kidnaps the young woman because of the medallion which is an enchanted piece of gold that can save Barbossa and his swabbies from their "curse." However, the enchanted medallion actually belongs to Captain Jack Sparrow (played by the infamous Johnny Depp), a former rival. Together with Elizabeth's love interest, a swashbuckling childhood friend named Will

Turner (played by a very athletic Orlando Bloom), the two set out after Barbossa to rescue the Governor's daughter. What happens is a shocking edgeof-your-seat resolution that, much like the ride, almost makes you wish this adventure doesn't end!

This movie does a lot of things very well. First, there is enough storyline for several movies and any kind of viewer. For those who want the adventure, it's there. For those who want fabulous fight scenes, they're there. For those who want the love story, it's there. For those who love to feel the chill run down their spines at some point in a movie, it'll happen more than once. And for those who just want to see Johnny Depp pull off a completely new character exceptionally well, he is a marvel in this film.

Disney always has a way of shocking us...just when you think a movie just about one of the theme park rides and it will be a total bomb, it turns out to be one of the most acclaimed movies of the summer!

Tim Reynolds Dazzles Jazz Café Crowd

BYJEFF GELLER
Beacon Assistant A&E Editor

Tim Reynolds is fresh off a 21-week run of dates performing as one half of a duo with Dave Matthews.

Saturday, September 20, Reynolds

brought his solo acoustic/electric tour to the River Street Jazz Café in Wilkes-Barre and offered local fans a taste of why he favors the small, intimate venues. Ticket prices were \$12 for advance, and \$15 at the door.

Reynolds' show delved into

the conventional realm of finger picking folk and borderline electronica. Reynolds is the person who many just see as Dave Matthews's jam partner; however, those who were fortunate enough to see him live this weekend saw a wildly eclectic guitar virtuoso.

Reynolds captured the improvisational spirit, as he alternated between the recognizable upbeat plucking he displayed in his sole composition on the 1999 Dave Mathews collaboration *Live at Luther*

College, and the electric guitars and programmed beats he played every bit as well. Occasionally throughout the concert, Reynolds detoured down a wilder-sounding road, passionately contradicting the lucid calm of his hypnotic acoustic finger

picking, with which I am more familiar.

I am glad I was able to get to know the electronic side of Tim Reynolds in this two 50-minute set concert. Reynolds mixed an acoustic sound with a mellow electric guitar vibe, though mostly the electric kept me wanting more

acoustic finger jams.
Tim Reynolds



Acoustic/electric guitarist, Tim Reynolds.

was frankly amazing. The Jazz Café is a very small and intimate venue for a concert, something many could probably appreciate. The problem is not everyone is usually there to see the band; therefore, a lot of white noise is heard in the background, and at times it was hard to hear Reynolds from my vantage point. But all in all the Jazz Café offered a nice ambiance for me to have an enjoyable Saturday evening watching Tim Reynolds acoustic/electric guitar playing.



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Independent Film to be Produced in Wilkes-Barre

Local students encouraged to audition for parts

BY MONICA CARDENAS Beacon Asst. Arts & Entertainment Editor

Attention all aspiring actors and secretly aspiring actors: here is your big break. Deadroll, an upcoming independent film, is being produced right here in the Wilkes-Barre area. And the producers are seeking young, local talent to bring the characters in the script

Joel Fritzinger and Kim Schuetrum of WYOU/WBRE are part of the local team working to break into the independent film biz with the movie. Those involved with the project are just a few years out of college with broadcasting degrees and are very excited about the potential of the film.

Schuetrum will serve as Executive Producer and Fritzinger is Writer/Director of Deadroll. Others involved include Alan Brocavich, who serves as a director at WYOU with Fritzinger, and Wade Spencer, who has experience with a few independent films in which he served as Editor. Spencer will be director of photography and editor for Deadroll. While many of the people working on the film are employed at WYOU/ WBRE, the station is not directly involved.

Fritzinger explained,-"The film is about a young female television reporter who is trying to make a name for herself in a new city. When a big story happens, she tries to break the story and be in the spotlight but the experienced reporters and anchors won't let her do anything. There are also several sub-plots going, including a news director that has a gambling problem and a love of craps. (The

title Deadroll [has two meanings.] It is a group of four college-aged friends who broadcasting term, and also refers to the news director and his crap game). There is also a

stumble across something that gets them wrapped up with the police," he added. "We



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Kim Schuetrum and Joel Fritzinger are part of the team striving to break into the independent film business as producer and director of the up-coming film "Deadroll". would love to share more, but of course we don't want to give everything away."

Production for the film begins at the end of October, and should finish in March. Producers plan to submit the film to several local film festivals, and perhaps do a few screenings at local universities. "It may be a great way for aspiring actors to get noticed. The film is going to be a fun learning experience for all of us," said Fritzinger.

Auditions will be held on Saturday, September 28, from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at WVIA studios in Pittston. Men and women between the ages of 18 and mid 50's are encouraged to audition for lead and supporting roles. In addition, extras are needed and there is no experience nec-

"I believe this will be a great vehicle for actors to get their names out there, build their resumes, and maybe even get discovered. If nothing else, they'll learn what it's like to make an independent film, make some friends, and impress their friends and family by saying they were in a film," noted Schuetrum.

Currently, producers are scouting some locations in Wilkes-Barre and Scranton, including college dorm rooms and hallways, as well as college campuses for a few scenes.

Questions regarding the film should be directed to themovie02@yahoo.com.

Urban Legends: Music

BY MELISSAJURGENSEN

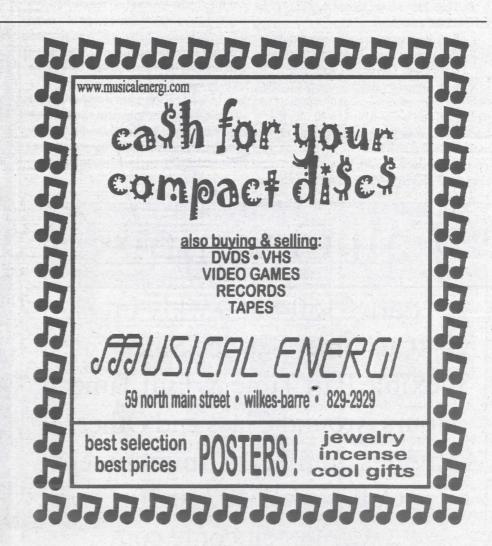
Beacon Arts & Entertainment Editor

Music has long held a significant role in our culture and has spawned several categories of related urban legends: tales about the music itself, the people who make it, the physical media on which it is recorded, and the packages that hold it.

Decide for youself whether these legends are factual of bogus:

- * Michael Jackson owns the rights to the Beatles' songs.
- * Elvis was told: "Stick to driving a truck, because you'll never make it as a
- Van Halen's standard performance contract contained a provision calling for them to be provided with a bowl of M&Ms, but with all the brown candies
- * The song "Happy Birthday" is still protected by copyright.
- * Ordered by a judge to hand over all the profits from his next album to his exwife as part of a divorce settlement, singer Marvin Gaye deliberately recorded a wretched album designed to sell poorly, which he
- ironically entitled "Here, My Dear." Michael Jackson's phone number can be found in the UPC code on his Thriller album.
- * Coloring the rims of CDs with a green marker improves their sound quality.
- * The maximum length of CDs was based on Beethoven's 9th symphony.





Today's Recipe: French Onion Soup



Dorm Room Dining

Every week you will find a new recipe that is simple enough to make in your dorm room yet scrumptious enough to satisfy any tastebud. So get out your pot and start cooking!

BY LORI G RAUSAM Beacon Staff Writer

This is a soul warming recipe that has been adapted from a classic recipe. Sometimes, the simplest things are the best.

Ingredients:

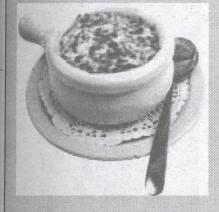
- 1 tsp unsalted stick margarine
- 1 onion, chopped
- 1 1/2 c. low-sodium beef broth
- 2 slices of French bread, and

1/3 shredded part-skim mozzarella

Directions:

- 1. Preheat the broiler.
- 2. In a medium sauce pan, melt the margarine.
- 3. Add the onion and cook, stirring as needed, until softened—about five minutes.
- 4. Add the broth; bring to a boil.

 Reduce the heat and simmer, uncove red, until the onion is very tender--a bout three minutes.
- 5. Place the toast in a soup bowl; pour soup over the toast.
- 6. Sprinkle with cheese and broil until the cheese is melted and lightly browned, about one minute. Serve immediately after.

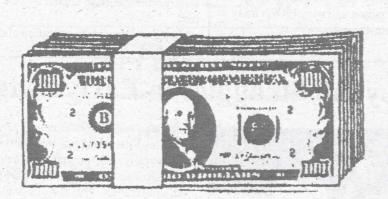


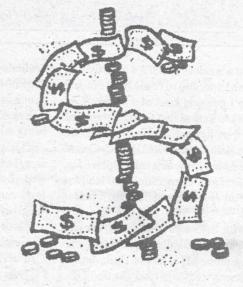
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Lady Colonels End Up Short In 2OT Against DelVal

BY STEVE KEMBLE Beacon Sports Editor

The Lady Colonel field hockey team (3-3) traveled down to Delaware Valley (3-2) on Saturday for its only game of the week after a six-day layoff, which proved to have some effect in the outcome.

The game ended up being Wilkes University's third double overtime game of the still young season. But the women came up short losing their first conference game 3-

With less than five minutes left Sara Astbury tied the game up for Delaware Valley off another assist from Donavan.

The game would remain tied at the end of regulation and into the second overtime period until Lindsay Higgins knocked in the game-wining goal with 4:02 left off an assist from Shannon Shivak for Del Val.

After the game, a frustrated Broxmeyer said, "We're not playing as we had in the

Delaware Valley was fast and aggressive, but they weren't very skilled. They were just fast and aggressive. They fought for everything, tooth and nail

Todd Broxmeyer Wilkes Head Field Hockey Coach

"We had a week off, so it's a long time to have a down time, and to come back out and be fired up I guess is kind of a problem, so we got to try to look at that for the future and not have that happen again," said Todd Broxmeyer, Wilkes Head Field Hockey Coach.

With 19:34 left in the first half, Alisha Cain, freshman forward, opened up a 1-0 lead for Wilkes off an assist from Erin Henry, junior

Then with 8:45 left in the half, Kristin Cottman of Delaware Valley knotted the game up at one a piece off a Jackie Donavan assist. The teams went into halftime tied 1-1.

The second half started out much the same as the first with Alisha Cain scoring an unassisted goal to put Wilkes up 2-1 with 15:11 left in regulation.

beginning of the season. Somehow we're getting out of control and not playing strong on the ball. We have a lot of things that need to be addressed and they're not being addressed, I guess, on my end.

"Delaware Valley was fast and aggressive, but they weren't very skilled. They were just fast and aggressive. They fought for everything, tooth and nail," added

Desiree Podrasky, senior goalkeeper, had eight saves for Wilkes while Missy Cannon had six saves for Delaware Valley.

Delaware Valley had a 15-7 advantage in penalty corners.

The Lady Colonels have their second conference game of the season on Thursday at Scranton and play on Saturday at home against Ramapo.

Loss Leads to Wins

BY KYLA CAMPBELL Beacon Staff Writer

Most people understand the importance of a quarterback to his football team or a point guard to her basketball team, but what about a center mid to a field hockey team?

Head coach Todd Broxmeyer realizes the importance, and he looked to junior Kortney Loss to fill that spot for Wilkes. "The center mid sets the pace for the team. They dictate the flow of the game," said Broxmeyer.

Loss, primarily a defensive player, was moved from the sweeper position to the center mid position following the Lady Colonels' first two games in which they only produced one goal.

Loss is third on the team in offielder for the field hockey fense with two goals and two assists. Not only did she score her first goal of the season after the switch, but she also motivated the entire offense.

The field hockey team was out-shot 59-10 in its first two games when Loss was at sweeper, and the team only managed seven penalty corners compared to their opponents' 35. Since Loss's move, the Lady Colonels have out-shot their opponents 78-51, earned an outstanding 66 penalty corners to their opponents' 33, and tallied 15 goals compared to the enemies' eight.

"We got the offense we needed out of it," said Broxmeyer. The change in offense helped Wilkes earn a 6-0 win over Albright, as well as a 3-2 win over Richard Stockton. Loss scored one goal and assisted on another in each of those

"Moving Kortney is one of the best moves we've made all year," added Broxmeyer. "She has great work ethic, watches videos, and constantly works to make herself and the team bet-

Loss, an elementary education and psychol-

ogy major, graduated from Mifflinburg High School, sharing her alma mater with teammate Erin Henry and former standout Kim Whipple. She has played hockey for years, but she is still getting used to the switch.

"I've always played defense-always. I've

never really had the opportunity to shoot on goal," said Loss. "I was apprehensive at first, and I'm still adjusting to it. It's hard to switch positions after playing sweeper and center back for so long. But, if it benefits the team, I'll do whatever I can.

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"Sometimes it seems more rewarding to score or be on offense because on defense you don't get as much credit," added Loss. "I'm not totally comfortable in the new position, but it's fun, and I

like to score.'

Kortney Loss, center mid

Approaching a new season in 2003, the team also welcomed a new coach. "It was frustrating in the beginning because he taught us to do everything from the basic dribbling and holding the stick in a different way than what we knew," said Loss. "Being a junior in college and playing a certain way since seventh grade made it hard to adjust, but we've all done well."

Loss is excited for the team to continue to progress throughout the season and have the opportunity to build on this season's success with consistent workouts in the off-

Broxmeyer feels that Loss can help the Lady Colonels in their efforts. "I feel that her play is at the leading level in the confer-

But, first, the Freedom Conference needs a front-runner, and Loss hopes Wilkes will fill that spot. Broxmeyer feels that Loss can



BY STEVE KEMBLE Beacon Sports Editor

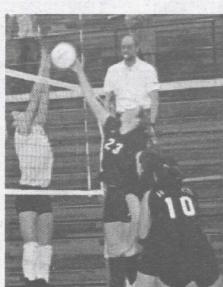
On Saturday the Lady Colonels volleyball team continued it's losing streak, which has now hit four games.

Wilkes (6-8) took the court at Susquehanna (3-4) and looked to reach the .500 mark for the season.

In the first game of the match the Lady Colonels fell short 19-30 and it didn't get any better from there. They lost the next two games 24-29 and 31-33, which gave Susquehanna the match and sent the Lady Colonels on a long trip back up to Wilkes-

Nicole Hahn, freshman setter, led Wilkes with 26 assists and 11 digs. Jeanine Barber, junior opp/setter, and Alicia Vieselmeyer, sophomore middle hitter, each led the Lady Colonels with nine kills.

Amber Brennan, senior defensive specialist, and Barber each added nine digs for Wilkes while Megan Riley, junior setter/out-



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Megan Riley, junior OH, tries to put the Lady Colonels on the board

side hitter, added eight kills.

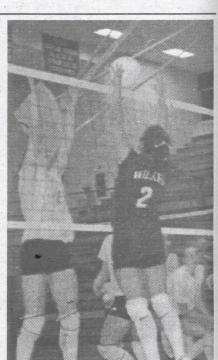
"They (Susquehanna) were hitting the ball on really sharp angles, tight to the net, ten foot line kind of stuff," said Scott VanValkenburgh, Wilkes volleyball head coach. "It took us a little while to get our defense to transition up tight enough to where they needed to be. We just didn't do it quick enough."

On Tuesday, the Lady Colonels charged into King's (8-4) and took on the Lady Monarchs, defending Freedom Conference

Wilkes fell to King's College in four games. The final scores were 30-22, 25-30, 30-15, and 30-15.

Hahn led the Lady Colonels with 29 assists while Brennan led Wilkes with 14 digs. Vieselmeyer led the Lady Colonels with ten

This week Wilkes tries to improve its record at home against Lincoln on Thursday and then at Rowan on Saturday.



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Kristin Pisani and a King's player battle at the top of the net during Tuesday's match

Wilkes Drops 29-13 Decision to MAC Rival Lycoming

BY WILL MIDGETT Beacon Assistant Sports Editor

The Wilkes football team trotted onto Ralston Field Saturday, fired up and ready to face their nemesis-Lycoming College. The Wilkes and Lycoming football rivalry is one of the most anticipated sporting events in Wilkes-Barre, and the match-up was the first home game of the season for the Colonels.

After the final horn sounded, however, Lycoming claimed bragging rights for another year winning the game 29-13.

Coming into the game ranked first in the MAC, Wilkes scored on the second drive of the game after a missed field goal during the first drive.

After the first Wilkes touchdown, however, Lycoming dominated for the rest of the game with an extremely stingy defense and multiple-

Lycoming got on the board early with a field goal at the 9:48 mark of the first quarter. After a missed field goal attempt by the Colonel's Dan Nilon, Lycoming took over on its own 24-yard line. On second and five, Mike Fox broke through the Warrior line and sacked quarterback Phil Mann. Fox forced a fumble on the sack that linebacker Steve Rogers recovered and ran back to the seven-yard line.

After two rushes by runningback Maleek Mills and quarterback Matt Kaskie, runningback Kyle Gallagher punched into the end zone from the 2-yard line on third and goal to put the Colonels up 7-3.

Wilkes struggled on offense all day after its first score. After breaking the school rushing record in week one against Albright, runningback Brett Trichilo was held to 102 yards on 28 carries.

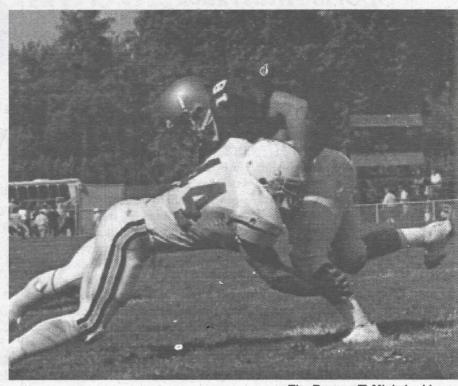
"They played strong on defense; there's no question about that," commented head coach Frank Sheptock. "They are aggressive, but they don't take a lot of chances."

Wilkes tallied only 119 yards on the ground, and 214 yards in total offense. "It felt like somebody tied me down and punched me," said Trichilo about the physical Lycoming defense. Trichilo only averaged 3.5 yards per carry, after averaging 9.7 yards per carry against Albright two weeks

Lycoming went on to score twice more in the first half. The Warriors scored on a field goal from the Wilkes 26 yard line at 13:00 in the second quarter, and again at the 11:27 mark when Mann ran in a touchdown from 27 out, advancing the Warriors to a 13-7 lead.

As for the Colonels' defense, it held Lycoming's offense to 307 total yards, and only 114 on the ground. Freshman linebacker Jason Mitkowski racked up 15 total tackles,

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Luke Sterling, sophomore linebacker, attempts to tackle Wilkes' Kyle Gallegher, junior runningback, during Saturday's MAC game at Ralston Field



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View from the Sidelines Sports Analysis

BY STEVE KEMBLE Beacon Sports Editor

Anyone who watches sports highlight shows or reads the sports section in any national paper has heard numerous updates on Maurice Clarett, former Heisman Trophy candidate and starting tailback for the Ohio State Buckeyes, and his eligibility status for this season. The bottom line: he can't participate in Ohio State's program this year.

ESPN's web site has posted Clarett's options for this year: first, he can stay with the Buckeyes and play next season; second he can transfer to another NCAA Division I school; third, he may transfer to a lower-division school; or finally, he can make a bid for the NFL.

The most controversial of those choices would be for Clarett to try the NFL, because the NFL has a rule that states a player is not eligible to be drafted until they have been out of high school for three years. Therefore, Clarett would not be able to enter the draft until 2005.

A lot of people seem to be having a problem lately with that NFL rule highlighted by Clarett's situation. No other major sport has a rule like that. Major League Baseball has 20-year-olds throwing heaters to players forty years of age, and we all saw King James get drafted into the NBA straight out of high school this year. So what's the deal with the NFL?

I'll tell you what it is: the people running the NFL are a lot smarter than the 18-20-year olds who think they could have a shot in pro football.

First of all, there is no way, no matter how much work you do in the weight room, that a kid barely out of his teens could be physically mature enough to take on the players who have years of experience in the NFL and years more weight training.

Imagine this: an athlete could work his butt off in high school and be in the best possible shape coming straight out of high school ready to go off to a D-I school on a full scholarship. Then, let's pretend the NFL has changed the rule. The athlete changes his mind, and heads instead for the draft only to be picked by the New York Giants, joining their inexperienced offensive line.

In that first season, that athlete may see some playing time, limited as it may be, until he faces that seven year all-pro linebacker who has a body 11 more years physically mature than our late teen athlete. The Giants' O-line folds like a letter and all of a sudden that opposing linebacker crushes our young athlete behind the line of scrimmage. It's no myth that the average NFL player has a career that lasts no more than 3-4 years.

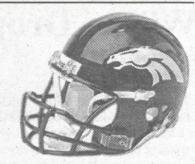
The second major thing that has people worried about Clarett challenging the rule and getting it changed in court would be the potential loss of really great players who remain in college before entering the draft early.

Well, to those worriers, I think college football is too big of a sport with such a great storied past that sees record attendances at campus stadiums broken every year. The history of the college or university's team is so much bigger than any individual player could ever make it.

Clarett is suspended from playing for the Buckeyes this season and was injured a lot of last season, yet Ohio State went on to win the title last season and has yet to miss him this season improving their win streak to 18 games on Sat-

So go ahead Clarett, try the NFL, and hey, break a leg.





Monday Night Matchup

Each week in this space Beacon Sports Editor, Stephen Kemble, and Assistant Sports Editor, Will Midgett, will wface off with their predictions (all based on careful analysis and brilliant sports insight, of course) for the outcome of the Monday Night Football match-up. Football fans should feel free to offer their own ideas using our Forum option at www.wilkesbeacon.com.

Steve Kemble

The Raiders (1-1) may be 4.5 point underdogs going into their Monday night game at Denver (2-0), but not in my book.

Rich Gannon, Oakland quarterback, had a horrible week against the Bengals last week completing just 13 of 28 passes with only 103 yards and no touchdowns. But I'm going to remind you that he was the league's MVP last year, and there is no way that he will post bad numbers like that in back to back weeks.

This game will be the Broncos' first true test of the season after facing the San Diego Chargers (0-2) and the Cincinnati Bengals (0-2) the first two weeks of the season. This game marks the first time the Broncos face a team that has a win.

As for the key injuries in the game, the Raiders will be without playmaker receiver Jerry Porter, but still have two future Hall of Famers to throw at in Jerry Rice and Tim Brown.

Jake Plummer, starting quarterback for the Broncos, is listed as questionable, but will probably play.

Look for the Raiders to finally put their poor performance in the Superbowl last year and two sub par outings this season behind them. Raiders win 31-24.

The Broncos-Raiders rivalry is always a good game to watch. This week two teams will set an NFL record for playing the most games on Monday Night Football (14 games since the existence of MNF). The two teams also have an even record on Monday nights at 6-6-1. Therefore, this week's game will be a great gridiron battle, but I have to pick the Broncos to come out on

The Broncos are currently 2-0, while the Raiders are 1-1. The Raiders lost a close game to a good Tennessee squad, but they barely survived the mighty Cincinnati Bengals 23-20.

The Broncos have a decent offense and Jake Plummer has been performing well. Plummer separated his shoulder against San Diego last week, but is expected to start tonight. Denver also has a good back up at the quarterback spot with seasoned veteran Steve Beuerlein. The Finally, the team rounds out with a tough defense, which has been molded by new defensive coordinator Larry Coyer.

The Raiders are known to have quite a hostile crowd in Oakland, but they will receive no warmth from the fans in Denver. Mile High Stadium will be rocking tonight, and I pick Denver to win 27-

Wilkes Suffers 8-1 Setback To Scranton

Courtesy of Sports Information



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The University of Scranton notched an 8-1 Freedom Conference women's tennis win over Wilkes University n

Wednes-

day afternoon on the Courts at Ralston Field. The win improves the Lady Royals to 4-2 overall and 1-0 in the conference, while Wilkes slips to 2-2 overall and 0-2 in conference play.

Wilkes got its only win at number-three singles from freshman Sara Ryder. Ryder

improved her singles record to 3-1 by topping Scranton's Laura Yeckley, 6-3,

Scranton's Maggie Leuzarder was the lone two-time winner in the match. She was a 6-1, 6-3, winner over Kelly Leach at first singles. She also teamed with Sheila Brodhead to post a 9-7 win at first doubles over Leach and Selena Bednarz.

SINGLES: Maggie Leuzarder (S) def. Kelly Leach, 6-1, 6-3; Ashlee Wydra (S) def. Selena Bednarz, 6-0, 6-1; Sara Ryder (W) def. Laura Yeckley, 6-3, 6-3; Karen Dilsizian (S) def. Kristin Kile, 6-3, 7-6 (11-9); Katie King (S) def. Rajitha Devadoss, 6-2, 6-4; Maria Scopelliti (S) def. Jill Zapotoski, 6-2, 6-1.

DOUBLES: Leuzarder/Sheila Brodhead (S) def. Leach/Bednarz, 9-7; Yeckley/Jessica Coty (S) def. Ryder/ Zapotoski, 8-2; Allison Hoffman/Jillian Federico (S) def. Kile/Devadoss, 8-6.

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and linebacker Steve Rogers had 8, two of them for a loss. Sophomore Thaddeus Shockley chipped in with six tackles and an interception in the second quarter.

"I was pleased with how our defense played. They created a lot of opportunities for us," says Sheptock. "Defensively we did enough things to put us in a position to win.

After the half, Lycoming scored three more times to clinch the game. The Warriors scored

67-yard pass to Brandon Johnson. Lycoming match up this Saturday at Ralston Field.



scored its final points on a 22-yard field goal at 5:14 in the fourth quarter.

Wilkes scored its only points of the second half when freshman Sean Sholtes caught an 8-yard touchdown pass delivered by sophomore quarterback Duran Porrino.

"We need to put this game behind us," said Kaskie. "We are going in the right direction, we just didn't snow it today.

Wilkes drops to 1-1 in the MAC and Lycoming ad-The Beacon/ T. Mick Jenkins vances to 2-0 in conference

play. The Colonel's next twice in the third quarter on a one-yard run and a game is against FDU-Florham, in a conference

Colonel Clipboard

Freedom Conference Standings as of 9/21/03

Field Hockey (overall records)
Drew 3-1-0

King's 5-2-0 Wilkes 3-2-0

FDU-Florham 3-3-0 Delaware Valley 2-2-0

Scranton 2-4-0 Manhattanville 1-2-0

Football
Lycoming 2 0 0

Susquehanna 2 0 0
Delaware Valley 1 0 0

King's 1 1 0 Widener 1 1 0

Wilkes 1 1 0 Juniata 1 1 0 Lebanon Valley 1 1 0

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FDU-Florham 2-1-0

Men's Soccer (overall records) Lycoming 6-1-0 Drew 4-1-1 DeSales 3-3-0 King's 2-4-0 Delaware Valley 2-4-0 Wilkes 2-5-0 Scranton 0-6-1

Women's Soccer (overall records)
Scranton 6-0-1
Drew 3-0-2
FDU-Florham 1-2-1
Wilkes 1-3-2
Delaware Valley 1-3-1
King's 2-5-0
Lycoming 1-3-0
DeSales 1-5-1

Women's Tennis
Drew 2-0
Lycoming 2-0
Scranton 2-0
FDU-Florham 0-1
King's 0-1
Wilkes 0-2
DeSales 0-2

Women's Volleyball Lycoming 1-0 King's 1-0 FDU-Florham 1-0 Scranton 0-1 DeSales 0-0 Wilkes 0-1 Delaware Valley 0-1

Athlete of the Week

Dominick Proctor: Men's Soccer

Dominick Proctor, freshman goalkeeper out of Wyoming Valley West High School, was unconscious last week for the Colonel soccer team.

In the first game of the week, against Baptist Bible, Proctor posted four saves to help lead Wilkes to victory.

He really stepped it up against

nationally ranked Drew in the Colonels second game of the week. Proctor held Drew scoreless through regulation and double overtime finishing with 16 saves including one penalty kick. With that performance he helped the Colonels to an impressive showing, in which neither team could find the back of the net.

Numbers Of the Week

Number of wins posted by Wilkes University's athletic teams last week

9 Number of events Wilkes University's athletic teams had last week

Number of saves in two games, by men's soccer goalie, Dominick Proctor

Total yards the Colonel football team was held to against Lycoming

Weekly Recap

Football (9/20) Lycoming 29 Wilkes 13

Men's Soccer
(9/17) Wilkes 3 Baptist Bible 2
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(9/20) Wilkes 0 Drew 0 (2ot)

Field Hockey (9/20) Delaware Valley 3 Wilkes 2 (2OT)

Women's Soccer (9/16) Kean 1 Wilkes 0 (9/20) Drew 2 Wilkes 0 Women's Tennis (9/17) Scranton 8 Wilkes 1

Women's Volleyball (9/16) King's 3 Wilkes 1 (9/20) Susquehanna 3 Wilkes 0

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Colonels Soccer Undefeated Last Week

Men's Soccer Topples Baptist Bible, and Holds off Nationally Ranked Drew

Courtesy of Sports Information

Mike Bridy scored on a penalty shot 4:23 into the first overtime session to lift Wilkes University to a 3-2 non-conference men's soccer win over Baptist Bible College Wednesday af-

ternoon

Ralston Field. The win improves the Colonels to 2-5 overall, while the Defenders suffer their first loss and fall to 5-1.

The Colonels were awarded the penalty shot after Steve Uhas broke in Baptist Bible goalkeeper !Josh Howard. After making a move to get around the goalkeeper, Howard reached out and upended Uhas. Howard was given a red card and was replaced in goal by John Bruckner. Bridy then slid a shot into the right side of the goal to end the contest.

Baptist Bible took a 1-0 lead at the 29:58 mark of the opening half when Josh Tovey



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scored off an assist from Brian Neisewender. Wilkes tied the contest at 1-1 at the 37:03 mark of the first stanza when Will Roy scored off assists from Mike Faneck and Ken Huelbig.

The Defenders forged in front again midway through the second period. Derek Jacobs scored the Baptist Bible goal at the 64:29 mark

from Calvin.Cutting to make it 2-

off

Faneck forced the game into overtime for the Colonels when he scored an unassisted goal with 6:29 remaining.

Wilkes held a

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kicks. Dominick Proctor stopped four shots in goal to pick up the win for Wilkes. Howard had nine saves in net for the Defenders.

On Saturday night, freshman goalkeeper Dominick Proctor came up with several key

saves, including a stop of a penalty shot late in the contest, to key Wilkes

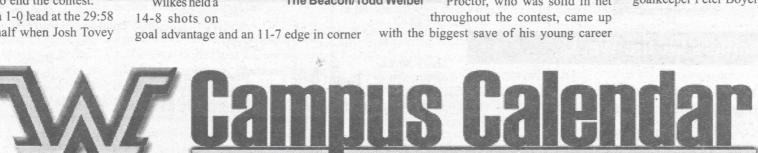
University's 0-0 double-overtime tie with nationally-ranked Drew University. The tie moves Wilkes to 2-5-1 overall and 0-0-1 in Freedom Conference play. Drew, which came into the contest ranked third in Division III, sees their record move to 6-1-2 overall and 0-0-1 in the con-

Proctor, who was solid in net

with just 4:15 remaining in regulation. Drew was awarded a penalty kick after an infraction in the box, but Proctor was able to stop the shot taken by Brian Dempsey to pre-

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serve the scoreless tie. Drew held a commanding 29-4 shots on goal advantage, while also gaining a 12-2 edge in corner kicks. Proctor finished the night with 16 saves for Wilkes, while Drew goalkeeper Peter Boyer had one save



TODAY(9/22)

Volleyball @ Misericordia 7 PM Women's Tennis @ Lycoming 7 PM

TUESDAY (9/23)

Commuter Council Meeting @ MSC Lounge, Henry Student Center 11:30 AM Women's Tennis @ FDU-Florham 4 PM Family Caregiver's Presentation @ Miller Conference Room, Henry Student Center 7 PM

WEDNESDAY(9/24)

Women's Soccer vs. Bible Baptist @ Ralston 4:00 PM Student Government Meeting@ Hiscox Stu-

dent Org. Suite 6 PM

THURSDAY(9/25

MSC Meeting @ Savitz Multicultural Room, Henry Student Center 11 AM Wilkes University Programming Board Meeting @ Hiscox Student Org. Suite 11:30

Commuter Council Social @ Conyingham Hall 11:30 AM

Men's Soccer @ Lycoming 4 PM Volleyball vs. Lincoln (a) Martz Gym 6 PN Field Hockey @ Univ. of Scranton 4PM

FRIDAY (9/26)

Pre-Med Day @ Henry Student Center Ballroom 8:30 AM Women's Tennis @ Lycoming 7 PM Movie Night @ Cinemark 7 PM

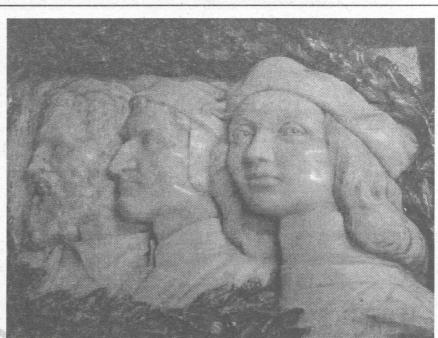
SATURDAY (9/27)

Habitat for Humanity Work @ Volunteer Services 8 AM

Volleyball @ Rowan 12 PM Women's Tennis @ Lebanon Valley 12 PM Men's Soccer @ Sesquehanna 12 PM Football vs. FDU-Florham @ Ralston 1 PM Field Hockey vs. Ramapo @ Ralston 1 PM Women's Soccer @ Sesquehanna 2:30 PM

SUNDAY (9/28)

Women's Tennis @ DeSales 1 PM



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