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Gold Parking Days a Lackluster Deal for Commuters

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Despite the illustrious name, "Gold Parking Days" have been for many commuters anything but golden.

According Lindsey Wotanis, Commuter Council President, Gold Parking days have been unfair to commuters.

"As a commuter, I am not receptive to the current program-paying \$60.00 a semester and then not being able to even use the lot you paid for on certain days within the semester because it is Gold Parking Day," Wotanis said.

Wotanis stated that in her position as CC president, she's fielded several questions from concerned commuters.

"People I've talked to are very anxious about Gold Parking Day. They ask when the next Gold Parking Day will be, because they say they will need to leave their house earlier. It seems really stressful for most people," said Wotanis.

One of those stressed commuters is Joanne Sromovski, senior business major, who tried numerous lots before settling for a spot on the street during Governor Ed Rendell's recent visit to campus on March 17. Nearly 100 spaces were used in the commuter parking lot for the governor's visit.

"I tried the commuter lot, but half of it was blocked off for the governor. Then I

went to another lot, which was completely full. I ended up at a meter spot on the street," said Sromovski.

"I understand that when a guest comes to the university they want to provide parking for them. I am not questioning that at all. But with the possible increase in the fee, there is no reason why someone who pays all this money a semester, should be kicked out onto the street. People are really being put out by Gold Parking Day," Wotanis said.

The reason for implementing the "Gold Parking Days" as John Pesta, Director of Procurement & Auxiliary Services explained it, was because the previous methods of dealing with visitor parking weren't working.

"In the past, when the University would have a special event on campus (that required parking for the attendees) a whole parking lot or a portion of a lot would be closed to accommodate the needs of the event. Usually, the lots affected were either assigned to Faculty/Staff or Commuter Students. Obviously, this was not the ideal solution to address the needs of special event parking," Pesta explained.

In order to deal with the problem, two years ago, Vice President of Student Affairs, Dr. Paul Adams, developed the "Gold Parking Day" concept.

"It appeared to be a reasonable



Gold Parking Day shows its true colors for commuters for Governor Ed Rendell's visit to Wilkes on March 17.

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solution for the problems we were experiencing regarding special event parking. It was tested when the next event was held on campus, it proved to be an acceptable alternative to closing a lot," Pesta commented.

However, Wotanis feels that with a proposed hike in the parking fee to \$80.00 beginning next year, no one in the paid

system should have to be forced out of a spot to make way for non-paying guests.

Scott Byers, Vice President of Finance and Support Operations, admitted that paying for a spot that isn't guaranteed to a student doesn't seem logical with the increase in price.

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Commuter Council Announces Grand Opening of Lounge

BY GABRIELLE LAMB
Beacon Assistant News Editor

The Commuter Council finally has a place to call home after months of proposals and preparations to construct a lounge to meet commuter needs. That place is in the basement of Conyngham Hall, and the Grand Opening is set for Thursday, April 3 from 11-1pm.

Commuter Council President, Lindsey Wotanis, said that although the first proposal for the Fenner house was denied, Conyngham made a nice substitute.

"There are three different rooms [in Conyngham] which we have. When you enter the basement there is a hallway, and the Commuter Council will have the entire left side of the basement," said Wotanis. "There is a living room area where we have couches, chairs, and end tables. The next room is actually going to be the

computer room, once we get the computers. There is also a kitchen with a bar, a microwave, and a coffeepot. There is also a refrigerator that needs to be fixed."

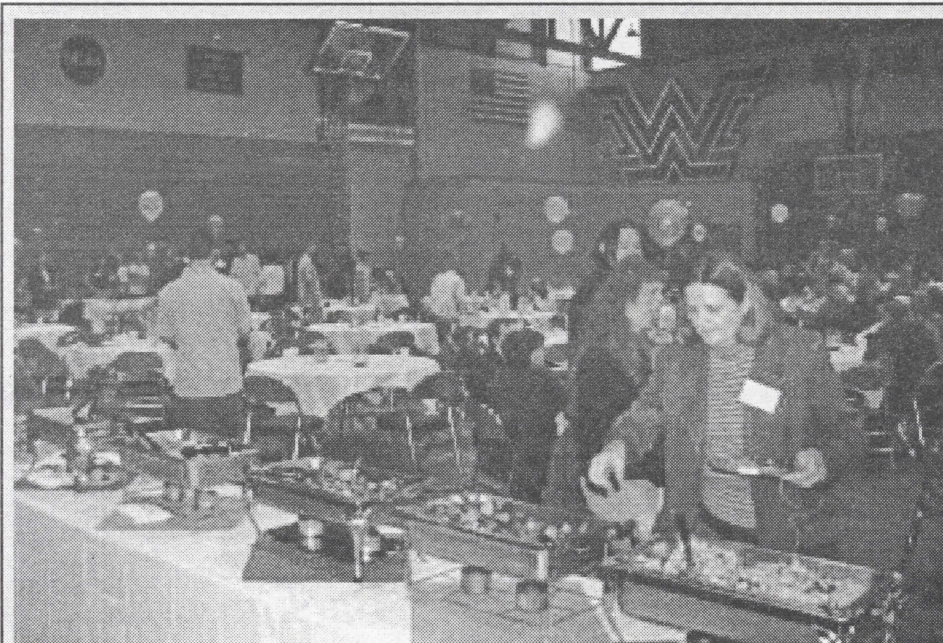
Wotanis explained that the budget might not allow the computers, which are part of the long-range plan for the lounge, to be purchased this semester.

"The problem is that the school doesn't know if there are any (computers)

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VIP Day at Wilkes

Accepted students for the fall 2003 semester visited Wilkes on Saturday, March 22. It gave new students the opportunity to meet their professors and fellow students.

SG Happenings

SG released the results of the class officer and representative elections.

Results are currently posted around campus and will be posted on the SG website, <http://sg.wilkes.edu/sg/> shortly.

SG discussed a round table discussion held on March 18. Topics at the round table included classroom space, faculty shortage, residence hall conditions, student services, parking, and

the possible community strain caused by increased enrollment.

The game room survey results are in: In the new game room space on the 1st floor of the Henry Student Center will be air hockey, foosball, and a second pool table.

The April 4 Spring Fling Dinner-Dance tickets will be on sale for one final day, today, March 27. Sales will conclude at 6 p.m. Tickets can be purchased for \$10 in

the Roth Concourse in the Student Center.

Presidential nominations were held.

Running unopposed for SG President is incumbent Selina Bednarz. Kris Kostura and Steph Dickert are running for IRHC president. No one has stepped up to assume the post of Commuter Council or Off Campus Council yet.

Over \$1.6 Million in Grants Help Fund Research for Biology and Chemistry

BY KRISTIN HAKE
Beacon Photo/Graphics Editor

Over the past three years the Wilkes University Division of Biology, Chemistry, and Health Sciences received over \$1.6 million in grants for research involving undergraduate students.

As a result, students in this division have been working on five different projects. Approximately 75 students have been involved in these different research projects since the 1999-2000 school year.

Eric Luther, junior biology major, said that undergraduate research, "gives me that leg up on larger schools and other students who do not have this experience. I see how experiments are designed and how data is collected. I see the project from the start to near completion."

Currently, science faculty are working

collaboratively with students on five different projects involving undergraduate research. First, there was a grant from the National Science Foundation for, \$860,000 to use a multidisciplinary approach to study the effects of small mammals on the dispersal and regeneration of genetics of oaks.

Also, there is the Science in Motion project with a grant of \$200,000 awarded each year to encourage high school students to become engaged in science through the outreach activities. Dr. Terese M. Wignot coordinates this project.

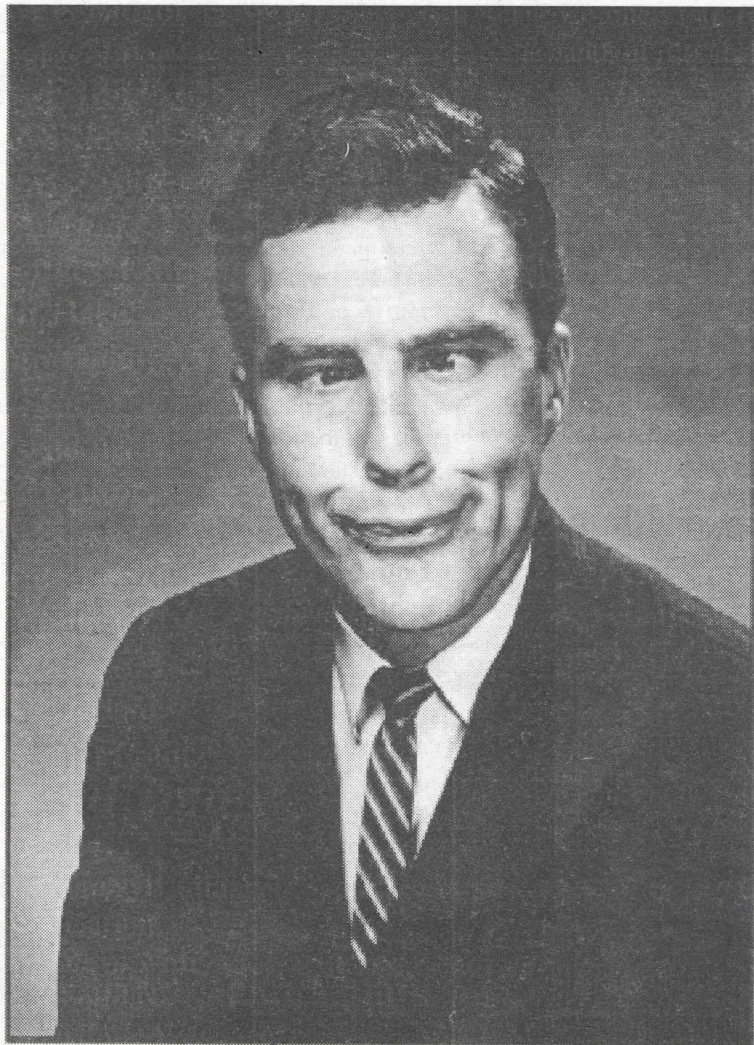
Grants totaling \$280,000 are in place to develop informatics initiative, which includes teaching GIS lab in the Geo-Environmental program and Biology Informatics facility in the Biology program.

Through a conservation grant of

\$175,000, the division of Biology, Chemistry, and Health Sciences is producing a book on the rare and threatened vertebrates of Pennsylvania and developing a statewide monitoring program for the threatened northern flying squirrel.

Finally, a prestigious grant of \$60,000 was just received this spring from the American Association for the Advancement of Science and the Merck Foundation to develop closer collaboration between chemistry and biology faculty, which will fund positions for undergraduate research.

Sophomore biology major Rajitha Devadoss said, "True research is a long-term scientific process that requires commitment, creativity, and perseverance. I have been fortunate as an undergraduate to work with great faculty and students who exemplify these qualities."



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Michigan's Moore gets Oscar, boos

Courtesy of the Associated Press

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Michigan native and political activist Michael Moore received his first Oscar, a standing ovation and a chorus of "boos" at Sunday night's 75th annual Academy Awards.

While accepting his best documentary Oscar for "Bowling for Columbine," which explores America's gun culture, Moore criticized President Bush and the war on Iraq, saying the United States is at war "for fictitious reasons."

Moore said he invited his fellow documentary nominees onstage with him to support nonfiction because "we live in fictitious times when we have fictitious election results that elect a fictitious president."

Many in the audience that had risen to its feet when Moore was announced as the winner loudly booed the Flint, Mich. native's statement.

"We live in a time where we have a man sending us to war for fictitious reasons, whether it's the fiction of duct tape or the fictitious orange alerts," Moore continued. "We are against this war, Mr. Bush. Shame on you, Mr. Bush. Shame on you."

Moore has previously called the war unnecessary and accused Bush of exploiting the public's fears after the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks.

"Anytime you have the pope and the Dixie Chicks against you, you're time is up," Moore said Sunday night. The lead singer of the country western group Dixie Chicks also has criticized President Bush.

Moore's 1989 documentary "Roger & Me," in which he pursued former General Motors Corp. boss Roger Smith to confront him about the collapse of the auto industry in Moore's hometown, put the activist on the map.

He also is the author of the best-selling book *Stupid White Men ... And Other Sorry Excuses for the State of the Nation* which criticizes American politicians for favoring corporate wealth over public well-being.

Panty raid costs Victoria's Secret outlet \$5,000

BELLEVUE, Wash. (AP)—Call it a \$5,000 panty raid. That's the estimated value of 300 sets of skivvies taken from a Victoria's Secret store.

"It's very unusual. It's shoplifting to the max," said Marcia Harnden, a police spokeswoman in this suburb east of Seattle.

An employee noticed the panties in a variety of colors, styles and sizes were missing shortly before 5 p.m. Sunday, Harnden said. Each cost \$15 to \$28.

Two display tables at the front of the store were cleared of the frilly, silky merchandise, and two other tables, one next to the cash register, were half-emptied, she said.

A store manager would not discuss the theft. The company is working with police on the investigation, said Anthony Hebron, a spokesman for Limited Brands, the Victoria's Secret parent company in Columbus, Ohio.

Police don't think it was an inside job. "All the employees were busy with customers, and no one noticed any suspicious shoppers," Harnden said.

"It's probably a crime of opportunity," Harnden said. "There's any range of possibilities—we could have a pervert doing it... (for) sexual gratification, it could be somebody who'd take (the underwear) to a flea market to sell it there, or it could be for someone's personal use."

Police may check flea markets and online auction sites such as eBay, Harnden said. "But if I were the consumer, I'd be very leery about buying undergarments from a disreputable source."

Former politician remains free pending Supreme Court appeal

UNIONTOWN, Pa. (AP)—A former county politician who ran a prostitution ring out of her rural farmhouse does not have to wait in jail while she appeals her conviction to the state Supreme Court, a judge ruled.

Susanne Teslovich, 56, on Tuesday was scheduled to begin serving a prison sentence of six months to three years.

Teslovich was first elected as a Fayette County commissioner in 1987 and served two terms before she lost her re-election bid in 1995.

Her business, First Class Entertainment Service, was a front for a prostitution ring, prosecutors said. Teslovich was convicted in December 2001 of prostitution and related charges for dispatching women to have sex with clients.

Jack Connor, an attorney for Teslovich, said police never should have been given the authority to place a wiretap on her phone. Graphic tapes from those wiretaps were submitted in court.

Connor said without the tapes, his client was convicted largely on hearsay that should not have been allowed in court.

The state Superior Court disagreed and denied her appeal. Teslovich maintains she did nothing wrong. Her lawyers have said Teslovich only allowed workers to perform topless massages and strip dances and that some workers may have engaged in prostitution on their own.

Female soldier from Arizona identified as POW in Iraq

Chris Roberts
Associated Press Writer

EL PASO, Texas (AP)—Joining the 507th Maintenance Company was not supposed to be terribly risky. The Army company is made up mostly of mechanics and isn't considered a combat unit.

So officials at Fort Bliss were horrified to learn that at least 10 members of the 507th were missing in Iraq, five of whom were seen in Iraqi video being interrogated.

Joel Hernandez, 19, instantly recognized his older brother, an Army supply truck driver, as he watched from his home in Mission, Texas. Supply Specialist Edgar Hernandez, 21, was one of those captured.

"His job really is not that dangerous, but once you're out there anything you do is dangerous I guess," Joel Hernandez said.

News of the captures rippled through Fort Bliss, the massive 1.1 million-acre post that is home to the Army's center for the education and training of air defense artillery soldiers and units.

"The mood of course, is very tragic," spokeswoman Jean Offutt said Sunday.

Offutt confirmed that at least 10 of the missing were with the 507th, which deployed last month with the 11th Air Defense Artillery Brigade. The 507th keeps diesel tanker trucks rolling, fixes generators and maintains mechanical parts.

Iraqi video showed five U.S. soldiers—four men and one woman—being peppered with questions. In response to queries about where they were from, one soldier said he was from New Jersey; the others said they were from Texas.

The New Jersey soldier is Sgt. James Riley, 31, who wanted to serve in the military even when he was a young boy growing up in New Zealand, his family said from their home in Pennsauken, N.J.

Athol Riley, his father, said that when James came home on leave last summer, he painted the family's house, then went back to Fort Bliss a week early so he could get to work welding the Army equipment.

Relatives of Spc. Shoshana Johnson said the 30-year-old single mother from Fort Bliss was the female POW shown on TV. Her father said he learned of his daughter's capture while

searching a Spanish-language network for cartoons to watch with Shoshana's 2-year-old daughter.

"You know, hundreds of thousands of soldiers are out there. You never think that one of your family members would be one of those to be taken captive," said a cousin, Tracy Thorne.

More than 200 people gathered Monday night for a community prayer service in Valley Center, Kan., to pray for missing 23-year-old Pfc. Patrick Miller, the troops and the people of Iraq. Miller is married with two young children.

Miller's half brother, Thomas Hershberger, 27, has said he wants the United States to finish the war "as fast as possible" so his brother can come home. As for his mother, "I haven't had a conversation with her without her crying," he said.

In Alamogordo, N.M., Natalie Hudson—the wife of POW Spc. Joseph Hudson, 23—said Monday that Army

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- Kimberly Sloan
Mother of MIA soldier

officials had telephoned to reassure her that all possible steps would be taken to get Hudson home safely.

"They tried to keep it positive," she said. The couple started dating when she was a sophomore at Alamogordo High School. They have a 5-year-old daughter.

Four of the 10 missing were identified by relatives as: Pvt. Brandon Sloan, 19, of Bedford Heights, Ohio; Pfc. Lori Priestewa, 22, of Tuba City, Ariz.; and Pfc. Jessica Lynch, 19, of Palestine, W. Va., and Spc. James Kiehl, 22, of Comfort, Texas.

Sloan's mother, Kimberly Sloan of Detroit, said the Army told her early Monday that her son was missing and that nothing more was known about him. "He's a very kind person, and I'm extremely proud of him for fighting for our country," she said Monday night.

Randy Kiehl, 47, said his biggest frustration was lack of information about his only child, a computer repair technician. "As far as information goes, up and talking to people from the Pentagon, I've gotten the same information or story line: 'We don't have anything else; he's listed as MIA,'" Kiehl said.

"And in this day and age of information technology, and satellite technology, I'm ex-military, and I didn't do anything if my higher-ups didn't know where I was. So when they tell me MIA, it's kind of hard to handle," said Kiehl, an Army specialist from 1975-1978.



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Recent warm weather and heavy rainfalls have led to flooding at Wilkes' softball field, located at Kirby Park. A faulty flood gate has also contributed to the problems.

Kirby Softball Field Flooded

BY GABE LeDONNE
Beacon News Editor

Wilkes-Barre has a new water park-Kirby.

The warm spring weather melting winter's snow in conjunction with recent rainstorms and a faulty flood gate caused significant flooding over the weekend in Kirby Park.

Included in new aquatic attraction is

field four, Wilkes softball teams' playing field. Today's softball game against Scranton, originally scheduled for home, will be played at College Misericordia. As far as when the softball team will be able to play at its own home field, Wilkes University softball coach, Frank Matthews, said, "It's just an issue of

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A Night At the Movies with Phi Sigma Tau

BY STEPHEN KEMBLE
Beacon Staff Writer

On Tuesday, March 25, Phi Sigma Tau hosted a free movie night at the Multicultural Lounge in the Henry Student Center and invited everyone affiliated with Wilkes University.

This was the first program held by Phi Sigma Tau, the newly reinstated philosophy honor society at Wilkes University. The group provided free refreshments, and after the film, which was titled "13 Conversations About One Thing," there was a discussion of the major themes and issues associated with the film.

The film effectively asked, "what is better for people to do; go on a conquest for happiness and try to make yourself happy, or just simply be happy with where you are and not even notice your happiness?" This philosophical challenge was the main focus for discussion following the film.

Nicholas Tirone, Visiting Assistant Professor and Advisor of Phi Sigma Tau, was the discussion leader following the movie. He started off by addressing the leading attributes that go against happiness, "Those three are guilt, boredom, and envy or jealousy," said Tirone.

After he addressed those three concepts, he encouraged the students who attended the program to discuss what characters in the movie portrayed those distinct characteristics and how it affected their lives in the movie. The discussion lasted about twenty-five minutes.

The students who attended seemed very pleased with the event. Greg Specter, a senior English major, said, "For the program it was a very good movie, and I would

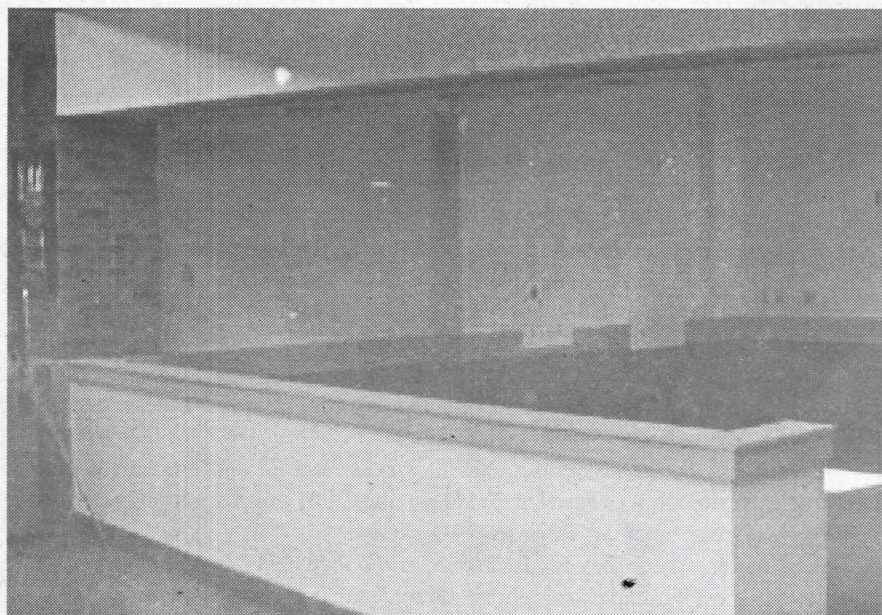
definitely come to another program like this one...The biggest thing I learned was the concept...if you have to ask yourself if you're happy, then you're not happy."

The turnout for the event was very good, according to Tirone. He said, "For a first event, I was definitely pleased on the amount of people that showed up and admission will always be free." There were about ten people who participated in the program and stayed for the discussion afterward.

Laura Osborn, President of Phi Sigma Tau, also agreed with Tirone about the program's initial success and also offered an idea for upcoming programs. She said, "For a future program I had an idea of doing a symposium where everyone stands up and gives a speech about some philosophical topic; they did those kinds of things among the ancient Greeks."

Max Roth, philosophy major and Vice President of Phi Sigma Tau, thought that the movie was, "very thought inspiring and a very good idea for the program." He also stated that even if he was not obligated to go to another program he would go anyway.

Although Phi Sigma Tau is the national Philosophy honors society, Osborn clarified the holistic goal of the organization saying, "Though Phi Sigma Tau is an honors society-thus membership is somewhat exclusive-our goal is to bring a greater understanding of and interest in philosophy to the Wilkes community. Almost all of our events (except for induction ceremonies) will most likely be open to the entire Wilkes community."



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Let the Games Begin

The newly completed game room will soon be host to an air hockey table, foosball table, and pool table. The choices of the games were based on an online survey asking for student input. The results were released at Wednesday's SG meeting.

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"If we're going to go to marketplace rates over a period of time, you cannot all of a sudden close off and not have access to parking. And that's part of the trade off that the university that has to make. There is no free parking. You cannot all of sudden bring in a group of 200 people and expect that we're going to be able to manage it. That needs to be worked out," Byers stated.

One current problem that Wotanis believes needs to be worked out is that residence lots are excluded from Gold Parking Day, something that Wotanis believes protects resident spaces at commuter's expense.

"It is unfair. The simple fact that we can't utilize the residence spots when we're the people (commuters) that are most inconvenienced by Gold Parking," said Wotanis. "When guests come to Wilkes they almost always park in the Commuter Student Center lot, but commuters aren't allowed to park in the open Resident Lot spots."

So why are "Resident Only" lots excluded from the Gold Parking program? That turns out to be a question more easily asked than answered.

Chris Bailey, Director of Public Safety, inherited the enforcement of Gold Parking policy. He stated, "It was my understanding that Gold Parking Days were instituted not inclusive of Resident Parking spaces... pursuant to Student Affairs."

However, Director of Residence Life, Gretchen Yeninas, stated that she wasn't aware of the statute, saying, "I personally have never made a request to exclude resident lots from Gold Parking Days...I was under the impression...that resident lots

were included."

Adams, the person who proposed the Gold Parking Day concept admits that he, like Yeninas, "hadn't realized any lots were excluded from the Gold Parking Days."

Yeninas stated that she would be in favor of including Resident Lots, "Resident students often have their cars on campus because they have internships, are student teaching or doing Pharmacy practicums. Many times these commitments take place during the daytime hours. That is probably the prime time that commuter students would be looking for a place to park. There is no reason that I can see to not share the lots since we would (for the most part) be using the lots at different times, commuters during the days and residents during the evenings/nights."

Bailey agrees that the current provision excluding 'Resident Only' lots from Gold Parking seems biased against commuters, and stated that he would have "no problem" removing the stipulation from Gold Parking. "I will do anything necessary to make it a more effective and efficient program."

However, Bailey points out that it is not he who arbitrarily makes or changes policy, but rather the parking committee that decides, and then any action must be approved by the president's cabinet. Among those members of the parking committee are Bailey, Yeninas, Wotanis and Adams.

Bailey stated that he plans to bring the issue up at the next parking committee meeting, which he hopes will occur sometime next week.

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when the water drains out. The ground underneath is firm, so once the water gets out of there, we can probably get back on the field shortly after."

Although home games at the Kirby field may be currently impossible, Matthews pointed out that practices haven't been affected. "We're able to use field one for practices. However, we cannot use that field for games." Matthews explained that the field doesn't completely meet NCAA's field regulations.

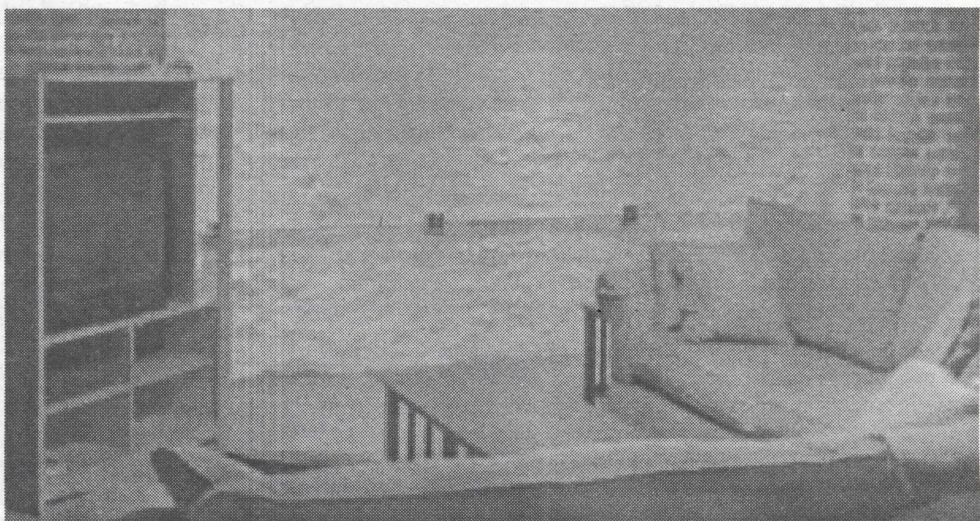
Paul Kaspriski, Maintenance Manager, explained that this incident isn't an isolated one. "This is something that we deal with every year...now, whether it should or shouldn't be that way is another story."

A major part of the flooding problem is caused by a broken gate, which, although city authorities reportedly have known it to be defective since 1979, has yet to be repaired.

However, The Wilkes University groundskeepers are currently concerned with the problem at hand, which is, as Kaspriski explained, getting the field ready for play.

"We're giving every effort we can to get the field ready to go as soon as possible...hopefully it'll clear up completely after a couple of warm days," said Kaspriski.

The softball team's next scheduled home game is this Saturday against Drew.



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The grand opening of the Commuter Council Lounge (seen above) will be held on April 3 from 11 - 1 p.m. Though the lounge was developed with commuters in mind, all are welcome.

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on campus that they can give us. So depending on how much money is left in our budget, I plan on spending the rest our entire account to get the computers. I don't know if we will have enough, but I am hoping to purchase at least one or two," said Wotanis.

Prior to transforming the basement into a lounge, the area was mostly used for campus storage.

"Maintenance had a lot of stuff down there such as paint cans. When I first saw the location, it was really cluttered. Upward Bound also had some things down there. One whole room was just books and books. Now, it looks very spacious," said Wotanis.

The basement of Conyngham Hall also temporarily housed the homeless through the VISION program. Men associated with the program were housed in the basement of the building and were provided with two meals per day during their stay.

"I am not really sure where they are going to house the homeless next semester. There are plenty of places on campus that could be considered, so it was never made out to be a big problem," said Wotanis.

Commuter Council representative Rich Hannick agrees that the lounge looked significantly different when the council first saw the new lounge area.

"When we first looked at the base-

ment, it was in shambles. We felt like we couldn't do anything with it. Then our ideas started to flow and we saw not what it was, but what it could be. We knew we could make it a nice place for commuters," said Hannick. "It's better than Rifkin if you want to watch TV and relax. Recently, we watched the NCAAs down there and had a good time."

The Commuter Council members participated in selling candy bars to raise money for the lounge since the fall semester.

"We were given \$2,000 from Student Affairs following our proposal and received \$2,000 from Dr. Loeschke's fund. Then as a group we decided to use \$1,500 from our own budget toward the development of the lounge. We participated in fundraising all year, so that also produced about \$1,200," said Wotanis. "Some of the members sold five cases of candy bars last semester. They really worked hard."

Although the lounge was developed with commuter needs in minds, Wotanis points out that all students are invited to use the lounge at any time. The Commuter Council invites the Wilkes community to come to the Grand Opening on Thursday, April 3 from 11-1pm. Food and refreshments will be served.



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Renegotiating the Role of the Press in War

Investigative journalism and the "watchdog" role developed at our nation's birth was fully embraced by the American press in the 1960s and early 1970s during particularly tumultuous times.

During the Vietnam War, the press played a major role in accelerating the U.S. exit from an unpopular war. Thanks to the often shocking photos and film footage of the carnage of that war, the scathing reports from the field about soldiers who lost sight of a mission that was never clearly articulated in the first place, and the equal time coverage of domestic unrest on our own turf, the American press distinguished itself as a "player" on the political front. The power to move the masses was certainly a power newspapers and television stations across this country wielded.

In careful analysis after, however, critics pointed out that the press sometimes went too far, crossing the fine line between the public's right to know and both the right of individuals to privacy and the obligation of the government to protect national security. When the sensationalism of certain stories seemed to in fact escalate violence, the press became a convenient entity to blame for public action.

At present, our nation is engaged in a new war against Iraq. Once again we seek reasons and explanations through various sources of media outlets. Once again, news media have the power to impact how we see one of the most important challenges ever to face our country. And again, we hope that responsibility is taken seriously by the press. The media is today known as the "Fourth Estate," meaning the press shares equal prominence and power with other branches of our government. Thus, the media plays the role as "Guardian of U.S. Democracy."

In 1789, the First Amendment stated that Congress could not enact laws affecting or hindering the freedom of the press. Throughout the years we have witnessed a rise in the emphasis of ethics in the media which we would like to believe still exist.

But the media face specific challenges ahead in

order to uphold that ethic.

First, based on numerous examples of specific media personalities, it seems apparent that their goal is not to advance or educate the American public, but instead to advance their own careers.

During this war we are seeing a new phenomenon: embedded reporters. Embedded reporters, hand-chosen by government officials, are allowed to travel with specific troops in order to report from the front. The means by which these reporters are chosen are questionable, and suggest that if the reporters "tell the story right," they'll be rewarded with exclusivity. As a result, we may assume that reporters fear the loss of the story and the loss of access if they don't report appropriately. Who determines what is "appropriate?"

The American public will no

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longer see war footage as it did during the Vietnam War, with graphic images. The American public has a good perception of what war is and what war is like. We have fought quite a few of them and we have seen quite a few American men die. But is it right for the press to allow such censorship? Does this undermine the objective?

We grant that seeing a war on TV does not necessarily make people understand war. Our generation has already seen so much violence on TV that it has almost become desensitized. Until it really hits home, it just doesn't affect us. Also, showing live footage of combat does not help the morale of the American public or the American troops. To give such detailed coverage may hurt people in the long run and even cost lives. So the challenge for the American

press is to figure out just exactly what the public does need to see and hear and to pursue it relentlessly.

During the time of war it is unethical for the government to withhold information from the American people, unless it compromises the security of the operation or the troops. The government has an obligation to let the public know what is happening through use of archives, but they do not necessarily feel the need to inform the public of everything. The members of the press must be sensitive to national security issues as well as the informational needs of the audiences—a tough balance to strike.

Another challenge facing the American media is the growing public perception that most news reporters change and twist information; it's all about spin. Perhaps the biggest problem here is the blurring of the boundaries between public relations experts and news reporters.

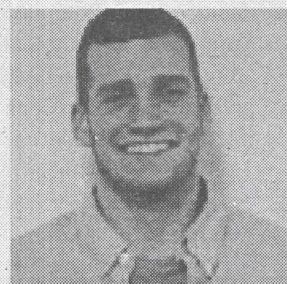
There appears to be a need to reform the way that the media operates. There are certain people in the field who just don't have ethical standards. People believe what they read in the newspaper because they believe it to be fact just because it comes from a journalist who they believe to report all facts all the time.

Should there be someone on the war front reporting? Absolutely. The problem is that some of them are not there to report the war at hand, to record the history, or to report atrocities to the public. They are there to get ratings and boost their careers. If they were given the opportunity to spin a story to better themselves, there is no doubt that they would do it in a heartbeat.

Finally, perhaps the toughest challenge American journalists face is an indiscriminant audience. In the end, despite what or how journalists cover the news, it is the discerning viewer who must decide what is fact and what is bogus, what is important and what is dramatized for "your viewing pleasure." Right now, American viewers and readers have a hard time differentiating between "reality" and "fantasy" (as is evident in the booming "reality" television industry).

Thus, regardless of how the story is reported, it is our responsibility to decide what we believe.

Top Five Fake Majors Try Graduating WITH an Education



BY J.J. HANSON
Beacon Assistant Sports Editor

Have you ever wondered how some people make it through four years of college? I have known scores of really stupid people in my four years at Wilkes. It boggled my mind as to how these people made it through an institution of higher learning. This week I am dealing with an issue that has been bugging me since I came to Wilkes in the fall of 1999. It is the hard-hitting issue of fake majors. There are a number of fake majors at Wilkes and I plan to outline my top five.

At number five is Pharmacy. Pharmacy is a difficult major that deserves our respect and admiration. Those who enroll in this major are dedicated, and committed students who work extremely hard on a daily basis. Yet, I hate Pharmacy. I can't stand the major, and I want their money for my department.

Number four on my list is Business. Wow, the only reason there is a business major is so football players can still maintain academic eligibility (no offense guys). A friend of mine is a senior business major. Semester after semester he makes Dean's list. How he makes Dean's list is beyond me. Don't get me wrong. The kid is extremely intelligent, but he does little to nothing that is worthy of academia. The boy is a senior and he asked me a month ago what an annotated bibliography was. How do you become a senior and not know what an annotated bibliography is?

Going one step further is e-business. This was put in as a result of the tech boom and the University forgot to take it out of the bulletin when the bubble burst. There isn't much else to say about this major except that it is garbage, complete garbage. If you want to waste \$20,000 a year, major in e-business and you'll do all right.

Coming in at the number two most worthless major slot is communication studies. What do these people do? Nothing. They write about nothing. They have no credible knowledge about anything, and yet we as a society listen to these people because they speak on talk shows and write in a newspaper. For the record, I am not a comm. studies major. I have more dignity than that. I have some training in an actual academic subject. From the mouth of an anonymous communication studies major, "If you don't want to, you don't have to do anything." It doesn't take a genius to write in a newspaper. Take my column for example. Right now I am writing at an eighth grade level. Are you kidding me? This is a major.

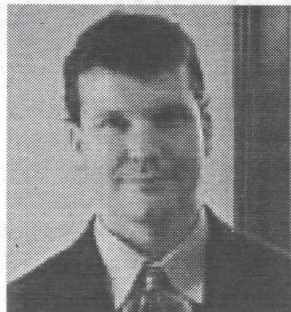
The number one fake major on my list with an astounding amount of worthlessness is elementary education. Addition and subtraction are not valid course materials for a university student. It's a joke; the education department had to add in a psychology minor so they could even come close to justifying this as a major. Some of their courses are: Cut and Paste 101, Pretty Signs 102, Fun with Numbers 204 (for the more advanced), Duck Duck Goose 205, and Nose picking and Cooties in the American Class Room 398. As one can clearly see the course material in this major is truly astounding. My editor is an elementary education major and he has been lecturing me as to the difficulties of his major. I would take him seriously, but while he is wearing his SpongeBob SquarePants tie, it is pretty hard to do.

If you thought this column was funny, good, that was my intention. I kid but I do give kudos to the people in these majors. Many of you have a higher intellect than I can ever hope to achieve. You shouldn't take to heart my criticisms; it is just a joke. But despite my jesting, there is a

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Yes-It Really Is Worth It

Experience gained in an internship opens all kinds of doors



BY PILIP RUTHKOSKY
Director of Cooperative Education

One of the most enjoyable facets of my job is having the opportunity to meet so many students with such a diverse range of interests, opinions and dreams. I had the opportunity to work in the business world for several years, and I must admit, my former customers were boring compared to the students that come through my office.

Two years ago, a young lady stopped by my office to talk about applying for a summer internship. It was rapidly approaching her senior year and she had no idea what she wanted to do after graduation. I started to explain our program and at first, she appeared very enthusiastic about going out into the real world and gaining some experience.

But then the conversation hit a snag. As I outlined the program requirements, I explained that a three-credit internship would involve working at a professional setting for fifteen

hours a week throughout the summer. Suddenly, she looked at me with an agonized expression on her face. So, I asked if something was bothering her. She replied, "Well, fifteen hours a week seems like a lot of time. I hate to miss all of my soaps and I really like to lay in the sun during the summer. Is this really worth it?"

Before I responded, I had to pause a second to make sure that she was serious. But there were no "I am only kiddings," or "gotchas," so I knew she was actually sincere.

As I gazed at her in mild bewilderment, I replied, "Yes it is worth it. You can't put 'soap opera connoisseur' on your resume, and who really cares about your summer tan? It will fade anyway." She laughed, but then I spent the next few minutes trying to explain how an internship could help clarify her professional interests and perhaps point her in the right career direction. Fortunately, she eventually grasped what I was explaining and sacrificed her beloved soaps for a few months. She has since thanked me on numerous occasions for giving her a friendly motivational nudge.

Now let me explain why I chose to share this example. When it comes time for graduation, you will need to prove to employers that you are a well-rounded person who has proven yourself both inside and outside of the

classroom. Aside from the example above, the majority of Wilkes undergraduate students I encounter tend to be very aware that at graduation time it will be important to have a track record of professional accomplishments.

However, as evidenced in the above account, there are still those who question whether it is worth it to invest the time and effort needed for an internship. Here are my top three reasons why you should take advantage of our program, especially with the current state of the economy.

Contacts are key in a tight labor market.

As everyone knows, the entry-level job market for college graduates is very competitive. The US Department of Labor has estimated that by the year 2005, 18 million college graduates will be competing for 14 million college level jobs. So what is the best way to land that first job? Sure, you can still religiously review electronic job search resources, glance at the newspaper want ads, or even cold call employers. When all is said and done however, one of the most effective methods of increasing your chances of landing that first job is by getting your name "out there" and making as many contacts as you can, a.k.a. "networking."

Part-time internships and full-time co-ops provide you with

this opportunity. If you work hard for a company and build up a reputation as a motivated intern, people will take notice. Your supervisor and work colleagues may not have a job available to offer you, but perhaps they know a client, friend or someone else who does. At the very least, if you make an impression, you will be able to use them as a professional reference.

Get Your Foot in the Door.

An internship can potentially help you get your foot in the door of a company that may lead to an offer of a full-time permanent position. The use of internships as part of the recruitment process has increased tremendously over the past few years. According to a recent survey by the National Association of Colleges & Employers, employers have indicated that interns are their best source of new full-time employees. Over the course of this past academic year alone, I have heard from at least seven Wilkes interns who have received job offers upon completion of their internship. As one employer supervisor recently told me while I was visiting a student on-site, "an internship allows me to test drive before I buy."

Separate yourself from the pack in job interviews.

If you don't understand the

importance of gaining some experience prior to graduation now, you will when an employer starts peppering you with questions during your first job interview. Interviews are stressful enough, but they are even more stressful when you don't have much to talk about.

Here is an excerpt from an e-mail that I recently received from Jonathon, who was a spring 2002 engineering co-op student:

"Hi Phil, I thought you might appreciate a testimonial of the co-op program in terms of what it can do for a student while looking for post-graduation employment. Today I had an interview with the gentlemen from the Naval Surface Warfare Center. Let's just say it went very well. And I owe a huge portion of it to the fact that I was able to reference my co-op during the interview. There were at least three questions that I answered using references from my co-op experience." By the way, thanks for the feedback, Jonathon. I think you said it all!

So if you are still contemplating whether or not an internship is worth the effort, I hope I have extinguished any doubts. If you have not done so already, it's time to recognize the educational and professional developmental benefits that result from combining theory taught in the classroom with real-life work experience. Is it worth it? You bet it is!

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serious problem in our institutions of higher learning.

There are many students graduating from institutions throughout the country who are not educated. Basically, these people paid for a degree and spent four years day dreaming. What are these students going to do when they graduate? They spent four years doing nothing, paying thousands of dollars and now they don't know how to write. Is this their fault? No, I blame society for sending young people to school who were not ready to go. After high school there was no other course. According to all sources of authority (parents, teachers, *U.S. news and World Report*) you graduate and go to

college, or you are labeled a loser. I don't know many people who wanted to be a loser.

So if all you want is a degree then I guess you should be content doing nothing, but I believe there is supposed to be something more to education than just a piece of paper. It seems to me that the pursuit of learning is fading because we perceive college as a business contract. I warn you, that it will come back to bite us. Take it from one who knows, people can see through the ruse. It is your time and your money so you get what you pay for. So folks, I leave you with the words of the great Tank Geddis, "C's get degrees."



Ahh...the Spring season is finally upon us. That means warmer weather, outdoor activities, and the yearly invasion of squirrels.

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One Woman's Journey:

Ariel Hermele Tackles Life's Challenges as Graduation Looms

BY GINGER ESCLICK
Beacon Staff Writer

She speaks matter-of-factly, but with obvious conviction: "I have a child at home who is disabled. She may never talk and she may never walk. But little things in life I don't take for granted anymore. I don't take my life for granted anymore. I look at myself and think, 'I can walk. I can talk.' And those are precious gifts."

Ariel Hermele is an ordinary person who is faced with extraordinary circumstances. Driven, determined, strong and inspiring are a few of the words that might describe this Wilkes senior communication studies major.

Most college students can relate to Hermele's initial situation. She came to Wilkes University in 1998 with the intention majoring in communications. Telecommunications was her first choice for a concentration, but like many freshmen, she found that her first choice wasn't what she thought it would be. After a few classes and a long talk with Dr. Jane Elmes-Crahall, communication studies professor, Hermele decided to venture into the world of public relations, which fit her perfectly.

Also, like others, Hermele fell in love. She met the man who would become her fiancé, Ray Wascavage, a pharmacy graduate of Wilkes, during her freshman year. Hermele said, "We started dating my freshman year and we have been together ever since." That is her way of explaining

weeks into Hermele's pregnancy. She began experiencing back pains, which the doctors believed were caused by kidney stones. Future ultrasounds proved that Hermele did not have kidney stones at all. She was suffering from a condition known as hydronephrosis, which is a back up of fluid in the kidney. This was caused by Hermele's uterus pressing on her ureter—which is the tube that takes urine from the kidney to the bladder—preventing the urine flow from the kidney. Three weeks into the fall semester of 2001 she was forced to withdraw from all of her classes in order to rest and cope with the physical demands of the pregnancy and hydronephrosis.

"I was mortified. I was so upset," she said. "I wanted to prove to myself that I could do this. I could do everything I was going to do, like graduate with my friends and graduate on time. Unfortunately, I got sick and there was nothing I could do. I had to stop."

But Hermele was able to find happiness in the middle of all of this turmoil. The day before Thanksgiving in 2001, Wascavage asked Hermele to be his wife and she accepted. The proposal took place at Friday's restaurant, where the couple had had their first date.

January 14, 2002, just two months later, Hermele gave birth to a baby girl,

Haylie Alexa Wascavage. After the birth of her daughter, everything seemed to slowly, but surely, fall back into place. Hermele never considered

permanently withdrawing from school. "I was worried about school in the beginning. It was a major issue. The issue was: I am going to go back, but I need help. That was the only thing in my mind that I knew. It never entered into my mind not to go. I knew I had to finish. I had to do it for myself, for my fiancé, and for my daughter."

Hermele was able to complete an internship at Geisinger Hospital during the spring semester of 2002. She returned to school full-time the fall of the same year.

Four and a half months after giving birth to Haylie, doctors began to suspect that something was not right with the baby



Photo Courtesy of Ariel Hermele

Ariel Hermele and her daughter, Haylie

after noticing a developmental delay. After some tests, doctors determined the cause of the delay, Hermele matter-of-factly acknowledged, "The baby is disabled. Last summer we found out that she has mild CP, (cerebral palsy) and she has a seizure disorder."

Cerebral palsy is a neurological disorder that can cause mild to severe physical and mental arrested development. Some with cerebral palsy can speak and walk, though to varying degrees. Others cannot. In addition to the cerebral palsy, however, Hermele and Wascavage faced the added challenge of understanding and coping with Haylie's seizure disorder.

Haylie's seizures sometimes cause her hips to pop out of place. Because of this, Haylie now wears a cast to prevent dislocation.

As new parents, Hermele and Wascavage have learned how to coordinate not only the normal feeding, bathing, and interaction times with their child, but are also faced with the added challenge of making and keeping many doctors' appointments for Haylie.

Hermele says she always knew she was going to need help in order to fulfill

her dreams. She gets this help through the emotional support of Wascavage and her family. She also has an aid who comes into her home five hours each day to help care for Haylie.

Although many people she comes in contact with view Hermele as incredibly strong, she does not see herself that way. "You mature when you have a child. Even when you get pregnant, you have to mature," she said.

Elmes-Crahall described Hermele as handling her situation beautifully. "Overall [she is] amazingly mature... She was scared initially, but I couldn't imagine anyone being a better mother. It was difficult, but I don't think Ariel ever hesitated to step right in and say, 'All right we are going to make her the best child, the happiest child that we can.' For as young as she is, she is very, very mature. If I were her mother, I would be so proud of her."

Through it all, Hermele is looking forward to her graduation from Wilkes in May 2003.

But if it is at all possible, her life has take yet another turn. Unlike many Wilkes grads who look forward to immediately entering the workforce after graduation, Hermele has decided she will not be heading directly into the job market, at least not yet. Instead, Hermele will be attending LCCC this summer to take classes for nursing. She will be enrolled in College Misericordia's second-degree nursing program the following summer.

"I decided to go back to school to become a nurse," she said with a smile. "It was something I realized I had a passion for all along. Having my daughter changed my life in many ways and made me realize that I need to help other children like her. It is something that I feel I need to do."

Some might think that being thrown a wild card in life would set you back, make you lose your place. Not in Hermele's case. It appears that because of the wild card she has now found her place, she knows what she wants to do and she knows why. She has the love and support she needs from Wascavage, along with a supporting family, and most of all she has love for her daughter that pulls her through each day.

"I look at her and she is so beautiful. She smiles and it makes my day."

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- Ariel Hermele
Wilkes University senior

things, simple and to the point, even though most would acknowledge that maintaining school work and a relationship could be anything but simple.

But not all things went according to plan.

Hermele found out she was pregnant her junior year. She had full intentions of staying in school full-time and graduating with her friends. However, complications arose during Hermele's pregnancy that were beyond her control.

The complications began twenty-six

Shakespeare Class Introduces the Bard to the Web

BY MONICA CARDENAS
Beacon Staff Writer

Need to brush up on your Shakespeare? Check this out.

Dr. Janet Wright-Starnes, Assistant Professor of English and Director of the Wilkes University Writing Center, is

currently leading her Shakespeare class in the creation of Caesar's Salad, an informative website on the upcoming Wilkes production of *Julius Caesar* at the Dorothy Dickson Darte Center.

Work on the site began with the first class of the spring semester. It is designed

to provide background information to those planning on seeing the production in April.

In order to create the site, Starnes said, "The class broke into working groups, which changed as the project evolved." Presently, the site includes

information ranging from interpretive readings of *Julius Caesar* to plot summaries and definitions of key terms, to name just a few.

While the project is new to this year's

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Rebecca Goodman •

Hometown: Larksville, PA
Year/Major: Freshman/English

Q: Who is your role model?

A: No one in particular. I am influenced by a variety of people and various ideas.

Q: What is in your CD player right now?

A: Audioslave and John Mayer

Q: If you could go on vacation, where would you go?

A: Wales or Scotland

Q: Where do you see yourself in ten years?

A: Teaching at a university and publishing

Q: What is your favorite movie?

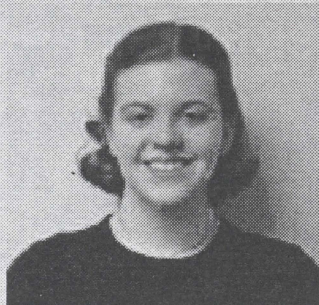
A: *Interview with a Vampire* because I am a fan of Anne Rice novels.

Q: If you were stranded on a deserted island, what two things would you like to have?

A: A writing tablet with a pen and matches

Q: Coke or Pepsi?

A: Coke



Jeff Gadoyscic

Hometown: Hazelton, PA
Year/Major: Senior/Communication Studies

Q: Who is your role model?

A: I look up to my parents, because they have been wonderful and supportive. They have a major influence in my life.

Q: What is in your CD player right now?

A: Disturbed's latest CD

Q: If you could go on vacation, where would you go?

A: Cabo San Lucas, Mexico

Q: Where do you see yourself in ten years?

A: In northeast Pennsylvania working as a successful public relations agent, possibly owning my own business and doing some computer graphics.

Q: What is your favorite movie?

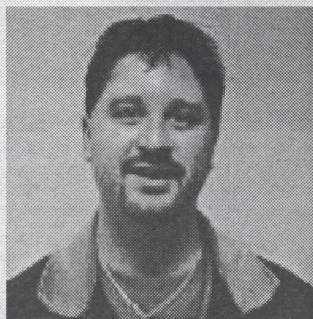
A: *Caddyshack* because it is very funny and actors like Bill Murray and Chevy Chase are in it.

Q: If you were stranded on a deserted island, what two things would you like to have?

A: A jug of ice water and a cell phone

Q: Coke or Pepsi?

A: Diet Pepsi Twist.



Forget Skin Cancer, Local Residents Have a New Alternative

BY GINA RESCINTI
Beacon Correspondent

Hundreds of thousands of people across the country flocked to tanning salons in the late eighties and early nineties to achieve the much sought after bronze glow.

However, according to MSN.com, "In spite of claims that tanning booths offer safe tanning, exposure in these booths can cause cataracts, sunburns, skin cancer, and premature aging of the skin. Tanning booths emit UVA radiation, posing both short and long-term risks to the skin."

Students and local residents can now experience a safe new way to look golden bronze for summertime in 60 seconds. The most recent technology for a deep, dark looking tan is now available without the fear of skin cancer and exposure to harmful UVA rays.

Innovation, a tanning salon, opened in the United Penn Plaza in September of 2002. The salon offers an easy, fast, and safe way to get a tan in less than 60 seconds with an innovative, state-of-the-art technology called Mist-On Tan. The Mist-On Tan was created and developed by Dr. Tom Laughlin, a biochemist from Texas.

Mist-On Tan is a new way of applying sunless tanning solution to the body. The tanner is composed of a bronzer, which gives the body immediate golden-brown color, and DHA, dihydroxy-acetone, which gives the body a long-lasting tan.

One of the most appealing aspects of the Mist-On Tan is its safety from ultraviolet rays, in comparison to the sun and tanning beds. The product is considered cosmetic. It uses the same basic tanning components as the products being promoted as a smart alternative to tanning. The most unique feature of this tan is the way it is applied. The "tan" is actually misted onto your body.

The process is quite simple.

The customer enters the Mist-On Tan machine and stands upright in a ballerina position, with his/her arms over his/her head. As the mist spays lightly across the body, the customer rotates to ensure that mist is evenly applied. Buffing, immediately follows the session in order to spread the excess solution over the body. Buffing will not remove the tan. Drying time is only 30 seconds.

The initial tan, which can be observed in seconds, is a deep,



The new Mist-on tan is safer than other methods.

dark brown. It is often referred to as a Jamaican tan. This bronzer component of the Mist-On Tan will wash off after the user's first bath or shower. However, the DHA component peaks within 12-24 hours, and is a golden-brown color that lasts for four to five days.

One concern that the new user of the Mist-On Tan may wonder is, "Will the Mist-On Tan turn the body orange?" The answer is no. The mist is the most advanced sunless tanning method on the market. Laughlin said,

"Sunless tanning has come a long way from those old days."

In addition to the aesthetic value of Mist-On Tan, this new technology provides a safe way to avoid skin cancer.

Melanoma, a form of skin cancer, "is often caused by too much exposure to the sun," according to Web-MD.com. During 2002, Web-MD.com concluded that, "approximately 53,000 people in the United States were diagnosed with melanoma and approximately 7,000 people died from the disease."

Nadine Mrochko, owner of Innovation Salon, has had a good response to the Mist-On Tan since she introduced the new technology locally. As Mrochko sat at her desk with a glowing, out-of-season, healthy looking tan, she explained that, "The reaction has been good. People like the speed, the color, and the fact that it is healthy. The product does not enter the bloodstream, and it is much safer than ultraviolet rays. Even pregnant women can use it."

Mrochko added, "There are only about 140 other Mist-On Tan applicators in the nation with the closest being in Pittsburgh."

Ginger Eslick, a sophomore communication studies major at Wilkes, said, "[My] doctor told [me] to never put [my] face in the sun again," after she suffered from an awful case of sun poisoning as a teenager. Because of this exposure, Eslick is now at risk for skin cancer.

Eslick added, "[I] think that the Mist-On Tan is perfect for [me] because [I] would be able to achieve a natural looking tan without the effects of the sun."

The Mist-On Tan costs between \$15-\$20 depending on the package. Innovation's hours of operation are Tuesday through Sunday with no appointment required.

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Shakespeare class, it is not new to Starner. This is the second year she has tackled this job, and has made a few adjustments. "There has been more group discussion, and more structural planning."

In addition, the class is made up of not only English majors, but theater majors as well.

This, according to Starner, has provided a number of different approaches to the text. The diversity of the group gives the site a new twist in comparison to last year.

As a result, a feature of this year's site is a "real-time" diary kept by performer senior theater

major Alex Kashatus. This will include the behind-the-scenes happenings leading up to opening night.

While Starner makes it clear that building Caesar's Salad is very exciting work, it is affirmed by students as well. Jeff Geller, senior English major, said, "I think

it's been a lot of fun to work on the site. It gives me a chance to post what I think about Caesar."

Starner and her class hope to have the site finished by Friday. This will provide Wilkes and the surrounding community an opportunity to gain more knowledge on the play before the

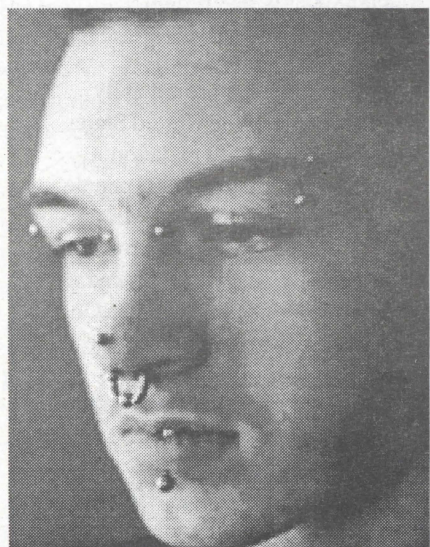
production on April 10-13.

Visit <http://course.wilkes.edu/shakespeare2003> after Friday for a variety of information that will surely make *Julius Caesar* all the more enjoyable.

Body Piercing for Pleasure, Artistic Freedom, Rebellion

BY AMANDA MARTUCCI
Beacon Correspondent

More and more young adults are getting pierced today, especially at the age when students traditionally enter and attend college (18-22 years). However, piercings are risky for several reasons. One local piercing specialist offers some safety tips that his employer practices to those



Body piercing has become a form of art for many teenagers.

who want to get pierced.

Steve, who likes to be known just as Steve, is a local body piercing specialist at Marc's Tattooing on Rt. 309 in Wilkes-Barre. Steve is in his fifth year in the business and entered the field, like many across the nation, because it was unusual and intriguing. "Piercing just became an interest of mine. It was just something new for me to do," he said.

Marc's Tattooing has a well-established reputation for both piercing and tattooing in this area, as well as in the Scranton area. "We won't pierce anyone under eighteen years of age. I would say 75-90% of our customers are in college. They are away from home and ready to rebel," said Steve. "That is one of the big risks. There are no regulations in PA for a tattoo parlor. We regulate ourselves."

Steve also encourages people to not always believe what they hear about more risky piercing, like on the tongue.

"There are always going to be myths about getting certain things pierced to scare people from getting them," said Steve. "No, your tongue is not going to fall off if you get it pierced! If you go to a place that knows what they are doing, you will be fine," he added. "The biggest thing to watch for are places that don't card their customers. This is where the risks may come into play," he added.

Steve said that infection occurs only at those places that are not hygienic, and to those who do not follow up on cleaning their piercings.

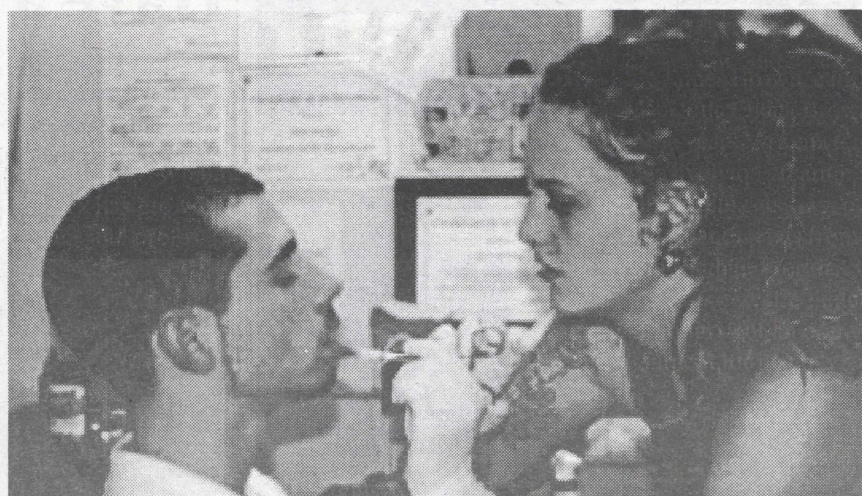
He added that Hepatitis is one of the only major risks that can occur, and this is only a risk at places that are unclean. Steve mentioned, "The only other risk that may be a concern is an infection, and that is at the fault of the customer. If they follow the

cleaning instructions, everything should be safe and clean."

Rachel Fosco, a Senior Sociology major, has been pierced by Steve. "I didn't have a single problem with my piercing," said Fosco. "I just followed the instructions that they gave me and everything turned out ok." Fosco added, "They made you feel very calm and explained the whole procedure as they were doing it."

For clients who choose Marc's Tattooing, Steve said the only thing to worry about is, of course, the pain.

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Virginia Coalition to Offer Free Concert at Wilkes

BY JESSICA SKUTACK
Beacon Arts & Entertainment Editor

Virginia Coalition is a high-powered, ambitious musical act that boasts of having played over 250 venues and traveled over



100,000 miles within the past year. On Sunday, March 29, Virginia Coalition (VaCo) will roll into town and jam with Wilkes University students in the Henry Student Center Ballroom at 9 p.m.

The band formed in Alexandria, Virginia, in 1998 and includes musicians: Andrew Thunder on vocals, guitar, and congas; Steve Dawson on vocals and guitars; Paul Ottinger on piano, keyboard, percussion and bass; Jarrett Nicolay on bass, banjo, and accordion; and John Patrick on drums and vocals.

In the spring of that same year, the five friends and band mates recorded and released their first album entitled *The Colors of the Sound*. The album consists of all original songs and has sold an impres-

sive 20,000 copies.

From then on there was no looking back. According to the Digital Club Network, "What began as an intense local buzz has grown to a national roar as music fans and professionals alike come to

appreciate the truly unique musical sound and live performance excitement that is VaCo."

In 2000, Virginia Coalition recorded its second album

entitled *Townburg* and boasted all original songs. The band then hit the road, opening for such acts as Dave Matthews Band and Counting Crows. VaCo also made large strides in record sales for its second album, increasing sales for *Townburg* to 30,000 copies.

On January 21 of this year the group released their third CD called *Rock and Roll Party*. The CD is mixed by Joe Cook, who has worked with big acts such as Counting Crows, Mick Jagger, and Sheryl Crow. This album combines funk, rock, and D.C. go-go into a style that has the authentic stamp of Virginia Coalition on it.

The Washington Post has said Virginia Coalition "sounds like a musical overview of pop music of the past 40

years, a little James Brown, a little Beatles, a little R.E.M., a little Chuck Brown."

Over the years Virginia Coalition has worked extensively on creating its own sound and expanding its own personal "Street Team" that extends from Chicago, to Vermont, and south to Florida. So if you're curious about this eclectic bunch, you're a music lover hungry for an opportunity for live entertainment, or just have nothing to

do on Sunday, head over to the Henry Student Center and treat yourself to the sounds of Virginia Coalition.

Doors open at 7 p.m. and the band takes the stage at 9 p.m. Admission is free for Wilkes students and \$5 for the general public.

For more information on Virginia Coalition, log onto the official website at www.vacosongs.com.



Virginia Coalition, seen above, will perform at Wilkes this Sunday in the Ballroom. Tickets are free for students.

CD Review: Tim McGraw and the Dancehall Doctors

BY JESSICA SKUTACK
Beacon Arts & Entertainment Editor

This time around the CD review has gone country with a look at one of country music's hottest, most popular, and arguably most talented stars. It seems as if Tim McGraw and his wife Faith Hill are here, there, and everywhere, burning up the charts and making strides in country music with experimental mixtures of different genres. Faith is known to mix country with pop while Tim is known to go for a mix of rock and country.

This week we'll be looking at Tim McGraw's latest album entitled *Tim McGraw and*



the Dancehall Doctors. This album is interesting, if for no other reason, because like past country legends McGraw hit the studio and recorded his new musical offerings with *the Dancehall Doctors*, his road band, those good ol' boys who keep him company on his tumultuous trips throughout the states.

Being a country music fan myself and never having owned a Tim McGraw CD (I know, shame on me for calling myself a country music fan without having him in my collection) I was really excited to review this CD. I was also hoping that McGraw would help me to break some of the stereotypes that people have about country music like all they do is whine

about lost love, their dog dying, and their truck not starting. While McGraw may not lament about his dog or pay homage to his pickup, he still spends a great majority of the time talking about love and losing love and just about anything that has to do with love until you just can't take it anymore and feel like saying,

"Tim, please sing about something else."

With that said, I think there are also some good things to admire about the album. The mixture of country with other genres is impressive and the musical performance by *the Dancehall Doctors* is exceptional. The songwriting is strong, but at times seems to lack creativity, at least

concerning subject matter. That of course is just my opinion; take it for what it's worth.

The Basics

Tim McGraw and the Dancehall Doctors contains 15 tracks including "Red Ragtop" and the remake of Elton John's classic "Tiny Dancer" which you can find playing on your favorite country station. The CD runs for exactly one hour, six minutes, and ten seconds according to Windows Media Player and can be purchased for approximately \$13 to \$15 depending on where you shop. Now that the basics are covered, let's move on to the heart of the album: the songs.

The Songs

Track One: "Comfort Me" - This is a very strong song to start the album with and one that has an interesting beat to it. The song commences with a military-like drumbeat that continues to serve as the backbone for the song except during the chorus. "Comfort Me" is basically, a traditional-sounding country song paying homage to a woman and all of the rustic activities he misses accompanied by a catchy, fast beat.

Track Two: "Tickin' Away" - I would personally describe this song as a cross between a rock ballad and a country tune. The electric guitar stands out and is played

with vigor. This is one of the few songs that refrains from talking about love. Instead it talks about wanting to do this or that and always being constrained by the clock on the wall.

Track Three: "Home" - This track is a twangy country song with fiddle and all. There is a simple beat and speaks about a home that is longed after and has become nostalgic, which many of us can relate to.

Track Four: "Red Ragtop" - In my opinion the subject matter of the song is more interesting than the music in this one, but it kind of grows on you after a while and you may find your finger reaching for the repeat button. At first glance you may think that this is a basic diddy about boy meets girl, they fall in love, and then boy loses girl, but upon closer inspection you will see that the song mentions abortion, which is pretty much a taboo in the country music industry; you just don't speak of such things. Why McGraw included this piece of information and the impact it has had is up for interpretation.

Track Five: "That's Why God Made Mexico" - This song to me sounds like someone whining about bad relationships and making Mexico seems like a mystical place. It sounds to my ear like the accompanying music was trying to be mellow and

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Dawson and Company Reinvent *Julius Caesar* Traditional male roles challenge actresses

BY JEFF GELLER
Beacon Staff Writer

Wilkes University's Department of Visual and Performing Arts will be performing William Shakespeare's *Julius Caesar*, April 10-12 at 8 p.m. and a matinee performance on April 13 at 2 p.m.

While the historical still dramatizes the emperor's life, this performance has a twist; a twist on gender.

The audience will not be walking into a historic interpretation of the Roman Emperor; rather they will be treated to a timeless view of the Shakespearean classic where gender is not an issue and traditional roles have a more feminine approach. This play will not be set in ancient Rome, but instead a timeless Rome recreated on the main stage of the Dorothy Dickson Darte Center.

There will be no togas, sandals, or

olive wreaths. The performers will not be dressed in gender-specific costumes. Rather they will wear unisex costumes.

Why is this? It's quite simple. Females have been cast in traditional male roles, which is a complete reversal of what happened back in Shakespeare's day. Back then, young boys and men played all of the roles, including those of women.

Joe Dawson, the director of the production, is looking to make this perfor-

mance what Shakespeare intended it to be: a non-gender specific play with universal appeal. This is why Shakespeare's works are still performed 500 years after his death.

Dawson remarked, "It is not like these women will be transvestites. It's more like the character will be a woman." Dawson continues, "It was very easy to switch a

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sound like island music, but falls a little short. I did however enjoy the incorporation of brass instruments into the song.

Track Six: "Watch the Wind Blow By"- A ballad from a cowboy to his girl expressing how he would like nothing else than to spend the day with her and let time pass by. This is a country song with a touch of jazz present in McGraw's voice, the beat, and the piano accompaniment. I found it quite interesting to listen to and enjoyable.

Track Seven: "Illegal"- Serves as a nice change of pace because it is a harder-hitting song. There is more about love and believing in love and the risk involved with love. The chorus states, "Oh, it should be illegal it gets me so high I can fly like and

eagle night after night." Needless to say, this track didn't make me feel high and I thought the lyrics were somewhat corny.

Tracks eight through eleven deal with much of the same lovey-dovey material and this is the point where my opinion of the CD started to drop since I was sick of hearing about the wonders and pains of love and everything in between. Also the musical aspects were straight country and at times didn't fit the lyrics.

Track 12: "Who Are They"- This track is refreshing because it is lively has substance to it, and doesn't mention love or have love as a major theme. Instead McGraw questions authority and the right some faceless politically correct mass has the right to dictate what is right and wrong,

good and bad, etc.

Track 13: "Real Good Man"- This track has a good beat and mixes rock with country, which is usually a successful venture. Guess what? We're back to love again. This time we're talking about a rebel who has a good heart on the inside and could love a woman the way she deserves to be loved.

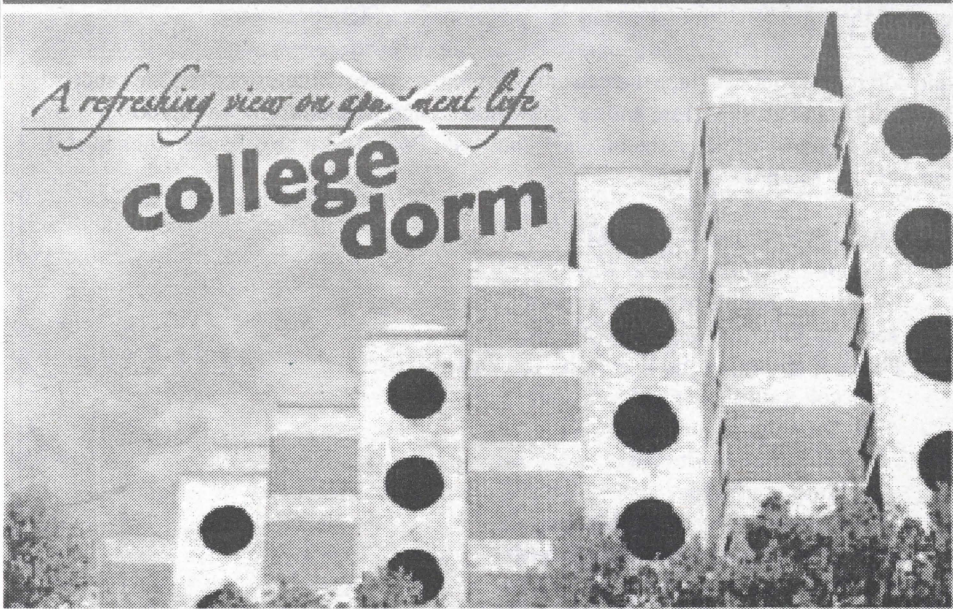
Track 14: "All We Ever Find"- McGraw puts the proverbial nail in the coffin with this song. We return to his favorite subject [love], the beat is slow, the song drags on, and the music doesn't seem to fit the words. This is truly one of my least favorite songs because of the aforementioned ideas.

Track 15: "Tiny Dancer"- McGraw chooses to close this hodgepodge of music with a remake of an Elton John classic. I love this song because it is just so whimsical and always makes me think of one of my favorite movies, *Almost Famous*. The music is fabulous on this one, but McGraw strains

himself in trying to hit those high notes like only Sir Elton can. Overall, a good try, but a little flat.

The Verdict

Personally, I wouldn't go out and purchase this album for myself, but it does have its merits. The music is truly great and some of the songs are really likable. I even found myself singing along and tapping my toe at times. Like every album it has its strengths and weaknesses, and even though I don't particularly like the album, I think its strengths outweigh its weaknesses. I would recommend the album to hardcore country and Tim McGraw fans or to anyone looking for something different to listen to. However, I still think that McGraw has to keep some of the love he has inside and move on to greener pastures in his lyrics.



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couple of pronouns in the dialogue to suit a woman. Other than that, why not have woman playing male characters?"

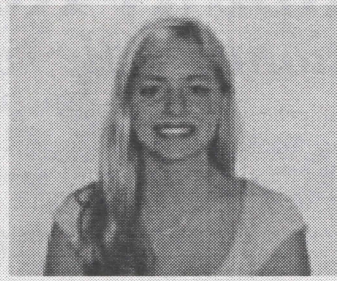
Dawson continued that Shakespeare's text and characters allow for such flexibility in interpretation. "Julius Caesar text is verisimilitude. It has generality, morality, and has a very universal theme," he said.

When casting the play Dawson looked at what the actors themselves could bring to the roles. Dawson noted, "When casting this play, I tried to cast the actors with similar personality traits as the characters."

The main character of Cassius the conspirator will be played by junior theater

major Tiffany Smith. Smith remarked, "Shakespeare text makes it easy for me to play this role as woman. There is a real relationship between my character and the character Brutus. In our relationship I get to treat it as a seduction. [It] is pretty interesting to look at this text this way."

Smith feels she gets a chance to express Cassius as a "lover of liberty" instead of power hungry as the character is traditionally played. Smith remarked, "I don't think this is a big deal with women playing men. After a while, the audience should be willing to believe my performance as Cassius. It is just another interpretation like R & J, so I hope people will come out to see it."



BY MELISSA GALLUP
Beacon Staff Writer

Tasty Tidbits

Finally! The air has warmed up; the sun is shining brightly. And are those birds I hear? Yes, spring is here, and it is wonderful. But now that it has warmed up, so have our appetites. In the winter we are more accustomed to eating large and heavy meals, while in the summer, most people stick to lighter food selections. But what happens during spring? Well, we need to find a diet that falls somewhere in between the Thanksgiving feast and the fruit salad. Try eating lighter selections of poultry, fish, vegetables, and fruit. These options will keep you energized and full, but they won't make you feel like a pile of bricks.

Lemon Chicken

Recipe Courtesy of Michelle Urvater

4 boneless, skinless chicken breast halves
2 tablespoons olive oil
1 teaspoon grated lemon zest
1/4 cup fresh lemon juice
1/2 cup chicken broth mixed with 2 teaspoons cornstarch
2 tablespoons chilled unsalted butter
1 small scallion, thinly sliced
Salt and freshly ground pepper

Separate the tenderloins from the breasts. Between sheets of plastic wrap pound the thicker side of the breast to make it more even in thickness. Season the chicken with salt. Heat the olive oil in a large skillet over moderate heat. Add the chicken breasts and tenderloins. Sauté for about four to five minutes. You'll know to turn the chicken over when the top looks opaque (tenderloins may take only two to three minutes per side). Sauté on other side four to five minutes or until the interior is cooked through. Mix lemon zest and lemon juice into chicken broth.

Remove the chicken to a plate. Give the lemon broth cornstarch mixture a stir and add it to skillet. Deglaze the pan and simmer for a two minutes or until the sauce looks thick and glossy. Taste and season with salt and pepper. Remove the skillet from the heat and whisk in the butter if you wish. Pour the sauce over the chicken and sprinkle the scallions on top.

Balsamic Glazed Vegetables

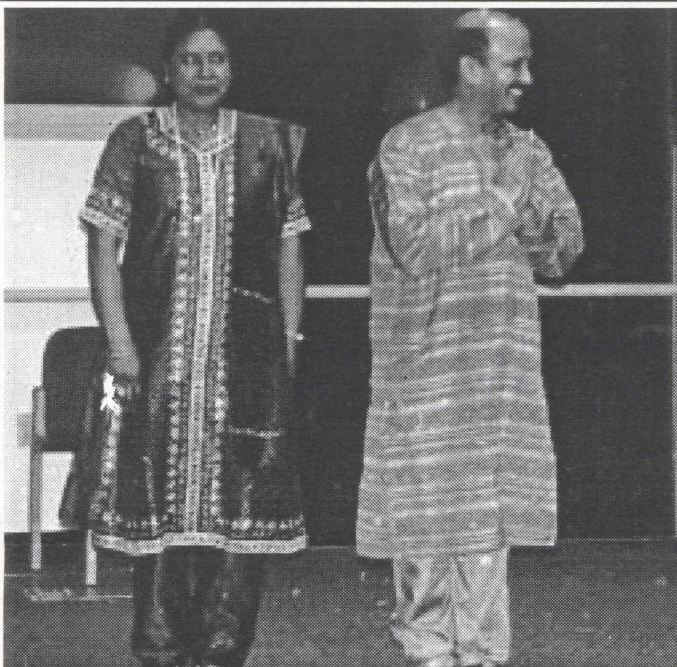
Recipe courtesy Rachael Ray

1 1/2 to 2 pounds of your choice of the following, or any combination of: "baby" packaged fresh carrots, brussel sprouts, yellow squash (you can also use broccoli, cauliflower and zucchini)
1/2 cup water
1/2 cup balsamic vinegar
1 tablespoon butter
Salt and freshly ground black pepper
Chopped parsley leaves, for garnish

Place veggies in a pan with water and vinegar. Bring to a boil and cover. Reduce heat to medium and cook 10 minutes. Remove lid and raise heat back up. Allow the water to boil away and the vinegar to reduce and glaze the veggies, about five to seven minutes. When the vegetables are glazed, to a sweet, rich brown color add butter to the pan. Turn veggies to coat lightly with butter. Season with salt, pepper and serve. Garnish with parsley.

For an optional glaze for the vegetables, substitute 1/4 melted butter and 1/4 cup honey for 1/2 cup balsamic vinegar. Follow method as listed.

For more tasty recipes, visit:
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The Beacon/Jason McDermott

Showin' it Off

Two models sport ethnic clothes at the International Fashion Show, held in the Ballroom last Saturday.

This Week in Entertainment History

March 27, 1985 - Billy Dee Williams was given a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame. His star is placed between Joan Davis and Harry Carey.

March 28, 1986 - More than 6,000 radio stations played "We are the World" simultaneously, at 10:15 a.m. EST. The promotion was part of the biggest, participatory event in history, which linked a human chain of millions of people from ocean to ocean. It also created an awareness of the African famine relief project.

March 29, 1982 - The oldest soap opera on television, *Search for Tomorrow*, jumped from CBS, where it started 30 years prior, to NBC. During the change, the program, owned and sponsored by Proctor and Gamble, continued right along with the story; it just picked up on the new station the next day. Many celebrities have been on *Search for Tomorrow* including: Don Knotts, Sandy Duncan, Lee Grant, Tom Ewell, Roy Scheider and Hal Linden.

March 30, 1971 - The Bee Gees were given a gold record for "Lonely Days." When playing the gold record, they heard the song at a faster speed and said, "Hey, this sounds like disco!" The rest is part of *Saturday Night Fever* history.

March 31, 1999 - *The Matrix*, starring Keanu Reeves and Laurence Fishburne, opened in United States theaters. It was a runaway hit, but few critics fully understood the plot.

April 1, 1963 - The television soap opera, *General Hospital*, began its long run on ABC-TV. Not to be left out of the medical drama world, NBC-TV countered with *The Doctors*.

April 2, 1974 - Millions of television viewers watching the live Academy Award ceremony saw a naked man "streak" across the stage, as host David Niven was introducing Elizabeth Taylor prior to the Best Picture category. Robert Opal, a 33-year-old advertising executive, was siezed by security guards as he dashed off the stage. No charges were pressed, and it was rumored that Opal's streaking was set-up, as the live telecast had the bottom portion of the screen blacked out. Opal's private parts never were seen over the airwaves, which would have been impossible to prevent had someone at the network not known in advance of the stunt.

Information provided courtesy of www.uselessknowledge.com

Colonels Can't Hold Eight-Run Lead *Fall to Division-II Bloomsburg, 14-9*

BY DENNIS FERENCHICK
Beacon Editorial Board Chair

Talk about a bad case of déjà vu.

Using a seven-run sixth inning to ignite a fierce comeback, the Bloomsburg University Huskies rallied from an eight-run deficit to hand the Wilkes University baseball team its second consecutive 14-9 home loss Monday afternoon at Artillery Park.

It was the second time in four games that Wilkes (4-8 overall, 0-3 in conference) jumped out to an early 9-1 lead, only to watch it disappear down the stretch. On

14-9 come-from-behind victory.

With the win, Division II Bloomsburg improved to 11-8 overall. The Huskies kicked off conference play against Millersville University on Wednesday afternoon.

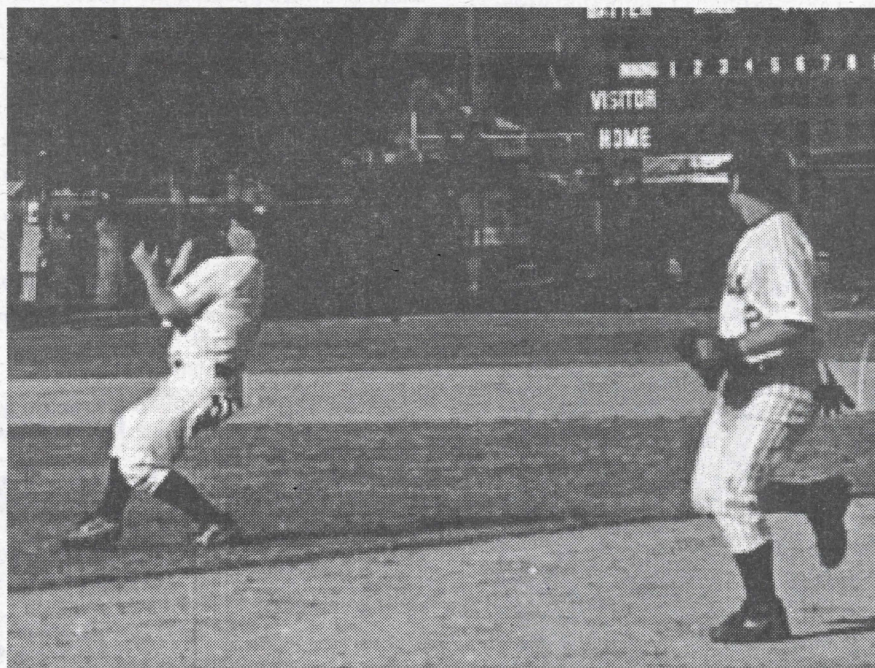
"We started off really strong, had some clutch hits, and scored a lot of runs in the first four or five innings," said Colonels assistant coach Matt Diltz. "But right now, we're lacking some experience in different positions and, ultimately, that's hurting us in the later innings keeping leads. Against Bloom, we made a couple of mental

mistakes and right now that's our problem. We're losing our mental focus at the end of games, and we're not closing them out."

In the first, Wilkes jumped out to a 2-0 lead on junior Matt Midkiff's two-run homer. Four innings later, holding on to a 3-1 advantage, the Colonels exploded for six runs in the fifth to extend their lead to eight runs.

Junior Chris Caccavale ignited the outburst with a two-run blast over the centerfield fence, increasing the Wilkes lead to 5-1. Also contributing for the Colonels in the fifth was

sophomore Tyler Trutt, who smacked an RBI double, while sophomore Steve Imdorf, who moved to third on Trutt's hit, scored



The Colonels blew an eight-run lead in a home loss to Bloomsburg.

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The Beacon/Mick Jenkins

Though the Colonels hitting has been solid, the team defense has been a question mark so far this season.

March 22, Freedom Conference rival and powerhouse DeSales University spoiled the Colonels' home opener with its own

on a wild pitch. Junior Dave Morgan and sophomore Charles Hampton each had RBI singles respectively as well.

An inning later, Bloomsburg would answer with seven runs to cut the gap to 9-8, and then took the lead for good in the seventh. Junior Brian Zorger led off the inning with a triple, and two outs later junior Stefan Muller blasted a triple of his own to score Zorger and tie the game at 9-9. Junior Joe Pesci then hit an RBI single to give the Huskies a 10-9 lead.

Unfortunately for the Colonels, they were unable to get anything else going offensively.

"The bats just went dead," explained Diltz. "I think we started getting too complacent at the plate, looking at too many good pitches, and we left a lot of runners on base. We weren't getting the clutch hits in the later innings that we were in the beginning of the game."

The Wilkes pitching staff allowed 16 of Bloomsburg's 17 hits in the final four innings. Junior Mike Spotts was tagged with the loss after giving up three earned runs in two and one-third innings of work.

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Colonels Ace King's in Cross-town Rivalry

BY NICOLE NORTON
Beacon Correspondent

The Wilkes University men's tennis team opened Freedom Conference play with a 4-3 victory cross-town rival King's College at Kirby Park on Saturday.

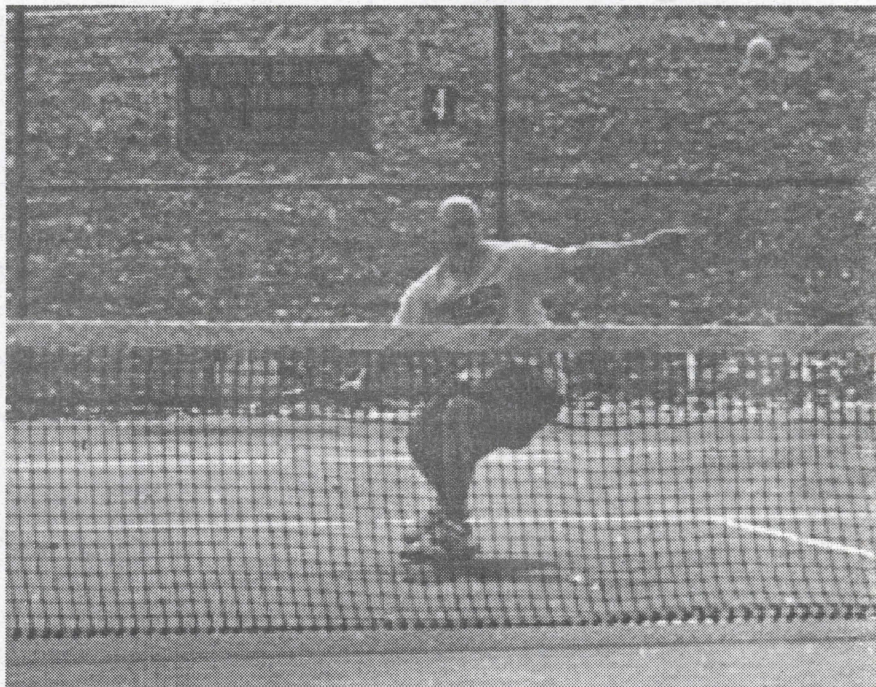
Sophomore Hassan Shah and freshman Arvin Narula got the Colonels going early in the match with an 8-1 win at first doubles over the Monarchs' Eric Calabrese and Jason Sallemi.

Senior Jason Leach and sophomore Madhan Srinivasan then clinched the doubles point for Wilkes with their own 8-1 victory.

Srinivasan and Shah recorded their second wins of the match, 7-6 (7-4), 6-3 and 6-0, 6-2, respectively. Srinivasan disposed of Kevin Kolodgie at number one singles, while Shah dominated Calabrese at the number two singles spot.

The Colonels' final point came at number six singles when Narula rallied from a set down to beat the Monarchs' Erica Mazza.

The team will travel to Madison, NJ on Saturday to face the defending conference champion Drew University Rangers in a much-anticipated match slated to begin at 1 p.m.



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Jason Leach returns a shot in Colonels win over King's.

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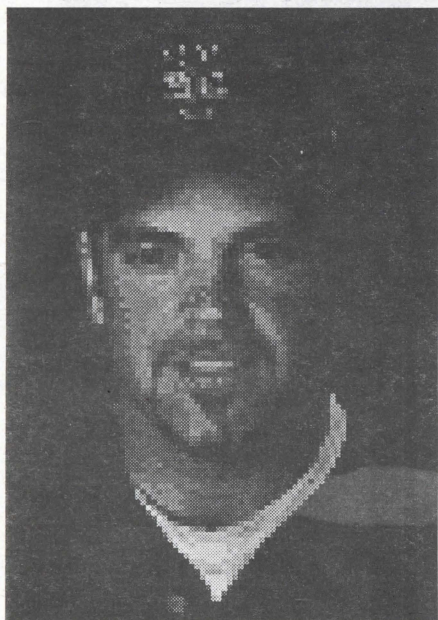
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Mota's Suspension for Hitting Piazza Reduced to Four Games

Courtesy of the Associated Press

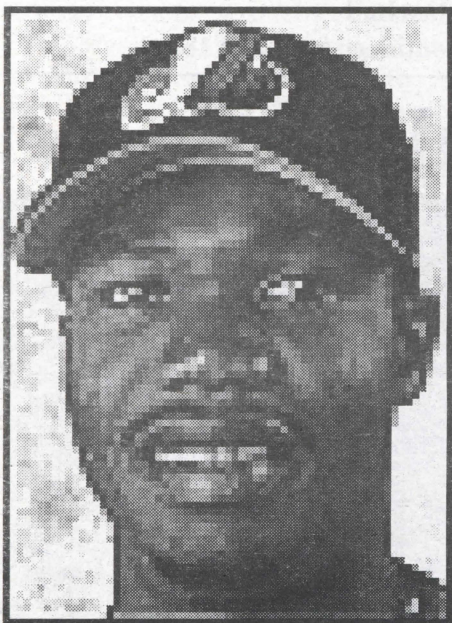
VERO BEACH, Fla. (AP) - Los Angeles Dodgers reliever Guillermo Mota's suspension for hitting New York Mets catcher Mike Piazza with a pitch last month was reduced to four games Tuesday.



Mike Piazza

Mota, who originally had to sit out five games, pleaded his case at a 20-minute appeals hearing with Bob DuPuy, baseball's chief operating officer, and discipline czar Bob Watson.

Mota, 29, was suspended after hitting Piazza with a pitch to spark a benches-clearing brawl March 12 at Port St. Lucie. Mota said at the hearing that he didn't hit Piazza intentionally.



Guillermo Mota

"I don't try to hit anybody," he said. "I tried to pitch inside. It just happened."

Piazza, who went into the Dodgers' clubhouse looking for Mota after the game, has appealed his own five-game suspension.

Dodgers manager Jim Tracy said he was pleased to hear the penalty had been reduced. He still is strongly leaning toward opening the season with 12 pitchers, including Mota, to make sure he doesn't drain his bullpen in the first four games.

It was the second straight year

Mota and Piazza were involved in a spring-training confrontation. Mota hit Piazza in the backside with a pitch in the Dodgers' final Grapefruit League game last year at Vero Beach. One inning later, Piazza grabbed Mota by the throat.

Mota said he watched videotapes of both incidents during the hearing. He said he

was asked whether he'd hit Piazza intentionally in retaliation for what took place last year.

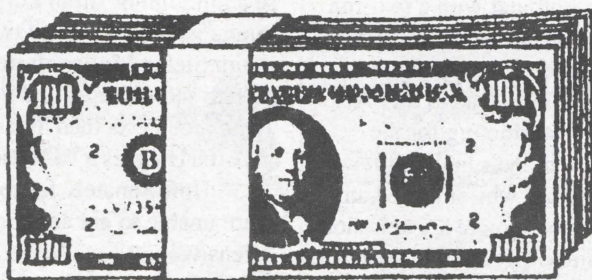
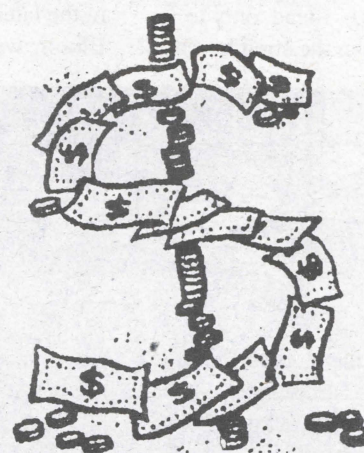
Mota was 1-3 with a 4.15 ERA in 43 appearances with the Dodgers last season. He has a 2.03 ERA with 17 strikeouts in 13 1-3 innings this spring.

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Rehab in the Off-season: Rena Bolin Struggles Back from Injury

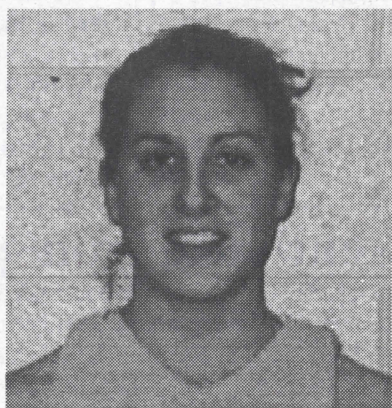
BY JENNIFER MARKS
Beacon Correspondent

Off season training is one of the most important aspects of getting ready for the next season. According to personal trainer Steve Zim, "Off season training programs can have a noticeable impact on your performance."

Unfortunately, not everyone is able to take part in traditional off-season training thanks to major injuries that occur during the season. Instead, the off-season is a time to immerse in rehabilitation.

Freshman soccer and basketball player Rena Bolin is one of those people unable to train in her off season. She tore her ACL in the beginning of the basketball season and had surgery in January to correct her knee.

The injury was devastating, and Bolin knew immediately that the road back would be tough. "I remember it like it was yesterday," Bolin said. "No one was around me. I just went to stop on a dime and my knee gave out, it was very, very painful."



Rena Bolin

For any athlete, the mental anguish of injury takes as much of a toll as the physical pain. Athletes count on physical exertion to feel good mentally, and when injury prevents physical activity initially, the emotional toll is considerable. "For people who know me, they know this isn't easy (not being able to play a sport)," said Bolin.

Her injury set her back six months before she will be ready to play a full contact sport again. However, Bolin-like many athletes who face the same challenge-

is doing many things to strengthen her knee and to try to stay in shape for the fall soccer season.

First, Bolin has physical therapy three times a week for an hour and a half. "The workouts are very tedious and can get boring at times," Bolin said. "But I keep telling myself that if I want to be back for the start of soccer season, I better get it done."

Post surgery, Bolin has been strengthening the muscles around her knee because strength is the key to preventing re-injury. She has been working on her quad and hamstring by lifting

weights that focus on those muscles. "Of course the weight is extremely light," said Bolin.

Muscle strength is very important to any sport. It is the basis for agility, coordination, flexibility, endurance, and speed. The key to increasing athletic ability in any sport is to train specific muscles for different sports.

"If you lack strength, you'll never be able to compete at your full potential," Zim said.

Bolin still has two more months until she can actually start jogging. For the time being, she is doing the stepper for about five minutes and rides the bike. "Since I haven't run since the injury, I'm about as in shape as an 83-year old. Actually, there are probably some 83-year olds out there in better shape than I am."

This injury has not only affected Bolin physically, but it has also mentally. "I can't even watch a basketball game, when the players are cutting and changing directions, without thinking that with the

slightest move it's going to happen again."

Bolin's teammates are doing everything they can to help her to keep her focus and determination to return. They do not want her to be afraid to step on the soccer

field when the time comes. Junior captain Katie Green said, "All of us girls are supporting her and cheering her on through her rehabilitation. We are such a close team that it wouldn't be right if Rena wasn't there for the start of preseason."

With all of the support from the team, it is making it easier for Bolin to cope with the injury. "It is so nice knowing these girls care so much," said Bolin. "It makes me want to do everything plus more to get better in time." Support from

others is also a good way to help motivate people work out, out of season.

Bolin said, "My goal is to be in the best shape I can and mentally prepare myself for my upcoming season."



The Beacon/Dennis Ferenchick
The door to Wilkes' training room

Lacrosse Women Still in Building Stage

Lady Colonels overwhelmed by Drew

BY BRIAN WALTER
Beacon Staff Writer

The Wilkes University women's lacrosse team, still in the developing stages of its program, suffered a tough 22-4 loss

Wednesday afternoon at the hands of Drew University.

The win improved the Rangers to 4-1 overall and 1-0 in the Middle Atlantic Conference, while Wilkes fell to 0-3 overall and 0-2 in the conference.

Drew University dashed out to a 16-2 lead by intermission and never looked back. The Lady Colonels got their first goal off the stick of freshman Kathryn Currier. Her sister, senior Maria Currier, was credited with the assist on the play. The second goal of the first half came when senior Sara Ciotoli scored unassisted.

Wilkes stepped up to the challenge throughout the second stanza, and began to show off its resiliency as the women were only outscored 6-2. The first goal of

the second half came unassisted from sophomore Melissa Quinn. The Lady Colonels' final goal was scored by senior Danielle McDonald off an assist from junior Jess Hinkel.

Freshmen Carissa Lyons and Cassie Malone combined for 12 saves in the net, with Lyons stopping seven and Malone contributing with five saves.

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The Lady Colonels work out during a recent practice.

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Low & Outside

BY DAVID DiMARTINO
Beacon Staff Writer

In honor of Bill Raftery, it looks like I'm starting this article in "MAN-to-MAN"... Did you know that St. Bonaventure is the patron saint of "bowel disorders?" I'm not making this up. Does this explain why their school colors are brown and yellow? I guess we'll never know...President George Bush announced that once we find and retrieve all of the weapons of mass destruction in Iraq, he is going to use them to blow-up Martha Burke. This lady is acting like Barnum & Bailey and the Masters is her circus. All she needs to do is strike-up the band and get a dancing bear...Office pools are from the Devil. They were created so

people like me who believe that they know a lot about sports can be proven wrong and kick their dog...I have always loved Dick Vitale, but Dick, "I'm Serious, Baby!" Get a muzzle for 10 minutes...It has been reported that Georgia head basketball coach Jim Harrick paid his players, put them in classes they didn't have to attend, had people take tests for them, and in one instance, the SATs. What hasn't been reported is that he also had his assistant coaches wipe the players butts after every crap they took and dry them after every shower...There was going to be a protest outside of *The Beacon* tomorrow by Martha Burke if I didn't mention women's basketball in this column. Women's

basketball...Supposedly Tim Hardaway has signed with the Pacers for the remainder of the season. That means that people can once again start watching the ESPN basketball show because the stuttering Hardaway was making it Hardtowatch (I'm so clever)...Everybody is making the case that Butler is like the team in the movie *Hoosiers*. If that's the case, then I want to meet the alcoholic assistant coach. He was my favorite...On Tuesday night, the Atlanta Hawks fans started chanting, "MVP, MVP" every time Kobe Bryant touched the ball in a Lakers rout. Shaq said after the game that the crowd "was a soulful crowd, and hopefully the Hawks will get it together because they will support them. It wouldn't

be a problem if I was here." Oh please, someone trade Shaq to Atlanta and shut him up. Better yet, trade him to the Siberian national team for a Nestle Crunch bar so no man, woman, or child will ever have to hear another boneheaded quote from him ever again...One of golf's best, Ernie Els, had to withdraw from the Players Championship because he injured his wrist while working out with a punching bag. Els was reportedly punching the bag in hopes to get his hands on the bigger, stronger Burke come Masters time...I'm pulling a Bobby Knight. Because this article was not up to expectations, I am returning my salary to *The Beacon*... I'm David D. and I just missed LOW & OUTSIDE.

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Even with the difficult start that the Lady Colonels have had so far this season, McDonald is still confident and energetic about their season. "Drew is expected to win the MAC," she commented. "We really played well against them throughout the second half."

"Right now we are just playing and gathering a feel for how one another plays,"

the senior added. "We try to think about what happens between goals rather than worrying just about the score. As the season goes on, you will see us with a few wins and grow stronger."

The Lady Colonels will return to action on Tuesday when they head north to battle Scranton at 4 p.m.

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Senior Rob Jewett, who pitched two and one-third innings of scoreless relief, picked up the victory for the Huskies.

Trutt and Hampton led the Colonels, who had 14 hits of their own, with three hits apiece. Midkiff, Morgan and freshman Kyle Devlin each added two singles.

Wilkes looks to end a four-game losing streak when it takes on the Delaware Valley College Aggies Thursday in Doylestown.

"We just need to continue hitting and most importantly play defense behind our pitchers," commented Diltz on what his team needs to do in order to make a turn around. "Right now, we're making a lot of mental mistakes, having errors throughout the entire field, infield and outfield. So, basically we need to cut down on the errors and some base running mistakes and we should be fine."

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Baseball at
Delaware Valley, 3:00

Softball VS.
Scranton (at Marywood),
3 p.m.

Friday

Baseball VS.
Keuka, 3 p.m.

Golf at
Misericordia, 1 p.m.

Saturday

Baseball VS.
Del Val, 1 p.m. (DH)

Men's Tennis at
Drew, 1 p.m.

Softball VS.
Drew, 1 p.m.

Sunday

Baseball VS.
Misericordia, 1 p.m.

Men's Tennis VS.
FDU-Florham, 1 p.m.

Softball at
Del Val, 1 p.m.

Tuesday

Golf at
Albright/Widener, 1 p.m.

Men's Tennis at
Albright, 3 p.m.

Lacrosse at
Scranton, 4 p.m.

Wednesday

Softball VS.
Elmira, 3 p.m.

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In Review

Saturday

Baseball
DeSales 14, Wilkes 9

Men's Tennis
Wilkes 4, King's 3

Sunday

Baseball
DeSales 6, Wilkes 2
DeSales 12, Wilkes 0

Monday

Baseball
Bloomsburg 14, Wilkes 9

Lacrosse
Montclair St. 16, Wilkes 6

Wednesday

Lacrosse
Drew 22, Wilkes 4

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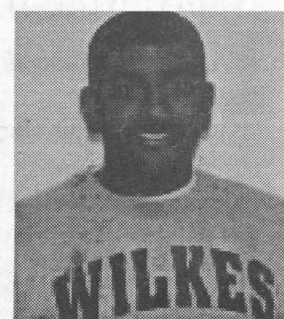
Coach of the Winter

Madhan Srinivasan, Men's Tennis

The sophomore, who was named the Freedom Conference Player of the Week, was a combined 6-0 last week, with two of the wins coming in the 4-3 victory over cross-town rival King's College, the Colonels' first victory of the young season.

Srinivasan, who has been alternating between number one and number two singles, has compiled a record of 4-1 so far this season. At number one doubles, he has teamed with both senior Jason Leach and fellow sophomore Hassan Shah for a record of 3-2.

Srinivasan is a pre-med major from Larksville.



Numbers Of the Week

2 Number of eight-run leads the Wilkes University baseball team has blown in the past four games

15 Number of games left in the NCAA Division I Men's tournament, concluding with the championship on Monday, April 7

28 Number of goals the lacrosse team has been outscored by over the last two games

Beacon's Best Bet

Saturday- Baseball VS. Delaware Valley, 1 p.m. (DH)

The Colonels look to rebound from a 14-9 loss at the hands of Bloomsburg.



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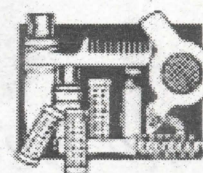
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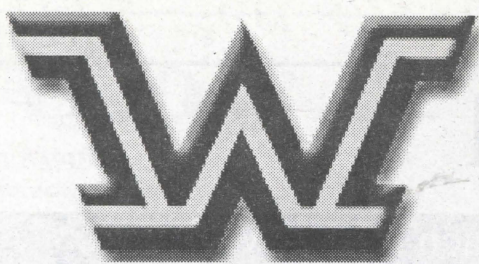
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Mon., Tues., Thurs., and
Evenings by appointment





Campus Calendar

Today, March 27

NUArts Film: "Raushchenburg: Man at Work:
7 p.m., DDD Main Stage

Baseball at Delaware Valley:
3 p.m.,

Health Fair:
11 a.m. - 2 p.m., HSC Concourse

Friday, March 28

Movie Night:
7 p.m., Cinemark

NUArts Music and Dance Concert:
7 p.m., DDD Main Stage

Golf at Misericordia:
1 p.m.,

Master Cunningham Class Taught by
Kris Cross:
4 - 5:30 p.m., DDD Main Stage

Saturday, March 29

Flute Ensemble Concert:
12 p.m., DDD Upper Lobby

Avodale Hill Cleanup Project:
9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

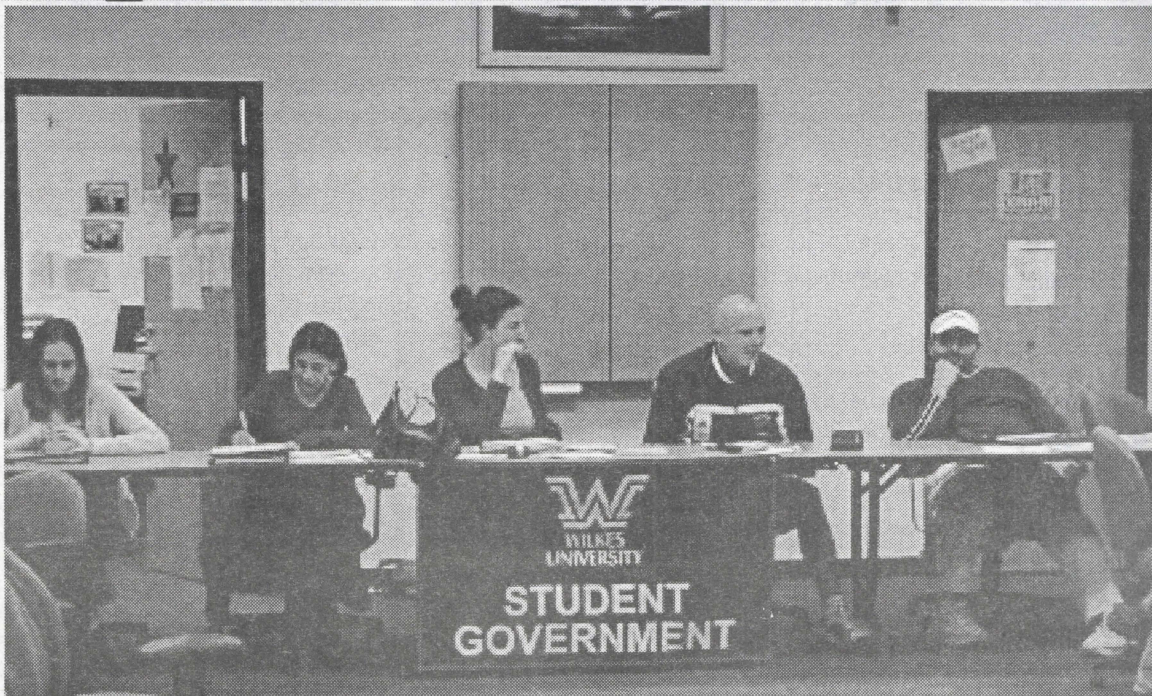
Softball vs. Drew:
1 p.m.,

Baseball vs. Delaware Valley:
12 p.m.,

Men's Tennis at Drew:
1 p.m.,

Virginia Coalition:
7 p.m., HSC Ballroom

Sunday, March 30



The Beacon/Kristin Hake

Pictured above in the center is Student Government President, Selena Bednarz. The incumbent is running uncontested for President again next year.

Baseball vs. Misericordia:
1 p.m., Artillery Park

Softball at Delaware Valley:
1 p.m.,

Men's Tennis vs. FDU Florham:
1 p.m.,

Movie Night with Children from McGlynn
Learning Center:
7 - 9:30 p.m., King's College

Monday, March 31

Volunteer Service Opportunity:
9 - 11 a.m., St. Vincent DePaul Soup Kitchen

Women's Lacrosse vs. Montclair State:
4 p.m., Ralston Field

Art with Children from Gabriel Shelter:
7 - 9 p.m., HSC Ballroom

Tuesday, April 1

Men's Tennis at Albright:
3 p.m.,

Women's Lacrosse at Scranton:
4 p.m.,

Golf with Widener at Albright:
1 p.m.,

Volunteer Service Opportunity:
9 a.m. - 12 p.m., CEO Emergency Food
Pantry

Wednesday, April 2

Penguins Game:
7:05 p.m., First Union Arena

Softball vs. Elmira:
3 p.m., Kirby Park

Learn to Invest Your Money:
4 p.m., Miller Conference Room

Matt Ralph Performs:
7 - 9 p.m., Crossroads Coffee House

Volunteer Service Opportunity:
10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., St. Vincent
DePaul Soup Kitchen

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