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## SG Survey Indicates Smoking "Bubble Trouble"

BY GABE LeDONNE  
Beacon News Editor

The "bubble," as many campus regulars know it, is once again in danger of being popped.

Student Government held an open discussion at last night's weekly meeting to gather feedback on possible solutions to the smoking lounge in the Stark Learning Center. Student Government Parliamentarian Abhishek Nemani and Junior Class President Mick Jenkins launched a survey last week, the results of which they revealed during the discussion.

"We sent out a survey asking what they thought about the smoking bubble and took feedback in the form of comments," Nemani explained.

The results, as Nemani and Jenkins told SG, revealed that out of the nearly 400 students who participated in the survey, 239 didn't think that the smoking lounge was an efficient use of the university's space.

"People agreed that they wanted to see it removed, possibly relocated, and the space used for something else. The general consensus was that something had to be done," Nemani said.

The results of the survey were echoed by many of those within student government; most members supported a proposal to replace the lounge.

"The consensus on student government is to get rid of it," stated SG President Selena Bednarz. "But we're taking all the results into consideration, just so we can make a decision on our own."

Bednarz pointed out though, "We are a smoke-free campus; it's rather hypocritical to have that on campus."

But naturally not everyone wants to see the Smoking Bubble go. Several students who use the space on a regular basis don't like the idea of being forced outside to smoke.

"I think that the bubble is a good place for students if they need to have a cigarette when there's really bad weather. If anything, I think they need to get some better furniture in here," said Tom Walter, a junior education and psychology major.

Casey Novajosky, a sophomore psychology major, supported Walter's point, adding, "Too many students use it. It's where we see each other everyday. It's a good environment, despite the smoke. I think that if the smoking lounge was redone,



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Several of the Wilkes smoking community are not happy about the possibility of losing their "bubble."

people would take pride in it, and care about it, and people wouldn't ash on it. No one is going to annihilate nice furniture."

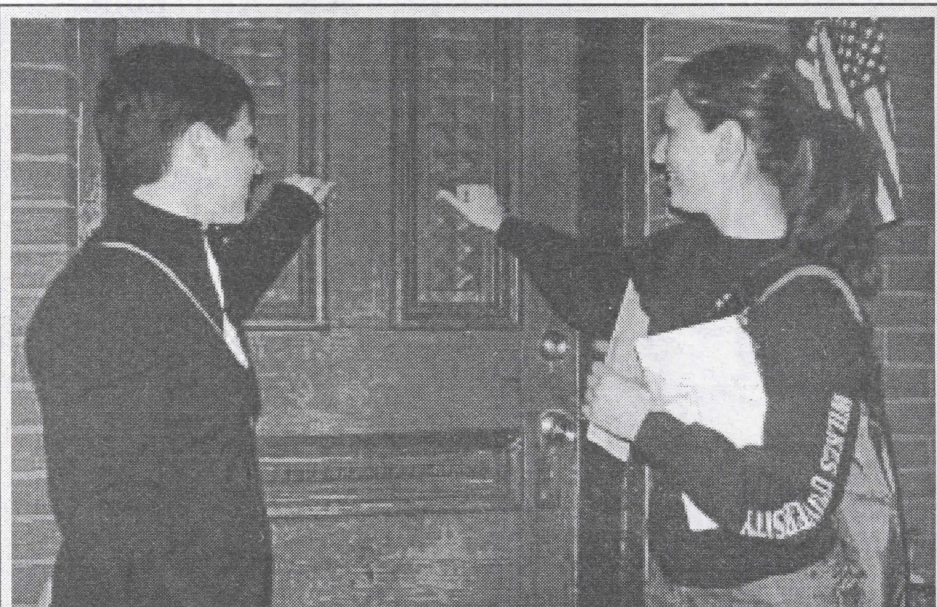
SG took up issue with Novajosky's point. Some SG members brought up the possibility of a squandered investment if they were to spend money to renovate the

lounge only to have it destroyed again.

"It could be a big waste of money," Nemani told SG.

But Eric Bourassa-Lavoie, a Junior/

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## Spreading the Vote

BY KRISTIN HAKE  
Beacon Photo/Graphics Editor

On Wednesday, April 2, members of Wilkes Off Campus Council (OCC) participated in a door-to-door voter registration drive for students who live on Ross Street.

Kyla Campbell, President of OCC, said, "As off campus students we should

realize the importance of the mayoral election. The outcome will effect our apartment safety issues, how we get along with neighbors and government, and whether or not downtown Wilkes-Barre will be revitalized."

For more information about registering to vote please contact Jim Harrington at harringt@wilkes.edu. The primary elections will be held on May 6, 2003.

## Looking for VISION Homeless shelter loses their home at Wilkes

BY GABE LeDONNE  
Beacon News Editor

With Commuter Council finally claiming its new lounge-the group holds its grand opening today-one community service tradition is left to find another spot: V.I.S.I.O.N. But some wonder if the well-known city homeless shelter for men should return at all.

Volunteers In Service In Our Neighborhoods (V.I.S.I.O.N.) was created in 1987 with the goal of getting homeless men off the streets and providing them with what they need to find their way back into society. In recent years, Wilkes has contributed to V.I.S.I.O.N.'s cause by providing the program part of the basement in Conyngham Hall for temporary shelter. V.I.S.I.O.N. locates temporary shelter for

the homeless men in its program with a variety of sponsors throughout the year including churches, colleges, and community centers. For the past ten years, Wilkes has offered the men of V.I.S.I.O.N. space for at least one week per semester in the basement of Conyngham Hall. With Commuter Council taking that space full

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## SG Happenings

Student Government held its weekly meeting on Wednesday, April 2. Their agenda included the following:

"Adventures in Science" requested \$800 to help pay for their program which conducts scientific lab simulations for elementary students on April 25. SG approved their request 26-0-6.

SG Discussed the Smoking Lounge

in the SLC. SG agreed to conduct another survey and use the results to create a recommendation for administration at SG's next meeting.

Due to student concerns, the elections for presidents will begin on April 9 and continue into April 10. Presidential elections include those for Student Government, Commuter Council, IRHC, and OCC.

Commuter Council announced that the grand opening for its new lounge in the basement of Conyngham will be held today, April 3 between 11am and 1pm.

The Spring Fling will be Held Friday, April 4. Approximately 182 students will be in attendance in addition to several faculty and staff guests.

## Hostage Scare on Ross Street

BY GABE LeDONNE  
Beacon News Editor

The Wilkes-Barre Police department came out in full force yesterday to respond to what they were told was a hostage situation on the corner of Ross and Main streets, in the downtown and near the Wilkes campus.

It turned out to be a hoax.

As Police Chief Anthony George explained, "Roughly at 10 a.m. [Wednesday] we received a call from an unknown person who said that there was a subject being held hostage by a black male in the Murray Complex building." George explained that soon after, Wilkes-Barre police responded to the scene. "We went to the door, and no one responded. So at that point in time we secured the building and called our hostage negotiation team."

The negotiation team, unable to make contact, secured the scene and made what George described as a "soft entry" which is, as he explained, "just breaking the door down and enter the building with our protective shields and our entry team."

When Wilkes-Barre Police and Luzerne County Detectives entered the building they discovered that no one was inside the building. "We had to take all the precautions to make sure no one was inside the building," George said.

As to finding the anonymous caller who phoned in the false report, George said that the department would be investigating further. But George guaranteed, "When the caller is found, they'll be charged."

As Chief George pointed out, this is not the first incident to which police have responded at the building. Several weeks ago, police responded to a murder scene in the hallway of the complex building.



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A Wilkes-Barre Police Officer removes the tape barricade after the alleged "hostage situation" was proven to be a hoax.

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## News Briefs

Courtesy of the Associated Press

### Pentagon asks, 'Where's Saddam?' every day, in possible campaign to smoke him out

WASHINGTON (AP)—Pentagon officials insist they don't know whether Saddam Hussein has survived two weeks of bombing. In case he's alive, however, they appear to be trying to bait him into showing himself.

Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld started the drumbeat Sunday, saying there were unconfirmed reports that members of Saddam's family—including his first wife, the mother of his two sons—had begun to flee.

"Where is Saddam Hussein? Where is Qusai? Where is Odai—his sons? They're not talking," Rumsfeld said on "Fox News Sunday."

Then, taking a page Monday from the war in Afghanistan, his spokeswoman, Victoria Clarke, revived a statement Rumsfeld used last year on the whereabouts of al-Qaida leader Osama bin Laden, who to this day eludes American forces. "Since the coalition bombed Saddam's headquarters at the very beginning of the war, the world has neither seen his hide nor hair, only tapes," she said in her opening statement at the daily Pentagon news conference.

On Wednesday, Rumsfeld questioned aloud, in a press conference that would be broadcast to Iraqis, why Saddam had not made a recent television appearance.

"The fact that Saddam Hussein did not show up for his televised speech today is interesting," he said, referring to Iraqi Information Minister Mohammed Saeed al-Sahhaf's reading a statement in Saddam's name. The government had told television networks to be ready for a statement from Saddam.

It was unclear why al-Sahhaf delivered the address for Saddam, who has been seen on tape delivering two addresses since the war began March 20 with the bombing of the Baghdad complex.

Analysts said the repeated remarks on Saddam may also be designed to sow seeds of doubt among Iraqis and thus weaken the regime and hasten its collapse. Three Pentagon officials said privately they believe the longer Saddam remains out of the public view, the more suspicious Iraqis will become about his circumstances.

The White House also on Tuesday pointedly raised fresh doubts about Saddam's status.

### Ethnic intimidation arrests have Lackawanna County officials concerned

of three white men last month on charges of ethnic intimidation have officials here concerned the area could be targeted by white supremacists.

Lackawanna County District Attorney Andy Jarbola said he thinks the three are members of an organized hate group, possibly the Keystone State Skinheads. "There are indications that a group is trying to grow roots in the northeastern portion of the state," Jarbola said.

Antoni Williams, a black man, was walking home March 23 around 2:30 a.m. when he encountered Keith Carney, Steve Monteforte and Steven Smith, police said.

With bricks in hand, the three asked Williams whether he had ever "got beat up by a skinhead," police said. Williams ran away and called police with his cellular phone.

The group then drove by and threw a brick at Williams while yelling racial slurs, officials said. When police arrived, the three fled.

Jarbola said he's been in contact with other law enforcement agencies about hate groups possibly being in the area. He said he wasn't aware of a spike in possible hate crimes. "I want everyone to understand that this type of activity will not be tolerated by this office," Jarbola said Monday after the trio's preliminary hearing was postponed.

Carney, 21, of Feasterville; Monteforte, 33, of West Pittston; and Smith, 31, of West Chester, are charged with ethnic intimidation, making terroristic threats, possession of a switchblade knife, and disorderly conduct.

The Keystone State Skinheads Web site says the group has six chapters in the state: Altoona, Greensburg/Pittsburgh, Harrisburg, Lancaster, Philadelphia and Wilkes-Barre/Scranton.

### Ice cream maker cooks up April Fools' Day flavor

FREDONIA, N.Y. (AP)—An ice cream maker is inviting April fools to line up for a taste of his newest flavor: suffering succotash. Scott Aldrich mixed corn and lima beans with vanilla ice cream and threw in pimentos for color.

The concoction continues his 20-year tradition of making a bizarre flavor in honor of April Fools' Day. "I don't know how we came up with it; we just picked it," he said.

With 35 gallons on hand, Aldrich Beef and Ice Cream Parlor, about 40 miles southwest of Buffalo, began offering free samples on Tuesday.

Past flavors have incorporated, among other things, sauerkraut, bacon and eggs, creamed corn, pork and beans and beef gravy.

## Much anticipated affirmative action cases go before Supreme Court

By Anne Gearan  
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP)—Supreme Court justices, confronting affirmative action in higher education for the first time since outlawing quotas 25 years ago, debated Tuesday whether colleges and universities may legally consider race when admitting students.

Hearing oral arguments on admissions policies at the University of Michigan and its law school, the justices aggressively questioned lawyers for plaintiffs and the school. The Bush administration's top lawyer also took part, arguing that the university's law school program "is a thinly disguised quota."

But Solicitor General Theodore Olson stopped short of declaring that race could never be part of admissions policies, and several justices made the point that the high court has allowed limited use of race as a criterion in other contexts.

Justice Clarence Thomas, the court's only black member, broke his customary silence during oral arguments to closely question a university lawyer about whether affirmative action has furthered the broader social goal of racial understanding and harmony.

"Do you think your admissions (policies) at least provided some headwind toward that?" Thomas asked.

The arguments took place in the ornate courtroom as a crowd of 5,000 to 7,000 mostly pro-affirmative action demonstrators carried placards and shouted slogans outside.

Not since the court ruled out quotas in the University of California v. Bakke decision a quarter-century ago had justices come to such a direct confrontation with the affirmative action issue. Their decision, expected by July, will be awaited not only by higher education but by the business world as well.

Kirk Kolbo, a lawyer for white applicants rejected by the university and its law school, told the justices the goal of promoting diversity on campuses is not a compelling reason to justify giving preferential treatment to minorities.

Justice Sandra Day O'Connor, considered a key swing vote on this issue, said law schools make many choices in picking students, and she wondered aloud why they could not also consider race.

Said Olson: "They're using stereotypes in an effort, they say, to break down stereotypes."

In a fractured ruling in the 1978 Bakke case, the court struck down

quota systems but left some room for race to be a factor in university admissions.

Olson, in fact, stopped short of calling on the court to end affirmative action. And O'Connor pressed him on whether the court should use these cases to ban the use of race. "We're reluctant to say never," he said.

Justice Anthony Kennedy, another key vote, asked Kolbo if colleges should be concerned when blacks and Hispanics are underrepresented, making up a small percentage of students. "We need to get away from the notion that there's some right number," he responded.

Kennedy said that leaders often look at diversity, adding: "I should think that's a very legitimate concern of the state."

Justice Stephen Breyer said there were arguments that schools should reach out to people of all races, to train minorities to be leaders in law, military, government and other fields.

The court was hearing back-to-back arguments asking how and whether race can be a factor when public colleges and universities choose their students.

More broadly, the cases stemming from the university's admissions policies ask wrenching legal and constitutional questions about equality, fairness, opportunity and history.

The court's ruling could effectively end any state-sponsored affirmative action, or it could rewrite the rules for when race may be a factor in government decisions. The law school, considered in the top 10 in the country, receives about 4,000 applications a year and admits just 350 students.

Justice Antonin Scalia said the university, in creating such a hard-access school, set itself up for a situation that would result in racial imbalance.

Michigan's admissions policies have been under fire since 1997, when the university was sued by two whites denied admission to its undergraduate school and a third denied admission to its law school. Each claimed they were passed over in favor of less-qualified minority students.

Applicants for Michigan's undergraduate classes are scored by points, with minorities or some poor applicants receiving a boost of 20 points on a scale of 150. At the law school, admissions officers use a looser formula that tries to ensure each class has a "critical mass" of about 10 percent or 12 percent minority enrollment.



# SG Holds Leadership Conference for High Schools

BY GABRIELLE LAMB  
Beacon Assistant News Editor

Approximately thirty-five Bishop Hafey High School students from Hazleton flocked the Wilkes campus on Friday, March 28, for a leadership training conference held by Wilkes Students Government members.

The high school students participated in multiple training workshops from 9-1 p.m., in the Henry Student Center, which defined leadership and taught students how to become better leaders in their high school setting.

Dean Mark Allen, Student Government Advisor, said the idea came about as Student Government members of Wilkes looked to perform community service, while educating others about leadership skills.

"We encourage organizations to perform community service," said Allen. "Because Student Government is about leadership, I felt that they could share their talents with high school student governments."

Student Government President, Selena Bednarz agrees that the experience is important for both the high school and college students.

"Everyone seemed to be interested and excited in meeting with the high school student governments and doing a leader-

ship program with them. The goal is to give us the opportunity to be leaders and mentor younger high school students, which is the good thing about the program because it helps both parties involved. It seems our student government learns from teaching and leading the younger, high school students, and the high school students learn from us and the different activities we do with them," said Bednarz.

The conference was divided into a number of interactive, leadership and training exercises which high school students participated in. As Commuter Council President Lindsey Wotanis points out, it wasn't only about being a good leader, but defining the meaning of what a leader should be.

"We had a leadership exercise in which the students had to 'redefine' leadership and what it means to be a leader. For example, we talked about people like Saddam Hussein who are leaders; but not necessarily ones we would admire," said Wotanis.

Gail Minichiello, Coordinator of Community Service, spoke to students on the importance of community service within a leadership organization and how to get involved in community service in their hometown.

"I encourage the students to seek out ways in their school and community to utilize an existing community service organization at their school, such as Key Club. The high school students were then broken into groups, each with a Wilkes University student facilitator at their table, to begin to brainstorm and plan out their first steps to organizing a service project through their high school," said Minichiello. "They had to determine what is a real need within their community. What kind of community service project could address this need? How would you start to organize this project, and so on."

Another project challenged students to work as a team and practice the leadership skills they learned throughout the day.

"We did a bridge building exercise which allowed the students to work in small groups, and test their leadership skills. It was really a great exercise because afterwards, they were able to look back at the project and see who contributed to the final product, who did not, and see which students really stood out as leaders," said Wotanis.

Due to the success of this first leader-

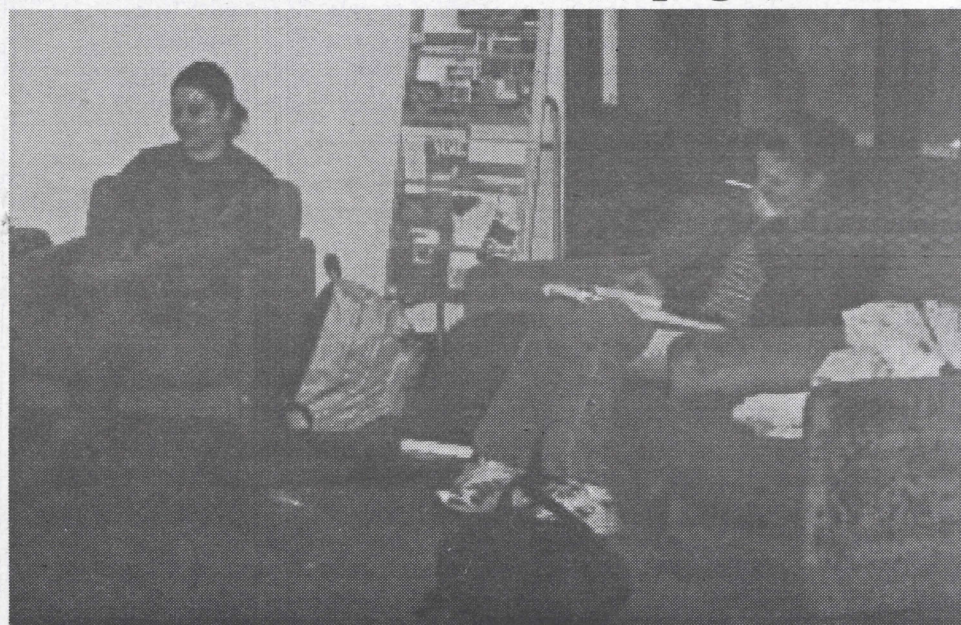
ship conference, SG members have more projects lined up.

"I think this is a great opportunity for the high school kids because they have fun, they learn, they get to meet some college kids, and they definitely walk away with something from the experience," said Bednarz. "After the first session, all the Student Government leaders from Wilkes felt that the high school students enjoyed themselves and opened up to new ideas and suggestions. We observed how the students act towards each other and their leadership abilities, then we would assess it and give them some feedback. I think it helped hearing it from college students."

Today Bishop Hoban High School from Wilkes-Barre will visit the Wilkes campus to participate in the conference. Lake Lehman High School is also expected to schedule a date to attend in the future.

"Given the success of the first program I believe this could be a tradition for student government in the years to come," said Allen.

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Some SG members argue that the investment into the smoking lounge has been "burnt."

The Beacon/Kristin Hake

Senior biochemistry and psychology major responded derisively to SG's concerns.

"They get uppity about it not being taken care of. But we brought in ashtrays and the cleaning ladies came in and took them out. We tried to get a Smoking Bubble Club, so that we could get \$300 and renovate this place. They (SG) said no, that it wasn't a just cause," Bourassa-Lavoie said, referring to a proposal that he and several other smokers took to Student Government last year, but were denied club status.

However, SG decided to withhold final judgement for their recommendation to administration on what to do about the smoking lounge.

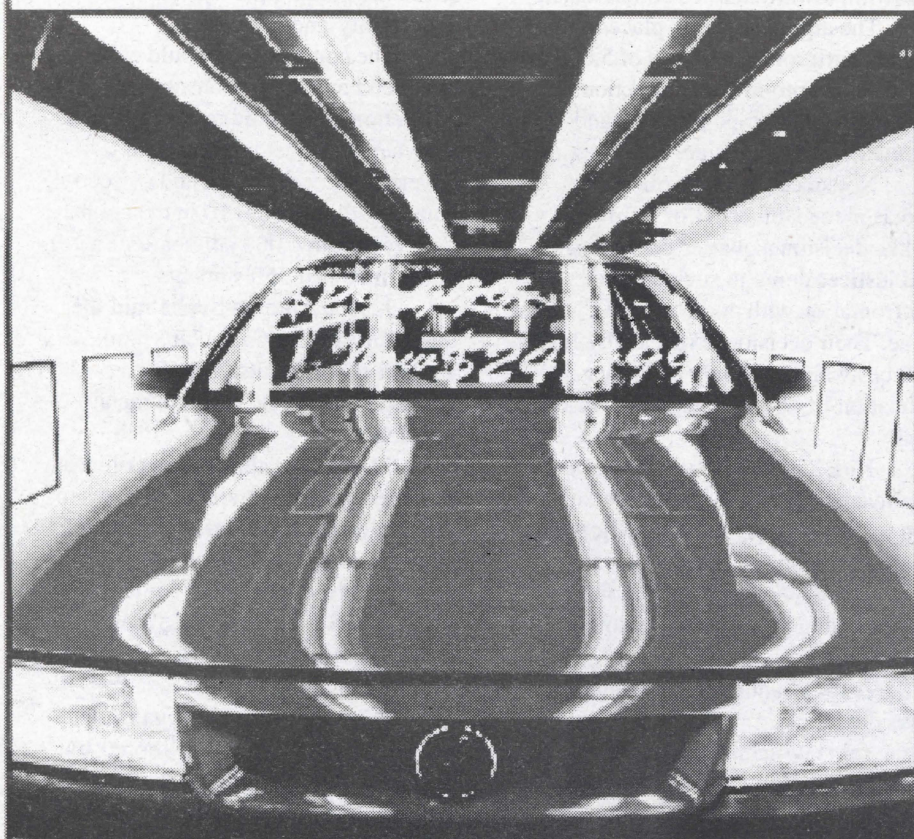
"We're definitely not pushing to get rid of it yet," Bednarz pointed out. SG decided to send out another survey to the student population to gain more focused feedback on what they would like to see replace the smoking lounge, if anything. This survey will be sent out to every student's Wilkes email account sometime within the week.

But once SG makes its recommendation to administration, a slew of other groups must still weigh in on the bubble decision. As Dr. Paul Adams, Vice President of Student Affairs, stated, "Since the 'bubble' concept was created through a multi-constituency process, Mr. Byers (Scott Byers, Vice President of Finance Support and Operations) and I want to be sure that before any changes are made, that all concerned have a chance to weigh in on the issue. There's no question that a recommendation from SG would be an important consideration."

But Adams also said, "My sense is that with each passing academic year, support for the 'smoking bubble' diminishes. Both Mr. Byers and I have received requests that the 'bubble' go away."

SG plans to vote on a recommendation at their next meeting which is scheduled for April 9 at 6 p.m., using the new survey to help guide its recommendation.

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## Polishing up Gold Parking

BY GABE LeDONNE  
Beacon News Editor

After complaints from commuters and questions raised about a stipulation that seemingly had no explanation behind it, the Parking Committee decided to revise the Gold Parking program for both the short- and long-term.

Lindsey Wotanis, Commuter Council President, said, "We decided that we're going to go to a new system next year that

will take the emphasis off commuter lots and put it on a more 'mix' lot." As Wotanis explained, the 30 spaces currently used by faculty in the Temple of Israel lot will be designated for visitors, and those faculty spots moved to a new lot scheduled to be paved over the summer.

Wotanis pointed out though that the Temple lot will still be used as an overflow for faculty on non Gold Parking Days. But Wotanis said, "That lot will be used for only visitors during Gold

Parking days rather than impact the commuter lot. So I'm happy about it."

Since this system won't be in effect until the fall, the Parking Committee also came up with a temporary plan that would ease the crunch on commuters during Gold Parking days that may come up between now and the end of the semester.

"For the rest of the semester, we're going to open up the residence lots during Gold Parking Days so on those days anyone in the paid parking system can park in any

lot. No lots will be excluded."

This repeals a previous stipulation that excluded "Resident Only" lots from Gold Parking. The restriction, according to those interviewed in an article in the 3/27 issue of *The Beacon*, didn't seem to have a clear justification.

Selena Bednarz, SG President and member of the Parking Committee commented, "I think the new system will work a lot better...hopefully."

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time, Wilkes will need to find new space for V.I.S.I.O.N. in order to continue housing the homeless.

But some wonder if the program should continue to be invited on campus, with several safety and security issues raised in conjunction with the function-the most recent of these occurring during V.I.S.I.O.N.'s last visit to Wilkes in early February.

The staff of the *Amnicola*, the college

returned after V.I.S.I.O.N.'s stay, "There was stuff moved around. All of our papers were moved around. There was food still stuck on the table."

But there was a bigger problem for the staff beyond the mess. "Another editor found that the computer, mouse and keyboard from our only computer in there were missing-everything except the monitor," Kile said.

The computer, as Kile explained, had information on the computer valuable to Yearbook. "It had all of our pages from the

I think students get an understanding of what homelessness is and who the homeless are, and there's a tremendous benefit in that.

- Mark Allen  
Dean of Students

yearbook, holds office space in the basement of Conyngham Hall. Kristin Kile, a sophomore communication studies major, serves as *Amnicola's* editor, and said that when staff

yearbook."

"It held us back about three weeks, plus we lost a week when V.I.S.I.O.N. occupied our office space," said Jim

Harrington, *Amnicola's* advisor. But Harrington was quick to add, "We do not blame anyone from V.I.S.I.O.N...I want that stated clearly."

It is worth pointing out that *The Beacon* has not substantiated any proof whatsoever that the missing computer was connected to the corresponding time of V.I.S.I.O.N.'s most recent stay on campus.

Beyond *Amnicola's* problems, however, the Office of Public Safety also had its share of problems with the guests from V.I.S.I.O.N.

During periodic walk-throughs, Public Safety officers reported finding the homeless guests in places that they were not supposed to be. "There were vagrants caught, and had to be escorted back to where they were supposed to be," said Chris Bailey, Director of Public Safety. Those places, as Bailey described included the upper floor of Conyngham, as well as Evans Hall, a building housing nearly 300 hundred students.

"Obviously, there's not oversight. They're not policing their own, and at that point, we have to weigh the benefit with the

costs. Do you really want to sacrifice the security in other areas of the university just so you can provide a homeless shelter?" said Bailey.

"Some things haven't been resolved," agreed Gail Minichiello, Coordinator of Community Service.

But Minichiello downplayed the importance of the incidents, saying with concern to *Amnicola's* problem, "It probably wasn't that valuable except for the information on there. It was an older computer, not highly valuable...nothing really came of that."

Minichiello refused to comment on other matters though, explaining, "Honestly...I don't want this in the paper."

But some still take issue with the safety and security problems that the

university faces with homeless visitors wandering into residence halls and buildings.

"It's an inherent concern," commented John Leedock, Resident Director of Evans Hall. "It is a good cause, but because of their social status, there are concerns that maybe our level of awareness should be elevated," Leedock said.

Bailey concurred with Leedock, saying that some additional questions have to be asked before V.I.S.I.O.N. returns to campus.

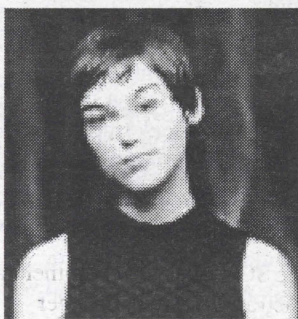
"Who's providing supervision? V.I.S.I.O.N., even though they're a nonprofit organization, is going to have to be...responsible. How are we exposing the university to liability by doing this activity? How are we exposing the students to danger or risks by doing this activity?" were some of the questions that Bailey raised.

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Director of Public Safety

As far as the current status of V.I.S.I.O.N. returning to campus in the upcoming semesters, Mark Allen, Dean of Students commented that "The Office of Community Service along with the appropriate student leaders and administrators will look at our future relationship with V.I.S.I.O.N. from the standpoint of having location challenges given the loss of the Conyngham space."

But Allen said that in his experience, he considers the program "well managed." And although Allen concedes that there are certain risks involved with the program, as is the case with any program, he concluded, "I think students get an understanding of what homelessness is and who the homeless are, and there's a tremendous benefit in that."



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You see, it's a gradual phasing out of what the common or poor person's television may access, and the NBA is most responsible for this change. Indulge the thought, if you will.

This 2002-03 NBA season marked the point at which the NBA struck a lucrative deal with ABC and ESPN that shifted the coverage of regular season games from NBC. But the problem lies in the fact that the playoffs and Eastern and Western conference finals, normally viewed on NBC, have moved to the cable TV Network of ESPN. NBA action is now officially not fantastic.

Where corporate America thrives, urban community members are further deprived by not being able to see their hometown players play... except for a price. With cable fees rising to astronomical rates, it is a wonder any people, let alone those on limited income, can afford cable service in addition to the week's worth of food. And above all, these are the people who deserve to see their heroes play. Sometimes it is all they have to look forward to.

Not only are most of the NBA players from those inner cities, but if it wasn't for these people living in the cities, there wouldn't be arenas, stadiums, or ballparks to play in. Nevermind the fact that people want to see their neighborhood superstar ball.

For example, in many of these cities, the city taxpayers are required to pay more in taxes to fund the erection of these arenas/ballparks/stadiums. In Philadelphia, Lincoln Financial Field was constructed and

became a heated topic of debate. While Veterans Stadium was falling apart, a new stadium was a great solution.

Unfortunately, what came with it was an increase in city taxes to fund it. If the NFL follows the trend the NBA has, soon the NFL will find the majority of its games on cable. Once more, the fans lose out.

The fans also lost out when Philadelphia's new stadium was named Lincoln Financial Field and not a name that captured the history or essence of the city, such as Liberty stadium, or Eagles stadium. Rather, Jeffrey Lurie and Lincoln Financial had the audacity to publicly tell the fans not to use any nicknames when referring to the

scalping. It appears that these "fans" who are fortunate enough to afford the \$5000 tickets/seats are certainly for good old capitalism.

These offenses against fans have not occurred overnight. There are people out there who can remember watching the boxing fight of the week that aired on ABC's Wide World of Sports. Whatever happened to that? Boxing today is not to be heard of, let alone seen, on any regular stations. If you want to see any type of a boxing match, you might as well mosey on down to the nearest bar because unless you have subscribed to pay-per-view, you won't be seeing Iron Mike having a little snack at the expense of his opponent. Is this the future of our remaining televised sports?

First it starts with an NBA all-star game. Then an entire season is affected. Personal Seating Licenses and other examples of a balanced diet of disrespect fed to the household and fans of blue collar America, all make for considerable indigestion. While the white-collar people such as Jeffrey Lurie are sipping coffee in their offices and making sure their kids won't have to worry about working in their lives, our modern day gladiators are balling in the streets looking for that opportunity to rise above the elements presented to them in their common middle- and low-income neighborhoods.

Just as boxing fell victim to cable and pay-per-view, thus becoming the most questionable and corrupt of all sports, so, too, will football, baseball and basketball. If we take away the inspirations of Allen Iverson, Donovan McNabb, and Derek Jeter by letting corporate America capitalize, the future of sports will slip away from the common people who made it to begin with.

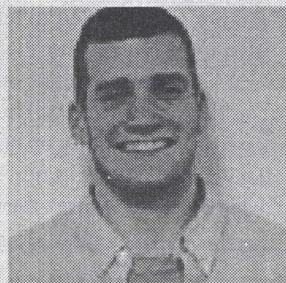
## Mo' Money Beacon Editorial

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stadium to properly "respect their investment." Fans simply seem to have no place in the era of the Corporate Giant.

Another corporate takeover penalizing the middle class are new stadiums such as Lincoln Financial Field having PSL's or Personal Seating Licenses. For a flat and one-time fee of approximately \$5000, one is entitled to a seat for every home game for the next 20 years or as noted by the agreement. What this ensures is the fact that the owner gets his money up front while the richer fans are free to monopolize a seat in which they are free to convert on their investment and charge more than the seat is actually worth. What these owners are ultimately condoning is glorified

# Stars Should Stick to the Stage



BY J.J. HANSON  
Beacon Assistant Sports Editor

When speaking about her opinion on President Bush, Cher is quoted as saying, "I don't like Bush...I don't trust him. I don't like his record. He's stupid. He's lazy."

Talk about the pot calling the kettle black. I hate to upset all of you pro-Cher folks from the valley, but this woman is quite possibly the most stupid of all celebrities. This rocket scientist got all the way to 9th grade. She is definantly a person whose opinion I take to heart [heavy sarcasm]. Cher is one of the many social elites who have been generously offering the American public their uninformed opinion on just about everything political.

It seems at least once a day a new star is bad-mouthing the President, the country, and the war. I know that I am not the only one who could care less what Martin Sheen has to say about Operation Iraqi Freedom. I must note that Mr. Sheen unfortunately failed his entrance exam to the University of Dayton. Perhaps if he passed, got a Bachelor's degree, then went for an advanced degree, and worked for 20 years in a defense or government-related field I would care what he says about American policy and military strategy, but he didn't. He is an actor, he doesn't know Jack, and all he does is waste airtime when I could be hearing real news.

Next on the list of the worthless and famous is recent Oscar award-winning documentarian Michael Moore. This guy is a big, gigantic jerk. I would think of more of a sophisticated insult, but this bum doesn't deserve one. His huge intellect amazes me. Apparently when you make documentaries, you stop watching the news. My little sister could tell me that an overwhelming majority of Americans support Operation Iraqi Freedom. But according to Mr. Moore, "There is

virtually NO ONE in America who is gung-ho to go to war. Trust me on this one." At the time he gave that comment two-thirds of all Americans supported the war.

It amazes me that anti-Bush, anti-war, anti-America camp actually believes that these idiots are good spokespeople. As my old pappy used to say, "When you hang out with crap, you start to smell like crap." It works here, too. Apparently, when you listen to idiots, you start to sound like an idiot.

I suppose as a person on the pro-war, pro-Bush, and pro-America side of the fence I should be happy about the conduct of the protestors. The whole lot of them has completely turned away people who were on the fence. They have managed to discredit themselves repeatedly. Their entire movement has become a joke. And leading this charge of incoherent morons is the social elite of Hollywood. They are adapting with the common man whom they represent from their \$4 million homes in Beverly Hills. You people must be kidding.

Wait, I have an idea! This is great. If you want to help your cause, go into a busy intersection, block traffic, and then get into a fight with the police. Really, it will work, and the American public will flock to your cause. The American public will be outraged and will join the cause.

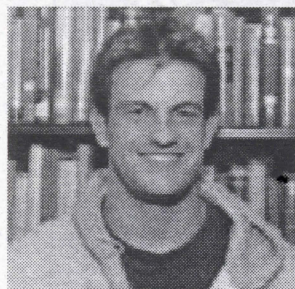
Actually, no, the American public thinks that you're a bunch of nostalgic hippies and uninformed kids. In fact, I'd bet that most of the American public took pleasure in watching a San Francisco cop crack his nightstick over some idiot's head. I know I did. Where is Janeane Garofalo now, jerk?

I hear them making links between Vietnam and this war. Do you want to know what the difference between these wars is? During Vietnam you had well-educated people thinking out effective protests to make a valid point. Now, you have

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# Naming the Most Heinous of Crimes: Child Abuse and Murder



BY CHAD ALTIERI  
Beacon Staff Writer

A couple of weeks ago, I examined the case of Kari Engholm and her blatant neglect as a parent. She was the woman who left her 7-month-old baby Claire in the back seat of the car for nine hours. I stated that I thought we are living in a world of irresponsibility. I still hold that view.

A Hazelton teen, Chester Miller, was 18 years old, and weighed 63 pounds when he died at Santa Rosa Medical Center in Milton, Fla. The autopsy showed bruising, proof of abuse. To even try to imagine what happened to him makes me shudder. This is the kind of story that almost brings me to physical sickness.

Chester Miller's domestic situation was the portrait of tragedy waiting to happen. Chester's father, Robert Miller, left the family and moved to Florida, leaving Chester with his mother. His mother then began living with Paul Hoffman Sr. According to the Cyber Nation of Freedom website, Robert Miller stated, "I left him to live with his mother because I couldn't provide him with a family." Little did he know what that family was doing to his son.

According to speculation by many witnesses, Hoffman Sr. didn't like Chester because the young man wasn't his son. Family members have admitted he would lock Chester in his room to stand for twelve hours, and if he ever caught him moving, Hoffman would beat the boy. Chester was beaten every day.

Chester's mother, Lyda, stood back and let this happen. She even engaged in the senseless acts herself. According to reports, the "parents" wouldn't let him out of the house to see friends or attend school. They just kept him locked in his room, and beat him. Worst of all, they didn't feed him. And if they did, it was only table scraps as if he were a dog, and not their son.

This boy apparently lived a life that none of us can imagine. When he turned 18, he took a desperate trip to find his father in Florida. Reports are conflicting about what exactly happened to precipitate this trip. Most media reports have suggested that Hoffman and Chester's mother felt they "couldn't handle" Chester any longer and that he needed to find his biological father. They bought a bus ticket and basically said, "Go find him." It was a trying trip, lasting 24 hours.

Once Chester reached Florida, the boy, looking like a holocaust victim, stumbled around the community until he fell on the doorstep of Janice Goodman. Upon opening the door, the woman was taken back by the boy's frail appearance and sunken eyes. According to the Cyber Nation of Freedom website, Goodman stated, "His eyes were sunken deep into their sockets, and had dark circles around them. His skin had a sickly pale pallor to it. There were purplish bruises on his hands and arms." Goodman's brother, Charles Blanchard is quoted as saying that Chester told him he was forced by his mother and Hoffman Sr. to sign a paper stating that he wasn't starved or abused.

A perfect stranger, Goodman fed him, let him shower, and allowed him to rest. Then she called 911. According to the MSNBC website, doctors had to do emergency surgery on

Chester's stomach and intestines. His condition was so bad, he went into cardiac arrest and was resuscitated. He died four days later in the Santa Rosa Medical Center, and the autopsy showed starvation and abuse to be the causes.

Luzerne County District Attorney Dave Lupas has said this is the worst case of abuse he has seen in office.

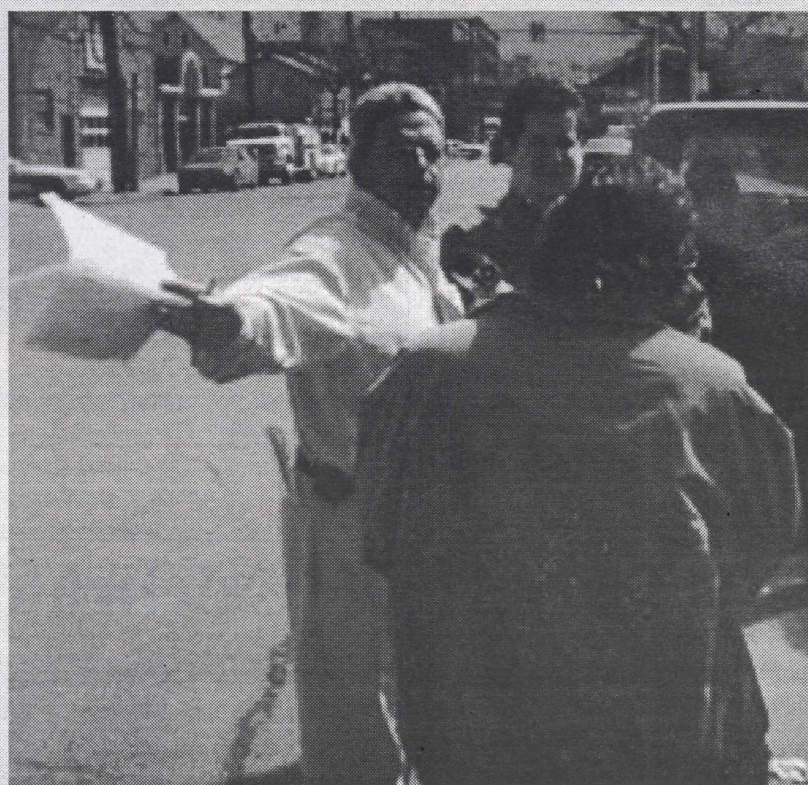
It is amazing to me that Chester's mother would allow a man into her home who beat her son. It is equally amazing that she would condone and engage in these disgusting acts. If the reports are true, this couple actually made Chester sign a paper saying that he wasn't beaten or starved.

How repulsive are these human beings? In my view, though, the mother is the worst. This is her biological child, and she not only allowed his abuse, but apparently also participated in it. Although the charges in his death are not equal-Hoffman Sr. has been charged with third degree murder and Miller has been charged with involuntary manslaughter-they equally killed this boy in my opinion.

It isn't just a case of neglect. This is gross neglect and malice. The sad part is this isn't the only case of abuse and starvation in this country. This is actually happening to others. The responsibility lies with the parents. In this case, responsibility lies with Lyda Miller. Most

mothers are nurturing, loving, and know what's best for their children. To even associate with someone who beats a child is appalling. To participate in such behavior-particularly against your own flesh and blood-is staggering.

I don't know what is wrong with people. Chester suffered and died prematurely because of them. The justice system should see to it that these two never see the light of day again. It's a good thing for them the United States has the justice system it does. Under Hamurabi Code, they might be starved for a few years, and beaten daily. Under our system, there is no equal punishment for this heinous crime.



The Beacon/JJ Hanson

## On Top of the Situation

Wilkes-Barre Mayor Thomas McGroarty made an appearance during yesterday's hostage situation, making sure all operations were running smoothly and that the media was well informed.

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uneducated dopes, fighting cops and being disruptive to piss people off.

I would say one out of every five people in the 19% of Americans who oppose the war actually have a thought out, well-informed opinion. The other four are mindless radicals who disagree just for the sake of being against

the mainstream. They are fanatics. They are irresponsible. They are everything their celebrity leaders have cultivated them to be. So when you hear these bozos spouting off remember that they are almost all incredibly dumb and have no clue what they are talking about.

## Letter to the Editor

We got caught!!

Mr. J.J. Hanson, Beacon Assistant Sports Editor, has called the world's attention (at least those persons in the world who read his column) to the fact that Business and e-business (sic) are "fake majors."

Now that the truth has been revealed, the Business Division respectfully requests that the University amend its admissions application for persons who indicate a preference for Business and/or e-business (sic) as follows:

\*\*All applicants for admission to Business and e-business (sic) programs must be either intellectually challenged or demonstrate a competence to play sports (preference given to football). Applicants able to provide an annotated bibliography (or who know what the term means) will not be considered. Transfers from other "fake majors," specifically, Pharmacy, Communications, and Elementary Education, are encouraged to apply. Applicants must attest to their financial ability to "waste" \$20,000 per year on garbage/

complete garbage.\*\*

The above comments are, of course, as in the Hansonian spirit, made in jest. They are reminiscent of the spoofs offered in such great works as Jim Carrey's "Dumb and Dumber," Steve Martin's "The Jerk," and Fyodor Dostoevsky's "The Idiot."

Anthony L. Liuzzo, J.D., Ph.D.  
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# "The Diversity of Life" Takes Shape

## Artists weigh in on the challenges of mural work

BY ELVIRA ILLIANO  
BeaconStaff Writer

*This is the second article in a series of three that will examine the evolution of an original piece of art. The first article focused on the teacher's perspective and looked at how artistic creativity can be coached. The second examines the student artists' perspectives in the process of creation. And the third will look at the audience's reaction upon the unveiling of the finished product toward the end of the semester.*

"The Diversity of Life," a mural being created by six Wilkes University students, is swiftly and beautifully coming to completion.

The mural, a mixture of art and biology, is located on the third floor of the Stark Learning Center. It depicts everything from single cell organisms such as slime, to animals such as rats and birds, as well as human life in the form of an unborn child. All drawings and designs are linked by a double helix snake form.

Brittany Kramer, a Wilkes University sophomore majoring in English, stated that the title of the mural definitely fits their project. "We have something from all the different kingdoms and biological areas. It is very diverse," she stated.

The greatest obstacle "The Diversity of Life" artists face, as Sharon Bowar, Associate Professor of Art at Wilkes University, explained, is to mix each

student's unique way of painting and have the mural come together as one final product.

Bridget McHale, a sophomore Biology Administration major, described how she and the class were working to reach that goal. "First of all, we drew on the wall and sketched everything. Then we figured out the colors to use the different paint and then spending a lot of time looking at pictures and different sketches to come up with what we wanted the mural to look like," McHale said.

With such a lengthy and demanding project to complete, students have definitely been feeling the pressure. "It's time consuming," several students stated. "You are not just painting for yourself; you have to pay attention to what everyone else is doing because it all has to go together," added Kramer.

On the up side, as John Muscarella, a junior Business Administration major, indicated, "This is going to be on the wall for years to come and my name is going to be on it along with the rest of the class."

Christie Reid, a senior majoring in Sociology, gave an additional positive aspect. "You get to work with other people, yet you still have your own individual part, too," Reid said.

The mural will be completed by the end of the semester and presented in an unveiling ceremony during the week of spring finals. All are encouraged to attend this uniquely diverse event.



The Beacon/Kristin Hake

Christianna Reid paints on the mural in the Biology Club room as part of her Art 391 class.

# Campuses That Care Week Celebrates Community Service

BY MELISSA JURGENSEN  
BeaconStaff Writer

Every year, Wilkes students contribute more than 29,000 hours of community service at 100 local agencies and programs. The Volunteer Services program here at Wilkes University encourages students to participate in its various activities.

Campuses That Care Week, which began on March 29 and ends on April 4th, is a collaborative community service project held in conjunction with efforts at King's College. Students have the opportunity to perform community service with different non-profit agencies in the Wilkes-Barre area. It also provides a chance to have more students get involved in community service and to foster a good relationship with King's College students.

Upcoming events include a concert today, April 3, at 7:30 p.m. featuring Skywind, Armsbendback, and the Punchball Hustlers, at the King's College Student Center in Connerton's Café [see page 14 in this issue for further details].

Friday, April 4th, from 1-3 p.m.,

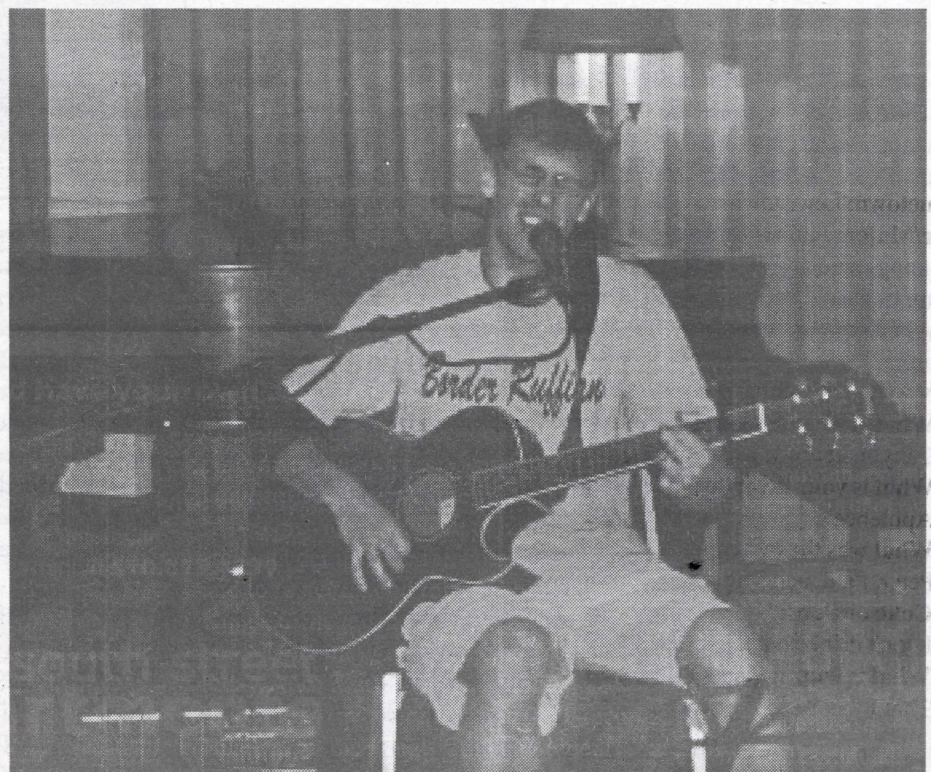
students will do arts and crafts with disabled clients of the United Cerebral Palsy of Wilkes Barre.

"The purpose of having an Office of Community Service at Wilkes University is to encourage more students to be actively involved in community service," said Gail Minichiello, Coordinator of Volunteer Services. "We match a student's interest to a real community need."

The goal of Campuses That Care Week is to enable students to help at non-profit agencies and support the work that those agencies do. Students can also learn about community needs by serving outside university borders, which is another benefit to the week of focus on volunteerism.

"Service helps students realize and become educated as to the needs of not just our own community, but across the nation," said Rosemary D. Cabanillas, AmeriCorps/VISTA volunteer, coordinator of community service, as well as Wilkes May 2002 graduate.

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The Beacon/Ryan Klemish

Matt Ralph assisted in the Celebration of Campuses that Care Week.



**Aman Chadha**

**Hometown:** Wilkes Barre, P.A. (originally Delhi, India)

**Year/Major:** Senior/ Electrical Engineering

**Q) Where you involved in any April fool's pranks?**

A) No

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

A) Bryan Adams

**Q) What is your favorite place to eat?**

A) Tandoori

**Q) What was the last concert you have been to?**

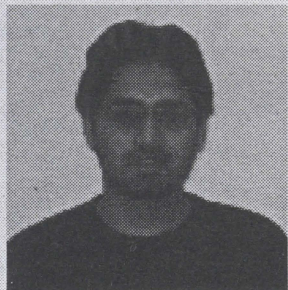
A) Venga Boys in New Delhi

**Q) Coke or Pepsi?**

A) Coke

**Q) What is your favorite thing about Wilkes?**

A) Living expenses are low compared to a place like Manhattan.

**Amber Calarco**

**Hometown:** Hazelton, P.A.

**Year/Major:** Freshman/Secondary Education and Math

**Q) Where you involved in any April Fool's pranks?**

A) Yes. My brother and I team up against my parent's big time.

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

A) Celine Dion

**Q) What is your favorite place to eat?**

A) Any little Italian restaurant

**Q) What was the last concert you have been to?**

A) I've never been to a concert

**Q) Coke or Pepsi?**

A) Pepsi

**Q) What is your most favorite thing about Wilkes?**

A) It has a comfortable atmosphere where you can just sit and relax.

**Stephanie Hartley**

**Hometown:** Lewistown, P.A.

**Year/Major:** Junior/Elementary Education/ Psychology and a minor in Dance

**Q) Where you involved in any April Fool's pranks?**

A) My friends and I made a deal not to.

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

A) Canyon Trilogy, Rusted Root, and Peter, Paul and Mary

**Q) What is your favorite place to eat?**

A) Applebee's

**Q) What was the last concert you have been to?**

A) Peter, Paul, and Mary

**Q) Coke or Pepsi?**

A) I don't drink soda. I prefer water.

**Q) What is your favorite thing about Wilkes?**

A) That I will be graduating in a year



## Seasonal Allergies Kick into High Gear as Spring Blooms

BY MONICA CARDENAS  
Beacon Correspondent

While many excitedly anticipate warmer weather and greener trees, 35 million allergy sufferers in America dread the change in season.

Diane O'Brien, MSN, CRNP and director of health services, says she deals with allergy complaints on almost a daily basis throughout the spring and fall. "Lots of times students will come in thinking they have a cold. Once I get a history I can differentiate between something that's infections versus an allergy."

Although some students are unaware of their seasonal allergies, others receive allergy shots in an effort to prevent reactions. "There are about 20-25

students who get their allergy shots through our office," says O'Brien.

According to the August 1999 issue of *The New England Journal of Medicine*, "Allergy shots, also known as immunotherapy, work by changing the way your immune system recognizes an allergen, and is a preventive treatment for allergic reactions to substances such as grass pollens, house dust mites and wasp and bee venom. Immunotherapy involves giving gradually increasing doses of the substance, or allergen, to which the person is allergic. Although usually effective, immunotherapy is not a quick fix. It requires a steady schedule of shots with gradually increasing doses, and it usually takes 1 to 2 years to

determine whether you're benefiting from the treatment."

"Allergies are annoying just because they can go on and off. I never know when it's going to be a bad day or a good day," said Emily Gabardi, junior business major and allergy sufferer.

O'Brien said symptoms of allergies include runny nose, itchy, watery eyes, itchy ears, sneezing, and sometimes a cough. In order to prevent these symptoms, O'Brien suggests taking an antihistamine. Also, keeping rooms well ventilated and dusted helps keep allergens at bay. "If you know your allergen, whether it be grass, molds or pets, try to stay away from it. There isn't a whole lot you can do besides taking an antihistamine and avoiding allergens," said O'Brien.

## Popularity of Out-of-State Internships on the Rise

BY ELVIRA ILLIANO  
Beacon Staff Writer

Although many college students are apprehensive about facing the world outside of educational settings, one of the most memorable experiences a student can have is outside of the classroom walls and through real life experiences offered through internships.

In order to apply for an internship, a student must meet two qualifications: he or she must be at least a sophomore and have a grade point average over 2.0.

Once a student qualifies, applying for an internship is not as difficult as it may seem. Mr. Philip Ruthkosky, Cooperative Education and Internship Coordinator, explained, "First you must discuss it (the internship opportunity) with your academic advisor. If your advisor thinks it is a good idea, you can have it (the internship) scheduled. Next, you would come to see me so we can work on basic things such as resume and cover letter to determine your interests and what you like to do."

Dr. Poala Bianco, Associate Professor of Foreign Languages & Literatures at Wilkes University

and Coordinator of Study Abroad, explained that while traveling out of state for hands-on experiences is becoming quite popular, abroad internships have not. "At this point, we do not have them," Bianco indicated.

Bianco added, however, "The university is getting a lot of information on abroad internships. There are also a lot of volunteer services that want people who speak English, but they are more than internships. They are volunteer internships."

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Minichiello added, "Community service is a beneficial activity to help our fellow neighbors in a time of need. Our students have many talents to share with others."

Community service isn't just beneficial to those served. Students performing service reap many rewards such as knowing they helped someone else, making a difference, gaining career experience, developing new skills, meeting new people, forging connections with their

community. Volunteering can also offer an outlet to work toward change for a more just society.

Such organizations that exist at Wilkes that have community service as a mission include Circle K, Student Community Service Council, and many others that incorporate service into their activities.

"Community service is important because we live in a wonderful nation, and it's important to give of yourself when it is needed," said Cabanillas. "People

need help all over the world, but we need to begin helping our fellow Americans, right here, right now."

You do not have to join a club in order to participate in community service. Any student, staff, or faculty member can contact the Office of Community Services, second floor of the Henry Student Center, at 408-5905 or service@wilkes.edu in order to learn more about how to volunteer.



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Within the past year, students who have done internships have traveled to New York, Maryland, New Jersey, and Florida to take part in various internships in such fields as public relations, advertising, journalism, and finance, to name just a few.

Emily Gabardi, a Wilkes University junior majoring in Business Administration, was among several Wilkes University students who took on this challenge and interned outside of the state.

Working through Arthur J. Gallagher & Company, a college summer internship program founded in the early 1970s and the fourth largest insurance brokerage firm in the world, Gabardi was able to move around quite a bit. "I worked in the Wayne, New Jersey office. However, I also spent a week at corporate headquarters in Chicago.

Throughout the course of my internship I also traveled to New York, Pennsylvania, and Connecticut," stated Gabardi.

The internship allowed Gabardi to gain hands on experience and learn more about the world outside of the classroom. "I spent some time in training on insurance and risk management. I also accompanied producers on sales calls, worked on proposals, attended sales meetings, and worked with underwriters," explained Gabardi.

Even though internships are meant to give the student an outlook into the "real world," Gabardi indicated that her college education was still of utmost importance. "Often times throughout my internship I found myself connecting what I learn in the classroom to the real world, which reinforced the fact that I truly am receiving a quality education here at Wilkes," Gabardi said.

Meeting new people was probably the greatest aspect of Gabardi's internship experience. "During my time at the home office in Chicago, I got to be friends with a lot of great people who live all over the US, and believe it or not we still keep in touch. Also, the professionals who served as mentors to myself during my internship were most helpful. They took time out of their busy schedules to sit down and explain things so I could better understand the insurance market, which can be quite complicated at times," stated Gabardi.

Ruthkosky added that another positive aspect of internships is not just meeting new people but the life experience in general. "Students do enjoy the opportunity to get away and see things from a different perspective," explained Ruthkosky.

Gabardi offered Wilkes University students an enthusiastic piece of advice on internships. "DO IT! The experience you

receive is so valuable. Internships help to bridge the gap, from the classroom to the real world, so when it's time to find that first job you have an idea what to expect," Gabardi stated.

Although Ruthkosky does not necessarily recommend students aim for non-local internships, he does believe that they can help in the long run. "I always tell my students, 'the more you open up as far as possibilities, the more possibilities you are going to have,'" Ruthkosky said.



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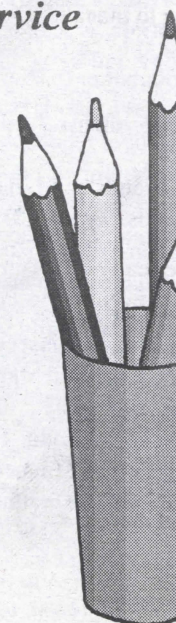
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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

## Cross and Thomas Display Unusual Side of the Arts

BY RAPHAEL COOPER

Beacon Assistant Arts & Entertainment Editor

It's 6:20 p.m. on Friday, March 28. In the upper lobby of the Dorothy Dickson Darte Center, modern dance professor Kris Cross has her dancers prepared like a well-oiled machine.

Cross, whose troupe including Melissa Lasecki, Krystal Lynn Testa, Bridget Giunta, Jennifer Ward and Lauren Trovillion is featured in the Cage and Cunningham concert. They are working through some obstacles. Not only is Cross dealing with a complicated task of choreography that embraces the idea of chance, but there are other roadblocks such as bright side booms and two dancers out of five suffering from injuries.

But despite all obstacles, Cross and her dancers manage to create together something that captures the true essence of Cunningham flair. Indeed, for Cross and the young women who dance, the show must always go on.

Meanwhile, Musical Director Steven Thomas is in the Darte Center tuning his instruments and preparing for the night in

which he and Cross will dominate with their works of art. These two artistic endeavors will soon come together to celebrate not only the legends of dance and music, but also the New and Unusual Arts series at Wilkes.

In addition to the dancers, the Wilkes University Percussion Ensemble performed. Members include Robert Burns, Christina Harowicz, Bruce Harris, Melissa Lasecki, Elizabeth Miller, Lori Ann Phillips and Matthew Smallcomb. Susan Minsavage, instructor of voice at Wilkes also performed that night.

The night kicked off with a brief introduction about the purpose and focus of the effort. Cross explained to the audience the Cunningham technique in dance; this is Cross' real expertise. Cross, who was also busy all week conducting seminars on the technique of Cunningham, explained there are some things that the audience might not realize.

Cross explained, "Some of the things I hope the audience can come away with are above all a better under-

standing of modern dance in general and this very specific aesthetic. There is a lot of decision making that is going on and no one might realize that."

Much like a football team that has scripted plays but relies on improvisation for its success, so too, do the Cunningham dancers. Cross's students had scripted moves and sequences, but also they had the responsibility of making decisions as to when they perform their repertoire... not a place for the dancer who is faint of heart.

Cross's piece, "Credo In Us," displayed the modern dancers' control and absolute beauty—both of the dance and choreography. This piece was played by Robert Burns, Matthew Smallcomb, John Stassen, Kevin Holbert and Dave Van Why. The obstacles of the night were not even a factor to the performers who were so well received by the audience. The several months the troupe endured of drilling resulted in a night of absolute pleasure for all theater-goers as well as a night of education.

Also, providing a most enjoyable night was Steven Thomas whose pieces were eye-

opening and very educational. The most notable was Thomas's *Spontaneous Earth* which featured a prepared piano. This new and unusual performance displayed to all in attendance the many different sounds that a prepared piano can present. As Thomas joked, "No concert would be complete without prepared piano."

There was something for everyone Friday night and that was the case with *Three Pieces for Flute* duet, played by Becki Simon Brown and Desirae Triplett. This melodic duet captured the brisk nature of Cage and his haunting, sometimes schizophrenic sound. It provided a truly soft touch to the evening.

A whole new perspective on art and how it is perceived was presented via Kris Cross and Steven Thomas. A night of New and Unusual Arts was definitely conveyed and a community enriched with this night of modern dance and art. Above all, the night of beauty and chance showed, the New and Unusual Arts program is alive and well.

## It's Fun to Eat at The Y-M-C-A

BY DENNIS FERENCHICK  
Beacon Editorial Board Chair

The Wilkes-Barre Y.M.C.A. sure seems to offer a lot these days.

There's swimming, spinning, racquetball, weight lifting, a brand new basketball court, and even freshly prepared albacore tuna salad.

That's right, albacore tuna salad—nothing but the best.

As part of a large and expensive renovation process that began over a year ago, the Y.M.C.A. added a new café that is currently open to members, employees and anyone else who takes advantage of the "Y's" services.

In fact, next month marks the one-year anniversary of the Y.M.C.A. Café (as it's so affectionately and appropriately named), and according to manager DeAndrea Roebuck, the decision to open the eatery last May has worked out better than expected.

"I used to work at the front desk, and we'd get a lot of feedback from the members who were coming in all the time, as well as employees because they'd always order out for lunch, that some sort of in-house café would be really convenient," said Roebuck.

"So, eventually, another girl, who no longer works here, and I decided that 'yeah, we could do that [run a café],' because it's basically like what you do at home for your kids. We started out with a light menu and it was slow at first, but eventually it just sort of took off and we've just continued to add more and more items over the past several months."

Perhaps The Village People were right after all. Not only can you get a quality workout of your choice at the Wilkes-Barre Y.M.C.A., "you can have a good meal" as

well. Heck, "you can do whatever you feel."

Along with the albacore tuna salad, the café offers a variety of breakfast, lunch, and snack items at extremely reasonable prices.

"In the morning we have a variety of bagels, as well as toast, oatmeal, fresh fruit, yogurt, muffins, fresh coffee, milk, and juice," said Roebuck.

"Then for lunch and dinner, we offer side salads and big salads that come with either chicken salad, egg salad, tuna, or shredded chicken. Our sandwiches consist of ham, turkey, roast beef, peanut butter, and the various salad sandwiches."

The café also offers specialty wraps, pita sandwiches, homemade soups, and homemade pasta salad, as well as hot dogs, pizza, and an assortment of candy for the kids.

"It's not all fat free food, but it's not all greasy and heavy food either," explained Roebuck. "We have a little bit of everything. Our salads and wraps are very popular and we make a lot of toasted cheese sandwiches too."

Currently Roebuck has six employees, who are all working part-time.

"With the exception of special events like a birthday party or swim meet, there are usually two of us working together on a given shift," said Roebuck. "And we pretty much do everything—waitress, run the counter, and prepare the food."

Before the café opened last year, there was not a consistent eatery in the Wilkes-Barre "Y" for 31 years. According to Roebuck, a husband and wife team ran



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The YMCA Café, which is located on the first floor of the building, serves delicious meals, and offers an alternative for Wilkes students.

the original coffee shop/café until they decided to retire after the Agnes flood of 1972.

"Our kitchen used to be a maintenance office, and the actual café itself was a spinning room," said Roebuck.

"And when they did the renovations, they had a guy come in who re-opened the

café originally, but he only lasted about eight weeks because he was selling greasy stuff like french fries and cheese steaks. So, it was just sitting there for a month before we opened it again in May.

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# No longer the summer blockbuster king, Joel Schumacher continues to go small with 'Phone Booth'

CHRISTY LEMIRE

It's hard to classify a Joel Schumacher film.

He's directed two critically acclaimed John Grisham adaptations ("A Time to Kill," "The Client") and been accused of destroying the Batman franchise ("Batman Forever," "Batman and Robin").

He's amassed hot young stars in such '80s ensemble films as "The Lost Boys" and "St. Elmo's Fire," the latter of which he co-wrote.

His earliest films were goofy comedies ("The Incredible Shrinking Woman," "D.C. Cab"), while his most recent have been

about tougher topics: a snuff film ("8MM") and a stroke victim ("Flawless").

And one of his best-reviewed films was the little-seen "Tigerland" from 2000, about Army trainees preparing to fight in Vietnam, starring a then-unknown Colin Farrell.

The Irish actor is back with Schumacher for "Phone Booth" as a slick publicist who's the target of an unseen sniper, played by Kiefer Sutherland. Schumacher shot the thriller in 10 days, with the action taking place in and around a phone booth set in midtown Manhattan.

Working with Schumacher again was much of the allure of the film, Farrell said.

He also appears in the director's upcoming "Veronica Guerin," starring Cate Blanchett in the true story of an Irish journalist who was murdered.

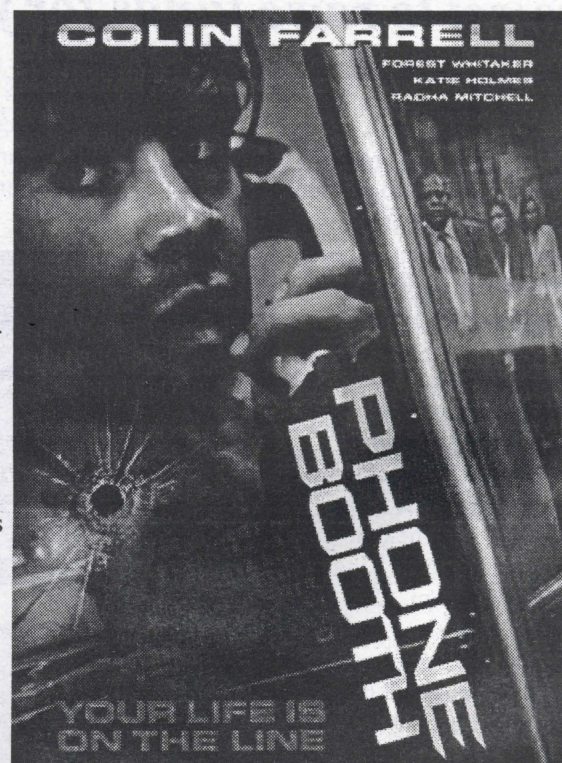
"Me and Joel had a pretty good lingo together from day one. (We) just seemed to get on pretty well," Farrell said recently in New York. "He just creates an environment where people want to work for him, work with him, an environment where it's safe to fail. And that's an important thing, I think, when you're acting."

"Phone Booth," which made its U.S. premiere during last month's South by Southwest film festival in Austin, originally was scheduled to come out in November, but 20th Century Fox delayed its release because of last year's sniper killings.

It's the second Schumacher film that's been postponed because it was too uncomfortably similar to real life.

"Bad Company," starring Chris Rock and Anthony Hopkins as CIA agents who must stop a nuclear bomb from going off in Manhattan, was delayed after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

"When Sept. 11 happened, my first thought was, 'We shouldn't release this at all.' Why release a movie about a bomb in New York City? It just didn't feel right, but



those decisions are not up to me," Schumacher said. "When you direct a movie, even though it says 'A Joel Schumacher Film,' it's owned by someone else."

This is the biggest lesson Schumacher has learned after more than two decades as a director, a career he fell

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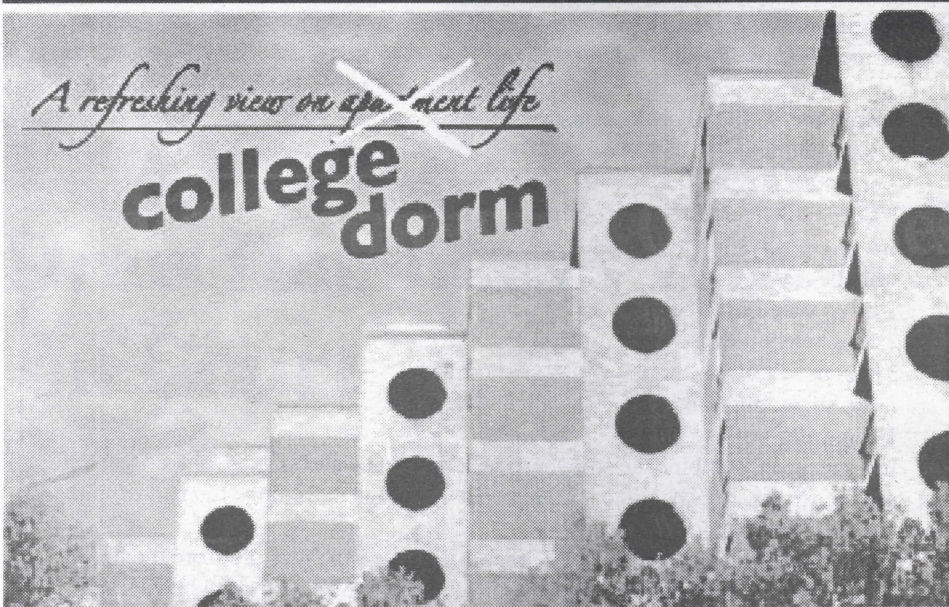
According to former Wilkes-Barre Police Chief Joe Coyne, who eats breakfast in the café every morning after his workout, it has been a godsend.

"All the members and employees really seem to love it," said Coyne, who's been a member of the Wilkes-Barre "Y" for 42 years.

"It's the only place you can get a workout, a haircut [referring to the "Y's" long-time in-house barber], and a cup of soup. You can't beat it."

"It was so nice to see them open the café," added Coyne's friend and former Wilkes-Barre Police Captain Tom Merlie. "It's truly been a convenience and service to everybody. It's home sweet home."

The Y.M.C.A. Café is open Monday-Thursday from 7:00am to 8:00pm and Friday from 7:00am to 6:00pm. During the spring and summer it will be closed on Saturday and Sunday, with the exception of special events on Saturdays.



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# Wilkes and King's Combine Efforts in Benefit Concert

## Project to raise funds for youth services

BY JEANETTE BELL  
Beacon Correspondent

What can turn cross-town rivals into co-workers? The Bridge Youth Services of Wilkes-Barre will receive support as a result of a special event taking place this year during Campuses that Care Week.

While Wilkes and King's may seem like rivals, their respective programming boards will be collaborating on a benefit concert today. The event will be held in Connerton's Cafe on King's campus at 7:30 p.m. Co-

sponsoring the show are the Wilkes University Programming Board, Wilkes University radio station, 90.7 WCLH, and King's Programming Board known as ACE (the Association for Campus Events).

Skywind, Armsbendback and The Punch Bal: Hustlers will be the featured

alternative rock bands. The show will be for all ages and the entire ticket price of six dollars goes to the Bridge Youth Services of Wilkes-Barre. The Bridge Youth Services offers a number of programs and services to

runaway and homeless youths. The Runaway Youth program and Big Brothers/Big Sisters are only a few of several programs benefiting from the concert.

The primary organizer of the show this year is Rosemary Cabanillas, Wilkes University VISTA Coordinator. When

asked what prompted her to hold this event she said, "Campuses that Care Week has been going on for a couple of years now and last year there was a benefit show. There was only one band and it seemed really small. I just thought, hey, let's improve on that."



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into relatively late in life. Now 63, he directed his first feature, "The Incredible Shrinking Woman," when he was 40.

Before that, he attended the Parsons School of Design in New York and was a department store window dresser. He also designed costumes for films in the 1970s, including Woody Allen's "Sleeper" and "Interiors."

But making movies fascinated him since his childhood in a poor section of New York. His father died when he was 4; his mother worked six days a week. The movie theater he could see from the back window of his apartment provided an escape from reality.

"One day your father's there, the next day he's not. I'm sure I was lonely and frightened, and these movies, they just solved everything and I could get swept away with these incredible stories and this world of sight and sound," he said. "And I think that I got something so wonderful from that, that I wanted to be part of it, not in it, but part of passing it on."

He also escaped from reality through substance abuse, which he speaks about candidly. He started drinking when he was 9, first tried drugs in his teens, and partied with Andy Warhol at Studio 54 in his 30s. He didn't get sober until he was 52.

"I was a drunk for a long time and I was a drug addict and a sex addict and a crazy guy. There's nothing to hide," Schumacher said. "Any recovering addict is always hoping that someone will hear your story and realize that you can get sober and you can have a great life."

Creating smaller movies and not the summer smashes that brought him equal

amounts of cash and criticism is part of that life.

One of the most vocal critics of Schumacher's second "Batman," 1997's "Batman and Robin" starring George Clooney and Chris O'Donnell, was Harry Knowles, creator of the Austin-based "Ain't It Cool News" movie Web site.

He said the film ultimately served as a "how-not-to" adapt a comic book to the screen, because it was more concerned with catering to kids than telling a compelling story.

"This is a guy who can make complex dramas. He has that in him, and why does he treat this differently? If it's the studio, then walk off the project," Knowles said. "At that level, he ought to have that autonomy."

Schumacher has done just that with the films he's made since then, including "8MM" and "Flawless."

"I think it's made me a better person and I hope it's made me a better director," he said. "I know I disappointed some people with 'Batman and Robin,' but the Grishams were huge successes. I love those movies. So it's not as if I'm ashamed of that work and I'm trying to cleanse myself. It's just that I didn't want to be the summer blockbuster king anymore. I wanted to tell other stories."

The next story he'll tell is "Phantom of the Opera," which he said Andrew Lloyd Webber first asked him to do after seeing 1987's "The Lost Boys." Schumacher said he's undaunted by the success of other recent musicals, including 2002's best-picture Oscar winner, "Chicago," and 2001's "Moulin Rouge!"



BY MELISSA GALLUP  
Beacon Staff Writer

Hurray! March has passed, and April is finally here. And although April fool's day is gone, it's never too late to pull a fast one on a friend. This April, extend your creativity and try creating tasty tricks with food. Inspired by the recent "holiday," The Food Network has made some new and fun changes to the traditional April dessert-the old-fashioned fool, which is a dessert of pureed fruit and whipped cream. So, grab your favorite fruits and whip up some tasty April treats.

### Lime Fool

Recipe courtesy of Lynn Kearney

Peel and juice of 1 lime

1 cup sugar

1/4 cup water

1 pint heavy cream

In a small saucepan combine lime juice and peel, sugar and water. Bring to a boil and reduce to approximately one cup. Allow to cool, cover and refrigerate syrup overnight. Strain out peel and pulp of lime. Whip cream to stiff peaks with 1/3 cup syrup. Spoon into martini glasses. Serve garnished with sugar swirls and chocolate chips.

### Blood Orange Fool

Recipe courtesy of Lynn Kearney

Peel and juice of 1 blood orange

1 cup sugar

Scant 1/4 cup water

1 pint heavy cream

2 blood oranges, halved, pulp removed

1/2 cup toasted almonds, chopped

In a small saucepan combine blood orange juice and peel, sugar and water. Bring to a boil and reduce to approximately one cup. Allow to cool, cover and refrigerate syrup overnight. Strain out peel and pulp

of orange. Whip cream to stiff peaks with cup syrup. Spoon into blood orange halves. Sprinkle tops with almonds.

### Strawberry Lemon Fool Parfaits

Recipe courtesy of Jill Novatt

2 cups strawberries

1/4 cup lemon juice

1/4 to 1/2 cup sugar (depending on sweetness of strawberries)

1/2 cup sliced strawberries

2 cups heavy cream

3 lemons

1 cup sugar, plus 1/4 cup

1 cup water

In a saucepan, combine the strawberries, lemon juice and sugar. Cook over medium heat until the strawberries begin to soften, about 10 minutes. Remove the pan from the heat. Place the strawberry mixture in

a food processor and process until smooth. Remove the mixture from the food processor and strain through a fine mesh strainer. Mix in the sliced strawberries and place in the refrigerator. Refrigerate until very cold.

With an electric mixer, whip the cream. In parfait glasses, layer the strawberries and whipped cream, starting and ending with the whipped cream. Place in the refrigerator and chill for four hours. Remove the zest of the lemons using a vegetable peeler. Be careful not to get any of the white pith. Julienne the zest. Blanch the julienned zest in boiling water for five minutes to remove any bitterness.

In a small saucepan, combine one cup of sugar and the water. Bring to a boil. Add the blanched zest to the sugar syrup. Remove the sugar syrup from the heat and let the zest steep for 10 minutes. Remove the zest from the syrup and lay out on a rack. Sprinkle with the remaining 1/4 cup sugar. Top the parfaits with some of the candied lemon zest.

For more tasty recipes, visit:  
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# Yankees' Derek Jeter Out at Least a Month

## "Freak" at third sidelines All-Star shortstop

JOSH DUBOW,  
AP Sports Writer

Even the highest payroll in baseball couldn't prepare the New York Yankees for what they face now—playing without leader Derek Jeter for at least a month.

Jeter was placed on the 15-day disabled list Tuesday after dislocating his left shoulder on opening night. The Yankees expect to be without their All-Star shortstop for much longer, and it could be up to four months if he needs surgery.

"We miss him when he's out of the lineup for one game," manager Joe Torre said. "To have him out for an extended period of time, we're lucky we haven't had that happen before. This will probably be a month or more. There will be a big void."

Jeter flew with the team to Tampa, FL after Wednesday night's game and will have an MRI test conducted by Dr. Allen Miller today. The Yankees, who open a three-game series with the Devil Rays on Friday, hold spring training in Tampa and have extensive facilities there.

"I'm sure there will be a second opinion after that. Then the doctors will get together and consult and determine a course of action," general manager Brian Cashman said. "It's six weeks minimum. It could be sooner. It certainly could be later."

The test will show the extent of the damage and whether Jeter needs surgery, said Dr. Jonathan Glashow, a shoulder specialist.

Glashow, an orthopedic surgeon at New York's Lenox Hill Hospital, said Jeter

could be back in four-to-six weeks if he doesn't need surgery or three-to-four months if he does need an operation.

"Thursday will be the day we'll get at least some sign to the course of action and the ultimate downtime," Cashman said.

Cashman said the Yankees were more comfortable having their doctors in Florida examine Jeter than having tests in Toronto. The team also figured it would be easier for Jeter to stay with the team than to fly to New York on his own for the tests.

"I don't think it really makes a difference if we do it now or Thursday," Jeter said. "I want to find out. Obviously, something is wrong, because something is out of place. Something probably has to be torn."

Erick Almonte will get most of the time there while Jeter is hurt, although Enrique Wilson started at shortstop Tuesday. Almonte was called up from Triple-A Columbus on Tuesday.

Jeter hurt his shoulder in the third inning Monday night when he slid headfirst going from first to third on an infield groundout.

Toronto catcher Ken Huckaby, covering third because of an overshifted infield, landed on Jeter's shoulder in a

violent collision. Jeter was down for more than 10 minutes, writhing in pain as concerned teammates surrounded him.

Some of the Yankees thought it was a dirty play. Huckaby called it a "freak" play and left a message on Jeter's cell phone, apologizing.

Torre said Huckaby was just being

many players on the bench who were starters elsewhere.

At shortstop, the Yankees aren't as deep. Jeter, a five-time All-Star, has been the Yankees' leader during their run of four World Series titles and five AL pennants since 1996.

He has played at least 148 games each season, going on the disabled list only three times with minor injuries.

"He'll be missed a ton, no doubt about it," first baseman Jason Giambi said. "This is just some adversity we have to overcome. We've all been through it before, just not with a player like Jeter. We have a lot of great players on this team and we'll all have to pick up the slack a little bit."

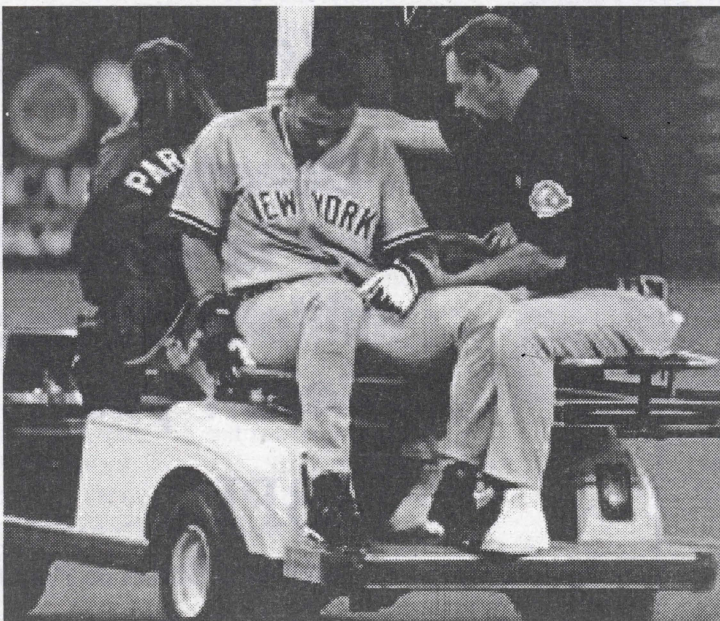
Almonte was unpacking his car in Columbus on Monday night when Rob Thomson, the vice president of minor league development, called and told him to be ready.

Almonte drove to Cincinnati on Tuesday morning to meet someone at the airport who brought his passport from Tampa. Almonte arrived in Toronto about three hours before the game.

"I wasn't expecting it. I always want to play in the big leagues. I never expected a guy like Jeter to go down," he said. "He's a guy who is a future Hall of Famer. He's my idol. I enjoy watching him play. I watch him play all the time. He's fun to watch. I'm just going to try to do my job and play well."

Once considered a promising prospect, the 25-year-old Almonte struggled last season. He hit .235 in 66 games at Triple-A Columbus before being demoted to Double-A Norwich, where he batted .241 in 53 games.

"I don't expect the kid to come in here and be what Derek Jeter is," Torre said. "On the Yankees, we probably get more attention than anyone else. This kid will be under a magnifying glass."



Derek Jeter will be out for several months due to a separated shoulder.

aggressive, and Jeter said he wasn't sure whether the catcher could have avoided the collision.

"I'm just angry I'm going to miss a long time. I'm not happy about it," Jeter said. "I've never done this before. I have no idea how long it will take. I'll be cautious because it's early in the season."

With a payroll of about \$150 million—at least \$30 million higher than any other team and more than double what most teams pay—the Yankees usually have the depth to overcome injuries.

They have seven starting pitchers, an experienced closer in Juan Acevedo to step in when Mariano Rivera hurt his groin, and

# Drew Dominates Wilkes on Court

BY FAITH MARTIN  
Beacon Staff Writer

The Wilkes men's tennis team fell to Drew on Saturday by a score of 5-2. With the loss, the Colonels fell to 2-5 overall and 1-1 in the Freedom Conference, while the Rangers improved to 5-1 overall and 3-0 in the conference.

In the first singles match, sophomore Madhan Srinivasan was victorious over J.D. Spina in a hard-fought three set match. In the first set, Srinivasan dominated 6-2, but he then dropped the second set 6-1. In the third, Srinivasan earned the win with a 7-6 win after a 9-7 win in the tiebreaker.

The Colonels' other point came from sophomore Hassan Shah at number two singles. Shah posted a 7-6 (7-4), 7-6, (7-4) win after a pair of tiebreakers over Drew's Julian Fuller.

"Drew was an extremely deep team. They lost their number one player from last

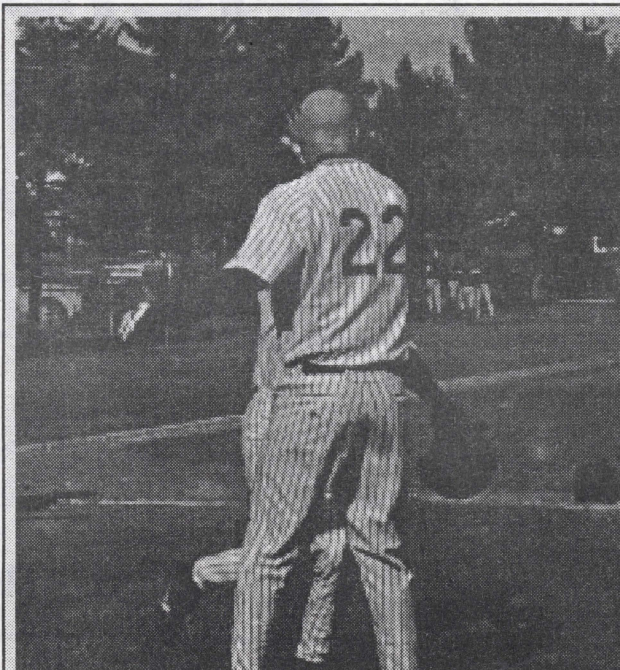
year but it didn't seem to effect them," Shah commented.

The Colonels are scheduled to return to action today when they will host Elizabethtown College at 3:00 p.m. at the Courts at Ralston Field. They will then travel to DeSales University on Saturday for a conference match beginning at 1:00 p.m.

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**SINGLES:** Madhan Srinivasan (W) def. J.D. Spina, 6-2, 1-6, 7-6 (9-7); Hassan Shah (W) def. Julian Fuller, 7-6 (7-4), 7-6 (7-4); Anthony Carreras (D) def. Peter Nguyen, 6-0, 6-0; Aaron McCormick (D) def. Jason Leach, 6-0, 6-0; Ryan McDonald (D) def. Matt Ralph, 6-0, 6-0; Joe Leopardi (D) def. Arvin Narula, 6-0, 6-3

**DOUBLES:** Spina/Fuller (D) def. Srinivasan/Shah, 8-5; Carreras/McDonald (D) def. Nguyen/Ralph, 8-0; McCormick/Josh Curran (D) def. Leach/Narula, 8-3



The Beacon/Mick Jenkins

# A Job Well Done

The Wilkes baseball team wrapped up a successful week, earning two wins against Del Val and one versus Keuk College. The Colonels will look to continue their winning ways when they face Centenary College Saturday at Artillery Park.



# Lady Colonels Take Two in Freedom Conference Twinbill

## *Wilkes came away with 5-4 win in 11, 9-3 win in nightcap*

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The Wilkes University softball team swept a Freedom Conference doubleheader at Delaware Valley College on Wednesday, winning the first game 5-4 in 11 innings, and posting a 9-3 win in the nightcap. The two wins improve the Lady Colonels to 7-6 overall and 3-3 in the conference. With the loss, the Lady Aggies fell to 5-5 overall, 0-4 in conference.

The Lady Colonels got two runs in the top of the 11th in the opener to take the win. Senior Melissa Babcock started the inning off at second base due to the international tiebreaker rule. She would advance to third on a sacrifice bunt by fellow senior Brooke Shreaves. Junior Melissa Mendygral took a free pass, placing runners at first and third with no outs. Freshman Nadine Taylor then stepped up and hit a single, scoring Babcock, putting Wilkes up by the score of 4-3. Sophomore Andrea Dominick followed with a single of her own, scoring Mendygral with what would prove to be the game-winning run.

Wilkes went ahead early in the contest, scoring two runs in the opening frame. Dominick and sophomore Carly Streznetsky hit back-to-back singles to start the inning. Babcock would later knock in Dominick and Streznetsky scampered home thanks to an Aggie error.

Del Val scored once in the first and again in the sixth to knot the game at two, forcing extra innings. Wilkes got an RBI single from freshman Jan Nunemacher, scoring Dominick to give the Lady Colonels a 3-2 lead. The Aggies scored a run of their own in the bottom half of the inning when Jamie Neal laced an RBI-single to tie the game.

The RBI singles by Taylor and Dominick in the 11th gave the Lady Colonels enough cushion to come away with the 5-4 win.

Freshman Jen Trate picked up the complete game win for the Lady Colonels. Trate went the distance, allowing just nine hits while surrendering three earned runs and walking five.

In the nightcap, Wilkes plated three runs in the first and two more an inning later, taking the early 5-0 lead on their way to the 9-3 win.

Sophomore Alexis Petite got the game started early with a two-run double that scored Streznetsky and Nunemacher in the first. Sophomore Kim Graver and Dominick each had an RBI in the second, giving the Lady Colonels a 5-0 lead, one that the

Aggies could not recover from.

Sophomore Maryellen Korty earned the complete game win for Wilkes. Korty surrendered nine hits and three runs, striking out three over seven innings of work.

Petite led the Wilkes offense with a single and a double. Shreaves blasted a two-run homerun in the seventh to secure the win.

The Lady Colonels will be in action on Thursday as they travel to Albright for a

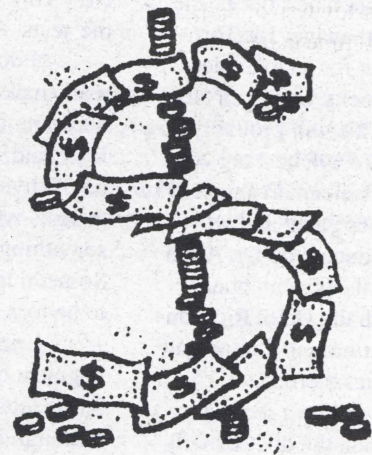
twinbill at 3 p.m. They then return home for a pair of doubleheaders over the weekend. On Saturday, they will host the Lycoming College and Sunday's opponent will be William Paterson. Both doubleheaders have a 1 p.m. starting time.

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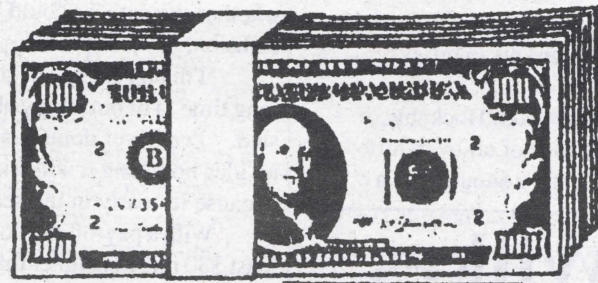
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## Creating a Winning Tradition

### *Wilkes men's tennis builds confidence and conference strength*

BY KYLA CAMPBELL  
Beacon Staff Writer

The Wilkes University men's tennis team has undergone a lot of reconstruction over the past few seasons. This season has been no different.

Under the direction of first-year head coach Chris Leicht, the Colonels are getting just the lift they needed.

Wilkes currently sits third in the Freedom Conference with a 1-1 record, 2-5 overall. The tennis team blanked Philadelphia Bible (7-0) last week, but the true feel-good win came on March 22, when the Colonels defeated cross-town rival King's College (4-3) for the first time in over 20 years.

"The King's victory was big for us," commended Leicht. "The conference win helped our standings."

Leading the Colonels is an experienced duo of sophomores, Madhan Srinivasan and Hassan Shah.

Srinivasan leads the team with a 6-1 record, including 5-1 at number one singles. He is currently ranked first in the conference in number one singles, is number five in overall winning percentage, and was

named the conference Player of the Week for the week ending March 23.

The Wyoming Seminary graduate feels several aspects have positively affected his play. "My teammates, Coach Leicht, and pre-season workouts have really helped prepare me," he said. Srinivasan, also known as "Mudd," feels the team's spring break trip to Hilton Head, South Carolina, helped him to not only get in shape, but also get into the competitive mindset.

Right behind Srinivasan is Shah, who plays at the number two singles spot and has an overall record of 4-1. He is ranked first in the conference in number two singles and is sixth overall in winning percentage.

The duo has also combined to play three matches at number one doubles, compiling a record of 2-1.

"They're great, and I would match them against anyone," said Leicht. "It's good to have strength at the top of the line-up, and their teammates feed off it as well."

Although Srinivasan hopes for a strong end to the regular season in these next two weeks, he's also looking forward to the conference championships after Easter.

"We should get good seeding,"

Srinivasan said. "A lot of guys are gunning for the top spot, but we're ready to step up to the challenge."

Finishing strong in the conference and a strong showing at the conference championships will have a positive affect on next season, Leicht asserted.

"You can't rebuild a program overnight," he said. "But by creating a positive team morale and recruiting, it will happen."

Srinivasan feels Leicht's attitude has strengthened this year's squad. "He has high expectations for us, which makes a big impact," said Srinivasan. "He's been enthusiastic about our season, as well as our team and personal goals."

The Colonels, who sit behind Drew University and DeSales University in

conference play, can move into second place with a win over DeSales at home on



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The Men's Tennis team has shown solid improvement this season, and will look to post a winning conference record.

Saturday. The match is scheduled for 1 p.m. at the Courts at Ralston Field.

## In the Swing of Things

BY NICOLE NORTON  
Beacon Staff Writer

The Wilkes University men's golf team got their season off to a solid start on Saturday as it took two of three victories in a quad match at Shadowbrook.

The Colonels downed the College Misericordia Cougars and the Arcadia

College Knights, but fell short against the Royals of the University of Scranton.

Wilkes defeated the Cougars by the score of 331 to 348 and easily out-gunned the Knights, winning by the score of 331-362. The Colonels simply could not outdo the Royals, though, losing by 17 strokes, 314-331.

The team of junior Dom Castrignano, Mike Kashnicki, senior Jon Else, and junior Curtis Haley gave the other three teams a very good match. Castrignano led the Colonels with the low score of the day, shooting an 80, good enough for third best in the match. Kashnicki and Else also showed a strong performance, finishing with an 81 and an 83. Haley finished off the Colonels' top four with a score of 87.

The men's golf team will travel to White Deer Golf Course to face Lycoming College on Tuesday. Tee time is scheduled for 1:00 p.m.

**Results:** (at Shadowbrook, Par 72)

**Scranton (314):** J.T. Yarem 75; Andrew Gizienski 79; Lee Alvarez 80; Sean Burke 80

**Wilkes (331):** Dom Castrignano 80; Mike Kashnicki 81; Jon Else 83; Curtis Haley 87

**Misericordia (348):** Scott Napkori 81; Joe Ciattei 86; Jason Moore 89; Efron Solis 92

**Arcadia (362):** Neil Mikulski 86; Corey Charms 91; Mike Cronin 92; Kyle Danielson 93



The Wilkes golf team started its season with two wins on Saturday in a quadmatch at Shadowbrook.

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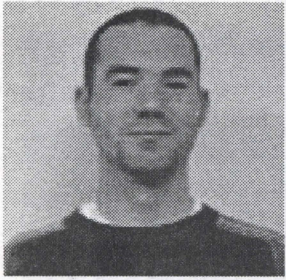
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# Let the Anthem Play, Let the Flag Wave



BY BRIAN WALTER  
Beacon Staff Writer

Above all, tradition is what shapes a country. What and who we decide to honor, days that are significant to us, and the quirky celebrations that we have are what tell other individuals from other countries about us as a people.

Tradition is a word that means something to every one of us. Whether it is a yearly family get-together or a national ceremony, we all love tradition. One of the most unforgettable traditions that this country has is the playing of the national anthem before every sports game. Yet certain individuals would like to see this custom banished.

Recently, an fatuous sports columnist from the *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* by the name of Ron Cook wrote an article that expresses his desire to displace the Ameri-

can flag from sports stadiums and arenas, as well prohibit the national anthem from being sung before a game. Cook believes that since the anthem and flag have been blatantly disrespected during recent games, we should just remove them.

Simply because Toni Smith, a female basketball player from Manhattanville College, turns her back while the anthem is being played and intoxicated and Canadian hockey fans booed our anthem before a game, should we just give up and no longer celebrate this tradition? While we're in the process of banning things because of a few unhappy people, let's just get rid of the flag all together since protesters like to burn it. Then they could find something else to do. Also, we should get rid of our president and no longer have any form of government, because they are so frequently criticized. Maybe even ban people from going to church anymore since they are so rude that they fall asleep during service.

If we throw out tradition after tradition solely because of dissention and rebellion, what would we have left? We cannot give up on everything that makes overzealous individuals miserable simply to appease them. The national anthem is not played before an opera, a movie, or any

kind of concert. If it wasn't for the sporting events that do dedicate their pre-game rituals to this, then I think most of us would be able to count how many times we have heard it on one hand. Memorial Day, the Fourth of July, and Veterans Day should not be the only time to respect this tradition.

After the tragedies of September 11th, most of the nation focused on sporting

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events for that encouragement to move on with their lives, and found a comfort and tranquility that could only result from witnessing the national anthem and flag waving before a baseball game. Red Sox fans embraced Yankee fans, heroes that we know as professional athletes stood as teary eyed men while our song was presented, and we all felt proud with the understanding that we would recover from the catastrophe.

Currently, our war with Iraq has been another instance where the flag and anthem

has once again found a significant meaning to all of us. While it is being played, we all say prayers for our soldiers, finally realizing what this song and flag mean to all of us. Removing this tradition now would only show the Iraqi regime that we are ardously endeavoring to stifle that we are weak, and have no passion for what we believe in.

Ron Cook is entitled to his opinion, just as we all are. However, his tendency to

capture attention has been exposed with his recent article. War is a time to think about what our country means to each of us, as well as a time for protest, yet an objec-

tion as ridiculous as his seems to stem from an attempt to grab recognition. Our children would never understand or appreciate the national anthem or flag if it wasn't presented for us at sporting events. Let the drunk people laugh while it's being played, let a young woman turn her back on it as long as she wants, but don't remove it simply because of the protests. Let the anthem play, let the flag wave. That is American, and that tradition is one of the many things that give us identity.

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# Colonel Clipboard

## On Tap

### Thursday

Men's Tennis VS.  
Elizabethtown, 3 p.m.

Softball at  
DeSales, 3 p.m.

### Friday

Lacrosse VS.  
Messiah, 4 p.m.

### Saturday

Baseball VS.  
Centenary, 12 p.m. (DH)

Men's Tennis VS.  
DeSales, 1 p.m.

Lacrosse VS.  
Widener, 1 p.m.

Softball at  
King's, 1 p.m.

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### Sunday

Baseball at  
Arcadia, 1 p.m.

### Monday

Men's Tennis VS.  
Marywood, 3 p.m.

### Tuesday

Golf at  
Lycoming, 1 p.m.

Lacrosse VS.  
Lycoming, 4 p.m.

Softball VS.  
Misericordia, 3 p.m.

### Wednesday

Baseball at  
Scranton, 3:30 p.m.

## In Review

### Thursday

Baseball  
Wilkes 12, Del Val 5

Men's Tennis  
Wilkes 7, Phila. Bible 0

Softball  
Scranton 3, Wilkes 2  
Wilkes 4, Scranton 1

### Friday

Baseball  
Wilkes 15, Keuka 11

Golf  
Wilkes 331, Misericordia 348  
Wilkes 331, Arcadia 362  
Scranton 314, Wilkes 331

### Saturday

Baseball  
Wilkes 15, Del Val 2  
Del Val 12, Wilkes 8

Men's Tennis  
Drew 5, Wilkes 2

Softball  
Drew 11, Wilkes 2  
Drew 9, Wilkes 4

### Tuesday

Golf  
Wilkes 163, Widener 169  
Albright 157, Wilkes 163

### Wednesday

Softball  
Wilkes 5, Del Val 4 (11 inn.)  
Wilkes 9, Del Val 3

## Coach of the Winter

### Matt Midkiff, Baseball

The junior, who was recently named the Freedom Conference Player of the Week, had an outstanding week at the plate for the Colonels, helping them to a 3-2 record.

Midkiff batted an even .500 (10 for 20), registering five doubles, one homerun, and nine runs batted in. He crossed the plate 11 times during the five-game stretch while tallying a .900 slugging percentage.

While leading off for the Colonels, the junior is hitting .417 on the season. He has six doubles and one round-tripper. Midkiff's slugging percentage is a robust .667 and has an on-base percentage of .475.

Midkiff is a communications studies major from Brandon, FL.



## Numbers Of the Week

**6** Number of RBI singles by the Lady Colonels in a doubleheader sweep of Delaware Valley on Wednesday

**6** Number of RBIs by sophomore Charles Hampton in doubleheader split with Del Val on Saturday

**5** Number of different Colonels golfers that scored against the same number of opponents last week

## Beacon's Best Bet

**Tuesday - Lacrosse VS. Lycoming, 4 p.m.**

The Lady Colonels will be in search of their first-ever varsity win against the rival Warriors.



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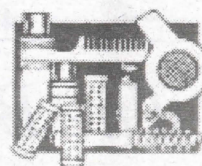
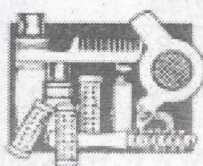
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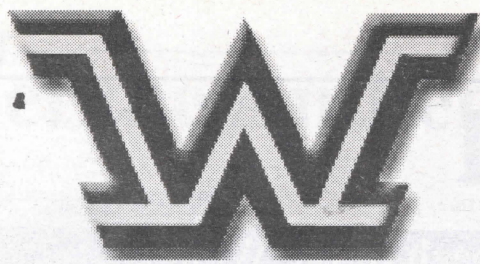
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# Campus Calendar

## Today, April 3

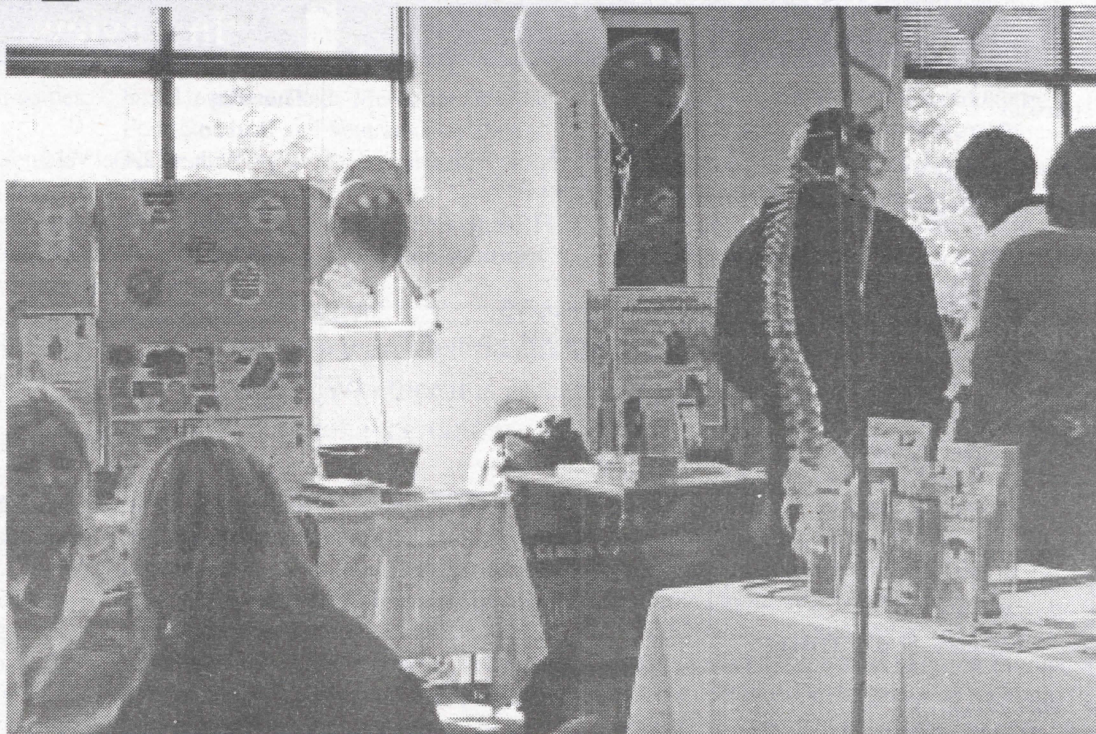
*Benefit Concert: Arms Bend Back, Skywind and Punchball Hustlers*  
7:30 p.m., Connerton's Cafe, King's College Student Center

*Tennis vs. Elizabethtown:*  
3 p.m.,

*Softball at DeSales:*  
3 p.m.,

*Graduation Meeting:*  
11:15 a.m., HSC Ballroom

*Commuter Lounge Grand Opening:*  
11 a.m.- 1 p.m., Conyngham Hall



The Beacon/Kristin Hake

Wilkes University recently held a Health Fair in the Student Union Building, giving the students an opportunity to become better informed about a variety of health related issues.

## Friday, April 4

*Spring Fling Dance:*  
6 p.m., Genetti's

*Women's Lacrosse vs. Messiah:*  
4 p.m., Ralston Field

*Arts and Crafts with United Cerebral Palsy:*  
1-3 p.m.,

*Women's Lacrosse vs. Widener:*  
1 p.m., Ralston Field

*Dave Pittenger Band:*  
8 p.m., HSC Ballroom

*Men's Tennis vs. Marywood:*  
3 p.m., Ralston Field

## Saturday, April 5

*Alumni Scholarship Fund Dinner Dance:*  
6:30-11 p.m., Westmoreland Club

*Senior Recital:*  
2 p.m., DDD Lobby

*Softball at Kings:*  
1 p.m.,

*Baseball vs. Centenary College:*  
12 p.m., Artillery Park

## Sunday, April 6

*Baseball at Arcadia:*  
1 p.m.,

*Softball at Delaware Valley:*  
1 p.m.,

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

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

## Tuesday, April 8

*Softball vs. Misericordia:*  
3 p.m.,

*Senior Recital:*  
8 p.m., DDD 41

*Women's Lacrosse vs. Lycoming:*  
4 p.m.,

*Golf at Lycoming:*  
1 p.m.,

*NYC Alumni Chapter Event:*  
5:30 p.m., The Gingerman

*Senior Portraits:*  
TV Lounge

## Monday, April 7

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

## Wednesday, April 9

*Baseball at Scranton:*  
3:30 p.m.,

## Wilkes-Barre Weekly Weather



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WEDNESDAY

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