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## Equestrian Club fundraiser sparks protest from champions of ethical treatment for animals

BY SARAH DOMAN

Beacon Staff Writer

Generally fundraisers are about as controversial as church potlucks. But occasionally, even at the most benign of church potlucks, tempers and differences in ideology can flare.

This week, one group's efforts to raise money led to a campus-wide ethical debate involving faculty and students alike.

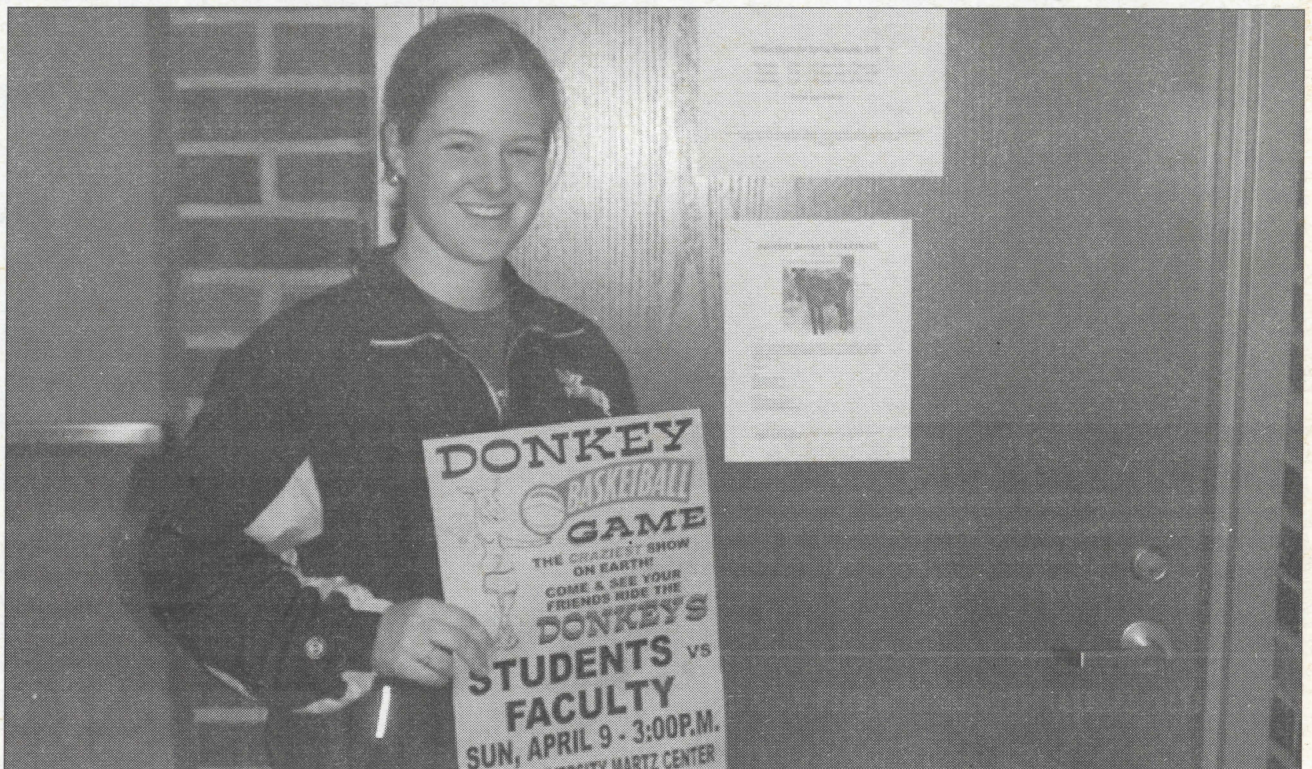
The Wilkes University Equestrian Club is sponsoring a donkey basketball event as a fundraiser next Sunday, April 9. Alisha Cain, junior pharmacy major and equestrian club president, said, "The club is really excited about this event. Many students have done this with their high schools and had many positive things to say about it. We are looking forward to bringing something new to Wilkes."

The donkey basketball event involves Wilkes students and faculty riding donkeys while playing basketball. The game is played like a regular basketball game with a referee, and five donkeys per team including their riders on the court at the same time.

As in regular basketball, the player scores only if he or she is on the donkey and the ball enters the hoop. Riders will have to fill out a liability form and pay the entrance fee of \$5.

Proceeds from the event will help the equestrian club. Cain said, "Part of the proceeds will be to the club to help its members with riding lessons and also compete in the Inter-collegiate Horse Shows Association. We will also be donating part of the proceeds to REASON, which is an adoption agency for horses that feeds and cares for the animals until a suitable home is found." REASON is based out of Harvey's Lake and the Equestrian Club feels it is a worthy organization close to the Wilkes University community.

However, some students and faculty do not support the equestrian club's donkey basketball fundraiser. Arguments against the event focus on the ethical treatment of animals and animal cruelty.



Alicia Cain, Equestrian Club president, posted approved posters announcing the Donkey Basketball game as a fund raising event, some have been torn down by people who oppose the event.

## Two universities seek Wilkes Provost Loeschke as presidential candidate

BY KRISTIN KILE  
Beacon Editor-in-Chief

At least two universities see Wilkes University Provost, Dr. Maravene Loeschke, as presidential material.

In recent weeks both Mansfield University in Pennsylvania and Frostburg State University in Maryland ap-

proached Loeschke about applying for openings they had for president. Currently, she is one of three finalists for the position at Mansfield.

Loeschke said she is very happy at Wilkes, but saw the possibility of moving into a university presidency as an opportunity that she should explore.

When Loeschke was approached to

throw her hat in the ring for the presidency at both institutions, she weighed the excitement of potential professional growth against her continued love for and commitment to Wilkes University.

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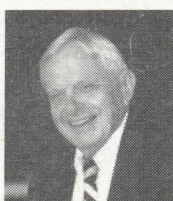
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## Award-winning NPR journalist to offer commencement speech

BY VICTORIA WHITE  
Beacon News Editor

Challenger, civil rights activist, journalist and African affairs expert are all terms that accurately describe the May 2006 graduation speaker. Wilkes University officials have announced that Charlayne Hunter-Gault, a National Public Radio (NPR) special correspondent, will serve as the May 20, 2006 commencement speaker.

Throughout her career Gault has pushed the limits, not allowing others to decide her fate. In 1963 Gault became the first African American to graduate from Georgia State University. She graduated with a bachelor's degree in journalism and became the first African American on the staff of *The New Yorker*.

Gault went on to work for many other magazines and papers, including *The New York Times* for nearly a decade. By 1978, however, Gault made the leap from print to broadcast journalism when she joined PBS where she remained for 19 years. In 1997 she joined NPR and later reported for CNN for six years before she returned to NPR as a reporter in Africa.

During her 40-year career in journalism, Gault has won numerous honors including: two Peabody Awards, the 1986 Journalist of the Year from the National Association of Black Journalists, along with many awards and recognitions from human rights associations.

Gault does not seem like the most likely candidate for a graduation speaker at Wilkes, considering her seeming lack of affiliation with the University,

but Dr. Paul Adams, Vice President of Student Affairs said, "We tend to look for people who have some connection to Wilkes and Ms. Hunter-Gault is a friend of one of our board members, so you immediately have that connection. But beyond that, I think that when you look at her background and experience I think that she can bring a message to the graduating class that can speak to a lot of issues that we have tried to emphasize in our education."

In information provided by Gault's agent there are several topics listed that she regularly addresses in her speeches: Africa on the Edge, the challenges facing Africa and how they are America's challenges, too; From Jim Crow America to Apartheid South Africa and Beyond: A Journalist's Journey; Black Economic Empowerment; and Brown vs. Board of Education: A Personal Reflection.

Adams said, "When you look at the things that she has reported on and written about, those are the issues that she has developed an expertise on and we are interested in having her be able to share that perspective with the graduates and their families."

Although many students may not recognize the name, when the list of accomplishments and topics of reporting are discussed, many become interested due to



Courtesy of PBS.org

Charlayne Hunter-Gault will be the keynote speaker at the May 20 commencement. Gault has nearly a 40-year career in the field of journalism and is currently serving as a special correspondent for NPR.

the subject variety of reporting that Gault has completed.

Joy Lander, senior psychology major said, "I think that maybe she will bring a different perspective into our graduation ceremony: one of acceptance and tolerance, which can be a lesson for all of us as we enter into the career world."

Jennifer Prell, a senior biology major said, "I think that it is pretty amazing that she is speaking because she seems to be strong willed, having been able to face racism and be a woman doing it in a time period that was not yet accepting of female power or racial differences. Because of her accomplishments, I think she will be able to give us advice that will help in situations while trying to find jobs and within the jobs that we find."

## Student Government Notes

### March 29 meeting

-The Dance Club appeared for its first reading on a fund request. The club is requesting \$900 for funding for a competition.

-Concert & Lecture committee chair, Jennifer Ramil, appeared for the first reading of a fund request. The committee is requesting \$1,200 for a performance of "The Untouchables" on April 18.

-SG members revisited issues of concern raised by the presentation on Vision 2010 initiatives last week. Key areas of concern were laundry, parking and mailboxes.

-Donkey Basketball will be held on Sunday, April 9 in the Martz Gymnasium at 4 p.m.

-Trivia Night will be held April 4 in the Ballroom of the Henry Student Center at 8 p.m.



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## News in Brief

## Hooters Air waves good-bye to W-B/Scranton

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Anyone interested in getting a little more bang for their buck is going to have to stick with the nearest Hooters restaurant, because Hooters Air will no longer be departing from the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton International Airport, a fact that leaves some wondering what repercussions it will have on the local economy.

According to Barry Centini, Airport Director of Wilkes-Barre/Scranton International Airport, on March 16, Hooters Air notified the airport that, "...due to the escalating cost of fuel, the distance to the Florida markets, the configuration of our aircraft and the fares people are willing to pay, it is impossible for Hooters Air to continue service from

the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton International Airport."

Hooters Air, which began service at the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton International Airport on October 27, 2005, has also begun drastically cutting back all regularly scheduled air service. This is a fact that does not surprise many, because the airline reduced the number of flights out of the Avoca airport weeks before actually bowing out of the area completely. The cutbacks in the past prepared most people for the virtual shutdown, and it has become clear that the recent departure of Hooters Air from the airport is more likely due to internal problems.

"You can tell by downsizing periodically that they (Hooters Air) are not doing as well," said Dr. Wagiha Taylor, professor of international business and economics.

Some residents may wonder what this

actually means for the local economy, and the answer is most likely nothing, even though Hooters Air was the only discount carrier at the airport.

Taylor acknowledged that, "Anytime you reduce the number of transport facilities it does have somewhat of an impact." At the same time, however, she explained that since Hooters Air was really not a long lasting fixture, it did not have time to become a fundamental component of the economic climate of the area.

Taylor's main concern is that other businesses will be more affected by the deterioration of the discount airline, but even then, she said, most will not feel a huge blow and the economy will, in turn, remain essentially unchanged.

The area still has a number of alternatives in air transport that will likely make up for the loss of Hooters Air.

"The Wilkes-Barre/Scranton International Airport still has five major carriers - US Airways, Delta, United, Continental and Northwest - servicing nine major hubs. Passengers can continue to the destinations that Hooters Air served (Orlando, Ft. Lauderdale, Tampa and Myrtle Beach) through any of these five carriers," said Centini.

He added that, although there are no particular discount airlines slated to join the airport, "The Wilkes-Barre/Scranton International Airport continues to speak with airlines to enhance air service to the top markets of the airport and other regional markets that show potential for significant intra-state and inter-state ridership." Basically, the airport is open to other air carrier options that have the potential to increase the flow of consumers to and from the airport.

## Arora to keynote at international conference

BY DANA ZLOTUCHA  
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Awards and accolades are nothing new to Dr. Vijay K. Arora, Professor of Electrical Engineering & Engineering Management. However, he has recently achieved an especially distinctive honor: being named to the American Biographical Institute's 500 Greatest Geniuses of the 21st Century.

"Due to [his] stature and intellect, it is only natural that [his] achievements be elevated to a more selective, limited level," the American Biographical Institute explains. This award highlights the many accomplishments of his work, giving him recognition from fellow colleagues in his field.

Arora specializes primarily in the fields of nanotechnology and nanoengineering, which focus on exceptionally small delivery and execution methods. He has taught at universities in Tokyo, Singapore, Malaysia, Australia and the United States. He has been invited to over 500 professional lectures internationally, and will be attending the 25th Annual Conference on Microelectronics this May in Serbia and Montenegro. He will deliver the keynote address, entitled "Failure of Ohm's Law: Its Implication on the Design of Nanoelectronic Devices and Circuits."

Immediately after his time in Serbia and

Montenegro, Arora will travel to Russia, and then to Italy. "That is why I don't teach in summer...I just do these outreach activities. It is all volunteer work...It is a lot of fun, because it combines my vacation and professional work together," he said.

Despite his prominent reputation, his students say he is very comfortable to be around. Ankur Sharma, one of Dr. Arora's students and a Master Of Sciences Electrical Engineering student, attests to this. He has attended conferences with Dr. Arora in Canada and India.

"Overall, the way you interact with him, you don't feel like he is one of these [internationally known figures], but when you go out [to professional gatherings], you can see the way people respect him," Sharma explained. "He is one of the best professors here. He is more like a friend than a professor, and a very good advisor."

Arora notes that one of the reasons for his success is his belief in the importance of interdisciplinary skills and teamwork. He enforces this connectedness in his teaching style. "Engineering can't be taught in isolation...I am more interested in the integration of liberal arts into the field, not as separate courses, but as part of the technical curriculum. I am a strong advocate for entrepreneurship and communication skills," he stressed.

## Open house features RAC



The Beacon/Nick Zmjewski  
The new rock wall in the Recreational Athletic Center (RAC) in the UCOM was a big hit for students and faculty alike at the Open House on Thursday, March 30.

# Information technology updates enhance learning opportunities

BY JEANNE STAPLETON  
Beacon Staff Writer

Technology has truly become a way of life. It is how we communicate, how we research, how we travel the world without ever leaving our seats.

According to Wilkes officials, the university at one point became neglectful of its information technology infrastructure and in turn fell behind in the general process of technological advancements.

However, in 2004 Wilkes embarked upon a quest to update the information technology infrastructure. Some of the goals included using technology to enhance learning and deliver instruction, using the University web site as an effective tool for both internal and external communication, and making business and operation processes more effective.

"Since April 2004 a lot of work has been completed to replace the core foundation infrastructure. The foundation improvements has clearly helped Wilkes start down the road to achieving its goals, but even more

benefits will be realized over the next several years as the next layer of improvements are implemented," said Mike Salem, chief information technology officer.

With advances such as online courses, made possible at Wilkes University through WebCT, students are able to take courses on their own time and at their own pace. Also such advances have made communication between students and professors easier and more accessible.

"I think you will see more online courses becoming available, and I think that web-augmented courses will also continue to grow. Technology is a very broad term; it can refer to a microscope or a computer, a television or a web page. Much of the technology of learning is transparent. Use of the internet on the personal side is pervasive and nearly second nature--where would you be without the web, AIM, podcasts, text messaging and email? That these technologies eventually find their way into the learning environment is as inevitable as showing a movie in class," said Dr. Darin Fields, Dean College of Arts, Humanities

and Social Sciences.

"Wilkes envisions a future when all of its basic information technology support needs are fully met including the ability for exper-



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imentation with and implementation of advance learning technologies. At a very basic level, the institution envisions as time when services, such as e-mail, group calendaring and World Wide Web access are utilized across the institution and reliably available from both on and off campus," said Salem.

At one point Wilkes officials hope to be

able to offer a "What if" link that would lead to a web space in which students would be given the opportunity to play out different scenarios. For example students would be able to see how their graduations requirement would change if they were to change their major or how a particular class would affect their graduation date.

"I believe that the primary goal of using technology in education should be to improve and enhance learning. If the technology isn't enhancing the learning, then we should reconsider why we are using it," said Fields.

Digital Wilkes is also slated to launch by the end of this year. "Wilkes is only a click away. Students, faculty, alumni and staff and can support instructions, access information and services, and stay current in fields seamlessly with One-stop, self-service and 24/7 access to University's services and resources," said Salem.

"To realize our vision, the University envisions creating a culture that values and encourages faculty and staff development and directs resources to that end," he added.

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"When I came here I believed in Wilkes' future and I still do. I think it's a gem," Loeschke said. "So this was just an opportunity to look at, something that's kind of interesting. I don't feel that I have to be a president in my career or be unfulfilled. I just need to love the work I'm doing."

Wilkes University President, Dr. Tim Gilmour said Loeschke has done an excellent job at Wilkes. He said Wilkes also sought out Loeschke for the Provost position, in a similar fashion to how Frostburg State and Mansfield have pursued her as a presidential candidate.

"When you have someone with her capabilities it's almost inevitable that other institutions will see her as a potential presidential candidate," Gilmour said.

While at Wilkes, some of the initiatives Loeschke pushed for include creating a unified signature undergraduate experience, increasing diversity on campus, developing new academic programs and building good communication between the administration and faculty.

Loeschke said the faculty at Wilkes is one of the most dedicated she could ever experience and she



Courtesy Marketing Communications

**Two universities have pursued Wilkes Provost, Dr. Maravene Loeschke to apply for open presidential positions.**

admires the students as well. She said her two challenges for the students are to see the importance of good writing skills to succeed in the work field and to be more accepting and respectful to diversity.

Before Wilkes, Loeschke was Dean of Fine Arts and Communications at Towson University in Maryland. Towson has an enrollment of 18,000 students. Mansfield University is actually more

comparable to the size of Wilkes with an enrollment of 3,800.

Loeschke said the interview process for the positions has been exhausting. With Mansfield, 12 out of 122 candidates were selected for an airport interview, at which the candidate meets with 20 individuals at an airport for an hour-long interview. Then five or six candidates are chosen to visit the campus.

"I was on both campuses for almost three days and every hour, every breakfast, every lunch, every dinner, is a meeting. So between the two searches over the last month I have been in 44 hours of interviews," Loeschke said.

Then three candidates are chosen to go before the Board of Governors for an hour interview. The Board of Governors is a committee of 20 individuals who are appointed by the Governor and oversee higher education in Pennsylvania. Along with this process, representatives of the search committee came to Wilkes-Barre to interview individuals from Wilkes and Loeschke went to Harrisburg to interview with the Chancellor. The Chancellor oversees all 14 presidents in the Pennsylvania state system.

Loeschke said that on April 19, she and the two other candidates will go before the Board of Gov-

ernors for interviews, and that day she will find out if she is offered the presidency at Mansfield or not. Along with that, she must let the institution know that day if she accepts the position.

"I really believe that things happen for a reason and maybe you don't always see that reason right away, but you tend to see it later and I just believe in tossing things like this to the Universe. If it's supposed to happen it will happen, and if it's not I'll find out later why it shouldn't and that will be that," Loeschke said.

Gilmour said the University should see Loeschke being sought out by another university as a positive. He said it shows that the University has cultivated capable people.

"I think what we should do as an institution, is see this as a real plus for us....It shows we can attract great people," Gilmour said.

Loeschke said it will be very sad for her to say goodbye to the faculty and students at Wilkes if it does come down to that.

"I can't even imagine what it would be like to say goodbye to the faculty and students here and my colleagues on the President's cabinet. I don't even want to think about it," Loeschke said.

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DONKEY

from FRONT PAGE.

Dr. Linda Paul, associate professor of philosophy, has seen this event take place in high schools before. Paul said, "Most people aren't concerned about the donkeys. It is unpleasant for them and people don't realize how bad it is until they've actually seen it. Wilkes never had it before so people just don't know."

Paul notes that some faculty believe the event promotes the mistreatment of animals because of how the donkeys are handled during the game. "You have inexperienced riders as players who get caught up in the game and don't think of donkeys as living things. The donkeys just become objects," said Paul.

Individual students have protested the event and have acknowledged they are planning a formal protest at the donkey basketball event, but do not wish to comment in detail or have their names published in reference to the protest. In addition, while there have been no charges filed,

there is evidence that flyers posted by the Equestrian Club--which were approved through official channels-- were torn down and replaced by unapproved hand-made flyers protesting the event. The protest flyers have been removed from bulletin boards.

Paul said, "I'm surprised at the Equestrian Club. We will hand out flyers. Our goal is to show or tell what it's [donkey basketball] really like and have people make a conscious decision about something."

In response to the protest of the event Cain said, "It was never my intention to create controversy with this activity."

In reference to the protest flyers, Student Government President, Andrew Steinberg said, "I support everyone's right to voice an opinion when it is done appropriately and responsibly, but in this situation it was not done that way. I support the Equestrian Club as a respected club on campus, and I trust their judgment with the use of animals."

The Wilkes University Equestrian Club researched the activity and believes there will be

no mistreatment of the animals. "We have thoroughly researched Shaw Brothers and have found them above [reproach]. Numerous people who have attended these events will testify that the donkeys were never mistreated," said Cain.

Because of the controversy surrounding the donkey basketball fundraiser, Cain hopes those who have questions about the event and its practices contact her directly.

"I'd be more than happy to clarify how our event will be conducted, all without cruelty. Better yet, attend our event and see for yourselves that we are not being cruel to the donkeys. We are hosting the event in order to help raise proceeds to benefit REASON. We would never promote helping horses while abusing donkeys," said Cain.

Donkey basketball will be held on April 9 at 3:00 p.m. in the Arnold C. Marts Gymnasium. Tickets to the event are on sale for \$4 in advance or \$6 at the door. Tickets to watch the event are on sale in the Henry Student Center from April 3-7.

Student Government to host student open forum Tuesday

BY VICTORIA WHITE

Beacon News Editor

On Tuesday, April 4, at 11 a.m. in the Hiscox Room on the second floor of the Henry Student Center, Student Government (SG) will hold an open forum for all students. The open forum is designed to discuss the issues of Vision 2010 about which SG members have fielded the most concerns: increases in the price of parking, increases in the price of meal plans and the possibility of making students pay for laundry on campus.

Dave Scordino, junior class president said, "It's especially important to have the open forum because we are looking at raises across the board that affect students. In some way everyone is affected by the proposed increase in parking, increase in the cost of meal plans, the 6% increase in tuition, or the laundry on campus being a paid for item. Unless you have free tuition and walk to cam-

pus only to take classes and never to eat, then one of these three issues affects you."

With the three main issues planned for discussion, vice president of SG, Jenna Strzelecki said, "We just want to make sure the students are informed of the changes for next year, because we know that SG members have problems with the raises for next year."

The purpose of the open forum is two fold: to better inform members of the student body of the possible changes ahead for the coming year and ensure SG garners greater insight into how more members of the student body feel on the issues. These insights may influence future SG resolutions.

Scordino said, "It is really important that students get out to protest all of the raises. Maybe if we get enough voice out there, we can get at least one of those things to maybe not be raised. The changes proposed affect everyone in some way."

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## Diversity and unity: concepts that can co-exist in same space?

BY THE BEACON  
EDITORIAL BOARD

Questions have abounded since the first religiously affiliated group on campus in recent history was granted club status.

The Islamic Interest Society was the first of its kind to successfully petition for club status at Wilkes University. SG recognized the club with solid support, but its move raises questions about what it means for other religious groups that may want club status and why this club must be separate from Campus Interfaith, a non-denominational club aimed at educating about and exploring religious issues. In addition, how does recognizing a club focused on a single religion reflect the mission of an indepen-

dent, private university unaffiliated with any specific religious group?

If separate religious clubs emerge as a result, can this lead to a loss of campus-wide unity in the name of diversity?

But as SG's vote indicates, many students see nothing wrong with religiously affiliated clubs at Wilkes, as long as they are open and allow students to gain insight into cultures and faiths entirely separate and different from their own. In response to the idea that such individualized clubs would destroy unity by attracting only like-minded students, students in support of the clubs argue that most already form connections based on shared values and experiences and that by creating clubs designed as interest groups, all the university is doing is ask-

ing students with open minds to learn about something outside of themselves.

Either way, this is a landmark decision, and it will not be reversed. Because we cannot know for sure what will happen at Wilkes, it can be beneficial to look at the ways religious clubs have operated and are operating at other universities to judge whether the changes at Wilkes can be expected to be positive or negative.

According to an article on WorldNet-Daily, California State University at San Bernadino refused to recognize a Christian student organization because the group required students to live according to the group's religious faith, discriminating against certain religious beliefs and sexual orientations. Similarly, an article on FIRE.

com discussed Purdue University's forcing a Christian women's group to stop discriminating against non-Christians and to allow all access into the club.

Both of these instances are disheartening and seem to show that students from different religions will discriminate against one another and exclude one another from participation. However, these instances also show that the university had the good sense to step in and keep such discrimination from happening.

Additionally, the Islamic Interest Society at Wilkes has shown no such tendency instead expressing a sincere interest in including non-Islamic students in the club to educate about aspects of the religion and culture.

Conversely, at Penn State University, religious groups are promoted as a way of promoting diversity on the campus. Instead of being afraid that individualized groups will strip away unity, Penn State has allowed various groups to coexist and actually use the same space, including Catholic, Jewish, Mormon, and many other students. According to an article from The Digital Collegian.com, university officials do not discriminate against any religious group once they open their doors to them. Students from the various groups are grateful to be allowed to exist and worry only about having enough space for their events. Discrimination and loss of unity are not a concern.

Likewise, at Widener University, every student is encouraged to participate in some way in the various religious activities the school has to offer. The college does have a University Chaplain and an Interfaith Center and students may join existing clubs or create their own new club based on religious beliefs.

A statement on Widener's website says, "Through knowledge and understanding, students are encouraged within an atmosphere of religious tolerance to be better prepared for wholesome work and social relationships in our shrinking world, without losing their personal commitment to the faith and tradition of their choice."

It is a hopeful and admirable statement to make and the attitude expressed by the university expects that students will grow into understanding of other religious groups. The university assumes that because it's dealing with mature and intelligent adults, diversity and unity can coexist on campus. There is no reason why the same cannot be expected of Wilkes University students.

### Nickle for Your Thoughts

By Jason Nickle

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## The Smoking Gun reports (*gasp!*) extreme exploitation

*What passes for investigation gets only a yawn from audiences*

BY MYLES RUMBEL  
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After last week's "revelations" about Dick Cheney's hotel habits, I didn't anticipate having more earth shattering information offered to the world by The Smoking Gun (TSG) website.

I was wrong. On March 27, TSG published an internal memo from a casting director at *Extreme Makeover: Home Edition*. The e-mail stated that producers of the show were looking for families that had, among other things: a parent with melanoma (skin cancer), a child who was killed by a drunk driver, families who have been robbed or who had been victimized by hate crime.

Everyone's first reaction was probably like mine, "Oh my God! How can a television show be this insensitive?" However, it's not as bad as it seems. TSG labeled the show "Extreme Exploitation." In fairness, I had heard that description of the show prior to the release of the e-mail. But is it really exploitation?

Whether it is the simple fact that the family wants a new home, wants to bring attention to their situation or simply wants to launch an acting career - they agree to share their stories publicly.

Yes, Ty Pennington and the crew are using sappy stories in order to entice more viewers to watch the show. They find stories that people will be interested in, that will hook, and that people will talk about. Yes, it's a ratings ploy - I'll concede the point.

However, it's a fairly effective ratings ploy as *Extreme Makeover: Home Edition*, has outlived its predecessor, *Extreme Makeover*, and it's an "extremely" popular show.

While in a sense it is exploitation, consider that families are not forced to go on the show.

The e-mail reported by The Smoking

Gun was simply a list of what producers of the show are looking for. In reality TV, producers want certain things and in order to keep it fresh, the stories need to continually be different. Look no further than the *Real World* - there's the sexy one, the slutty one, the problematic one, the gay one, the black one, etc. Reality TV looks for people with certain qualities. If we are making a show about family hardships, yes we will have to have such a list.

But back to the point: families do not have to go on the show. Look at it like this: if there is a girl who would be perfect for

the *Real World*, but doesn't want to be on the show, producers find someone similar. Therefore, if a family that has suffered loss thanks to a drunk driver does not want to go on a show, the show can look for another family. Somewhere there is someone who is looking for face time.

Is it really exploitation if people are agreeing to be on the show? Whether it is the simple fact that the family wants a new home, wants to bring attention to their situation or simply want to launch an acting career - they agree to share their stories publicly. Therefore, the family is exploiting the show and the television audience as much as they are being exploited.

Ultimately, here's the point: TSG published this as though we are supposed to care. How about going in search of breaking news that *matters* to readers? There are *lots* of scandals out there to be broken (we need not look further than Washington D.C. in most cases). Do some real digging and tell us something we don't already know.

## People content to complain and avoid engagement

BY BENJAMIN IEZZONI  
Beacon Staff Writer

You know what really grates my cheese? I'll tell you. I don't like people who are constantly whining about how they're tired of others who think that they're better than everyone else.

That's the problem with people nowadays. Everyone's content with sitting around and complaining about what they think they can't control. That is the most un-American attitude I've ever heard. Our country was founded on our thinking that we were better than everyone else.

The problem is that those uppity Brits figured that they could keep us down with taxes, laws and a powerful military presence. That's one reason why I love our current president-- his priorities follow what our founding fathers intended for freedom. He doesn't have to follow these petty laws about what one can or cannot do. He has a can-do attitude that gets things done, whether or not there is "scientific" or "factual" proof supporting him. That, and he's against taxes, just like George Washington.

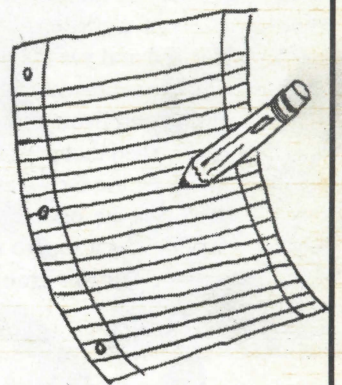
However, I digress. Sometimes, people are better than you. It's a well-known fact.

Personally, I'm well aware that I can't out jump the players on the basketball team. I can't outrun our linebacker, or whatever football players are called. Most obviously, I can't bear children nearly as well as the high school dropout teenage mothers. Complaining that another person is better than you shows a lack of experience and general wisdom. Whether it's because they have more money, a faster car, nicer hair or that new pair of shoes that you've been eyeing up, some people just outclass you.

Everyone who refuses to think they themselves are better than others is a communist, and here's why: we're all equal-- to begin with. After that, our accomplishments drive our social status or position up or down. That's capitalism. The very thought that others, even if they don't succeed, deserve just as much as you do is just utter foolishness. Just remember-- you are better than everyone else. You're an American, and you'd better damned well behave that way. If anyone tells you differently, ask them why they don't rise up to your level, instead of trying to bring you down. Encourage them to better themselves, be better capitalists and subsequently, Americans.

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## YOUR VOICES

# Donkey basketball is a humane form of entertainment for Wilkes students

Dear Editor:

I may not be as witty as some people who write your opinion articles, but at least I have my facts straight. As president of the Equestrian Club, I can say that you're getting the words straight from the horse's mouth on the donkey basketball event that we are planning and hosting. Many students have erroneously made false claims about this event, and I'd like the chance to set everyone straight.

First off, the group that made these slanders against our event ripped down our publicity posters that were approved from the Student Development office and hung up their unapproved signs. I agree that everyone has the right to their opinions and protests, but there are "legal" channels to use that right. A University policy was violated in protesting our event. Second, if someone wants to protest an event, I'd suggest getting the facts straight and not using askcarla.com as the source material.

According to the research I've done on the claims made by our protestors, many of their issues look very similar to an article on the askcarla.com website. It's funny how our protestors practically plagiarized and yet did not want to site their source on their flyer. There were numerous lines that looked uncannily similar to the one on this unreliable website cited on their posters. So now that I've established that our protestors do not have credible information, let me set the facts straight.

Shaw Brothers, the organization that the Equestrian Club has contracted with, has a superb reputation. Lake Lehman and Dallas High Schools use this group every year and will verify that the

event is not cruel. Also, animal rights authorities have evaluated the company; the gentleman conducting the audit stated that these were the best cared for donkeys he had ever seen and that anyone would have to be crazy to have said they were abused or cruelly

mistreated. One of our club members has personally participated in an event run by this gentleman and has seen his barns; her comment was that the game involved no cruelty, and the barn was set up like

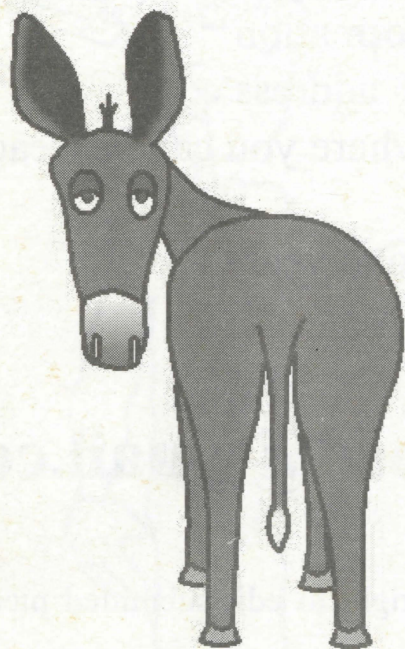
a well-run horse facility. I have also personally talked with one of the workers for Shaw Brothers who also substantiates that no cruelty is used and that the donkeys are well fed, watered and loved. At least I've taken the time to gather first-person references to back up my claims.

As for donkey basketball in general, the donkeys are not starved prior to the event. Any person who is ever around horses or donkeys knows that these animals will not poop if starved or dehydrated (first-hand knowledge for those who understand the physiology of these animals-obviously not our protestors). Show up to our event, and I guarantee you that our club members will be cleaning up the mess, so obviously they are not starved before the event. Next, the very first rule stated to all riders is that if they kick, hit or mistreat the donkey in any way they will be required to dismount and leave the event. This rule is strictly enforced by Shaw Brothers and our club.

And as for "electrically prodding" the donkeys, learn how to use first-person references....hello! It's not done with Shaw Brothers! The claim that animals cannot support the weight of adults is erroneous as well. Donkeys are meant to be pack animals. And what about Jesus riding on a donkey? If the Son of God-and I do not say this lightly, I'm dead serious-can ride into Jerusalem on the back of a donkey, I think we're entitled to ride the donkeys as well. Donkeys have been used for centuries as pack animals and still are used for tours of the Grand Canyon. Finally, as for donkeys slipping on the gym floor, this is also untrue. These donkeys will be equipped with their own version of Nike Shox that gives them extra traction on the gym floor as well as shock absorption. The shoes do not hurt the donkeys' feet as they are applied the same way that a horse shoe is.

The Equestrian Club would never sponsor an event that would harm animals. We have thoroughly researched Shaw Brothers and found everything above par. Our goal with this event is to provide a fun time for the Wilkes community and also benefit a good cause. Part of our proceeds will benefit REASON, which is a horse rescue and adoption agency based out of Harvey's Lake. So come out and watch our event, and see for yourself that it is not something cruel that we are sponsoring. Don't be the asses that make assumptions off of unreliable websites.

Sincerely,  
Alisha Cain, President of the Equestrian Club



Courtesy of dailyramblings.com

## Beacon Poll Results

The following are results of a poll that *The Beacon* conducted online this past week. The poll was unscientific, and does not claim to reflect the overall attitudes of students on campus. Results are based on 69 responses.

### The Beacon asked:

Who is the best movie villain?

- Hannibal Lecter, *Silence of the Lambs* - 36%
- Khan, *Wrath of Khan* - 3%
- Annie Wilkes, *Misery* - 1%
- Norman Bates, *Psycho* - 0%
- Jack Torrance, *The Shining* - 2%
- Alex Forrest, *Fatal Attraction* - 3%
- Michael Corleone, *Godfather, Part II* - 4%
- The Wicked Witch, *Wizard of Oz* - 7%
- Mariah Carey, *Glitter* - 22%
- Darth Vader, *Star Wars* - 22%

### Next Week's Poll

#### Question:

If you were sentenced to the death penalty, which form of execution would you prefer?

- Electric chair
- Gas chamber
- Firing squad
- Lethal injection
- Hanging
- Stoning
- Drawn and quartered
- Decapitation by guillotine
- Crucifixion
- Other

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

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## Blood drive hits close to home

*Event in honor of Wilkes Professor Emeritus Tom Bigler*

BY SARAH HERBERT  
Beacon Features Editor

The American Red Cross is always in need of blood donors, and the Wilkes community usually does what it can by sponsoring regular drives.

This Tuesday, however, the blood drive will be a little more personal.

Tom Bigler, professor emeritus of communication studies, recently underwent emergency surgery and was in need of many units of blood as a result. When students learned details of his health crisis, they sprang into action.

Many acknowledge that Bigler is perhaps one of the most respected men in the Wilkes-Barre community and on campus. His experience in the broadcast and print journalism fields combined with his charismatic nature made him a natural hire for Wilkes University in 1985 upon his retirement from television.

Emily Taylor, director of blood services at the American Red Cross and Wilkes alum, said that this blood drive "is an opportunity to come and show support for Mr. Bigler", as well as to respond to a constant need for blood in the community.

According to Taylor, all blood donors will fill out a card saying that they donated in Bigler's name. After the drive, all of these cards will be sent to Bigler so he is aware of

the support.

While this blood is not going directly to Bigler, Red Cross officials acknowledge that it is an appropriate way for the community to show support. "Without that constant supply, [Bigler] could have run into a dangerous situation," said Taylor.

Keeping the stock replenished is the key. This event has a goal of 200 units; however, there is a catch.

Usually, the blood drives held at Wilkes are part of a competition with King's College. The two schools, which are always competitive with one another, see who can collect the most units in one drive. But this time, the campuses have combined efforts in Bigler's name.

Katherine Broda, junior sociology major, acts as the blood drive coordinator here on campus. "I think it's wonderful that the Wilkes community is getting together to do this in Tom Bigler's name. Blood drives are usually more effective when they hit home (i.e. Hurricane Katrina relief), and knowing someone, a professor on our campus, who has needed blood really helps to bring in donors," said Broda.

Broda, along with three other students, prep the Henry Student Center Grand Ballroom before the event and make sure everything runs smoothly on the campus end.

In addition to honoring Bigler, this drive will have a Hawaii Luau theme. Event

coordinators purchased decorations in advance of Bigler's situation to make the drive more fun and relaxed. They have decided to make good use of the decorations at this event.

Although the luau decorations may suggest a disconnect with honoring Bigler, Taylor said, "You know, Mr. Bigler is just so full of life and this is a good way to celebrate that."

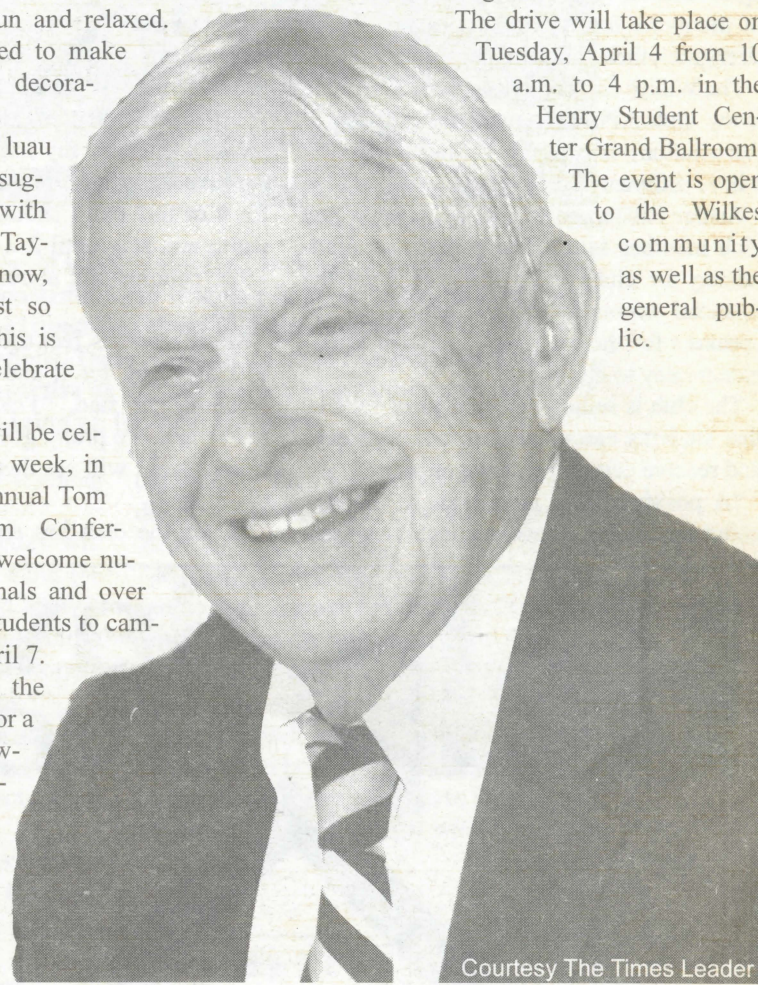
Bigler's name will be celebrated again this week, in the form of the annual Tom Bigler Journalism Conference, which will welcome numerous professionals and over 230 high school students to campus on Friday, April 7.

All involved in the drive are pulling for a great turnout. However, Taylor reminds interested donors that they must be at least 17 years old and weigh at least 110 pounds. She

also recommends eating a good meal before donating.

The drive will take place on Tuesday, April 4 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Henry Student Center Grand Ballroom.

The event is open to the Wilkes community as well as the general public.



Courtesy The Times Leader

## Tell Us... If you could protest anything, what would it be and why?

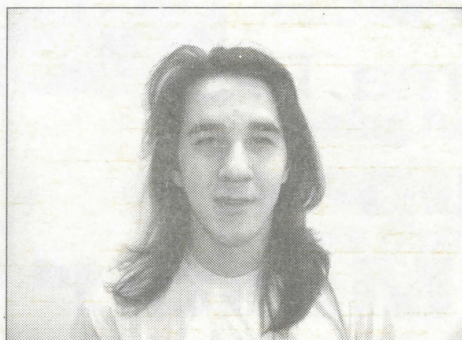
Managing Editor Becky Goodman was curious about what Wilkes students are thinking. Here is what she found out.



**Gus Beil-**  
freshman philosophy  
"Welfare reform and the homeless because having been homeless I understand the hardships."



**Catherine Dzuby-**  
junior political science  
"Paying for laundry."



**Lou Gerstle-**  
freshman theater arts  
"Legalization of marijuana because I am for it."



**Stephanie Larson-**  
freshman nursing  
"The high tuition prices at this school."

# APhA fundraiser sells savings to the cost conscious

BY SARAH DOMAN  
Beacon Staff Writer

Walk through the Henry Student Center on any given day and you'll be bombarded by clubs and class groups looking to earn a quick buck. Whether it's bailing someone out of jail or buying beautifully packaged coffees, fundraising is often the name of the game for Wilkes groups seeking to strengthen their financial backbones.

The Wilkes University chapter of the pharmacy club APhA (American Pharmacist's Association) is currently selling something a little different--cost savings.

Ashlee Ribec, senior pharmacy major and club member said, "The benefits to fundraising for clubs is so that you have the financial means to provide activities, and speakers for the members, and also to donate money to charities."

The club is selling discount cards for \$10 that students can present at various places and receive certain percentages off.

"A positive thing in regards to the discount card is that it involves local business-

es and shows that they care and want to get involved with the university," said Ribec. The places the card can be used include restaurants, a spa and Slainte's in Wilkes-Barre.

On Thursday night students who are 21 and over can present the card along with their Wilkes ID and avoid the standard \$5 cover charge at Slainte's Bar.

Jan Nunemacher, senior elementary education major, heard about the fundraiser from friends involved in the club.

"By having the card, I figured I could still go hang out with my friends, hear some of my favorite local bands, and not have to pay for it or feel like I should get my money's worth and stay until 2 a.m.," said Nunemacher commenting about the Slainte's discount.

Many students feel the card is worth the \$10 they pay for it and will use it often. Nunemacher said, "The savings at local restaurants are pretty good, so I'm sure my friends and I will use them when we go out to dinner."

So far the club has sold about 100 dis-

Slainte's Bar  
Rodano's Pizza  
Grotto Pizza

Curry Donuts

Subway

Pizza Hut

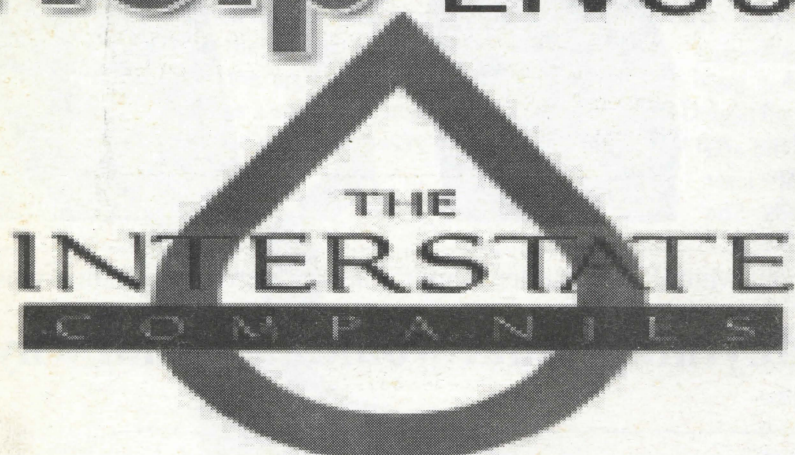
Dagwood's Deli  
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Applebee's Restaurant  
Atmosphere Salon and Day Spa  
Uno's Chicago Grill  
Bennigan's Grill and Tavern

Free cover charge on Thursdays  
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Buy 1 dozen donuts get 1 dozen free (North Main St W-B. West Side Mall Edwardsville locations only)  
\$0.50 off a 6" or a \$1.00 off a foot long sub (Gateway shopping center Edwardsville. Pittston. West Pittston locations only)  
2 medium 1 topping pizzas for @12.99 (W-B. Scranton. Hazleton locations only)  
10% off any purchase (Excludes catering)  
10% off (Eat in only)  
10% off (Excludes alcoholic beverages)  
10% off  
15% off (Excludes alcoholic beverages)  
10% off  
( W-B. Clarks Summit Locations only Excludes alcoholic beverages and cannot be combined with any other offer.)

The back of the discount card shows the participating establishments. Students who purchase the card can use it at various restaurants, bars and even a day spa.

count cards to the Wilkes University community. Ribec said, "Many of the activities APhA holds are not exclusive to members. We wanted a fundraiser that could be used by both faculty and students."

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## "Fun in the Tub" at Spring Fling



The Beacon/Nick Zmijewski

This past Friday evening, students enjoyed a night out for the annual Spring Fling. This year's theme was "Fun in the Tub" and the event was held at The Waterfront Bar and Grille. The "Fun in the Tub" atmosphere was established with an endless supply of rubberducks, bubbles and soft pastel colors. The evening festivities included dinner, dancing and a chocolate fountain complete with fresh fruit for dipping.

# Team teaching: partnership is the name of the game

BY ALISON WOODY

Beacon Asst. Features Editor

Everyone always says that two heads are better than one. But, does that rule still apply when it means having two professors teach class together?

At Wilkes, several professors think so, as they pool efforts to reach students in new ways. Instead of just one professor, two come together to teach the same course offering different perspectives and expertise on the subject matter.

Once such example is the husband and wife team of Dr. Robert and Dr. Judith Gardner who team teach education classes. They began teaching humanities together while they were both at Northwest Area High School. In 2003, they brought the teamwork concept with them to Wilkes.

Judith Gardner explained that the partnership seemed a natural fit for the education classes at Wilkes, so they proposed the plan to the department chair who was receptive to the idea.

The class for which they most love to join forces is the student teaching course. Since Dr. Robert Gardner was also a superintendent, the students get both an administrative and teaching view of education.

"Team teaching is an approach to use to instruct and deliver information to students," said Robert Gardner. "We are both in the classroom together all of the time and we both have different styles. One is the primary lecturer, while the other gives examples and begins discussions."

Judith Gardner also feels that it helps students do better in the class. "The students have a chance to have their tests looked at by two people and also subjective matter such as presentations. We feel we give more reasons why this or that should be improved."

To further back up the effectiveness of team teaching, the Gardners put out a survey in 2003 and received no negative feedback.

Judith Gardner responded, "Some may say it is confusing, but the students love having two viewpoints. They are reminded that not everyone has the same view."

In addition, Dr. Mark Stine, associate professor of communication studies, and Dr. John Hepp, associate professor of history have teamed up with some regularity and more recently for this semester's course "Film and History."

Hepp explained how they make it

work. "We try to divide up the workload for the introduction. If there is a technical question, Dr. Stine will answer. If it is a broader history question, I will answer that. We play off of one another."

There are many reasons why team teaching benefits those students involved.

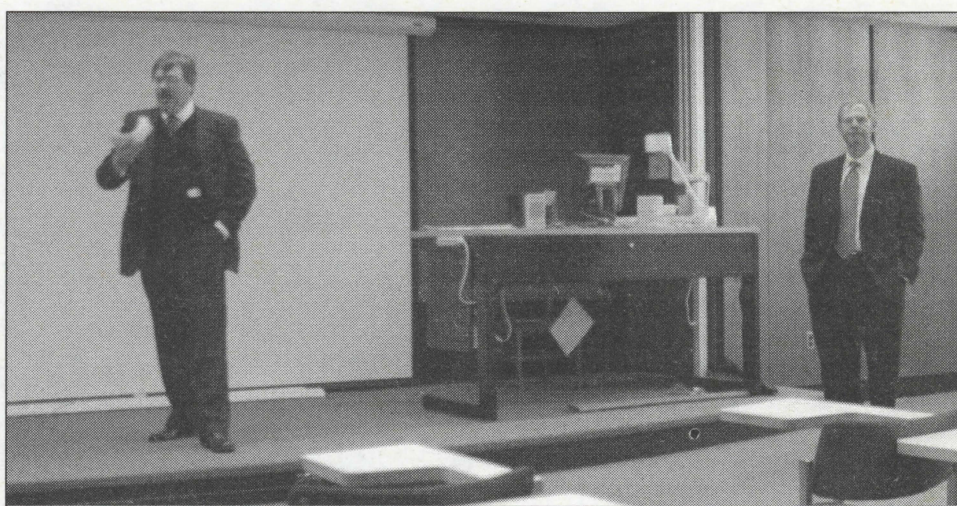
Stine remarked, "It offers an ongoing critique to students so that we can immediately talk about what we missed. It allows two viewpoints since our two disciplines may view things differently. The students also enjoy the humor that makes the class fun and exciting."

Judith Gardner agrees. "The students need to be reminded that just because we disagree, it doesn't mean that we are disagreeable. Team teaching provides an open forum for educational issues that need to be heard."

Robert Gardner added, "It helps students understand that there is not one best method. There are a variety of ways to get things done as a teacher. It helps get the students thinking about who they will become."

Team teaching can also benefit the professors. Judith Gardner feels that since this is usually an isolated profession, two makes much more sense. "Robert and I are always discussing how we can help this student write better or this one perform better. We are always planning and I think that is useful. Since we share the number of students, it is less of a burden."

The Gardners feel so strongly about team teaching that they are beginning to get other professors involved. Dr. Douglas Lynch, associate professor of education, and Chad Stanley, assistant professor of English, have



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**Dr. John Hepp, associate professor of history, and Dr. Mark Stine, associate professor of communication studies, demonstrate team teaching in their "Film and History" course. Stine will answer technical questions about film development, while Hepp will answer the broader history questions. Team teaching involves two professors who offer different perspectives and expertise on subject matter. Many other professors are beginning to follow suit by partnering up for team teaching.**

also begun to incorporate team teaching into their regimen.

Judith Gardner explained, "Stanley will come into our classroom to talk about the writing process and plagiarism and we will go into his class to show how to teach in a secondary setting. We have also worked with Dr. Lynch on many occasions."

The professors already associated with team teaching encourage more to get involved, but realize that it may not be for everyone.

Stine said, "There are many professors who would be suited for team teaching, and I encourage them to look at

the benefits. But, it is a question of the individual professor and how they approach their class."

Robert Gardner feels the same. "I think people should make the decision for themselves. It is something that works for some people and I encourage them to give it a try."

Hepp reminds professors of the benefits. "You have to be realistic about your needs, but I believe we are all blind to what we do not cover. You often forget what you leave out."



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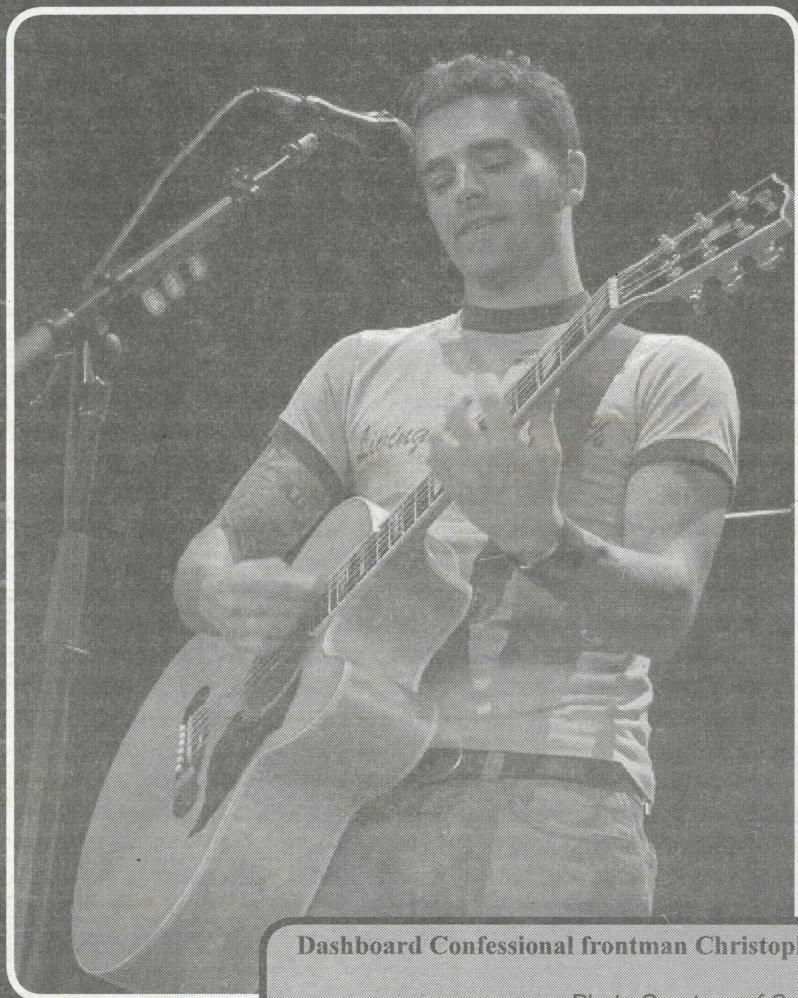
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## Dashboard Confessional to drive into Kingston Armory

*Programming Board says ticket sales low, despite student vote*



Dashboard Confessional frontman Christopher Carrabba.

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BY NICK PODOLAK  
Beacon Asst. Sports Editor

If you haven't had the chance to look up in the SUB lately, you probably missed that Dashboard Confessional is playing at the Kingston Armory this Friday night at 8:00 p.m.

Known for its melancholy blend of acoustic guitars and crooning vocals, Dashboard plays a brand of music known as emo (short for emotional).

"It's an acquired taste," said sophomore Rob Tonnasen, who will be seeing the band for the fifth time. "I am very much looking forward to the concert."

The Boca Raton, Florida natives first turned heads after the release of their debut album *All the Things You have Come to Fear the Most*, from which the song "Screaming Infidelities" scored an MTV 2 award. Since then, the band has released three other albums and appeared on the *Spider Man 2* soundtrack, where their biggest hit to date, "Vindicated," climbed to number 2 on Billboard's Top Modern Rock tracks.

Preparing for an A-list band such as DC is not an easy task though, as the Programming Board puts in a week's worth of preparation for the stage, sound, lighting and band's arrival time. There's even a hospitality committee, in which a writer from DC will give a list of very important orders.

"They're ridiculous requests," said concert chair Lindsey Klish of writers. "It'll say we want a pound of Twizzlers, three Cokes, four diet Pepsis and a Sunkist, and also pepperoni flavored combos. Whatever they want, we have to get."

But all that preparation doesn't come without its perks, as the board gets free T-shirts and if fortunate, a meet and greet with the band.

Instead of voting itself, this year Programming

Board sent out a school-wide survey through student government which included a list of available bands: Ben Folds, Death Cab for Cutie, and Guster. The students voted for DC.

Given the students' voice, one would think a concert of this caliber would match the success of last year's O.A.R. sell out, but surprisingly, the DC concert hasn't come even close to selling out. The news leaves Klish baffled.

"I'm very surprised because we had the school-wide vote, and we really thought it was going to do well. A lot of people were opposed to O.A.R. last year, and finally we do something that the students want and we sold like 900 tickets out of 2,500," she said.

The Comas will be opening for DC. Tickets are still available for \$18 at [www.wilkesuniversity.tickets.musictoday.com](http://www.wilkesuniversity.tickets.musictoday.com) or at 1-800-594-TIXX.

DC

## Classic Greek play brought to Dart by way of WWII

BY STEPHANIE DEBALKO

Beacon Asst. News Editor

If you actually need a reason to go to the next play produced by the Department of the Visual and Performing Arts, here are a few good ones: it's free for students; it's a classic Greek story of rebellion; it helped one of the leads land a job for next year; it incorporates humor, irony and conflict; and one of the main characters is being punished for illegally burying her dead brother. And that's just the beginning.

*Antigone* is based on the Greek tragedy by Sophocles and was one of the first plays to feature a female protagonist. The story revolves around Antigone, who chooses to deal with the consequences of burying her deceased brother even though it has been deemed unlawful to do so. She defies authority, in this case her uncle, Creon, who is also the current leader, and chooses to stand up for what she is passionate about, even when Creon offers her a way out.

Stephen Benson, guest director, said, "It's a classic story of right versus might, of truth against power. And it's also a classic story of rebellion, resistance to authority." The version performed by Wilkes students this month was written by Jean Anouilh and is set in a café in France during World War II. As the plot progresses, the café is stripped to the bare bones, almost mirroring Greek columns and thus getting back to the roots of the tale itself. The play was important when Anouilh wrote it, because although the Germans saw it as a play

about absolute power, the French saw it as proof that they could stand up for what they believed in.

"I think it helped, actually, to sustain and energize the French culture to prevail over this rigid authority," Benson said. He believes that this story is relevant today because many people may feel the need to stand up for what they think is right, even if it means defying popular opinion and other pressures placed on them. Benson said that the situation in which the events take place in the play can be compared to those of present times. *Antigone* explores both sides of the conflict, taking into consideration the perspectives of both the locals and the occupying army, and this can be seen as parallel to the current situation in Iraq.

The play is especially poignant for senior theater major Carlos Candelario, who plays Creon. This is the last Wilkes performance Candelario will be a part of and he hopes that many students will attend the show and enjoy the many surprises it has to offer. He added that he thoroughly enjoyed working with Benson. And in case anyone needed more incentive to go to the play, Candelario said he used a monologue from *Antigone* to earn a job with the National Players, the "oldest touring company in the United States," following his graduation.

Throughout the play, Creon's ideals clash with those of Antigone's, who is portrayed by junior theater major Laura Dunbar. Dunbar described her character as someone who is passionate about her feelings toward her family, especially her brothers. She said that throughout the play, Antigone discovers her own strength while overcoming obstacles and proving that she can handle the

consequences of her actions.

Dunbar said, "She did it for the love of her brother, and now she has been caught. She knows she has to be put to death, [but] she doesn't want [Creon] to feel bad for her; she's stronger than he is and she wants to prove that to him."

Dunbar hopes that the audience will see that Antigone is not meant to necessarily be perceived as a martyr, but rather as someone who is allowing her love and passion for a cause to guide her actions. She also said that portraying this character has allowed her to find more confidence and strength within herself.

Contrary to what the audience might believe, Candelario said his character Creon is actually "not a bad man." Instead, he is a rational thinker who is under a great deal of pressure to maintain order in the harsh environment in which they are forced to live.

Both characters represent a different side of the spectrum, and both have different qualities to offer, as well as different perceptions of reality.

To discover who wins out, head to the Dorothy Dickson Dart Center for the Performing Arts Thursday, Friday and Saturday, April 6, 7, and 8 at 8:00 p.m. or Sunday, April 9 at 2:00 p.m.

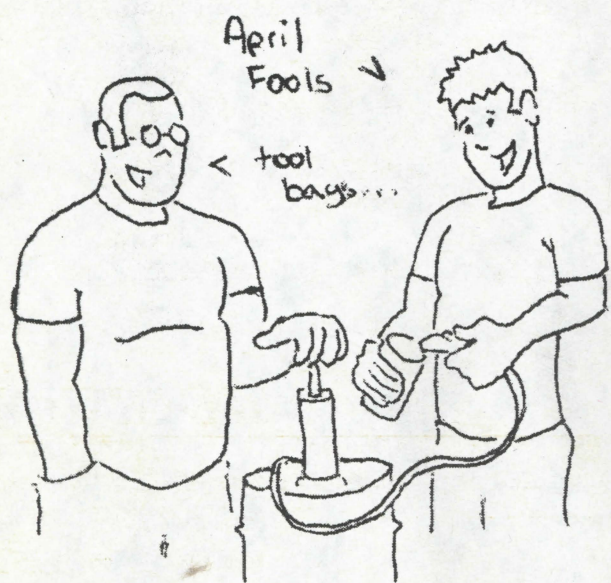


Laura Dunbar as Antigone and Carlos Candelario as Creon bring the classic Greek characters to life.

Courtesy of Wilkes Marketing Communications



BY JASON NICKLE  
Beacon Cartoonist



## Off The Charts

Music Review



BY PAUL LESSANE  
Beacon Correspondent

Finally, I can pay homage to an act from my hometown. Sheffield, a city within the northern parts of the United Kingdom, is like a big park on water. Granted, we don't have a lot of things going for us; but occasionally we put out a cracking band. (Well, when you ignore Def Leppard and Jarvis Cocker.) Britpop outfit the Longpigs were just about the only success off the Sheaf that didn't come off as gimmicks. Until now.

Tearing up the music scene across the Atlantic right now are the Arctic Monkeys. Their debut album *Whatever People Say I Am, That's What I Am Not*, entered the Billboard at number 24, unheard of for an English indie band. The Arctic Monkeys sound like a jam band who have a lot to say but with no clue how to say it. The guitar chords pop like beans in a frying pan. Singles 'When the

Sun goes down', and 'I'll Bet You Look Good on The Dance Floor' conjure serials with lessons learned by seedy characters. "Fake Tales of San Francisco," a tome about being in love with not being yourself, is exactly how it sounds. Wrong. There's not a lot of range going on, but the music is mega. Their songwriting has an anecdote for every color of the rainbow, and you know monkeys.

They like to make the ruckus. I don't

want to tell you how good I think this album could have been, largely in part because some of the best records out there are debuts. You just want them to be better than they actually are. Although the Arctic Monkeys never quite get there, the hypnotic effect of story telling somehow occupies your attention span in a different way long enough to overlook what's underneath the hype.

Don't worry, though. The media will make sellouts of them in no time. By this time next year there will be another lead single by another fresh-faced laddish water band who sound not unlike them. In which case, see The Cure. You could always pour yourself a cup of "I can't believe it's not English" and listen to some New York band who wishes they could make a real mistake. Or, you could take a chance on a Sheffield outfit.

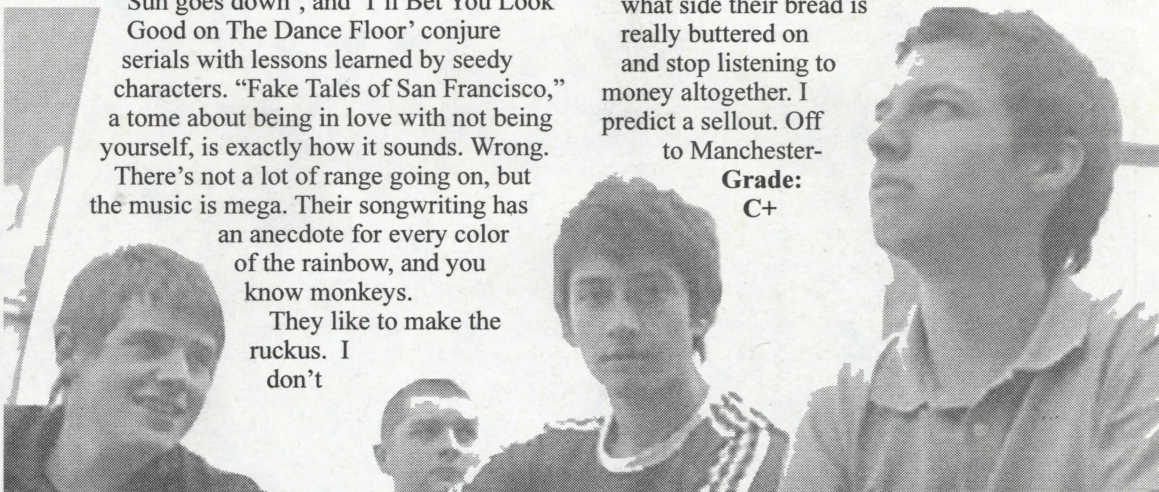
*Whatever...* is a good time that makes you think twice about going back to the bar. Who knows.

Maybe the press will learn

what side their bread is really buttered on and stop listening to money altogether. I

predict a sellout. Off to Manchester-

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## Dinner and a Movie

### Movie: *V for Vendetta*

BY KRISTYN OSTMAN

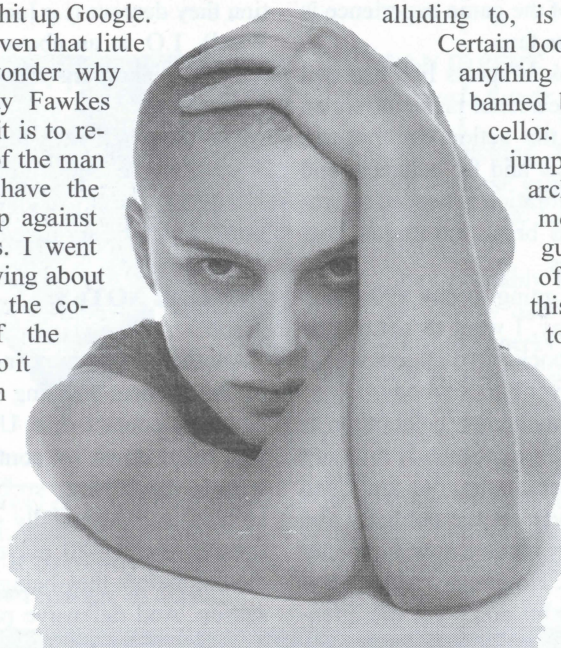
Beacon Asst. Business Manager

Lately, many "graphic novels," a fancy term for "comic books," have been transformed into live action adventures. Generally, I'm a huge fan of these converted stories since the characters are pure and the motives are clear: harness your powers for good and save the city. A lot of these stories have underlying issues that are relatable and often tug at your heartstrings, like the persecution of the X-Men for being different.

*V for Vendetta*, while maintaining the noble qualities of the traditional comic book conversions, is unique. The character, and our unlikely hero, "V," is based on the actual historical figure: Guy Fawkes. Fawkes, a staunch Catholic, believed that the English government was needlessly persecuting his religion. He and fellow conspirators hatched the infamous Gunpowder Plot. The reasons readers may not remember him is that his plan fell through, he was captured, cracked

under torture and was later hanged, drawn and quartered as a traitor. For any more detail, feel free to hit up Google.

After learning even that little bit, one might wonder why "V" wears a Guy Fawkes mask. He claims it is to remind the people of the man and that people have the power to stand up against their governments. I went into the film knowing about Guy Fawkes and the colossal failure of the Gunpowder Plot so it puzzled me when "V" was using Fawkes as a triumphant symbol. But after the plot began unfolding and buildings exploded, I forgot why I was confused. The film sucks you in as "V"



Courtesy of Yahoo! Movies

sets out to rally public support.

The corrupt government, I have been alluding to, is basically fascist.

Certain books, behaviors and anything else undesirable is banned by the evil Chancellor. It makes it easy to jump on the side of anarchy, which "V" promotes, when the bad guys are reminiscent of Nazis. Again, this brings me back to why I like these movies in the first place, everything is simple when it comes to right and wrong. Since it is a politically charged film, I'm sure it will be popular among the college-age group, looking to

steal some of "V's" speeches about corruption. I have to say, much of the dialogue was poignant and made me want to throw on a Fawkes mask and join the protests.

Here's my one gripe: when Hollywood injects its stupid agendas into what would otherwise be an excellent movie. Both conservatism and the big, bad pharmaceutical corporations are again being picked on in this film. I trust that all who see *V for Vendetta* will overlook the undereducated insinuations. Since that came at the end, and I suffer from the recency effect, it left me with some bad feelings for the movie. All in all, I have to say that the movie was awesome. After her cinematic triumph as Sam in *Garden State*, I have a soft spot for Natalie Portman. She, along with our masked anarchist, pulled off wonderful performances. Explosive special effects will win over those seeking action, while a relevant message will have meaning for any viewer. The story reminds us all to never make decisions out of fear or we'll foolishly create something worse.

Grade: B+

### Dinner: "A" for Arena Bar and Grill

BY DONNA TALARICO

Beacon A&E Editor

I was saddened when the Black Rock Brewing Company closed its doors and left NEPA without its own microbrewery. But, those tears turned to happy ones when the Arena Bar and Grill moved from its much smaller location to the former Black Rock, coincidentally, a lot closer to the arena--much more fitting for the name.

When we arrived at the totally full parking lot, we almost changed our minds. We called our double date for the evening, and they informed us that the crowd of chrome in the parking lot belonged to the happy hour bar crowd. We had to park in a neighboring motorcycle shop and walk down Coal Street a bit. Our pals were right, though: the bar was packed, but a table for four was immediately available.

We were boring. Despite this place having about 40 beers, if not more, on tap from microbrews around the planet, we all ordered Miller Light. But, for the beer connoisseur, man, is there a lot to choose from! And, their Martini drink list is longer than the beer list. The Arena Bar lives up way past any expectations of a local bar.

Now onto the Arena Grill. I was the only one who ordered a traditional dinner; my friends and date opted for bar fare. For \$16.00, I was served a creamy to-die-for-treat called the Crab Tortellini Alfredo. The cheese-filled tortellini was smothered in a rich Alfredo sauce, tossed with Roma tomatoes and spinach. I get Alfredo-type

dishes often; this was one of the best. The lump crab meat was tender and tasty, better than some seafood restaurants. My partner, not as thrilled with his \$6.95 chicken wing sandwich (Hops and Barley's is still the best, he said), helped me finish my meal. The garlic bread I was served was soft, warm and very buttery.

Back to the others. The fresh-cut fries served on the side of the sandwiches were awesome. Our other guests got the buffalo bites at \$7.50, which were labeled mild, but still a bit spicy, and the chicken cheese steak wrap for \$6.95. The wrap looked overflowing with white meat, cheese and onions. I was told this is what he normally gets, meaning it's probably pretty good. Prior to the meal, we were given a loaf of Italian bread with a dish of mixed seasonings. We were to pour the olive oil already on the table into the mixture: a splendid concoction bursting with flavor. Obviously-- there wasn't anything left when we left!

The atmosphere was soft and hip, with cool lighting and funky black furniture. The bar area has lots of TVs and lots of seating. The place is much bigger than it looks from the outside, that's for sure. I am so glad we didn't turn away.

Next time I go back, I'm gonna spend a little more time with that beer list.

Grade: A (for Arena Bar and Grill)

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## COMMENTARY

# Somebody better call my momma!

## Excessive touchdown celebrations a thing of the past

BY NICK PODOLAK  
Beacon Asst. Sports Editor

The "Spike," "Sharpie," "Icky Shuffle," "Funky Chicken," and most recently, the "Pylon Putt," are among the most memorable touchdown celebrations of all time. But the NFL put a skid to such end zone antics at last Wednesday's owners meeting. The decision was to subject players to a 15-yard mark-off on the ensuing kickoff for show-boating.

Granted, players can still spike the ball, slam dunk the goal post and even get away with the "Prime Time High Step." But anything along the lines of giving the ball CPR is out.

Now, even though I'm a firm believer in sportsmanship, the NFL is all about entertainment. By taking these parties from the

end zone, a piece of the game experience is taken away from the fan.

If you take a look at sports like baseball and hockey, the occasional brawl offers an exciting break in the action. In football, these brawls are few and far between, and the touchdown celebration is needed to provide that humorous break, no matter how exciting the game is.

Secondly, if I'm going to pay \$90 a pop to see my team play, I want to get a little extra bang for my buck, if you know what I mean. Now that never hurt anybody.

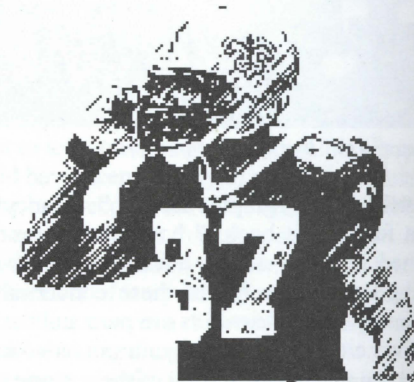
And lastly, the touchdown celebration is what gets a player TV exposure. If it wasn't for touchdown celebrations, T.O. and Chad Johnson would never get the publicity and media attention they receive now, no matter how good they are. How many better players are out there who don't get the atten-

tion they deserve (i.e. Joe Jurevicious/Hines Ward). T.O. is an above average receiver. It's the celebrations that make him so special.

First they took away removing the helmet. Now, it's the celebrations. What's next? Pointing to the sky to give props to the good Lord? Don't be surprised.

### OTHER NOTES

Another interesting note to come out of the owners meeting included the new down by contact rule. Until now, a player was ruled down by contact after the ref's whistle blew. Now, such plays can be reviewed, and deservedly so. It has been estimated that 18-20 players lost control of the ball before they being marked down last season. And defensive pursuers cannot hit



Beacon graphic  
Saints wide receiver Joe Horn whips out a cell phone to call his mother after scoring on Sunday Night Football. Such celebrations involving props will be outlawed in 2006.

the quarterback below the knees anymore for 2006. Good news for Carson Palmer, whose season came to a sickening end when Pittsburgh's Kimo Von Oelhoffen rolled into him, even though it was unintentional.

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## Co-Athletes of the Week

### Baseball: Kyle Follweiler

BY RYAN DIPPRE  
Beacon Sports Editor

Some look to the stats column as solace for playing on a struggling team. Others try to cap outstanding team success with individual glory. But it is a select few who are so focused on winning that they barely even notice the individual honors they so justly deserve.

Enter the world of Kyle Follweiler, this week's *Beacon* Co-Athlete of the Week and last week's Freedom Conference Player of the Week. The sophomore outfielder is currently batting .458 with a .920 fielding percentage. During last weekend's series against Drew University, Follweiler went 8 for 12 at the plate, driving in four runs and earning a perfect fielding percentage.

"Expectations are set high for Kyle," said head coach Joe Folek, now in his eleventh season as head coach for the Colonels. "He is undoubtedly one of the best athletes in the MAC. Kyle should be a fixture in our lineup until he graduates because he plays solid defense and he can tear up division III pitching."

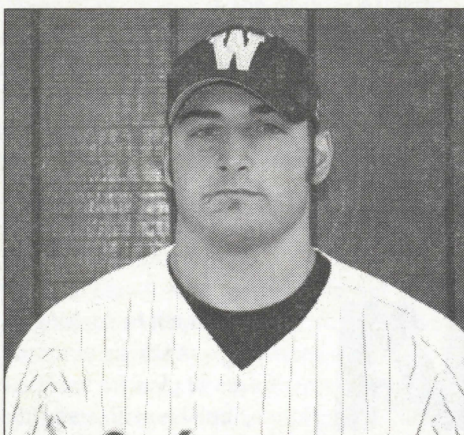
Yet with all of the expectations and honors, Follweiler remains focused on the team goals. "Our biggest goal as a team right now is to get back into the MAC playoffs, and take it one step at a time from there."

The Colonels, who have been to the playoffs in each of the past three seasons, are looking to finally cinch the title that has been so close in recent years. "It's a tough challenge to keep performing at this level," said Folek, "but our goal is to play hard every game, win as many as possible, get back into the playoffs, and win the MAC Freedom [Conference] title."

Follweiler, according to Folek, is fitting into the Colonels scheme extremely well. "We have always had a hard-nosed approach to the game of baseball at Wilkes and Kyle fit right in with our style of play."

Follweiler doesn't merely fit into the team's style of play: his intense approach to the game brings it to a new level. "Kyle is full of intensity, plays hard, plays to win, and leads by example," said Folek. "Kyle's intensity is very contagious."

Both Follweiler and the team continue to improve as the season wears on toward the Freedom Conference playoffs. "I think as a team we're starting to hit the ball a little



Courtesy of Sports Information  
**Kyle Follweiler, now in his sophomore year at Wilkes, is currently batting .456, with a fielding percentage of .920.**

bit better," said Follweiler, who personally feels that he has "been improving with every game."

Taking their lead from the intense underclassman, the Colonels are "focused and determined to continue the success we have had as a program over the past few seasons," according to Folek.



The Beacon/Todd Weibel

**The men's baseball team continues the hunt for a fourth consecutive Freedom Conference playoff berth this coming week as it takes on Misericordia at home on Wednesday, April 5. The Colonels will also face DeSales University in a three-game series on Friday and Saturday.**

### Women's lacrosse: Catherine Simone

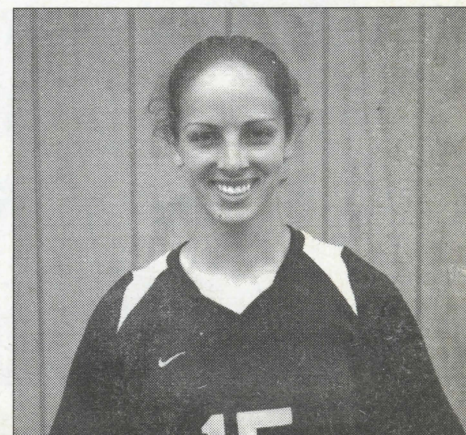
BY RYAN DIPPRE  
Beacon Sports Editor

Anyone watching the Wilkes-Centenary women's lacrosse game on Thursday afternoon probably didn't see too much of Catherine Simone.

Oh, they probably saw a quick flash of blue and yellow on the field. They probably heard the cheers from her teammates, too. It was difficult to miss, so they probably also saw a number 15 jersey walking calmly away from a distraught Centenary goalie. But anyone who missed the ankle breaking moves and the unexpected shots shouldn't feel too badly. Most of the opposing team didn't see it either until the ball was in the net.

As the women's lacrosse team approaches the mid-season mark, the freshman attack wing finds herself leading the team offensively with 16 goals and 6 assists, along with a healthy .533 shot percentage. "I'm an attack wing," said Simone, a biology major with a double minor in Spanish and math, "and a job for me on the team should be scoring."

Simone's role on the team has been more



Courtesy of Sports Information  
**Catherine Simone scored nine goals and tacked on four assists during three women's lacrosse games last week.**

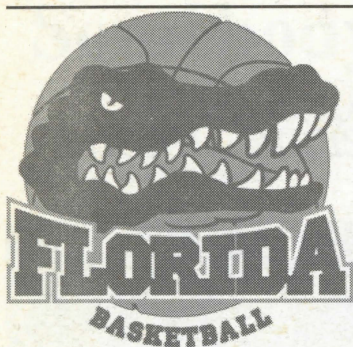
than simply scoring. "She doesn't have to say anything to be a leader," said senior co-captain Pam Carey. "It's just the way she plays and her aggressiveness on the field."

The women's lacrosse team, in only its third year of existence, is still in its infancy. Building up a program is a unique experience with its own ups and downs, something that Simone has a great deal of experience with. "My freshman year of high school was the first year they had a varsity program," said Simone. "It was a new program, so I'm used to having new program ups and downs." With her prior new program experience to judge from, Simone can see the Lady Colonels moving in the right direction. "We've improved every game in some way," she said.

Simone, who generously describes herself as standing 5'4" on occasion, has a true love for a sport so vastly different from any other that she has played. A three-sport star in high school (volleyball, soccer, and lacrosse), and a first-team all-conference selection in women's soccer during the 2005 season at Wilkes, she takes enjoyment from the small things in the sport. "When you run through a ball in lacrosse, you like feel the weight in your stick. And you get to whip the ball as hard as you can."

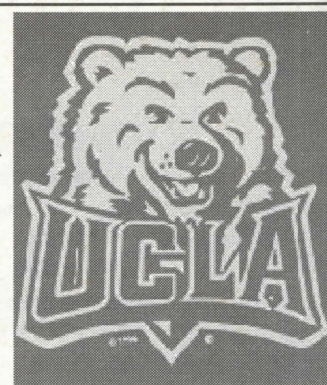
The 2006 season may be a turning point in women's lacrosse history, but it is just the beginning for Catherine Simone. The freshman is already helping to set the tone and attitude of her team. "She leads with actions and not words," said Carey. "Everyone just wants to step up when she plays at the level that she does."

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## GAME OF THE WEEK

NCAA basketball championships



## Gators reach second title game in school history

BY KEVIN REED  
Beacon Staff Writer

The brackets have been filled and subsequently busted as the "madness" known as collegiate basketball is winding down to the ultimate match-up with the national title on the line. The nation's 65 best teams have played their way through each alliterative stage of this tournament and even though the final game will be between a pair of teams that weren't expected to square off, there will most certainly be no shortage of hype and coverage until the game's tip-off. This year, the NCAA Basketball Championship will be played by the Florida Gators and the UCLA Bruins.

The University of Florida was the #3 seed out of the Minneapolis Region. Florida's road to the Championship included comfortable wins over (#14) Southern Alabama in the first round, (#11) Wisconsin-Milwaukee in the second round, and more competitive victories over (#7) Georgetown in the Sweet 16, (#1) Villanova in the Elite 8, and a Final Four victory over the last-standing 'Cinderella-team' in George Mason. The primary threat for the Florida Gators both offensively and defensively is their big man, sophomore Joakim Noah. He has the swift moves of a guard coupled with a 6'11" frame that allows him success in the paint. He has been a constant dominant force for the Gators whether he has been blocking shots, shooting with great range, or rebounding from just about anywhere. Other key players accompanying Noah are three-point extraordinaire Lee Humphrey and fellow forward Corey Brewer. Florida coach Billy Donovan did a good job of keeping his team focused, sharp, and disciplined throughout the tournament, and with one game to go, he has yet another test in front of him.

The University of California-Los Angeles, also known as UCLA, brings a solid streak of play into the national title game. Prevailing as a #2 seed out of the Oakland Region, the Bruins defeated (#15) Belmont in the



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first round, (#10) Alabama in the round of 32, (#3) Gonzaga in the Sweet 16, (#1) Memphis in the Elite 8, and then LSU in the Final Four. The Bruins' attack is also led by a sophomore, guard Arron Affalo. He is their all-around workhorse playing about 34 minutes per game and piling up about 16 points per outing. UCLA has exceptional guard-play which is evident not only from Affalo, but from guards Jordan Farmar and Josh Shipp, both sophomores as well. That trio accounts for the top three scoring averages on the team. A potential 'x-factor' could be freshman forward Luc Richard Mbah a Moute, not just because it's one of the most peculiar names to pronounce since Jacksonville Jaguars' fullback Chris Fuamatu-Ma'afala, but because he had an outstanding game in the Final Four against LSU and should be looking to ride that momentum to aid his team's effort for the ultimate prize. Former Pitt coach Ben How-

land will not be looking to change much in terms of his game plan for the Bruins, but he will certainly have his team ready to go by game-time.

Each team has a distinct advantage in the Championship game. Florida will look to utilize their size and paint-presence led by Joakim Noah, while UCLA will look to counter with the threat of their three guards. Although the game might start out slow, expect a relatively high-scoring game with an upbeat pace by the middle of the first half.

It should be a close game down to the end as foul-trouble might be the deciding factor in which team pulls away. Do not be surprised to see overtime basketball by the time the night's out.

**The Pick: Florida 82, UCLA 79.**

CREDIT: Statistics and game result information: [www.finafour.com](http://www.finafour.com) and [www.espn.com](http://www.espn.com)

## QUICK INFO

Florida Gators

VS.

UCLA Bruins

9:00 p.m.

Monday, April 3

## Double Take

*Sarah examines the stats that truly matter...*

BY SARAH HERBERT  
Beacon Features Editor

Basketball fans across the nation witnessed an upsetting loss by George Mason, so now it all comes down to Florida and UCLA.

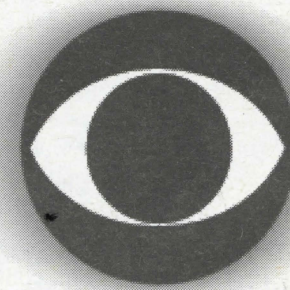
Of course, this showdown is the featured game of the week. Personally, neither of the teams are my favorite. I'm a Kentucky Wildcats fan. Unfortunately, the Cats were a disappointment this season.

For once in my life I called this game way ahead of time. I was one of the few people predicting a loss by George Mason and I seem to be the only one in my circle of friends rooting for the Gators.

If you read my column you know I don't do statistics, so here is my reasoning.

Anyone remember Mike Miller? I'm sure a lot of the ladies do. What a player, not to mention a super good looking guy. He did make it to the NBA, a current Memphis Grizzly. Granted, not the most prestigious NBA team.

Miller aside, who doesn't like Florida? They have pretty colors and pretty players. We all know that's the equation for a successful sports team. Go Gators.



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# Men's lacrosse making progress and turning heads in NCLL

BY RYAN DIPPRE  
Beacon Sports Editor

A little determination goes a long way.

The goal of the lacrosse club at its start was to "re-introduce a sport with a very successful, but short, past," according to the Wilkes website. The lacrosse club has done far more than simply re-introduce the sport; the club is currently an associate member of the National Collegiate Lacrosse League, and has already notched its first-ever win in the league. Not too bad for a club that didn't exist a year ago.

"We've made a lot of advances," said club president Mike Fox, showing a strong talent for understatement. "We won our first game, which was a big step," said Fox, referring to Wilkes' 7-6 win over Briarcliffe on March 26.

The club has indeed taken great strides during spring semester, regularly facing more experienced opponents with grace in the NCLL. The NCLL, it should be noted, does not differentiate between the NCAA divisions.

"We could play a D-I school," said Fox, a senior communication studies major. "We could play Duke. We could play Ohio State." Due to both time constraints and the "associate member" status of the team, however, the largest opponents Wilkes will be facing this season are at the Division II level.

As an associate member, Wilkes is required to play a minimum of six games throughout the season, and is not eligible for NCLL playoffs. "This year they wanted us to be a full-time member," said Fox, "but we didn't feel that we could commit to that being a first-year program." Full-time member status, which brings with it the chance for playoffs and a possible NCLL championship, is hopefully in the near future. "We're hoping next year," he said.

Some might see the lacrosse club's status as a "club" as a drawback, but Fox disagrees: "I think being a club is a good place to start." Although the club lacks money, equipment, and support from Wilkes that

a varsity program would have, it provides a little more freedom for growth and experience. Rather than being thrown into a full-fledged varsity schedule against well-developed programs in the Middle Atlantic Conference, the club can slowly sharpen its teeth against the teams in the NCLL without the pressure of fighting for a playoff spot. Club status also means less practice time, which allows students who are bogged down with end-of-the-semester school work to participate without being punished if they miss a practice.

"It is a club," said goalie Michael Sciulara, "so we try to give a little leeway... we try to have a good four practices a week."

The first season for the lacrosse club is winding to a close, with its final games coming during a doubleheader next weekend at Shippensburg. The club has accomplished a great deal in its short season, and looks to accomplish even more. "We've had a good amount of success so far," said Sciulara, "and people have really been motivated by that."

Fox, who is in his final year of NCAA eligibility, is hoping to leave the program in a good place for future seasons. "I want to leave the team better than I found it," he said. The best way to improve a program, of course, is with more games. "We're trying to get a four-way round robin going with Misericordia, King's, Scranton, and us," said Fox. "We're trying to see if we can get that going in the fall."

The club is also looking to establish ties with the 1975 MAC champion men's lacrosse program. "We're trying to push for the University to induct the 1975 team into the Hall of Fame," said Fox. "If that happens, the alumni have agreed to play us in a game. Hopefully, that could cap off the season on a good note."

The 2006 season has been one of experimenting with the lacrosse club, but much of it has been resoundingly successful. "We've turned a lot of heads," said Sciulara.

The club, which Fox said simply "wanted to give the league a try" when they joined the NCLL this season, has played competi-



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**The lacrosse club prepares for Sunday's game at the Recreational Athletic Center on Main Street. The Colonels are currently 1-2 overall, with three games to go.**

tively and began to establish a team identity. Although the season was rather short, the timing ended up being perfect in terms of what the club could handle. The six games, according to Fox, "will take us to

right around finals." For a club that still has its sights set on varsity status in the future, its inaugural season has been a series of major steps in the right direction.

## WEEKEND RECAPS

### Baseball

At press time, the Wilkes baseball team was still underway with its double header against Kings.

### Softball

Laurie Agresti tossed a one-hitter and Samantha Evanich smacked her sixth homerun of the season as the Lady Colonels defeated King's 2-1 in the first game of a double header. Evanrich's two-run bomb in the bottom of the first was plenty for Agresti, who fanned 13 and walked two.

But the Lady Colonels failed to take sole possession of the conference, losing 9-1 in the nightcap. The Lady Colonels remained tied with King's at 5-1.

### Tennis

Sunday's match against Lebanon Valley was postponed to a later date beginning at 2:00.

### Women's Lacrosse

Lyndsay Asinelli, Shannon Chlebus, and Stacy Fimmano each had one goal a piece as Wilkes lost to unbeaten Messiah, 21-3 Saturday afternoon. The Colonels fall to 2-4 overall and 0-4 in the conference.

## NUMBERS OF THE WEEK

13

Number of strikeouts Laurie Agresti accumulated in her one-hit performance over King's College Saturday.

12

Unearned runs given up by the men's baseball team in last weekend's three game sweep by FDU.

47

Wilkes students named to the MAC academic honor roll for the fall 2005 semester.

16

Number of saves by Cassie Malone in goal against undefeated Messiah College during Saturday's women's lacrosse game.

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## Preview of the week: softball vs. DeSales

*Lady Colonels pitching looks to be the key to success*

BY ARIEL COHEN

Beacon Assistant Sports Editor

After it seemed like winter was never going to end, the warmth of spring has finally arrived and with it comes the opportunity to go and see Lady Colonels softball continue their Freedom Conference schedule against DeSales University.

The Lady Colonels, who are off to a 9-9 overall record, and a 5-1 conference record as of Saturday's doubleheader have a total of four more conference games including the one against DeSales.

Until now the team has played all of its Freedom Conference rivals twice this season, with the majority of the match-ups doubleheaders. But for the first time this season the Lady Colonels will play conference rival DeSales only once.

This will be the first time that the

two teams have met since the middle of March of last year when the two teams split the doubleheader with the Lady Colonels taking the first game 9-1 and DeSales winning the nightcap 4-2.

"We have a really good team this year with two pitchers that have

has a season ERA of .50 through the seven games that she has pitched has a season record of 4-3 giving up only 3 earned runs and has allowed only 23 hits. The other standout pitcher, Samantha Evanich has another low ERA at 1.63 and a season record of 3-2.

"We are in great shape and as long as we well keep playing as we have been we will be fine," stated senior catcher Jan Nunemacher.

The Bulldogs who have a 2006 record as of Sunday's standings of 6-11 overall are

going to need help to creep past the second place Colonels, who are only a step behind first place King's.

The game against DeSales will take place at home this Saturday, at the Ralston Field sports complex at 1:00 p.m.

We have a really good team this year... so I think we will do really well against them...

Shelly Pheiff, junior outfielder

pitched all of our games so far so I think we will do really well against them [DeSales]," said junior outfielder Shelly Pheiff.

The Wilkes softball pitching staff has been one of the dominant forces for the ladies so far this season. Laurie Agresti who



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Nadine Taylor hits a fast pitch in Saturday's doubleheader against King's College. The Lady Colonels won the first game 2-1 and then dropped the nightcap 9-1. The Lady Colonels take on Freedom Conference rival DeSales this Saturday at 1 p.m. here at home.



## Campus Calendar

### All Week

Committed to Clay, Sordoni Art Gallery

### Monday (4/03)

\*Women's Softball @ William Paterson - 2:30 p.m.

### Tuesday (4/04)

\*Men's Tennis vs. Drew - 3:30 p.m.

\*Open dinner discussion on racial issues, HSC Miller Room - 6 p.m. RSVP by

calling 408-4731 or culture@wilkes.edu

\*Trivia Night, HSC Ballroom - 8 p.m.

### Wednesday (4/05)

\*Blood Drive, HSC Ballroom - 10 a.m.

\*Men's Golf vs. Scranton - 1 p.m.

\*Women's Softball @ Misericordia - 3 p.m.

\*Men's Baseball vs. Misericordia - 3:30 p.m.

\*Men's Tennis @ Susquehanna - 4 p.m.

\*Women's Lacrosse @ FDU-Florham - 4 p.m.

### Thursday (4/06)

\*Health Fair, HSC Ballroom - 11 a.m.

\*Antigone, DDD - 8 p.m.

### Friday (4/07)

\*Men's Golf @ Moravian - 12:30 p.m.

\*Men's Baseball vs. DeSales - 3:30 p.m.

\*Men's Tennis vs. King's

- 3:30 p.m.

\*Antigone, DDD - 8 p.m.

\*Dashboard Confessional, Kingston Armory - 7 p.m.

### Saturday (4/08)

\*5K race to benefit American Diabetes Association, Wilkes Greenway - 9 a.m.

\*Women's Lacrosse @ Wilmington - 12 p.m.

\*Men's Baseball @ DeSales - 1 p.m.

\*Women's Softball vs. DeSales - 1 p.m.

\*Men's Tennis @ FDU-Florham - 1 p.m.

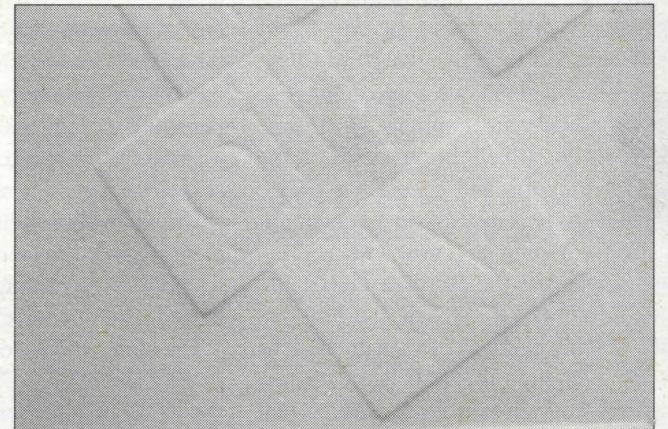
\*Antigone, DDD - 8 p.m.

### Sunday (4/09)

\*Men's Tennis @ PSU Berks

\*Antigone, DDD - 2 p.m.

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Congratulations to Andrew Janke who correctly identified last weeks secret shot which was of a date on a picture next to the belltower