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## Campus Map to be Installed Behind Student Center *Donations made by the class of '99 leave their mark at Wilkes*

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*Beacon Assistant News Editor  
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A campus map, donated by the class of 1999, surrounded by engraved bricks will be installed on campus by the end of the spring semester, said Director of The Wilkes Fund, Carol Maculloch. The map will be located behind The Henry Student Center next to the commuter parking lot.

The map, projected to cost a little more than \$10,000, was supported by about half of the 1999 senior class's donations. Students were asked to donate \$50 per year for two years. However, funding from outside sources contributed to the completion of the project.

Maculloch was approached by the senior class with the idea because they felt the university was missing this important piece.

"Sometimes the senior class will approach the university for ideas of what to donate. In this situation, the senior class already had the idea about maps, and felt that the university would really benefit with maps on campus," said Maculloch.

Student Government President, Selena Bednarz agreed. "I think it is a great

idea, and it will add a new dimension to Wilkes," said Bednarz. "Other students I have talked to are also excited about the idea."

The senior class of 1998 also had some input into what the structure will end up looking like. Their gift consisted of a brick campaign in which all of the seniors from the class of 1998 who participated in the campaign will have their name (or nickname) on a brick, and all of the bricks will then be placed around the base of the campus map.

"Originally the class of 1998 wanted to build a pathway using bricks that had the seniors names engraved on them," said Maculloch. "But because only 70 bricks were bought, a decision was made to place the bricks around the map behind The Henry Student Center."

The campus maps, which have been in the works for four years, are being built by Highland Associates. As Maculloch noted, picking the vendor was one of the most difficult parts of the project.

"The biggest setback was finding a vendor to create the map. Originally we found an artist who used watercolor to make maps, which was beautiful,"



Courtesy of Carol Maculloch

Featured above is the future site of the Wilkes University campus Map, which was donated by the class of 1999.

said Maculloch. "However, we realized that once the map was made, that was it. In order to update it, we would need to make a whole new map. In the end, we decided to go with this design because it is easier and more inexpensive to update and change."

Mr. Mark Golaszewski, Graphic

Design Manager and Marketing Communications at Wilkes University, said, "The map will absolutely be useful to the campus. It will fill a huge void we have and everyone from Public Safety to Admissions

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The Beacon/Mick Jenkins

## Parking Crackdown

Many students have noticed the stricter enforcement of on campus parking lots this semester. Here, at the Henry Student Center parking lot, an illegal car is removed from the lot. According to Chris Bailey, Director of Public Safety, security will cite any unauthorized vehicle for the first offense with a \$25 fine. The second offense will most likely result in the offender being towed as well as a \$25 fine. These fines can be appealed within one week at the traffic council located in the Max Roth Center. Yet Bailey warns, "If you want to chance parking without a permit you may get away with it, but in all likelihood you will be towed."

-Jeff Gellar

## Game Room to be Ready by March

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The W-BEE Credit Union located on the first floor of the Student Union Building had served Wilkes students for eighteen months, but students will now use that space in a very different way.

According to a Student Government survey, the Credit Union wasn't being used to its potential. "There are many banks around school," said Sophomore Class President Liz Roveda. "People can get to them with their cars."

However, Student Government representatives do acknowledge the fact that the loss of the Credit Union will affect some students, so they are looking to install another ATM machine from a different company than the one already located at the Credit Union.

SG was given the task to determine what should be done with the newly-available space.

As reported last semester in *The Beacon*, members came to the conclusion to turn the space into a game room.

Student Government President Selena Bednarz explained that, "a majority of

the students agreed that the space would be best used for a more 'student-oriented' game room."

SG's decision was based on the fact that over the summer of 2002, the Student Center's first floor game area that previously housed two pool tables, a ping-pong table, and several arcade games was lost to the expansion of the

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## SG Happenings

The Running Club presented its first reading of its constitution. Members will return next week to learn whether or not they've been recognized.

Those involved with the Alternative Spring Break 2003 requested a donation of \$500 to help pay for their expenses. SG voted 27-0-2 to approve their funding up to \$500.

Those involved with the "Vagina Monologues" asked for a donation of

\$400 to pay for the ticket price of Wilkes students. SG donated a flat donation of \$250 towards the cost of Wilkes student admission.

The results of the Winter Weekend survey were announced. The theme for 2003 will be "Cartoons." The most favored event was the "Tug-of-War," while the least favored was the "Big Clothes Race." A Winter Weekend meeting will be held on Thursday, February 6 in the Hiscox Meeting Room.

## CC Notes

The parking permit process for the Henry Student Center lot is complete. No more spaces will be awarded for the Spring 2003 semester.

Commuter Council will host a trip to New York City on Saturday, April 12. Tickets will be available for purchase in early March.

## Change in Shuttle Service

The shuttle service will run on a new time schedule as of Monday, February 3. The goal of this new schedule is to increase consistency and reliability of the daily shuttle runs. The new schedule is as follows:

Monday through Friday: Shuttle will run ON DEMAND (no scheduling) until 9 AM. Beginning at 9 AM, the shuttle will leave both Ralston Field and the Henry Student Center every fifteen minutes. This will allow for four runs per hour as follows: Top of the hour, quarter past the hour, on the bottom of the hour, and quarter to the

### Weekdays:

Between 9 a.m. and 6 p.m., the shuttle buses will run every fifteen minutes.

Before 9 a.m., and after 6 p.m., the shuttles will run on demand.

### Weekends:

Shuttles will run on as currently scheduled.

hour. At 6 PM, the shuttle will return to running on a demand schedule.

This schedule is experimental and is subject to change. The goal of the schedule is to help insure that students will be able to rely on the shuttle, knowing at all times when they can be picked up and dropped off. We would appreciate your feedback on this new schedule. Any comments or suggestions can be addressed to Mike Malkemes, ext. 4982, in the Public Safety Office or Commuter Council at wotanill@wilkes.edu.

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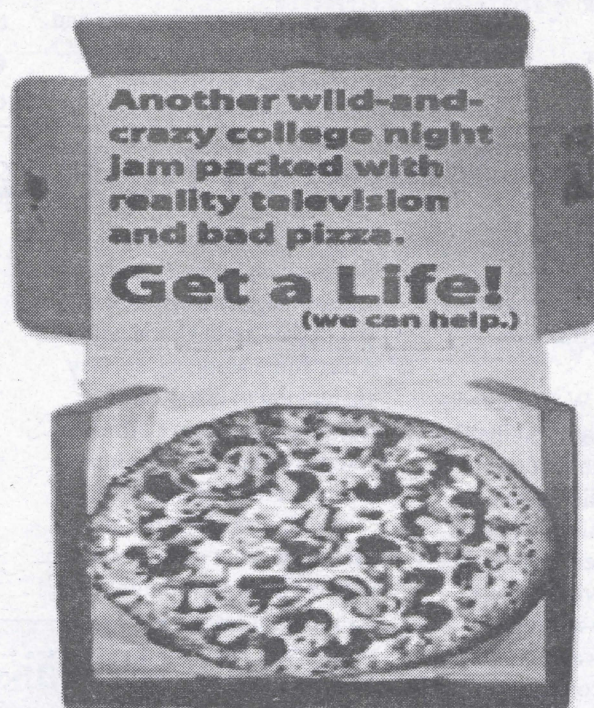
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# News Briefs

Courtesy of the Associated Press

## Teenager thrown 25 feet in air from Jeep grabs overhead wires

KANSAS CITY, Missouri (AP) - A teenager was catapulted at least 25 feet (7.5 meters) in the air during an auto accident but grabbed onto overhead utility wires like an action hero and dangled for about 20 minutes before a rescue crew brought him down by ladder.

Joe R. Thompson III, 18, was treated for bruises and scratches at a hospital and was released.

"God was definitely in control," he said.

Thompson lost control of his Jeep on Monday evening after another car suddenly turned in front of him. Thompson's Jeep clipped the other car and rolled over and over, possibly five times, witnesses said.

The Jeep's fiberglass top was ripped off, and Thompson, who was not wearing a seat belt, flew through the air, bouncing off three power lines and falling onto what he thinks was a telephone wire and grounding wire. His leg caught in one wire, and he grabbed for the other.

"I just kept saying a prayer over and over," he said Tuesday from his home in the suburb of Blue Springs.

Sgt. Ray Myers of the Blue Springs police said Thompson was "bear-hugging" the wires when help arrived.

The wires were insulated, but the power lines above him had to be turned off before the rescue ladder could be raised.

## Study: Freshmen have worst study habits in years, drink less

Although American freshmen arrived at college last fall with the worst study habits in 15 years, it didn't hurt their high school grade point averages, according to an annual study based on a survey of the first-year students.

The study, released Monday, found 33.4 percent of college freshmen spent six hours or more per week studying or doing homework during their senior year in high school. It was the lowest percentage since the survey question was first posed by the Higher Education Research Institute at the University of California, Los Angeles in 1987.

Still, more than 45 percent of freshmen said they managed to graduate high school with an "A" average. Alexander Astin, who started the survey in 1966, attributed the high grade point averages to a single factor.

The number of "distractions" such as parties in college make hitting the books in college even more difficult, Shutter said.

According to the survey, however, Shutter's class doesn't drink anywhere near as much as its predecessors.

The study said an all-time low of 46.5 percent of freshmen compared to a high of 73.7 percent in 1982 reported drinking beer either frequently or occasionally over the past 12 months. Furthermore, 35.8 percent of freshmen said they don't attend a single party during a typical week.

## Oakland crowds leave wake of debris after Super Bowl

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) - Oakland's police chief says his force was ready for the post-Super Bowl mayhem that hit the streets, but that several young men intent on breaking the law were to blame for a mob that quickly got out of hand and ransacked several businesses.

Even with about 400 officers on the street, 250 more than normal, law enforcement had trouble at times getting the crowds to leave a troubled east Oakland neighborhood long after the Raiders lost the game, Chief Richard Word said Monday.

"When it was apparent that the Raiders were going to lose, we did not anticipate that people would turn to the streets to celebrate," Word said. "Unfortunately, you had a convergence of some young men that seemed hellbent on taking advantage of a situation to engage in lawlessness."

There were more than 80 people arrested, most for public drunkenness, throwing objects at moving cars and refusing to disperse in the hours after the Raiders' 48-21 loss Sunday to the Tampa Bay Buccaneers.

Nine fire department vehicles and 12 police cars were damaged by thrown objects and three firefighters were injured, none seriously.

Police lobbed tear gas canisters into the crowds and pelted them with rubber bullets, driving them away from troubled International Boulevard and onto smaller streets.

But as the squeeze was put on the roving groups of young men, they would appear a block away, some throwing bottles at police, while others drove circles in the street amid clouds of tire rubber smoke.

"Man, this is memories, even though it's a bad way," Franceso Perez said. "Oakland is crazy for real."

# Bush, in State of Union, says Saddam 'deceiving not disarming'

By Ron Fournier

Associated Press White House Correspondent

WASHINGTON (AP) - Building a case for war against Iraq, President George W. Bush said he will present fresh evidence to the United Nations next week of Saddam Hussein's illegal weapons and vowed the United States will lead a campaign to disarm the Iraqi regime if he refuses to surrender its arms.

"The course of this nation does not depend on the decision of others," Bush said Tuesday in his second State of the Union address.

"We will consult, but let there be no misunderstanding: If Saddam Hussein does not fully disarm for the safety of our people, and for the peace of the world, we will lead a coalition to disarm him," the president said.

Speaking to Congress and a global television audience, Bush presented a laundry list of Saddam's alleged offenses, some of them newly revealed to the public. He said intelligence sources have reported that thousands of Iraqi personnel are at work hiding documents and materials from the U.N. weapons inspectors.

Specifically, Bush said Saddam has not accounted for up to 25,000 liters of anthrax, 38,000 liters of botulinum toxin, 500 tons of sarin, mustard gas and VX nerve agent and upwards of 30,000 munitions capable of delivering chemical weapons.

"If this is not evil, then evil has no meaning," Bush said.

For the first time since the Sept. 11 attacks transformed him into a wartime president, Bush faced serious questions about his leadership. Most Americans don't approve of his handling of the economy, polls show, and only a bare majority support his policies on Iraq in an area where the president enjoyed support of more than 80 percent a year ago.

"This country has many challenges. We will not deny, we will not ignore, we will not pass along our problems to other Congresses, other presidents and other generations," Bush said.

The speech was delivered amid intense security as lawmakers, Cabinet members, military leaders and Supreme Court justices gathered for the annual event. Several hundred people massed on the Capitol building lawn to protest Bush's policies, ranging from a possible war in Iraq to his approach to health care.

The U.S. Constitution requires presidents to "from time to time give the Congress information of the State of the Union." The presidential speeches were delivered in writing to Congress for more than 100 years, until President Woodrow Wilson in 1913 decided to restart the tradition of delivering them to joint

sessions of Congress in person.

The first half of Bush's address was devoted to domestic policy, a reflection of his desire not to let Iraq overshadow a presidential agenda geared toward the 2004 re-election campaign.

The heart of Bush's domestic agenda is his \$674 billion plan to revive the economy and a \$400 billion, 10-year plan to overhaul Medicare. His plans also include medical liability, the environment and energy policy, aides said.

Democrats challenged Bush's efforts both at home and abroad.

Washington Gov. Gary Locke, tapped to deliver the Democratic response to Bush, said that economic recovery would not happen until states and cities receive help from Washington something missing from Bush's economic proposals.

"People are clearly worried about terrorism and Iraq but those concerns should not overshadow the pressing needs of the people here at home," Locke said.

The president described the United States as still recovering from recession, terrorist attacks, corporate scandals and stock market declines. "Our economy is recovering, yet it is not growing fast enough or strongly enough," Bush said.

He proposed spending new money for research to develop hydrogen powered cars and to tutor children of prison inmates. He also called for a new \$600 million drug treatment program in which federal money could go to religious community service programs.

Bush, entering the first phase of his re-election campaign, opened his speech with a summary of his domestic agenda, then spent the last half of his address discussing a "world of chaos and constant alarm."

Sixteen months after the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks and the beginning of the battle against terrorism, Bush said, "The war goes on and we are winning."

While Osama bin Laden and other key terrorists still elude capture, the president said the United States has caught many key commanders of al-Qaida.

Citing intelligence sources, Bush renewed his assertion that Saddam aids and protects terrorists, including members of al-Qaida.

"Secretly, without fingerprints, he could provide one of his hidden weapons to terrorists or help them develop their own," Bush said.

Invoking memories of the Sept. 11 attacks, Bush said, "Imagine those 19 hijackers with other weapons and other plans this time armed by Saddam Hussein."

Bush said Saddam has shown "his utter contempt" for the United Nations and must be brought to account unless he disarms.



# The Oscars of Academics

## TREC nominations honor innovative Wilkes educators

BY ELVIRA ILLIANO &  
LIZA CARDAMONE  
Beacon Staff Writers

Dedicated, intriguing, and innovative are just a few qualities students look for in their teachers. But sometimes just filling in the bubbles on the teacher evaluation sheets at the end of the semester doesn't feel like enough to say "thanks" to those who really go the extra mile in the classroom.

To recognize the effort teachers put forth, Teacher Recognition and Evaluation Committee, (TREC) is now seeking nominations for its annual Innovative Teacher Award.

The Committee, made up of five teachers and one student representative, has honored one Wilkes University faculty member each year with the award for several years.

Four years ago Alicia Lindgren, former Assistant Professor of Humanities at Wilkes University, proposed the Innovative Teacher Award. "When I proposed the establishment of the Innovative Teaching Recognition Award, I attempted to keep the focus off the competitive nature of the awards and 'winners.' Instead, I sought to use the awards as a vehicle for recognizing and encouraging faculty who informed themselves of the vast body of knowledge our profession has on the nature of learning and who incorporated this knowledge into their classroom teaching strategies, with emphasis on innovative techniques that

promote effective student problem solving and critical thinking skills," Lindgren commented.

The Innovative Teacher Award recognizes teachers who have made a difference in the lives of students by using effective, unique teaching strategies that promote a greater level of knowledge. As Terry Holdren, Wilkes University student and TREC Student Representative indicated, an innovative teacher would be "one that introduces new ideas and ways of teaching in the classroom and grabs and keeps the attention of their students."

The Innovative Teacher Award is not the only award the TREC committee is well-known for. In fact, they are also recognized for assigning the Carpenter Award. "This award," Dr. Kristin Bewick, Chairperson of the TREC Committee indicated, "is an award paying recognition to teacher veterans with nominations done by professor colleagues."

Students can nominate professors to receive this award by e-mailing or writing a letter to Bewick answering the following questions:

- Does your teacher provide a student-centered, interactive classroom environment?
- Does your teacher demonstrate sensitivity to and respect for student inquiry and discussion?

• Does your teacher exhibit exceptional ability to motivate students to use collaborative learning effectively?

• Does your teacher implement innovative and engaging teaching strategies?

• Does your teacher involve students in joint faculty research projects that promote higher level thinking?

Important criteria that will help to

"I sought to use the awards as a vehicle for recognizing and encouraging faculty who informed themselves of the vast body of knowledge our profession has on the nature of learning."

- Alicia Lingren  
Former Visiting Assistant Professor

decide who will ultimately win the Innovative Teacher Award include student response surveys and class syllabi. Bewick indicated that a very specific point system is utilized to choose the recipient of this award. This is done so that the decision-making process remains fair. "We are not passing judgment that one teacher is better than the other, but we do feel that more active approaches are engaging students, hence are getting better results academically," said Bewick. "Getting better results academically" is based on current research being done in the field of education."

All nominations must be received by February 27, 2003. The recipient of this year's TREC Innovative Teacher Award will

be announced in May during Faculty Recognition Evening.

Previous winners of the Innovative Teacher Award include Dr. Andrea Frantz, Assistant professor of Communication Studies; Dr. Linda M. Paul, Associate Professor of Philosophy; Ms. Debra I. Chapman, Instructor of Biology; and Dr. Robert Heaman, Professor Emeritus of English.

The TREC Committee, the committee behind the Innovative Teacher Award, has been in existence for over 20 years. Members of this year's TREC Committee are Dr. Kristin Bewick, Assistant Professor of Education, Dr. Paola Bianco, Associate

Professor of Foreign Languages & Literatures, Dr. Nicole Sparano-Culhane, Assistant Professor of Pharmacy, Dr. John Natzke, Assistant Professor of Sociology & Anthropology, and Dr. Andrea Frantz, Assistant Professor of Communications.

Other members of this year's TREC Committee include Terry Holdren, Student Representative, and Dr. Vee Ming Lew, Associate Professor of Math & Computer Science and FAL Representative.

Students interested in honoring a professor through a letter or e-mail may indicate their name, but it is not required. Letters may be sent through campus mail (Breiseth Hall 306) or e-mail to Bewick at bewick@wilkes.edu.



The Beacon/Kristin Hake

Students were able to create their own Personacards for friends and family yesterday in the Student Center.

Look for upcoming events such as Balloon Man and a pool competition within the next week.

For a list of the full weeks activities, see the calendar on page 20.

## UConn Professor Visiting Wilkes

Dr. William Biggers from the Department of Molecular and Cellular Biology at the University of Connecticut will be visiting Wilkes' Campus on Monday, February 3.

At noon, Biggers will be presenting a seminar on the "Insights into the

Regulation of Crustacean Reproduction and Development by the Juvenile Hormone Methyl Faresoate." The presentation will be held in Stark Learning Center, room 359.

For more information, you can contact the Department of Biology at 4750.

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## Zen Meditation Offers Students Focus, Balance

BY GINGER ESLEICK  
Beacon Correspondent

Feeling good and maintaining focus is an essential key to success for college students. To help develop such focus and gain insight on life, Dr. Linda Paul, Wilkes University Associate Professor of Philosophy, will be conducting a forty-five minute meditation session each Tuesday at five o'clock in Fenner Hall.

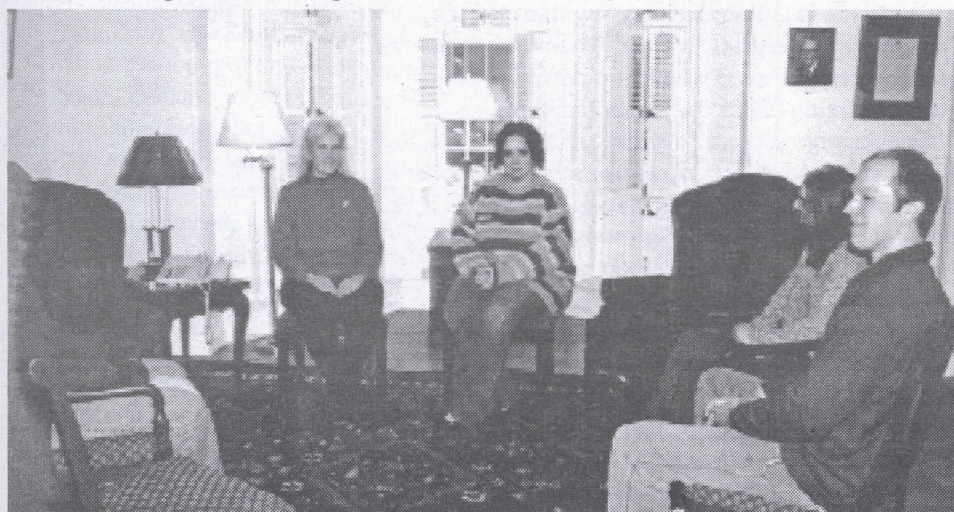
Paul lived in a Buddhist monastery for four months where Thiet Nhat Hahn taught her the Zen form of meditation. Paul decided to bring the meditation back to Wilkes with her so that she could continue to practice and teach others the meditation as well.

While there are a variety of ways to meditate, such as visualization, the Zen form of meditation focuses mainly on the breath. Assortments of guided breathing tech-

niques are used, which are intended to bring focus and a sense of calm to the practitioner.

Mark Gonsky, a senior Psychology major has been involved in Paul's Zen meditation for many months. "There is a definite difference before I sit down and after I get up. When you sit down it gives you time to deal with the issues that you think are important. When you get up you know how to deal with these issues better," said Gonsky.

Relaxation, which leads to better physical and emotional health, is another benefit of Zen meditation. In Paul's own words, "This is a practice one keeps on doing, the longer you keep doing it, the more benefits there are, which can produce some dramatic effects."



The Beacon/Mick Jenkins

The Zen meditation group begins their session in Fenner Hall. Focus, relaxation, and just "feeling good" are the essential benefits of the Zen form of meditation.

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will find it helpful."

Golaszewski also has had some input hands on into what the campus map and structure will look like. He wants it to look like it was there the same time the student union building was built. The structure is to match the colors and shape of Student Union Building. Also, this version of the map, unlike the current version, will include structures that are in between university buildings that do not belong to the university.

Not only will the maps be used around the campus, but they will also be used on the Internet and Wilkes marketing pieces. "The map goes beyond just a physical structure. We will be able to interact with it through the Internet, and it will be the new and up to date version used throughout the campus," said Maculloch.

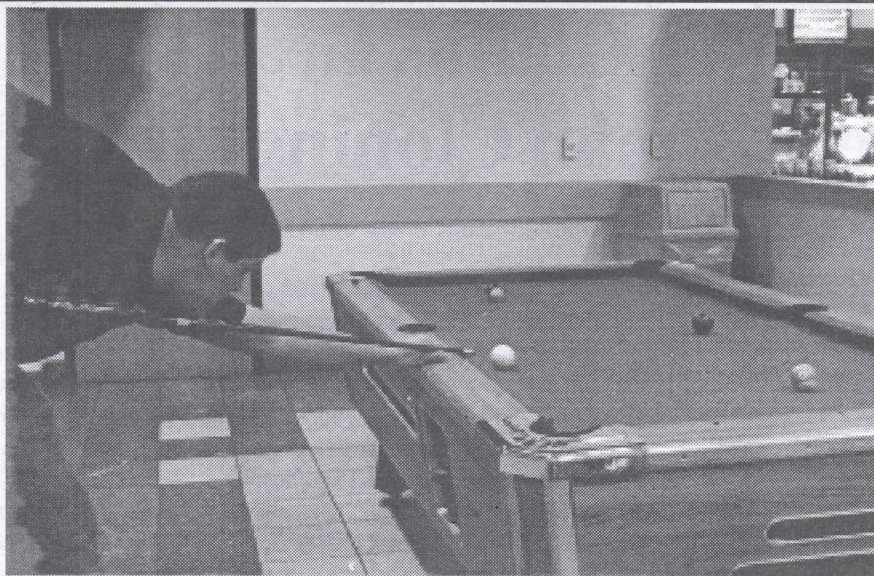
The version available on the Internet will be three-dimensional which can be used for the Wilkes web site and possibly a virtual tour of the campus. "The map on the Internet will be interactive so that when a student clicks the mouse on one of the

buildings, they will be able to see what is in the building and where it is located," Muculloch added.

"Everyone is really excited about the project and the response has been really positive," said Maculloch. "Sometimes students won't contribute money to a class gift because they don't see instant results. We set a time limit of about five years for each project. This gives us the time we need to get the money together, find an architect, and so on. We will be holding a dedication ceremony for the class of '98 and '99 during homecoming week this fall," she added.

According to Maculloch, there are still innumerable projects that future classes can tackle as their own senior gift to Wilkes.

"Possible gifts could be an arboretum around the John Wilkes statue, some new furniture in Stark Learning Center, or some trees and shrubs around the football field. All are gifts from students trying to leave their legacy at Wilkes University," Maculloch said.



Kristin Hake/The Beacon

Wilkes student uses the sole pool table in the Student Center. The heavy demand will soon be eased with a larger game room.

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Rifkin Café. Currently, only one pool table is available for play, with the other equipment locked in storage.

The Credit Union area is not nearly as large as the previous game room, and isn't big enough at the moment to fit both a pool table and a ping-pong table. However, Vice President of Finance Scott Byers has a plan to fix that. "The Credit Union is on an angle,

so we will be adding to the space and tearing out some closets to fix the problem."

The project is going up for bid for contractors within the next week, and according to Vice President of Student Affairs Paul Adams, "Construction is supposed to start shortly." Adams added, "The goal for completion is to have it finished when everyone gets back from spring break."

## D'oh! Cartoons Reign Supreme for Winter Weekend

BY GINA RESCINITI  
Beacon Correspondent

Winter Weekend is just around the corner and the Wilkes University Student Government is already in preparation for a fun-filled weekend of activities for the students to take part in February 20-22, 2003.

Last night Student Government announced the this year's theme: "Cartoons."

Winter Weekend is designed to allow students to let their hair down at a near midway point to the semester.

The two days are filled with games and activities hosted by the Student Government each year. It is

an opportunity for Wilkes University students to come together and compete for prizes, pullover fleeces, and bragging rights.

Student Government Advisor Donna Thornton explained, "This is a good opportunity for the students to enjoy the weekend alcohol-free. Last year, the teams enjoyed hot cocoa to keep their spirits up while participating in the events."

The events start off on Thursday, February 20, with the traditional canned food drive and dance. The dance is casual and will be held at the Student Union

Center that evening with a Disc Jockey.

Friday, the classic volleyball tournament will be held for teams to compete and earn points towards winning the weekend contest. Saturday, students will partake in a pie eating contest and tug-of-war at the Greenway to finish off the activities and events.

Jason Leach, Vice President of Student Government is acting as Chairperson for the event. "The more people that participate in Winter Weekend the better...It's a great tradition. There were

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- Donna Thornton  
Student Government Advisor

more than 200 people who participated last year and we would like to further increase the participation this year," Leach said.

To participate in Winter Weekend, students must compile a team of 10 females and 10 males for a total of 20 students. Once their team has been established, they can register at the Information Booth at the Student Union Center from Thursday, January 30th through Thursday, February 6th. A meeting concerning Winter Weekend will be held on February 6 at 11 a.m. in the Hiscox Meeting Room to discuss the various issues surrounding the event.



# Clonaid's Claims Lead to Debate Over Human Cloning

In the span of less than a month, the cult-linked company Clonaid has claimed to have successfully cloned not one, not two, but THREE humans (that's right, three humans).

Believable?

Well, let's take a few minutes to look at the facts.

On December 26, Clonaid CEO Brigitte Boisselier announced the birth of the "world's first female clone," affectionately dubbed "Eve" by the company. Allegedly, Eve was the first baby born of 10 implantations Clonaid did last year. And while five of the implantations failed, two more babies have already been born this month--another female on January 3, and most recently a boy just one week ago.

While Clonaid claims that all three babies were born healthy, not one of its assertions has been independently verified, meaning the company's claims have been met with widespread doubts. Furthermore, Clonaid has not provided any scientific details about how its babies were cloned. Instead it has relied on press conferences to describe the process, but never offered specifics or shown concrete DNA evidence.

For those who don't know, Clonaid was founded by the Raelian religious sect, which believes mankind was created by extraterrestrials through cloning 25,000 years ago. Obviously, this leaves the group open to criticism concerning the believability of their claims.

The idea of cloning has brought a fervor of mixed emotions among the American public. Many Christians feel that it is not humankind's place to be playing God--the cloning of human beings is going too far. Others wonder if perhaps cloning can bring back loved ones who were taken from this world too early. The question has been posed whether cloning is acceptable if only an organ is cloned for surgical purposes. We ask: if we start

cloning organs, where will it stop?

In the case of the Raeliens, they began their experimentation by taking the cells of a dead 10-month old boy whose parents hope to bring him back as a newborn. There is something fundamentally wrong with this. The boy died and despite how tragic and terrible his death was, he is no longer a part of this world. God, or whatever higher power is out there, has a plan and things happen for a reason; humankind is not intended to reverse the events of both nature and God.

those babies like test animals. Human beings will be discarded like simple scientific trash.

The leader of the Raeliens, former French journalist Claude Vorilhon, who now calls himself Rael stated, "I think opponents to cloning are more afraid of a healthy baby than of a handicapped child. They would be so happy the child will be handicapped, saying, 'Look, this is terrible, they are creating handicapped children.' Their utmost fear is to have a healthy, smiling baby, because then the public opinion will change completely and everybody will say, 'That's beautiful.'"

No Rael, we are not afraid of healthy babies, we are afraid of what happens when cloning goes wrong, because it is not merely handicapped children that are being produced.

Alto Charo, a University of Wisconsin bioresearcher stated to CNN sources, "I think it is an act of medical malpractice to do human reproductive cloning at this time, when animal data shows how very risky it is, how high the frequency is of miscarriage, stillbirth, birth defects and even late-in-life problems with other species, when we've been unsuccessful at doing this in our closest animal relatives, the primates."

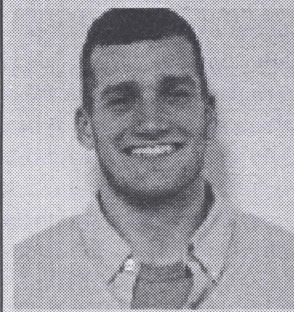
The production of gross human mutations in the name of cloning is preposterous. The opponents to cloning are not afraid of helping humanity. We are inclined to protect it from those who wish to play God in the name of medical and scientific advancement. The scientists so easily forget that they are dealing with human lives. They advance through trial and error, a process by which all scientific discoveries evolve, only this time they do so at the cost of untold human lives. The responsibility of human creation and destruction is meant for the one being which created us all--not mankind.

## Playoff System? Beacon Editorial

*The ideas and positions expressed in the editorial are those of the Editorial Board which is comprised of Managing Editor, Editorial Board Chair, News Editor, Features Editor, Arts and Entertainment Editor, Sports Editor, and Photo and Graphics Editor*

In a 2001 issue of *Time* magazine, columnist Nancy Gibbs reported, "The Raeliens say they have the lab and the scientists, and most importantly, considering the amount of trial and error involved, they say they have 50 women lined up to act as surrogates to carry a cloned baby to term." Considering that the first cloned baby is allegedly a female and not a boy it is fair to say that there were up to 50 failed attempts before the Raeliens achieved success? This concept is somewhat horrifying. Can you grasp the idea of 50 mistakes, of 50 failed attempts at life, of 50 dead newborn babies? Imagine if those 50 attempts were not quite complete failures. How will scientists deal with the genetic malformations and the physical defects? They will discard

## Let Loose the Dogs of War State of the Union Inspires This American



BY J.J. HANSON  
Beacon Assistant Sports Editor

President Theodore Roosevelt once said to Congress: "A just war is in the long run far better for a man's soul than the most prosperous peace." Over a century later his words ring true in the ears of millions of American citizens. The cry for war has been given; the call has been made. It is time for the citizens of this great country to follow our armed service men and women, and our commander and chief as they embark upon a righteous battle to protect the liberty, security, and integrity of this great nation.

In Tuesday's State of the Union address President George W. Bush outlined policies which will not only dramatically change the country but also the world in which we live. Before getting to the main topic of Iraq the President outlined plans for dramatic Medicare reform, a permanent income tax reduction, and the all too familiar problem of medical liability. Mr. Bush described his initiatives for a cleaner, healthier environment and plans to aid the homeless, the fatherless and the addicted. A personal high note came when the President asked Congress to commit \$15 billion over the next five years towards the fight against AIDS in Africa.

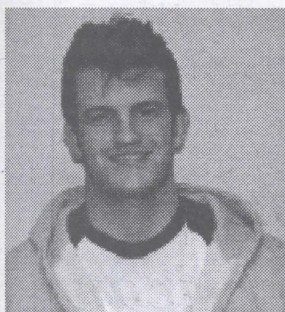
If the domestic policies that were proposed in the State of the Union are all enacted, President Bush will surely go down as the great leader we all pray he can be. The domestic agenda was one of compassion, care, and commitment to the downtrodden peoples of our nation and our world. But in times of peril such as the present people are less con-

cerned with the state of domestic affairs. I am sure that those watching the broadcast were much like me--eagerly waiting for the President's justification of a war with Iraq.

The President gave a strong and decisive argument as to why it is prudent that we disarm Iraq and remove the evil man who has oppressed so many. Biological weapons sufficient to produce over 25,000 liters of anthrax, 38,000 liters of botulinum toxin, 500 tons of mustard and VX nerve agent, upwards of 30,000 munitions able to deliver chemical agents, are among the arsenal of devastating and horrifying weapons that Iraq has failed to account for. These weapons are truly frightening in the hands of a brutal dictator but equate terror when wielded by the hand of al Qaida operatives. As President Bush tenaciously stated, "Imagine those 19 hijackers with other weapons and other plans--this time armed by Saddam. It would take one vial, one canister, one crate slipped into this country to bring a day of horror like none we have ever known."

The words of the President were decisive and should be taken into the heart of every American who loves liberty and enjoys the freedoms we all take for granted. It is time to unite and support our military, our President, our country, and our ideals. We have the opportunity to make the world a safer place for all of humanity and make tomorrow a bright day for our children. In closing I leave you with rousing words of a President whose resolve is great and conviction is greater, "In all these days of promise and days of reckoning, we can be confident. In a whirlwind of change, and hope, and peril, our faith is sure, our resolve is firm, and our union is strong."





BY CHAD ALTIERI  
Beacon Staff Writer

### He Said

Credibility is a key term for journalists. It is found in bold print upon all of their professional codes of ethics. Credibility is what good correspondents aim to achieve, and it is one of the factors upon which the public judges them.

A 1993 Gallop Poll found that less than one-third of Americans believed that reporters had high ethical standards. Not keeping a confidence when journalists promise it to sources will further raise the skepticism Americans seem to have about the field of journalism.

Trust is a major factor in terms of credibility. If a person cannot trust a reporter to keep a source anonymous when the anonymity has been promised,

that source and others who hear about it, will not confide in that journalist.

Many of us have heard the expression, "All you have in life is your word." As a journalist, if you give someone your word, it needs to be reserved.

Not only is it the right thing to do, but keeping sources' names out of the articles when it has been promised will also enhance the journalists' reputations.

Several years ago CBS analyst Connie Chung pledged to Newt Gingrich's mother that her comment that, "Hillary Clinton is a bitch" would be between them. Chung reneged on this promise, aired the segment, and the story became a firestorm. Chung was internationally criticized as a result.

This was not necessarily a case of keeping a source's name anonymous, but it distinctly shows the consequence of betraying someone's trust.

If a journalist reveals a source's name when he or she has promised not to, the act constitutes lying. Lying and manipulating someone's trust for the sake of a story is wrong. This deceit and utter betrayal by a journalist shakes the very foundation upon which their virtues rest.

### She Said

Many news stories would go unreported if it weren't for the help of leaks and unnamed sources. The "whistle-blowers" of our society are often the key piece of the puzzle when reporting scandalous issues. They help to give reporters the inside information that they need to deliver the message to the public and should therefore remain anonymous no matter what the circumstance.

I do believe that some newspapers do abuse the right to use an anonymous source to reveal some rousing news story.

And I also believe that some anonymous sources may have ulterior motives for delivering their information. But for the most part, unidentified sources are those who have insight to corruption and abuse. They need to remain unnamed in order to assure their safety from the repercussions that could occur from their choice to speak up.

What if "Deep Throat" had feared that Woodward and Bernstein would have given up his or her name? Would we have known about the tainted business taking place in our government? Anonymous sources are kept secret because they could suffer if their names were made public.

According to the bills in the House and Senate, "a three part test must be satisfied before a court can require a journalist to testify. The information must be 1. Relevant to the pending case 2. Unattainable through any other means and 3. Of compelling

BY AMANDA DARBENZIO  
Beacon Assistant Editorial Board Chair

interest. This helps journalists to argue against requiring a reporter to testify."

As a journalist you make a promise to protect the identity of your source. If you promise to grant them anonymity you should by all means follow through, no matter what the consequence. Yes, some journalists have been jailed for not revealing names, but their credibility remains high. If you disclose a source's name you can pretty much kiss your career goodbye.

So the next time you read about the latest scandal that was reported by an anonymous source think to yourself if you would take a risk and "blow the whistle" if there was a chance that your name could be made public.



## Your Voices

I write in response to JJ Hanson's opinion piece, "Who's Afraid of Affirmative Action?" It is my opinion that we all should fear the outdated practice of Affirmative Action, especially in the current case involving University of Michigan. The year is no longer 1965, and as an educated society we cannot turn a blind eye and go on acting as if our college admissions policies do not need a serious update.

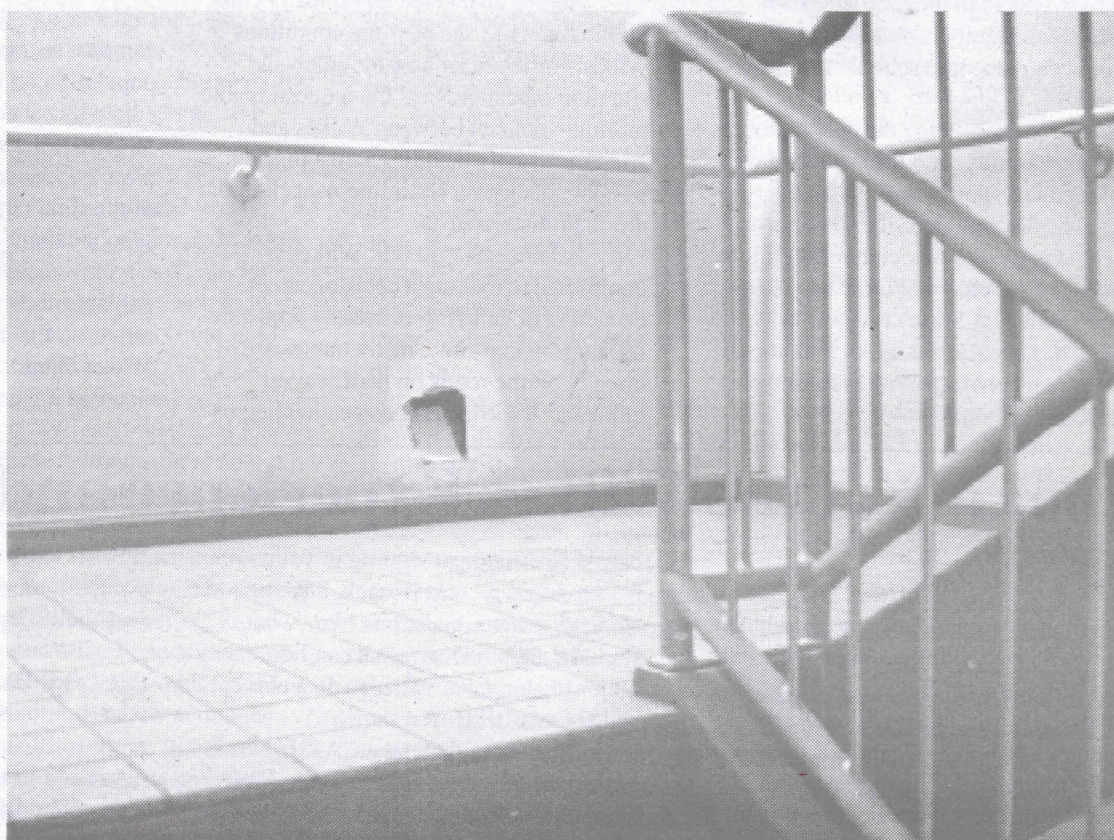
We live in a time when you need not be a white male and still be very successful, a time when you *can* be a white male and live in poverty in a collapsing city and attend the worst high school in the state. By giving students of ethnicity an extra boost colleges and employers are not helping those stuck in poverty stricken city cultures, nor are they helping to integrate the schools. Instead the policies are simply allowing the admittance of average students in place of hard-working students simply because they checked the

bonus box marked race on their application.

In this day with a plummeting economy if you are going to give anyone an extra boost, I believe it should be those students raised in poverty who were not exposed to the same resources and given the same advantages as others. Or do as other states have done and accept those students in the top percent of their class regardless of which high school, what their race, or any other outside factor other than they worked hard and persevered regardless of their situation.

The current system used by the University of Michigan and many, many other universities has got to go. Stop letting the black kid in because he's black. He went to the richest high school in the state. Try giving the white kid who hit his outdated, almost turned-to-dust textbooks every night a chance to get out of the sad state of poverty he grew up in.

Beth Rosenberg  
2002 Alum



The Beacon/Ryan Klemish

It took over seven million dollars to construct it, and one person's foot to destroy it. There has been a recent outburst of vandalism in the Student Center, and though personnel has fixed several of the problems, students are asked to show more respect for the school's property.



# Winter Weather Poses Challenge to Commuters

BY BRIDGET GIUNTA  
Beacon Features Editor

Jolted awake by the sound of the alarm clock, you stumble out of bed, ready for another busy day of classes. As you cross your room, you glance out the window and notice that an early morning snowstorm has turned the streets into a wintry mess.

For students of all ages, waking up to falling snow means the exciting possibility of cancelled classes and a relaxing day off. However, for many Wilkes University commuter students, the sight of a snowy scene in the morning can also bring about thoughts of a treacherous drive to campus.

Melissa Lasecki, a senior History major from Nanticoke, commutes to Wilkes every day and often struggles with the problem of the weather. She says, "I drive the Sans Souci Highway to get to Wilkes and the road is terrible when it snows. I've slipped and slid many times on my way to campus."

Lasecki's frustration is echoed by Catherine Klotz, a sophomore Early Childhood Education and Psychology major, who commutes approximately 30 minutes to get to campus.

Klotz explains, "Days that it snows are days that I regret being a commuter. Living on the mountain, conditions are usually worse than they are in Wilkes Barre... I constantly have to worry whether or not I can make it to school or make it home."

Commuters aren't the only members of the Wilkes family who find snowy days to be particularly worrisome.

The difficult decision to delay or cancel classes due to weather conditions falls on the shoulders of Dr. Paul Adams, Vice President of Student Affairs at Wilkes. Adams has been in charge of making this decision on behalf of Wilkes for the past five years.

"For probably four of those last five years, this decision has been made collaboratively with King's College and College Misericordia," said Adams. "Most students are aware that we have a common calendar with both institutions... We try to be consistent so that students who are moving from campus to campus are under basically the same conditions."

Adams explained that there is actually a lengthy process that goes behind canceling or delaying classes at Wilkes due to inclement weather.

The process starts days in advance, when he watches the weather forecast to keep an eye on what may be coming in the days ahead. "Usually if I'm anticipating a problem, I'm up at four o'clock [in the morning] to try to figure out what's going on," he said. "If the temperature seems to be good, or if it doesn't look like it's going to turn into something, then I'll go back to bed. If [the temperature's] not good, then I'm back up at five and I start to look at weather forecasts."

Interestingly, Adams explained, "Depending how bad it is, sometimes I'll go out and drive around."

Adams also noted he typically calls Public Safety to see how the conditions in Wilkes-Barre are, or how the sidewalk situation on campus is. On a questionable morning, contact between Wilkes and King's is usually made by 5:30 a.m., and possible decisions regarding cancellation are then discussed.

Adams stressed that Wilkes is committed to making a decision about canceling or delaying classes by 6:00 a.m. because by that time, many nurses are already on the roads on their way to clinicals. If the inclement weather begins



The recent wintry mix has created a variety of problems for commuter students attempting to get to class on time. **The Beacon/Ryan Klemish**

after 6:00 a.m., Adams must make a decision to close the school early, usually at noon.

Despite the consideration put into the University's decision to cancel, delay, or stay open, many commuters like Klotz still feel like Wilkes does not do enough to accommodate commuter students.

Klotz, who lives in Moscow, a town that is situated past Scranton, explained, "Just because the area where the school resides [has] good weather conditions doesn't say much for the surrounding areas."

According to Adams, there are approximately 1,100 Wilkes commuter students who live within two blocks of campus, so the majority of the commuter population is "right here." Adams acknowledged that the students who live within the 30 to 40 miles surrounding Wilkes-Barre often experience a variation in the severity of the weather; however, he said that the school cannot take every individual circumstance into account. That is why, he explains, they must make the decision based on the conditions in downtown Wilkes-Barre.

Many commuters, as well as resident

students rely on the Snow Hotline, which was instituted by Wilkes to inform students of delays or cancellations due to weather.

Adams also adds that Barbara King, Associate Dean of Student Affairs, is currently helping to develop another hotline, which is similar to the Snow Line. Using the Internet or telephone, students will be able to use a class cancellation hotline to find out if their individual instructor has cancelled his or her classes.

So what are students with a lengthy commute to do when the weather becomes troublesome, or even dangerous?

Adams explained, "I have never had a faculty person in all my years, who has not allowed a student who couldn't get here because of the weather to make up the work that he or she missed."

He advises students not to take chances on the roads if the weather is questionable and added, "The key message is that if you're a commuter who lives in Dallas, who lives in Tunkhannock, who lives in Clarks Summit, or wherever it may be, and you have a precarious situation, then please don't come."

## Looking at the Wilkes Experience and Beyond to the Job Market

BY KRISTEN BRADIGEN  
Beacon Assistant Features Editor

Some people know exactly what they want to do when they go to college, but most struggle even picking out a major. Realistically how can traditional-aged undergraduates (18-22 years old) know what choices to make during their academic career--especially those that are relevant to future work?

Students at Wilkes who struggle with developing a vision for a future vocation could turn to the Career Services Office, located in the Max Roth Center, for advice.

Carol Bosack, Director of Career Services, said that the office is there to guide students in making academic choices, which ultimately lead to the professional workforce they desire to be in.

"Basically, we do anything related to

career development starting in your freshman year," said Bosack. "We help students answer questions like, 'what should I major in?' or 'what can I do with a major in \_\_\_\_\_?' We also do a class called CAR 101 (for freshmen)."

Bosack said that the CAR 101 class guides students in their academic choices and helps advance them to where they want to be in the future.

Bosack added that students could take tests that match the individual's interests with the appropriate careers.

"There are other things called interest inventories, a testing in a sense, that will ask you things like 'which do you prefer... do you like, or dislike working in a laboratory, or singing in a choir, or counseling children?' Some are computer based; some are sit down and take them," said

Bosack. "This is to see what kind of occupations you can do once you get your personality code."

Bosack also mentioned a web-based test called Focus Career that students could take, but the student needs a password to register. Bosack said that students interested in this test could come to the Career Services office for their password.

Bosack emphasized that career tests aren't the only indicator that guides students towards their career goals. "I think the reason why we like people to come in (the office) is because people tend to believe that if you do a test on the web, that it will spit out an answer for you, and that is what you should do for the rest of your life. It's not like that," she said. "It might be just the general area in which you could work. There are some people that

say, 'I want to be a doctor.' But most people tend to be happy working in a cluster area."

"Say you're a communications major, you might be happy writing, or promoting, or producing, and it may not matter if you're in a non-profit organization, or a TV station, as long as you get the chance to write and be creative. So, what are jobs that allow you to write and be creative? You could be a public events coordinator, director of an agency, a market analyst, or a newspaper writer. There is often more than one thing that you could do."

Lisa Mulvey, the Career Development Coordinator of Career Services, added insight into some of the other services that Career Services extends to both Wilkes students and alumni.

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## IN THE SPOTLIGHT

### Super Bowl

**Kristin Derhunas**

**Year/Major:** Freshman Communication Studies  
**Hometown:** Coaldale, PA



**Q: What is in your CD player right now?**

**A:** CD player-mix of Ella Fitzgerald and Billie Holiday.

**Q: What team were you hoping would win the Super Bowl?**

**A:** Didn't care. Didn't watch it.

**Q: If there was one place you could be right now where would it be?**

**A:** HAWAII!

**Q: What is your favorite part of the winter?**

**A:** When it's warm enough that you can't tell it's winter.



**Alison Lynn Sherry**

**Year/Major:** Freshman/Communication Studies  
**Hometown:** Tunkhannock, PA

**Q: What is in your CD player right now?**

**A:** Jazz and blues compilation.

**Q: What team were you hoping would win the Super bowl?**

**A:** I really didn't care.

**Q: If there was one place you could be right now where would it be?**

**A:** One place I'd like to be that's warmer is on a cruise to the Bahamas.

**Q: What is your favorite part of the winter?**

**A:** The end of winter!

**Joel Berlatsky**

**Positionat Wilkes:** Professor of History  
**Hometown:** Lansdale, PA



**Q: What is in your CD player right now?**

**A:** Nothing.

**Q: What team were you hoping would win the Super Bowl?**

**A:** I did not care.

**Q: If there was one place you could be right now where would it be?**

**A:** London, England

**Q: What is your most favorite part of the winter?**

**A:** When it ends!

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"It's all in the preparation," said Mulvey. "[We help] them [students/alumni] to make sure that they have a good resume, and a good cover letter."

Mulvey also stressed the importance of interviewing skills that students must practice in preparation for a job or internship interview.

"We offer mock interviews, and we have very few students ever take us up on them," said Mulvey. "A lot of times, students have never been in a professional interview, and they don't know what to expect. It's an excellent tool to see what it is like."

Bosack encourages students to bring their resumes in for a preview.

"Sometimes students will go to places and get their resumes typed up and printed out, and I'll notice a blatant thing that is unclear, and they end up paying a lot of money," said Bosack. "We could help students do this, and they could get paper at CVS and print it for \$5, and keep changing it. It's amazing how critical a good resume is because that is the first piece of paper that a future employer looks at."

Mulvey cautioned that the Career Services staff can't literally get students a job once they graduate, but they could help students become aware of job openings in the market.

"We can't do actual job placement because it is not actually feasible," said Mulvey. "So, what we do is any announcement that we get, we put on our website (careers@wilkes.edu), and it's password protected, so it's only for Wilkes [students/alumni]. We also have an e-mail list if you want to receive job announcements. But it's up to the student to send out their resumes and apply for them. They just need to come over and fill out a registration card, and let us know what kind of job they are looking for. And we also have campus recruiting. We try to get organizations and companies to come to campus and do interviews right here in our building. Students can sign up and come over between classes."

So, as this year's seniors look ahead to graduation and launching the big job search, and this year's underclassmen ponder their futures beyond Wilkes, is there one major piece of advice the Career Services staff offers?

For freshman and sophomores, Bosack said, "Develop good study habits, get involved,

count out the government because you don't think it's glamorous, or because it doesn't pay enough."

Bosack added, "If you could attend any job fairs and meet any human resources people personally, that is important."

Bosack said that the job fair for Wilkes students will be held on



**The Beacon/Mick Jenkins**

The Career Services office is located in the Max Roth Center, and provides students looking for jobs and internship with assistance.

and get as much experience as you can. Find out what you don't like and what you do like. Join a club; I think it makes you a well-rounded person."

For juniors, Bosack said, "Do a professional internship and continue doing what you're doing (at school). Phil Ruthkosky works with students specifically to start internships for academic credit. A lot of students don't realize that they could replace a class with an internship."

Ruthkosky's office is also located in the Max Roth Center on campus.

For seniors, Mulvey said, "Come see us early. We can help target employers, prepare for interviews, and give information on the companies, resumes, and cover letters. We also help with graduate schools."

Bosack stressed, "It's so important to get advice on your whole career development early. You have to think about what makes you special on that piece of paper."

For May 2003 graduates, Mulvey offers some insight on just what to expect, and how to prepare.

"(There's) a lot of competition for few jobs," said Mulvey. "The government is hiring like crazy in every state, so don't

March 27, 2003 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the First Union Arena. She mentioned that 1,900 employers were invited, and she's estimating at least 140 of them to show. Mulvey added that students who attend the job fair should dress professionally and have copies of their resume handy.

Bosack also mentioned that there will be a CAR 101 class for juniors and seniors to be offered next fall for credit.

"Next fall, there's going to be a CAR 101 class for seniors, or even juniors about reality 101--job hunting skills, getting your resume done, internet job search, and how to negotiate salary and benefits if you do get an offer," said Bosack.

However, Bosack would really like students to get involved early on with Career Services because they want to help students in every way that they can.

"I think sometimes students avoid coming in here because they don't know what they want, or they're confused. But that's what we're here for--to help them make sense."

For more information about Career Services, contact Bosack at ext. 4060, or Mulvey at ext. 4064.



# Wilkes Student Leaders to Attend Nashville Conference

BY BECKY HILBORN  
Beacon Correspondent

A balloon man on stilts, a hypnotist, and a red-headed comedian. What do these people have in common? No, not the circus! They are all entertainers who came to Wilkes University thanks to the savvy student leaders who picked the acts from scores of options offered at the NACA Conference.



Sarah Bogusko

NACA stands for the National Association for College Activities Conference. The conference is an out-of-state leadership camp where college students who are heavily involved in Student Government or other similar clubs go to learn new ideas that help to their respective colleges experience fun.

Three students from Wilkes' Student Government and four students from the Programming Board will be attending the conference this February in Nashville, Tennessee.



Ryan Patchell

Sophomore Julia Buss, Freshman Kelly Leach, and Junior Elise Hiley will represent the Student Government, and Junior Sarah Bogusko, Freshman Katie Morton, Freshman Kris Kostura, and



Katie Morton

Freshman Ryan Patchell will attend from the Programming Board.

The students who are attending the conference were picked by the Student Government and the Programming Board based on interest and board member status. Jeff Brittain, President of the Programming Board, explained how the five members from Programming Board were chosen to attend the conference, "Every event we held they have been there to help out."



Kris Kostura

Each year the Wilkes students attending the conference attend leadership sessions. The sessions include topics like "how to be a successful leader" and "how to get people involved." In the afternoon, the students go to showcases that last three hours. The showcase is where the students sit and watch bands, magic shows, comedians and much more. These shows give student attendees an ideas for how to enhance entertainment on their own campuses. All of the showcase performers are eligible to be hired by colleges and

perform their special talent.

At night, the students attend the marketplace where a few hundred stands are set up for attendees to walk around and talk with the different performers they have just watched and their booking agencies. Whether they be a guest speaker on a specific topic or a company that sells wax hands, they are there for the students to consider.



Elise Hiley

Last year Selena Bendnarz, a junior Mathematics major and President of Student Government, attended the conference where she met Puck and David

from the MTV Real World cast. Of the conference Bednarz said, "[It's] a lot of fun and educational, too."

Brittain is also a two-year veteran of the NACA conference. He claimed his experiences at the NACA conference were always good ones. "I loved it; I met different people from across the country," he said.



Julia Buss

Brittain also went on to say that the conference will help take members of the club the extra step to being a board member.

The Oxygen Bar was one of the

stands picked to come to Wilkes at last year's conference, and will be on the second floor of the Student Union Building in mid-February. Its premise is to encourage a natural and healthy "high."

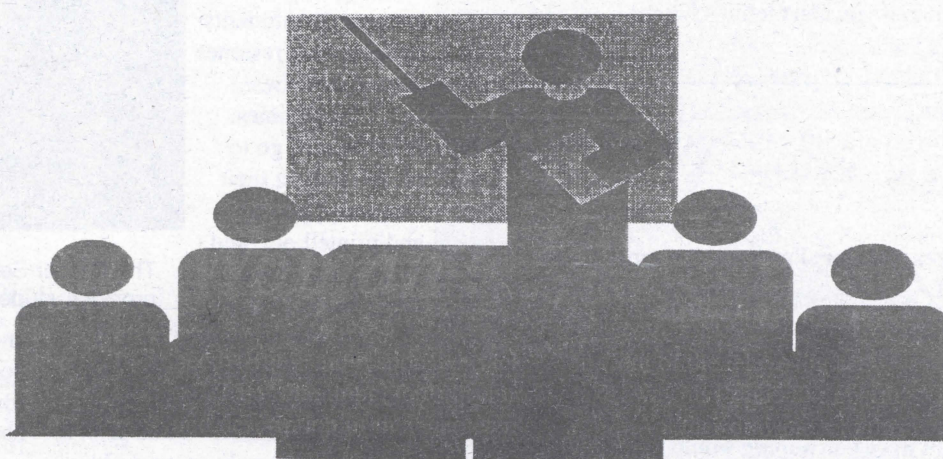


Kelly Leach

Students can put tubes in their noses that filter ninety-seven percent oxygen into the body. Some claim the experience makes the user feel refreshed and energized.

The Oxygen Bar is just one of the hundreds of stands that could one day visit Wilkes University thanks to the NACA Conference and the students who attend.

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## R&J: Towson Students Provide Night of Passion

BY RAPHAEL COOPER  
Beacon Assistant Arts & Entertainment Editor

On a blistering cold Thursday, *R&J*, the all-male adaptation of *Romeo and Juliet* from Towson University packed the Henry Student Center Ballroom to capacity.

Wilkes University Provost Dr. Maravene Loeschke kicked off the occasion with a hearty welcome to all who attended on the bone-chilling January night. Loeschke also pointed out how *R&J* is just one in a series of diversity performances to hit the Wilkes campus as the Towson Dance Company will also grace the stage later this semester.

As Loeschke left the floor, the bell rang and the four polished thespians from Towson University--Jurgen Hooper, Paul Wissman, James Flanagan, and John Miller--went to work.

With minimal space, props, and costuming, the cast captivated the audience from go. A finely tuned machine, the four-some performed with precision and syncopation, simply taking the audience through the robotics of the school day and the social programming of the male adolescents. When school adjourned, the boys took to the script of *Romeo and Juliet* where the real action began.

All four actors controlled the entire stage and played well to all parts of the audience. It was as if they were on wheels, moving fluidly across stage. This was not as easy a task as it appeared.

"Well we got here and got to check out the space about an hour before the show and that's about all we needed," said Towson actor Paul Wissman.

Wissman and company appeared to adapt just as easily to

their audience as they did the foreign stage, having fun and eliciting frequent smiles from the audience especially early on in the performance.

The acting was so intense that by the end of the first act, James Flanagan--who turned in a particularly stunning performance--was dripping with sweat.

What the four also conveyed was conviction and passion for each other as well as Shakespeare's words. Never at any point was there an awkward moment or awkward kiss. While some within the audience might have been uncomfortable about the same-sex kiss/love, the actors worked with ease to



The Beacon/Kristin Hake

Provost Maravene Loeschke (left) poses with the cast of *R&J*. From L-R: James Flanagan, Jurgen Hooper, Paul Wissman, and John Miller.

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## Where is the Virtue in A Virtuous Woman?

BY ELVIRA ILLIANO  
Beacon Staff Writer

Kaye Gibbons, who is best known for her Award-winning novel *Ellen Foster*, tries to again win over her loyal, highly-expectant audience with another sad love story entitled *A Virtuous Woman*.

At the early age of twenty, Ruby Pitt Woodrow, daughter of prosperous farmers, meets a tenant farmer twenty years her senior, Blinking Jack Stokes.

After her experience in a very destructive relationship with a womanizing alcoholic, Ruby escapes and gradually gets close to this seemingly gentle, yet not-so-gorgeous farmer. Regardless of his appearance and her dependent character, love slowly emerges.

Gibbons' attempt to create another successful love story doesn't happen quite as effectively as she would hope. In fact, there are many flaws in her novel beginning with the seemingly great relationship between the

needy Ruby and responsive Jack.

For one thing, the storyline and description of the characters is inconsistent.

Based on the title alone, *A Virtuous Woman*, the reader comes to expect the female protagonist to be "virtuous": a woman of high morals who is honest with her emotions and takes pride in her

self worth. Unfortunately, Ruby is not close to that description. On the contrary, she is presented as a somewhat weak woman who is incapable of being independent and therefore searches for, as Gibbons states, "someone to

take care of her."

Jack, too, is fairly contradictory: the author tells the reader he is a gentle, hard-working farmer yet, throughout the story, he is often presented as "mean." His "loud talking" and list of ways of staying away from a woman ("...stay drunk, stay at work, stay

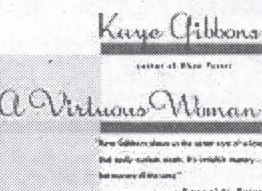
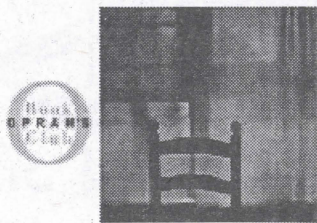
in front of the television set") take away his Prince-like charm.

Another drawback to this novel is the description of the relationship between Ruby and Jack.

Gibbons does not effectively develop the chain of events leading to the marriage of the two lovebirds. Awkwardly, the author moves almost hastily from Ruby and Jack's initial encounter to their matrimony. By decisively making this move, their relationship does not seem as real or solid as the audience would expect, given their histories.

Even though there are gaps in Gibbons' novel, *A Virtuous Woman* is easy to read. The language is for the most part comprehensible and the alternate narration between Ruby and Jack keeps the reader interested as much as possible.

Easy flow and change of narration is about all this book has going for it. I would not recommend this book unless you like confusing love stories with questionable credibility. I would have expected more from award-winning author Gibbons. Now if you would excuse me, I am going to go read a real book!

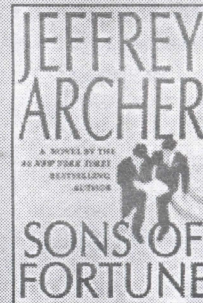


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# Popular Culture Paves the Way for Study of the Mundane

BY JOHN SEEWER  
AP Wire Service

Does wallpaper reflect how society has evolved? Do comic books hold the key to enlightenment?

Ray Browne thinks so.

Browne, 81, is a pioneer in the study of popular culture—a phrase he is credited with coining. The now-retired Bowling Green State University professor in 1972 developed the first—and only—academic department devoted to studying what he calls the "people's culture."

Browne for decades has worked to convince academics that seemingly insignificant elements of our lives provide a snapshot of society.

"Culture is everything from the food we've always eaten to the clothes we've always worn," he said.

Much can also be learned from bumper stickers and cartoons, he said. He has written more than 70 books on popular culture—including the *Guide to United States Popular Culture*.

Browne stopped teaching in 1990, but he still spends time researching and writing on campus. He's working on five books, including a popular culture textbook.

Browne, whose gray hair and suits don't distinguish him from other campus professors, said he made a mistake in 1967 when he came up with the phrase "popular culture."

"If I had called it everyday culture or Democratic culture, it would not have been so sharply criticized," he said.

Universities for centuries eschewed the study of popular culture, said Robert Thompson, director of the Center for the Study of Popular Television at Syracuse University.

"Ray Browne and few others began to realize how silly that was," Thompson said. "One of the great ways to open up the secrets of our lives is to look at things we use by choice."

"If you're going to understand our history, you also better understand about lawn ornaments, holiday songs and comic books."

Professors at universities nationwide thought Browne, an English professor, was trying to demean or trivialize what they were teaching when he founded the popular culture department.

That wasn't the case, he said.

His interest was rooted in finding out how society affects culture and how culture affects society.

Dozens of schools now offer classes rooted in popular culture.

At least once a week, Browne thinks of a new subject to explore, some are a little more off the wall than others. Usually he'll call a colleague and pitch the idea, often without luck.

A few weeks ago, he came up with how Western cowboy movies influence the Americanizing of immigrants.

"I can't do a book on everything I think of," he said. "That's another great idea that will never amount to anything."

Another book he is still waiting on is a history of wallpaper. He can't find anyone

interested and doesn't have the time or expertise, he said.

"The covering of walls has been one of the most important items in housing since the beginning," Browne said. "But nobody ever wrote a book on it."

There is something artistic about the thousands of patterns that adorned walls throughout history, he said.

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Browne, who grew up during the Depression and remembers that walls were covered with comic strips and newsprint.

"Wallpaper became popular in 19th century around the Civil War. It was a way for the rich to distinguish their housing from the poor."

Although interest in the study of popular culture has grown, Browne said he and others still face battles.

Just last summer, Bowling Green shut down the Popular Press, an independent publishing unit that Browne founded. The university decided it was becoming too costly and sold it to the University of Wisconsin.

And in early January, Browne filed a lawsuit against the university's foundation, saying it never used \$42,000 he donated to enhance the popular culture program he created.

University officials said they can't comment on the lawsuit.

"I'm still pushing the rock up the hill," Browne said.

Browne still receives dozens of new books each week to review and digest. They are stacked on chairs and piled in corners at his office inside the university's library.

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- Ray Browne  
Study of Popular Culture

The books are about the history of domestic advice, Shakespeare-inspired mysteries and newspaper coverage of women's executions. Underneath that stack is a weighty three-volume set on the history of food and culture.

"We get the strangest damn things," he said with a wry smile while grabbing a book about popular Russian songs titled "Songs for Fat People."

"I bet that's interesting," he added with amusement.

Some, more interesting, than others.

"We have a book a day on Abraham Lincoln," he said. "Those are fine, but isn't it maybe a waste of paper or a waste of trees just to redo those again?"



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make every moment, every scene flow and appear natural. The result was that the Wilkes community was treated to not only an outstanding theater experience, but also offered a lesson in diversity.

The other story of the night was student director Michel Caloia. Caloia's direction was key in the remarkable conveyance and performance of the Towson University players. After the show, Caloia commented on the evening and the entire quest that this play has put them on.

"At the ACTF (American College Theater Festival) people would come up to

hour before the performance, but they were also performing with minimal props and costuming. But perhaps most importantly, the ensemble cast was also performing *R&J*--a play about young men in love. In today's homophobic society where this script could be viewed as taboo, the four actors, with their heads up and abilities honed, brought their gifts to Wilkes University like true professionals. They seemed to believe in themselves and believe in their cause.

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- Steven Satta  
Faculty Advisor of R&J

us and would say 'thank you for doing this.' They really like how genuine and true it is to the art form. Sometimes theater can get too bogged down in the technical elements but all we had were four cubes, a cloth, and Shakespeare's words. It really allowed us to show what the acting is about."

Steven Satta, the faculty advisor, also pointed out the liberating element of *R&J*. "I feel it really opened dialogue through content, gender and a discussion of many things. It showed theater as an element of social growth."

It appeared these four players had everything going against them in order to turn out the fine performance they did. Not only were they introduced to the stage an

hour before the performance, but they were also performing with minimal props and costuming. But perhaps most importantly, the ensemble cast was also performing *R&J*--a play about young men in love. In today's homophobic society where this script could be viewed as taboo, the four actors, with their heads up and abilities honed, brought their gifts to Wilkes University like true professionals. They seemed to believe in themselves and believe in their cause.

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The talented foursome have already advanced to the final round of the ACTF and achieved something greater than just a top-notch performance. The performance took the Wilkes audience back to the authenticity of the Shakespearean era where gender was not a factor and males played roles of females. What these Shakespearean thespians achieved was an eye-opening experience for all of the audience to take in. Thursday, January 23, was a night of great acting, great directing, and a great experience for all who witnessed the power and passion of *R&J*.

### This Week in Entertainment History

**January 30, 1998** - A modernization of Charles Dickens' classic story *Great Expectations*, starring Ethan Hawke and Gwyneth Paltrow, opened in United States movie houses to mixed reviews.

**January 31, 1982** - In Los Angeles, California, actress Sandy Duncan gave her final performance as "Peter Pan." Duncan, blind in one eye, had given 956 performances without missing a show. On stage, she flew a total of 261.5 miles.

**February 1, 1968** - Elvis Presley celebrated the birth of his daughter, Lisa Marie; who would go on to marry and divorce Michael Jackson in the 1990s.

**February 2, 1893** - The Edison Studio, of West Orange, New Jersey, the motion picture studio named and operated by Thomas Edison, filmed the first motion picture close-up. It recorded comedian Fred Ott sneezing.

**February 3, 1996** - Rap artist Queen Latifah was stopped by a California Highway Patrol officer and arrested for reportedly possession of a concealed, loaded handgun, possession of marijuana, and speeding as she was traveling west on Interstate 10. Pending the results of a sobriety test, she could have also faced DUI charges.

**February 4, 1953** - Dean Martin and Jerry Lewis took a dramatic turn when they starred in the film, *The Stooge*, premiering at the Paramount Theatre in New York City.

**February 5, 1953** - Lucille Ball and Desi Arnaz excitedly received their first of several Emmy Awards at the 4th Annual Emmy Awards banquet in Los Angeles. *I Love Lucy* won for Best Situation Comedy and Lucille Ball won for Best Comedian.

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BY MELISSA GALLUP  
Beacon Staff Writer

## Tasty Tidbits

Sure, we are all familiar with the traditions of our New Year's celebrations, but what about the second most famous new year...The Chinese New Year? On February 1, 2003, the Year of the Goat begins--a year numbered 4701 on the Chinese lunar calendar. The holiday ushers in a 10-day period when families and friends exchange token gifts, give children red envelopes with "pocket money," and reunite over extravagant feasts.

Tradition dictates that an even number of courses--often eight, ten or 12--be served at the meal, because multiples of two represent double happiness and fortune. Nearly every dish on the table, and nearly every ingredient in each dish, is loaded with meaning. So, this year, enjoy some new traditions with your family and give your luck an extra boost by celebrating the Chinese New Year.

### Mandarin Noodles with Sauteed Tenderloin and Vegetables

Recipe courtesy Wolfgang Puck

1 tablespoon peanut oil  
3 tablespoons unsalted butter  
6 ounces tenderloin steak, cut into thin strips  
1/2 cup julienned mixed vegetables, such as carrots, asparagus  
1 ounce enoki mushrooms  
1/2 cup quartered shiitake mushroom caps  
1 tablespoon chopped scallions  
1 tablespoon chopped ginger  
1 tablespoon chopped garlic  
Salt and freshly ground black pepper  
1/3 cup plum wine  
1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon  
2/3 cup beef stock  
2 cups cooked Chinese egg noodles  
2 tablespoons rice wine  
8 to 10 endive leaves  
2 tablespoon chopped green onion

In a large skillet or wok, heat the peanut oil and one tablespoon of butter. Over high heat, add the tenderloin strips and lightly sear on all sides. Remove the meat from the pan and set aside. Add the vegetables, enoki and shiitake mushrooms, scallion, ginger, and garlic and cook for three minutes. Season with salt and pepper, to taste.

Deglaze the pan with plum wine, add the cinnamon and reduce by half. Add the beef stock and continue to reduce until slightly thickened. Whisk in the remaining two tablespoons butter. Add the cooked noodles, the reserved meat, and the rice wine, and just heat through. Correct seasoning, to taste.

Place the endive around the edges of a large platter. Spoon the steak, noodles, and sauce in the center of the endive and garnish with chopped scallions. Serve immediately.

### Sesame Green Beans

Recipe courtesy Rachael Ray

1 1/2 pounds green beans, washed and trimmed  
1 tablespoon wok or vegetable oil, 1 turn of the pan in a slow stream  
1 teaspoon dark sesame oil, several drops or a drizzle  
1/2 teaspoon crushed red pepper flakes  
2 tablespoons toasted sesame seeds (a handful)  
Coarse salt

Steam green beans covered in 1/2-inch boiling water for two minutes. Transfer beans to a colander and run under cold water. Drain well.

Heat a wok shaped skillet or large nonstick frying pan over high heat. Go once-around-the-pan with wok or vegetable oil, add several drops sesame oil, and crushed pepper flakes. The pan will smoke. Add beans and stir-fry for two minutes. Add sesame seeds and coarse salt and toss to coat beans evenly.

For more tasty recipes, visit:  
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## Wilkes Blasts Through the Waynesburg Duals

BY WILL MIDGETT  
Beacon Staff Writer

Wilkes stampeded through the Waynesburg Duals on Saturday and came out 4-0 on the day. There were four other teams at the duals, including host Waynesburg College whom Wilkes demolished 46-4. Wilkes hit a wall when it faced Thiel College, but managed to come out with the win.

Along with Waynesburg and Thiel, the Wilkes wrestlers also had the pleasure of dismantling R.I.T. and Muskingum College. Wilkes only gave up one match to Waynesburg at the 149 spot. The Colonels received wins from sophomore Jeremy Mayer (125), freshman Ricky Simon (141), sophomore Rex Harris (174), and a pair of falls from juniors Fritz Delva (165) and Jon Neyerlin (184). The team also got help from

two forfeits at 197 and 285 and a win by injury default at 133.

Rex Harris and Jon Neyerlin both recorded four wins apiece on the day. Harris proved his abilities on Saturday after having been out with a sprained MCL for ten days. "Rex was key to this weekend," said head coach Alan Zellner. "The kid sucked it up and took the trip. He's a very

powerful wrestler."

Freshman Eric Bleich (197) and Senior Cory Fleisher (285) earned themselves three wins as well. Bleich was suffering on Saturday from a case of strep throat and only competed in three of the four matches. Neyerlin then filled Bleich's spot against Thiel. "Our 197 pounder was sick," explained Neyerlin. "Coach gave him a break and bumped me up."

Against Muskingum Wilkes got support from junior John Muscarella (133) with a 17-5 major decision and wins from junior Jed Starnier (149) and freshman Sean Davies (165). Wilkes ended up beating Muskingum 27-9, and also pounded on R.I.T. for a 37-8 victory.

The biggest challenge of the day came from Thiel College. After starting the match losing the first five matches and being down 24-0, Wilkes rallied from behind to overcome Thiel 27-24. "That's the most we have ever been behind," said coach Zellner. "That's what it's all about...Most kids would fold in that situation."

Wilkes was able to beat Thiel with the help of two forfeits, a 5-2 win from Neyerlin, and two falls from Harris and Fleisher. Wilkes is able to come back from deficits like this because of the strength of the heavier weight classes. "The last five weight classes is where our strongest wrestlers are," commented Zellner.

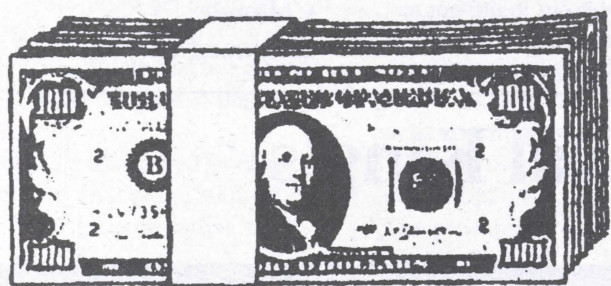
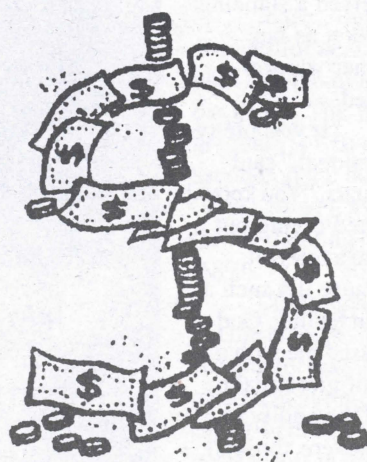
With the Waynesburg Duals under their belts, the team improves their overall record to 12-6. The Colonels still have plenty of matches left on their schedule. The MAC duals will be held Saturday, February 1, at Lycoming College.

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## Colonels Dethrowne King's

BY DENNIS FERENCHICK  
Beacon Editorial Board Chair

On an evening set aside to honor the greatest basketball player in school history, there was another Dave who held the spotlight by night's end.

With former Wilkes standout Dave Januzzi looking on after having his number retired prior to the game, Junior Dave Plisko poured in a game-high 23 points and grabbed five rebounds as Wilkes University defeated cross-town and conference rival King's College 77-64 on Wednesday

night at the Marts Center.

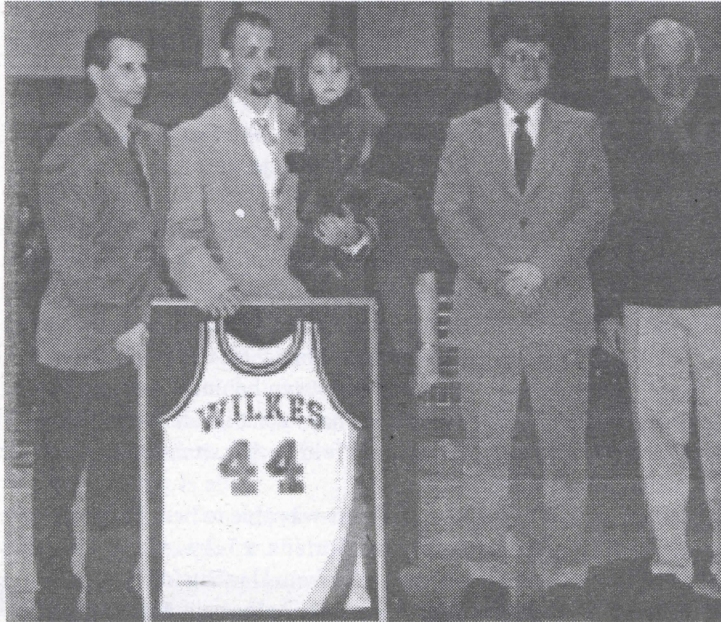
Freshman Rashawn Pressley added 14 points and five boards for Wilkes which beat the Monarchs for the first time since the 2000-01 season.

With the victory, the Colonels improve to 13-5 and 4-3 in the Freedom Conference. The Monarchs fall to 12-6 overall and 5-2 in conference.

Before tip-off, Januzzi was honored for his outstanding accomplishments during his career as a Wilkes athlete. Standing at center court with Coach Jerry Rickrode,

Wilkes President Tim Gilmour, and his family, Januzzi received a standing ovation as his banner was unveiled.

"It was pretty emotional," said Januzzi. "You know I started crying out there a little bit, because it's such a great feeling. God blessed me with a lot of great health and the ability to persevere through some tough times to get where I am today, and to be fortunate enough to do what I've done."



The Beacon/Mick Jenkins

Wilkes Alum Dave Januzzi had his number retired before Wednesday's game. He becomes the fourth athlete in Wilkes history to earn this honor.



The Beacon/Mick Jenkins

Dave Plisko drives to the lane in Wednesday's game.

Januzzi joins football players Joe Weindl Jr. and Ted Yeager, and women's basketball standout Sandra Bloomberg as the only Wilkes athletes to have their numbers retired.

"It's one of those ultimate accomplishments," Januzzi added. "It's something that you really don't set out to do, but at the same time you sort of do. When you come into a place you really want to leave

your mark on it, and I left my mark—whatever that may be. And I know it will be here for the rest of the time this gym is up."

Down 16-9 with 15 minutes remaining in the first half, Wilkes caught fire.

Junior Phil Bonczewski buried a three to cut King's lead to four and 30 seconds

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## Lady Colonels Fall to Cross-town Rival King's

BY J.J. HANSON  
Beacon Assistant Sports Editor

The Marts Center was packed with energized spectators last evening, as the Lady Colonels hosted the annual bout with cross-town rival King's College.

But this year's match was one unlike the lady ballers have seen in over five seasons. An impressive 11-5 start by the Lady Colonels and the skills of former Berwick star and nationally recognized senior Whitney Bull created an aura of excitement and anticipation at the Wilkes gym. Unfortunately, the drastic improvement of the Lady Colonels was not enough to overcome the 8th ranked Lady Monarchs.

The Lady Colonels came out strong in the first period. The first blow of the night was struck by sophomore Andrea DeMaranville, when she scored on a layup off an assist from Bull. Wilkes kept on the pressure with 8:57 left in the first half, when they enjoyed a 22-14 lead over the Monarchs. This would be the closest the Wilkes ballers would come to victory.

A King's layup by Beth Jordan brought the score up to 22-16. Jordan was followed up by Nikki Kingston, and Jen Wozniak who each scored two to make the

score 22-20. Jordan tied things up with 5:57 left in the half when she scored two off an assist from Katie Bowes.

The Colonels were unable to take back the lead in the first half and entered the locker room down by the score of 34-32. The Lady Colonels were apparently feeling the stress from their lack of depth with two starters out due to season ending injuries.

The second half brought little relief to the languishing Lady Colonels. Five minutes into the second period, King's jumped out to a 49-37 lead. The deficit was too large a gap for the ailing Lady Colonels to overcome. The final score was King's 79, Wilkes 69.

The loss drops the Lady Colonels to 11-6 (overall), 3-4 (Freedom Conference), while King's improves to 15-2 (overall), 6-1 (Freedom Conference).

The top scorer for Wilkes was Whitney Bull who was 5 for 12 from the floor and Alicia Woodruff who hit 5-of-8 from the floor and hit 2-of-2 from behind the 3-point line.

Kikki Kingston led the Monarchs hitting 9 of 13 from the floor for a total of 19 points. Close behind Kingston was Wozniak hitting 9-of-18 for a total of 18 points.



The Beacon/Mick Jenkins

Whitney Bull looks to make a pass during Wednesday's game.



# DeMaranville Lights up a New Court

BY KYLA CAMPBELL  
Beacon Staff Writer

Last season, the women's basketball team finished with a record of 8-16 mainly a result of lack of team speed. However, the addition of transfer Andrea DeMaranville, coupled with a more cohesive unit, has

playing time at DeSales as a freshman last year, and she became a starter in mid-season. However, the Wilkes atmosphere was a better fit. "I feel more comfortable with academics here," said DeMaranville, an Elementary Education and Psychology major. "It's also nice to be closer to home."

young and fresh out of school, so we're on the same page. Everything just balances out."

DeMaranville feels that her Wilkes teammates made transferring a smooth changeover. She found a familiar face in freshman Sarah Kopko, with whom she played in AAUs.

The team's connection is obvious this season, and DeMaranville credits others with success, especially fellow post-player, senior Whitney Bull. "We click together very well on the court," said DeMaranville. "I read her very well, and she reads me, too. We're a good post combination."

In fact, Bull and DeMaranville account for nearly half of the team's points, with DeMaranville averaging 14.1 points per game. The Wyoming Valley West graduate is first on the team in steals (41), second on the team in field goal shooting (41%), as well as third on the team in free throw shooting (68%).

DeMaranville led the team in scoring for six games, including a career-high 31-point effort in an 81-69 win over FDU-Florham. She also had six rebounds, three assists, and three steals in the contest. The five-foot-nine forward also led the team in scoring their first two wins of the season, earning MVP honors for the Cabrini College Tournament.

DeMaranville was forced to play her ex-teammates from DeSales in a January 15 matchup. "It was really hard to play against [them]," she said. "We knew each other's moves. They knew exactly what I would do." She also played against former Wyoming Valley West teammate Leslie Livingstone when the Lady Colonels played Misericordia. Each of the ex-Spartans led their teams in scoring for that contest. "It was different playing against her," DeMaranville added. "But, not as weird as playing DeSales."

It was one step for DeMaranville to get used to the differences between high school and college basketball, but Wilkes provided another challenge. "I was used to playing with upperclassmen, but now I'm used to playing with the freshmen on the team," she said.

DeMaranville has enjoyed her change into the old gold and navy blue uniform and hopes for continued success.



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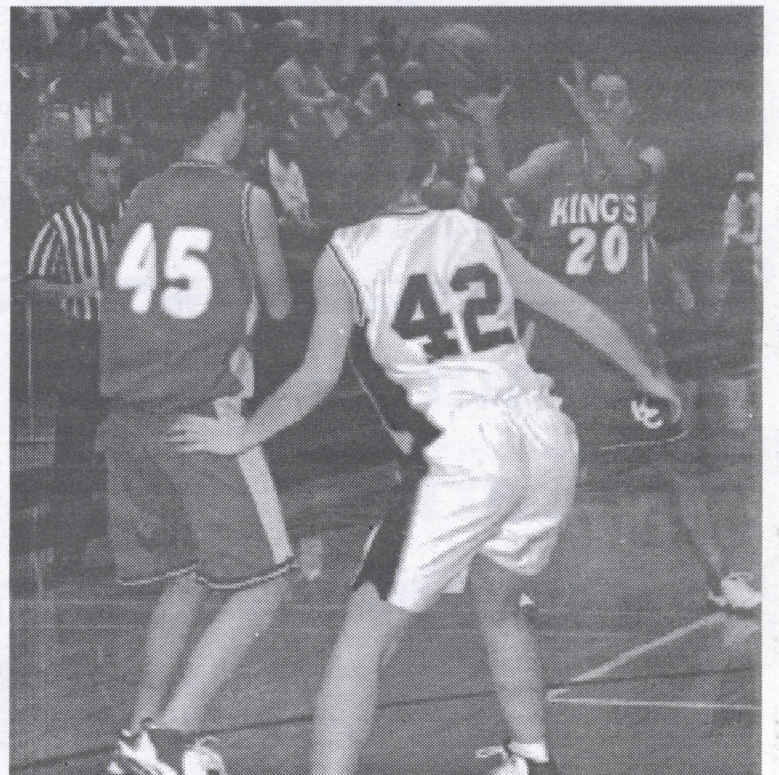
Andrea DeMaranville has been a major contributor since transferring from DeSales.

helped the Lady Colonels get off to an 11-6 start for the 2002-2003 season.

The sophomore forward has added that extra dimension of speed to the Wilkes University program.

DeMaranville transferred from DeSales University to start the 2002-03 school term. The Larksville native saw

Easing the transition for DeMaranville, head coach Jim Reed, along with assistants Tara Macciocco and Adrienne Camp, provide her with a balanced coaching scheme. "Coach Reed has a different coaching style than what I'm used to, but it fits," said DeMaranville. "The assistants are a help because they're



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DeMaranville is averaging over two steals per game so far this season.

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## DeMaranville's Domination

Andrea DeMaranville has posted some impressive numbers in her first season as a Lady Colonel:

14.1 points per game

5.5 rebounds per game

2.5 steals per game



# Low & Outside

BY DAVID DiMARTINO  
Beacon Staff Writer

I hate the Buccaneers. Now because they won the Super Bowl the world will be lucky enough to hear the Warren Sapp's big mouth all year. John Gruden's token "I am mean and angry" face will be posted on billboards across the United States and Mexico. And Keyshawn will be forced to write a book titled "Just Give Me the Damn Ring." ...In my opinion the Super Bowl MVP was Terry Tate, Office Linebacker...Speaking of Mr. Johnson (no pun intended) doesn't he look like a Muppet from Sesame Street? Think about it. He's got the Bert eyebrows and when he talks it looks as if the back of his head can touch his neck...The Super Bowl in general has become the biggest

spectacle around. A four hour pre-game show, a five minute rendition of God Bless America (sung by a Canadian), the National Anthem, jets flying overhead, a coin toss that takes 10 minutes, the game, the halftime show (which is exactly 27 minutes), the rest of the game, the pre-game show, the award ceremony, the Bon Jovi Nobody Gives a Damn song, the rest of the award ceremony, another Bon Jovi classic, the Pen & Teller prediction announcement, and then post-game wrap-up. Why can't they just eliminate all that stuff and just play the things that people really want to see: the commercials...Speaking of the halftime show, I was completely hypnotized by these two bouncing diamonds located

directly in the center of Shania Twain's body...Since this is technically the halftime of my column I have hired the Backstreet Boys to perform a song that will take exactly 27 minutes. (The point of that comment is to show how ridiculous the real halftime show is)...How about the kids these days? High School standout LeBron James receives a \$50,000 Hummer for his birthday, when most kids his age are still trying to get to second base...I wonder if former Lions head coach Marty Mornighwhig was surprised he got the axe on Monday? I bet that guy woke up each and every day and laughed his butt off. He was living the life. Talk about a fella who was stealing a paycheck. Anytime you can

count the number of career head coaching wins on one hand, you know you are bad...Can you believe the effect that rap videos are having on the NBA? Ever since Puff Daddy, or Sean Puffy Combs, or P. Diddy started wearing those retro jerseys, they are everywhere. The NBA has announced that they will sport these retro looks for the All-Star game. So, in actuality I want to thank Puff the Magic Dragon because now I get to look at those cool Denver Nuggets jerseys that look like a game of Tetris...Just one more thought about LeBron, is it me or is his SUV the most talked about 4X4 since OJ's Bronco?...I'm David D. and I just missed LOW & OUTSIDE.

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later freshman Evan Walters' lay-up put the Colonels within two. On the Monarchs ensuing possession, Pressley stole the ball from King's Dave Marks and raced the length of the court for the tying basket. Then, after another King's miss, Plisko made a quick outlet pass to a streaking Pressley who, sensing a defender, made a gorgeous baseline spin move from the right block and drained a fade-away jumper to give Wilkes

the 18-16 lead.

"It just came natural," said Pressley referring to the spin move. "I didn't plan it or anything. It just came up and it worked out for me."

The Monarchs would battle back to take a 19-18 lead, but with 12 minutes left to play in the first, Wilkes would regain the lead on a Plisko free throw and never look back.

The Colonels, who led by as much as 14 points in the second half, shot an outstanding 52 percent from the field for the game. Defensively, they held King's to a dismal 39 percent shooting.

Playing just his second game at the point guard position, Plisko was able to control the pace of the game from start to finish. He was 6 for 12 from the field, including 3 for 7 from beyond the arc. He was also 8 for 10 from the foul line, and dished out 5 assists.

"Dave really played great tonight,"

said Rickrode. "When he needed to take the ball and get the defender off him and get into the lane he did. He pulled the 'J' once in a while, but he didn't force anything and he controlled the game."

"It was pretty much a must win for us tonight," added Plisko. "But it puts us in a good situation at 4-3, and now maybe we'll get some health and hit our roll here. The first half is over, so we'll have a fresh start."

Next up for the Colonels are the FDU-Florham Devils. Top-off is on Saturday at 3:00pm at the Marts Center.

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BROCCOLI PIZZA	Small/8 Cuts \$9.25	Large/16 Cuts \$16.75
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Sicilian Style with Cheese, Onions and Seasonings		
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Veal Parmigiana	\$5.50
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Sausage	\$5.50
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## Colonel Clipboard

### On Tap

#### Saturday

Wrestling at MAC Duals  
(at Lycoming), 11 a.m.

Women's Basketball VS  
FDU-Florham, 1 p.m.

Men's Basketball VS  
FDU-Florham, 3 p.m.

#### Wednesday

Wrestling VS  
College of New Jersey, 5 p.m.

Women's Basketball at  
Lycoming, 6 p.m.

Men's Basketball at  
Lycoming, 8 p.m.

For more sports information,  
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### Cross-Town Upset

#### Women's Basketball

King's 79 Wilkes 69

#### Results

#### King's

	fg	ft	tp
Wozniak	9	0-0	18
Ryan	1	0-0	2
Varrasse	7	2-3	16
Kingston	8	2-2	19
Yeast	1	0-0	2
Bonanni	0	1-2	1
Bowes	3	0-0	6
Tanner	1	0-0	2
Orelli	2	0-0	5
Jordan	4	0-0	8
<b>Totals</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>5-7</b>	<b>79</b>

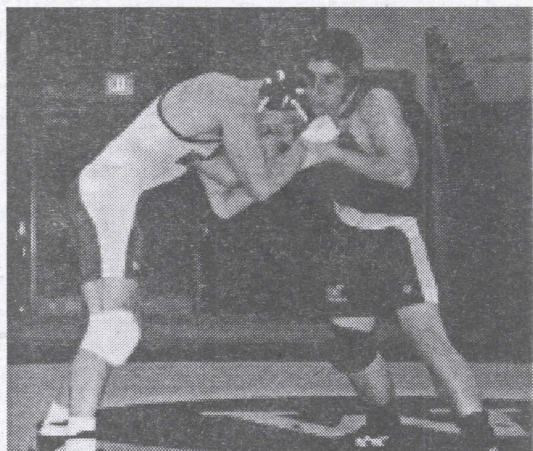
#### Wilkes

Kacprowicz	51	0-0	13
Kresock	3	2-2	10
Woodruff	5	3-4	15
Bull	5	5-7	15
DeMaranville	6	1-2	14
Renzi	0	0-0	0
Ward	0	2-2	2
<b>Totals</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>13-17</b>	<b>69</b>

### Beacon's Best Bet

#### Wednesday- Wrestling VS. College of New Jersey, 5 p.m.

The Colonels look to continue their winning ways when they host the Lions in their last home match of the season.



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### In Review

#### Saturday

Men's Basketball  
Scranton 75, Wilkes 66

Women's Basketball  
Scranton 86, Wilkes 51

#### Wrestling

Waynesburg Duals  
Wilkes 27, Muskingum 9;  
Wilkes 37, RIT 8;  
Wilkes 27, Thiel 24;  
Wilkes 46, Waynesburg 4

#### Monday

Men's Basketball  
Wilkes 84, St. Mary's (MD) 78

#### Wednesday

Men's Basketball  
Wilkes 77, King's 64

Women's Basketball  
King's 79, Wilkes 69

#### Wrestling

Wilkes, Albright  
Ursinus 21, Wilkes 20

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### Athlete of the Week

#### Whitney Bull, Basketball



The senior's final campaign has been outstanding for the Lady Colonels. Last week was no exception. Bull scored 18 points and pulled down 19 rebounds in a 68-59 win over Delaware Valley last Wednesday. She then came back with 13 points and 14 boards in an 86-51 loss to Scranton on Saturday afternoon.

Bull is averaging 16.6 points per game this season, while also grabbing 13.4 rebounds per contest. She has recorded 13 double-doubles (points and assists) in 16 games played this season. She also recorded her 1,000th career point at home on January 13th in an 84-54 win over Lincoln University.

Bull is an Accounting major out of Berwick, PA.

### Numbers Of the Week

- 2 Number of nationally ranked teams the Lady Colonels played in the past week
- 3 Number of consecutive wins by King's over Wilkes prior to the Colonels' 77-64 win on Wednesday
- 4 Number of win by sophomore Rex Harris and junior Jon Neyerlin in Saturday's Waynesburg Duals

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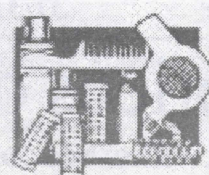
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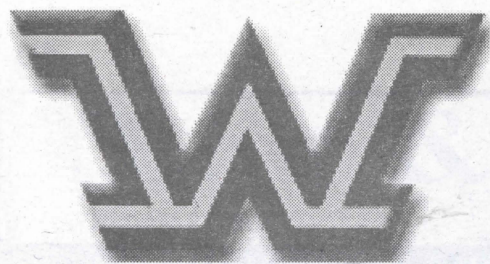
Sat. 8-4

Mon., Tues., Thurs., and

Evenings by appointment







# Campus Calendar



The Beacon/Mick Jenkins

Wilkes fans cheer on their Colonels during Wednesday's game against King's.

## Today, January 30

*Interested Resident Assistant Meeting:*  
11 a.m., Henry Student Center Ballroom

*Circle K Meeting:*  
12:30 p.m., Savitz Multicultural Lounge

## Friday, January 31

*Movie Night:*  
7 p.m., Cinemark Theatre

*Art Show Reception:*  
6 - 8 p.m., Cafe Rouge

*The Lucky Stripes:*  
8 p.m., Cafe Rouge

## Saturday, February 1

*Alternative Spring Break Bake Sale:*  
During the basketball games, Marts Gym

*Wrestling at MAC Duals:*  
10 a.m.,

*Women's Basketball at Florham:*  
1 p.m., Marts Gym

*Men's Basketball at FDU-Florham:*  
3 p.m., Marts Gym

*Wrestling at Centenary:*  
6 p.m.,

## Sunday, February 2

*Bingo:*  
8:00 p.m., Henry Student Center

## Monday, February 3

*Balloon Man on Campus:*  
10:30 - 2:30 p.m., Roth Concourse

## Tuesday, February 4

*Pool Competition:*  
10:00 a.m., Rifkin Cafe

## Wednesday, February 5

*Penguins Game:*  
7:05 p.m., First Union Center

*Wrestling vs College of New Jersey:*  
5 p.m., Marts Gym

*Women's Basketball at Lycoming :*  
6 p.m.,

*Men's Basketball at Lycoming:*  
8 p.m.,

## Wilkes-Barre Weekly Weather



TODAY  
31/20



FRIDAY  
34/24



SATURDAY  
37/30



SUNDAY  
37/31



MONDAY  
44/25



TUESDAY  
36/15



WEDNESDAY  
28/14

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