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University Towers residents informed balconies are off-limits



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Gretchen Yeninas, Director of Residence Life and Mary Waldorf, Director of Leadership, address residents of University Towers apartment building about security concerns. Residents were told if misbehavior continues, the apartment owners will shut down balconies for both campus and non-campus residents.

BY REBECCA GOODMAN

Beacon Managing Editor

Sunshine and fresh air can do wonders.

They can refresh, focus and boost energy for a busy student. They can also brighten a living space. But for Wilkes students living at University Towers at 10 East South Street, the natural light once central to their living spaces may soon be part of the past.

Last week, students living at University Towers received a notice stating, "Due to recent events regarding inappropriate behavior and misuse of the balconies, Wilkes students will no longer have access to or use of the balconies."

The notice explained that the decision was made for safety reasons involving the students and those walking under the balconies. The doors would be locked, and a small slot would be kept open for air circulation, but the doors that once led to the balconies attached to individual apartments would be unusable and students would no longer be able to open them.

The notification came as a surprise to many of the students living in the Towers. "I think that they could have done some research. I understand their reasoning for closing the balconies, but at the same time there are people here who are definitely adult enough to handle a balcony. [...] I don't really like the fact that I am being treated like I've done something wrong when I haven't done anything wrong," said Jessica Ferris, senior electrical engineering major.

Wilkes University's Residence Life representatives heard about the notification, met with the University Towers management and then held a meeting with students Tuesday night in order to clear up misinformation and elaborate on the plan.

At this meeting, Director of Residence Life, Gretchen Yeninas stated that the management and Wilkes had worked together and decided it would be best to warn the students and that the balconies

Evans lot demolition pushed back to spring

BY VICTORIA WHITE

Beacon News Editor

The Evans Hall parking lot destruction has been put on hold until approximately March 2006.

Although the lot was originally scheduled for demolition during the summer months, negotiations with contractors over costs have kept the project from

getting started. The campus Master Plan has targeted the Evans lot for green space development and an extension to the existing Greenway.

Scott Byers, Vice President of Finance and Support Operations said, "We have decided to defer the project until the spring. We could get going and mobilize here in the next week but there are a couple of things that we want to address,

mainly the issue of weather."

With the demolition of the Evans lot during the middle of spring semester many students and faculty members will find their routines interrupted. Byers said, "It will probably be more difficult for people to adjust because they will have gotten

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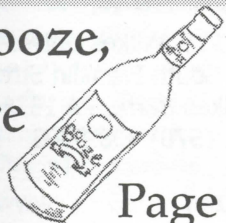
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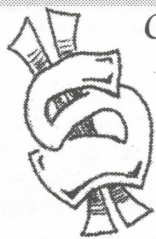
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Integrative Media suite nearing completion

BY DANA ZLOTUCHA
Beacon Staff Writer

With the addition of the new integrative media major to the curriculum this fall, the humanities department needed to beef up its technological availability to the students.

Darin Fields, Dean of the College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences, and Eric Ruggerio, Director of Integrative Media, have been collaborating on the shared vision of introducing an Integrative Media Suite (IMS) to the campus.

"This type of a major really requires some sophisticated and dedicated hardware and software...because of the highly creative area, you need a studio where students can work on this stuff over long hours...so we really had to have this kind of space," explained Dean Fields. The lab will house technology that will prepare the integrative media students and give them the skills to get a job in industry following graduation.

"The thing that we are really shooting for is to have a studio and a lab environment where students can produce the highest end quality work that they can produce, and that's the bottom line," said Ruggerio.

"The benchmark there is that it will be professional, industry-quality output that they can generate, and create portfolios...that they can send to prospective employers and demonstrate that they can step right into the production world," added Fields.

The new suite was originally planned for the Dorothy Dickson Darte Center for the Performing Arts, but due to scheduling conflicts, it instead landed in the more centrally located Breiseth Hall. The IMS will now occupy the spaces that previously housed the Language Institute, which has moved to the basement of the li-



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The Breiseth basement is under construction, as the Integrative Media Suite finds a home on Wilkes campus.

brary, and a room separately used for storage. This area will be divided into two main student creative spaces; one side will contain a computer lab, or graphic workstation, area while the other half will be utilized as a meeting/lecture area.

The focus for the IMS space is to create an area where resources for related disciplines come together and function as one unit, which is according to the organizers the thinking behind locating the IMS next to the Writing Center. "There's an opportunity to collaborate and to share the resources, and that's sort of the philosophy...media, writing and communications as a cluster of related things," commented Fields.

Construction on the lab has been under way for approximately five weeks. Furniture is set to be delivered by the end of the month, and the hope is that it will be finished and ready for use at the November 12 Admissions Open House. Classes will begin using the lab

full-time starting in the spring semester.

The IMS will focus on integrative media students but can also be utilized by students who might need to work in the digital environment, such as those studying communication studies, art, or English, for example. Due to the limited resources, this lab will not be open to students outside of these disciplines. If students have a need to utilize the resources, they will be accommodated to the best of the lab's availability.

The IMS is only phase one of the project. Phase two will begin over Christmas break on the wall opposite the IMS, the current side of the Writing Center. The construction of that side will be mostly cosmetic, however. The walls on both sides of the hallway will be beveled and glass panes will be installed in order to open up the space. The purpose will be to welcome people into the space and make it more visually appealing and noticeable.

Student Government Notes

Wednesday, October 5 Meeting

-WISE UP was denied club status in a motion that passed 25-1-10.

-October 11, Student Community Service Council is sponsoring the movie *To Wong Foo, Thanks for Everything, Julie Newmar* in the Henry Student Center Grand Ballroom at 7 p.m. for National Coming Out Day.

-SG member of the month was awarded to Dave Scordino, junior class president, for the month of August/September.

-Party with a Purpose raised \$384.35 for the American Red Cross disaster relief efforts.

-The call boxes in the Park and Lock are up and working.

-October 25 is Octoberfest sponsored by Programming Board.

-Casino Night will be held on November 11. The first prize is a limo ride to New York City for a stay at the Belvedere Hotel and tickets to the musical *RENT* on Saturday, November 12.

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Faculty find alternate way to commute to campus

BY KRISTIN KILE
Beacon Editor-in-Chief

Commuting to campus and trying to find a parking space can be one big headache. However, some faculty members have not only located alternate parking spaces close to their offices, but no one is fighting them for the spaces.

Those spaces are whatever rails they can lock their bikes to.

And instead of pulling up to gas stations to fill their tanks, Dr. John Koch and other faculty stop there only to fill up their bike tires.

Koch, professor of computer science, began biking to campus as a way of commuting in the summer. Koch resides in Shavertown and has a 17-mile round trip. His commute takes him 40 minutes on his way to Wilkes, but because of

the hills, it takes him almost one hour to ride home.

"I used to be a big jogger. I used to jog eight miles a day. Then I hurt my hip in the spring, so I decided to start biking," Koch said.

Dr. Jim Culhane, associate professor of pharmaceutical science, has a 40 mile round trip commute. Culhane commuted before when he lived in Exeter and Forty Fort, which are both approximately four to five miles away. However, a few years ago Culhane and his family moved to Mountaintop. Undaunted by the extra miles, Culhane adjusted his schedule and the time he allotted to commute and began biking down from the mountain. Given the distance, he still bikes to campus up to two times a week this semester.

"Actually it was this fall that I

started commuting again. I wanted to for the last few years, but I'll be perfectly frank with you, the distance was a little intimidating to me...even though I have ridden distances like that when I go on a fitness ride or whatever...But when you're doing it twice a day, when you're coming down a mountain into work and then coming back, especially the trip home can be a little mentally intimidating," Culhane said.

Matt Zukoski, assistant professor of mathematics and computer science, is also a bike commuter. Zukoski lives in Wilkes-Barre and has about a two mile round trip commute. He did not buy a car until he was 22, so he always relied on his bike to go places.

"I remember I went out with a girl and I gave her a ride on my bike. She was on the bar. It was funny that night...That was crazy. We were getting a lot of honks from cars," Zukoski said.

Each faculty member has personal reasons for commuting to campus; however, all agree there are three dominant reasons they share: exercise, gas prices and parking.

"It feels good to work out, that's the biggest thing and the parking issue is probably secondary, but it's important. I don't have to deal with finding a spot. Now today it was going to rain so I brought the car and I parked illegally. I couldn't find a spot," Zukoski said.

Culhane has a large truck, so when gas prices began to rise over \$3.00, he felt it in his wallet. It takes him up to \$80 to fill up his gas tank, and he began to feel filling up on gas was a waste of money. By commuting to campus a few times a week, Culhane said he cut his gas usage in half.

"Kind of embarrassingly, [but] it was really the gas prices after the hurricane that were...the motivation. I had thought about doing it. I had investigated routes and things like that. Even on the weekends I had tried various ways of getting down the mountain, just

to see if I could do it," Culhane said.

Both Koch and Zukoski still have parking spots on campus, and when Culhane is not commuting by bike, he is commuting by car with his wife.

While the faculty commuters have no formal biking organization, they share experiences and give advice to one another.

Koch said Dr. John Gilmer, assistant professor of electrical engineering; Sharon Bowar, associate professor of art; Dr. Louise Bernard, chair of math and computer science; and Dr. Marianne Rexer, chair of the Jay S. Sidhu School of Business and Leadership also commute to campus by bike.

"Even though, the distance sounds impressive...what I will tell you from my experience as a bike commuter, [is] what's really hard is dragging yourself out of bed every day and getting on that bike every day if it's raining outside or it's really cold. I have a tremendous amount of respect for those guys that do it on a regular basis," Culhane said.

News in Brief

Avian flu raises fears

BY STEPHANIE DEBALCO
Beacon Staff Writer

Recent reports in the media have warned the community of a flu pandemic that could kill thousands.

In the spotlight: the Avian flu, or bird flu, largely associated with Pacific rim countries for the time being. The threat has created widespread panic, and this idea has been fueled by Center for Disease Control (CDC) reports that 57 people have died of this illness in Asia since 2004.

The United States government is preparing for what is believed to be "a potentially catastrophic outbreak" of bird flu, according to an Oct. 6, report by ABC News. The government has already begun trying to budget a plan to prepare a vaccine for the flu and make it readily available. In addition, many Americans are planning to stockpile the drug Tamiflu, which is reportedly the best defense in treating the bird flu.

Avian flu is an influenza virus that is naturally found in wild birds. This virus spreads easily among birds, but those in the wild rarely get sick from it. Domesticated birds, however, are more susceptible to illness and death when exposed to this form of flu.

Scientists acknowledge that the humans affected by this virus in Asia were primarily individuals who worked with poultry. The spread of the flu virus from bird to human usually occurs when a human comes in direct contact with infected poultry. As of this writing, the risk of spreading this disease from human to human is extremely low.

Dr. Kenneth Pidcock, associate professor of biology, does not expect this virus to cause a serious pandemic among humans. "I know it will continue to have an impact on culture... [It] seems to be a nasty bird epidemic," Pidcock said. He added, "The natural fear of this bird flu is that if it got really nasty it would really spread fast, but in fact those two things are counter-productive."

The reports in the media may have blown this issue out of proportion. "I've heard about how awful they think the flu could get if it spread here, but I'm not too worried because most of the people that died from it were in contact with birds all the time," said Theresa Brewer, junior biology major.

"It really seems to me that the days of deadly influenza pandemics, unless we fail to do anything to address poverty and crowding, are in the past because a good environment doesn't favor the continued transmission," Pidcock said.



The Beacon/Nick Zmjewski
Dr. John Koch, professor of computer science, commutes to campus every day by bike. His round trip commute totals 17 miles. Commuting by bike is a growing trend among faculty, with some faculty commuting as far as 40 miles round trip.



The Beacon/Lindsey Klish

The Evans parking lot is scheduled for destruction during the middle of spring semester.

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into a routine, but we have the parking and we have the access capacity. So it's just a matter of communicating and making sure people are aware of it, and just starting to change people's routines and approaches."

Although the students and faculty will be displaced after they have established a routine, John Pesta, Director of Capital Projects and Planning, noted that there is an advantage to allowing parking there through the winter months. "I think they might react a little more negatively, too, if the lot sat empty for two months waiting for

something to happen," he said.

With the demolition of the Evans parking area will come the birth of a community oriented green space. The goals of the Facilities Master Plan include making the campus much more pedestrian friendly and allowing for a more community based feel on campus. In an attempt to achieve those goals, the plans for the area behind Evans, Delaware and Chesapeake residence halls are that they will provide barbecue areas, a pergola, a sand volleyball court, a basketball court, patios and areas for other recreational activities, according to the current schematics of the project.

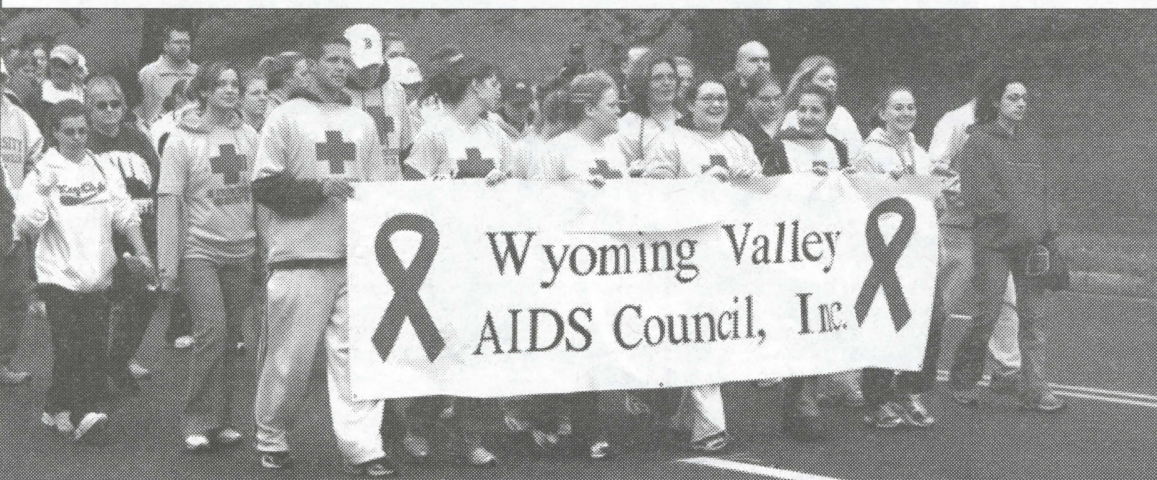
Although the destruction of the lot was rescheduled, Byers does not see it as a set back in the pro-

cess. Byers explained, "What we will do in the meantime, for people who have input, we will get some communication things out and get some student input and faculty and staff input."

By allowing students, faculty and staff the opportunity to view the plans for the project and offer suggestions, Byers anticipates community members will have greater buy-in and subsequently be excited about the changes. For those who do have suggestions Byers added, "At the same time, we are not going to modify or go away from the concept that we talked about [community]."

The parking spaces lost behind Evans Hall will be replaced by spaces available in the Park and Lock on Main Street.

AIDS Walk held in Wilkes-Barre



The Beacon/Nick Zmijewski

The Wyoming Valley AIDS Council, Inc. marches down River Street Sunday, October 9, for the 8th Annual Christopher Robinson Memorial AIDS walk. This organization provides counseling for people living with HIV or AIDs as well as anonymous and confidential HIV testing.

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would not be closed on October 5 as originally stated in the letter.

The meeting, however, did serve as a warning to Wilkes students that the balconies could still be closed in the future if behavior did not change. At the meeting, students also raised other concerns about fire safety, for example, since the balcony door serves as a second exit for most students living at University Towers.

According to Yeninas, the decision to close the balconies to begin with came on the heels of complaints and security risks that have occurred in the past, most recently one that occurred about two weeks ago in which a full can of beer was tossed off a balcony and landed dangerously close to an employee of University Towers.

The safety risks and other incidents including students throwing eggs, public urination off the balcony and a variety of other complaints have been raised intermittently since last spring.

According to Yeninas, University Towers management determined that the best solution to the safety hazards was to simply close the balconies; however, Wilkes University officials did not discourage it. "It was their idea, the idea originated with them. We did not argue," said Yeninas.

Dr. Paul S. Adams, Vice President of Student Affairs, noted that the beer can incident served as the final straw. "At that point it becomes a health and safety matter." Adams added that the behavior that occurred at the apartments "was not representative of what any community would aspire to."

All of the Wilkes students in the building will be affected if the balconies are cordoned off and many are not happy about it, especially those who are considered off-campus and pay a rent that includes balcony use.

Melissa Sweigart, senior pharmacy major who lives at the Towers, said, "I'm enraged at the fact that the management...can deem me a student when I pay rent just like the rest of the 'non-students.' [...] There is no part of my lease in which I wrote down that I was a student of Wilkes University.

Thus, for the management to even know that I am a student, let alone that I fall under the same rules as the Wilkes campus students is ridiculous and most likely illegal."

In addition to the balcony controversy at 10 East South, security presence at the apartments has been cut to only Friday and Saturday nights. The absence of security at the apartments during the week leaves nights covered solely by Wilkes University Public Safety and the Resident Assistants.

Jonathan McClave, senior mechanical engineering and business major, is an R.A. for the building. Although he understands both sides of the issue and the management's liability concerns, McClave still noted, "I was shocked. It seems like they just want to stop the balconies all together and really not try to stop the issue."

Students have been asked to keep an eye out for those who are perpetuating the behavior that may close the balconies.

In an October 7 follow-up letter, University officials asked that any student aware of violations associated with the University Towers balconies to come forward.

Yeninas understands that some students may be hesitant and may not want to "rat out" peers. "The point is everybody is going to suffer for a few people's bad behavior, and that is not what we really want to see happen," said Yeninas.

Many remain upset about the threat leveled by University Towers management, some recognize the importance of maintaining a positive image within the community, and thus the impetus for the proposed policy change.

Stephanie Pacifico, junior elementary education major, said "I don't feel that Wilkes students should get this kind of reputation. I don't want them to have this kind of reputation in the town, in the community or even to parents. [...] I really think there's hope that this behavior will stop because the kids that did these things clearly were enjoying their balconies so they don't want to lose that privilege."

University Towers management representatives, located on the first floor of the complex, refused comment for this story.

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Evolution or intelligent design?

Teaching evolution or intelligent design in the classroom under debate

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Almost 150 years have elapsed since Charles Darwin wrote *The Origin of Species*, the book that first introduced the world to the idea of evolution.

Still, after numerous discoveries, evolution remains a topic under fire, particularly in schools.

A new wave of debate about teaching evolution in schools has affected the Dover Area School District in nearby Harrisburg, Pa. Eight families are suing the school district for teaching the idea of intelligent design, the religious-based theory that states that the universe and life is so complex that they must have been created by a higher power. Since the lawsuit began, teachers have been finding themselves in the battlefield of the war between religion and science.

A bit closer to home, Northwest Area

School District is also considering the value of adding Intelligent Design to the existing curriculum.

Evolution has become one of the most important aspects of biology. As the famous Russian evolutionary biologist Theodosius Dobzhansky put it, "Nothing in biology makes sense except in the wake of evolution."

"Evolution is a central theme in all of biology," said Dr. Michael Steele, the H. Fenner Chair of Research Biology, who teaches evolution in his classes. "There isn't a single discipline in biology that can be adequately discussed without being put in an evolutionary context."

Wilkes University's policy, though, is not to take a stand on the issue one way or the other.

"We are an institution that is not based on any one faith," said Dr. Diane Polachek, chair of the education department. "We

don't take a stand here at Wilkes."

Polachek, however, feels that both sides of the issue should be taught in schools and encourages her future educators to do just that.

"They need to understand and have thorough knowledge of creationism," she said.

Steele understands this concept well. He has received very few complaints about teaching evolution due to his explanation of the differences between religion and science.

"Evolution is a conclusion that we have arrived at in science and it's as close to being factual as anything else in science," said Steele, who was trained as a behavioral and evolutionary biologist.

With intelligent design now offered in some schools, scientists feel that the theory is not true science but rather just another way to sneak creationism into the education system.

"Intelligent design is just another form of creationism," Steele said. "It's the newest and latest approach to get religion in the science classroom."

Dr. Douglas Lynch, associate professor of education, agrees with Steele on intelligent design claiming that the theory has no place in any school.

"Intelligent design doesn't have any place within a school," said Lynch, stating that there is no solid evidence for the theory.

Kyle Luttmann, a senior elementary education major, said that teaching evolution would cause a conflict with his creationism beliefs.

Luttmann said, "I wouldn't be able to teach my beliefs without someone getting upset." He added, "It wouldn't really bother me to teach evolution. I just wouldn't be enforcing that that is the only way that the earth was created."



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Area teacher strike makes students the victim

BY THE BEACON
EDITORIAL BOARD

Crestwood school district teachers are currently striking in order to receive better wages and health care benefits, and controversy has erupted due to the teachers' refusal to accept a contract that requires them to pay a co-pay for medical care and prescriptions.

Meanwhile, Crestwood teachers have been working for several years without a new contract. According to an October 4 *Times Leader* article, "Teachers reveal 'trash' offer," 180 members of the union "have worked under the terms of the old contract that expired on Aug. 31, 2002. The district's proposed contract would begin retroactively to Sept. 1, 2002, and continue through Sept. 1, 2009."

There's no doubt that health care is necessary, and it is important for the Crestwood school district to provide it for their employees and teachers. In this day and age of

soaring health care costs, responsible employers owe it to employees to assume a significant share of the cost of premiums.

Clearly, someone who has attended college and works in as noble and necessary a profession as teaching deserves to receive the benefits inherent in their job. And, as is the right of teachers nationwide, they have a duty to themselves to strike when they believe they are not receiving just treatment and fair benefits.

But last Thursday evening over 500 area residents showed up at the Crestwood School Board meeting to argue the other side of the issue and the resounding message to the board was that taxpayers are unwilling to assume the total burden of health care for teachers.

There comes a point when teachers must begin to make some concessions and compromises. After working without a contract for so long, Crestwood teachers need to take a long, hard look at what exactly is happening here. They

are being offered a contract, one that takes many of their concerns into consideration. However, because this contract is not up to par, in their eyes, they remain on the picket lines and students remain out of the classroom.

Like the vast majority of working Americans, the Crestwood teachers need to realize that co-pays are part and parcel of the modern American health care system. While we may certainly take issue with the failures of the health care system for its outrageous costs, and the insurance system that drives those costs up, and the legal system for pushing malpractice suits, those arguments are for another editorial. They all certainly contribute to the problem.

But why should working parents of Crestwood students be responsible for both their own co-pays and increased taxes in order to cover teachers' co-pays as well? It's time now for teachers, board members and parents alike to real-

ize that there is more at stake here than a few extra dollars. A quality education for students is being sacrificed while parents, school board members, and teachers squabble over contracts, money, and health care.

In simplest terms, the adults in this situation need to ask themselves what is most important. They need to realize that students in the Crestwood school district are the true victims of this strike, because they are missing out on a quality education. The remainder of this school year will be hectic and chaotic for Crestwood students, as they struggle to learn information in a much shorter period of time.

For seniors who are planning to graduate and go on to college, this opens up a world of complications and setbacks. Graduating on time is now an impossibility, which affects whether students can attend classes in the summer at their colleges. The entire application and acceptance process is affected as well, especially for students who should be applying to schools now.

Some seniors are even being forced to begin their senior projects on their own, in order to have them done in time for graduation. Crestwood, like all other American high schools, is supposed to be preparing its students for the real world, for life after high school, while providing them with a meaningful education.

Most teachers enter the profession because they are passionate about imparting knowledge to young adults, and because they care about the welfare of tomorrow's generation of leaders. We presume most parents and school board members have the same sort of passion. Given this crucial responsibility, all involved need to end this strike quickly and practice the fine art of compromise.

Crestwood teachers should assume at least part of the responsibility for paying for medical coverage and board members and taxpayers need to make good on well-deserved pay raises for the educators

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Beacon Poll

Results

The following are results of a poll that *The Beacon* conducted online this past week. The poll was unscientific, and does not claim to reflect the overall attitudes of students on campus. Results are based on 23 responses.

The Beacon asked:

What do you look at first in *The Beacon* each week?

- News - 33%
- College Daze - 8%
- Opinion - 0%
- Features - 17%
- Photographs - 13%
- Nickle for Your Thoughts - 13%
- Arts & Entertainment - 8%
- Sports - 8%

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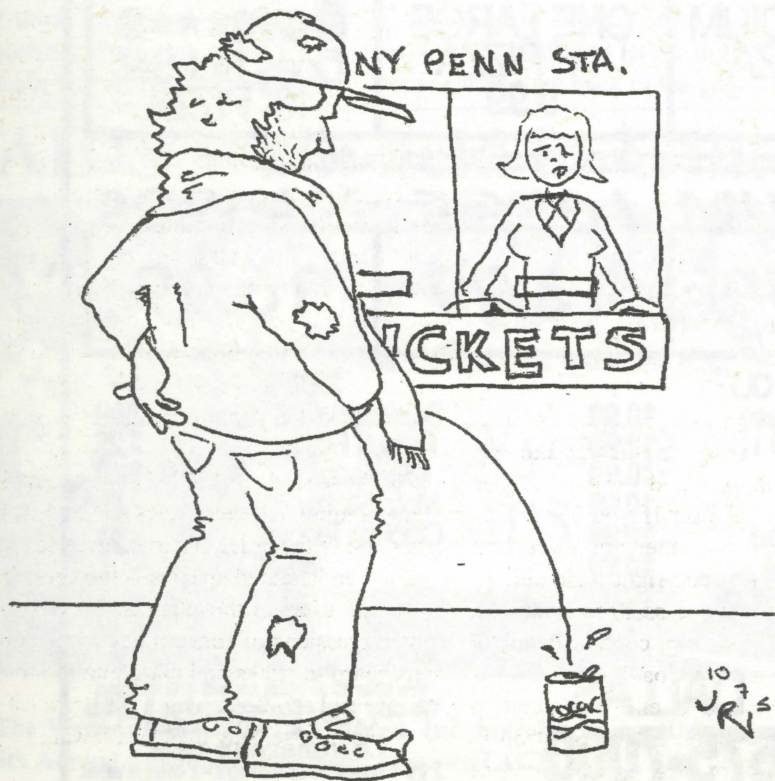
Which of the following rock icons would have influenced music the most had they lived longer?

- Janis Joplin
- Jim Morrison
- Selena
- John Lennon
- Kurt Cobain
- Jimi Hendrix
- Elvis Presley
- Buddy Holly

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Nickle for Your Thoughts

By Jason Nickle



The New Terrorist

Booze, booze, and more booze

BY MATT ZEBROWSKI

Beacon Asst. Op/Ed Editor

When *The Beacon* decided two weeks ago to cover the now-infamous party at 357 West River at which 40-plus Wilkes students got busted for underage drinking, I don't think anyone really thought much of it.

Word travels fast on a campus this small, so I, for one, thought the news would be old news by the time we published it. But from the response we've been getting over the past week from random people and through letters to the editor -- all of whom are unwilling to put their names with a letter, thereby making it impossible to publish them -- I must say that I'm actually shocked that people on this campus are so uptight about the school newspaper covering, you know, news that happened at the school.

A lot of the backlash seems to be about statements made in last week's editorial about the party, some of which I agree with, some of which I don't. But, I feel the need to throw my two cents into this conversation because of the nature of other claims that I have heard echoed across campus.

The first of these is the idea that *The Beacon* spent too much time fixated on this subject by covering it for two weeks straight. But, the thing is, the first article was a news story run immediately after it happened. The second was an opinion piece. Typi-

cally, opinion pieces run the week after the news occurs so that people have time to, you know, form opinions. So two issues with articles on the same thing isn't really that big of a deal. Now, because of the letters to the editor we've received and because of this article that you're currently reading, we're up to three issues. Which may admittedly be a bit much, but this time around you guys started it.

The second point that I've heard made countless times, and actually the one that bothers me far, far more, is the statement that excessive consumption of alcohol (and let's not act naive, when we talk about "partying" we're not talking about moderate drinking. You know that as well as I do.) is somehow a fundamental part of college life. I can't find this anywhere in the student handbook or any of the other formal literature I have from the university, and I'm a little nervous to ask any campus authority figures what they think about it.

In fact, the only justification for this claim seems to be "People in college have always partied; therefore, partying is something that should always happen at college." That's called circular reasoning and it won't get you very far in a debate.

When you're basing a so-called tradition on something that's as dangerous as alcohol, I think that it's especially important to

understand why. And I know that calling your precious spirits "dangerous" is fighting words to a lot of you. And that in and of itself is pretty representative of the problem I'm talking about--would you get as huffy if I claimed that apple juice was dangerous?

For starters, let's look at caloric content alone. A typical beer contains anywhere from 200-400 calories, light beer somewhere between 100-200. Liquor is even worse. Drink four or so of these in a night and you've already wasted half or more of your recommended caloric intake for the day. As a result of binge drinking, alcohol is probably often a far more guilty party in the so-called "freshman fifteen" than Taco Bell or Domino's.

Secondly, every single major study that I have ever seen about alcohol abuse in college life shows that it indisputably plays a role in the occurrence of rape and violence, as well as the spread of social diseases and a whole bunch of other nasty things. So, not only does it make you fat, alcohol abuse also decreases the general social health of the campus community as a whole.

Please note that I'm not trying to sound high and mighty here or advocating any sort of Puritanism. Most people see nothing wrong with moderate and responsible alcohol consumption, but it's not even the consumption itself that I have issue with. It's

how quick some are to adamantly defend the "party mentality" and gross amounts of consumption simply by appealing to the way things allegedly always were.

If that were sound reasoning, trepanning would still be a common medical practice, the toilet you used would be determined by your race, and women's ankles would still be sexy and taboo. Hell, the sandwich wouldn't have even been invented and we'd still be eating raw meat with our hands.

This is not a civil disobedience issue either, and the claim that the cops have bigger fish to fry is just rationalization. When the Beastie Boys told you to "fight for your right to party," they were being facetious at best and downright mocking at worst.

Furthermore, we have bigger fish to fry here at Wilkes, like our educations. You're not here to drink. So instead of getting all hot and bothered and trying to justify partying, why don't you get into an academic debate with a fellow student about something that doesn't involve beer? Why not talk to a professor about something in class that you found confusing? Why not research and examine your opinions on something to see if they hold up? Booze always is and always will be available, but the resources we students have available at Wilkes in terms of expanding our knowledge and our so-called personal horizons won't be.

Purposeful pedestrian promotes pathway politeness

BY AMANDA MCMAHON

Beacon Correspondent

Perhaps the two percent of students of Wilkes University who adhere to the sensitive needs and/or preferences of other sidewalk users should be put on a sidewalk etiquette endangered species list. Let's face it; it's a jungle out there.

As if Monday morning isn't rough enough, what with waking up to the "morning after" feeling of various weekend endeavors, most of us are ill-prepared for the voyage to class thanks to some sidewalk users -- whose manners have been forgotten, or perhaps were never instilled in the first place. The trip is sometimes a battle.

To those whose mommies never taught them that it's not polite to blow cigarette smoke down the lungs of the unfortunate person forced to walk downwind or ram someone in the side with an oversized backpack as you pass by, I'm sorry. For those sidewalk users who have plain forgotten such manners, allow me to articulate my concerns.

Walking on the sidewalks of the university is a complicated matter for some, I know.

For those students baffled by my remarks, keep in mind that these rules are not just for the good of the order, but are crucial to sparing the endangered species -- the courteous sidewalk users of the campus.

After all, there are overwhelming numbers of tasks to worry about like attending class (who knew college professors would actually take attendance?), studying for tests (did you say study?), and writing thesis-driven essays (a thesis?!). Therefore, to spare brain cells and time, I have come up with a brief list that adheres to the unwritten and frequently ignored sidewalk etiquette "rules" of Wilkes University campus. They are as follows:

1. Just because you smoke doesn't mean the ten people walking behind you do. This includes the "Starkers" and "Breisethians" who just want to get to class and avoid the cloud of nicotine haze hovering over the doorways. Keep the cancer to yourself,

please, and stay away from the doors.

2. A three or more person wide group doesn't allow an individual from the other direction to pass without being forced to stumble into the grass for his or her life. The fact of the matter is stilettos and wet lawns don't mix well, and sprained ankles aren't exactly a picnic. If you see someone coming from the other direction, it is courteous to stick to the right hand side of the sidewalk. If it is necessary to walk with others joined at your hip, contact PennDot about receiving a "wide load" sign.

3. If you frequently enjoy pretending you are taking a Sunday afternoon stroll in Kirby Park instead of walking with purpose through the greenway to class, please put on

your blinker and move off to the side for those traveling at a steady speed. We have places to go, and it's not Kirby Park.

4. Just because Wilkes University doesn't have track and field doesn't give you the right to turn the sidewalks into your practice area. Walking at a fast pace is understandable, but moving faster than the Public Safety officers can bike is an entirely different matter (well, sometimes).

5. Lastly, sidewalks are not a meeting area. No really, they aren't. They are defined paths stretching from one location to another. Just like nobody likes waiting for cars to stop at the crosswalk outside of the SUB, they don't enjoy waiting for you to finish your conversation.

For those students baffled by my remarks, keep in mind that these rules are not just for the good of the order, but are crucial to sparing the endangered species -- the courteous sidewalk users of the campus. However, if my expressions of concern have you taping cardboard to sticks and marching in protest for the right to do as you will, I request of you this; please, stay off the sidewalk.

Homophobia a concern on campus

BY MARK CONGDON

Beacon Columnist

"Faggot!"

Imagine hearing that on your answering machine when you arrived at your dorm. That is what happened to me a few weeks ago.

Homophobia on the Wilkes campus may not be evident on the surface, but after talking with many faculty, staff, and students, I found that homophobia is definitely still an issue here, as it is everywhere.

To learn about others' views on the subject across campus, I made it my mission to talk with a variety of people--admittedly, these were folks who are *not* homophobic. But my goal was to learn whether or not others had observed what I had and what they thought the problem was.

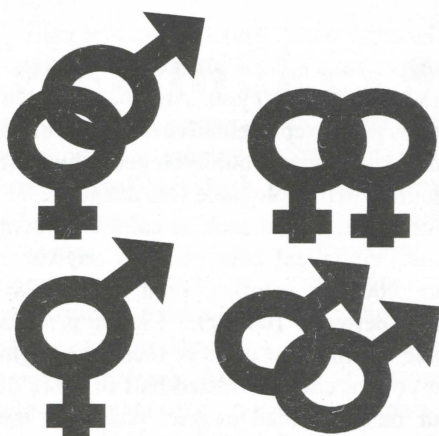
One of the students I interviewed was freshman undeclared student Valerie Martinez, who said she had noticed other students making negative comments about gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender people. "...That's just so gay...Why does he walk and dance like that? He's supposed to be a man...She looks like a dyke...Students who are in the Gay and Straight Alliance are gay..." are many comments Martinez has picked up on in casual conversation.

Karen Wesolowski, a junior and elementary education major, and treasurer-secretary of the College Republicans, agreed there is a problem and noted, "People are scared of things they don't know about, and until people get educated on what gay, lesbian or any of those terms mean, then they won't support homosexual rights."

Not only have students heard homophobic comments, but many faculty and staff have as well. Ann Loyek, Coordinator of the Community Service Office, noted she has even heard student leaders on campus making comments like, "They're a faggot," and "That's so gay." She added that contributing to a culture of bigotry are comedians who come to campus and make jokes about gay people, blonde people, and racial jokes.

Provost Maravene Loeschke, said, "I believe homophobia comes from two places: first, lack of intelligence...people have a right to live in this world without harassment...also, one's...insecurity about their own sexuality can cause hatred towards those...not afraid to show their sexuality."

Andita Parker-Lloyd, Coordinator of Multicultural Affairs, believes that homosexuality is the last discrimination that is legal and socially accepted. She gives examples such as, "When people use the N-word many people would be offended and it's not tolerated in our society, but if someone yells or



says 'fag' it is acceptable. Homosexuality is as real as racism is, but racism isn't accepted, unlike homophobia."

From my own perspective, I believe most bigotry is fostered early in a person's life and might have a connection to where they were raised. I grew up in a rural area of Pennsylvania known as Hughesville, and this area has always struck me as very homophobic. Many children/teenagers are taught by their parents that homosexuals are an "abomination and are going to hell." Also, since some rural communities don't support gay rights, there will be fewer resources for young people to go to for advice and for a place of security. However, students from a more urban area are more likely to be exposed to different cultures and will accept gay rights more easily.

I also have heard comments by students referring things as "gay," and some students have called me a "fag." Both terms are intentionally derogatory.

The first step toward tolerance on campus is for students tell other students to avoid negative comments about gays or lesbians, and also tell those students that it is wrong to label people. Of course, calling a friend on his or her language is sometimes awkward and difficult. But it's an act of courage as well.

One other way to foster tolerance on campus is to support those who will take advantage of the National Coming Out Day celebration Tuesday. On that day, people all over the nation will take a leap of faith and acknowledge their sexuality publicly--something that society has prevented before because of the culture of intolerance. At Wilkes, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Henry Student Center supporters will offer displays and information about issues associated with homosexuality. That evening, a free screening of *To Wong Fu, Thanks for Everything*, Julie Newmar will be offered at 7 p.m. in the Grand Ballroom.

Great as it is, Wilkes University would be even greater if students stopped labeling people, no matter what type of label they are identifying people with.

Are we witnessing another Vietnam?

BY ROB DONAHUE

Beacon Columnist

For a long time, I have tried to not accept the argument that Iraq may be turning into another Vietnam.

I say that because currently we are the world's only superpower and also I have read, heard, and seen what happened in Vietnam. However in the last several weeks, I have had no choice but to wonder if are we heading into another Vietnam War.

Vietnam was a French colony until 1946 when the Vietnamese fought for their freedom from France. In 1950, President Harry Truman sent military aid, which accounted for at least 80% of the operations. The United States would ultimately stay in Vietnam until March 1973 when the last of American troops left the country.

In those 23 years the U.S. would spend \$352 billion and lose 58,000 American lives. No real reason was ever offered the American people as to why the U.S. became involved in Vietnam other than "to defeat Communism." During these 23 years, the government found itself in the defensive position of having to directly (and sometimes violently) confront those who opposed the war, and presidents experienced poor poll numbers.

Flash forward to 2003. After almost a year and a half of speculations the Bush administration decided to attack Iraq because there was a supposed link between Saddam and al-Qaida and the looming threat of those now infamous Weapons of Mass

Destruction (WMDs).

The 9/11 Commission has since dismissed the White House's claim that there was a connection between Saddam and al-Qaida, yet the Bush administration still claims there was a connection. According to Fox News on October 7, 2004, "The chief U.S. arms inspector in Iraq has found no evidence of weapons of mass destruction production by Saddam Hussein's regime after 1991."

Eighty-seven billion dollars have currently been spent on the war and 2,143 deaths of troops from coalition countries have occurred, which includes 1,945 American deaths. According to a recent CNN poll, a mere 32% of Americans approve the President's handling of the war. The military is experiencing record low numbers of enlistments, and just about two weeks ago at least tens of thousands of people gathered in Washington D.C. to protest the war. Rumors of a draft have been floating around for years. Iraq is in chaos.

Just like Vietnam, we cannot leave Iraq because the consequences will be that we will have left the potential for civil war and years of bloodshed and chaos in our wake. On the other hand, are we in for another 23 year build up? If so, we have a good running start to top those startling Vietnam numbers.

The question becomes, how will the U.S. gain from this war? Is this really about stamping out terrorism, or is this a political move that can come back to haunt a generation?

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Off Campus Council reinstated

Group to connect off campus students to neighbors, campus

BY MEAGAN BROWN
Beacon Staff Writer

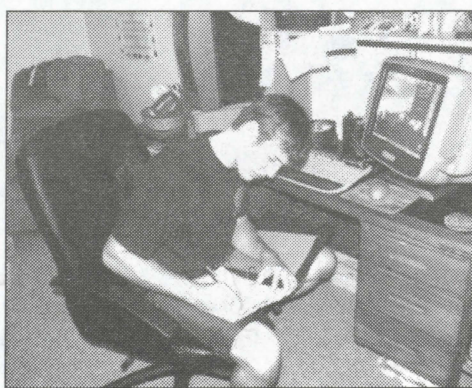
While off campus students are oft associated with excessive noise, parties, and greedily gobbling up available parking meters, the newly reinstated Off Campus Council hopes to change such public perceptions.

The Off Campus Council has been defunct since fall 2002, but is close to completing its quest to again achieve club status.

Josh Swantek, a senior pharmacy (P2) major who lives at 224 South Franklin, saw a need for the council to return this year. "We got it started at the end of last year. It is an avenue for more leadership and we can act as a liaison between off campus students, residents, and the community," said Swantek.

The recent publicity of off campus students has been less than flattering, Swantek admits that, "What has been published hasn't been good. There was no organization to have service opportunities. With the problems of Winter Weekend [last year] and off campus drinking, we need to work to change the community perception."

Andrew Steinberg, junior biology major and president of Student Government (SG), echoes Swantek's statement. "With every-



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Josh Swantek, a P2 pharmacy major, recently received approval to reinstate Off Campus Council. The first meeting is Tuesday at 11:30am.

thing going on, it is easy to see that we need an off campus council. It used to be a big commodity of this campus," Steinberg commented. Steinberg is an off campus student.

Changing the image of approximately 500 off campus students is the primary goal of the council. Swantek has many plans for the club. "We want to have social events. A few we were thinking of were a horseshoe tournament and a BBQ event. Also, we are working on planning some community service opportunities," he said.

Steinberg hopes the council will serve an educational purpose. "The council can raise awareness, and it also allows for improving community relations. Hopefully, with the council, community members will not be calling the police every five minutes, and more importantly, students will learn not to throw parties which make the community members call the police," mused Steinberg.

Swantek attributed the need for such a club to lack of representation for off campus students. "There was something for commuter students (Commuter Council) and something for on campus students (Inter-Residence Hall Council-IRHC) but nothing for off campus students. So we saw a need for the council to come back," he said.

The climb to club status has almost been completed. To gain SG approval, Swantek had to petition signatures from students. "I talked to people who showed interest in becoming members. I basically went door-to-door to get off campus student signatures and get the word out. I hope that we will be successful," Swantek said.

After getting the necessary signatures, Swantek had to gain reinstatement from SG. After reinstating Off Campus Council, SG offered help and support to Swantek. "We have to re-ratify our constitution and get more members, but I am confident that there is support," he said.

Steinberg said his support will come in the form of membership. "Absolutely, I will become a member," he said.

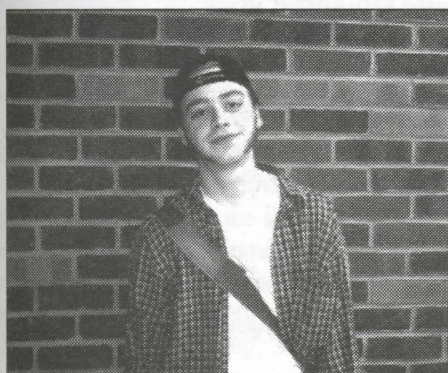
The council, which has its first meeting on Tuesday from 11:30 to 12:00 in the Hiscox room of the Henry Student Center, also sees opportunity to work with other student organizations. "I haven't talked to Rich [Hannick, President of Commuter Council] yet, but I think we can do things together. One idea we've had is to take the study break party, which IRHC has usually sponsored and making it a Tri-Council (Commuter Council, IRHC, and Off Campus Council) event," he said.

When asked about the excitement of off campus students, Swantek stated that the off campus students seem as though they really want to be involved. "I've been off campus since 234 burned down, and I still see myself as being very involved. Some of the most involved students on this campus are also off campus residents," said Swantek. Before becoming the president of Off Campus Council and thereby a member of the Tri-council, Swantek was a class representative starting his sophomore year.

The meeting on Tuesday is open to all members of the campus, though membership is offered only to students who live off campus.

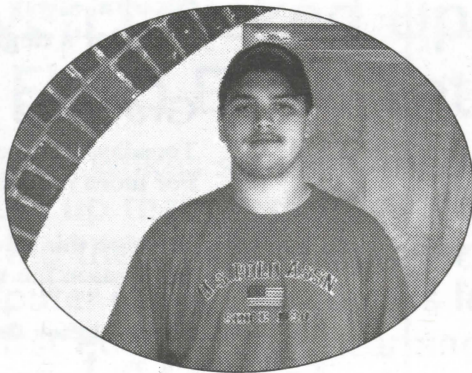
Beacon Editor-in-Chief Kristin Kile was curious about what Wilkes students are thinking. Here is what she found out.

Tell Us... Guys gripe...What aggravates you the most about the opposite sex?



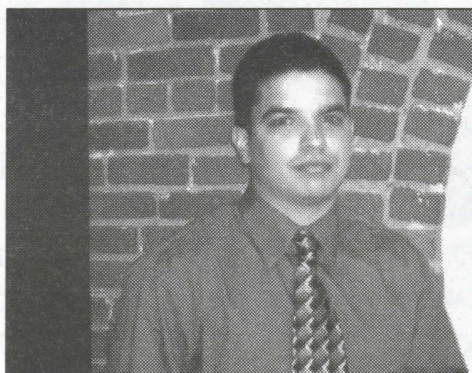
Brian VanZelst - sophomore, communication studies major

"They take forever to get ready."



Andy Mosley - sophomore, biochemistry major

"When they make plans and stand you up."



Shane Jerominski - P3, pharmacy major

"They always expect you to know what they want without telling you."



Adam Penberthy - sophomore, education major

"I can't read her."

Hager transforms Slocum Hall into global radio station

BY DAVE SEBELIN
Beacon Correspondent

Dorm rooms: for some college students, these words usually conjure visions of cold cinder block walls and unbearable roommates. Feng shui is rarely enough to give student dorms that certain atmosphere.

But one student at Wilkes has challenged the common perception of campus living by turning his dorm into a global radio broadcasting station.

For Christopher Hager, sophomore pre-pharmacy major, a small desk, computer and headset has become a gateway to an international audience of radio listeners.

Krankit.com, a popular internet radio station, has been in operation since 1998. Since its creation, Krankit has given people like Hager the ability to produce, direct and host their own shows.

Every Tuesday afternoon starting at 3 p.m., Hager assumes a new persona and dons the identity of DJ Card Shark of KIBC internet radio. With a list nearing 1,000 songs, Card Shark broadcasts his show, "All Bets Are

Off," live from his corner of Slocum Hall. This broadcast is then transmitted, by way of a local connection, to receivers around the globe.

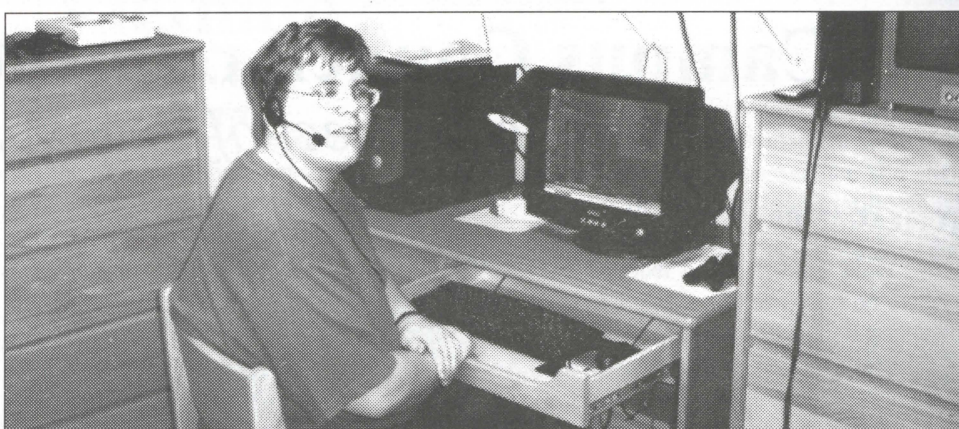
"Whenever you tune into my broadcast, you never know what you're going to hear. Really, all bets are off when you're listening to my show," said Hager.

Overall, Card Shark has a variety of songs, "I have everything from ABBA to ZZ Top," said Hager.

Song selections primarily consist of punk, heavy metal, classic rock and little bits of other genres. If there is a song that the Shark doesn't have, his play list is constantly being updated with new and classic songs.

In addition to his wide music selection, Hager also has created special show segments; one example is "It's All About the Bean-jamins." In this portion of his show, Card Shark randomly selects a Harry Potter jelly bean and consumes it on air (flavors range from soap to vomit).

Usually, DJs are paid for their work, but Hager volunteers his time to the station. "It's my hobby," he said.



The Beacon/Edward Youssef

Christopher Hager assumes the identity DJ Card Shark when broadcasting his internet radio show, "All Bets Are Off" from Slocum Hall. His show airs on Krankit.com every Tuesday at 3pm. Virtually anyone is able to produce, direct and host their own radio show from the website.

"I think Card Shark is a great DJ. As a college student with a busy schedule, he is very reliable," said Patrick Gillen, CEO of Krankit Interactive Broadcasting Corp.

Card Shark's broadcasts have already reached "millions of listeners" each month through streaming media on krankit.com.

Though Hager only has a few months of experience, his voice has been transmitted to homes across the globe. Anyone who has Windows XP, 500 songs/mp3s, and a computer microphone can become a Krankit DJ.

Cold and flu season augmented by university living

BY ALISON WOODY
Beacon Asst. Features Editor

While the most common sounds emanating from the classrooms this fall ought to be the voices of professors lecturing and students participating in lively discussion, some background noises are drowning both out.

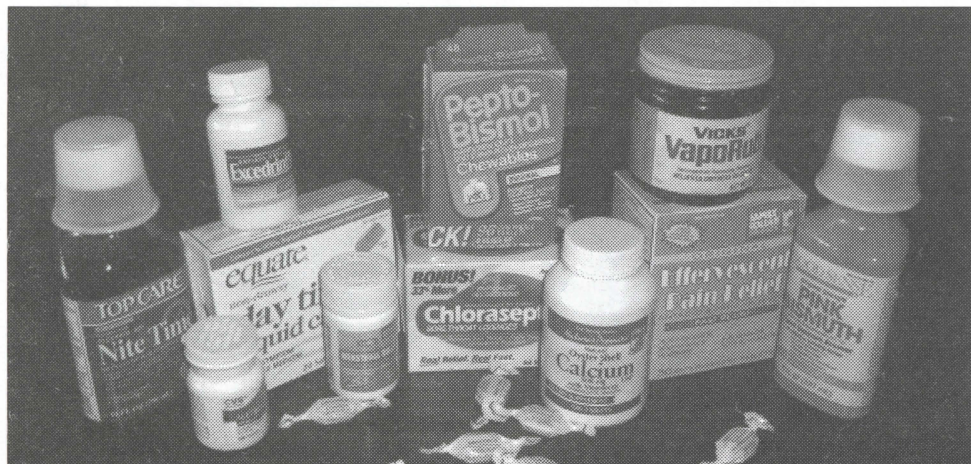
Sniffles, sneezes and coughs.

The hacking and sneezing heard in class-

rooms throughout the Wilkes campus during the past few weeks signals the beginning of the long cold season, and many Wilkes community members are already suffering the symptoms.

The month of October often signals weather changes that invariably lead people indoors where the spread of germs is prevalent.

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The month of October marks the beginning of a long cold and flu season. Students should practice good handwashing and shy away from sharing items.

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SG veterans offer helping hand to rookies

BY ERICA LEO
Beacon Staff Writer

Freshmen students generally have it pretty rough during their first year of college.

Between being thrown into a new living environment and facing a whole new set of academic expectations and responsibilities, the dream of entering an institution of higher education can quickly become overwhelming.

For this reason, a helping hand is often welcomed and in the case of some freshmen leaders entering the ranks of Student Government (SG), this helping hand comes through the new SG freshman mentoring program.

The SG freshman mentoring program was established this semester by the Leadership Institute at Wilkes University to help acclimate those freshmen students assuming office for the first time and getting involved with SG. The program helps new members learn what it takes to be a part of the main student governing body on campus.

The ten new freshmen SG members are paired with more experienced members to learn SG protocol, voting procedures, policies and the constitution.

Jenna Strezelecki, junior business major, vice president of SG and freshman class advisor, was notified about the new program through Dean of Students Mark Allen and Director of Student Leadership Philip Ruthkoski, both of whom are advisors to SG.

"It's basically pairing an upper-classman that has been on Student Government for a year or so with a freshman so that the freshman could learn the ropes of Student Government," explained Strezelecki.

"[The SG freshman mentoring program] is just to show the freshman how Student Government is run so they're not thrown in with no background," she added.

Freshman Tanya Feiertag, sociology major and freshman class treasurer, was involved in a student government program in high school and feels that the program will be helpful as a new member of Wilkes' SG.



The Beacon/Nick Zmijewski

The recently appointed freshmen Student Government leaders participate in open discussion during the last meeting. Their integration into SG has been positive, influenced by the new Freshman Mentoring Program. The program helps the new members learn typical procedures, policies, and protocols that will be used throughout their time on SG by an older, more experienced member.

"It's [SG] definitely different from my high school, so I'm going to need my mentor's help this year," said Feiertag. "I'm really looking forward to it."

Juniors Adam Eckert, accounting major and junior class vice president, and Jenn Cerra, pharmacy major and Inter-Residence Hall Council (IRHC) president, are mentors in the program and also think it's a great concept.

Eckert remembers the anxiety he felt during his early days on SG and thinks that having an experi-

enced member coach freshmen on how to present themselves during meetings could be to their advantage.

"It's good to have a mentor so you can ask them first about what you could say and get their opinion on it," stated Eckert.

Cerra feels that the program will be useful to the freshmen in terms of learning how to vote and putting it into application while voting at meetings.

"As a freshman, you kind of just go along with it, and you don't re-

ally know what you are doing," said Cerra.

Aside from the learning experience, the mentoring program will also hold some fun-filled events to break up the monotony for the freshmen and their mentors. A scavenger hunt and a dinner are in the works for sometime this semester.

"We hope that it will be successful and that we can run it every year so it becomes a part of Student Government," said Strezelecki.

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Diane O'Brien, Director of Health Services at Wilkes University, stated, "Cold weather is a better breeding ground for germs."

O'Brien also pointed out that living on a college campus makes it easier for the germs and bacteria to spread. "The living arrangements in a commune setting such as a dorm and classrooms make it easier to spread illnesses through respiratory droplets when say, someone sneezes."

During the height of cold and flu season, students not only feel bad, but face the added pressure of falling behind in classes if they remain in bed.

Rana Razavi, a sophomore business major, said that she has been sick for over a week. "I am on medications that just drain the energy out of me and I have no ambition to get up for classes. Last week alone, I missed four classes due to my illness."

But there are some preventative measures students can adopt to help them avoid illness.

O'Brien noted, "Good hand-washing is the key to avoiding illness. Germs and bacteria are spread from touching doorknobs and computers. If you have a cold, use your own things."

Students experiencing symptoms can visit the Health Services office, located on the first floor of Evans Hall. Health Services offers a walk-in service and will also refer students to local physicians if symptoms appear to require antibiotics. The Health Services office open Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m., and Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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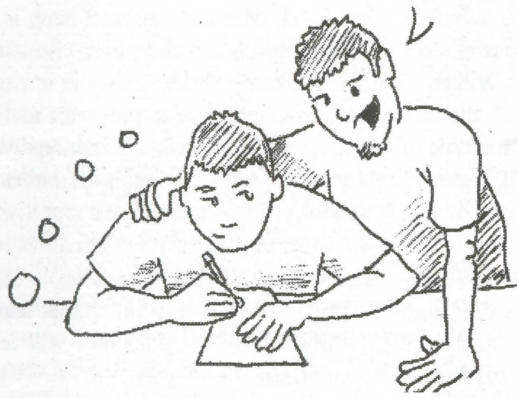
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BY MATT ZEBROWSKI
Beacon Assistant Op/Ed Editor

Anyone half as genuinely badass as Ryan Adams just has to command respect.

He's picked on just about every single poser in the rock scene (including Conor Oberst, which gives him about a zillion extra points in my book), he kicks people out of his concerts if they heckle him for his unfortunate titular similarity to a certain Canadian pop star, and he always looks so cool that he makes smoking seem way more tempting than Joe Camel ever did. And, unlike countless other songwriters with "attitude," I think that Adams has the talent to back up his swagger.

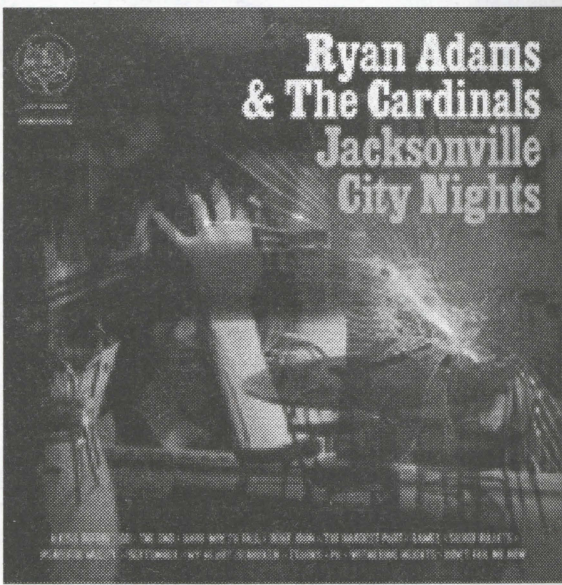
But for some reason, I often find myself acting as an apologist for Adams' actual music. Some listeners tend to interpret his consistent genre-shifting through everything from straight-up country to melancholy pop to grunge rock as a bit of poserdom in and of itself, which is a true shame. His ability to function so convincingly playing just about any style of music is what got me hooked on Ryan Adams in the first place.

So it's a bit of a shame that now that he's actually fronting a real band for the first time since his days in Whiskeytown, Mr. Adams and his Cardinals seem to be at risk of becoming stuck in a bit of a rut. Their latest album, *Jacksonville City Nights*, sounds a whole lot like *Cold Roses*, his first album with the Cardinals. Like *Cold Roses*, *Jacksonville City Nights* is more country than anything else Adams has done in his solo career, with lots of fiddle and slide guitar and all that honky-tonk sort of stuff.

Not that that's a bad thing. "Dear John," a duet with Norah Jones, and "September" are among the saddest sounding songs Adams has ever written, and that's re-

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ally saying something. The choruses on "The End" and "Hard Way to Fall" rank up there with his catchiest, which is also saying something.

While it's nowhere near as good as *Love is Hell*, his masterwork in my opinion, *Jacksonville City Nights* still stands as a highly solid Ryan Adams album. Like everything else he's ever done, Adams does country well, possibly best of all. And it's not like two similar albums from anyone else would incite me to use the phrase "at risk of becoming stuck in a bit of a rut," so maybe I'm not being entirely fair. Because even in this newfound consistency, he's still keeping his listeners guessing-I, for one, certainly wasn't expecting two country albums in a row.

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Dinner and a Movie

Pilot Travel Center

BY DONNA TALARICO
Beacon A&E Editor

For a spontaneous couple that decides to go to a movie a half hour before it starts, adding dinner to the date equation doesn't seem feasible.

But a box of junk food for \$3.50 isn't very appealing when an entire junk food meal can be purchased for about the same.

Enter the Pilot Travel Center. Not as sprawling as the neighboring Petro Truck Stop, this super-sized gas station caters more to travelers with two



Courtesy of Pilot Travel Centers

axels. The Wendy's restaurant within the Pilot is probably where most travelers--or moviegoers on a quick dinner date--eat. However, for fans of the microwaveable pocket, delicacies off the hot dog roller, burritos and Lunchables there are aisles, coolers and warmers chock-full of ready-to-eat items. And, they can also be eaten inside the tables at Wendy's.

I decided on my old Wendy's standby--a double cheeseburger. Since I am trying to avoid French fries, I didn't make it a value meal and instead got a 99-cent order of chicken nuggets and a Diet Coke. I read once the Wendy's burgers are square because they don't cut corners. They don't. The staff at the Pilot Wendy's is friendly and the burger was fresh, hot and the accompanying lettuce and tomato were perfect. I'd like to see some veggies come out the box of Junior Mints I would have otherwise had for dinner.

My date opted to have a corn dog off the roller. The breading wasn't as crisp as a freshly dipped and deep-fried one at a fair. But for being frozen, thawed and re-heated it wasn't bad. He dipped it in my honey mustard from my nuggets. He also had the Wendy's chili, which was great for a rainy Friday. The cashiers at the Pilot are also friendly and helpful, as I noticed them giving directions to people and answering questions about NEPA.

And call us sneaky, but we totally capitalized on being in a travel center. We also purchased dessert to go, a bag of Reese's Pieces, a pack of Swedish fish and two bottles of soda. Even though we had orders rung up three times, our total cost was about \$10. We were able to make it the movie in plenty of time. The beauty of a fast-food joint is that they have the same goal--get us served quickly.

What makes this dining experience unique is that if you'd like to buy a pair of cowboy boots, a hula dancer dashboard ornament, a set of mud flaps or the greatest hits of Conway Twitty--on cassette--by golly, you can.

If you want dinner on the fly, try Pilot.

Grade- B

Flightplan

BY ALISON SHERRY
Beacon Staff Writer

Just when you thought they've made every kind of thriller possible, it takes a movie like *Flightplan* to come along and prove you wrong.

Flightplan is a movie that makes viewers think they have the plot figured out, but then at the very end the plot takes a daring twist and audiences are sure to gasp and shake their heads and wonder, "what just happened here?" There are only a select few movies that have done that effectively, which is why *Flightplan* is so unique. It will definitely have you on the edge of your seat.

Jodie Foster plays Kyle Pratt, an airplane engineer who has just suffered the shocking death of her husband and is traveling home to New York from Berlin to bury him, along with her six-year-old daughter, Julia. Halfway through the flight, Kyle falls asleep and wakes up to find her daughter is missing. After searching the plane from literally top to bottom and enlisting the help of the crew and Captain Rich (Sean Bean, *The Lord of the Rings*) and Air Marshal, Gene Carson (Peter Sarsgaard) the crew gets word that her daughter was never checked on board and that Kyle is losing her mind. Refusing to believe her daughter does not exist, Kyle realizes it's up to her and only her to find her little girl.

It's only a plane, right? So that means there's only so many places she could be. Uh-huh, that's what they want you to think. Be prepared for lots of surprises around every corner and just as the passengers on board the plane, viewers will also be filled with doubt about Jodie Foster's character. Foster does an amazing job portraying a grieving widow turned paranoid. She proves to have her wits about her and viewers won't believe some of the things she thinks of in this movie. I think another Academy Award nomination should be in the future of Jodie Foster for this one.

Flightplan reminds viewers that no matter what they've seen in the past, movies can still be mindblowing.

Grade- A+



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Nothing But Net

This week on the web

BY JAMIE BABBITT
Beacon Business Manager

The college student lifestyle often poses a serious problem for those trying to stay up to date on current fashion trends. With college tuition, books and at least a little weekend entertainment, most don't have the finances to support such an expensive hobby.

Designer fashions can cost as much as the monthly rent... Until now. Fashion service Bag Borrow Or Steal, Inc. (www.bagborroworsteal.com), recently featured on *The Tyra Show*, is offering designer purses for members to borrow and keep for as long as they like at a very low cost.

Often compared to the Netflix service for DVD rentals, members of this site pay a small fee each month and depending on the type of membership they have, users can borrow a bag of their choice from over 80 designers.

There are three different types of memberships: Trendsetter, Princess and Diva. Trendsetter is the most basic membership. The higher the membership, the more bags are available to borrow.

The process is very simple. The member surfs the site, picks a bag they would like to borrow, and it is shipped to them in one to two business days. Members are charged a shipping and handling fee of \$9.95.

The member can then wear the bag for any length of time. When they get sick of the bag, they send it back and pick out a new one. If they fall in love with the bag and would like to keep it for their permanent collection, the member can request to purchase the bag, usually at a discounted price. All of the bags on the site are either new or almost new and members are expected to return them the same way. Insurance on the bags is offered, and fees can be imposed on members who abuse bags beyond repair.

Currently, www.bagborroworsteal.com is offering new members a free two-week trial to try the service out. New members can borrow a bag for free during those two weeks and can either return the bag and discontinue the membership or keep the bag and pay the monthly fee.

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Extreme sports challenge students in new ways

BY RICH HANNICK
Beacon Staff Writer

Skiing, rock climbing, sky diving, white water rafting, paintball, and NASCAR stock car driving. Not your average university course offerings.

While students can't actually receive course credit for these activities, the extreme sports certainly are contributing to a new definition of a Wilkes University education.

Philip Ruthkosky, Director of Student Development, believes that a person can learn a lot about leadership and gain self-awareness through team interaction. "If you are all going down a river in a canoe and you're not all on the same page together, you are going to tip," said Ruthkosky. He also believes students get to know each other on a different level when they are in physically and emotionally challenging situations.

Ruthkosky has actually participated in each of the extreme sports outings with the students, even getting thrown into a river on one occasion. "My whole boat tipped over," recalled Ruthkosky.

Ruthkosky is pleased with the student interest for all of the activities. The activity

that has been one of the hottest is paintball. "It was very popular last year, [and] we've already had a lot of people trying to get on the list," said Ruthkosky.

Joe Price, a senior CIS major, is an avid paintballer, and will be attending the Wilkes excursion. He initially caught word of the Student Development's activities via the website and advertisements in the Henry Student Center. Price loves paintball, along with five of his friends who also signed up. The paintball experience will take place in the Poconos.

Price, who is on his second trip paintballing with Student Development, said, "It's a fun group activity. You get to meet new people." Overall, he has been paintballing for two years, and has become knowledgeable about the necessary rules, regulations, and equipment.

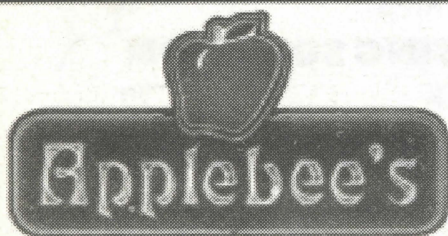
The types of gear needed for paintball are a gun, mask, paintballs, carbon dioxide, and even a fanny pack to hold your paintballs. "I have the Tippen 85, E-grip, and diboom-stick barrel," he said.

"You have to wear a mask at all times, you cannot shoot anyone without a mask on, and you can't shoot anybody within ten feet," added Price.



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Student Development offers many different extreme sporting opportunities for students such as skiing, rock climbing, white-water rafting and skydiving.



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Wilkes junior varsity football team off to 2-1 start

BY ADRIENNE RICHARDS
Beacon Correspondent

So you want to catch a Wilkes football game, but can't make it on Saturday? How about taking in a JV game on Monday afternoon?

To the surprise of many Colonels fans, Wilkes *does* have a JV football team. In fact, this season the Colonels are fielding an especially strong JV football team. They compete in about four games, all of which take place at the beginning of the football season. The team is comprised mostly of freshmen and sophomores.

With just over 100 players on the varsity roster, it's inevitable that not all of them will see playing time in Saturday's games. In fact, only between 50-60 players actually do. JV games allow between 35-40 players the chance of real, live game experience.

Defensive coordinator and JV football coach Mike McCree said, "The younger players get a chance for valuable playing time and the chance to run plays. It's a great experience."

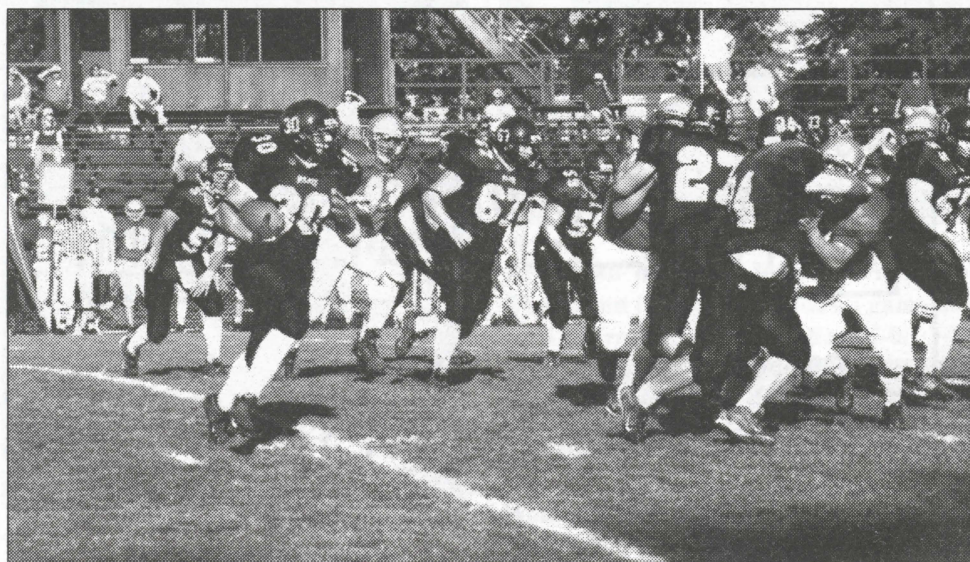
But game experience isn't the only valuable lesson these athletes are learning.

Head Coach Frank Sheptock adds, "They get in the habit of winning and being successful."

So is there a difference between the level of play on Saturday and a JV football game? "Not a lot of difference," said Sheptock. "Maybe a slight difference in speed of

play. It's a great chance for us to evaluate the players."

With a team comprised mostly of freshmen, sophomores, and those coming off of injury, the JV games allow for a release of nervous anxiety those players may feel in the varsity games.



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Freshman Jason Nabba looks for a hole in the Monarch defense on Monday at Ralston Field. The Wilkes junior varsity team is currently 2-1.

Freshman Ryan Daley commented, "We are getting game experience we otherwise wouldn't have. It's not quite the varsity level, but it's definitely a higher level than high school."

Overall, younger players have responded with enthusiasm for any chance they get to line up against a different-colored jersey. "The players are enthusiastic and a fun bunch to coach," said McCree. "They want to be there and are fired up."

Both the junior varsity and varsity teams practice together and prepare in the same way. Junior varsity players have also found that their games encourage support across the board from the more seasoned vets. Daley noted, "Varsity supports us. They even come to our games."

The junior varsity football team will play a total of four games during the season. So far, the team is 2-1; posting shutout wins over King's and Delaware Valley, before falling 18-6 in a rematch against King's. The team won a 16-0 decision at Betzler Field two weeks ago, and blanked Delaware Valley College at home 19-0 last Monday. The team will finish up with a game against Muhlenberg later in October.



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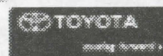
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GAME OF THE WEEK

National Football League: New York Giants vs. Dallas Cowboys

BY KEVIN REED
Beacon Staff Writer

For football fans in eastern Pennsylvania, the team of choice is the Philadelphia Eagles.

And if there are two NFL franchises that Eagles fans despise the most, they would be the New York Giants and the Dallas Cowboys. Both teams have been NFC East division rivals for a long time, and every game seems to live up to that billing. The Giants and Cowboys will face each other this Sunday in a series dating back to December 4, 1960.

In the early to mid-1990s, the New York Giants and the Dallas Cowboys were the cream of the crop in the NFL. Since then, both clubs have gone through a rebuilding phase and now are set to reclaim their respective positions at the top of the league's ranks. This year, the Giants are off to a quick start. The Cowboys, meanwhile, have been consistent and are only a few games back from first place in the division.

The Giants are led by quarterback Eli Manning. He was the first overall pick in last year's draft and is settling in nicely to a starting role. He has thrown nine touchdown passes while throwing only two interceptions, a good ratio among signal-callers.

He is joined in the Giants' backfield by a very capable running back in Tiki Barber and perennial Pro Bowlers Plaxico Burress at wide receiver and Jeremy Shockey at tight end. The Giants boast a young defense that has shown its worth in spades during the beginning of the season as they have piled up 14 takeaways (fumble recoveries and interceptions) over the first month.

The Dallas Cowboys are trying to return to the glory days that their franchise has been known for. They are led by their rejuvenated and born-again quarterback Drew Bledsoe. Acquired in the off-season, Bledsoe was reunited with his former coach Bill Parcells.

Bledsoe led a Parcells-coached Patriots team to a narrow Super Bowl XXXI defeat in the mid-1990's. Bledsoe also has an above-average touchdown to interception ratio of 7 to 3 thus far this season. His favorite targets for his passes are wide receivers Terry Glenn, also a student under Parcells years ago in New England, and Keyshawn Johnson. Glenn leads the Cowboys in receiving yards and Johnson leads the team in touchdowns.

GAME OF THE WEEK									
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Complementing the aerial attack is running back Julius Jones. In his second season in the NFL, Jones has excelled and has emerged as a full-time starter as he has carried the bulk of the load in the Dallas backfield so far this year. The Cowboys defense is a little more seasoned than that of the Giants, as they include some of the old (former Pro-Bowler La'Roi Glover) and some of the new (rookies DeMarcus Ware and Marcus Spears).

Some match-ups to look for are the Cowboys run defense against the ground attack of the Giants' Tiki Barber, as well as the upstart Giants secondary against the veteran blend of talented Cowboys receivers.

A potential X-factor will be the Giants kick and punt returns. They have already returned two kicks for touchdowns this season and could prove to be a difference-maker on Sunday.

Prediction: Giants 21, Cowboys 14



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Quick Info...

NY Giants (3-1*)
VS.
Dallas (2-2*)

E. Manning vs. Bledsoe

Kickoff: 1:00 p.m.

*As of Week Four

Double Take

Sarah examines the stats that truly matter

BY SARAH HERBERT
Beacon Features Editor

Ah, the dreaded sport of football. Can I just say that I can't wait for basketball season? Anyway, this week's game is Cowboys v. Giants. At this point, I'm not really interested in who wins, just so someone wins and football season comes to an end.

Typically, I would probably pick the Giants. Their colors are patriotic and I know they have at least one good-looking player, one of the Manning brothers if I'm not mistaken.

Generally speaking, I'm not a Dallas fan. Like the Yankees,

they are a bandwagon team. When they are doing well, everyone is a fan. However, they do have a pretty star on their helmets. This week, I feel like hopping on the bandwagon for some reason.

Sure, Texas doesn't have the best track record (it's the home of George W. Bush and Jessica Simpson...the stupid gene must run rampant there,) but I guess you don't need brains to play football. Perhaps that's why Dallas is a fairly good team.

Go Cowboys!

Athlete of the Week

Women's tennis: Alison McDonald

BY RYAN DIPPRE
Beacon Sports Editor

The Lady Colonels' record-setting season is winding to a close on the tennis courts at the Ralston Field complex.

As the team begins to prepare for the Freedom Conference playoffs, all eyes are on the number two singles spot, where freshman Alison McDonald is attempting to close out an amazing season.

McDonald earned Freedom Conference player of the week honors after notching singles wins against King's College, FDU-Florham, Albright, and Neumann last week. McDonald also fought to a 3-1 record with teammate Kristin Wilt in doubles during the four-game span. This impressive run was sparked by a late-match comeback against inter-city rival King's College, when McDonald rallied from a 5-2 deficit to defeat Rita Kaluzavich in three sets and lift the Lady Colonels to a 5-4 victory over King's.

"She's got a big desire to win," said head coach Chris Leicht. "I think that really shows in her rally against King's, and in the other close matches she's won." Indeed, McDonald's "big desire" for victory has led her to an impressive 11-1 record on the season in the second singles spot, and a 9-3 record in the first doubles spot with teammate Kristin Wilt.

The season, however, is far from over. As the Lady Colonels move toward the Freedom Conference playoffs, McDonald has her sights set on a rematch against Freedom Conference opponent Scranton. "I really hope we play Scranton again," she said. "They beat us 5-4 last time we played them." The team rebounded well after the heartbreaking defeat, shutting out four of their last five opponents. In fact, the Lady Colonels have been 5-0 since their defeat to Scranton. The painful loss, however, is still fresh in their minds. "We really want a



Courtesy of Sports Information

Alison McDonald currently has an 11-1 record at the second singles spot and a 9-3 record at the first doubles spot.

chance to beat them," said McDonald.

"Being at the top of the lineup, a lot of girls look up to her," said Leicht, in his third season at the helm of the Lady Colonels. "I think her work attitude on the court makes her a good leader."

If a team record is any measure of leadership, McDonald is one of the most effective team leaders that the Wilkes tennis team has ever had. The Lady Colonels are 10-3 going into the Freedom Conference team playoffs, the best record a women's tennis team has had at Wilkes. The team still has upcoming matches against Chestnut Hill and East Stroudsburg, giving them the opportunity to build on their record-setting season.

Freedom Conference playoffs will also give McDonald the chance to cap an outstanding freshman year, and more importantly, in her eyes-give the Lady Colonels a chance to catch the win that got away.



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Freshman defender Jennifer Pruskowski outmaneuvers Lady Monarch Suzanne Thompson in last Wednesday's game at Artillery Park. The Lady Colonels knocked off 18th-ranked King's College 1-0.

WEEKEND RECAPS

Women's Volleyball

The women's volleyball team swept a pair of matches against Monclair State (28-30, 30-28, 30-22, 30-23) and College of St. Elizabeth (30-23, 30-27, 30-18) to up their winning streak to five, Saturday at King's Scandlon Gym. Alicia Vieselmeyer, fresh off her record setting game for most kills in a season, led the team with 16 kills, 11 digs, and 8 blocks. Katherine Harrington, Jillian Focht, and Kristen Linhart also factored into the victories.

Football

The football team battled the elements and staved off a late comeback by Lycoming, winning 17-14 and improving its record 3-2 overall and 3-1 in the conference. Tom Adreopoulos opened the game with a 40-yard kickoff return; setting up Al Karaffa's 30-yard touch down pass to Bo Tkach as the Colonel went up 17-0 at the half; just enough to hold off a late Warriors comeback.

Women's Soccer

Saturday's game against DeSales was postponed due to inclement weather. No rescheduled date set as of now.

Men's Soccer

Saturday's game against Delaware Valley College has been rescheduled for Monday at 4pm.

Field Hockey

Saturday's game against FDU was postponed due to inclement weather. No rescheduled date set as of now.

Tennis

Saturday's tennis match against Lebanon Valley was suspended due to darkness. The Flying Dutchwomen were up 4-3 when the game was stopped. No date available for when the game will resume.

NUMBERS OF THE WEEK

5

Consecutive wins by the women's volleyball team since October 1.

37.9

Average yards per punt by Colonel punter Kyle Devlin. Devlin's average is third in the MAC.

3

Games postponed by inclement weather during the weekend.

42

Assists by Nicole Hahn during Saturday's volleyball tri-match against Montclair State and St. Elizabeth.

Field Hockey to seek revenge against Drew University on 10/11

BY NICK PODOLAK
Assistant Sports Editor

The last time the Wilkes field hockey team stepped on the field with Drew, the Rangers knocked the Lady Colonels out in the first round of the playoffs and went on to be the conference champions.

The Lady Colonels had the whole off-season to ponder that loss, and storm into Tuesday's game with a vengeance.

"We've been waiting all year for this game," said middle defender Courtney Eleazer. "It will be an intense match up."

The Wilkes women, who shut out nationally ranked King's last Wednesday 1-0, are on some kind of tear after snapping a four-game skid with a win over William Paterson on October 1, and they aim to prove that they are a force to be reckoned with. "This is a new month for us. We've come together as a team both on and off the field and that is a big part of

us winning," said head coach Sara Fuller.

Both teams are young but talented. Drew will rely on sophomore Jen Shoepflin to provide the offensive fire power. She leads the team in goals (including game winners) and points.

Wilkes, which has ten freshmen and eight sophomores, is getting superb play from sophomore goal keeper Hilary Weber. The "Webster" leads the league with four shut-outs this season and was recently named Conference Player of the Week.

"Hilary is doing amazing," Fuller said. "But I wouldn't say there is one standout player because they are all doing a great job."

The Lady Colonels and the Rangers have similar records, give or take a loss, and are deadlocked for fourth place in the Freedom Conference standings at 1-2 in the conference. Even though both teams have dismal road records, it appears that the Lady Colonels have the advantage playing at

home. Fuller thinks otherwise.

"I don't think it matters where the game is played, we're both pretty even teams and it's going to be an even match up," she said. "We just have to come out ready to play."

If Wilkes is serious about winning this game, it's going to have to start scoring in the first half. Wilkes scores three times as many goals in the second period than the first, and this includes shots on goal.

"As of now it seems we are scoring a lot in the second half, and our goal from here on out is to score first and keep scoring," said Fuller.

Fuller was adamant about one thing. "Let me just say this. We are a different team than we were in September and I think October is a time for us to show what we can do. We're takin' it!"

The Lady Colonels have made the playoffs 10 out of the past 11 years. Game time is Tuesday, 1:00 at Artillery Park.



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Freshman Jaclyn Renner fights for the ball against King's College on October 5 at Artillery Park. The Lady Colonels knocked off the nationally-ranked Monarchs 1-0.

W Campus Calendar

All Week

*Hideous Beauty, Sordoni Art Gallery

MONDAY (10/10)

*National Association for the Advancement of Colored People meeting, HSC Miller Conference Room -- 7:30 to 9 p.m.

TUESDAY (10/11)

*National Coming Out Day
*Field hockey @ Philadelphia University -- 4 p.m.
*Women's soccer @ Misericordia -- 7 p.m.
*Volleyball @ DeSales -- 7 p.m.

*Movie To Wong Foo, Thanks for Everything, Julie Newmar, HSC Ballroom -- 7 p.m.

WEDNESDAY (10/12)

*Men's soccer @ Neumann -- 4 p.m.
*Crossroads Coffee House, First United Methodist Church -- 7 to 9 p.m.

THURSDAY (10/13)

*Women's tennis @ Chestnut Hill -- 3:30 p.m.

FRIDAY (10/14)

*10th Annual Youth Talent Expo, DDD -- 7 p.m.

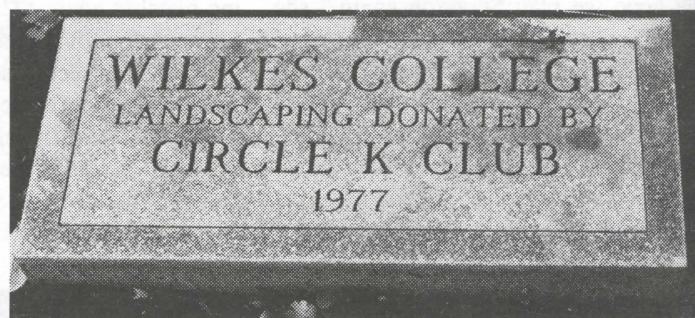
SATURDAY (10/15)

*Men's soccer vs. FDU-Florham -- 11 a.m.
*Men's tennis @ Cabrini -- 11 a.m.
*Field hockey vs. Drew -- 12 p.m.
*Football vs. Lebanon Valley -- 1 p.m.
*Women's soccer vs. FDU - Florham -- 4 p.m.

SUNDAY (10/16)

*No events scheduled

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