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## STEINBERG WINS SG PRESIDENCY

BY GABE LEDONNE  
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With 40% of the vote, Andrew Steinberg was elected 2005-06 Student Government (SG) President last week; however, the campaign was not free of controversy.

SG's election committee confirmed Steinberg's win on Sunday. IRHC President Jenna Strzelecki took 33% of the vote, while junior class treasurer Jon McClave pulled in 26%.

Voter participation was lower than expected with about 36% of the 1,911 eli-

gible students taking part in the two-day online election on April 21 and 22.

Steinberg noted that he had mixed emotions upon hearing of his win.

"To be honest, I was ecstatic at first, but then a little scared. It hit me; I'm running SG next year. But I'm excited about it. It's a challenge, but I'm looking forward to it," he said.

One of Steinberg's main goals next fall is to compel more SG members to get involved. "I want to do more. I don't think we do enough. Right now, we have nine or

ten people doing everything. If we had all 45 people in SG helping out, we could do more community service, more events. We're capable of doing so much more," Steinberg said.

Another goal Steinberg cited was to "install a new attitude," within and about SG, explaining that "a new president, and a new exec board...will help. It'll give us a fresh start from some of that animosity."

Steinberg's campaign added fuel to the fire of some of that animosity last week. Two of Steinberg's campaign signs posted around campus were criticized by some students and ordered removed by Student Affairs.

One campaign flyer headlined Steinberg as "A True American." The sign was

considered by some to be a racial attack against candidate Strzelecki, a native Korean.

"I originally found the 'True American' sign offensive because it seemed to be a personal jab at me because I'm not originally from this country. He did apologize, but it didn't seem sincere...he started making fun of me for being offended," Strzelecki explained.

Steinberg maintains that was not his intention.

"It was completely unintentional. First thing on Tuesday morning I took down ev-



Andrew Steinberg

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ery single one. I apologized to her when I saw her. I never intended it to be read that way," Steinberg said.

Strzelecki confirmed that she filed a complaint with Stu-

dent Affairs, and the matter will be heard at disciplinary hearing.

"He should have thought

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## College Republicans seek to launch new club



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Arvin Narula signs up on the College Republicans e-mail list.

BY GABE LEDONNE  
Beacon Editor-in-Chief

Less than two weeks after Student Government (SG) approved the College Democrats as a club on campus, sev-

eral students are organizing to form the Republican counterpart.

Students looking to start a College Republicans chapter

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## Student Government debates constitution overhaul

BY KRISTIN KILE  
Beacon News Editor

A year in the making, the revised Student Government (SG) constitution is ready to be discussed and put into effect.

The constitution committee of SG has been working over the past two semesters to make sweeping changes to the existing constitution. The constitution SG currently abides by was last amended in the spring 2002 semester.

Andrew Steinberg, 2004-05 Vice President of SG and President-elect for 2005-06, has been working with the constitution committee to

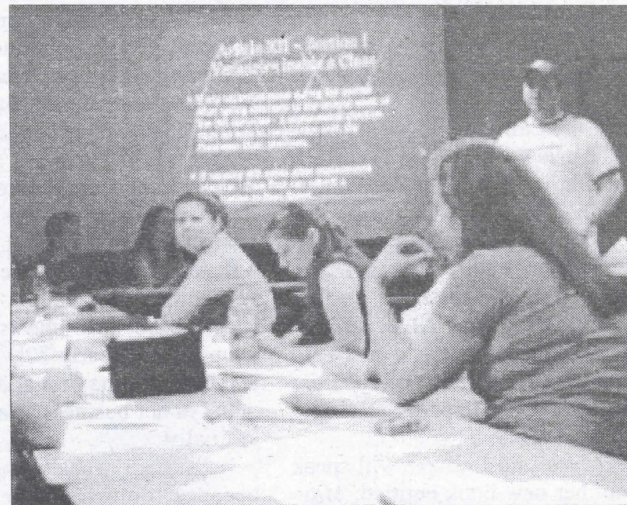
make necessary changes.

"We've been changing the constitution for the entire year. We've been going through and now we're finally getting done with it. It's been a complete almost overhaul of how we run Student Government," Steinberg said.

One of the main reasons the constitution has been up for revision was because the current one is hard to read and not easy to understand.

"Most people view the constitution as very dry, but by making it easier to read...people can understand it," said Jared Shayka, Parlia-

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Andrew Steinberg, Vice President of SG presents proposed changes to the constitution on Wednesday night.

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mentarian of SG and constitution committee chairperson.

One of the key changes the constitution committee is proposing is having Executive Board elections open to the student body. Currently students can vote for SG president, Commuter Council president, and Inter Resident Hall Council president. With the elections open to the student body, students would also be able to vote for SG vice president, treasurer, recording secretary, and corresponding secretary.

"This really opens up the highest ranking student government positions to the complete student body. It takes the change of where Executive Board [is] looked at more [like] a committee and voted on by Student Government, as being actually [a] representing body, a higher body representing entire students," Steinberg said.

The way vacancies are filled has also changed. Replacement elec-

tions for vacant positions will be held. This has been the practice in the past, but it has never been documented. So having it in the constitution makes it official.

To help fight low participation in activities across campus and low attendance at SG meetings, a stipulation was put in the constitution for each position.

"Each person is responsible to serve on one committee, at least one committee. That was another major change that we felt was necessary in order to push for that participation...I definitely wanted that to happen because we felt like everything--teachers have the same problem--unless you force students to do something, they won't do it," Shayka said.

The constitution went before SG at Wednesday night's meeting. This Wednesday, members will vote on whether to adopt the constitution. The document will then go to the University President for approval.

The constitution committee will

offer an open forum for students on campus to view the document and offer their input. The forum will be held Tuesday from 11-1 in the Henry Student Center. Check the Wilkes website for room location.

Both Shayka and Steinberg hope that with the changes in the constitution, more people will both read and understand it. Having the SG members understand the constitution will help to make the meetings run more smoothly. In addition, if students are to have a sense for how they are being represented, they should understand the SG constitution.

"We'll [begin] by having the Student Government body reading the constitution, making informed decisions, and questions about it, about our revisions. It makes them more informed about the constitution and what rules they're following. Most people, they come in and they don't know what they're doing or what their position requires," Shayka said.

## LaBarre to speak for Kirby Lecture

BY KRISTIN KILE  
Beacon News Editor

This year's speaker of the Allan P. Kirby Board of Managers Lecture at Wilkes is a nationally renowned business journalist as well as an author.

Polly LaBarre will speak Monday, April 25 at 7 p.m. in Stark Learning Center's Rite Aide Auditorium.

This lecture series has been in existence since 2001 and began with journalist John Stossel as its first speaker. Dr. Jeffrey Alves, professor of Free Enterprise said the Board looks for a speaker that can address issues of Free Enterprise and Entrepreneurship.

Alves said LaBarre will speak about her new book entitled, *Mavericks At Work, Restoring the Promise of Business-Transforming Your Company and Career*, which is yet to be published.

According to her press release, "Mavericks chronicles a new generation of leaders, a special breed of companies, and an exciting mix of disruptive experiments that represent a remarkable force for growth and innovation in business today."

LaBarre was senior editor at

Fast Company magazine for eight years where she helped to shape the magazine and wrote many of the magazine's most talked about articles. According to her press release, LaBarre produced *Fast Company's* "Report from the Future," co-hosted the magazine's Real Time gatherings which featured business leader debates and also designed and hosted *Fast Company's* first women's leadership event.

Alves said it will be fascinating to get her perspective because she is young--in her early 30s--and has seen the best and worst in her business as a journalist.

"It's really a challenge because tomorrow's best management practices are experiments today conducted by the entrepreneurs. So she's looking at this, this way and she's trying to figure out what is going to survive," Alves said.

LaBarre has made regular appearances on *Good Morning*

America, CNN, MSNBC, CNBC, Bloomberg, and PBS's *Nightly Business Report*.

The lecture series is free of charge and Alves said the goal is to show the importance of entrepreneurship in the general lives of society.



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Photos from the two controversial campaign flyers for Andrew Steinberg. To the left is the picture of the young boy extending his middle finger. The caption under the photo read, "Friends don't let friends vote for anyone but Fat Kid." On the right the "True American" flyer. Both signs were pulled shortly after they being posted.

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about it before putting them up," Strzelecki said. "If you're going to serve as SG president and represent the university, you have to think about the consequences of your actions...We don't want another situation like we had this semester," Strzelecki said.

The other flyer featured a pic-

ture of a young boy raising his middle finger while being grappled by another.

"I didn't notice it. Dean Allen told me on Wednesday, and I took them Wednesday night. I guess it was partially my fault. I didn't look at the picture close enough, I should have," he said.

Steinberg will take office on Wednesday, during SG's weekly meeting.

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## NEWS IN BRIEF

From the Associated Press

### Soldier guilty of premeditated murder

FORT BRAGG, NC--An Army sergeant was convicted Thursday by a military jury of premeditated murder and attempted murder in a grenade and rifle attack that killed two of his comrades and wounded 14 others in Kuwait during the opening days of the Iraq war.

Hasan Akbar, 34, now faces a possible death penalty, which the 15-member jury will consider at a hearing that begins Monday.

Prosecutors say Akbar told investigators he launched the attack because he was concerned U.S. troops would kill fellow Muslims in Iraq. They said he coolly carried out the attack to achieve "maximum carnage" on his comrades in the 101st Airborne Division.

### Woman who claimed to find finger in chili arrested

SAN FRANCISCO, CA--The woman who claimed she found a well-manicured finger in her bowl of Wendy's chili last month was arrested Thursday night in Las Vegas, police said.

Anna Ayala was taken into custody at her home, San Jose police spokesman Enrique Garcia said. He said police would not give any details until a news conference Friday afternoon. Las Vegas police also refused to comment.

The arrest is the latest twist in the bizarre case about how the 1 1/2-inch fingertip ended up in a bowl of fast-food chili.

Ayala told police she found the finger March 22 while eating at a Wendy's in San Jose. She said she intended to sue but relented, claiming the publicity was too emotionally taxing.

When police and health officials failed to find any missing digits among the workers involved in the restaurant's supply chain, suspicion fell on Ayala, whose story has become a late-night punch line.

### Death penalty upheld for D.C. sniper Muhammad

RICHMOND, VA--The Virginia Supreme Court on Friday affirmed the death penalty for sniper mastermind John Allen Muhammad.

"If society's ultimate penalty should be reserved for the most heinous offenses, accompanied by proof of vileness or future dangerousness, then surely this case qualifies," Justice Donald Lemons wrote.

Muhammad was convicted of two counts of capital murder for the shooting of Dean Harold Meyers in Prince William County, one of 10 sniper killings that terrorized the Washington D.C. region in October 2002.

Lawyers for Muhammad argued on appeal that Muhammad could not be sentenced to death under state law because he was not the triggerman in the shooting spree.

They also claimed that a new anti-terrorism law used against Muhammad is unconstitutional and that prosecutors improperly offered conflicting theories in the trials of Muhammad and his accomplice, Lee Boyd Malvo.

### Scientists solve unpopped popcorn

INDIANAPOLIS, IN--Eat your way to the bottom of almost any bag of popcorn and there they are: the rock-hard, jaw-rattling unpopped kernels known as old maids.

The nuisance kernels have kept many a dentist busy, but their days could be numbered: Scientists say they now know why some popcorn kernels resist popping into puffy white globes.

It's long been known that popcorn kernels must have a precise moisture level in their starchy center -- about 15 percent -- to explode. But Purdue University researchers found the key to a kernel's explosive success lies in the composition of its hull.

Unpopped kernels, it turns out, have leaky hulls that prevent the moisture pressure buildup needed for them to pop and lack the optimal hull structure that allows most kernels to explode.

## Tree planting project seeking volunteers

BY MYLES RUMBEL

Beacon Staff Writer

Part of Wilkes-Barre Boulevard will be getting a makeover on April 30 if one group has its way.

Next Saturday, new trees will greet visitors along a key corridor to the city.

Leadership Wilkes-Barre Class of 2005 is slated to plant 150 trees and shrubs along a section of Wilkes-Barre Boulevard. The target begins near the Exit 2 ramp of the Cross Valley Expressway and extends 1,000 feet up the boulevard. Leadership Wilkes-Barre is comprised of young business professionals in the area who spend the year learning about the history of the community, its challenges and assets. Each class is charged with developing and implementing a large service project to benefit the community.

The tree planting project was brought to fruition by Leadership Wilkes-Barre, but not before another plan fell through.

"Our original project was to install a new playground at Kirby Park," Lynn Nehila one of the organizers of the event, explained. However, that plan fell through when the group learned of the city's plan to renovate Kirby Park in the near future.

The Leadership Wilkes-Barre group talked to Vincent Cotrone, a Penn State Urban Forester and President of the Riverfront Park Committee, who pointed the group in the direction of the boulevard.

"He pointed us to the W-B Chamber and mentioned a tree planting grant that was in place just waiting for some leadership and hard work," Nehila said.

Funding for the purchase of the 150 trees and shrubs came from the grant. However, the grant also has some limitations. "The grant is contingent upon community involvement with a strong educational component as well. That is why we are relying so heavily upon volunteers," Nehila said.

The group is looking for 200 volunteers. "We have enthusiastic volunteers committed from Wilkes University, King's College, Luzerne County Community College, College Misericordia, many area high schools and scout groups," Nehila said.

From Wilkes University, Dr. Sid Halsor, Professor of GeoEnvironmental Sciences and Engineering is heading the volunteer drive.

"My role is just to mobilize students at Wilkes University," Halsor said. "What we need volunteers for is to set the trees in the holes and add composte and soil."

Both the Environmental Club and Biology Club will be involved in the event. Halsor believes the tree planting has the potential to have a positive impact on the city. He also expressed a hope of what he would like to see students gain from this experience.

"Ultimately, my hope would be that students will achieve more of a sense of ownership of their community," Halsor said.

The event will take place on April 30 and the rain date is May 1. Volunteers will meet in the Lion Brewery parking lot on the corner of Wilkes-Barre Boulevard and Conyngham Avenue.

Anyone interested in participating from Wilkes University should contact Halsor at 408-4611 or shalsor@wilkes.edu.

## Student Government Notes

-Student Government (SG) members voted 19-0-4 to donate \$1,000 to **Adventures in Science** so the group can purchase t-shirts and bags for Friday's event.

-Sophomore biology major David Scordino requested a donation of \$800 to begin planning **Fall into the Park**, which will be a carnival on September 17 and 18 in Kirby Park, aimed to bring the community and Wilkes together as well as act as a fundraiser for local charities. SG voted 23-0-1 to donate the full amount. Scordino will take over as jun-

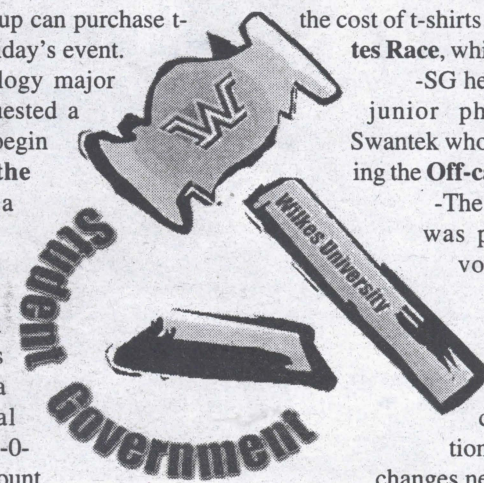
ior class president next year.

-SG voted 23-1-0 to donate \$500 to cover the cost of t-shirts for **APHA's 5K Diabetes Race**, which was held on April 16.

-SG heard a presentation from junior pharmacy major Josh Swantek who is interested in re-starting the **Off-campus Council (OCC)**.

-The 2005-2006 **SG budget** was presented and will be voted on at next week's meeting.

-The **constitution committee** presented proposed changes to the constitution and SG will vote on the changes next week.



## Excessive alcohol consumption has universities reevaluating policies

BY KEVIN FITZSIMMONS  
Beacon Staff Writer

Binge drinking and alcohol related deaths around the nation have universities concerned about students' welfare. Colleges and universities have been strengthening their alcohol policies and some even go as far as to ban alcohol from campus.

Wilkes University, King's College, and College Misericordia all have similar policies regarding alcohol consumption on and off their campuses, and all three schools follow the Pennsylvania state laws regarding alcohol. They also permit students of legal age to maintain "moderate amounts of alcohol" in their on campus living facilities.

Mark Allen, Wilkes University Dean of Students, said the policies of the three universities "are fairly similar. We have a policy that respects those students who are of legal drinking age, particularly on campus. We're not a dry campus."

Allen is on a substance abuse task force, which consists of representatives from public safety, health services, students, and the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board. The task force meets periodically to discuss a variety of topics including Wilkes University's policies regarding alcohol. The policies are gener-

ally updated every two or three years unless a change in legislation prompts a need to update sooner.

Jerry Rebo, Manager of Patrol Operations, is also involved with the task force and said it has been beneficial to keeping students safe.

"Alcohol is a problem around all campuses and we're just trying to keep a lid on it, and we don't want any students to be injured or any property to be damaged," Rebo said.

Wilkes University's public safety officers do not have the power to make arrests like the University of Scranton's officers do. However, with the task force, if a situation ensues or is anticipated the Wilkes-Barre police department will be notified and on the scene.

"Of course there's parties, that's why there's arrests, but not on campus, *per se*. Most of the arrests are off campus parties," Rebo said.

The University also offers a safe ride program that benefits students by providing transportation for anyone too intoxicated to drive. The program has been in place for nearly 15 years and is always utilized in some capacity.

"There's never a month that goes by that we don't have a bill of some sort for it," Allen said.

There are typically 15 to 20 alcohol related incidents per month on campus and knowing the

law can keep students out of serious trouble.

Rebo said that most students do not know the law when it comes to alcohol violations. For example, anyone, regardless of age, can be cited for walking around with an open container of alcohol, on or off campus. Underage drinking, public drunkenness, and open container laws are some of the most commonly seen infractions.

"Most of that happens at night, late in the morning, and Public Safety is the first on the scene. What we do, and all the officers are taught any kind of alcohol poisoning, any kind of signs of alcohol poisoning, you call 911 immediately," said Rebo.

Other alcohol law violations and misdemeanors carry much more severe penalties. In addition to legal issues, students who need licenses or certifications for their careers can be denied these accreditations.

"These stay with you for life," said Gail Holby, RN and Coordinator of Health and Wellness Promotions, referring to alcohol violations.

Holby is looking to implement more programs promoting alcohol awareness for students. She also hopes to have a speaker for next years Alcohol Awareness Week and wants to get more alcohol statistics in front of students to increase awareness.

"Right now is when we're really starting to look at these, like we have our task force now, and our coalition going now, so we're really starting to get together and work on all this," Holby said.

An alcohol screening day and a new club are also in the works. The "BACCHUS and GAMMA" club will launch in fall 2005. The club's mission statement says it "is a peer education program focusing on alcohol abuse prevention and other related student health and safety issues."

The club will be available at club day next year for students to sign up. Students interested in the club can contact Gail at ext. 4730.

"We do not have a reputation as a party school, and some schools very deservedly earn that reputation. Others it's a series of unfortunate incidents that give them that reputation," Allen said.



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## Vegetarians Unite for education, fun in new group

BY CHRISTI JONES  
Beacon Correspondent

No beef? No chicken? No problem. Vegetarians have found a way to share their commonality of healthy eating the "vegetarian way."

A local organization, Vegetarian Way, is comprised of local individuals who are dedicated to engaging and promoting healthy vegetarian eating. The group was conceptualized in December 2004 when 26 vegetarians met at Ocean Lotus Farm Bed and Breakfast in Dallas, PA. The organization has since attracted over 75 active members from northeastern Pennsylvania.

According to group coordinator Elaine Chang, Vegetarian Way aims to share and explore vegetarian food options. The organization hosts periodic dinner meetings throughout the region to help its members to mingle, taste test, and review new products for those who practice the vegetarian lifestyle. Additionally, the functions also often feature guest speakers and demonstrators.

"Throughout our meetings we vote on things, gather ideas, listen to reports, and take care of business. Every meeting is also an 'eating,'" Chang said.

Although the organization came together just five months ago, Vegetarian Way has managed to arrange several local events. Past functions include a Vegetarian Chinese New Years Buffet, a taste test and review of vegetarian cheeses donated by

Wegman's supermarket and House of Nutrition, and most recently, a vegetarian potluck dinner at King's College on April 9.

Just last month, Vegetarian Way established its official Board of Directors. They include: Arlene Sindaco, Wilkes-Barre; Lorraine Smith, Hanover Twp; Kerry Sloan and Dan Yager, both of West Pittston; Matt Zebrowski, Laflin; and Elaine Chang, Mountain Top. The group has also been working toward a new website: [www.thevegetarianway.org](http://www.thevegetarianway.org), which is currently being constructed. It is expected to be active shortly.

Future projects on Vegetarian Way's agenda include the creation of a vegetarian guide to dining in NEPA, workshops and excursions outside of NEPA, a vegetarian health fair in conjunction with other health conscious area organizations, and vegetarian cooking classes.

Dr. Linda Paul, Associate Professor of Wilkes University's philosophy department, is also an active member of Vegetarian Way.

"The group is very interesting, friendly, and diverse. I really enjoy meeting with other people who are vegetarian or who are interested in exploring the vegetarian lifestyle," Paul said.

Members meet on the second Saturday of every other month at various locations at noon. Anyone who is interested for more information on Vegetarian Way can call 474-2331.

## CLUB

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at Wilkes met last week to hash out the necessities.

"We were going to start this up last semester, but we didn't have the time," said Karen Wesolowski, an elementary education sophomore and one of the key organizers for the College Republicans. Wesolowski added that the recent formation of the College Democrats helped spur them on to get the club started soon.

"We thought, 'if there's a College Democrats club, there definitely should be a College Republicans club,'" she said.

Mark Congdon, freshman communication studies and secondary education major, has also played a key role in initiating the club. He explained that one of the main goals of the club is to inform.

"We want to let people here know where Republicans stand on certain

issues," he said.

The club also hopes to get several key figures in the Republican party to visit campus and speak to students on political issues.

"We'd definitely like to have [PA Senator Rick] Santorum in the fall...especially since he's up for election next year," Wesolowski said.

Wesolowski would also like to see the College Republicans and College Democrats work together on events to promote political education and action on campus.

"I think it'd be great to have a debate between the College Democrats and us. I think it'd be really good for students here to see something like that," she said.

While the club is still very much in its preliminary stages, the organizing students hope to be an official club on campus by the end of the spring semester.

## Conference to highlight international issues and careers

BY KRISTIN KILE  
Beacon News Editor

International tensions and issues are the focus of most worldwide news coverage every day, whether it is the war in Iraq, nuclear activity in North Korea, or over-crowding problems in India.

With increased international awareness across the globe, there are many careers that fall in line with these issues and Phi Sigma Alpha wants to explore these possibilities.

The political science national honor society, Phi Sigma Alpha, will be hosting an "International Issues and Careers" conference on Friday, April 29 from 9 a.m. to 3:05 p.m. Dr. Thomas Baldino, professor of political science, said grant money was used through the honor society to sponsor the conference.

A conference was held last year through Phi Sigma Alpha, which touched on the 2004 election from a historical perspective. This year, professors will speak on international issues from different geographical areas of the world.

Baldino said there are two goals of the

conference. "First is to enlighten high school and college students about the issues that confront, in this instance, five regions

of the world...and second to learn something about the wide array of career opportunities in the international affairs segment of the job market," Baldino said.

The speakers will have 30 minutes to speak on the geographical area in which they have expertise and then 15 to 20 minutes to speak on career opportunities. There are a total of five speakers and students will have the opportunity to ask questions.

The first speaker is Wilkes Professor of Anthropology Dr. James Merryman. His geographical area is Africa, and he will speak on the Peace Corps and careers in international non-governmental organizations (NGOs).

Merryman will be followed by Dr. Joseph Melrose, professor of political science and

Diplomat-in-Residence at Ursinus College. He has expertise in South Asia and will discuss careers in the Foreign Service.

Martin Slann, Director of Academic Affairs, and professor of Political Science at Penn State Wilkes-Barre is next with discussion on the Middle East and careers in intelligence and National Security.

The conference will then break for a free lunch. Katie Laatikainen, Professor of Political Science and International Relations at Adelphi University in New York will start things back up again with the topic of Europe and careers in the UN and International Organizations.

The final speaker will be A. Maria Toyoda, professor of Political Science at Villanova University who will speak on East Asia and careers in International Business, Finance and Banking.

Baldino said some of the career paths that will be discussed at the conference require stu-

dents to start learning about them in their sophomore and junior years.

"We want students to come away with [knowing] something more about these parts of the world...and to have a better appreciation that one can find jobs out there and they're not out here along the Susquehanna...We want our students to know there are good jobs out there, fascinating careers," Baldino said.

Brandon Ingram, co-president of Phi Sigma Alpha has been helping to organize the conference. He said Wilkes does not have an international department anymore so this is a good way for students to learn about international opportunities.

"We're really lacking on international politics base in the political science department. We're short staffed and we thought this would be a good way to emphasize the importance of having internationalists and try to spark some interest," Ingram said.

Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. on the second floor of the Henry Student Center (HSC). The cost is free for students and the conference will be held in the Ballroom in the HSC.

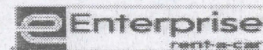


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## Leaving the comfort zone inspires leadership

BY THE BEACON  
EDITORIAL BOARD

Right now, the big catch phrase for most colleges and universities is "leadership development."

After all, what are we here for other than to learn to be successful in life? And isn't such success naturally also associated with leadership?

Some people are leaders from birth, while others learn how to lead through schooling and situations in which they have to step up to get something done. The qualities of leaders vary from person to person, but the fundamentals remain the same. A leader is strong, willing to take risks, knowledgeable about a variety of topics and is able to adapt to fit the needs of the people he or she is leading.

At Wilkes there are a variety of programs available to strengthen budding leadership muscles--co-curricular involvement, clubs, even classroom participation. The student development program was initially established as one means of developing leadership skills.

So how does something like extreme mountain biking or a trip to the opera build leadership among

students? Is it possible to foster leadership skills in the mezzanine of an opera house or in a plane at 10,000 feet?

The leadership skills students are expected to develop through such activities are not necessarily evident on the surface, but that does not mean that they're not happening below the surface, even in the subconscious, of those participating in the activities.

Exposing students to such opportunities at such low cost allows them to take advantage of activities that they might not otherwise attend because of the high prices traditionally associated with the activities.

Okay, so the leadership is still to be seen directly, but trust us, it's there. Remember that the key traits of a leader consist of risk taking and knowing about a variety of topics, to name two. So let's consider these activities again...How much risk is involved in jumping out of an airplane? Or getting out of the comfort zone of a Bon Jovi concert and trying *La Traviata* instead? Social risk? You bet. A stretch? Yup. Such activities ask students to open their minds and yes, take risks.

Student development keeps all of these things in mind when orga-

nizers choose their programs. Yes, most of the activities seem to be for enjoyment purposes only; however, leadership is mixed in with the fun. It is this careful blend, then, that allows the programs to reach their full potential.

Therefore, to answer our own question, the student development program does what it was originally established to do. The misconception of leadership is that it cannot possibly be a good time. But the contrary is true. Not only is leadership something that can be entertaining, but it is extremely rewarding. Those who are in leadership positions can attest to the fact that although stressful and confusing at

times, in hindsight, leadership can be the best thing to ever happen to a person. It provides growth and learning experiences that prove to be invaluable in future endeavors.

Given the enthusiasm among students for some of the student development programs such as skydiving, we urge even more opportunities next year to spread the wealth. Ninety people signing up for a handful of available spots suggests that this campus is eager to learn about such risk taking and hungry for new and unusual experiences. Is it possible to have too many leaders on a campus the size of Wilkes? We think not.

## Nickle for Your

By: Jason Nickle



## Your Voices...

Parking still a problem... and that's a problem

Dear Editor:

I'm a member of the class of 1981. It's interesting that parking is still an issue at Wilkes. I was an older student at the time, having left the Air Force at 24. There was no way I would be staying in the dormitories, but a major problem soon arose -- parking. Since I could not car pool, I had to park wherever I could. I ended up paying outrageous parking fees, not to mention the fines. Wilkes needs to come up with a solution to this problem. Of all my experiences at Wilkes, parking caused me the most stress. The tuition is high and it's hard enough to keep up with those costs. Parking should not be a major issue. I'm wondering how many students have decided to go elsewhere considering the parking issue. It's not good business.

Stan Jones  
Wilkes University Class of 1981  
San Angelo, Texas

## Beacon Poll Results

The following are results of a poll that *The Beacon* conducted online this past week. The poll was unscientific, and does not claim to reflect the overall attitudes of students on campus. Results are based on 11 responses.

**The Beacon asked:**

*What is the most significant challenge facing Wilkes University's Student Government in the 2005-06 academic year?*

- 27% Enhancing communication with student body
- 9% Increasing visibility on campus
- 27% Ensuring fairness and equity in allocating funds
- 0% Learning and abiding by its Constitution
- 0% Ensuring quorum at all meetings
- 0% Working constructively with the campus media
- 36% Maintaining a trustworthy image
- 0% SG is doing great and faces no significant challenges

**Next week's question is:**

*What is the biggest challenge facing our natural environment?*

- ☐ Global warming
- ☐ Depletion of natural resources
- ☐ Air pollution
- ☐ Water pollution
- ☐ Urban sprawl
- ☐ Allowing development in wildlife refuge areas
- ☐ Lack of education worldwide
- ☐ Extinction of various species of plants and animals

Visit [www.wilkesbeacon.com](http://www.wilkesbeacon.com) to cast your vote. Results will be published in next week's issue of *The Beacon*.

## Why Laziness is a Virtue

BY TODD WEIBEL  
Beacon Asst. Photo Editor

It seems to me that people who get their work done are classified into two groups: those who get it done in advance and those who wait until the last minute.

The group that procrastinates is usually referred to as "lazy." Although the relationship between procrastinating and being lazy appears to be correct, it is in fact very wrong.

The secret behind laziness is that it is a virtue and an examination of the real meaning of laziness will prove it. A truly lazy person will want to conserve as much energy as possible and has an inclination towards ease and inactivity.

The opposite is actually true for those who procrastinate. The end result of procrastination is a flurry of activity and stress, two things that go against the fundamental principle of laziness. A truly lazy person completes their work before the deadline approaches, but in a special way. The work will be completed in a manner so that it will not have to be looked at again and it will be correct. The work has to be perfect, but the work must be done quickly with a minimal amount of energy and thought. This is the complete opposite of what happens when people procrastinate. In fact, by procrastinating a person exudes mental anguish and carelessness, not laziness.

This sets the bar high for the people who are truly lazy. They must be able to achieve perfection on the first try in a short period of time without exerting much thought or effort. But this is only partially why laziness is a virtue.

To truly appreciate the virtuosity of laziness we must look at the origin of the word "lazy" along with the origin and evolution of the word "nice." The Latin root for lazy has not been discovered, but the Latin root for nice is *nescire* which means foolish. The evolution of nice can be traced up to its present day meaning, but the transformation of the word nice in the 1400s is what helps explain what laziness truly is. It just so happens that lazy can only be traced to the 1400s and that in

the mid 1400s "nice" actually meant "lazy." This means that lazy can also mean nice.

I have been told that if you are lazy nothing ever gets done. That is the same as saying if you are tired you will never get out of your bed, a complete and utter fallacy.

Look at the world today and all of the great things that we have: cars, pothole filler machines, wheelbarrows, spoons, those plastic bottles that cheap vodka comes in, and even some of the not-so-hot things we have like the bureaucratic processes and night sticks, and you will see that they all evolved from laziness. If people did not have the characteristic of laziness, no improvement would have ever been made in society and technology.

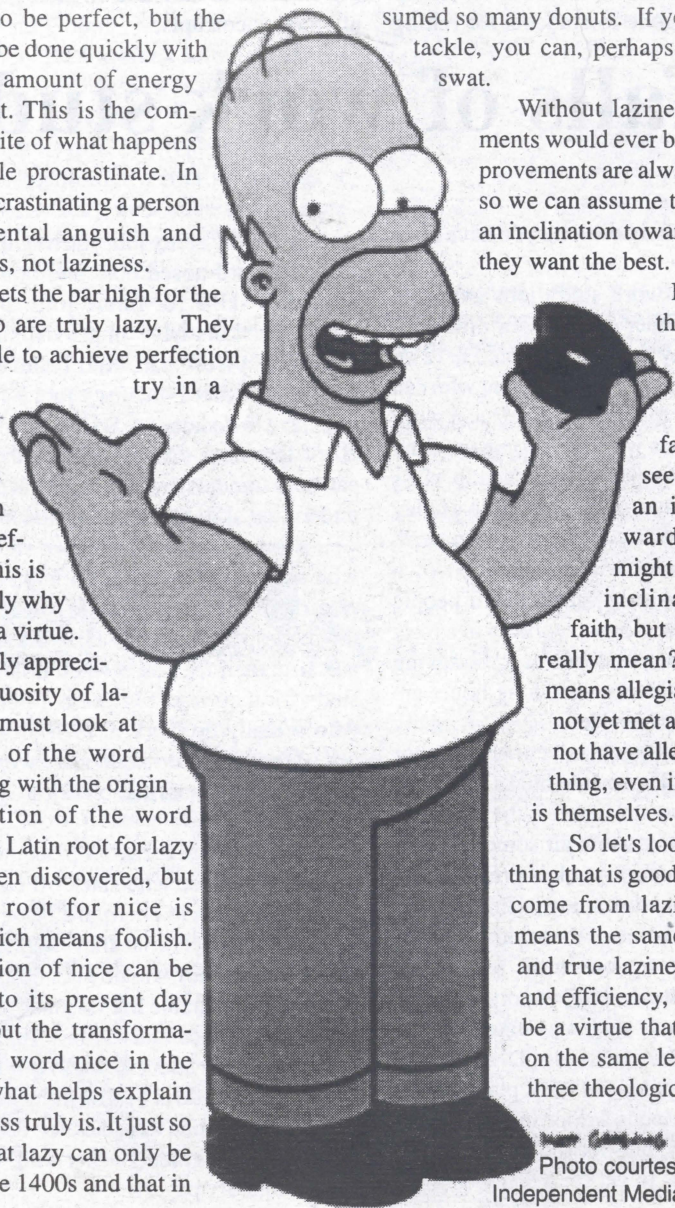
Let's look at the spoon, nightsticks, and the bureaucratic process. The spoon was made because someone was too lazy to use their fingers and mouth to ingest liquids and viscous solids. The bureaucratic process was created because one person was too lazy to do everything themselves, so he or she called for help-lots of it. The infamous nightstick was created because so many police officers consumed so many donuts. If you can't run and tackle, you can, perhaps, reach out and swat.

Without laziness no improvements would ever be made (and improvements are always being made) so we can assume that people have an inclination towards being lazy if they want the best.

If we look at the three theological virtues that St. Paul defined as love, hope, and faith it is easy to see that we all have an inclination towards them. You might say you have no inclination towards faith, but what does faith really mean? Faith simply means allegiance, and I have not yet met a person that does not have allegiance to something, even if that something is themselves.

So let's look at this: everything that is good in the world has come from laziness. Laziness means the same thing as nice, and true laziness is perfection and efficiency, so laziness must be a virtue that should be held on the same level as St. Paul's three theological virtues.

Photo courtesy of the Portland Independent Media Center website



## A Call for Celebratory Equality

BY MATT ZEBROWSKI  
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Not that long ago, Christians the world over got to celebrate Easter. Jewish people celebrated Passover this past weekend.

As an agnostic, I realized that it hasn't even been half a year since Christmas and Chanukah, and I started to feel a little bit left out.

Granted, I don't necessarily have a resurrection to celebrate, or a visit from the Angel of Death to memorialize, but for most people of faith, holidays aren't really about that anymore anyway. For most people, they're about candy and presents and food. I really like candy and presents and food, too, but I'm starting to feel a little bit guilty for sort of borrowing my parents' holidays. Even though, like I said, there's a huge secular aspect to most holidays, I can't help but feel the original reason for the celebration, *religion*, looming over my shoulder like a tall guy behind me in line for the urinal.

So it hit me the other day and what I want to see, I've decided, is a holiday for agnostics and atheists and the like, solely for the purpose of eating candy and giving people presents. We could call it "We May or May Not Believe in God But We're Going to Eat Candy and Get Presents Anyway Day." It may be a little long-winded, but I mean, at least it's honest. Or maybe we could call it "Something Tangible Day." We could have two of these days a year, once in winter and once in spring. We could have decorations and lights and public displays and everything else. That way we won't always have to feel like we're crashing someone else's party.

The strange thing about my idea for a holiday for those of us who don't necessarily believe in a higher power, though, is that whenever I suggest the idea to someone who does believe they get very defensive. It's al-

most like God has the patent on holidays or something. Well, I've got news for you. He doesn't. Ask any one of the Jehovah's Witnesses about that. They'll tell you. So quit hogging.

The most common reaction that I've gotten from people of faith about my holiday is usually something along the lines of "doesn't having a holiday go against the entire *point* of atheism or agnosticism?" Well, not really. Belief in nothing is nihilism, and it's way more complex than it sounds.

This disconnect is actually somewhat offensive to me, for two reasons, the first being that it's totally not fair for anyone to assume I'm a nihilist just like it's not fair for me to assume that all Christians are, say, Baptist. It also somewhat implies that the church-going community has absolutely no idea what we outsiders actually stand for. Just because I'm not sure if I believe in God doesn't mean that I don't believe in candy and presents, and to assume that the converse is a logical thought progression is downright silly.

So I think that next year, all of us who just aren't sure what we believe should celebrate our uncertainty. Not believing is just as much fun, and definitely at least as interesting, as believing. Who knows? We might be able to get a few presents and some candy out of it.

And maybe having a holiday or two is what it's all about, where all the power is. Maybe that's why the faithful get so angry if we make grossly inaccurate assumptions about their belief systems yet don't bat an eyelash if they find out they make an inaccurate assumption about ours. I mean, they have *holidays*. We gotta get us some of that. At the very least, building some sort of outdoor display might prove to them that we're not all just a bunch of hedonistic nihilists.

### Let There be Traffic Light

It seems as though city maintenance is put to shame even by Wilkes' own facilities services. Since early last week, the traffic light at the corner of South Franklin and Northampton Streets have been out of service and causing some confusion for motorists. The city's temporary solution has been these portable stop signs—or is it a permanent solution? As of Sunday afternoon, the signs were still in place, and the traffic lights still out of service.



The Beacon/Gabe LeDonne

# I'm telling...and getting paid for it

BY CURRAN DOBSON  
Beacon Staff Writer

Snitch.  
Tattletale.  
Rat.

No one would aspire to be called any of the above names. But for students in Rome, Georgia, being a snitch could wind up paying off.

A high school in this community is offering to pay students for reporting instances of violence, theft, or illegal drug/firearm possessions throughout the school. Students could receive \$10 for reporting a theft, \$25 or \$50 for reporting drug possession, and up to \$100 for reporting student possession of a gun or other serious weapons.

Now, we all know money is a nice reward. And money for nothing is even better. Simply telling the administration that you think you saw someone smoking up behind the bleachers or that you think that was a gun sticking out of that sophomore's schoolbag comes

with a nice monetary reward. For the administration, which values safety and an adherence to the rules, having the students inform them on things that would normally go undetected allows them to deter violence and drug use. So, really, everyone wins, right?

*When there is a monetary reward for preventing crime and promoting safety, students can begin to abuse the system.*

Wrong.

While money is nice, what is the tradeoff for receiving a couple bills for ratting out your peers? Being known as a snitch comes with a bad reputation and can last much longer than the \$50 you got last week for saying you saw three seniors stealing money from the lockers while you were in gym class.

Now don't get me wrong, I agree that those three hypothetical seniors should face consequences for the theft they committed. But, it is not the work or responsibility of the students to be watching out for thefts or drug abuse throughout the school. Students should

not be worried about safety and reporting crimes during the school day. The administration needs to develop some other way to ensure safety in the school, one that does not include students and does not take them away from their act of learning.

The administration should use the money that would have gone to students for ratting

out their peers for instead developing a new program that includes monitors in the halls or cameras. There is never anything wrong with encouraging students to report instances of violence or crime when and if they see it. However, when the sole responsibility for reporting and preventing these crimes comes from the students, safety can be compromised.

When there is a monetary reward for preventing crime and promoting safety, students can begin to abuse the system. It becomes entirely too easy to begin saying you saw something that truly never happened or to accuse someone for a crime that you know they didn't do. This can cause students to be wrongfully accused of breaking rules that they truly did adhere to.

When the honesty of reporting crimes is compromised by a desire for money, safety declines and the method for promoting safety is ruined. Therefore, remove money from the picture, stop offering rewards, and quit asking students to tattletale on their peers. After all, money corrupts.

## The many pleasures and pitfalls of work study

BY JOSEPH DeANGELIS  
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I probably have one of the most boring work study jobs on this campus.

I am an office assistant in the financial management office, a job that consists pretty much of filing, faxing, filing, shredding important documents, making folders for the filing,

and more filing. As easy and boring as it sounds, I would not go out and get another job--not just because it serves as a guaranteed, easy way to make a few extra bucks, but also because I stand to learn something from it.

For those who don't have work study, here's a little background. There are three different types of college work study: federal, state, and institutional. Federal and state work study is determined by the student's financial need and figured in to aid packages, though students have the option not to take advantage of it. Institutional work study is not based

on financial need and any student may apply for those positions. The pay varies slightly according to which color card you have (whether you are classified institutional, federal, or

state work study) and how long you have done the job.

Most of the work study jobs available on campus are neither difficult nor time consuming. Also, they are easily located here on campus, perfect for any dorm student who can simply walk over to work. Students can work up to twenty hours a week, can come in at any time they have breaks in their hectic class schedules, and stay as long or as little as they like with few conflicts. Students get to work in nice environments with people their own age, and with genuinely friendly staff people across this campus. It beats working in a busy restaurant where demands run high, annoying people are around every turn, long hours are required, and the pay varies.

My work study job is neither hard nor time consuming. Those few bucks that I always need help me out, even if they seem to quickly evaporate into thin air some weeks.

Although time for work is precious and limited, for me, my work study position is necessary. I see that some of these skills will, in the long run, help me out in the real world.

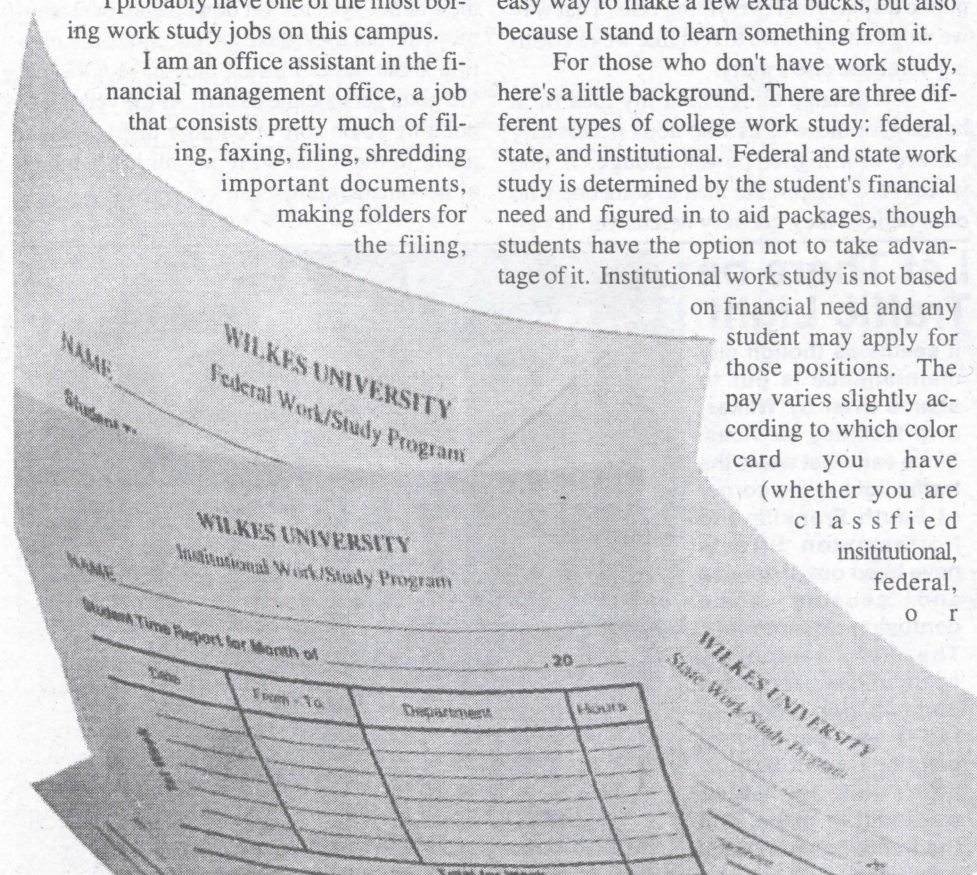
Through most work study opportunities on campus, student workers get to meet real people and learn what a real work place is like.

So it opens a door into the working world, but not too much, just to allow students to get their feet wet.

In a work study job, you might meet your first real hard-nosed boss and you can actually learn skills for future jobs. I know my computer skills have improved since I first started as a freshman. And believe it or not, all the stuff that I do at my job, I anticipate I will have to do later on. So it is helpful to learn all of that now. Also, work study positions can help students manage time wisely, another underrated skill that college students need.

However, for every work study student who actually does work, no matter how menial, there are others who do not do any work for their so-called jobs. They sit around and talk with their friends, do their homework and study for their next big exam. Many students who actually do work in their jobs feel jealous of those who do not do any work because while they are working, others are just lounging around.

However, in the work place, we all have to deal with those who slack off compared to the hard workers. There are those who will work hard to get what they want, and those who get what they want by not doing much of anything--a valuable life lesson. This happens in the work place and the best thing to do is not to get angry about it and to just let it slide. What you must do is keep telling yourself that you are better than the slackers, because, just like your third grade teacher said, hard work will eventually pay off.



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## Anti-aging medicine searches for fountain of youth

BY VICTORIA WHITE  
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The newest health trend can be found in the field of anti-aging medicine.

With the baby boomers reaching their 50s, a large percentage of the population is now considering what they can do to keep themselves looking and feeling healthy.

The president of the American Academy of Anti-Aging Medicine, Dr. Ronald Klatz, attributed the rise in the anti-aging trend to this generation of individuals.

"The Baby Boomer population, totaling 77 million Americans with 24 million over the age of 50, has reshaped every major phase in its life, and they are now redefining the nature of old-age disease," he said.

In Luzerne County, the only anti-aging clinic is run by Dr. Carolann Littzi. Littzi is a family practitioner who works in preventative and anti-aging medicine.

On Monday, April 18, Wilkes University health services brought Littzi to campus to address faculty, staff, and students about the importance of anti-aging medicine and a healthy lifestyle as the first speaker in the new 'Lunch and Learn' series.

Anti-aging medicine is multi-faceted. Littzi described it as, "A synergy of optimal nutrition, physical exercise, and hormonal modulation."

The area of anti-aging medicine is relatively new and stems from many people's concerns about the quality of life that they have after



The Beacon/Victoria White

Dr. Carolann Littzi, a family practitioner who works in preventative and anti-aging medicine, came to Wilkes last Monday to discuss the importance of anti-aging medicine as the kickoff to health service's new Lunch and Learn series.

they have reached their 'peak.' Littzi said, "The premise of anti-aging is not to extend the lifespan, but to help to keep people functioning by utilizing the time we have and making

it more functional."

Diane O'Brien, Wilkes University director of health services, said, "Carolann did her residency rotation through here as a

physician...and I know her to be a reputable person. She makes it very clear that she certainly not against traditional medicine. This is in conjunction with it."

According to Littzi, anti-aging medicine may not increase the lifespan of a person, but it will help to keep them functioning better throughout a longer period of their life. "So, instead of people in their 60s and 70s having waning functions, anti-aging works to keep them functioning at a higher level for longer," she said.

Littzi starts each patient consultation with a full blood work-up, checking many hormones that many family practitioners do not check because of the cost of the screening. She moves on to the diet of the person, which is documented in a food journal each patient is asked to keep prior to the consultation. She then discusses any vitamins or supplements that the patient takes, along with medications and exercise regimens.

The one drawback for many people, said Littzi, "Is the fact that anti-aging medicine and treatment is not covered by insurance companies. It all ends up coming out of pocket for the patient."

But the cost may be worth it to live a more complete life. O'Brien stated, "In this age of no one wanting to get older, and everyone wanting to live longer, I just thought that this might be interesting for staff, faculty and students as well."

## Tell Us...

If you were running for public office, what would your slogan be?

Beacon Correspondent Alicia Vieselmeyer and Asst. Features Editor Victoria White scoured the campus to ask students what slogan would get them the vote.

Tasha McNeillie, sophomore, pharmacy major

"Think of me as political birth control. I'll help you if you get screwed."

John Mishanski, sophomore, math major

"If Bush can be President, I can, too!"

Kim Hassinger, sophomore, pharmacy major

"I can take on anything."

Kevin Brittain, freshman, pharmacy major

"I'd like to make the world safe for my children, but not my children's children because I don't believe children should be having sex."

Mariane Ferrantino, sophomore, English major

"I am not a crook!"



# Energy Drinks: What's the Buzz About?

BY DONNA TALARICO  
Beacon Staff Writer

While coffee is still the wake-up beverage of choice for Americans, many are trading in the travel mug for silver-bullet shaped cans.

Many years ago, Mountain Dew seemed to satisfy those with the need for cold caffeine. Then came Jolt cola, another soft drink marketed toward adrenaline junkies.

While Red Bull dominates the market today, Coca-Cola, PepsiCo and Anheuser-Busch are cashing in on the caffeine-craze, too. Even reality TV stars want in--Orange County Choppers are releasing Go Fast. The variety of flavors and choices as well as youthful marketing efforts are causing frenzy among college students.

According to the Higher Education Center, a 2001 survey reported 22% of college students use energy drinks. With Coca-Cola's Full Throttle now available in the Wilkes

Market Deli Express Café in the Stark Learning Center, Wilkes is no different.

Most energy drinks contain Taurine (an amino acid that increases respiratory and cardiac function), B vitamins, ginseng, guarana (a Brazilian herb similar to caffeine), ginkgo (an antioxidant that can increase immunity and boost metabolism), large doses of caffeine, sugar and other herbs and vitamins.

With all these energizing ingredients, it is no wonder they are marketed with a promise of increased performance, mental alertness, improved concentration and increased metabolism. However, the Gatorade Science and Sports Institute mentions there has not been much research on these claims.

In moderation these drinks can safely enhance energy, but the effects are not long lasting. For some, excess caffeine is harmful, boosting heart rate and blood pressure, causing dehydration, headaches and ner-

vousness and preventing sleep.

"Energy drinks are a quick sugar fix at best, full of empty calories. If they have caffeine in them it will increase your metabolism, increase heart rate, increase blood pressure all of which can run you into problems when used to excess," said Diane O'Brien, director of health services.

Health officials at Brown University thought there was enough concern surrounding the energy drink craze that the University's health services department posted an informational web page cautioning: "Some of the claims (energy drinks) make may be misleading, such as improved performance. You wouldn't use Mountain Dew as a sports drink."

According to the site, using energy drinks before a heavy or even moderately heavy physical workout is harmful. Fluid loss from sweating and the diuretic quality of caffeine is a dangerous combination.

Energy drinks may have a cost to the body, but what about actual cost? Dr. John Allred, of the Institute of Food Technology, said in a WebMD article the price may not be worth it.

"They are expensive for what you get. There is nothing magical about them," Allred noted, adding that a well-balanced diet, proper sleep and exercise are three things that will maintain higher energy levels in people.

A quick scan through the Sunoco store on Route 115 near Bear Creek found all energy drinks to cost around \$2.00, approximately 75 cents more than other beverages at the same fluid ounce size.

And energy drinks are also gaining popularity as recreational beverages. Jäger Bombs (a shot of Jägermeister dropped into a glass of Red Bull) are a new happy-hour staple.

But, mixing stimulants with depressants can be risky. The Higher Education Center says the stimulating effects of energy drinks make people feel less intoxicated; therefore, they either don't know when to stop or may think they are okay to drive. Also, both alcohol and caffeine are diuretics so hangovers are much more likely.

"I have heard stories of kids drinking that Red Bull and shots of liquor and getting so sick from the increased heart rate, dizzy, vomiting, etc.," said O'Brien.

Judging from the number of new energy drinks appearing in coolers, the craze will continue. When consumed in moderation, energy drinks are safe. However, one should always read the nutritional labels before slamming a can.

## A Good Reason to Drink Red Bull Creative Writing at 8:00 in the morning

The Beacon figured Professor Bernie Kovacs' class would need a wake up call, so we had three of his students test out some energy drinks.

### Full Throttle

Corey Pajka

senior theatre/English major

**Tastes like:** Static electricity. If Coca-Cola bottled static electricity, it would taste like this.

**The Beacon:** Regular user?

**Pajka:** I usually stick to coffee, tea, or juice in the morning

**The Beacon:** Appearance?

**Pajka:** Too much like Orange County Choppers' logo. I half-expected it to taste like diesel fuel.

**The Beacon:** Feel?

**Pajka:** I felt more energized and alert after ten minutes of drinking it. Afterwards, I was very talkative.

**The Beacon:** Drink again?

**Pajka:** I think I would, but wouldn't go out of my way to get one every day, though.

### Sobe Adrenaline Rush

Matthew Stasyszyn

sophomore elementary education major

**Tastes like:** Citrus and peach

**The Beacon:** Regular user?

**Stasyszyn:** I regularly drink them. It's usually Jolt Red or Jolt Blue.

**The Beacon:** Appearance?

**Stasyszyn:** The whole small can thing is annoying. I'd like to see a mega-sized energy drink; hence, [the reason] I drink Jolt--28 ounces of liquid caffeine!

**The Beacon:** Like it?

**Stasyszyn:** Wasn't bad. It had one heck of an afterbite, which did accentuate the fruit flavor.

**The Beacon:** Feel?

**Stasyszyn:** I didn't really feel too much of a difference, but I have a high tolerance

**The Beacon:** Drink again?

**Stasyszyn:** I would probably drink it again if there weren't any Amp or Jolt around.

### Monster Assault

Laura J. Zuckero

freshman history major

**Tastes like:** Mild lemon-lime with a hint of tea.

**The Beacon:** Do you regularly use energy drinks?

**Zuckero:** Occasionally. I have coffee much more often.

**The Beacon:** Appearance?

**Zuckero:** It looks like a kick-ass drink, though that might scare some people away.

**The Beacon:** Did you like it?

**Zuckero:** It's not like 'wow that tastes really good,' but it isn't 'that tastes really gross' either.

**The Beacon:** How did you feel?

**Zuckero:** Considering I have a bad cold, it really did a good job waking me up. I'm not super-hyper, but feeling awake.

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# Sign Language course offered at Wilkes

BY MEAGAN BROWN  
Beacon Staff Writer

Each year teachers prepare to meet a new class of students, and communication is almost always the key to making connections. But in the case of deaf or hearing impaired children, teachers are challenged to bridge the gap between two different languages--the spoken and the visual.

In response to recent research and multiple student recommendations about American Sign Language (ASL), the Wilkes University special education department members have opted to offer a class in American Sign Language and Signed English over the summer session.

The class, which will be offered June 13 to July 15 during the day session, will focus on using ASL and Signed English to communicate with all students in the classroom.

According to the description of the class, "The course is designed to teach basic level Signed English and American Sign Language for use in the K-12 classroom. The course will be highly interactive and provide opportuni-

ties to practice signing within a group context."

Most hearing people are unaware of the differences between ASL and Signed English. According to the American Psychological Association, the basic signs for words are the same in both languages; however, Signed English utilizes a sign for every word in a sentence. ASL, on the other hand, uses signs for concepts rather than words. As a result, Signed English is used most often in a classroom setting, particularly with young children, because they are focusing on vocabulary building and sentence structure. ASL is often seen as more of a shortcut and is used when the focus is on conveying a thought.

ASL and Signed English are both languages used by deaf people to communicate with friends, family, and other deaf people. However, the Wilkes students taking this class will learn to use both languages to communicate with not only deaf students, but also any student with a communication disorder. Students in the class will also learn how to incorporate both languages into regular classrooms as an educational exercise.

Dr. Kristen Bewick, coordinator of the Spe-

cial Education Certification program, said she started the program to improve the skills of students seeking Special Education certification.

She said she initiated the course in response to students' wishes. "I had heard from several students interested in learning sign language, but since they are so busy during regular semesters we decided to offer the class in the summer," said Bewick.

Students will be learning both languages in order to gain basic knowledge in case they encounter a deaf student, and to incorporate sign language into the classroom.

"I think the primary reason is to gain familiarity and to incorporate sign language into all classrooms, even the general education classrooms. I think the secondary emphasis is for if a teacher was to get a student in the classroom who needed to use sign language that they would have some of that skill," said Bewick.

Sarah Doman, sophomore education major, said she is taking the class to learn how to incorporate activities into the classroom experience.

"It's [sign language] useful in the classroom and to do fun activities. I want to learn how I can use ASL in the classroom, because in this day and age you never know what kind of student you will get in your classroom and ASL is a valuable tool when working with inclusion students," said Doman.

The class will be taught by Susanne McCabe, who is PA certified as a Hearing Impaired teacher. She was educated at Indiana University of Pennsylvania where she earned a bachelors degree in Education of Hearing Impaired.

McCabe has approximately nine years of experience in ASL and currently teaches deaf and hard of hearing elementary programs at the Luzerne Intermediate Unit (LIU). Apart from her work at LIU, McCabe also teaches classes across Luzerne County to educators interested in learning ASL.

The class will be offered in Day Session I of the summer session. It will run Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. to 10:05 a.m. Interested students can get more information by contacting Bewick.

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## Student dancers limber up for public performances *Degnan relies on spontaneity, desire to coach*

BY SARAH HERBERT  
Beacon Asst. A&E Editor

As the end of the semester draws near, most students are thinking about exams and essays. But some Wilkes students enrolled in spring dance classes are thinking instead about stage placement, posture, and limbering up.

Recently *The Beacon* had the chance to talk to Kristin Degnan, Wilkes University's director of dance, about her experience coaching college students and preparations for the annual spring recital that showcases what the students--many of whom are new to the world of dance--have learned.

**Beacon:** How long have you been working at Wilkes?

**Degnan:** I began in January of 1991, so this is my fifteenth year at Wilkes.

**Beacon:** What do you enjoy most about working with college students?

**Degnan:** Their spontaneity. I think that as you grow older you become very set in your ways and you're accustomed to just doing things in a certain way...They open new doors of creativity for me on a continuous basis. It's their spontaneity that I am really impressed with.

**Beacon:** How receptive are the students to learning how to dance?

**Degnan:** Most of the students that enroll in these classes are here because they really want to be here. It's not something that they are required to take. It's something that they have an interest in. Their willingness to work hard is obvious. Even those students who have never taken dance, especially some of our male students are willing to work hard. They're athletes and they're able to take what they learn in the studio and apply it to the sport that they're working in and there's a dimension of themselves that they never knew existed.

**Beacon:** How many classes will be participating in the recital?

**Degnan:** There are two in tap, ballet, modern and jazz as well as dance composition pieces that have been created by students, plus the NUArts piece that is being done by Kris Cross. I think [Cross] is also doing a senior piece for several students who started with her four years ago and are graduating. I believe there are 18 works in this program, which makes for a very large performance.

**Beacon:** How long have the students been rehearsing?

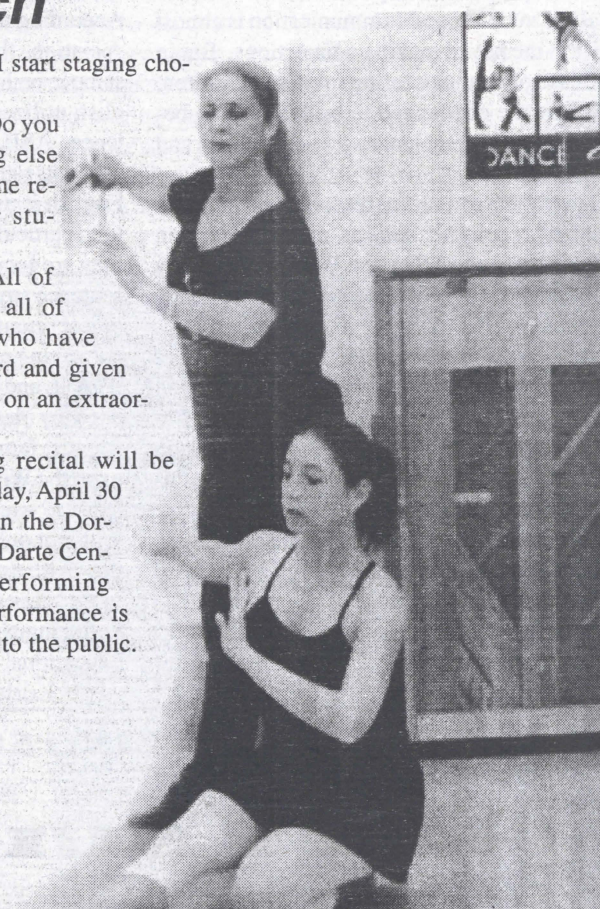
**Degnan:** Usually what I do is halfway through the semester, right

at midterms...I start staging choreography.

**Beacon:** Do you have anything else to say about the recital or your students?

**Degnan:** All of my thanks to all of the students who have worked so hard and given of themselves on an extraordinary level.

The spring recital will be held on Saturday, April 30 at 7:30 p.m. in the Dorothy Dickson Darte Center for the Performing Arts. The performance is free and open to the public.



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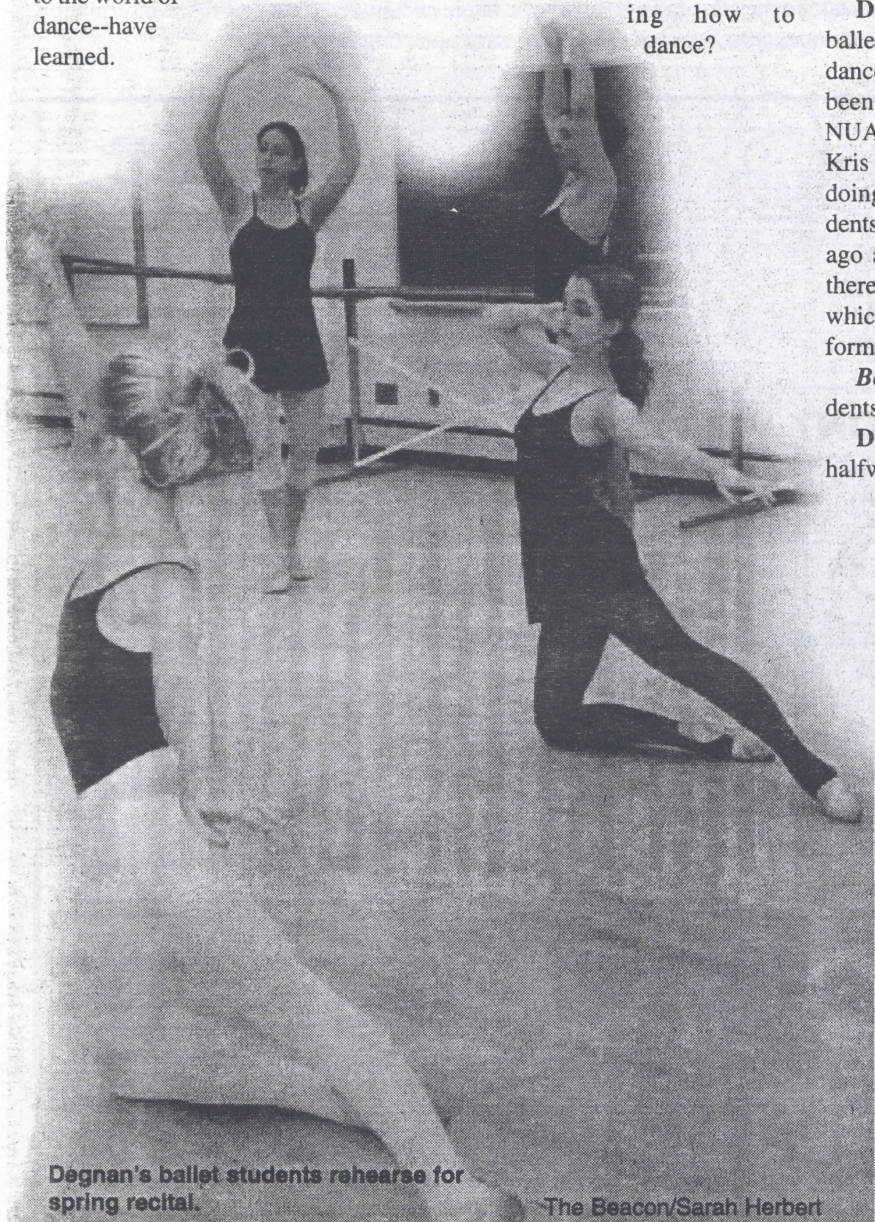
Kristin Degnan observes as sophomore pre-pharmacy major Christine Durdach performs the final sequence of one of the two ballet performances that will take place at the spring recital on April 30.

## O.A.R. performs at Armory



The Beacon/Nick Zmijewski

O.A.R. performed live at the Kingston Armory on Friday, April 22. The band, whose name is an acronym for Of a Revolution, classify their sound as "island vibe, roots-rock."



Degnan's ballet students rehearse for spring recital.

The Beacon/Sarah Herbert

## Wilkes to host first downtown arts center public discussion

BY MYLES RUMBEL  
Beacon Staff Writer

A community forum will be held on April 27 at 7:30 p.m. in the Henry Student Center Ballroom at Wilkes University to begin public conversation about the feasibility of developing an arts center in downtown Wilkes-Barre.

The Cultural Council of Luzerne County (CCLC) along with multiple other institutions, including Art Space of Minneapolis, Minnesota, is investigating the plausibility of establishing a center for the arts in downtown Wilkes-Barre. Art Space is one of the largest nonprofit developers of the arts in the country.

While the meeting is open to the public, reservations for the meeting are required because seating is limited. Other events planned as part

of the process include a business leaders forum and tours of potential locations.

Shelly Pearce, Chairperson of the CCLC and the Director of the Wilkes University Conservatory, ex-

hibitions and serve as an educational hub. It could also feature a café and gift shop. According to the Wilkes Today announcement on the Wilkes University website, there are four potential locations for the center cur-

community to different art forms. Pearce stated, "People who would be interested in a jazz ensemble would hear it, but would also be able to attend another art exhibit on another floor."

sional arts under one roof for the entire community to share and to educate future generations," Pearce explained.

Students on campus seemed to like the idea of an arts center downtown. Sophomore clinical laboratory science major Brandi Rasigner said, "I don't think it could hurt," and continued to say she would most likely support such a place.

Meanwhile, senior elementary education major, Jodi Lauer, was more animated about the proposal, commenting, "I think it would be very good for the downtown, especially if they keep it near where Wilkes and King's are because it would give students something to do."

For more information about this project you can e-mail the CCLC at [cclc@wilkes.edu](mailto:cclc@wilkes.edu).

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--Jodi Lauer, senior elementary education major

plained, "The CCLC together with many local institutions is holding a series of events in order to determine the feasibility of establishing a community arts and culture center in downtown Wilkes-Barre."

As community leaders envision the center, it would not only host live performances but also ex-

rently under discussion. These locations include the annex of the old Hotel Sterling on North River Street, the Wachovia building on West Market Street, the Irem Temple on North Main Street, and the Studio Café building on Public Square.

Pearce believes that the goal of such a center would be to expose the

While there have been several attempts in past years to create such a center, Pearce believes that now with the revitalization of the downtown, such an effort can succeed with the support of the current city administration and the local educational institutions. The ultimate goal is to "...bring amateur and profes-

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## Victory Records strikes out with *Giles*

BY KRISTEN LUCZAK  
Beacon Staff Writer

The Chicago based label Victory Records has been one of the driving forces in independent punk and hardcore music over the past decade.

There was a time in my life when practically all the CDs I owned came from this label. If the band was on Victory, then they *had* to be awesome. Unfortunately, Victory's current roster doesn't leave much for me to get excited about these days.

Whatever happened to bands like Earth Crisis, Grade, Refused, Shelter, Skarhead, and Warzone? Well, I guess after ten years there was a shift in popular independent music. Victory has released over 200 albums, but in recent years the sound has become poppier, screamier, and whinier with bands like Voodoo Glow Skulls, Count The Stars, Spitalfield, The Reunion Show, and let's not forget the huge success of Taking Back Sunday, which opened up the label to thousands of kids who are blind, or maybe more appropriately deaf, to the label's history.

But, what I really want to talk about is Victory's April 19 release,



Courtesy of victoryrecords.com

*Giles*. The "band" is a side project for Thomas Giles Rogers, Jr., front man for Between The Buried And Me. Now, I'm not a rocket scientist or anything, but where in the hell did a seemingly hardcore/metal guy get the inspiration to write such an awful record?

The record, which was obviously written and programmed on a keyboard, is a terrible combination of techno-electroclash-industrial music. It seriously made me want to punch my CD player, take the disc out, burn it, and throw it out the window.

The first track, entitled "Slumber Party" basically sounds like a CD skipping with a few Nintendo beats and these two lyrics over and over, "shake your ass" and "rules are rules." "Desk Seeking Spades" sounds like a distorted version of the 80's classic "Safety Dance," and

with the verse "lick up straight, kick flip slip," well at least he says kick flip. "Gup Gown" contains the not-so classic "do the arm wrestle" in a pitch that sounds like he took a shot in the you know where with a baseball bat. And I am not even going to offer any detail on the awful techno-sized Seinfeld theme song rip off.

I wouldn't recommend touching this record with a ten-foot pole. [Coming from someone that trusted Victory Records, trust me on this one.] Don't waste your time or money! Better luck next time, Victory Records.

## Concert for a Cause III

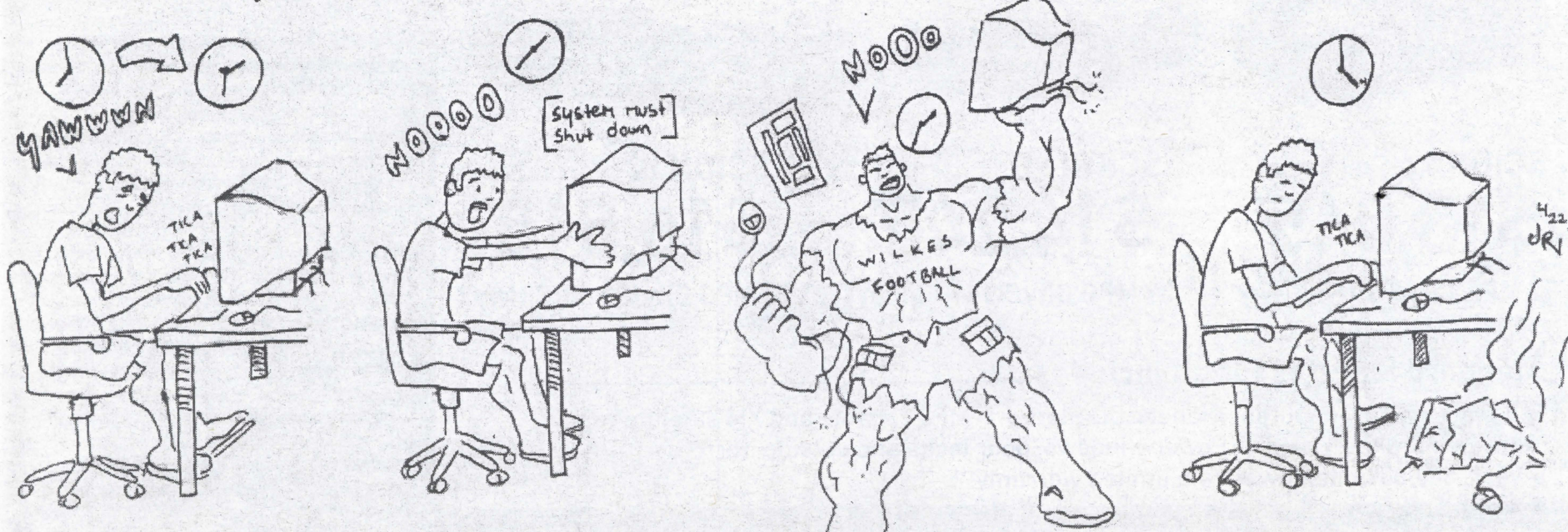


The Beacon/Jamie Babbitt

Six second yellow, one of the 14 bands that played at Concert for a Cause III, takes the stage at The Woodlands. The event was held on Wednesday, April 20 and featured local bands like Flaxy Morgan, UUU, Mighty Fine Wine, The Collective, 40lb. Head, The Badlees, k8, and more. All of the money raised benefited Luzerne County Head Start.



By Jason Nickle



# Out to the Movies: *A Very Long Engagement*

BY ALLISON SHERRY  
Beacon Staff Writer

With spring in the air, the annual film festivals serve to set audience expectations for summer movie-going. If you are lucky enough to go to a film festival this season, one movie that may be featured is *A Very Long Engagement*, and if you have the chance to see it, do so.

From the director and star of *Amelie* (Jean-Pierre Jeunet and Audrey Tautou, respectively) comes a French film, based on the acclaimed novel by Sebastian Japrisot. The story, acting, and directing will move you to tears.

It is unlike any love story you have ever seen before, and not just because of the subtitles. The film is set in World War I France in the deadly trenches of Somme and follows five desperate men who shoot themselves to be relieved of the tragedy and horror of the frontline. An

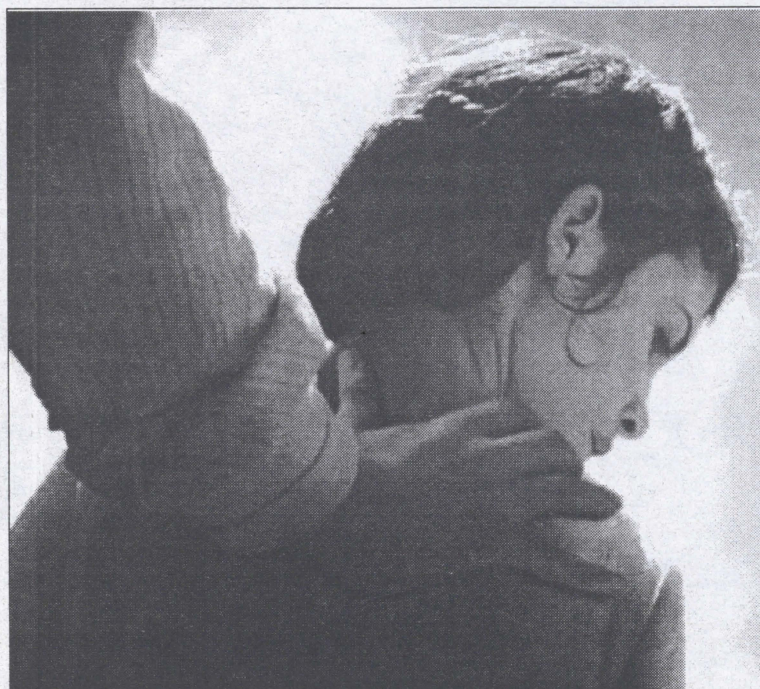


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Audrey Tautou plays Mathilde in Jean-Pierre Jeunet's latest film, *A Very Long Engagement*.

officer (Jean-Claude Dreyfus) decides to punish them by leaving them to die in the crossfire in a no-man's land. After hellish attacks, the five men are believed dead.

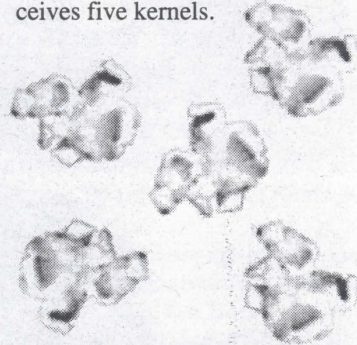
Back in the modest home of a provincial girl, Mathilde (Tautou), who is confined to a wheelchair due to polio, believes that her fiancée, Manech (Gaspard Ulliel), who was one of the five men, is still alive. She contends the events leading to his death are too mysterious to ignore and upon receiving information about his whereabouts, she learns each of the other four men had some connection to her fiancée. Her quest is relentless, moving, and sometimes comical as her investigation leads her into a glance at undying faith, passion, and the horrors of war that will move any viewer's heart.

*A Very Long Engagement* reminds us why we go to the movies. It is a cultural experience that leaves you tearful and remembering the life long lesson to never ever give up

hope no matter how grim things may look.

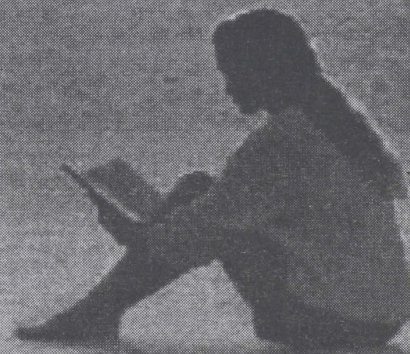
Movies like this are not made everyday, if they are even made at all anymore, which makes this a rare gift of film making. It would not be surprising to see this particular movie up for nomination next year at the Academy Awards for Best Foreign Film. *A Very Long Engagement* is truly a treasure. Be on the lookout for it in film festivals in your area this spring or on DVD on May 24.

This movie is rated R and receives five kernels.



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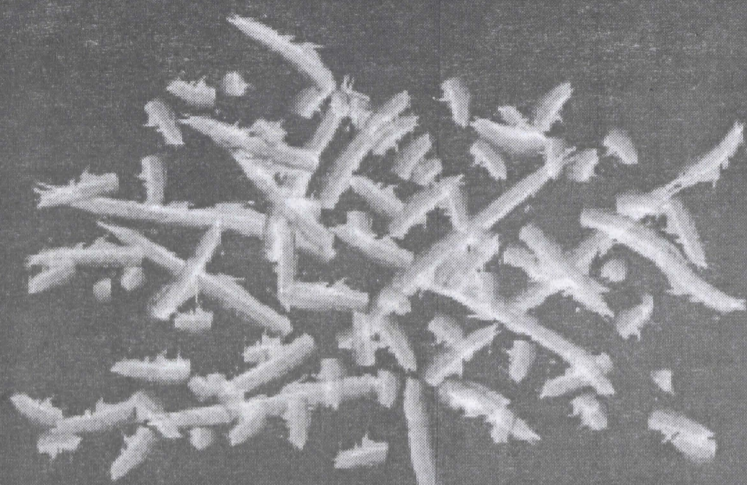
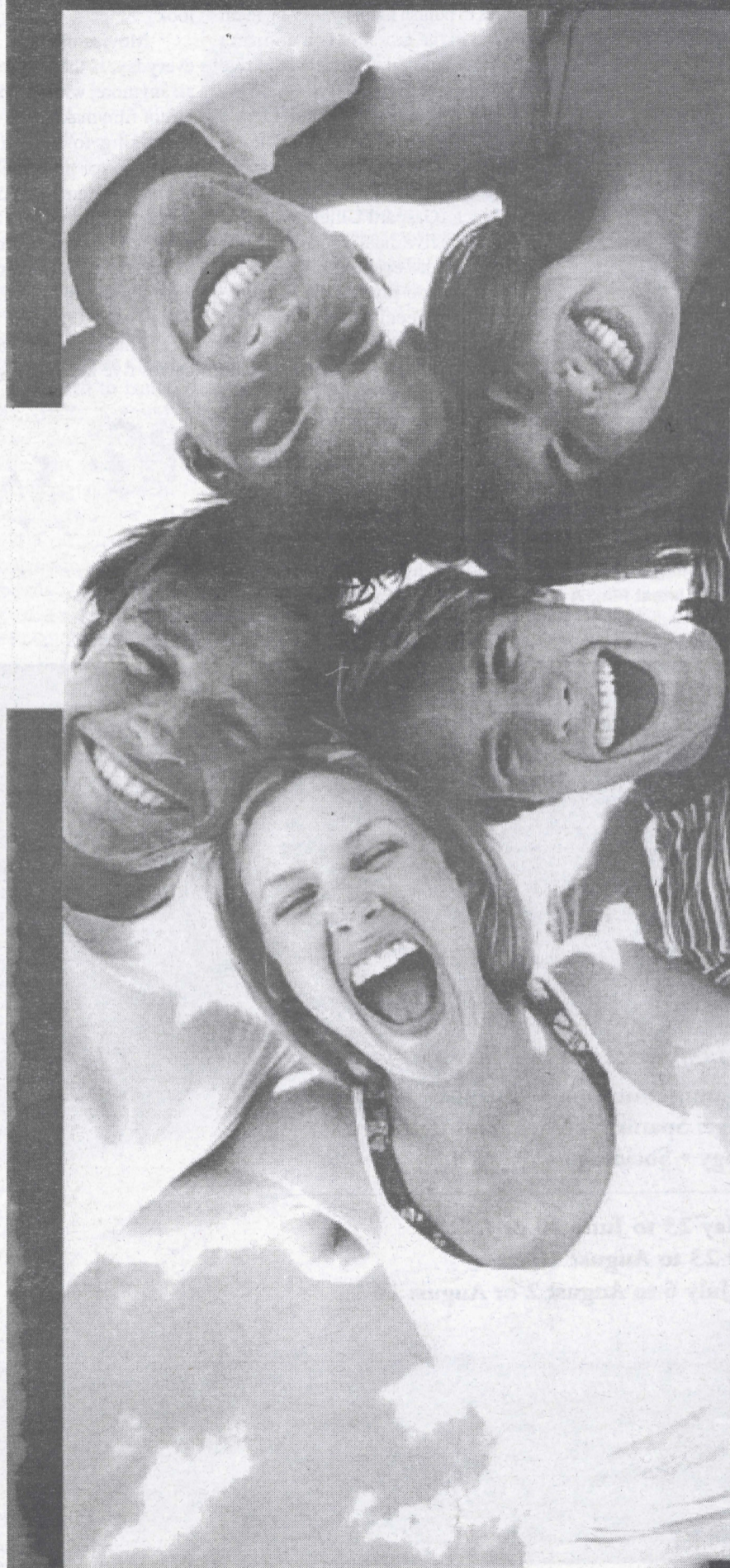
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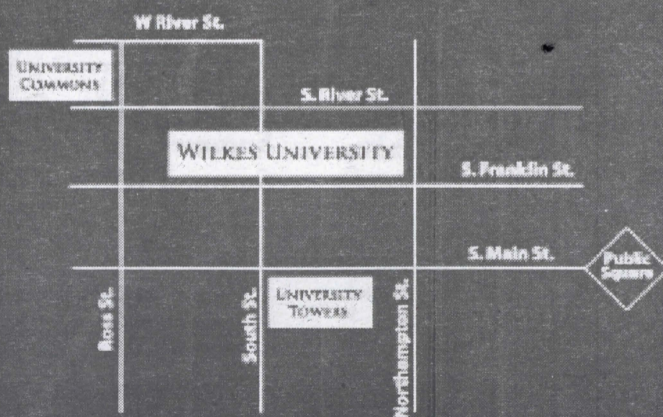
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# Leicht serves up recipe for success

BY ADRIENNE RICHARDS  
Beacon Correspondent

College life at Wilkes is a balancing act ... not just for the students, but the employees as well.

In August of 2002 Chris Leicht started his career at Wilkes as assistant director of residence life. Since then Leicht has taken on the title of men's and women's head tennis coach, and more recently, father.

When Leicht began at Wilkes almost three years ago, he didn't even have his own office. He shared a temporary office in Conyngham until the offices in Sturdevant were ready. It was in spring of his first year that Leicht took on the role of men's head tennis coach and in the fall of 2003, he began coaching the women's program.

Since taking on the title of men and women's tennis coach, Leicht has made it a priority to recruit solid players for the upcoming year. Leicht expects at least six or seven recruits for each team. Player development, one of his priorities, has been demonstrated in the 2004-2005 academic year as the men's tennis team is currently 15-3, which sets a men's record for most wins in a season at Wilkes; the team placed second in the Freedom playoffs.

Madhan Srinivasan, senior men's tennis captain said, "Coach has worked hard to make Wilkes a power in the MAC conference and considering tennis is one of the toughest sports to recruit for, I think he has done a great job so far."

In the women's program, Leicht has stepped up as head coach to make significant changes, not only in his recruitment but also in the team's winning record. In the 2003-2004 season, the ladies won their first match in almost six years, also beating long-time rival, King's College.

In October of 2004, Leicht and his wife, Kelly, gave birth to their daughter, Kaitlyn. Kaitlyn is the first child living on campus with a staff member in almost a decade, since Dean of Students Mark Allen's daughter was born.

Gretchen Yeninas, director of residence life said, "The whole family is very much a part of the Residence Life office. We've watched Kaitlyn grow over the last six months and she just got her first tooth. Chris is very committed to his family, often visiting family at home in Danville."

Senior women's tennis captain Liz Roveda added, "Chris has always had a smile on his face; he is definitely a happy daddy. His wife and baby are around a lot of the time, which makes it nice for him."

Not only has Leicht been Roveda's head coach for the past two years, but her boss as well. Roveda is a resident assistant (RA) on the north end of campus, making Leicht, as assistant director of residence life, her boss.

"He's a very understanding boss, takes everything into consideration and gives 100% every time or else he won't do it," said Roveda.

Srinivasan added, "Coach has been an asset to Wilkes with all his involvement and his youth is especially good, because he has a lot of energy, which he puts towards his play-



Photo courtesy of Kristin Kile

The tennis team poses together during spring break after a men's victory against Slippery Rock University in Hilton Head, South Carolina. Standing from left: Josh Gardner, Madhan Srinivasan, Abhishek Nemani, Ben Holwitt, John Lowe, and Hassan Shah. Kneeling from left: Rajitha Devadoss, Liz Roveda, Kristin Kile, Sara Ryder, and Coach Chris Leicht.

ers, RAs, new recruits, and his family above all. I look up to him since he is so young yet he manages all he does."

Many wonder how a person on campus can be devoted to so many different activities, but Leicht seems to have mastered the art of time management. "It's busy at times, but I came to be involved with students and center my activities around students," said Leicht. "I picked up coaching for further involvement.

It's work, but I enjoy it."

His dedication to the campus, its students, and his players is unmatched. Yeninas knows that Wilkes is lucky to have Leicht. "With his busy schedule, Chris always has the time to meet with students," said Yeninas. "He often has students, RAs, and tennis players over to his apartment for movie nights. He has been a great addition to the Residence Life office and to the Wilkes Campus as a whole."

## Wilkes to offer athletic summer camps

BY VICTORIA WHITE  
Beacon Asst. Features Editor

Summer...it's all about the heat, endless sunshine, and, of course, summer camp.

This summer Wilkes University will host at least seven summer athletic training camps. Many of the camps are open to both day campers and some overnight campers. Allowing for some campers to stay on campus accommodates the players coming from outside the region, who may not otherwise be able to attend the camps.

Women's head field hockey coach, Todd Broxmeyer, will host his second camp at Wilkes this summer. Last year, the camp welcomed players from age 12 up to graduating seniors in high school, both local students and some from New Jersey, Maryland, and Delaware.

The focus of the field hockey camp is to

help players realize their strengths and weaknesses, based on the basic skills of the sport. The camp this year runs from Sunday at mid-day until Wednesday afternoon.

Broxmeyer said, "Our camp might be a little shorter than others, but we manage to accomplish just as much. Our camp is very intense and the training is helpful."

Throughout the day, campers begin with speed training at 7 a.m. and then jog over to the fields. The rest of the day is spent in sessions that are age and skill appropriate. Each camper experiences the same sessions, but at a level that is appropriate for their age and skill level.

Some members of the Wilkes field hockey team are asked to join the staff of the camp as coaches. Broxmeyer said, "I think that it is important to allow the students to act as coaches. Anytime that you can coach, you become a better player, you get a better un-

derstanding of the game, and a better understanding of the skills. It is an opportunity to see things at a different perspective."

Women's soccer head coach, John Sumoski is planning two different summer camps for the upcoming summer. There will be a youth camp geared towards technical improvement for 8-13 year olds, as a morning camp for a full week. The second camp being offered is a leadership soccer academy.

"The camp is for high school females that want to improve their soccer skills and become better leaders. We are tying it in with formal leadership training, and discussion with Matt Sowcik" said Sumoski.

Sumoski's hope is that offering the leadership aspect to the camp will help to draw athletes to the university. The leadership aspect of camps is often overlooked with many athletic camps and Sumoski is thrilled to have the resources at Wilkes to allow for such a

camp to take place.

Sumoski hopes to use Wilkes athletes as staff members at both camps, as long as the number of students at the camps is worthy of more staff members. Although numbers at last year's camp did not allow for Wilkes soccer team members to help out, they have held other sessions to help local youth with their soccer skills.

Kristi Barsby, sophomore elementary education major and Wilkes women's soccer player said, "It was fun and a learning experience that would help anyone, especially those looking to be a coach."

With summer on the way, Wilkes sports teams are preparing for the athletic campers. The camps at Wilkes will be offered for many sports teams, and many will have a similar goal. "Improvement and challenge of the athletes that come," said Broxmeyer.

# Intramural basketball: where worlds collide

## Faculty, students join for friendly competition

BY VICTORIA WHITE  
Beacon Asst. Features Editor

Exercising, having fun with friends, and meeting new people. This sounds like the slogan for a new fitness center, but it's actually everything that intramural basketball has to offer.

At the end of February, signs were posted around campus announcing the start of the intramural basketball season. People had to sign up and form a team and then go to the intramural website to finish the process. After the holiday recess in March, the teams began playing games.

Many of the teams that formed were based on friendships or similar majors. The English department formed a team of faculty and student members known as "The English Geeks." Although "The English Geeks" have not won even one of the seven games played, they adamantly affirm they have fun playing.

Every Monday and Tuesday, each team has a game and then they have a second game on either Wednesday or Thursday, ensuring that each team has the opportunity to play twice a week. The games are scheduled on evenings when the entire team can make it, taking night class schedules into consideration. The games start at 6 p.m. and run

until 10 p.m. each four days a week, with work-study students refereeing and running the scoreboard.

Michael Witcoskie, director of intramural teams, said, "It is up to the individual teams to practice. Some do, some don't."

Many students are participating for the opportunity to get out and play basketball. "The Colons" are another team made up of a group of friends. Alexis Buck, junior elemen-

cal engineering major said, "We're just a bunch of friends that all get along. Everyone likes playing basketball and we don't get to play for the school team."

With the end of the semester fast approaching, Witcoskie is ready to bring the games to an end. The championship tournament starts today, with four games per night in a single elimination contest. The tournament will conclude during the fi-

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-- Matt Della Rosa, junior mechanical engineering major

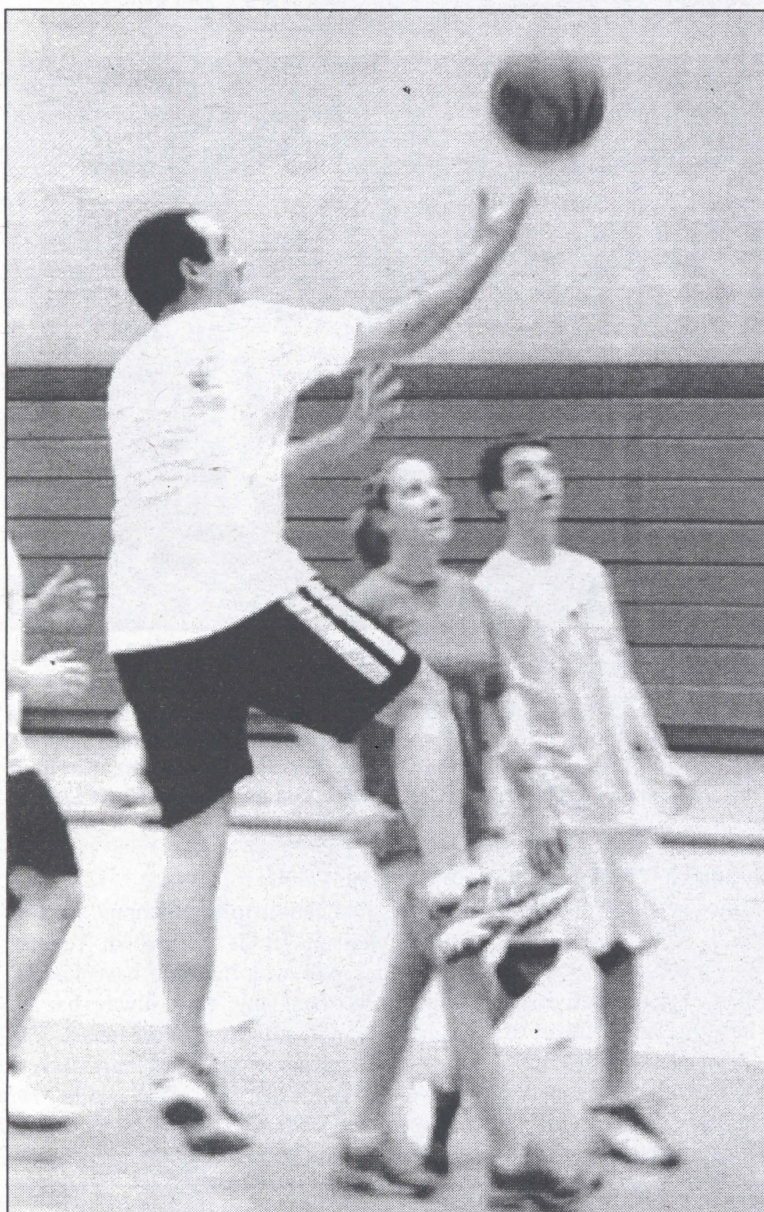
tary education major and captain of "The Colons" said, "It's a good way to exercise and have a good time. It's mostly just for fun."

This just-for-fun attitude especially rings true for "The Colons" who have lost every competition this season. Team member Stacy Fimmano, a freshman psychology major said, "It's a fun time to hang-out with the girls I am friends with and try to show up the guys."

"Team Della Rosa" is undefeated but echoes "The Colons," noting that intramural basketball isn't just about winning. Team captain Matt Della Rosa, a junior mechani-

cal engineering major said, "We're just a bunch of friends that all get along. Everyone likes playing basketball and we don't get to play for the school team."

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J. P. Prego takes a lay up shot during an intramural basketball game.

# SCA Project aims for the fence in benefit softball tourney

BY LINDSEY WOTANIS  
Beacon Managing Editor

The Goonies and the Hustlers are looking to score some points for the Red Cross next Sunday.

On May 1, freshmen business teams from Dr. Anne Batory and Matt Sowcik's team-taught, one credit Personal and Professional Development class (PPD) will host a charity softball tournament at Ralston Field and Kirby Park to raise money for the Red Cross.

Students enrolled in BA 152: Integrated Management Experience

II (IME II) are also enrolled in the complimentary PPD course. Last semester, teams in Integrated Management Experience I developed a business plan that they put into action this semester in IME II. The PPD course addresses issues of leadership and development and the projects directly coincide with the projects students are working on in IME.

"Our part of it for the PPD is called the Social Cyclical Awareness (SCA) project and what that is about is [we ask students to] take a look at the business and acknowledge the

fact that businesses are in partnership with their consumers and the community; so, what we want you [students] to do is to think of a way that you can give back and incorporate community service," said Batory, professor of marketing.

Team Goonies, which is selling picture frames, and Team Hustlers, which is selling "koozies" (drink chillers) are working together to organize a charity softball tournament that not only raises money and helps them give back to the community, but also allows them to involve the community in the process.

"We are looking to raise \$1,200 ... The Red Cross is very involved with Wilkes University and they are always doing stuff to help us out," said Beth Horn, freshman business administration major. "We want to give back to them for everything they have done for us."

After wrestling with several ideas for such a project to raise money, the groups decided on a softball tournament.

"I think this softball tournament is a much better approach and opportunity to bring the community together," said Horn. "We all are

very excited and looking forward to see our results of our hard work."

Both teams will also be selling their products at the tournament.

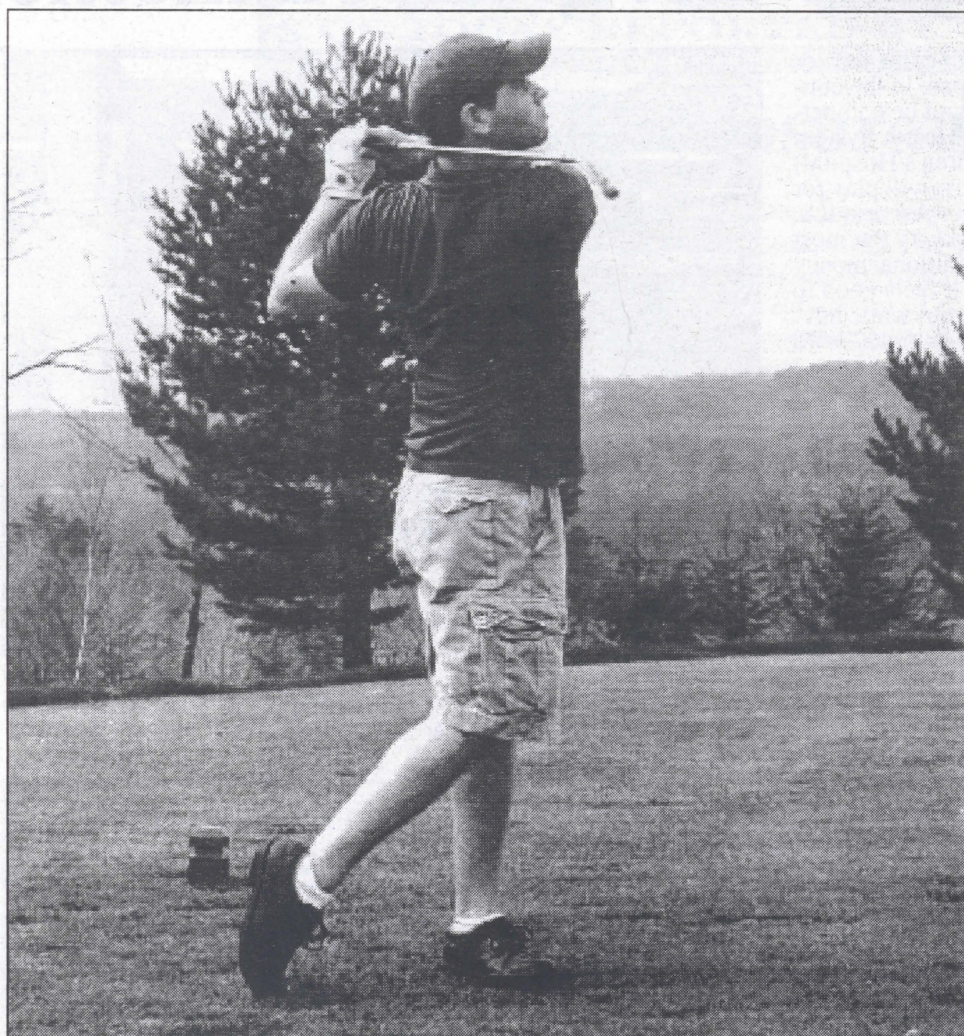
For more information or to participate in the May 1 softball tournament, contact Beth Horn at hornba@wilkes.edu. Entry fee is \$10 per person and individual as well as team registrations are accepted. Free refreshments will be provided for all participants and all money raised will be donated to the Red Cross.

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## ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

### Golf: Freshman Carmen Winters



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Carmen Winters scored a 78 (only six over par) two weeks ago against Baptist Bible.

BY RICH HANNICK  
Beacon Staff Writer

Nine years ago, Carmen Winters' buddies asked him if he wanted to go hit some golf balls, and once he took his first swing, he fell in love with the game. The freshman business administration major hasn't stopped playing since.

On April 14, Winters had one of his finest rounds of the season. He shot a 78 --.6 over par -- against Baptist Bible College. He started the day out with a bogey (one over

Winters. With the free passes to the Wilkes-Barre Municipal golf course (a perk of being of on the team), Winters practices everyday the weather will allow to work on improving his game.

As a freshman, Winters has taken on a key role for the Colonels' golf team. "I expected to come in and make an impact immediately," said Winters. This has occurred with a lot of help from the seniors, who help to groom future leaders early.

Coach Art Brunn said, "Any time a freshman with his ability comes along, his team-

*Any time a freshman with his ability comes along, his teammates take notice and that motivates them to work harder. -- Art Brunn, golf coach*

par) but really picked up his game, getting one under par for seven of the nine holes on the front nine.

"I was thinking I was gonna shoot a 74 or 75...On [hole] 150, I ended up taking a triple bogey," said Winters. This match was Winters' second best game of his career; last year, he shot a 74 on the same course.

Winters has set himself high aspirations for his college career. Winters said, "Some-day I'd like to make the All-Conference team." He also hopes to lead the charge in turning around the golf program. As of now, he knows that his game has room for improvement.

Winters is a self-defined long player on the course. Right now, his short game is also working for him, but he is aiming to strengthen that further. "I'm not really doing anything bad, but I'm not doing anything superb," said

mates take notice and that motivates them to work harder."

Winters' goals for this season are to help the team in anyway possible and improve his game for his upcoming seasons. His goals for the team are to win the big game against King's and win the MAC championships. "I'd like to see us finish in the top eight this year," said Winters.

Winters loves the path the team is taking. He is optimistic about the future of the players and the team over the next three seasons. "We are really building a good foundation for the future," said Winters.

And, as a golfer, you have to love two movies: *Happy Gilmore* and *Tin Cup*. Winters favorite of the two is *Tin Cup*. "You gotta like Roy McAvoy...Cause he takes a twelve on the last hole," concluded Winters.

#### SPORTS WEEK RECAP

##### GOLF

(4/19) Scranton 301 Wilkes 334  
King's 322 Wilkes 334  
Misericordia 332 Wilkes 334  
(4/20) Scranton 310 Wilkes 332  
Wilkes 332 Baptist Bible 382

##### SOFTBALL

(4/17) Wilkes 4 Del. Valley 0  
Del. Valley 4 Wilkes 3  
(4/18) Wilkes 11 Marywood 0  
Wilkes 10 Marywood 1  
(4/21) Lebanon Val. 8 Wilkes 0  
Wilkes 4 Lebanon Val. 0  
(4/24) Wilkes 2 Elizabethtown 0  
Wilkes 6 Elizabethtown 2

##### MEN'S TENNIS

(4/17) Drew 5 Wilkes 2  
(4/19) Wilkes 5 Scranton 2  
(4/21) Freedom Conf. Semi-Final  
Wilkes 6 FDU-Florham 1

##### LACROSSE

(4/18) Wilkes 12 Misericordia 4  
(4/20) King's 18 Wilkes 7

##### BASEBALL

(4/17) Marywood 6 Wilkes 5  
Wilkes 9 Marywood 2  
(4/20) Wilkes 21 Misericordia 2  
(4/22) Wilkes 9 Drew 0

#### NUMBERS OF THE WEEK

15

Number of wins for the men's tennis team for the year

10

Combined number of hits (5) and runs (5) freshman Kyle Follweiler delivered in last Wednesday's baseball game against Misery

5

Number of goals scored by freshman Stacy Fimmano in Wednesday's lacrosse game against King's Lady Monarchs

0

Number of hits sophomore pitcher Laurie Agresti allowed in last Monday's softball contest against Marywood University

# Sports

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## Colonel Charity Challenge to test gridiron m

BY NICK PODOLAK  
Beacon Correspondent

While ESPN broadcasts *The Battle of the Gridiron Stars*, Wilkes University will be hosting its own rendition of the challenge.

The Colonel Charity Challenge set for May 1 will test the physical and mental strengths of all the student/athletes involved while earning money for two deserving local charities. Team names range from "The Meat Heads" to "Team Ramrod."

"So far, we have 50 teams of 5, so we have somewhere between 250 and 260 people competing," said Keith Klahold, Fitness Facilities Coordinator and organizer of the challenge.

Events will include a sand-bag challenge, 800 yard run, 200 yard dash, sit-ups and push-ups, tire flip, arm hang, obstacle relay race, and even a team truck

pull--- straight out of the *World's Strongest Man* competitions.

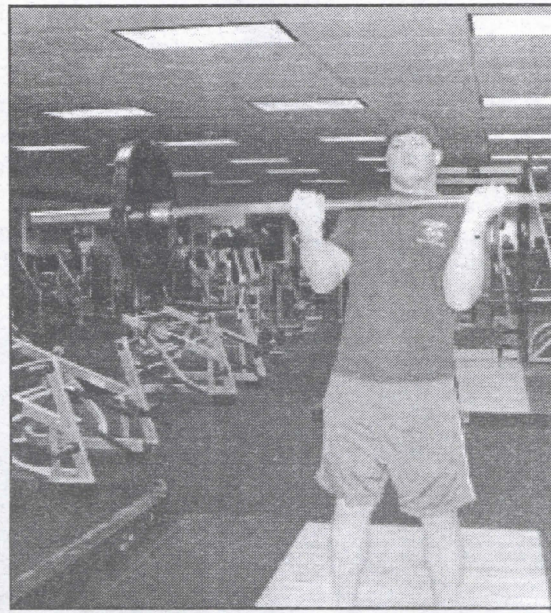
With so many different events, a good strategy comes in handy during the team selection process. "Fritz's Crew" boasts four lightning quick wrestlers and is anchored by senior Fritz Delvin. "We have 'Big Fritz' on the team to take care of business in the strength events," said sophomore wrestler Dan Giancolli. "I got the running on lock, and I'm ready to rock and roll," he added.

Some teams, however, botched up the process. Sophomore "Butts and Guts" delegate Jim Thompson said, "Our team is mainly comprised of offensive linemen, so we're looking okay with the strength events, but it's the running events we're not looking forward to."

Teams will be designated a blue or yellow color, on behalf of the charity they will represent.

Each team member collected donations to participate in the contest. Blue teams will be competing for Geisinger Health System (Janet Weis Children's Hospital) and teams in yellow will play for the Kidney Cancer Association. The team that racks up the most points will earn additional money for their cause. "It feels good to help other people out while having fun at the same time," said laxer Lindsay Asinelli.

This first ever Colonel Charity Challenge is set to go down Sunday, May 1 at the Ralston Field complex. The event kicks off at 10:30 a.m., and everyone is encouraged to come out and support their team free of charge. In case of inclement weather, the games will be held in the Marts Center. For more information or to sign up a team for the Colonel Charity Challenge, contact Keith Klahold at campus extension 4020.



The Be  
Kyle Supinski, sophomore electrical engineering  
for next Sunday's Colonel Charity Challenge.



## Campus Calendar

### MONDAY (4/25)

- \*Golf @ King's 1:30 p.m.
- \*Allan P. Kirby Lecture | "Mavericks At Work" 7 p.m. SLC; free
- \*Concert | Jazz Orchestra 8 p.m. HSC Ballroom
- \*Theatre | 'Dentity Crisis 8 p.m. DDD Black Box; free

### TUESDAY (4/26)

- \*Golf @ Albright 1 p.m.
- \*Tennis w/Lebanon Valley 3:30 p.m.
- \*Baseball w/Baptist Bible 4 p.m.
- \*Lacrosse @ Drew 4:30 p.m.
- \*Theatre | 'Dentity Crisis 8 p.m. DDD Black Box; free

### WEDNESDAY (4/27)

- \*Softball @ Drew (DH) 3 p.m.
- \*Student Government Meeting 5:15 p.m. Marts 214
- \*Arts in the City 7 p.m. HSC Ballroom; free

### THURSDAY (4/28)

- \*Extracurricular/Leadership Awards Luncheon (by invitation only) 11:00 a.m. HSC Ballroom

### FRIDAY (4/29)

- \*International Issue/International Careers conference 8:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. HSC Ballroom; free
- \*Lacrosse w/Lycoming 3 p.m.
- \*Baseball w/King's 3:30 p.m.

### SATURDAY (4/30)

- \*Tennis @ MAC Individual Championships 9 a.m.; Bethlehem, PA
- \*Fishing/Boating Adventure Series 9 a.m.; free; sign up with Student Development
- \*Golf @ Freedom Conference Championships 9 a.m.; Shawnee, PA
- \*Baseball @ King's (DH) 1 p.m.
- \*Lacrosse w/Messiah 1 p.m.
- \*Softball @ King's (DH) 1 p.m.
- \*Student Recital | Dance 7:30 p.m. DDD; free

### SUNDAY (5/1)

- \*Block Party -- On the Greenway
- \*Tennis @ MAC Individual Championships 9 a.m.; Bethlehem, PA
- \*Golf @ Freedom Conference Championships 9 a.m.; Shawnee, PA
- \*Choral Concert 3 p.m. St. Stephen's on S. Franklin; free
- \*Holocaust Remembrance 7 p.m. Peace Pole, Fenner Greenway; free; open to public

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