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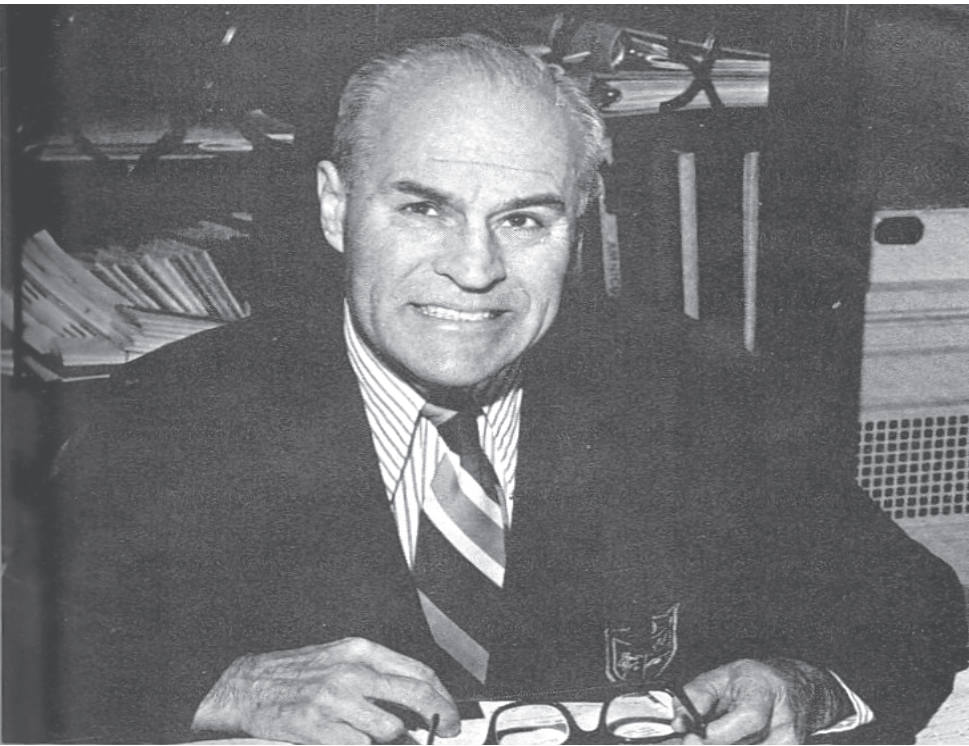
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Wilkes mourns two legends



George F. Ralston
1917-2007

BY NICK PODOLAK
Beacon News Editor

Within hours of one another, two Wilkes University legends died earlier this month. On Monday, March 5, and again yesterday the Wilkes community bid adieu to Thomas Arlington Bigler and Dean George Ralston respectively.

Thomas Arlington Bigler, professor emeritus (1921-2007)

Bigler, professor emeritus and pioneer in local broadcast news, died on Friday, March 2, in the Heritage House Hospice in Wilkes-Barre. He was 85.

"Tom not only taught hundreds of students and changed lives because of the kind of influence he had, but he was a voice of conscience and reason when the Wilkes community struggled on particular issues," said associate professor of communication studies Andrea Frantz.

Recognized by many area natives for his deep coverage of community and national

issues, as well as local news stories such as the Agnes Flood of 1972, Bigler served as News Director with WILK-AM radio, WNEP-TV, and WBRE-TV before retiring in 1986. He then joined the Wilkes University communication studies program as its endowed chair and professor of journalism, where he quickly established close ties with colleagues and students.

Communication studies professor Bradford Kinney noted, "We were a one man tag-team. Tom was instrumental in finding the funding for the Thomas Shelburne Television Studio." The state-of-the-art studio has offered Wilkes students an enviable space for learning the ropes in broadcasting.

"He was one of the finest men I have ever known, the type of guy who would do anything for anybody...He will be sorely missed at this university," added Kinney.

Wilkes alumna Sarah Herbert, who took a senior seminar in ethics with Bigler, recalled chatting with him on daily university shuttle bus rides to and from the Ralston



Thomas Arlington Bigler
1921-2007

Field, and remembered him as an influential force in her life.

"Tom was a great asset to the Wilkes community. He was always willing to share his journalism experiences with his students and had such a great enthusiasm for the youth in the community. Most of the communications students looked up to him, but he was always very modest about his achievements," she said.

Over a period of just a few days in the fall of 1998 Bigler's eyesight failed dramatically over just a few days due to wet macular degeneration, a condition caused by scarring due to blood vessel leakage near the optic nerve. Bigler's drive to address community, national and international issues, however, was undeterred as he continued to write a Sunday column for the *Times-Leader* with the help of Frantz, who transcribed his words.

"I think God brings people together for a reason, and the loss of his eyesight did bring us together," Frantz said. "Tom dealt with the loss of his eyesight with more grace than

most people deal with the common cold." Despite his blindness, Bigler continued to teach full-time and stay abreast of the latest ethical issues in the news.

Many Wilkes and Wilkes-Barre residents know of Bigler's countless contributions to his communities. But few know of his service to the United States in World War II. In 1942 Bigler joined the U.S. Army Air Force (ATC), and was stationed all over the country and eventually in India. Bigler's communication skills were quickly put to test, and may have saved the life of his best friend David Baltimore while flying over the hump from India to Burma.

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University officials consider alcohol policy revisions

BY ANDREW SEAMAN
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Wilkes university officials are currently reviewing some of the school's alcohol policies, Mark Allen, Dean of Student Affairs confirmed recently. The reason, he noted, was because, "There has been an increase in the number of on campus alcohol violations this year."

Allen added, "The policy is periodically evaluated, and given our changes in alcohol education through the use of alcoholEDU, we felt it appropriate to review the policy at this time."

AlcoholEDU is a program that all Wilkes freshmen must successfully complete and involves a comprehensive test of knowledge about substance abuse as well as training sessions. Students who fail to complete all of the requirements of the program receive punishment in the form of an alcohol violation and a fine.

The proposed revisions came on the heels of a discussion at a recent Student Government (SG) meeting on vendor alcohol advertisements. Philip Ruthkosky, Director of Student Development, said, "As per the student handbook, Wilkes

University 'does not encourage the use of alcoholic beverages by students. The University respects the rights of individuals who are 21 years old who decide to use alcoholic beverages, but is greatly concerned about the misuse and abuse of alcohol.'"

Ruthkosky added, "The Student Affairs cabinet is currently in the process of examining the current policy in regards to student clubs/

(i.e. by bracelets) and the event must be approved in advance by the Office of Student Affairs," Ruthkosky said.

Allen concurred, "The University has typically held events (Homecoming, Spring Fling) where there are those present who are not of age to drink. Special precautions are discussed with the owners of the establishment to clarify the University's expecta-

these organizations are not complying with the law, my hope, is that all are complying."

Also mentioned during the discussion at SG was the fact the some organizations are providing advertisement for local bars and clubs through them. Ruthkosky pointed out that currently, the university already requires that before a poster or flyer is display in the Student Center it must be approved by the Student Development Office.

Alishia Allegrucci, a freshman student at Wilkes told *The Beacon* what she thought about the current policy on alcohol and flyers. "I think it's a good thing because

it would influence more underage drinking and wouldn't be doing anything to help underage drinking which I think the school wants but then on the other hand I think it should be allowed for the students who are over 21."

Jonathan McClave, a senior mechanical engineering and business administration major simply said that, "I strongly oppose bars advertising on campus."

Specifics on the revision of the alcohol policies have not been identified at this time. All that is known is that they will be looking at the current policy to find where they can improve.

This is an area where we are looking to modify policy in the best interest of our students.

- Mark Allen
Dean of Student Affairs

organizations sponsoring functions at local establishments that serve alcohol where underage students are permitted entrance and local bars/establishments attempting to sponsor fundraisers to promote business.

"[Currently] at University events where the participants are of mixed age, those of legal drinking age must be visibly identified

tions of complying with the law."

But, Allen acknowledged that there is a problem with some local establishments that do not conform to the law. "Recently, clubs and organizations have been sponsoring events at establishments where I question enforcement of the law. This is an area where we are looking to modify policy in the best interest of our students." He then added, "my concern is that

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New university ad campaign garners national attention

Marketing appeal focuses on individual messaging

BY ALISON WOODY
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Who hasn't dreamed of attaining that elusive 15 minutes of fame? Here's one way to make it happen: apply to Wilkes University.

Still don't believe it? Just ask six area high school seniors who have applied to Wilkes for the fall's freshmen class. Their names are plastered across billboards, printed on kiosks in malls, animated on MTV, and flashed across the screen on the ever popular website, Myspace.

And everyone is taking notice.

This personalized appeal is all part of Wilkes University's new advertising campaign, "A Majority of One," that is designed to "increase the university's name recognition, highlight our special mentoring culture, and demonstrate the personal attention students receive from Wilkes faculty and staff."

Jack Chielli, executive director of marketing communications, described the reasoning behind the new campaign.

"We never really ran an undergraduate marketing campaign before. It was mostly through direct mail. Therefore, after the university did research with branding, my department rethought what we would say in ads to show that we pride on close relationships with students at Wilkes," he said.

Chielli continued, "We wanted to rebrand the college as a mentoring institution and gain more name recognition."

Wilkes' marketing communication department combined with 160over90, the university's public relations representative based in Philadelphia, to create the unique campaign.

Jim Walls, associate creative director at 160over90, said, "Because there are only 2600 students at Wilkes, it is smaller than a lot of high schools. When we first started working with Wilkes we realized that you

get a different level of personal attention and our idea was based on that."

"In some places, a lot of people haven't heard about Wilkes.

thing and everything where people would pay attention.

160over90 sent a graphic designer and a writer on a road trip from Philadelphia to Wilkes-Barre to find advertising options close to their local high schools. Walls said they were "detailed in how we selected everything."

One example of a

sity doesn't take out a billboard for every student."

Another, featuring Megan Smith, a senior at West Scranton High School, exclaims "Megan Smith- At Wilkes University, we'll help you become a journalist. Lesson One: Get used to thousands of people reading your name."

While Smith is still deciding between her choice of colleges, Behlke had decided to enroll in the pharmacy program here at Wilkes.

Through this campaign, Wilkes has seen an increased interest in the university.

"We have heard that high school students [at those of the six students featured in the ads] are all talking about Wilkes," said Chielli.

While Chielli said that it is still "too early to notice an effect in admissions" for an advertising campaign that has only been running for 4-5 weeks, he said the main benefit is

that "we've got people talking about Wilkes."

The advertising campaign has garnered Wilkes national and local attention.

Articles have appeared in *The Citizen's Voice*, *The Times Leader*, *the Standard Speaker*, but perhaps most notably garnered attention in a two-page analysis story in *The New York Times* by prominent advertising writer, Stuart Elliott.

Chielli said, "It has a lot of benefits and it has been rewarding. If you can get paid media to create free media, it's an added bonus. You can't pay for a *New York Times* article. These articles give the campaign more legs."

He added, "I think it really helps the university raise its reputation and be known in the northeast United States as an institution doing some really great things."

"Megan Smith"
At Wilkes University, we'll help you become a journalist.
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"Tyler Behlke"
Not every student excels at calculus like you do. But then again, Wilkes University doesn't take out a billboard for every student.
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"Laureen Jones"
People might mispronounce your name now. At Wilkes University, we'll work to make sure they never forget it.
Call a Colonel 570-408-6031



billboard advertisement that has caused some buzz focuses on Tyler Behlke, a senior from Wyoming Area High School, reads "Tyler Behlke- Not every

"Kate Murtaugh"
4-year member of Whitehall National Honor Society
4-years in Spanish National Honor Society (aye caramba!)
4-year Varsity Field Hockey Forward
We'd love your next 4 years at Wilkes University to be as meaningful as the last 4.
Kate, call a Colonel 570-408-6028



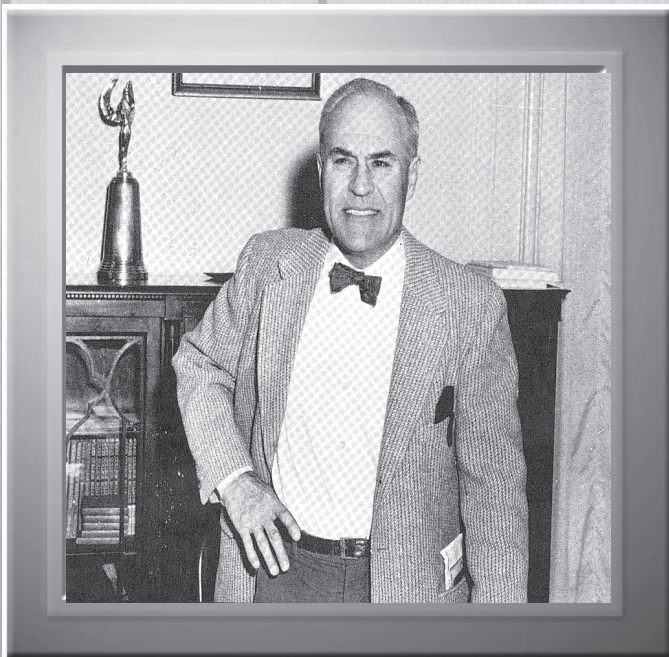
accepted to Wilkes and seemed to be a good fit for the university, but had yet to

decide to enroll or not.

Walls explained, "We started talking about finding high school students that were right for Wilkes and make them celebrities in their hometown."

After asking permission to use their names, Wilkes began putting them on any-

student excels at calculus like you do. But then again, Wilkes Univer-



Courtesy of the Wilkes Amnicola
George Ralston posing in one of his signature bow ties as the Dean of Student Affairs. Ralston took over the position in 1960 after initiating the school's very first athletic program.



The Beacon/Nick Podolak

Above: Wilkes University former Dean of Students Jane Lampe Grohe speaks at a memorial service held in honor of George F. Ralston at the First Presbyterian Church in Wilkes-Barre. Many Wilkes faculty and staff were in attendance to pay homage to the father of Wilkes athletics.

At right: Bigler conducts one of many interviews while serving as News Director at WNEP-TV.

At right: Tom Bigler in full uniform during his tenure in the U.S. Army Air Force. Bigler flew over the hump between India and Burma.



Photo courtesy of the Bigler Family



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LEGENDS

from FRONT PAGE

On Baltimore's birthday, Bigler prepared to present him with a birthday cake. When Baltimore's plane didn't return from a mission, however, Bigler, sensing a problem, immediately took action and began to contact various authorities to find his friend. They discovered that Baltimore's plane had, indeed, crash landed into a mountain; however, thanks to quick response time, something unheard of in that area due to the sheer number of planes that were downed, Baltimore and his crew were rescued and eventually returned to base.

Once he returned from his military service, Bigler launched what was to become a storied career in radio and eventually television. He was perhaps best known at WBRE for his daily editorials on issues such as the environment, public education, taxes, regionalization, and international relations. Bigler was also active in a variety of community services as a board member including, but not limited to, the Association for the Blind, the Osterhout Library, Family Service Association, the League of Women Voters, and the Jewish community.

Dean George F. Ralston, father of Wilkes athletics (1917-2007)

While Tom Bigler made his mark on the Wilkes community with an accumulation of "small littles," George F. Ralston, affectionately known for years after his retirement simply as "The Dean," is widely heralded as a giant whose shoes may never be filled by a single individual.

Known for his compassion, a distinctive southern drawl and an affinity for bow ties, Ralston was dubbed "The Father of Wilkes Athletics" for starting the program in 1946, coaching World War II vets who came to school on the G.I. Bill. In the advent of the sports program, he coached football, basketball, and baseball.

After retiring from coaching in 1960 to become the Dean of Student Life, it was not uncommon to see Ralston riding his blue bike with its wire basket big enough for bags of groceries, around campus on his daily commute from his Mallory Place apartment.

"That was his mode of transportation. You always knew the Dean was in the office because his bike was always parked in the driveway," said Vice President of Student Affairs Paul Adams.

At the memorial service, Ralston's son John, described his father's ritual of waking his children with "Rise and shine!" He would then get on his "sky blue Schwinn" and, whistling Beethoven's Ninth Symphony ("Joyful Joyful"), ride off to work.

Working as the Director of Residence Life under Ralston's supervision for seven years, Adams truly had the chance to bond with "The Father" before succeeding his chair in 1986. "One of the great gifts of my life was to work with him," Adams said. "There are few individuals that one can encounter in their life who are as uniquely talented as he."

Though former President Christopher Breiseth could not attend Ralston's memorial service yesterday because he was on a long-planned family trip, he did send remarks that were read. In his remarks, Breiseth noted that Ralston Field, the main athletic field for the University, was the first entity to be named for a living staff or faculty member.

Also, at the memorial service, Jane Lampe Groh, former Dean of Students and longtime friend of Ralston, acknowledged that Ralston's physical presence was palpable for many. "I will never again stand on the hill at Ralston Field at a football game and

look out onto the visitors' stand without thinking of him. I will never again walk into Marts gym and not look for him in his spot in the bleachers."

Ralston's sons rounded out the picture of the man with descriptions of his powerful presence as a father and role model. To a person, all who knew him mentioned his hearty, genuine, whole body handshake and the fact that he remembered every name and detail of every person he met.

Ralston's passion for Wilkes athletics never died as he continued his beloved "Ralston Cheer" at most football games. Starting at one end of the bleachers towards the end of the game, Ralston would get down on his knees, initiating a "Go Wilkes!" volley that shook the entire stands with a crescendo effect. He would then sprint to the other side of the bleachers and repeat before capping off the rant with an exclamation mark on a band member's bass drum.

"It will be one of the enduring memories that people will have of George. Nobody was more faithful to Wilkes. Nobody. The Cheer was just something that everyone looked forward to and he was the only one who could get away with that. I don't think anybody dared to try and emulate him," Adams.



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Humanitarian intervention turns foreign policy into social work

BY THE BEACON
EDITORIAL BOARD

Freedom is never free. We have heard this referenced for hundreds of different political and social issues. The problem with this simple statement is that it does not express the very real effects earning freedom has on a people and a culture. In ethnic conflict situations, it is better to change minds through education and diplomacy than through militaristic solutions. Violence breeds more violence and in the end, all that occurs is a

greater loss of life, resources and time.

There will always be problems in the world that we feel the need to "fix." We respond emotionally to hearing terrible human rights violations, for example, the ethnic cleansing in Darfur. As Americans and as humans, we find it to be an abomination, a total contradiction of all that is moral and right. Though we can never truly understand the pain of others being senselessly murdered, our hearts go out to them.

Unfortunately, we must at some point come to realize that it is

the responsibility of the leaders of those countries for the condition of their nation, not outsiders. There is only so much we can do. No military can intervene on a human rights violations and change the climate of the country which bred the conflict. In other words, while we can stop the violence temporarily, a permanent solution really comes down to developing a new line of thought and respect for life, ethnicity and way of life within the nation. A militaristic agenda to control the situation would be the worst attempt at a solution. Forcing freedom is im-

possible and would result in the greater loss of life including our own soldiers.

An entire culture of people is raised in a tradition of repression and genocide is not capable of maintaining freedom that is handed to them. To fight for it, and then win freedom helps a people to truly appreciate the meaning and continue to uphold it. A more proactive solution would be to educate.

In addition, it is physically impossible to ensure the rights of every person on the planet, especially when these rights are taken to astronomical levels. The only way to ensure everyone in the world is able to receive the rights of many western states is to westernize and democratize the rest of the world.

However, this totally destroys other cultures and creates an ethnocentric environment. If our goal is to protect a people, we must understand that it encompasses their entire history, culture and way of life. If we go in and destroy everything that makes a culture unique, we are doing nothing more than belittling them and insisting a western approach is the only "right way."

In order to put a complete halt to the problems within the state, the state must reform itself. No amount of help from the outside world will ever fully accomplish what needs to be accomplished in order to stop the disarray within the state. This does not mean that we cannot make an effort to help using less politically charged organizations. The Red Cross and Amnesty International are groups that gear their agendas more toward the aid of the people. We can do our part to rebuild a community but the challenge is realizing that doing so requires putting the time in. Ethnic conflict is not solved overnight, it takes years and getting separate parties to even agree to negotiate is just the beginning.

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Poll Results

The following are results of a poll that *The Beacon* conducted online this past week. The poll was unscientific, and does not claim to reflect the overall attitudes of students on campus. Results are based on 59 responses.

The Beacon asked:

What's the greatest challenge facing Wilkes University?

- High tuition -20%
- Finishing expansion projects -18%
- Too many projects -14%
- Physical plant repairs and maintenance -12%
- Parking -10%
- Lack of diverse faculty -8%
- Other -8%
- Technology advances -6%
- Snow removal -2%
- Customer service -2%

Next Week's Question:

What is the best kind of bottled water?

- Dasani
- Evian
- Dannon
- Poland Spring
- Figi
- Nestle
- Deer Park
- Aquafina
- Perrier
- Other

Visit www.wilkesbeacon.com to cast your vote. Results will be published in next week's issue of *The Beacon*.

A Sight for Sore Eyes

Aleksander Lapinski



Smoking ban in public spaces healthy move for W-B

BY CHRISTINE ZAVASKAS

Beacon Correspondant

It seems that cigarette smoke is everywhere.

It's there when I'm walking to class and get stuck behind someone who is oblivious to the cloud of smoke they are blowing in my face.

It's there when I go to work at a local restaurant and wait on tables in the smoking section.

It's also there when I enter a building and have to wade my way through the crowd of smokers taking a last drag while creating a haze of pollution by the doorway.

Despite the now common knowledge of what smoking does to a person's health, many people continue to light up. Not much more can be done in the fight to convince smokers of the danger they are in, but in the area of secondhand smoke many are ignorant of just how harmful it can be.

As a result, the city of Wilkes-Barre and many other cities nationwide do not sufficiently protect their citizens from harmful exposure to cigarette smoke. According to the WNEP website, in his recent budget address Governor Rendell mentioned his wish to ban smoking in all restaurants, bars, and workplaces in Pennsylvania. However, this is likely to take months if not years, and in the meantime all nonsmokers continue to be in danger.

When someone comes into contact with secondhand smoke, the risk that they are put at is significant. According to *The Health Consequences of Involuntary Exposure to Tobacco Smoke: A Report of the Surgeon General*, nonsmokers are 20-30% more likely to develop lung cancer and 25-30% more likely to develop heart disease when exposed to cigarette smoke. There are also numerous other health risks that can occur, many of which researchers are still learning about. There is no doubt that secondhand smoke is dangerous, but our city has thus far failed to protect nonsmokers from unwillingly being exposed to this threat.

One common misconception people have is that since their exposure to secondhand smoke is only in public for brief amounts of time, they are not at risk. These people consider secondhand smoke to be a concern only for those who live with smokers. This has been proven false.

Recent studies show that limited exposure to secondhand smoke still causes immediate damage. A section from the same June 2006 Surgeon General's Report states, "Exposure of adults to secondhand smoke has immediate adverse effects on the cardiovascular system and causes coronary heart disease and lung cancer." This report also concluded that there is no amount of exposure to secondhand smoke considered safe, even small amounts can damage your health.

According to the American Lung Association, 3,400 nonsmokers die in the United States each year from illnesses caused by secondhand smoke. Although many citizens of our country do not have knowledge about this danger to their health, it is clear that our government does. This gives it the responsibility to do everything it can to ensure these deaths stop happening. Unlike those who make a conscious decision to smoke, those who are involuntarily exposed to the chemicals in cigarettes need and deserve protection through new legislation.

There are some who oppose the idea of banning smoking in all public places in Wilkes-Barre. Restaurant and bar owners claim that they will suffer decreased profits if patrons are not able to smoke in their establishments. This may occur in the beginning, but eventually smokers will still want to go out to eat and they will return to the restaurants and bars.

Also, those who are currently aware of the harm that secondhand smoke does will begin to patronize these places more, now that their health is not at risk. There is even the chance that people in our city will be healthier in the future and live to spend money at restaurants and bars for a longer amount of time.

Some smokers complain that they are being discriminated against. This claim has no substantiation whatsoever. A ban

on smoking in public places is not a matter of having a prejudice against smokers, but of wanting to be protected from unwilling contact with deadly chemicals. The last time that I checked personal freedom stops at the point where others are harmed. If not, then are those who drink alcohol being discriminated against by the outlawing of driving while under the influence?

Governor Rendell's idea of a future public smoking ban is certainly a step in the right direction, but I do not believe that the city of Wilkes-Barre should wait for state action in this matter. Each day that goes by allowing people to be involuntarily put at risk is a shame to our city and leads to suffering later on that could have been prevented. Also if it took the Governor almost a week to take care of a foot of snow, how long do you think it will take him to create a public smoking ban?

We should take the example that our neighboring city of Scranton has set for us and act immediately. Until the time that such a ban is made, I ask the smokers, especially on campus, to practice consideration when lighting up. If you are not sufficiently motivated to be understanding to strangers passing you on the sidewalk, then think of your own loved ones and friends who do not smoke. Realize that your choice is not just harmful to you, but also to everyone around you.

Religious slurs of any kind show ignorance

BY MARK CONGDON JR.

Beacon Correspondant

"I don't care about your feelings, I'll say what I want, and I don't care if it offends you." Imagine I said this to you. It would inevitably stir up some emotions, may cause you to become angry, and possibly even act upon that anger.

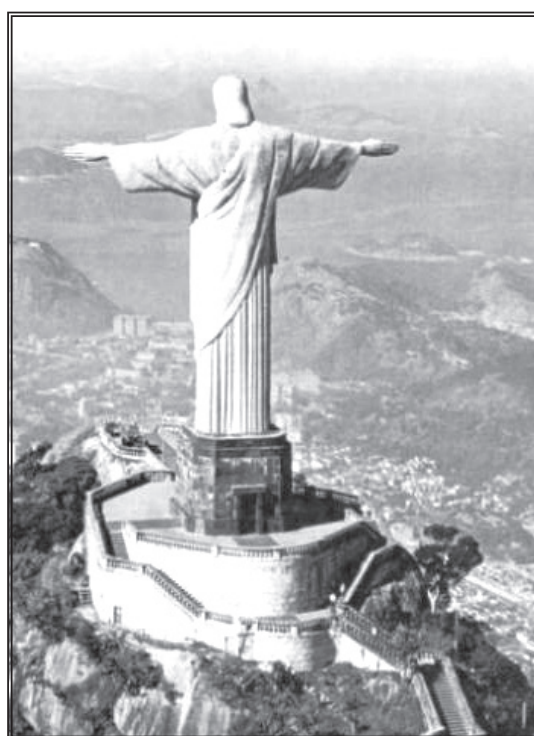
This is what happened to me a few days ago. Someone I was with used "Jesus Christ" as a derogatory swear word. As a Christian, I was offended. I calmly asked her to please not use Jesus's name in vain because he is my God and it offends me. But she went on the defensive and said that she isn't Christian and doesn't believe in a god, so she can say it because it's her right.

Her use of Jesus's name in such a manner was not only disrespectful but displayed ignorance. I respect that she isn't Christian and doesn't believe in a god, but freedom of expression does and should have limitations, especially if it offends and harms others.

I believe in freedom of speech, but when you use your freedom to intentionally or

even unintentionally hurt others, it should be questioned. Respecting others is important. I wouldn't disrespect someone on the basis of their race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender, religion or any other thing and I expect the same from others.

The fact that it's acceptable to use Jesus Christ as a derogatory term should not only alarm Christians but also those who believe and do worship a god or gods. If it's acceptable to degrade Jesus Christ, it will most likely be acceptable



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in the future to denigrate other gods and beliefs.

It is not acceptable to say something anti-Semitic in our society, so it shouldn't be acceptable to say something anti-Christian. There should not be any double standard.

I realize that everyone is not Christian, but the fact is, many people at Wilkes and in America are; therefore, it seems only right to treat them with the same sensitivity we've

applied to other religious discussion.

According to the October 2006 issue of *Time* magazine, more than 85 percent of Americans follow a Christian faith. Moreover, it was reported on CBSnews.com on October 1, 2006, that "Eighty-two percent of Americans are Christians, 90 percent believe in God, 70 percent pray regularly, and half attend church at least once a month."

It is simple human decency to respect other people, even if they are a different religion than you. As a society, we need to become more mindful of the values, beliefs, and morals of other people in order to create more harmony as a whole.

We are taught to be culturally sensitive and to not offend others, and I am personally offended when people use my Lord's name in vain. In the professional world, if you just blurt out anything you want without thinking about the consequences, you could lose your job. Why should discussion in a classroom, dining area, or shopping mall be different?

Ignorance isn't bliss when it comes to the environment

Protecting our earth is all about the little things we can do

BY STEPHANIE DEBALKO

Beacon A&E Editor

There is a videotape somewhere at my parents' house that proves that I was never very in touch with nature. Apparently, even when I was a wee baby who couldn't walk, I had extremely negative feelings about anything related to the great outdoors.

This video illustrates how I refused to leave my small rectangular haven of pink cotton/poly blend and immediately winced and retreated if any part of my body even grazed the grass. I could barely even sit up by myself, and I was already deathly afraid of the natural world.

Fast forward about 20 years, and while I'm not completely thrilled with all aspects of nature (like wasps and camping), I am beginning to understand that not only is everything in nature there for a reason, but it's actually pretty fascinating how the earth's ecosystems work. I'm writing all this because, while my purpose here is to state my case about why we should care about what happens to the environment and everything encompassed in that broad term, I know that preaching to anyone about anything is never very effective. I came to my own realization about our environment and what we're doing to it, and I hope that others do, too.

First of all, we all need to become better educated about the environmental issues in the forefront of today's society, such as

global warming and deforestation. One reason I never really acknowledged the fact that these things were occurring was because with that knowledge comes great responsibility. How can we know the solid facts about these things and not do something about it? I feel it's a moral responsibility, not a political one (and yes, I stole that from last year's Academy Award winning *An Inconvenient*

Truth).

The idea of preserving our environment for future generations is more abstract to people who are in college and maybe not even beginning to think about having children. But anyone who has a niece or nephew (as I do), may be able to understand that they are going to have to grow up in a world we single-handedly destroyed, and that's a very dismal reality.

If you're looking for my evidence that we are, in fact destroying our natural environment, there's plenty. For example, ac-

cording to the Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC), "The increase in global temperatures is expected to disrupt ecosystems and result in loss of species diversity, as species that cannot adapt die off. The first comprehensive assessment of the extinction risk from global warming found that more than one million species could be committed to extinction by 2050 if global warming pollution is not curtailed." *One million species!*

Even the possibility of something like that occurring in as little as 43 years is appalling.

Not convinced? Consider this: "Warmer water in the oceans pumps more energy into tropical storms, making them more intense and potentially more destructive." That is something that could have an effect on every one of us.

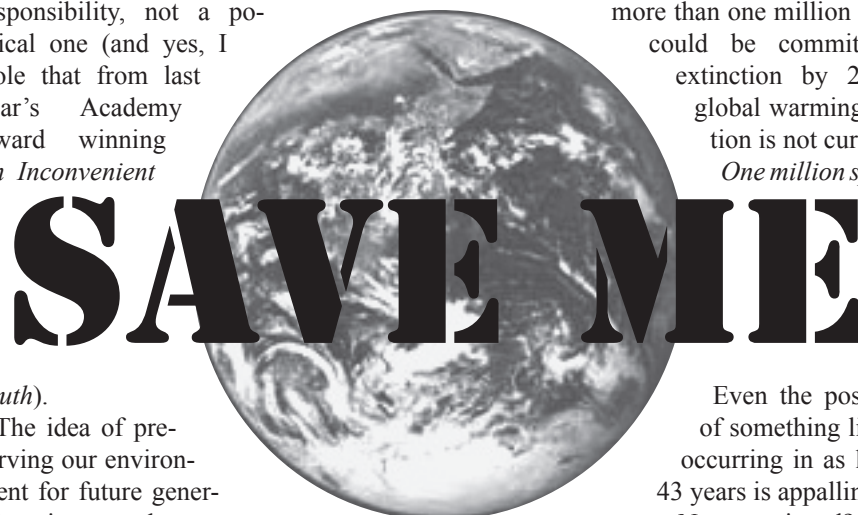
If I spelled out all of the predictions made about the future of our planet, however, I would probably need about three more pages-it's that overwhelming. I will say that visiting the NRDC's website or www.stop-

globalwarming.com can provide a lot more details about what's happening.

But the key to awareness is not even necessarily acknowledging the effects of global warming. You don't have to believe it or care about it the way I do to understand where I'm coming from. More importantly, I think we all just need to stop and take a minute to appreciate the natural beauty in the world. Yes, that sounds corny, but it's the truth. If we recognized what we had, we might be much more likely to do something to preserve it.

And I'm not saying we all need to necessarily start wearing organic hemp and sleep in redwood trees (but props to you if you do). I think we can and should find a way to keep growing and developing while at the same time preserving the natural environment we were blessed with.

We can all make small changes that will have a huge impact on the environment. Will it really take that much effort to throw a plastic bottle in the recycling bin at school instead of in the garbage can? If every one of us made one small change in our daily lives-recycling, turning off the water when lathering up, refusing a plastic bag-we really can make a difference. And I think that will be the difference between purity and pollution for the next generation.



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A Sight for Sore Eyes

Aleksander Lapinski



Forty-six Wilkes students enter classrooms as student teachers

BY MARK CONGDON, JR.
Beacon Staff Writer

What comes to mind when you hear the word teacher? Does it bring back memories of an inspiring teacher you had in high school or elementary school, or does it bring back memories of a teacher who you dreaded?

Since student teaching is required from all students concentrating in education, 46 Wilkes students are student teaching at local schools to become that encouraging teacher.

According to the Wilkes University's website, "The student teacher program provides the participants with valuable classroom experience and an easy transition from college life to the professional field."

Patrick Austin, senior English major with concentrations in English as a second language, and secondary education, is student teaching in the Wilkes-Barre School district. He believes that the education department gets students ready to enter the work force.

"Wilkes University education department provides programs and classes that allow students to be prepared in the classroom," Austin said.

However, Jeanine Barber, 9th grade English teacher in Unatego, New York and a Wilkes 05' alumna who majored in English with a concentration in secondary education, disagreed that the education department prepared her as well as those who were elementary education majors.

"The education department at Wilkes focuses on elementary education more than secondary education. They didn't really include their secondary education students in their curriculum. Because of this, I wasn't prepared as well as I wanted," said Barber.

Dr. Gina Morrison, assistant professor of education, acknowledged that the department has heard these concerns and are addressing them. "We are concerned about this because we want to get the students prepared as well as possible. Due to this, we now have a better balance of professors with concentrations in elementary education and secondary education as well as our specialty areas. In fact, it's about half and half. Our department is better able to relate the material to secondary education majors due to having more of an equal balance of professors with experience in secondary and elementary education."

She added that, "We have elementary education as a major and secondary education as a minor, so of course there's going to be more emphasis on elementary education.

But elementary education focuses not only on content, but has a heavy emphasis on methodology, whereas, secondary education focuses much more on content."

Austin noted that his biggest challenges in teaching are getting the students involved in what is being taught, and being aware of the politics involved with teaching.

"Getting the kids interested in material that they are not interested in is sometimes a challenge," Austin said. "You also need to be aware of the administrative and politics involved with teaching."

Barber agreed that, "Motivating students is the toughest part of teaching; so many students are indifferent to their education. I remind them that good grades are a reward in themselves."



Wilkes University's spring semester student teaching class of 2006-2007.

Another challenge Wilkes student teachers face in the classroom is not having enough time in the day to do everything on their agenda.

Karen Wesolowski, senior elementary education major, who is student teaching 6th grade at Dallas Middle School, said, "Some challenges I face is not having enough time in the day to fit in all my planned activities and lessons. I plan ahead for the week and always seem to fall behind due to the variety of snow delays and scheduling conflicts."

Wesolowski said she uses the "Fry your Best" chart to motivate students.

"It is where I have Wendy's fry bins and students earn fries by showing good attitudes and excellent work. Every student has their own fry bin with a number on it. At the end of the week I check to see if all the students have received a fry in their bin. If they have, the students have earned a review game such as *Deal or No Deal*. They enjoy this."

Austin added, "I motivate my students by

getting them excited about the material."

The mission of the teacher education program according to the university's website is, "to provide the educational community and society at large with competent, caring, and ethical educators who are life-long learners, reflective practitioners, and effective communicators."

The teacher education program provides opportunities for students to grow academically and professionally. The program promotes an appreciation for diversity, as well as a regard for research-based and innovative practices. The ethic of service and dedication are expected of graduates to meet the diverse needs of all students within the learning community."

Morrison stated that, "The mission is on

every syllabus, and the most important part is to develop caring, competent, and ethical educators who care about the students in the classroom."

Wesolowski agrees that the mission of the department is important and has ultimately helped her build teaching abilities.

"The Wilkes education department has the best professors possible to ensure the learning of the field of education. Wilkes has totally prepared me for my student teaching by having me constantly up in front of the classes," Wesolowski said.

"In all of my education classes here at Wilkes, we did numerous lesson presentations to our peers. I have used many of these ideas already in my class here at Dallas. I feel that Wilkes upholds the highest expectations for its students and then we definitely are shining now out in the classroom."

Wesolowski believes the department has prepared her to handle students who may misbehave, and because of this she hasn't

had any major problems. "I really have not had a problem with misbehavior. My students are in 6th grade, so they know what is expected of them. The students work in groups in my classroom and if they were acting out of line they will be moved to an isolated desk in the back of the classroom which we named 'Wesolowski Island.' I tell students how this is the island of no fun. It seems to work well," she said.

Austin also agreed that the education department help prepare him to deal with students who misbehave and noted that he deals with students who act out on a case by case basis.

"They are usually just seeking attention, so I give them a little and if they continue to misbehave I ask them why they are acting the way they are." He added, "The general rule in my class is to make sure you respect everyone around you and don't talk when someone else is talking."

Barber added that she handles students who misbehave on a case-by-case basis. "I deal with them in different ways. I don't like to write students up so I try to avoid that at all costs. Sometimes I have them spend an hour with me after school to help straighten up my room. Ever student is unique and their punishment must be too."

Morrison noted that, "Many cooperating teachers told me that the Wilkes students are the best student teachers they ever had. Teachers think they are well prepared, know the state standards, have good classroom management skills, know the content thoroughly, and are great at handling the students. This validates everything we, as a department, are trying to do!"

Wesolowski said that despite any issues in the classroom, she enjoys student teaching because of the influence she can have on the children's lives.

"I love getting the students motivated to learn. I look forward to seeing all of the hands up and participating in various lessons and activities. The best part of teaching is seeing that the students are learning and gaining knowledge that can be used for their future."

When asked about the joys of teaching and what she looks forward too, Barber enthusiastically said, "I love when students become involved in their work and take pride in what they've accomplished, because that rarely ever happens. I really look forward to the interactions with students, not only in the classroom but in the halls and while coaching track and field."

Courtesy wilkes.edu

Getting the down-low on a cup of joe

BY STEPHANIE DEBALKO
Beacon A&E Editor

Java, brew, cup of joe, jitter juice.

Regardless of the preferred nickname for the heavenly nectar, most Americans cannot live without their daily cup (or cups) of coffee. Most people, however, probably pick up their daily fix without much regard for what went into the process of creating the steaming hot refreshment, and perhaps are too busy or wired to ask.

The first thing that gives a cup of coffee its character is the roast of the beans it came from. During roasting, the sugars and starches within the bean are emulsified, creating oil that gives the bean its flavor and aroma. Consumers know the terms mild, bold and French roast, but do most of them really know what is entailed in creating those roasts?

Brigette Baker, manager/barista at Outrageous Coffeehouse, Shavertown, said that the primary difference between these blends is the degree to which the beans are roasted. According to about.com, lighter roasts, sometimes described as mild, are slightly more acidic and sharper in flavor than their darker counterparts, such as bold or French roasts, which have a fuller flavor.

Another interesting fact, Baker pointed out, is that darker roasts actually have less caffeine than lighter ones.

Indeed, some beans are better suited for certain roasts. "Some beans are better for mild or dark roast, like [for example] if you had a Colombian, it's probably better for

medium roast, whereas a Haitian bean is better for dark roast, but the flavor has to do with the roasting more than anything else," she said.

That's not to say that the origin of the beans doesn't have an impact on the flavor, however. According to about.com, even if beans are labeled as the same roast, they can have a different flavor depending on the place of origin.

Another buzzword floating around coffeehouses these days is organic, and along with it, fair trade and shade grown. In fact, all three of these terms go hand-in-hand in the coffee industry, although only organic and fair trade coffee can be "certified" under more stringent guidelines.

According to the U. S. Department of Agriculture, certified organic coffee, in the simplest terms, has been grown without the use of pesticides or synthetic chemicals. The reason this coincides so well with shade grown coffee is because, according to the American Birding Association, the process involved there allows the coffee to be grown under a natural canopy, preserving animal habitats. Fair trade certified simply means that the farmer was paid a fair and equitable price.

Flavored coffee, while likely to be shunned by the coffee purist, is becoming increasingly popular. Retail stores are stocking new blends like the Gourmet Selections from Folgers and many other brands. When the beans themselves are flavored, the process involves an infusion from flavored oils, as opposed to adding syrups after brewing the coffee, Baker explained.

There is also the debate about whether purchasing

whole beans and grinding them at home provides for a better tasting beverage than buying pre-ground coffee. The verdict? If there is room in the budget for the slightly more costly whole beans, go for it. Coffee grinders can be fairly inexpensive and freshly ground coffee really does seem to taste better.

Ever go into a coffeehouse and find that the names of drinks are so confusing-macchiato, latte, mocha, cappuccino, espresso-that it's usually just easier to buy a plain old cup of joe? Well, while Baker mentioned that, like roasts, different coffee drinks vary depending on the shop or coffeehouse they come from, the basic routine for each beverage often stays the same.

Espresso is a fine grind that involves both a darker bean and a completely different process than drip coffee, with more caffeine in a smaller dose. A latte is usually just one part espresso and steamed milk, whereas a cappuccino is more coffee and less steamed milk with more foam, Baker said. A macchiato usually varies greatly, but at a larger chain it is often simply a latte with flavor.

At Outrageous, the most popular drinks are probably a regular medium roast coffee, the mocha (which is basically a latte with chocolate flavoring) and the latte. But the moral of the story here? It's probably necessary to taste a lot of different brands and types of beans to determine a favorite.

Say What?

Ever find yourself waiting in line at Starbucks's with sweaty palms and a developing stutter that cannot be attributed to a desperate need for caffeine, but instead are due to an intense fear of pronouncing words like cappuccino and venti? *The Beacon* is here to tell you that you're not alone, and to help in your quest to appear as a functioning human in a coffee drinking society, we'd like to offer some pronunciations of the most important pain of ordering a caffeinated beverage size.



Tall- by its name, one might assume this is the largest size, but it is in fact the smallest. If you can't pronounce this, we can't help you.



Grande- medium, pronounced *grawn-day*, not *grand-ee*.



Venti- the most confusing and daunting of the bunch, this is actually the largest size, pronounced *vent-ee*

Public affairs club sponsors panel discussion on human rights

BY MEGAN KRISANDA
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Murder. Rape. Torture. Unlawful arrest. All are seen as evidence of human rights violations across the world in various hot spots such as Darfur, Iraq, and Chechnya, to name just a few.

Around the world people's rights are being restricted or ignored. In order to face the problem, educating people on human rights is a significant first step.

The Public Affairs Club is sponsoring a panel discussion entitled "What Can Political Science Contribute to Our Understanding of Human Rights around the World?" this Tuesday, March 22. The discussion will be held in the Marts Center, room 214, at 11:30 a.m.

"Political science provides empirical research to demonstrate whether or not human rights are being denied or advanced in a country or region of the world. The scholars who will present and discuss their research...have examined human rights in Latin America, Europe, and Asia," said Dr. Thomas Baldino, professor of political science and Public Affairs Club/Pi Sigma Al-

pha advisor.

The program is an extension of the Sordani Art Gallery's Darfur exhibit, according to assistant professor of political science and moderator of the event, Dr. Andrew Miller.

"This program will give students an opportunity to hear a different perspective

This program will give students an opportunity to hear a different perspective and be involved in a very important discussion.

Andrew Miller

Assistant professor of political science and moderator of the event

and be involved in a very important discussion. Traditionally, local universities have brought student groups to this event so it is also a good opportunity for our students to have a discussion with a wider student group," said Miller.

The panelists are all published scholars who have researched various aspects of human rights. The panelists include Mark

Sebastian Anner, Department of Labor Relations and Political Science, Penn State University; David L. Cingranelli, Department of Political Science, Binghamton University; and Janice Bially Mattern, Department of Political Science, Leigh University.

Valerie Martinez, sophomore political science and communication studies double major, believes this discussion will be interesting and plans to attend. She says she would like to ask the panel about poverty stricken areas, the war on terror, and immigration issues.

In order to make this discussion possible, the national political science honor society,

Pi Sigma Alpha, received a chapter activity grant from the national office to fund this program. There are nearly 100 schools from across the country that apply for grants, according to Baldino.

"Each year, the national chapter invites applications for chapter activities grants. These grants may be used to fund guest speakers, a panel of speakers, a trip for the club, or an activity of some kind that the club wants to hold on campus. All the grants must involve learning about political science, or more broadly, politics and government. Grant proposals are reviewed by a panel of three political scientists, the national chapter president and the national office's administrative director," said Baldino.

Over the past few years, the Public Affairs Club has held other discussions relating to the 2004 Presidential election, the Supreme Court, and international careers.

There will be an opportunity to ask the panelists questions during the discussion. The panel discussion will end approximately at 1 p.m. and is free and open to high school students, college students, and faculty.

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Q&A with Giovanni Ribisi and crew of *A Perfect Stranger*

BY MARISSA PHILLIPS
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"I used to visualize God as Diana Ross, but now I picture him as you," was one of the rather absurd and random comments actor Giovanni Ribisi heard from a student journalist at a panel discussion in New York City this past Friday.

The actor, who will co-star with Halle Berry and Bruce Willis in the soon to be released thriller *A Perfect Stranger*, was joined by the movie's screenwriter, Tom Komarnicki, and producer Elaine Goldsmith at a Q&A session following an advanced screening of the movie that members of *The Beacon* staff were invited to attend. Ribisi, Komarnicki, and Goldsmith each took turns sharing experiences and insights about the movie, as well as information about the business of movie making in general.



Ribisi, whose last name may not instantly ring a bell, has been acting most of his life and has landed a number of notable roles. He is perhaps most widely recognized as the actor who played Phoebe's brother in the sitcom *Friends*, but has also offered memorable performances in movies such as *Lost In Translation*, *The Boiler Room* and *The Other Sister*.

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Komarnicki has written a number of screenplays (including a Hitchcock remake), as well as plays and multiple television pilots. Goldsmith has produced such movies as *Maid in Manhattan* and *Mona Lisa Smile*.

The panel discussion was off-the-cuff, and more than a bit casual as another member of the crowd asked, "If you could lose one sense which would it be and why?" to which Ribisi responded "depth perception" and Goldsmith answered the sixth sense. Also, there was more than enough star-worshipping masked as questions from the young would-be journalists; however, there were at least a few meatier questions that found their way into the mix.

When asked about working alongside big names such as Halle Berry and Bruce Willis, and the possibility of clashing egos, Ribisi's answer was a bit different than most might have expected. He explained that the more successful actors in the business actually usually turn out to be the nicer ones. Also, when asked what his most difficult role was, to the disappointment of most of the crowd, he was unable to name one specifically. "You want to create the most challenging role, regardless," he said. "It's up to the actor to make whatever he's doing into whatever it can possibly be."

The few questions posed to the screenwriter offered the crowd insight about the business. Komarnicki explained that since the film began production, the script went through about 15 different drafts, and by the end the movie's conclusion was changed entirely. He referred to a screenplay as "a living thing" and explained how important it is to be prepared to keep rewriting again and again. About developing screenplays in general, he stated that in the business, "It's such a killing floor;

it's a miracle any movies get made at all."

Despite the fact that the crowd screened the unreleased movie prior to the Q & A, there was discussion about the movie itself, which the producer, Goldsmith described as a film that examines how "we all have a face we put on" and how "what you see may not be what it is."

A Perfect Stranger is a movie about secrets, and Goldsmith explained that New York was the prime location as the skyscrapers and overall vertical build of the city makes it naturally "a city of voyeurs." All three expressed excitement about the film, and the message that it conveyed.

A Perfect Stranger, will be in theaters April 13. Ribisi also has about three other movies in the pre-production stages. Goldsmith is currently working on the production of four other projects, while Komarnicki is working on an adaptation of *A Christmas Carol*.



Calling all health nuts...

Luzerne business fills natural, organic lifestyle needs

BY STEPHANIE DEBALKO
Beacon A&E Editor

For the environmentally-conscious or health food obsessed citizen of Wilkes-Barre and its surrounding areas, it can sometimes be difficult to find products to satisfy everyday needs.

Brands like Seventh Generation, Preserve and Annie's Naturals may be available in small quantities at larger chains, but one local alternative grocer in particular specializes in these "obscure" items.

The House of Nutrition, located on Main Street in Luzerne, is an alternative grocery store that also offers personal assistance that is unmatched by many larger shopping centers. But they don't just stop there. The grocery store is also attached to the Mill Hollow Café, a cozy locale that specializes in health food, leaving behind the false belief that if it tastes good, it can't be good for you. Mill Hollow offers everything from a sandwich featuring Tofurky to a tofu scramble, and vegetarian and often vegan friendly options in an area where such cuisine can be difficult to come by.

"Because we have the restaurant next door and this [House of Nutrition], between the two you're always going to find a good meal or [even a sale]," said Sue Smake, employee. She reiterated that, very often, the grocery store fea-

tures items on clearance that allow students on a budget to maintain a healthy lifestyle. The store also offers a promotional flier featuring sale items, taking the idea of living healthfully on a budget a step further. And, keeping with the natural and environmentally conscious theme the House of Nutrition has created, the flier is using soy-based ink on recycled paper.

The range of products runs the gamut from personal care and cosmetics to healthier pet foods, said Smake. And its entire focus on healthy living is what differentiates this grocer



from others. Customers can peruse the many options offered in terms of alternative protein

sources, such as soy and mushroom based items, but the House of Nutrition also provides free-range organic meat products, satisfying the



needs of herbivores and carnivores alike.

Organic produce, including the sometimes difficult to find mangoes and pineapples, are also available, and come from a local organic farm when possible. The House of Nutrition even has its own bakery that

allows health nuts to indulge with just a little less guilt, as many of the baked goods are made

with a healthier twist. Recently, the store has acquired a range of fair trade and recycled gifts (such as handbags), making it that much easier to participate in earth-friendly living.

One of the more unique features of the locale is its community bulletin board, where information about various events relating to yoga, raake, and other aspects of an "alternative lifestyle" is offered. The bulletin board provides students and all patrons the opportunity to engage in and become a part of another aspect of the community that may not be readily accessible from the confines of campus.

The House of Nutrition is probably a place many students would be interested in frequenting, but is not one that is heavily advertised the way chain stores are. Hannah Schechter,

sophomore psychology major, said, "I have not heard of the House of Nutrition, [but] judging from the description of the store, I would definitely like to explore the vegan options there." Perhaps what may attract many other students is the one-on-one service provided to each customer. Smake stressed the fact that the House of Nutrition is a small, locally and family-owned business where the needs of the customer are always a top priority.

Book Review: Paul Auster's *Travels in the Scriptorium*

BY NICOLE FRAIL
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Ever read a book about a man reading a book about a man writing a book?

Paul Auster, best selling author of an assortment of fiction, nonfiction, poetry, and plays, is known for his style of multi-frame stories within stories. "When Auster gets cooking, he's like a magician who can amaze us by sawing a woman in half; when he's not, as in *Travels in the Scriptorium*, it's as if he's sawing away without a woman in the box," says Allen Barra of Salon.com.

Barra's critique is right on the money. Throughout the entire novel, it feels as if something crucial is missing, a purpose, perhaps...some kind of shock value, something to keep the reader guessing and turning the pages.

Essentially, Auster's latest is about a day in the life of an older man who is stuck in a small, white room being secretly monitored by overhead cameras and microphones. Since he doesn't know his name and apparently no one feels the need to share it with him, he is referred to as Mr. Blank by the handful of visitors (whose lives he's apparently ruined) that stop by throughout the course of the day.

Without checking to see if the door is locked or if he can come and go freely, he automatically assumes that he is a prisoner of some kind and is never allowed out. He is given colorful pills that wipe out his memory and

are supposed to be part of a treatment - for what, you never find out - and is instructed to study the pictures and typescript on the desk. The story he reads is more interesting than the story of Mr. Blank himself simply because interesting events are actually occurring in it.

For avid Auster readers, there is some familiarity among the characters in *Travels*... since they are recycled from his previous novels. If you know these characters, then maybe you know why they're so angry with Mr. Blank, but according to Barra, they were treated quite fairly in his previous tales so their reason for their hatred may never be clear.

There are no quotation marks in this book, though there are some parts with dialogue, and there are also no chapters, which irritated me. *Travels in the Scriptorium* is a novel that makes up for its condescending tone, uncomfortably

disgusting details (you learn more about Mr. Blank in the first 25 pages than you will ever need to know about anyone ever) and boring story line with its large font and quick readability.

"Mr. Blank therefore abandons the shuffling strides he used with the slippers and travels toward the desk... Mr. Blank lifts one foot an inch or two off the ground, propels the leg attached to that foot approximately six inches forward, and then plants the entire sole of the shoe on the floor, heel and toe together."

I'm sorry, but such precise and unnecessary detail, coupled with the author's creepy, black eyes staring from the back inside cover, just annoyed me.

Grade: D- (The part about the label swapping was actually amusing.)

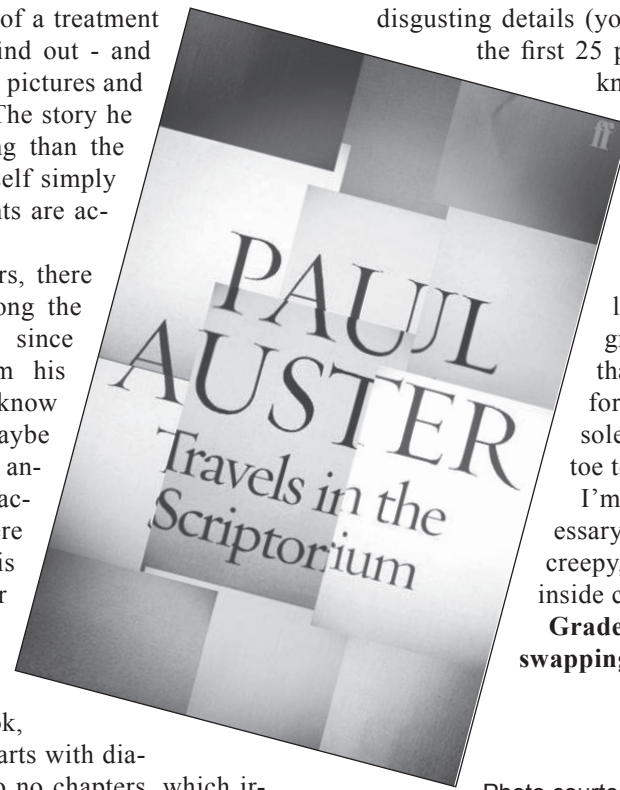


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theAudition makes splash in dance pop punk scene

BY ASHLEY GIBSON

Beacon Correspondent

A dance pop punk band from Chicago has just burst onto the music scene. Audiences are enthusiastically dancing and singing along to the rhythms of this energetic band.

The latest band to create a stir in the dance pop punk scene is theAudition.

theAudition is fronted by Danny Stevens with Joe Lussa on bass, Timmy Klepek and Seth Johnson playing guitar and rounded out by Ryan O'Connor on drums.

Lead singer Danny Stevens sat down with *The Beacon* to offer insight into the world of a touring pop punk band.

In 2003, theAudition was founded by Lussa and O'Connor, and after some rotating of band members the final line up was comprised. Sing along lyrics and upbeat hooks help to solidify their place in the music scene.

Stevens said, "Joe and Ryan started playing together in high school, they had two different guitar players and a different singer and as time went on they went through a bunch of different guitar players and they finally stuck with Seth. After Seth, one of the guitar players quit again

and I joined to play guitar. And then about 2 weeks into me playing guitar, our singer quit and so I started singing and after that we found Timmy."

After finalizing the band, theAudition quickly inked a deal with Victory Records and immediately began work on a record. The album "Controversy Loves Company" hit shelves in 2005 and the band was quickly hailed as the next big thing.

Their video for the single "You've Made Us Conscious" features the band poking fun at the scene kids.

"The song is about kind of like making fun of the people that go to shows and they pay however many dollars to get in and just stand there and hate every second of it. That never made any sense to me. Why would you pay, you know, \$15 to go to a show and not have fun and look like you hate it? So we kind of tied in the video with the song

and we're just poking fun at those kids and, you know, just about breaking out of your mold and have fun with bands and that's what music's about. It's about having fun and sharing something with everybody," said Stevens.

The band recently secured an opening slot on the sold out "West Coast Winter Tour" featuring Jack's Mannequin which they just wrapped in Chicago.

Stevens said, "The shows are huge, they're the biggest shows we've ever done. The guys in Jack's Mannequin and Head Automatica are just such nice people. It's amazing hanging out with those people every day. You know we've become best friends with Jack's Mannequin. Bands only get one brother band and they're definitely our brother

band. This tour helped us out more than anything that we've ever done and we're so thankful and grateful for everything."

After touring the United Kingdom with The Academy is, theAudition flies out to Paris and will open a show for the reigning kings of pop punk Fall Out Boy. They will then start on their headlining tour with The Graduate and New Atlantic.

In May theAudition will be playing the coveted Bamboozle which is slated to feature about 200 of the hottest bands to date. The Bamboozle is a multi-day music festival from May 5-6 held at the Meadowlands Sports Complex, in the parking lot of Giants Stadium in East Rutherford, NJ.

theAudition comes straight out of the myspace era and acknowledges the presence that myspace has had in helping them as a band. "We try and reply to all the messages and we add all our friends and try to keep in contact with people. I think fans appreciate that," said Stevens.

Feel free to hit them with a comment and you might just be lucky enough to have a legit band comment you back. Check them out at [www.http://www.myspace.com/theaudition](http://www.myspace.com/theaudition)



Schedule of Events

Monday, March 19

-Karaoke with Scott Stevens at Slainte

Tuesday, March 20

-Robb Brown and Friends performing at Slainte

Wednesday, March 21

-Film: *Shut Up and Sing* showing at the Kirby Center at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m.
-The Marty Edwards Jazz Band performing at Bart and Urby's
-Go Go Gadget performing at the Woodlands at 10 p.m.

Thursday, March 22

-Die Young and Face Off performing at Backstage at 6 p.m.

Friday, March 23

-Tiger's Jaw, The Mother Daughter Team, Stay Six and Three Man Cannon performing at Cafe Metropolis at 8 p.m.
-Dimensions performing at the Woodlands at 10 p.m.

Saturday, March 24

-The Devil Wears Prada, My Hero is Me, A Kiss for Jersey and A Faith Worth Fighting performing at Backstage at 6 p.m.
-Irish Culture Night at Arts Youiverse at 7 p.m.
-Steven Lynch performing at the Kirby Center at 8 p.m.
-A Modern Day Massacre, Livingston, Dino-sores and Miles to Texas performing at Cafe Metropolis at 8 p.m.
-Dimensions performing at the Woodlands at 10 p.m.

Sunday, March 25

-Backflip Journeymen, Captain Random and Slightly Askew performing at Backstage at 6 p.m.
-MercyMe performing at the Wachovia Arena at 7:30 p.m.
-Man of La Mancha showing at the Kirby Center at 8 p.m.

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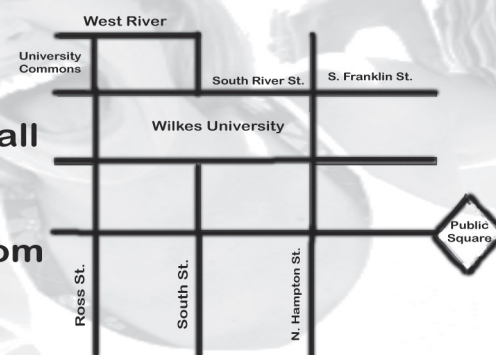
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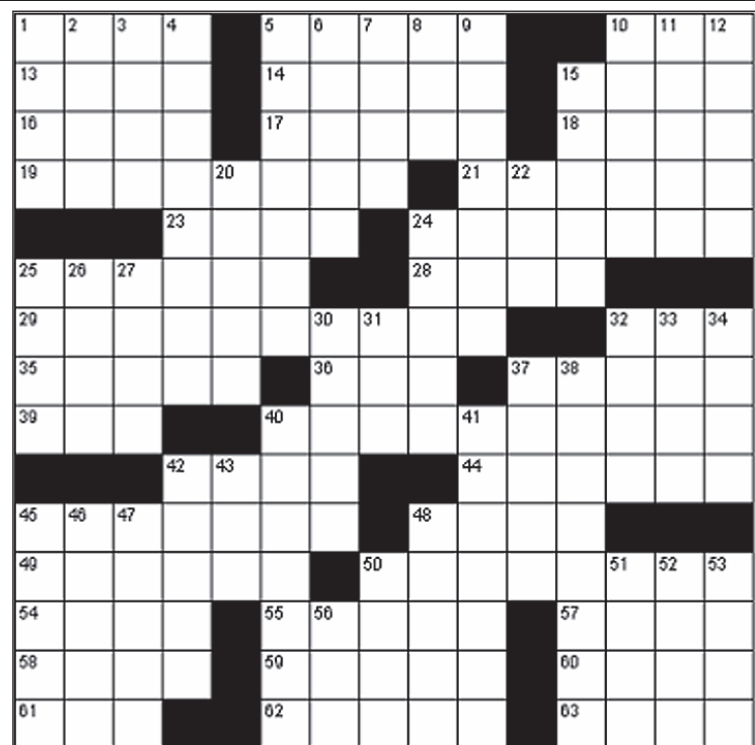
Crossword Puzzle

BY CHRISTOPHER KUDRAK
Beacon Correspondent

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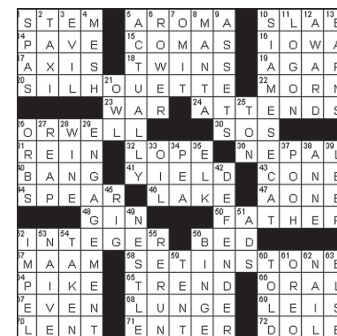
- 1 Supervisor
- 5 Without clothing
- 10 Half a Latin dance
- 13 Mathematic term
- 14 Alpha’s opposite
- 15 Vegas token
- 16 Bona fide
- 17 Tart and pungent
- 18 Ambiance
- 19 Calculate in advance
- 21 Core
- 23 Weeps
- 24 Serious in intention
- 25 Bleak
- 28 High energy wavelength
- 29 Hasten
- 32 Combine
- 35 Person, place, or things
- 36 Make a mistake
- 37 Frenzy
- 39 “Now ____ then”
- 40 Good-humored teasing
- 42 Former Italian currency
- 44 Distinguishing features
- 45 Mythical bird
- 48 Trick
- 49 Kind and sympathetic
- 50 Remove from power
- 54 Congregational response
- 55 Animal nose and jaws
- 57 Ancient Roman poet
- 58 Arizona basketball team
- 59 Edgy

- 60 Thing that ruins or spoils
 - 61 Curvy line
 - 62 Guide the course of
 - 63 Enthusiasm
- ## DOWN
- 1 Vomit, slangly
 - 2 Hydrox competitor
 - 3 Burn
 - 4 Peddlers
 - 5 Worthy of attention
 - 6 Accumulate
 - 7 Lane’s co-worker
 - 8 Breakfast food
 - 9 Child depository
 - 10 Skydiving gear, for short
 - 11 Employs
 - 12 Divided
 - 15 Astute
 - 20 Grill heat source
 - 22 Period
 - 24 Additional
 - 25 Comedian, _____ Carvey
 - 26 Idol
 - 27 Kind of missile
 - 30 Chill out
 - 31 “Roses _____ red”
 - 32 Against
 - 33 Ajax’s foe
 - 34 70’s sitcom “Happy _____”
 - 37 Tract of low wet land
 - 38 Bacterium that can live without oxygen
 - 40 Clergy members
 - 41 Distorted speech
 - 42 Tilts
 - 43 Country stopover
 - 45 Stage in a process



- 46 Decayed organic matter
- 47 Signs
- 48 Recycle
- 50 Complete
- 51 Executive office
- 52 One of a sailing trio
- 53 Biblical garden
- 56 Hockey goal

Answers 2.26



This Week in History

BY MICHAEL GIONRIDDO
Beacon Asst. A&E Editor

Brought to you by the History Club

March 19

2003: On this day in 2003, the United States, along with coalition forces primarily from the United Kingdom, initiated war on Iraq. Just after explosions began to rock Baghdad, Iraq’s capital, U.S. President George W. Bush announced in a televised address, “At this hour, American and coalition forces are in the early stages of military operations to disarm Iraq, to free its people and to defend the world from grave danger.” President Bush and his advisors built much of their case for war on the idea that Iraq, under dictator Saddam Hussein, possessed or was in the process of building weapons of mass destruction.

March 20

1413: King Henry IV, the first English monarch of the Lancastrian dynasty, died after years of illness, and his eldest son, Henry, ascended to the English throne.

March 21

1804: After four years of debate and planning, French Emperor Napoleon Bonaparte enacted a new legal framework for France, known as the “Napoleonic Code.” The civil code gave post-revolutionary France its first coherent set of laws concerning property, colonial affairs, the family, and individual rights.

March 22

1765: Hoping to raise sufficient funds to defend the vast new American territories won from the French in the Seven Years’ War, the British government passed the notorious Stamp Act on this day in 1765. The legislation levied a direct tax on all materials printed

for commercial and legal use in the colonies, including everything from broadsides and insurance policies to playing cards and dice.

March 23

1839: On this day in 1839, the initials “O.K.” were first published in *The Boston Morning Post*. Meant as an abbreviation for “oll correct,” a popular slang misspelling of “all correct” at the time, OK steadily made its way into the everyday speech of Americans.

March 24

1989: The worst oil spill in U.S. territory began when the supertanker Exxon Valdez, owned and operated by the Exxon Corporation, ran aground on a reef in Prince William Sound in southern Alaska. An estimated 11 million gallons of oil eventually spilled into the water. Attempts to contain the massive spill were unsuccessful, and wind and currents spread the oil more than 100 miles from its source, eventually polluting more than 700 miles of coastline. Hundreds of thousands of birds and animals were adversely affected by the environmental disaster.

March 25

1911: In one of the darkest moments of America’s industrial history, the Triangle Shirtwaist Company factory in New York City burned down, killing 145 workers. The tragedy led to the development of a series of laws and regulations that better protected the safety of factory workers.

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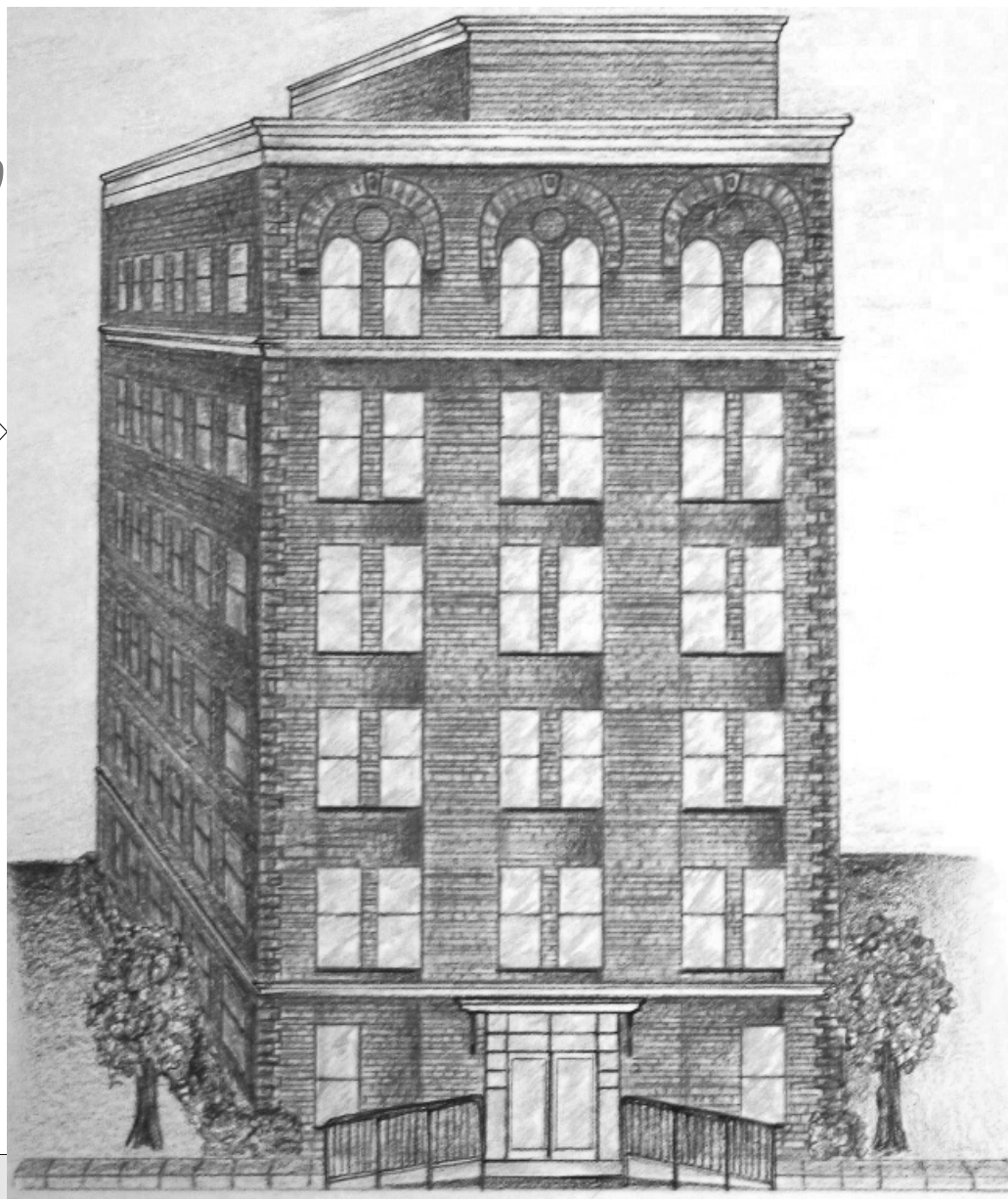
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Spring sports get an early start in the south

Men's baseball heads to Florida; softball to Virginia

BY TIM SEIGFRIED

Beacon Asst. Sports Editor

This season, the Wilkes University baseball and softball teams are opening their 2007 campaigns on the road.

Both teams took time during this semester's spring break to travel out of state to play a series of games to begin the season.

On Sunday, March 4th, the baseball team played a double header in Cocoa Beach, Florida to take on Rivier College during the Cocoa Expo.

The two games kicked off the eight game

road trip for the Colonels, which would put them up against Northland College, Baruch College, SUNY Old Westbury and Oneonta State.

Overall, Wilkes finished the road trip with a 6-2 record, which had great showings from junior Corey Helfrich, who led the team at the plate with a .570 batting average, and senior Justin Popovich, whose 11 RBIs led the Colonels.

Wilkes begins the stateside season on Tuesday, March 20th when they take on Marywood at home.

The softball team began its season under similar circumstances when they began play in the Virginia Wesleyan Tournament on Friday, March 2nd.

They also took part in the Salisbury Tournament during their road trip, which concluded on Saturday, March 10th.

The Lady Colonels posted a 6-4 record during the season opener, which pitted them against Lynchburg College, Roanoke College, Hunter College, Virginia Wesleyan College, Averett College, Salisbury University and Cabrini College.

Wilkes saw an impressive outing by senior Laurie Agresti, who posted a 4-1 record during the tournament, during which she recorded 60 strikeouts and a 1.00 ERA over 35 innings pitched.

Agresti's best performance came during a 1-0 victory against Hunter College in which she pitched a no hitter and struck out 18.

On the opposite side of the plate, Wilkes was led by sophomore Samantha Evanich, who went 12-25 during the tournament, posting a batting average of .480.

The Lady Colonels open their season on

Baseball

3/20 Tue. vs Marywood	3:30 pm Home
3/21 Wed vs Muhlenberg	3:00 pm Home
3/23 Fri. vs Drew *	3:30 pm Home
3/24 Sat. @ Drew (DH) *	1:00 pm Away
3/25 Sun. vs PSU-Berks (DH)	12:00 pm Home
3/30 Fri. @ FDU-Florham *	3:30 pm Away
3/31 Sat. vs FDU-Florham (DH) *	1:00 pm Home
4/01 Sun. @ King's (DH) *	1:00 pm Away
4/02 Mon. vs Baptist Bible	3:30 pm Home
4/05 Thu. @ DeSales *	3:30 pm Away
4/09 Mon. vs DeSales (DH) *	1:00 pm Home
4/11 Wed. vs Misericordia	3:30 pm Home
4/13 Fri. vs Delaware Valley *	3:30 pm Home
4/14 Sat. @ Delaware Valley (DH) *	1:00 pm Away
4/16 Mon. vs Moravian	4:00 pm Home
4/18 Wed. @ Misericordia	3:30 pm Away
4/19 Thu. @ Susquehanna	4:00 pm Away
4/22 Sun. vs Alvernia	2:00 pm Home
4/24 Tue. @ Marywood	4:00 pm Away
4/27 Fri. @ Scranton *	3:30 pm Away
4/28 Sat. vs Scranton (DH) *	1:00 pm Home

Softball

3/22 Thu. @ William Paterson (DH)	2:30 pm Away
3/24 Sat. vs Delaware Valley (DH) *	1:00 pm Home
3/25 Sun. vs Keystone (DH)	4:00 pm Home
3/31 Sat. @ King's (DH) *	1:00 pm Away
4/01 Sun. vs Manhattanville (DH)	3:00 pm Home
4/05 Thu. @ DeSales (DH) *	1:00 pm Away
4/11 Wed. vs Misericordia (DH)	3:00 pm Home
4/14 Sat. vs Lycoming (DH) *	1:00 pm Home
4/17 Tue. vs Susquehanna (DH)	5:00 pm Home
4/18 Wed. @ Scranton (DH) *	6:00 pm Away
4/21 Sat. vs FDU-Florham (DH) *	1:00 pm Home
4/22 Sun. @ Elizabethtown (DH)	1:00 pm Away
4/26 Thu. @ Lebanon Valley (DH)	3:30 pm Away
4/28 Sat. @ Drew (DH) *	1:00 pm Away
4/29 Sun. vs Marywood (DH)	1:00 pm Home
5/04 Fri. vs Freedom Playoffs	11:00 am Home
5/05 Sat. vs Freedom Playoffs	9:00 am Home

DH - Doubleheader

* - Freedom Conference Game

Baseball spring break roundup

Results:

Team Leaders:

3/04 Rivier - W 9-7
 3/04 Rivier - W 5-2
 3/05 Northland - L 10-4
 3/06 Baruch - W 8-4
 3/08 Rivier - W 19-11
 3/09 Old Westbury W 13-4
 3/10 Oneonta State - L 11-0

AVG: Corey Helfrich - .579
 RBI: Justin Popovich - 11
 H: Corey Helfrich - 11
 R: Mike McAndrew - 12
 W: Anthony Giuffrida - 2
 K: Brad Woznisky - 10
 IP: Justin Huff - 11.0

Softball spring break roundup

Results:

Team Leaders:

3/02 Lynchburg - W 3-1
 3/02 Roanoke - L 9-1
 3/03 Hunter - W 1-0
 3/03 VA Wesleyan- W 11-6
 3/05 Averett - L 2-1
 3/05 Averett - L 5-2
 3/09 Cabrini - W 5-3
 3/09 Cabrini - W 6-3
 3/10 Allegheny - W 4-2
 3/10 Lynchburg - L 7-2

AVG: Samantha Evanich - .480
 RBI: Samantha Evanich - 5
 Erin Plank - 5
 Kathy Dalton - 5
 H: Samantha Evanich - 12
 R: Alex Ingram - 6
 W: Laurie Agresti - 4
 K: Laurie Agresti - 60
 IP: Laurie Agresti - 35.0

| Commentary |

GAME OF THE WEEK

Dallas Mavericks v. Cleveland Cavaliers

As the season winds down, teams make their playoff push

BY TIM SEIGFRIED

Beacon Asst. Sports Editor

With the All-Star break in the rearview mirror, and the trade deadline come and gone, the teams in the NBA have one more thing to look forward to this year: the playoffs. After five and half months of games, they are coming into the home stretch of the season, which means the hunt for the second season will only get more intense.

As such, it comes as no surprise to see that both of the teams in this edition of game in the week are bound for postseason action.

The Dallas Mavericks, owners of the best record in the NBA (53-11), are surprising no one with their level of play thus far, even though the outlook for the season was uncharacteristically dim after the first week of the season, in which they lost their first four games. They've rebounded nicely, however, and shot to the top of the Southwest division with a comfortable lead over San Antonio, and are only one of two teams along with the Phoenix Suns to have already clinched a playoff berth.

While the Mavericks have assembled quite a team in the last few years, one player on the roster has stood out among the others as the statistical and on-the-court leader. Dirk Nowitzki, the 7'0" power forward, leads the team in points (25.2) and rebounds (9.7), as well as leading the team in field goal and free throw percentage.

Nowitzki can't do it all by himself, however, and has aide from the likes of assists leader Jason Terry (5.3 assists, 16.4 points) and Josh Howard, who ranks second on the team with 19.2 points per game.

The Mavericks will be squaring off against the Eastern Conference Cleveland Cavaliers, a team that surprised everyone

last season by nearly making the Conference Finals, only to be edged out in 7 games by the Detroit Pistons.

The Cavaliers still have much to prove, especially since the franchise has never made it to the NBA Finals. They are hoping to do so this season, and will look to their star and young phenom LeBron James to guide them there.

James, one of the NBA's elite young players, is the third leading scorer in the Eastern Conference (27.4), as well as leading his team in assists (5.9) and field goal percentage.

James is assisted by fellow leading scorers Larry Hughes (15.1) and Zydrunas Ilgauskas (11.4).

The real strength in the Cavaliers' game comes when they are on the opposite side of the ball. They are second in the Eastern Conference in rebounds per game (43.56), a statistic that will come in handy down the stretch against high powered teams such as Dallas.

Unlike the Mavericks, however, Cleveland has not yet guaranteed themselves a

spot in the playoffs, as they are currently trailing the Central Division leading Detroit Pistons by 2.5 games.

Despite being the front runner to make the playoffs as the wild card, they still must hold off surges by the Miami Heat, who have started to regain the level of play that brought them the title last season.

In order to do so, the Cavaliers are going to have to rely on their defense as much as their offense down the stretch. LeBron James is the leader of team, but has the unfortunate burden of having to carry the team on his back at times. Players like Larry Hughes and Drew Gooden are going

to need to pick up the slack and put of the points when "King" James is unable.

And with only sixteen games left in the season, the Cavs are going to have to play nearly perfect basketball if they hope to return to the playoffs.

Offensively, the Mavericks have the advantage, putting up 100.92 points per game to Cleveland's 96.76, while also holding the advantage in three pointers and free throws.

Despite having a ticket booked for the playoffs, don't expect the Mavericks to lay down for the Cavaliers.

The Pick

Dallas: 98
Cleveland: 93

Double Take

Steph examines the stats that truly matter...

BY STEPHANIE DEBALKO

Beacon A&E Editor

I didn't even know the NBA was still playing games. I thought that once all this March Madness stuff was in motion, other kinds of basketball would be done for the season.

Not that I gave that much thought to it to begin with. But anyway, Dallas is playing Cleveland. For the purposes of determining a winner, let's use one of my old stand-by methods: which mascot is cooler and would actually win in a real fight.

For starters, maybe I'm just a little dense, but I didn't really know what a cavalier or a maverick was. Does anyone, really? We've all heard the words, but could someone actually rattle off a definition of each that doesn't involve a reference to Tom Cruise or a car?

According to the dictionary, a maverick is pretty much either someone who doesn't follow the rules, an unbranded animal separated from its mother or an air-to-ground tactical missile. Judging from the fact that this team's logo resembles a unicorn (at least in my crazy mind), I guess they are going for a mix of the first and second options.

The dictionary offers a plethora of assorted definitions for cavalier, but for the sake of this article, let's use the whole mounted soldier/knight thing. So if we've got a loner horse/unicorn creature pitted against a knight, that just doesn't make sense. In fact, I think they would actually need each other in order to succeed in a violent battle.

Based on this impressive and reasonable logic, I think the Cavaliers and the Mavericks will team up to overcome all obstacles. And anyway, wouldn't the world be a better place if we could all just get along?



Lacrosse from Page 20
new players under a new coach, and the lady Colonels will look to turn last year's mistakes around with a win in their first game against Cedar Crest College.

"The first game of the season will show us where we are at, because we are throwing a lot of players into college ball for the first time, so it will be exciting," stated Studley.

The Cedar Crest Falcons from Allentown, PA are three games into this season with games against Centenary, Neumann and Wesleyan College. The good news for the Lady Colonels is that Cedar Crest lost each of those opening games. Last season the Falcons posted a 1-16 record, and have lost their first three games this year by an average of 11 points. The Lady Colonels go on the road to square off against Cedar Crest today, and will look clip the Falcons' wings to chalk up their first tally of the season to the win column.

The Lady Colonels first home game of the season will be Saturday, March 24, when they host Kean University. The Cougars are currently 1-1. The Cougars recently lost to University of Redlands on March 11, 15-13. Leading the scoring attack for Kean was senior Gio Burono with 7 points, and will be the main threat to shut down for the lady Colonels as they look to complete this week with two huge victories.

"We're extremely excited about this season, we can't wait. Unfortunately we're ranked last in the MAC right now, and people don't know what we have to offer. So I think we are going to surprise a lot of people," stated Studley.

The Lady Colonels are certainly a team full of new surprises, and will look to get off to a good start with two victories against the Falcons and the Cougars.

Women's Lacrosse Schedule

Mar. 19th @Cedar Crest 4pm
Mar. 24th vs. Kean 1pm
Mar. 27th @Centenary 4pm
Mar.29th @Susquehanna 4pm
Mar. 31st vs. Widener 1pm
Apr. 2nd @Bryn Mawr 4pm
Apr. 4th @Scranton 4pm
Apr. 10th vs. King's 4pm
Apr. 12th vs. Messiah 4pm
Apr.14th vs.Wilmington 12pm
Apr16th @Miscericordia 7pm
Apr. 18th vs. FDU-Florham 4pm
Apr. 21st @ Moravian 2pm
Apr. 24th @ Elizabethtown 4pm
Apr. 26th @ St. Thomas 4pm
Apr. 28th vs. Lycoming 1pm
May 1st, 3rd, 5th MAC Playoffs



The Beacon/Todd Weibel

The Lady Colonels lacrosse team marched down the field this week under first year head coach Katherine Studley in two non-conference match-ups.

SPRING BREAK RECAPS

Baseball

Justin Popovich had four hits and drove in seven runs to help Wilkes University rally past Rivier College, 19-11, in a non-conference baseball game on Friday March 8 in Cocoa Beach, Florida. The win improves the Colonels to 5-1 overall, while the Raiders see their overall mark slip to 0-4.

Starting pitcher Corey Helfrich scattered three hits and did not allow a run in five innings of work and the Wilkes University offense pounded out 16 hits as the Colonels cruised to a 13-4 win over SUNY Old Westbury on March 9th at the Cocoa Expo in Cocoa Beach, Florida.

Softball

Senior Laurie Agresti tossed a no-hitter with 18 strikeouts to lift Wilkes University to a 1-0 softball victory over Hunter College at the Atlantic-East Challenge hosted by Virginia Wesleyan College on Saturday March 3.

Averett College handed Wilkes University a pair of non-conference softball losses on Monday March 5 at Virginia Wesleyan College, dealing the Lady Colonels a 2-1 setback in the opener and a 5-2 defeat in the nightcap. The Lady Colonels see their record even at 3-3, while Averett improved to 3-5.



NUMBERS OF THE WEEK

6

Total number of games won by the Colonels baseball team during their stay in Cocoa Beach Florida.

14

Kyle Ungvarsky paced the Colonels tennis team in singles last season with 14 victories. The Colonels tipoff their 2007 season this Tuesday vs. FDU.

60

Lady Colonels softball pitcher Laurie Agresti burned 60 batters times during their road trip to Maryland and Virginia. The lady Colonels are now 6-4.

11

Number of RBI's smacked in by senior Justin Popovich this season. Popovich and the rest of the Colonels are on fire with a record of 6-2.

Preview of the Week: Women's Lacrosse

Lady Colonels lacrosse team is back again for another exciting season

BY CARLTON HOLMES

Beacon Asst. Sports Editor

Just weeks ago, the Lady Colonels lacrosse team posted flyers around campus in a desperate search for players to fill the roster. But that grueling search is finally over.

Ladies and gentleman, the Lady Colonels will strap on masks and pick up the sticks to begin another exciting season of lacrosse this week against Cedar Crest College and Kean University.

Currently a team of thirteen players, Wilkes returns only four veterans from a season ago that will look to raise an inexperienced team to new heights. Among those returning for the Lady Colonels is junior Stacy Fimmano, who was the second leading scorer for the team last season with 48 points. Fimmano also dished out 20 assists.

Fimmano noted that the new

athletes recruited to the team offer great promise for the season. "The players we picked up are very athletic, and it will be a surprise to see what they can do on the field," stated Fimmano.

One of those additions, field hockey sophomore phenom Alyssa Koncelik, begins her first season as part of the Lady Colonels lacrosse team, and will look make major contributions en route to a successful season.

Also added to the list of new faces for the lacrosse program is rookie head coach Katherine Studley. Studley brings an impressive resume to the table, in which she was named first team All-American and Division II Goalkeeper of the Year at Pfeiffer University in 2004. Following her departure as goalkeeper for Pfeiffer University, she returned as an assistant coach for the Falcons. Studley said good-bye to Pfeiffer for good last season when she took the role as

Niagara's assistant lacrosse coach, and now, she represents navy and gold while she looks to lead her troops down the field on their way to two huge victories.

"Our team is very cohesive, and they are very good as a unit. This team is one of the best I have ever coached. We're playing really well as a team. We just have to get down to the fundamentals of the offense and defensive to fully secure what we are trying to do," said Studley.

Currently, the Lady Colonels are ranked last in the MAC Freedom Conference based on last year's efforts. Last season the lady Colonels struggled, and won only four of fourteen games, and posted a 1-9 record in the MAC. The lady Colonels finished 4-4 at home, and went 0-6 on the road. The bright side is that it's a new season for

See **Lacrosse** page 19



The Beacon/Todd Weibel

The Lady Colonels are back in action for another intense season of lacrosse this Monday at Cedar Crest, and Saturday at home hosting Kean.

Campus Calendar

Monday 3/19

*AFROTC forum for healthcare professionals, HSC Miller Room - 12:00 PM

*Women's lacrosse @ Cedar Crest - 4:00 PM

Tuesday 3/20

*Men's baseball vs. Marywood - 3:30 PM

*Men's tennis vs. FDU-Florham - 3:30 PM

Wednesday 3/21

*Sales Development: Climbing the Sales Ladder, University Center on Main

-8:00 AM

*Men's baseball vs. Muhlenberg - 3:00 PM
*Men's tennis vs. Keystone - 3:30 PM

Thursday 3/22

*STE 300 info. session, Breiseth 207 - 11 AM
*Women's softball @ William Paterson, Wayne, NJ - 2:30 PM

Friday 3/23

*Men's baseball vs. Drew - 3:30 PM
*Men's Tennis @ Philadelphia Bible, Philadelphia, PA - 3:30 PM

Saturday 3/24

*Men's baseball @ Drew, Madison, NJ - 1:00 PM
*Women's lacrosse vs. Kean - 1:00 PM
*Women's softball vs. Delaware Valley - 1:00 PM
*V.I.P. Day for future students, Wilkes Campus - 9:00 PM

Sunday 3/25

*Men's baseball vs. PSU Berks - 12:00 PM
*Wyoming Valley/Walmart Shopping Center Shuttle Trip, HSC - 2:00 PM
*Women's softball vs. Keystone - 4:00 PM

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Congratulations to George Haleem for correctly identifying last issue's photo which was of a sign in the stairwell of the SUB.