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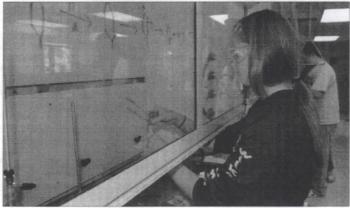
BY ANDREW SEAMAN Beacon Managing Editor

At the September meeting of the Wilkes University Board of Trustees it was decided to turn the focus of the capital campaign solely to the proposed Science, Health and Engineering (SHE) building.

Jay Sidhu, Chair of the Board of Trustees, said the decision came after hearing from various people within the Wilkes commu-

"After hearing from members of the board's campaign advisory committee, as well as science and pharmacy faculty, administrators, and the university's architect, the board determined the SHE building was critical to Wilkes's future and should be the primary focus of the campaign.," said Sidhu.

According to the September Board Report, "Mike Mahoney, chair of the Capital Campaign Advisory Committee, told the board his committee examined the original capital campaign planning materials and the mission, vision and values of the university, and concluded the success of the SHE



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A chemistry student works in what most faculty and staff argue is an outdated science lab. To meet the academic goals of strategic plan, Vision 2010, all Wilkes campaign proceeds will now go toward the construction of the SHE building.

building was critical." Mike Wood, Vice President for Advance-The Board Report also states that the SHE building is expected to carry a price tag of

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# Cindy McCain stop at Wilkes rallies Republicans

GINO TROIANI Beacon Op-Ed Editor

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Wilkes University opened its doors to Cindy McCain, wife of presidential hopeful Sen. John McCain, R-AZ, at the Arnaud C. Marts Sports and Conference Center last week.

State Representatives Karen Boback, Mario Scavello, and State Senator Lisa Baker offered endorsement speeches to an eager crowd of approximately 350 awaiting Mc-Cain's arrival.

The building erupted in applause while

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chanting "First Lady," as McCain made her way to the podium.

McCain assured voters that Pennsylvania is "...more than a swing state," and a key component in clinching the election. Her emphasis on the importance of Pennsylvania on November 4 resonated with what many pundits have argued is McCain's strategy to concentrate on the state in the final days. In fact, McCain and his wife have

the next week, including one in Pottsville this week. Cindy McCain did not comment much on the war in Iraq; however, she did speak of her three sons currently serving in the armed forces who represent the Army, Navy, and Marine Corps. "Let's bring them home in honor and victory," she added.

McCain emphasized that she was both enthusiastic and proud of her husband's selection of Governor Sarah Palin, R-AK, as his running mate.

"She is a reformer, a maverick...and a straight talker," she said.

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#### Youth voter awareness has many influences

BY AMY FUSCO Beacon Asst. News Editor

As the November election quickly approaches, for many, the question is not for whom to vote, but what. To paraphrase former President Bill Clinton, "It's the issues, stunid"

The U.S. Census Bureau's 2008 Statistical Abstract reveals voting-age populations and voter participation in recent presidential elections. Of the 11.9 million 18-20 year-old people, 28.4% voted in the 2000 election. In the 2004 election, 41.0% of 11.6 million people in the same age range voted. These statistics indicate a clear increase in voting among young people. In the 21-24 years old age bracket, 42.5% of 16.4 million people voted in the 2004 election. According to the U.S. Census Bureau statistics, as age increases, voter activity also increases. Historically, at least in the past two presidential elections, the youth vote has been the least influential demographic in the outcomes.

Dr. Kyle Kreider, assistant professor of political science, has noticed an increase in student concerns about the country's current issues during this election. He believes the increased awareness could be caused by the troubled economy, which has a major impact on student loans, financial aid, and families' ability to afford higher education.

"I hear more students talk about this election and more students want to talk about it in class," explained Kreider. "There is a heightened sense of awareness and a heightened interest in the voting process,"

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**BY CARLTON HOLMES** Beacon Editor-in-Chief

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Until then, the team continues

to further their research, and is

working hard to share their find-

Recently, Senator Arlen Specter

addressed concerns about blood

cancer clusters in Carbon, Lu-

zerne and Schuylkill counties. It

is reported that at least 33 cases

of polycythemia vera blood can-

cer have been confirmed. As a re-

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\$260,000 to study the cause at

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# Pennsylvania man claims to hold cure for cancer

BY GINO TROIANI Beacon Op-Ed Editor

According to the American Cancer Society (ACS), cancer is the nation's second leading cause of death behind heart disease. In 2007, cancer claimed the lives of approximately 559,615 Americans. Those numbers are expected to rise by the end of 2008.

Millions worldwide have felt the pain and suffering of various types of cancer. Thus, for years cancer researchers have actively sought a cure, but to no avail.

Ironically, a former businessman with no scientific background or even a college degree claims to be on the verge of solving one of the world's greatest medical mys-

Six years ago, John Kanzius, a former radio and television engineer and one time station owner from Erie Pennsylvania, was diagnosed with a rare form of terminal

After 36 rounds of chemotherapy throughout 2003 - 2004, Kanzius became determined to find his own cure. In an interview with CBS, Kanzius explained that his motivation came from seeing the children with little or no hope in the cancer ward. "I saw the smiles of youth and saw their spirits were broken. And you could see that they were sort of asking, 'Why can't they do something for

Inspiration struck Kanzius at 3 a.m. when he awoke with the idea that cancer cells could be targeted with a metallic injection, and heated with the help of radio waves. His first trials involved a hot dog.

and a self-made frequency generator. He injected the piece of meat with tiny metal particles, and then placed it in an energy field of radio frequencies. After just a few minutes, the metal began to rise in temperature. Kanzius felt he had had a strong theoretical four dation based on this, but

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With help of cancer researcher Stephen Curley of M.D. Anderson Cancer Center in Houston, the unlikely research team has been able to successfully target the cancer cells with metallic gold and carbon nanoparticles

The metallic nanopa ticles are specifically designed to seek out and bind to the cancer cells with the help of proteins, and are injected directly into the patient's blood stream. Once the nanoparticles have attached, a blast body. The process is called Radio from a radio frequency generator Frequency Therapy or RF Thera-

heats the metal and de-Currently, animal trials are stroys the cancerous cells without harming the being conducted at the University of Pittsburgh and in Curley's laboratory in Houston, and are reportedly producing "promising results." Researchers believe that RF therapy should be able

to target and eliminate all types of cancer without any negative effects to the body. According Curley, if all goes well, hutrials man

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sylvania, who was diagnosed and beat leukemia in 2003 with the help of chemotherapy commented, "I'm glad to hear that they are developing new alternatives beare expected sides chemo, I hope that it works, because I don't wish what I had to go through on anybody." two

Drexel University.

Bryan Najaka, junior biology major at Wilkes University added. "I think that everybody knows at least one person who has had cancer. It is about time that someone is trying something new.'

Time is slowly running out for John Kanzius because he still suffers from leukemia, and is currently undergoing chemotherapy treatments. His dream is to see his invention succeed in completely eliminating all types of cancer.

"I saw the smiles of youth and saw their spirits were broken. And you could see that they were sort of asking, 'Why can't they do something for me?" - John Kanzius

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and estimates done by Petra Carver on typical cost when it comes to lab space, classroom space, office space. She applied these formulas to these preliminary estimates on how it would be blocked out..."

Wood added, "When we began to look at what the projections were based on, what we needed to get done in a new building, a good shift in campaign focus was aimed at the fact that we were aiming at a new number. Therefore, it made the campaign advisory committee take another look at what our campaign focus should be."

"We believe that in the current environment we are going to have to focus the campaign on the SHE building because of its cost and its absolute centrality to the achievement of our academic goals in the strategic plan, Vision 2010," said Dr. Tim Gilmour, Wilkes University President. "The Board agrees with that, so we want to do this building in a way that really advances and supports our Science, Health and Engineering programs. The feeling was, whatever we were able to raise in the capital campaign should be devoted to the Science, Health and Engineering building," he added.

Reynold Verret, Wilkes University Provost, said, "I think what the Board also felt was that our infrastructure in the sciences

was very important for our going forward and remaining vivid as an institution."

As for securing the funding for the new building the report claims the university can finance \$10 million while securing another \$16 million from current funding commitments, leaving approximately \$32 million to be financed.

According to Wood, the funding would be a combination of corporation and individual gifts.

"We would look at businesses that wanted to partner with us to build portions of the building that could potentially be named in honor of that gifter," he said.

During these tough economic times Gilmour said that they are not sure if the funding goal would be obtainable.

"We are going to do our level best to raise as much as we possibly can. One of the other important elements of the Board's discussion was a very clear indication from the administration and from the board leadership that the Board was really going to have to step up to make this happen," said Gilmour.

Dr. Kenneth Klemow, professor of biology at Wilkes, underscoped the need for the SHE building at the September Board meeting by attributing the decline in enrollment in the sciences to "outdated facilities."

"There are actually several factors [attributed to the decline in enrollment], but from what we hear apparently some students,

come on board to campus, they are kind of put off by what they see...I haven't really heard that from anybody, but that is based on what the admission office tells us," said

According to Gilmour, the school hopes to start building by 2011.

In reference to the three year wait for the start of construction, Dr. Kenneth Klemow, professor of biology at Wilkes, said, "I think the sooner the



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The new SHE building, scheduled to open in 2011, will have more advanced, updated tools for science, health and engineering students.

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he added.

Kreider noted that a majority of young voters can articulate why they are a member of their selected political party. For example, if political science students were asked why they are a Democrat, many would cite the need for government intervention in the economy. Kreider expressed some surprise at the number of his students who filled out the voter registration form he provided.

"In general, many students are affiliated with a party, but I think they are affiliated with the party because it's the party their parents are affiliated with," said Kreider.

Katie Munchel, sophomore business administration, was previously one of those students who followed her parents' political lead.

"When I was a kid, I always thought more conservatively, but as I've grown up I don't necessarily think that way anymore," said Munchel. She noted that the area in which she grew up and members of her family are heavily Republican, which she believes influenced her personal views. "In college, you are exposed to more people and different ways of thinking. When you're in high school, you only see your parents view,"

she added.

Munchel is a registered Republican, but has developed some liberal views, which make voting this year a challenging exercise. While for the 2008 election, she will be voting for John McCain, she thinks "the two candidates aren't the best." She cited more confidence in McCain's plans for the war in Iraq and the economy as her reasons for supporting the Republican ticket.

Pat Nardone, senior theater major, is a registered Democrat who has gone against the views of his Republican family. He grew up listening to his parents' beliefs and eventually determined he did not really agree with them. In the first election he could vote, Nardone figured out the differences in the parties and decided to vote Democratic because overall, he liked the party's platform. He felt that the Republicans came off as elitist.

"Much of the presidential campaign is really powerful, motivational speech, so it sounds like they are sugar-coating everything. The public speaking is really nice, but it's hard to decipher what they are saying because of how powerfully they are saying it," Nardone explained. Nardone noted that he does not listen to every single detail of the campaigns, but tries to catch glimpses of it to make sure they are still on topic.

"I don't think people should [vote if they

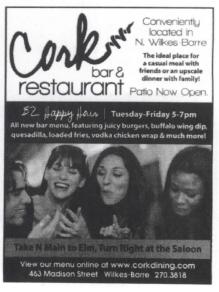
are uninformed]," said Nardone.

"American politics could change if college students and young Americans voted at higher rates. The politicians would be speaking more to the young population, not just focused on the 60 and older range," said Kreider.

Prior to voting in this election, his recommendation to students is to read a daily newspaper, watch many cable news outlets, review a few of the hundreds of websites, read the candidates' websites, visit YouTube for speeches, and listen to podcasts. He explained, "Information is out there and students should inform themselves because it is important to know what it is they are voting for."

"I am not completely informed, but I am not completely uninformed either," Munchel commented. Even if people are unaware of the stances on issues, Munchel believes they should vote because it is their right and responsibility. She noted that if people complain about what is currently happening in the nation, and do not voice their opinion through voting, then they do not have the right to complain.

"I don't think it's good for democracy or for the person to vote if they are completely ignorant of what the differences are. Voting for the person for their age, gender, or race... makes me nervous," commented Kreider.







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#### **NEWS**

# Philadelphia service gratifies student volunteers

BY KRISTEN KARPINSKI

On Saturday, October 18, six Wilkes University students traveled to Philadelphia to help repair playgrounds and a school as part of Philadelphia Cares Day. The student volunteer group, named Urban Plunge, annually devote a weekend to serve identified needs in Philadelphia.

Wilkes students joined thousands of volunteers from around the state to clean the Philadelphia neighborhoods.

Danielle Kern, AmeriCorps\* VISTA coordinator at Wilkes and trip leader said, "The students cleaned up the Deni Playground in Northeast Philadelphia with about eight other groups. The playground was really nice. It had new playground equipment, a lined basketball court with four hoops, and a huge field with a baseball diamond. They picked up trash, painted, swept, and raked.

Organizers aimed to encourage greater appreciation for the teamwork that helped make the Urban Plunge and Philadelphia Cares Day successful.

"We were cleaning the playground by the baseball field. I had to clean up a pile of glass that was in it. My friend came over to put it on the shovel. Once the glass went into the trash, I felt good. It felt like a weight was lifted off of my shoulders," said Adrienne Dorcent, a freshman nursing major and volunteer for the weekend.

Kern reflected on her expectations for the

also addressed

concerns regarding Sen.

Barack Obama, D-IL, and

his lack of experience. She

explained that America

needs an individual who is

...ready to hit the ground running, and doesn't need a learner's permit." She also added that the United States needs to " ... quit sending money overseas" for energy resources. Obama, who partially supports offshore drilling, has stated that he would be willing to compromise on his position if it were part of a more overarching strategy to lower energy costs. McCain added that her husband strongly supports

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trip and stated she "just want students to take in the culture of Philadelphia. I want them to see some of our public institutions up close and personal, granted the students aren't there, but being at Wilkes, we're very fortunate with our technology and the resources we have here on campus. I want them to have fun and I really want them to be able to reflect on the experience and know that the work that they have done is good work and that somebody will appreciate it."

"I would definitely consider going on the trip again next year," said Jasmine King, sophomore nursing major. "It was a great time and I met a lot of new people. It gave me a good feeling about myself and the work we did was very fulfilling."

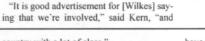
This is not the first year Wilkes has been involved with Philadelphia Cares Day and it will

In addition to the Philadelphia Members of Wilkes University's community service group Urban Plunge participated in Phil-Cares Day, Wilkes students have adelphia Cares Day on October 18. Left to Right: Jasmine King, Jennifer Jones, Adrienne Alternative Spring Break (ASB) Dorcent, Danielle Kern, Theresa Monaco, Cindy McCoy, Sarah Ehrhard and Nan Xu. during which they can get their

hands dirty and help others. The trips slated for spring break '09 include the Dominican Republic, where students will work at an orphanage and another to New Orleans

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have to work hard to take the state.

However, Obama is putting up a fight. Last Saturday kicked off Obama's "Road to Change Bus Tour" with Sen. Robert Casey, D-PA. Casey spent the weekend canvassing towns in Northeastern Penn-

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On Saturday, October 25, Wilkes students gathered around the Marts gym for Casino Night. Prizes of the night included gift baskets, Coach purses, a laptop and iPod products. Casino Night is a semester tradition hosted by Student Government.

SG Notes-October 22, 2008

BY DAVE LEWIS

Treasurer's Report

- All College - \$8,040.00 - General - \$3,241.31

Special Projects - \$2,095.56 Spirit - \$1,000.00 - Leadership - \$3,749.59

Conferences \$12,175.00 - Start-up - \$900.00

Club Reports

- Programming Board

New Business:

- USA Today- The Collegiate Readership Program wants to give Wilkes the opportunity to purchase USA Today and other newspapers at a reduced rate.

Commuter Council & Renaissance Club Fund Request- Motion passed for up to \$400 to host "Halloweekend" October 30 and 31 from 8:00 p.m to 10:00 p.m. - Wilkes-Barre area Christmas parade

Saturday, November 22- Student Govern-

ment members will participate

Old Business:

- Center for Global Diversity - Appointment of Parliamentarian (John

- Nomination for Recording Secretary (Katie Munchel) - Acceptance of Positions

- BACCHUS Fund Request - REACH Club Recogni-- Nursing Student Orga-

nization Fund Request - Member of the Month (Katie Munchel)

**Events:** 

Texas Hold'em October 23 Casino Night Saturday, October 25

SG meetings are open to all students. They are held every Wednesday at 6 o'clock in the Miller Conference room on the second floor of the HSC.

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• This Wednesday we have Allen Rosenbuam live at 6:30pm



 Halloween Night Live Music with "Jinko Latour" at 7:30pm

• This Saturday author signing with Cecilia Galante author of "Patron Saint of a Butterfly" and "Hershey Herself" from 1:00-4:00pm





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# Beacon endorses Presidential/Congressional candidates

BY THE BEACON EDITORIAL BOARD

The New York Times recently reported that between 1990 and 2002. United States Supreme Court decisions were referenced about a dozen times a year in the decisions of the Canadian Supreme Court. However, since

2002, the number of decisions citing the American court diminished by half. Australia and several other countries followed have suit.

This can easily be attributed to waning international

respect for America. The public face of the United States abroad, thanks to the George W. Bush administration is pock-marked with lies, an unjust war, lack of respect for others, unbridled lust for power and unending greed.

On November 4, Americans have a choice to make, and without a doubt it is one of the most important in recent history. Making a choice between Sen. John McCain, R-AZ, and Sen. Barack Obama, D-IL, is like a trip down a bumpy dirt road. One candidate will ask us to grin and bear the bumpy ride, promsing that it will smooth eventually, while the other candidate will try and give us the tools to pave that road.

The Beacon staff believes that Sen. Barack Obama is the candidate who will give us the tools to pave that road; therefore, we endorse his candidacy for Presi-

One of Obama's most important ideas is his economic plan. His plan for creating "green jobs" is forward-thinking and keeps the middle class in mind, as does his tax policy. Small businesses are ties in Mexico. helped by the cuts he proposes, while large corporations will have to ante up--something sorely lacking in the past eight years and also

in McCain's plan. Obama offers the most comprehensive and complete plan for addressing the needs of the middle and lower classes and fixing the economic crisis, while McCain's plan still seems vague. In spite of McCain's

chumminess with "Joe the Plumber," most average Joes will not benefit from his plan in the long run.

Obama's stance on Iraq is also in keeping with where we need to go as a country. Obama promises to withdraw most of our troops from Iraq within 16 months of taking the oath of office. This is in the best interests of the United States. Iraq and the world. It is time for Iragis to assume control of their country and even members of the Iraqi government have told the world that they are ready. Mc-Cain's plan would keep Americans entrenched in a directionless war begun five years, 4,187 American lives, and over \$500 billion ago. Withdrawing American forces and supporting Iraq's new government politically we will also strengthen international relationships.

Another way to improve our relationships abroad is to reconsider the way we deal with immigration. Walls, like those being built around our borders, are not the most effective means to control who enters the United States. Obama has offered a proactive plan to help keep citizens from entering the United States illegally by creating economic opportuni-

As for creating jobs at home, Obama has argued he will emphasize renweable, sustainable energy sources and also tax those companies who move jobs overseas. McCain has also championed an energy plan; however his slogan "drill baby, drill" is nothing more than a bandage on one of America's deepest wounds. By drilling more America would not only put the environment at risk, but also push off the priority of energy independence to other areas

The beliefs articulated above also guide our choice for the 11th Congressional race. Rep. Paul Kanjorksi, D-PA, has served this district since 1984, and Northeast Pennsylvania has experienced much growth and development

thanks to his leadership Thus, we believe that he would bring the most to the 11th district with another term. While we endorse Kanjorski, the staff does so with the caveat we are disappointed with some of his stances and his campaign.

ample, we Rep. Paul Kanjorski, D-PA oppose Kanjorski's stance on immigration. According to his website, Kanjorski says that he "has long been a

supporter of making English the official language of the United States government because the use of English as a common language remains vital to our nation's prosperity." This is simply not the case. According to the 2000 United States Census almost 20% of the nation spoke another language. Kanjorski expects the nation to prosper while cutting out a substantial part of the conversa-

On the Statue of Liberty we ask

the world to give us their "tired, poor and huddled masses yearning to breathe free." But by making English the official language we would have to engrave a postscript, "but only if you speak Eng-

These reasons are also why we cannot endorse Hazleton Mayor Lou Barletta. We believe that he has created a witch-hunt like atmosphere in Northeastern Pennsylvania with his crusade against illegal immigrants. His cause has transcended his original purpose and has created incredible stress and anxiety for legal immigrants who are targeted because of their

Kanjorski is our choice in this election; however, this is manly due to his seniority in Con-

gress. We would feel better about this endorsement if we had seen or heard more from him throughout this election season. Nevertheless, we

have based our choices on who we think will guide the United States through these rough patches and once again reclaim

our place as a diplomatic and eco-

nomic beacon. Our decisions were not made in haste and included all members of the staff. The endorsements are the result of two months of conversations, presentations and dis-

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### **Talking** Points



We feel that both Barack Obama and Paul Kanjorski are better suited for positions in office than their opponents.



Obama's stance on both the war and his economic plan are key factors in our reasoning for endorsement.



Although we do not fully agree with Kanjorski on all issues, we feel that because of his experience and seniority, he possesses the ability to provide a better service for the people than Barletta.



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### The Angry Rant: Election Time

Beacon Staff Writer

The election is a joke. And not just because it rhymes with "erection." But enough

boners, let's get serious.

This is one of the most important elections of our young lifetimes, but that doesn't stop it from being and absolute cluster-screw of mudslinging, pandering and hot vice-presidential candidates (I'm looking at you, Joe Biden.)

If anything, the state of the American presidential race is degrading before our

So I intend to fix it, Angry Rant style.

First, let's change the system of the primaries. There is no reason that the semi-finals of the election shouldn't be held in the exact same format of the election itself. The entire country votes on one day. They don't mix things up for the playoffs in football, do they? No! Everything stays the same, the process is repeated, and it works.

lowa is a great state, I guess, but is there any reason that they are first out of the gate when it comes to picking the presidential candidates? Other than being the birthplace of John Wayne, what has Iowa done to deserve that honor? More often than not, the great state of Pennsylvania hardly ever has a say in who wins the nominations for the parties because it happens well after the races are usually decided.

This yer notwithstanding, the staggered years. You know what primary takes the power out of citizens' hands if they live in states that vote later. which gives them zero motivation to vote in the primary if the race has already been decided. By having all the primaries on the same day, it gives more incentive to vote in April where they could have a real impact, therefore potentially giving them more incentive to vote in November. If more people are involved in the process during part one, odds are more people will be involved in the process during part two. Makes sense, right?

Second, let's solve the energy problem. Everyone wants it, and it's up to us to make our own so that we can become more independent.

Let's get there and get s o m e

nuclear power plants built. The stupid hippies didn't want it in the 70s, so now we are stuck. Of course, I don't know why anyone bothered to listen to their protests, as hippies are, by their very nature uneducated, because institutions of higher education are an extension of The Man, and as you know. The Man is the natural enemy of the hippie. Much like cats and dogs. Or a fat guy and

Of course, I can't blame them for being scared of nuclear power after the goings-on at Chernobyl, which was caused by human error, by the way. Of course, what do you expect from a country whose biggest export

Nuclear power plants would create jobs while making us more and more energy independent, so that other forms of fuel (such as coal) can be limited due to the environment or clean air or some stupid crap that I hear people talking about. Yes, it's dangerous, but guess what, so is traveling by car, but people still do that on a daily basis. Nuclear power will create jobs, create energy, and more importantly, it could result in a calamitous accident that would result in the birth of a superhero. And that would

Speaking of energy, let's talk about oil. Some experts say that we don't have any oil. Other experts say that we have enough oil to power this country for another 1,000 let's go for it. If there is oil there, awesome. If not, who cares, let's dig somewhere else. Now, let's move onto some lighter fare...

Can we put a stop to celebrity endorse- didates. ments? It's great that they want to use their star power to make a difference, but how many people are going to vote a certain way because their favorite celebrity is voting that same way?

supports Barack? Holy crap! I have to get in on this!"

took time out of his busy schedule of breaking necks and roundhousing terrorists, but I don't care if you like Mike Huckabee. Emmy, do you? Of course not!

Celebrities, keep your mouths shut. Act, dance, sing, date Lindsay Lohan, whatever. Stay out of politics. It's great when a wellinformed person like Matt Damon wants to there are a thousand Avril Lavignes.

Can the candidates also stop mudslinging? Isn't the goal to make yourself look good, and not to make your opponent look bad? I'm not a fan of the mudslinging, either. People act as if though it's a necessary evil, but I fear that one day it's going to go

We've arrived at the point where we can And she ruined her brand new dress, and drill without harming the environment, so she got in trouble and wasn't allowed to have dessert that night. A vote for John Mc-Cain is a vote for desserts.

And finally, let's take a look at the can-

Barack Obama: Yes, the man can string together a sentence and he can pull a crowd, which is a nice change from having a president for eight years who looked as comfortable as Paris Hilton when she isn't making "Wait, you mean the star of Gossip Girl a sex tape, but still. The man has been in public office for something like four years. Come on, there have been cast members on And really, it's great that Chuck Norris the "Real World/Road Rules" challenges with longer tenure.

John McCain: He's a maverick, a war hero and a smart man. And he would make You don't see Bill Clinton walking around a great president... 8 years ago. Let's face it, stumping for Alec Baldwin to win another McCain has been reeled in by the Republican publicity machine, effectively reducing his maverick-ocity and ballsiness.

And another thing, McCain is 72 years old. I know it seems like I like to take pot shots at the elderly, but that might be a touch get involved, but for every Matt Damon, too old to be in charge of the free world. Also, the next person in line, Sarah Palin, is woefully inexperienced, even if she is easy on the eyes.

(And let's face facts; good-looking girls who are successful didn't get to where they are because of their brains. Just look at Kim Bassinger. She can stop traffic, but come too far: "When he was 8 years old, Barack on; she bought a town in Georgia for \$20 Obama pushed a girl into million shortly before she went bankrupt. I didn't make that up. For more examples,

look at any of the girls on "The Hills".)

You know what, I have better idea to fix the election: Madden football. At the end

of the day, America is still awesome and it still rests firmly atop the standings of "Greatest Country Ever." Even if this whole election thing doesn't get figured out, I think we'll be okay.

It could be worse. Dane Cook could be president... of unfunny jokes!

Happy Voting.





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BY GINO TROIANI Beacon Op-Ed Editor

In 1940, Dr. Basil Luyet published his work called "Life and Death at Low Temperatures" on cryobiology and his experimentation on freezing living cells. Many of the organisms that Luyet did research on were damaged beyond repair, but in some cases he was able to successfully restore normal functioning after re-warming the organisms

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His research paved the way for what was to come in 1964 when the term "cryonics" was coined by American physics professor, Robert Ettinger. His book, The Prospect of Immortality, promoted the idea that one day a chilled person would be able to be resurrected from a deep freeze induced coma. His ideas generated buzz amongst both the medical community and the general public, but many scientists distanced themselves from his work throughout the years in fear of losing credibility. As a direct result, very little research in the area of cryonics was funded after that time.

It was not until 1984, when a man by the name of Michael Darwin worked alongside UCLA cardiothoracic researcher Jerry Leaf that any major breakthroughs occurred. Together they were able to chill dogs to a couple degrees above freezing, replace their blood with a substitute, and monitor them for up to three hours with no measurable signs of life. Many

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of the dogs were successfully retrieved, and donated to the public as pets. Thus, Darwin and Leaf's fundamental techniques helped pave the way and are still used in modern cryonics.

Because of Darwin and Leaf's research, the study of cryonics experienced significant growth in the 1980s and 1990s.

By 1993, there were four wellestablished groups offering cryonic services: Alcore, in Southern California; Robert Ettinger's Cryonics Institute, in Michigan; The American Cryonics Society, and Trans Time Cooperation, both in



An Alcor freezing chamber is used to suspend and chill the body to sub zero temperatures to prevent dekay.

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Today, there are a handful of cryonics facilities located worldwide. Although they continue to grow, mainstream support has yet to

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How cryonics works

The whole purpose of cryonics is to prevent decay of the body by chilling it to sub zero temperatures. This is only possible if all chemical processes are halted, which requires a temperature below liquid nitrogen. (Around 63K or - 346F) Because cryonics is currently irreversible, the United States only permits the procedure to be performed on patients who are pronounced "le-

gally dead. Once dead, an emergency response team springs into action. First the body is stabilized, and then packed in ice. The body also receives an injection of heparin (an anticoagulant) to prevent the blood from clotting. Once arrival at the cryonics facility, the freezing process begins. A cryonics team works to remove all of the water from the patient's cells, and replaces it with cryoprotectant, which is basically a human anti-freeze. The reason being is that when water is lowered to the temperature of liquid nitrogen, it will expand and destroy the body. The cryoprotectant helps the "vertification" (deep cooling without freezing) process, which enables suspended animation. Once the

Hall of Fame baseball player Ted Williams was placed in cryonic suspension after his death

four hour procedure is completed. the body is then placed on a block of dry ice until it reaches - 202F, completing the vertification process. The final step includes placing the body head down into a large metal tank filled with liquid nitrogen. The body is stored upside down because if there were ever a leak in the tank, the head would stay submerged, protecting the brain. A typical tank can hold up to four bodies, or six heads.

#### Is cryonics only for the rich?

Pretty much. First, most facilities require that you become a member first, and pay annual dues (around \$400). If you're looking to have your whole body put into suspended animation, Alcor charges a minimum of \$150,000, and an additional annual cost of \$518 to maintain the body. Alcor will also perform a neuropreservation procedure. (which means just the head) for a minimum of \$80,000.

Currently scientists worldwide are working to find a way to reverse the effects of deep cooling, but have had no major successes.

Doesn't it seem a little silly to chill a person that is already pronounced dead? I understand that such research may one day be valuable to mankind, but I've come to accept that death is a part of life. You're born, you leave your mark, and you die. In the end it was a good run. Carpe Diem!

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#### Political Halloween costumes mask wearers' intentions

BY CHRISTA SGOBBA Beacon Lifestyles Editor

As the election draws closer, Americans are sticking signs in their lawns, slapping bumper stickers on their cars, and pinning buttons on their clothes to show their support for their candidate.

For the avid supporter, signs and slogans may not always suffice. Looking for a more personal canvas for expression, many fans are pulling on masks of their favorite candidate to take on their persona for Hallow-

But are these masks solely used for support, or can they be used to poke fun as

Halloween costumes have always been influenced by the pop culture of the day. Popular children's costumes reflect the top Disney movies or toys of the year, while trendy adult costumes often bank on celebrities in the news. And because this is an election year, political candidates are taking on the prominence of celebrities, especially in regard to the inspiration of Halloween

Melissa Mead, an assistant manager at Party City in Wilkes-Barre, believes that the almost constant media coverage of the candidates contributes to the popularity of politically-inspired costumes.

"I think that this being an election year has a lot of influence," she said. "The [sales are] much better than in prior years, and since Halloween is only a few days before Election Day, the timing couldn't be better."

Junior biochemistry major Jason Woloski, who is also president of the Campus Democrats, agrees that the coverage of the election contributes to the popularity of such costumes. He believes that the closeness of the primary elections between Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama earlier in the year piqued the interest of the people.

In years where the primaries seem to be decided after the first few states, the interest of the public tends to die down until fall approaches," he said, "I think the negativity associated with this presidential campaign is also contributing to the larger coverage. There

is a lot of 'he said, she said' going on in counts the masks of Obama as the quickest both parties, and of course this news always makes for good television."

Party City, which offers hundreds of Halloween costumes of all different types, dedicated a special section to political costumes this season. The display contained masks of current politicians and full costumes of historical figures like Ben Franklin and Abraham Lincoln.

The store has sold masks of most of the current players in the election, though officials acknowledged they were unable to receive masks of Democratic vice-presidential candidate Joe Biden.

Masks range from \$14.99 to \$19.99. Mead counts masks of candidates in the current Presidential race as some of the top sellers for the store.

"Right now, we're out of stock of Obama, Palin, McCain, the Clintons, and George Bush," Mead said. "The sales have been different this year, a lot higher. Other years we sold out too, but not until later in the

Additionally, in previous years, the store would be able to reorder the masks, but this year, Mead noted that the Wilkes-Barre store is unable to do so

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try to find couple or groups costume ideas. "Over the

vears, a lot of couples would do the Hillary and Bill. she said. "And now this year, there's a lot of couples going as McCain

and Sarah Palin.

For students who want to dress as their favorite politician, a little creativity is needed to look the full part, since only the mask is sold for the costume

In order to take on the persona of the politician, Mead suggests buying the mask and finishing it off with a simple politician suit that reflects how that person dresses.

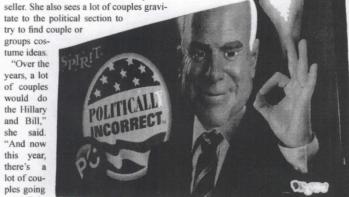
You can go to a department store and pick up a dress suit like Sarah Palin, or a button-down shirt with khakis and a tie for Obama," she suggested. Woloski took that advice a few years ago when he dressed up as

Bill Clinton. He bought a Clinton mask and wore a simple suit to go with it. "It was a lot of fun," he said "A lot of people were asking where

Monica was. With the tongue-in-cheek nature of political masks-many include maniacal grins or caricature-like features--the question arises whether people are choosing these cos-

> tumes solely to support a candidate, or if a little mockery may be at the root

Sophomore accounting major Ken- Halloween. ny Law-



The Beacon/Bethany son, who

noticed the popularity of political masks in stores and online this year, sees this kind of costume as more mocking than supporting.

"I think they're meant to be funny," he said. "I think it would be supportive if it wasn't some ridiculous costume with the face obscured."

In her observation of customers in Party City, Mead believes that people purchase the masks for a combination of humor and

"I see a lot of people come in, notice the masks, and just buy one. You'll see customers laughing in the aisles as they try them on," she said. "But at the same time, I don't think if they were really against a candidate, they'd want to wear his mask.'

Woloski believes that political masks can be used for humor, but also points out that he would not dress up for a politician that he didn't support.

"I think especially in presidential election years, dressing up as one of the candidates is a fun and easy costume," he said. "I can foresee many 'hockey moms' dressing as Palin this year, walking around saying they can see Russia from their house.

For students who just need to have that last-minute politician mask for Halloween. online sellers like Politicalmasks.com and Costumecraze.com offer expedited shipping so shoppers can receive their orders by





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# Student balances questions of life while on unicycle

BY LEEANN SEARFOSS Beacon Asst. Lifestyles Editor

There are a few existential questions that have confounded humanity since the dawn of time. Asking ourselves "why are we here" and "what's the meaning of life," can stop even the brightest of us in our tracks.

For Kenneth Stucker, a sophomore literature and philosophy major, those questions are just a typical Friday night. And he tries to answers them all while riding his unicycle and wearing his trademark bowler.

Stucker has quickly assimilated to the Wilkes culture and added a new visual element to it riding up and down the Market Street bridge and River Street on his unicycle. He may seem just like a kid who likes to ride a one-wheeler, but there is so much more behind the student in the bowler cap.

Sarah Walker, a sophomore nursing major, went to high school with Stucker and describes him as a breath of fresh air.

"He's really down to earth, and fun to be around," said Walker. "He's the kind of guy that brightens your day."

Stucker, originally from Western Wayne

High School, set out on his college journey at Valley Forge Christian College.

After some personal philosophical struggles, Stucker chose to leave Valley Forge Christian College to take up academic residence at Wilkes University

"I wanted to look at the even bigger existential questions like 'what's the significance?' or 'why are

Stucker. Stucker acknowledges he spent a large portion of his

we here?" explained

childhood trying to find answers to confounding questions. "I was always that little annoying kid who asked 'why?' Stucker said. He allowed litera-

ture from a very early age to influence his thoughts and emotions towards life. While Stucker believes non-fiction

literature was most influential in his formative years, he also took cues from fiction books as well. "I am an avid reader. There are lots of books that have influenced me. even back when I was much younger," said Stucker.

Stucker changed majors once he came to Wilkes University. He is currently a lit-

erature major, but will be adding philosophy next semester. Being new to the serious study of literature, Stucker believes he has a lot to learn. According to Stucker, everything stems from his love of philosophy.

"I actually did this kind of backwards. I declared literature as my major, while my passion for literature comes from my passion for philosophy, Stucker said.

He spends free time looking into what human nature really is. He believes his love of philosophy and drive to figure out life's burning questions has to be propelled on more than 'I want to write a book someday'," according to Stucker.

"Aside from trying to stay sane, I am really interested in the existential questions." said Stucker. Stucker's post-undergraduate plans include obtaining his Doctorate in Philosophy and being able to teach.

"Teaching others is a worthwhile goal. It's a good degree to apply and to become proactive," he said.

So, he spends his time taking on questions that have stumped individuals like Aritstotle and Plato; but what about the unicycle?

"It was a bet of a friend of mine that I couldn't learn to ride it in two weeks. Let's just say, he lost," said Stucker. And now it's become is primary mode of transportation to and from campus.

Stucker believes his unicycle brightens peoples' days just by seeing him ride down River Street.

Whether he answers life's questions or not, Stucker hopes to leave a small mark on others.

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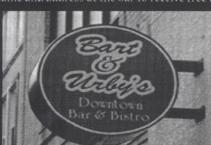
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# Alcohol Awareness Week sheds light on issues of abuse

BETHANY YAMRICK \*

A smashed car strewn like a forgotten toy on the Wilkes campus across from Kirby Hall offers a haunting reminder of the harmful consequences of alohol abuse on college

Imparting knowledge and awareness for the dangers of underage alcohol use is one of the main goals of Alcohol Awareness Week, a nationally recognized event held annually every third week of October. Like many other schools across the nation, Wilkes has been involved in this week-long fight for awareness for many years.

"The main [focuses are] to educate the students, staff, and faculty on the dangers of alcohol consumption, provide for alcohol education, and make the Wilkes community aware of the resources available...." said Gail Holby, the coordinator of Health and Wellness. "As with all universities there is always an issue with alcohol. We strive to educate the Wilkes community to the dangers [of excessive alcohol abuse] and to be more responsible for their actions.

One of the events on October 22 was a presentation, held in room 101 of the Stark Learning Center, on drugs and alcohol that aimed to educate the audience on the risks and consequences of their abuse. The first presenter was Mike Rutkowski, an area law enforcement officer.

He said that at Wilkes, King's and the University of Scranton police have annually cited an average of 300 students, arrested 72 for underage drinking, and made 21 arrests for specifically giving alcohol to minors. These offenses go on the students' permanent record and can never be wiped

clean. Most of the arrests are freshmen and sophomores.

The first drunken driving offense includes a \$420 fine and a 90-day license suspension. The penalty for a second offense would entail losing one's driver's license for 15 months. Furthermore, because of the state's zero-tolerance policy, there is no question as to whether the student will have his or her license revoked. This is a special crime in which if a student is arrested and convicted. the borough must inform student's school. It is likely that in addition to the penalties students suffer from the legal standpoint, he or she will also have to deal with punishments at their school.

For students who use a fake ID, the fine is raised to an extra \$800 and the students' ID will be kept on file. Rutkowski passed around a binder with some examples of laughably-obvious fake IDs. When carrying a fake ID, the offense is also put into the permanent record and students are fined an extra \$300.

However, for the second offense, students will be fined an \$800 on top of everything. Additionally, students will be finger-printed, photographed, and may be asked to attend an ARD program—such as Alcoholics Anonymous. Also, they can no longer get a job which requires you to get a state license or anything involving state certification, such as a teaching license.

The next presentation was given by DEA task force officer Joseph Coffay. According to Coffay, drugs are on the rise in the Wilkes-Barre area. Any drug offense is automatically a misdemeanor and is put on the permanent record. He said that they are being brought in mainly from the New York City area, as well as from New Jersey and Philadelphia.

He offered images of massive amounts of marijuana that have been brought in, talked



Students stop in Breiseth Hall to take a look at memorials honoring those who lost their lives in alcohol-related events.

about the history of cocaine, and showed duction of the drug. some rather disturbing images caused by the hallucinations of methamphetamine users. During these hallucinations, users can feel like they have bugs crawling all over themselves, and some actually scratched more than just skin off.

However, the main drug focused on was heroin. It is the second most abused drug in the United States-only second to mari-

"It kind of went away for a while ... but now it is on the rise again... with people as young as grade school," said Coffay. Last week, in fact, a major heroin drug ring was thwarted at the Sherman Hills Housing Complex. Two gangs reportedly competed for the local heroin market.

Additionally, Coffay talked about the many lives that can be affected by the intro-

"I've never seen so many lives affected by a drug," he said. "My advice to a mother who asks, 'My daughter started doing heroin, what should I do to help her?' is forget about her because she's already too far

On Friday, the Interfaith Council held a candlelight vigil. There was a reading of Genesis, the first book of the Bible. Also, there was a reading of a D. H. Lawrence poem called Healing. Its theme was that though people become emotionally hurt and scarred, it causes them to commit wrongdoings. This does not mean they are hopeless.

The Interfaith Council is committed to promoting education about various faith traditions represented at Wilkes' campus,' said Teresa Monaco.

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BY BETHANY YAMRICK

No college campus in the nation has completely solved the issue of alcohol abuse

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Photo Courtesy/Our After

# Our After has busy month ahead Show with Panic at the Disco, Plain White T's, and The Cab up next

BY ALYSSA BENNER Beacon A&E Editor

The Scranton-based band, Our After, packs a mean punch, but not your typical a little footwork and finesse to leave opponents K.O.'d.

The five-man band of John Phillips, lead vocals; Eli Hludzik, drums; Steve Husted, lead and rhythm guitar and vocals; Mike for the band, and the CD release party is

Dudley, lead and rhythm guitar will open for Plain White T's, Panic at the Disco!, and The Cab this Friday, October 30, at the Scranton Cultural Center. In addition, Our After's new CD, Tabula Rasa, will release straight-forward gut shot. The band uses November 11 at Tinks in Scranton. So it's no wonder that the guys are warming up like a challenger to a title fight and the an-

ticipation for that first bell is palpable. Their new CD is a slight change of pace

way for members to get the public--both fans and soon-to-be fans--excited

"It's [the album] got a lot more of an Incubus vibe; maybe even more rhythmic things like 311...It's a little bit of a darker sound but vibe is still uplifting and kind of hopeful," says Phillips.

The release of "Tabula Rasa" at Tinks is coinciding with the release of Drama Club's at WCLH studios FM 90.7 in the Dorothy self-titled EP. Drama Club is based in Wil-

"They've done all ages shows with us in the past, says Phillip, "We're just looking to help each other out," says Phillips.

Our After is currently preparing for the show at the Scranton Cultural Center November 11. Phillips said, "This is the biggest venue we've played yet." The band will offer an interview and on-air performance Darte Dickson Center on November 5. Wilkes students are welcome to attend.

#### Zack and Miri Make a Porno: A review NYC premiere offers hilarity for all

BY ALYSSA BENNER

On Thursday, October 23, Kevin Smith's newest film Zack and Miri Make a Porno debuted in New York City at Regal Cinema Union Square. A Q&A with Smith followed the screening and during the hour and a half conversation with audience members, he touched on, among other things, why he chose the movie's music ,how he became a slave to marijuana for five months, the food he ate while shooting in Pittsburgh (marijuana coincidence?), why he got so fat (see

previous parenthetical question) and Jason Mewes', er, not so little scene in the movie.

Zack and Miri Make a Porno is, in true Kevin Smith fashion, very one dimensional, but clever. In fact, Smith discussed the steps he went through to overturn the NC-17 rating the film had originally been given in order to acheive his " ... single-handed mission to keep the poop scene." The raunch factor is very much alive throughout; however, Zack and Miri create a diversion when their relationship proves itself to be tangible and realistic.

Smith has made a name for himself with

or around his home town of Red Bank, New Jersey. However Zack and Miri changes "I wanted it to be set somewhere where porno probably never takes place. It's cold Lords play Stacy and Bubbles respectively. as balls and nothing ever really happens

True to the title, the story is about best head over heels for each other. friends Zack and Miri, who opt one day to make a porno movie. The pair find themselves in a Pittsburgh winter, their power cut

his hilarious characters, down-to-earth hu- off, and no reliable income in sight. Zack, mor, and relentless "ball jokes." Most of played by Seth Rogen, uses his charm to Smith's previous movies have been set in convince best friend Miri, played by Elizabeth Banks, and co-worker Delany (Craig Robinson), to pull together a motley crew pace and is set in Pittsburg, PA. Smith said, for their homemade porno. Very convincing iconic porn stars Katie Morgan and Traci

Throughout the movie it's apparent Zack and Miri, best friends since sixth grade, are

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BY AMANDA GUNTHER Beacon Asst. A&E Editor

Although the exhibit did not evolve as smoothly as planned, "A New Paradigm: Recent Work," by Ron Ehrlich is now com-

This exhibit was the first to be put together since former Sordoni Director Ronald Bernier left his position for a job at Wentworth Institute of Technology in August.

The opening reception for Ehrlich's exhibit was Friday, October 17. Although organizers at Sordoni Gallery sent out over 900 invitations, the turn out was not as high as they had expected. Approximately 75 people attended. So after some investigation, gallery staff learned that there had been some problems with the invites. Simply put, "Nobody received them. They just disappeared," said the assistant director of the gallery, Brittney Kramer.

Nonetheless, some Wilkes faculty and Wilkes-Barre community members showed up to the event, despite the mysterious disappearance of the invites.

The process of bringing the exhibit to the Sordoni began about two years ago when Bernier saw Ehrlich's work in New York at very closely with in the past. the Steven Haller gallery. Bernier was mesthe artist's

merized by talent and later wrote the catalog essay for the exhibit.

"I knew our students at Wilkes absolutely had to have this experience. It is like nothing else probably be fore," Bernier said.

> versity collected pieces from various collections across the country

for this particular exhibit. The majority of them came from the Steven Haller gallery in New York, which Wilkes has worked

According to Kramer, "It's easy to go exhibitions with them because they are really

> The rest of the pieces came from the artist's studio in Providence, Rhode Island, along with some pieces private collections.

Providence native Ron Ehrlich is a well-known artist known to work with panel, blowtorch, as well as brush to create

eye-catching pieces. Born in 1954, Ehrlich has studied art all over the world throughout his career. He spent over five years in Japan at the Joji Yamasita monastery where he studied the art of Bizen pottery making.

Ehrlich's pieces take the element of threedimensional pieces and apply them to a two dimensional work. Some of his pieces may resemble Jackson Pollock, "But if you look closely, there are layers and layers of paint from paint being scraped off, things being imprinted... It's not just drips of paint on a canvas," said Kramer.

Wax, shellac, glazes, and sometimes even feathers are included in Ehrlich's pieces. Although these elements are not commonly found in many paintings, "the technique never overcomes the image," stated Ber-

Although there were some rocky points in the process, the exhibit fell into place to produce a colorful, creative display. Bernier said, "[Brittney] did an amazing job juggling and negotiating all the things that happened and changes that inevitably occurred right before the exhibition arrived.

Looking at the exhibit, one would never know that it was put together short staffed. "I couldn't have done any better myself," said Bernier

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Brianna Nissen looks for deeper meaning in Ron Ehrlich's paintings at the new Sordoni exhibit entitled "A New Paradigm: Recent Works."



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#### **PORNO**

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until they begin the project through various over-the-top name changes and sets, that they are forced to have sex. And of course, despite all promises to the contrary, sex

The movie had the audience rolling. Brian Switay, junior communication studies major, said, "The movie was hilarious! couldn't believe some of the scenes could be played in the theatres."

Smith answered all the questions asked by the packed audience in a very personal way, offering anecdotes and at one point acknowledging, "This sounds horribly name droppy but

it's actually going somewhere. But, as Smith himself would likely prefer, the Q&A turned to the toilet and then sat there for an hour. Many things that were discussed cannot be included in this article because well, on paper there is no bleep button. When asked where he came up with the concept for this movie Smith said, "I've kind of been researching this movie since I was twelve. Sometimes three,

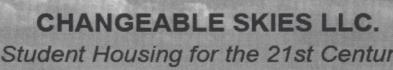
four times a day, sometimes right into a gym sock."

The NYC Premiere of Zack and Miri Make a Porno was part of CMJ Music Marathon and Film Festival 'O8. The festival ran from October 21 to October 25.

When asked about any new material Smith might be working on. Smith said, "There's this movie I want to do in March or April called Red State which is 180 degree turn from this movie. It's this little political horror movie. not to be confused with the political horror W. movie playing across the road." Wonder if there will be a toilet

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Kevin Smith debuts his new film Zack and Miri Make a Porno in New York City on Thursday October 23 to a packed audience awaiting a post Q&A with the director.



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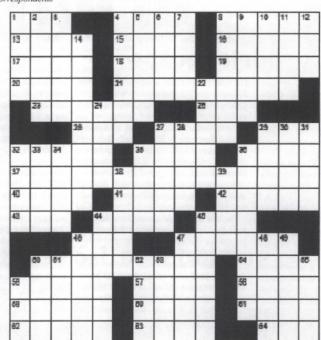
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# Colonels fi

BY CARLTON HOLMES

Beacon Editor-in-Chief

Charlie Parker must have recei memo from Lebanon Valley that Wilke's homecoming weekend bed definitely brought his dancing sho

The 5'10, 191 lb. running back through seams and did more juke than a kid playing Madden 2009, way to a staggering 278 rushing y the Dutchmen (3-1) shocked the C (0-4) 28-21 at Ralston Field for th ing game of Freedom Conference

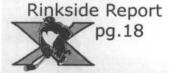
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(At Right) Number 40 Rob Pi Saturday's game against the D



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### Two week sports recaps

BY ALISSA LINDNER Beacon Sports Editor

FOOTBALL

The Colonels football team recorded its first two wins of the season, but lost this weekend to Albright. Both wins were against MAC conference opponents.

The first win of the season happened on Saturday, October 11, at FDU-Florham in Madison, N.J. Alex Pearson, Corey Gilroy and Jonathon Kocher all recorded touchdowns for the Colonels. Kicker Chris Horn added a 31-yard field goal and three extra points as the Colonels defeated FDU 24-14. Harry Reese posted a career high 95 rushing yards on 16 carries.

The Colonels added their second win of the season when Lycoming visited Raslton Field on Saturday, October 18. Quarterback Rob Johnson threw three touchdown passes and was named MAC Offensive

Player of the Week for completing 14 of his 27 passes for 175 yards. Johnson is the first Colonel this season selected for the weekly award

Kevin Gerhart snatched three of Wilkes four interceptions as the Colonels defeated the Warriors 27-13. Gerhart was named to the MAC Honor Roll for his three interceptions and 11 tackles against the Warriors.

Horn continued to perform well, posting a 35-yard field goal and a 25-yard field goal as well as three extra points.

The loss to Albright came after a 40-yard field goal by the Lions' John Whelan. The final score was 17-10.

FIELD HOCKEY

The Lady Colonels field hockey team bounced back after losing their first game to Elizabethtown College at Wilkes' Home-

in the nation, visited Ralston Field on Saturday, October 11. Colonel midfielder Brittney Sines opened the scoring, connecting on a pass from midfielder Diana Wright just under three minutes into the game. The Red Hawks would respond with a goal of their own approximately nine minutes later; however, midfielder Gina Elmy scored two minutes after to take the lead again. The Lady Colonels never looked back. Alyssa Koncelik rounded out the scoring with a goal shortly into the second half as the Lady Colonels defeated Montclair 3-1.

The team also traveled to Manhattanville College in Purchase, NY, on Tuesday, October 14. The Valiants opened the scoring in the Freedom Conference game with a goal seven minutes into the second half. Koncelik tied the game at one with a goal eight minutes later. With just under 12 minutes left in the game, Devon McKay scored the

game winning goal off a centering pass from Koncelik. The 2-1 win over the Valiants secured another Freedom Conference win for the Lady Colonels.

Eastern College visited the Lady Colonels for their next game on Saturday, October 18. In another Freedom Conference match-up, the team scored two goals off penalty corners and goalkeeper Lindsey Davenport stopped four shots in the 2-1 Wilkes win. The team's record stands strong at 14-1and 5-0 in the Freedom Conference.

Wright opened the scoring drive for Wil-kes. Elmy was credited with an assist. Koncelik would score the eventual game winning goal just into the second half. Wright and Elmy received assists on Koncelik's goal. Eastern would score their lone goal with just over 22 minutes left in the game; however the Lady Colonels secured the win.

Koncelik was named Freedom Conference Offensive Player of the Week for the second time this season and the Lady Colonels are now nationally ranked at 19 in Division III by the National Field Hockey Coaches Association.

WOMEN'S SOCCER

The Lady Colonels soccer team played four games in the past two weeks, three of which were Freedom Conference games. The Wilkes team won one game and was shut out in three consecutive contests.

The women took on Kean College at Ralston Field on Tuesday, October 7. Kean scored two goals and stopped both of the shots on goal the Lady Colonels had in a 2-0 victory over Wilkes.

On Saturday, October 11, the Lady Colonels traveled to Eastern College in St. Davids, PA. In the first of three straight Freedom Conference games, the Lady Colonels were again shut out. Eastern scored three goals and stopped four shots on goal from the Wilkes attackers for the 3-0 win.

DeSales scored the lone goal of the game 65 minutes in and made four saves on Wilkes' 14 shots for the 1-0 Freedom Conference win on Tuesday, October 14.

In the Lady Colonels next Freedom Conference match-up, the team traveled to Reading, PA, to face Alvernia College on Saturday, October 18. After going down 1-0 less than a minute into the game, Taryn Hallowell scored three goals for the Lady Colonels en route to a 3-1 win over the Crusaders. The win over Alvernia ended a four game losing streak for the Lady Colonels.

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# Current Standings (as of October 26, 2008)

Football Overall: 2-5 MAC: 2-2

Field Hockey Overall: 14-1 Freedom: 5-0

The fourth quarter touchdown secured the win over Lycoming

Wide reciever Jordan D'Emilio squeeks into the endzone for a touchdown on Saturday, October 18.

Men's Soccer Overall: 8-6-2 Freedom: 4-1-1 Women's Soccer Overall: 7-9-1 Freedom: 3-3

Volleyball Overall: 8-16 Freedom: 4-2

#### Colonels shut out in second half; fall to Albright Chris Horn hits eighth-straight field goal

Courtesy of Craig Merriman, Sports Information Director

Josan Holmes rushed for 212 yards on 32 carries and scored a touchdown to lead the Lions to a 17-10 win over Wilkes Uni-

The Colonels fell behind early, but eventually took a 10-8 advantage when quarterback Rob Johnson found Jordan D'Emilio in the end zone for a 10-yard scoring strike. It would be the only offensive score for the Colonels as the Lions defense shut out Wilkes in the second half.

Albright threatened on its first possession, driving down to the Wilkes seven yard line before quarterback Tanner Kelly completed a pass to Holmes at the one yard line where Drew Letcavage forced a fumble that was eventually recovered in the end zone by John Wojceichowski for

The Wilkes offense started slow, going three-and-out before Mario Della Fortuna booted a punt 67 yards pinning Albright on its 17-yard line after a nine yard return.

Holmes carried the Lion offense on their second possession, gaining 55 yards on five carries before Kelly found Nate Romig for a 12-yard scoring strike to give Albright an early 6-0 lead. The Lions traveled 83 yards on 10 plays that took just over four minutes as Chris Kovensky ran the ball in for a twopoint conversion to make it 8-0 in favor of

Sean Madden took the ensuing kickoff 18 yards to the Colonel 42-yard line, where Wilkes eventually marched down to Albright's 10. Chris Horn converted his eighth-straight field goal without a miss by making a 26-yarder. The Colonels drove 48

minutes highlighted by a pair of passes from Johnson to Gennaro Zangardi and Alan Frost for 11 and 12 yards respectively.

The score would remain that way until Johnson and D'Emilio hooked up in the second quarter to give Wilkes its only lead of the game. The Colonels started on their own three yard line after a Kelly 51-yard punt, but Johnson was 5-of-6 passing on the drive for 53 yards for his 11th touchdown pass of the season. Zach Tivald, picking up his first start of the season for Wilkes, ran for 32 of his team-high 71 yards on the drive.

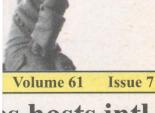
Wilkes would hold a 10-8 advantage at the half, but Holmes found the end zone on a nine-vard scamper, giving the Lions a 14-10 before Darius Harrison blocked John Whelan's extra point attempt

In the fourth quarter, Kelly pinned the

yards on nine plays that took just over four Colonels on their own one-yard line for the second-straight time after a 33-yard punt, but Wilkes managed just seven yards on its possession before a 17-yard punt gave Albright the ball on the Colonel 25. Four plays later, Whelan's 40-yard field goal attempt was good, giving the Lions a 17-10 lead.

The Colonels threatened on their next drive, reaching the Lion 29-yard line before Robert Harper intercepted a Johnson pass at the seven-yard line with 10:35 to go in the game. Wilkes' offense had just five plays the rest of the game and managed just nine

The loss snaps the Colonels' two-game winning streak and now stand at 2-5 overall and 2-2 in MAC play. They will return home next Saturday to host King's when the two teams battle for the Mayor's Cup.



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Lady Colonels soccer enjoys 6-1 rout of King's BY DAN KAUTZ

The swirling winds at Betzler Fields on the night of October 21 may have made spectators miserable, but the weather had no visible impact on the Wilkes University women's soccer team in its' 6-1 victory over King's College.

The Lady Colonels (7-9-1, 3-3) led an unrelenting assault throughout the game that saw four different women score, with sophomore forward Taryn Hallowell recording her second hat trick of the sea-

Wilkes' offense came out very strong from the opening minutes of the game, launching several unsuccessful attacks on goal. The Lady Colonels punched in their first score of the game in the 13th minute, as freshman forward Katy Fissel found the back of the net off of an assist from sophomore midfielder Alison Weidman.

"I had a one-on-one with the keeper before that and ended up not scoring," said Fissel. "We called a play our next possession and Ali was able to get me the ball; it felt great making up for the miss before it," she continued.

The Monarchs (2-13-1, 0-5) regrouped and led two small counterattacks, but let up another goal in the 21st minute from freshman forward Kaitlin Vargo off of a corner kick.

Leading 2-0, the Lady Colonels continued to pressure Kings. Junior midfielder Julissa Reed streaked down the right side of the field moments after Vargo's goal and launched a strong shot that was caught

by King's goalkeeper, Rachael Donatiello.

Wilkes would finally break through for their third goal right before the end of the half, however, as Hallowell scored off an assist from sophomore defender Casandra Valentin. The Lady Colonels entered the half up 3-0, with a 13-1 edge in shots.

Freshmen goalkeeper Sarah Shetler immediately saved a shot from King's Becky Chateauneuf to keep the Monarchs off the board aftre replacing senior Jessica Berkey. Shortly afterwards, Hallowell scored her second goal of the contest in the 51st minute and, giving Wilkes a 4-0 lead. She would score again in the 54th minute on an unassisted goal, giving her her second consecutive hat trick.

'Taryn looked very fast today. She was very explosive and dangerous," said head coach John Sumoski.

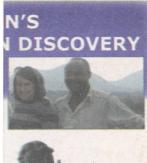
Hallowell's hat trick leaves her with 12 goals on the season, three short of tying the school record of 15 set by Christina Waldele in 2003, along with Meaghan Haddad in 1994 and Holly Shiber in 2000. "I didn't know [about the record] until the

next day at practice; I haven't thought about it but it would obviously be a great accomplishment," said Hallowel.

Chateauneuf ended the prospect of a shutout in the 84th minute, when her streaking goal put the Monarchs on the board.

She will have a chance to break the record this week, as the Lady Colonels finish out their season with matches against conference foes Misericordia and FDU-Florham.







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#### RINKSIDE REPORT

## Letestu looks to expand role in second AHL season

BY MICHAEL CIGNOLI Beacon Staff Writer

After seeing a two-goal first-period lead disintegrate against the archrival Hershey Bears, the Wilkes-Bearre/Scranton Penguins found themselves with a golden op-

portunity to get back on top. Referee Francois St. Laurent whistled two Bears players for penalties early in the second period, leaving the Penguins with a 92 second five-on-three advantage.

At such a crucial point in the game, the Penguins sent out a power play unit centered by second-year center Mark Letestu. Surprising, considering Letestu spent the majority of his rookie season on Wilkes-Barre/Scranton's bottom two lines, where it was his job to prevent the opponents from scoring goals.

Just four games into the season, Letestu was already being called upon to put some pucks in the net.

"It was one of my goals all the way through rookie camp and main camp and

more of an offensive role.

It's not like playing on the power play was omething completely new to Letestu

As a freshman at Western Michigan University during the 2006-2007 season, the center saw a significant amount of ice time with the man advantage.

"That was a big role for me. I played the point on the power play, played down low," Letestu explained. "I was used quite a bit there.

Letestu scored 24 goals in only 37 games for the Broncos during his rookie season, with seven of them coming with the man advantage.

However, his offensive capabilities weren't limited to the power play.

No Division 1 player had more shorthanded goals than Letestu's five and no freshman had more points than Letestu's 46. All of these statistics helped Letestu earn the Central Collegiate Hockey Association's rookie of the year award.

The Penguins took notice of Letestu's

try-out contract at the end of his freshman season. The native of Elk Point, Alberta, was held scoreless in four regular season games and two playoff contests for Wilkes-

Barre/Scranton in his debut year.

The following season. Letestu started off with the Penguins ECHL affiliate, the Wheeling Nailers. He scored a goal and added two assists in six games for Wheeling before being called up to Wilkes-Barre/ Scranton in November.

Letestu finished with six goals and 12 assists in 52 games for the Penguins, with five of those goals coming during a five game stretch in January.

Now, in his second American Hockey League (AHL) season, Letestu finds himself back on the Penguins third line, behind veterans Jeff Taffe and David Gove.

"We have great players that I've got to play behind, but I think there's room for me to improve and take some ice time," Letestu explained.

One opportunity for Letestu to earn some

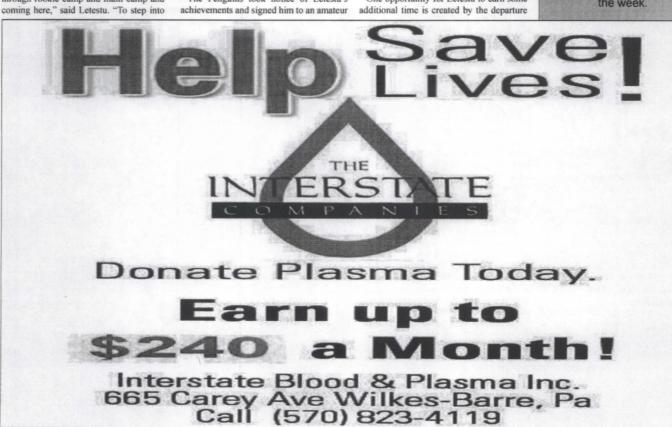
of two of last season's top face-off winners. Nathan Smith and Tim Brent

"Being the only right-handed center on the team, it's important for that right face-off spot," Letestu said.

While head coach Dan Bylsma has kent his top two lines in tact for the majority of the season, the bottom two lines have been shuffled around quite a bit. Letestu says that playing with new line mates on a nightly basis doesn't require much of an adjustment.

"We've got a pretty good system that everybody's going to buy into. Everybody's pulling one direction," Letestu said. "I get in there with Luca (Caputi) or Boogie (Aaron Boogaard), it's no different then being with Hennie (Adam Henrich) or Wally (Tim Wallace). We all like to play along the wall and grind down teams. It's not as hard as one would think.

Visit wilkesbeacon.com for Penguins updates throughout the week.



### **Athlete Spotlight: Rob Johnson**

BY GINO TROIANI

Beacon Op-Ed Editor Meet Robbie Johnson, Wilkes University's 6'4, 205-pound quarterback from Bridgewater, NJ. After two years, the crafty passer finally earned his chance to lead the

Colonels, and entered the 2008 season as the team's starting quarterback. Johnson, a junior history major, has played well this season, throwing for 1,088 vards and 11 touchdowns in seven games.

Despite a rocky 2-5 start, (2-2 in conference play), a hopeful Johnson continues to claw away. His efforts earned him MAC Offensive Player of the Week after his performance against Lycoming in week six when he completed 14-of-27 passes and threw for 175 yards and three touchdowns. He also rushed six times for 19 yards. Johnson sealed the deal in the fourth quarter with a 27-yard pass to Jordan D'Emilio. Johnson is the first Wilkes player to be honored by the conference this season.

Despite a losing record, both Johnson and the rest of the team continue to stay optimistic, and are focused on taking each game as it comes. When asked about the

The Lady Colonels field hockey team won

its' fifth Freedom Conference game of the

season after posting a 2-1 win on the road

against Misericordia University on Tuesday

Sophomore Alyson Paulauskas scored

Wilkes' lone goal in regulation five min-

utes into the match-up. Misericordia tied

ame with a penalty corner. Junior defender

over 11 minutes left in the game.

BY ALISSA LINDNER

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October 21.

"Even though we got of to a tough start. we have stuck together as a team.

Based on how his teammates describe his character, it is evident that Johnson plays a big role in unifying a team that is experiencing a rough time. Senior wide reciever Jason Prushinski stressed that Johnson has adapted nicely, and has shown a lot of " maturity, while overcoming a lot of adversity, taking on the role and stepping up as a leader on the team."

Looking to the future. Johnson confirmed that he plans to continue to play for the rest of his career at Wilkes. When asked about next year's team goals, he replied, "Win the MAC of course, but we still have a chance this year." As for individual goals, he said, "Stats aren't my thing; I just want to win

After a tough 10-17 loss against Albright last Saturday, and a three interception performance, a modest Johnson responded, "I'll take the loss on my shoulders for my play at quarterback.

Currently, the Colonels are sixth in the MAC and are scheduled to play King's (1-4) in a rivalry game at home for the Mayor's m's morale, Johnson assured that, Cup this Saturday, November 1, at 1 p.m. Field hockey wins again

Amanda Tilley scored the game-winning

goal for the Lady Colonels as senior Alys-

sa Koncelik was awarded an assist on the

Fourth-year heach coach Sara Myers be-

lieves one of the biggest strengths of her

team is the seniors. "They show in their

never give up attitude that you can accom-

plish anything if you work for it. They are a

huge reason for our success this year and I



Quarterback Rob Johnson looks to make a pass on Saturday October 18 during the MAC Conference match-up against Lycoming

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MEN'S SOCCER

Men's soccer also took on three Freedom Conference opponents and added a contest against Rowan, going 2-1-1 over the break Rowan visited the Colonels at Ralston Field on Wednesday, October 8. The Colonels posted 11 shots and goalkeeper TJ Baloga made two saves in the 0-0 tie.

Three days later, the Colonels traveled to Eastern University in St. Davids, PA, for a onels and Baloga made six saves in a 2-1

The Colonels returned home to host De-Sales University on Wednesday, October 15. Doug Moore and James Humenansky both scored for Wilkes and Sean Vona was credited with an assist on Moore's goal. Baloga continued to perform well for the Colonels making three saves in the 2-1 conference win.

The team then traveled to Alvernia University in Reading, PA, for its third straight Freedom Conference game. After holding a 2-1 lead 51 minutes in the game, Wilkes lost when the Crusaders scored two straight goals. Moore and Matt Sankey scored goals for Wilkes and Baloga made two saves in

#### the game when Jen Lozier scored with just couldn't be prouder of them," Myers said. The Lady Colonels will wrap up their sea-Freedom Conference match-up. Sean Stitt After two sudden death overtimes, Wilson this week, facing three Freedom Conand Rusty Helwig scored goals for the Colkes was awarded an opportunity end the ference opponents, King's, Delaware Valley

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#### Field Hockey

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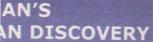
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#### Colonels, Monarchs settle for a draw on the soccer field

BY DANIEL KAUTZ Beacon Asst. Sports Editor

Wilkes University and King's College put on a show for their fans on October 23, honoring the rivalry with a hard fought 110 minute, double-overtime 0-0 draw

at Betzler Fields. "It's always a big game [when you play King's], said sophomore forward Rusty Selwig. "It's a big rivalry; we definitely try harder than usual when we play them."

"We practiced much harder the week leading up to the game; all of us were trying to do our best," added sophomore midfielder Doug Moore

King's (12-1-4, 2-1-3) opened the game with numerous attacks that initially put the Colonels (8-6-2, 4-1-1) on their heels. They were able to respond in the game's 13th minute, when Doug Moore scored a goal that was negated by an offside call. Sophomore forward Ryan Phillips gave them another

when he led a fast break down the left sideline before a King's defender kicked the ball out of bounds. The resulting corner kick was cleared.

Not to be outdone, King's senior forward Mark Timko led a similar streak down Wilkes' sideline before booting a long cross; the ball was kicked out of bounds, however, and the Colonels successfully cleared King's resulting corner at-

The 0-0 score heading into halftime gave no indication of the offensive pressure each side placed on the other in the first half; both defenses bent repeatedly but never broke against the strain of constant attacks. Wilkes held a 4-1 shot advantage going into the second half, and both teams took two corner kicks. Wilkes' defense showed great discipline in drawing two offside calls against a fast and aggressive Monarch's offense.

The second half was reminiscent

chance at the 25 minute mark, of the first, with both sides playing fast and aggressively. Timko led a great scoring chance for the Monarchs in the game's 58th minute, as he dribbled down Wilkes' goal line before launching a cross past the Colonel's senior goal keeper T.J. Baloga; there was no shot, however. The Colonel's offense answered several minutes later as freshmen forward Ed Zulkoski, sophomore midfielder James Humenansky, and Phillips worked to split up the Monarch's defense before passing to sophomore midfielder Matt Sankey, who nearly scored as his shot deflected off of King's keeper. Moments later Phillips was pulled down from behind just outside the box, leading to a free kick from junior midfielder Sean Vona. His kick sailed

> In the game's 68th minute Phillips and Moore worked together to loose a low shot on goal that was scooped up by King's keeper. They would hook up again four minutes

just over the goal, however.

diving Phillips, who just missed the ball as it sailed harmlessly out of bounds. Dan Horn would respond for the Monarchs in the 74th minute with a strong strike past a diving Baloga; the shot went wide right though, keeping the game scoreless. Baloga would make a save in mid air in the 76th minute off a shot from Timko, and another at the 80th minute on the ground by the right post.

The Colonels had one last chance to score in regulation, as Moore beat King's last defender and found himself one on one with the keeper. With the cheering sections of both teams going wild, Moore tried to squeak a low kick past the keeper, only to see it deflected wide right.

"Time was running down and we were running out of chances; I tried to finish but just got unlucky," said Moore of the play

With the threat ended, both teams prepared for overtime.

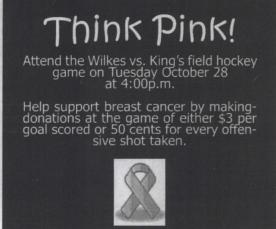
time as Wilkes struggled to find some kind of offensive consistency. Baloga punched away a shot in the 92nd minute that wound up trapped in the netting over the top crossbar, exciting the King's cheering section that assumed a goal had been scored. He would make yet another save in the second overtime, as King's Alex Henery launched a free kick over Wilkes' defenders and towards the left post following a foul call. Neither side could score before time expired, ending the contest in a 0-

King's wound up with an 11-7 shot advantage in the match, and took nine corner kicks to Wilkes' three. Baloga had seven saves for the Colonels.

"T.J. played really well for us, shutting them out like that," said Selwig. He and the rest of our defense all played exceptionally well together and really saved us.



Ryan Phillips (20) and the Colonels played hard but could not find a way to score in their double-over draw with King's on Wednesday, October 23, at Betzler Fields



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Attend the Lady Colonel field hockey game against King's College at 4:00p.m. and Think Pink by helping to support breast cancer.

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Listen to the "Building a Successful Career" lecture in room 231 of the UCOM at 9:00a.m.

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Enjoy "Halloweekend" haunted house at 287 S. River Street from 8:00-10:00p.m.

Halloween!!!

Attend the Governor's Cup when Wilkes takes on rival King's College in football at 1:00 p.m. at

Ralston Field.