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## Student Government Votes to Replace Smoking Bubble

BY GABE LeDONNE  
Beacon News Editor

Student Government (SG) voted on Wednesday to support a proposal that would eliminate the smoking "bubble" lounge; the sole indoor facility on campus that still allows smoking.

"They (SG) were very supportive of the proposal. The points in it were pretty much the same things that we discussed at the meeting last week, and were just reiterated in the proposal," said SG President, Selena Bednarz shortly after the vote. "The vote was unanimous," she added.

The proposal calls for action to be taken to "turn the lounge into a smoke-free café, which can be used by students, faculty, staff, and the whole Wilkes Community." The main reason for the change, according to the proposal, is because the current conditions, including the untidy smoking lounge, do not fully utilize the space, and the space is only used by a few students.

According to the proposal, "Only 23% of students surveyed wanted the

smoking lounge to be renovated." The other 77% voted to replace the space with some other facility. Topping the list with 50% of that vote, was the recommended café. Other suggestions included a computer pod, recreational space, or other non-smoking lounge space.

One point that was discussed at last week's meeting but was not addressed in the proposal was a recommendation for alternate space to provide shelter to smokers from the outdoors during inclement weather—the popular idea at the meeting seemed to be to provide a "Smoking Gazebo" on campus. Bednarz explained that she didn't include the idea in the proposal because it was discussed "after the fact."

However, Bednarz said that she still supports the idea, saying, "I think that if it goes through—that the smoking bubble is removed—then I would hope that Administration would take an alternative space into consideration."

Dean of Students, Mark Allen said, "This is a very important first step toward having something other than the smoking bubble there."

However, Allen pointed out that the



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Student Government members voted to eliminate the "smoking bubble" on Wednesday. According to a student survey, a non-smoking cafe would be a welcome change.

final analysis and decision concerning the fate of the lounge will have to be made "holistically" explaining, "We still need to address the needs of the smokers—we need to be realistic. There is a percentage of our

student, staff, and faculty that smoke. We have to look at how best can we take care of their needs."

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## Foreign Affairs Expert Lectures at Wilkes

BY GABRIELLE LAMB  
Beacon Assistant News Editor

Wilkes University hosted the 22nd Annual Max Rosenn Lecture in Law and Humanities on Sunday April 27, 2003 in the Arnaud C. Martz Sports and Conference Center at 3 p.m.

The lecture, which is named after the Honorable Max Rosenn, Senior Judge in the United States Court of Appeals, featured guest speaker Robin Wright, Chief Foreign Affairs correspondent for *The Los Angeles Times*. Wright's presentation was titled, "The Future of Iraq and its Impact on Islamic Extremists."

Wright's long history in journalism and as a foreign affairs expert has taken her to over 130 countries in the Middle East, Europe, Africa, Latin America and Asia. Wright has authored four books including *The Last Great Revolution: Turmoil and Transformation in Iran*, as well as *Sacred Rage: The Wrath of Militant Islam* which has new chapters that were added following the September 11 attacks.

Wright began her lecture by establishing that she would stay neutral throughout the

presentation and would not take sides.

"I have seen both sides of the story. I did not like the idea of going to war at all. But I also did not like Saddam Hussein," said Wright.

Wright explained many of the events she witnessed while reporting in the Middle East over the years including suicide bombings. She also gave a brief history of Saddam Hussein's rise to power.

"I witnessed some of the first suicide bombings. I watched as body parts were put into bags, and knew those were my friends and colleagues," said Wright grimly.

Wright explained that before Saddam

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## Mayoral Debate at Wilkes



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The League of Women Voters sponsored a Mayoral forum, held on Thursday, April 24 in Stark Learning Center. The six mayoral candidates, shown above, addressed many issues including how to improve relations between the community and the local colleges.

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# New Business School to be Established

BY TIM MILLARD  
Beacon News Editor

A new school of business will be established at Wilkes University, thanks to a three million dollar donation from an alumnus, the largest single donation in the university's history.

The monetary gift was given by Sovereign Bank and its CEO, 1973 graduate Jay Sidhu. Half of the donation will go towards redesigning the existing business program, while the other half will go towards the creation of an executive education program. Members of Sidhu's staff will assist the university in designing and implementing the new curriculum.

"The gift is a tremendous thing for us," said President Tim Gilmour. "What we

want to do is create a business and leadership program that prepares people for the business world of the future."

With the split of the current College of Arts, Sciences and Professional Studies (CASPS) scheduled to take effect this summer, The new School of Business, originally outlined to fall under the new College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences, will instead be a separate entity until the new school has been established.

Provost, Maravene Loeschke explained, "It doesn't make sense to put it in arts humanities and social sciences for one year." She added that instead, "For one year, Business will report directly to me."

With the current Director of Business, Dr. Tony Liuzzo, stepping down from his

position this year, Loeschke explained that Dr. Dick Raspen will serve as interim chair of the department until the Dean of the new school is hired.

Loeschke said that an external search for the new Dean is set to begin shortly, and that individual will assume his or her position by the time the new school is fully established.

University officials say portions of the gift will also go towards promotion of the program, scholarships, and a lecture series. Gilmour says there are no plans to create any additional facilities for the school.

The Jay Sidhu School of Business is expected to open in the fall of 2004.

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Hussein assumed power in the country in 1979, the Middle East was thriving both economically and educationally. But Wright explained, Iraq has experienced emotional and economic damage due to Saddam's behavior, like when he used chemical weapons against his own people.

Wright believes that although the U.S. was perceived as a welcome presence by some Iraqis in the beginning, the longer the United States remains in the Middle East, the more anti-American sentiment will be felt. Wright explained that Osama bin Laden was the de facto ally of the United States during the Cold War, but rose against the United States in years after, during Desert Storm.

Wright offered two keys for rebuilding Iraq. First, the struggle for democracy and second the deep religious aura of the

Middle East. She insisted because of these factors, the U.S. needs to let Iraqis decide the fate of their own country.

"We have proven we can win war and topple evil regimes. Now we need to prove we can bring peace," said Wright.

Audience members packed the house and were given the opportunity to ask Wright questions. One audience member asked how Wright felt about the media's take on the war, particularly embedded journalism.

"I have some problems with embedded journalism, mostly because it only provides a small slice of the war," explained Wright. "We didn't get a sense of the actual fight. We got more of a sense of movement within the troops. I wish media would put more independent resources on our side to get a bigger picture of the war."

To follow up, another audience member asked how Wright felt about her colleagues who had died due to the war. In response, Wright shocked audience members with details of several traumatic incidents in her own experience, including two rapes and having the left side of her rib cage partially smashed. Wright said, "I always know when it is going to rain."

To conclude the presentation Wright noted that although her profession has led to unfortunate circumstances in her personal life, she would not change a thing.

"I had an extraordinary opportunity to witness historic events," said Wright. "It's not one of the safest professions in the world, but I would not change my life for anything."

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# News Briefs

Courtesy of the Associated Press

## Ridge wants more anti-terrorism money to go to states most at risk

WASHINGTON (AP)—States and localities will receive \$1.5 billion to help pay for the costs of increasing security during the war with Iraq, Homeland Security Director Tom Ridge said Tuesday. The funds are in addition to \$1.6 billion in federal funds already going to state and local governments.

"You cannot secure the homeland from Washington, D.C.," Ridge said. "You can only secure it from the hometown."

During the Iraq war, the government raised the color-coded warning system from yellow to orange and undertook Operation Liberty Shield to try to prevent a terrorist attack on American soil. The stepped-up security procedures were in place from March 17 to April 17.

The plan involved the participation of all levels of government and private industry, and included random searches of cars at airports, stepped up security at bridges and landmarks, greater security at nuclear power facilities and petroleum and chemical plants, and increased scrutiny of feedlots, stockyards and food storage areas.

Local officials have criticized the Bush administration for what they say is a lack of financial help for increased security measures.

Ridge also has called on Congress to change the formula for dispersing hundreds of thousands of dollars in federal aid, which now go to states on a population basis. The homeland security secretary, a former Pennsylvania governor, said the formula should also account for population density, the presence of national landmarks, critical public works projects, and the likelihood of an attack.

The White House, meanwhile, named Air Force Gen. John Gordon as homeland security adviser, the post vacated by Ridge when he took over the new Homeland Security Department. Gordon is deputy national security adviser for combatting terrorism.

## Game Commission closes Monroe County area to search for shells

HARRISBURG, Pa. (AP) —The Pennsylvania Game Commission has closed two roads through game lands near a northeastern Pennsylvania military installation because of concerns that unexploded artillery shells leftover from World War II might still be in the ground.

A survey by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers found anomalies beneath the ground in State Game Lands 127, in Monroe County, that might be leftover artillery rounds, said Vern Ross, executive director of the Game Commission, on Tuesday.

"These anomalies, which indicate metallic items, are most likely intact unexploded ordinance or shrapnel, since there is no history of farming activity in the area," said Jack Butler, Tobyhanna Artillery Range Project Manager for the corps. "The only way to be certain is to dig up the items, and to safely destroy and neutralize the ... items."

Parts of Game Lands 127 were once part of the Tobyhanna Army Depot, which was used for artillery training and still is an active supply depot. Butler said any ordinance in the ground most likely were 37 mm anti-aircraft or anti-tank rounds or 75 mm or 155 mm artillery rounds.

In 1997, a volunteer at the neighboring Tobyhanna State Park found 57 rounds of unexploded 37 mm shells with a metal detector. Parts of the park were then closed for about two years while officials cleaned up the site.

The game lands are near Tobyhanna, about 85 miles north of Philadelphia.

The closure affects Seven Mile Road and a loop that connects that road to the top of Brady's Lake. Motor vehicles, bicycles and horses are prohibited while the roads remain closed.

## Couple Marries During Bike Race

IOWA CITY, Iowa (AP)—Andrea Mugge and Lee Venteicher got married during a weekend bicycle race, wearing silver skin suits and bike helmets.

Friends and family said it was the perfect wedding for the couple who met at a Waterloo bike shop.

The bride rode down the aisle—a pedestrian path leading to the Old Capitol on the University of Iowa campus—on a tandem bike with her father. She met the groom under an arch made of bicycle tires and sunflowers.

"I've never been conventional," Mugge said. "I can't stand wearing dresses, so this was perfect. You can do some things the old-fashioned way, but some things you can't."

Along with vows to be lovers, companions and friends, the couple promised to be each other's "water carrier" and "healer of road rash."

"This is just so them," said Lisa Paulos, a friend of the couple.

Paulos' husband, Rick Paulos, has been a bicycle race official for 23 years. He was certified to marry Mugge and Venteicher during the 26th Annual Old Capitol Criterium & Chris Lillig Memorial Cup on Sunday.

# WHO lifts SARS travel warning on Toronto

By Clare Nullis  
Associated Press Writer

GENEVA (AP)—The World Health Organization lifted its warning against nonessential travel to Toronto because of SARS on Tuesday, but in Asia the disease continued its spread as Hong Kong reported 12 new deaths, China nine and Singapore one.

The global death toll from SARS climbed to at least 355, with more than 5,300 infections in more than 20 countries, including probable cases reported for the first time in South Korea, Mongolia and New Zealand.

Travel warnings still stand for Hong Kong, Beijing and two Chinese provinces, as China's premier admitted his government failed to act quickly against the disease.

In return for the WHO's decision, the Canadian government promised to do more to prevent the spread of SARS, or severe acute respiratory syndrome, by screening passengers leaving the country.

World Health Organization Director-General Gro Harlem Brundtland said the advisory was lifted because there had been no new outbreaks in the community at large for 20 days. She stressed that Toronto is still an "affected area" and travel guidance would be reevaluated if there are any new cases.

The decision to lift the advisory takes effect Wednesday. Canadian officials were delighted.

"Our city is safe and I want everyone to come and experience all that Toronto has to offer," Toronto Mayor Mel Lastman said.

Tony Clement, health minister for Ontario province, and his delegation met Brundtland for an hour earlier Tuesday in Geneva. They said Canadian authorities would introduce new screening measures on people leaving the country.

Hong Kong and Singapore already have put such screening measures into effect.

"We certainly know our vigilance must not stop and that we have a responsibility inside and outside our own borders to continue and to win the fight against SARS," Clement said in Geneva.

Health officials are stationed at Canada's major airports to watch for symptoms of SARS among passengers arriving from SARS hotspots in Asia, where the illness originated. All international travelers receive information cards on SARS, and similar measures now will be applied to passengers leaving Toronto.

Outside Asia, Canada has seen the most SARS cases, with 21 deaths and

more than 140 cases overall. The majority of the cases have been in Toronto hospitals and health authorities have used quarantine and close monitoring and tracking to try to contain the illness.

"There is a need for us to recognize the fact that the SARS epidemic is going to be a long-term, a complex and a relapsing epidemic," Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao said at an emergency summit of the 10-member Association of Southeast Asian Nations in Bangkok, Thailand.

"What we lacked was prevention and control experience. Our countermeasures were, by far, inadequate. We have already learned our lesson."

The WHO says the incidence of SARS probably has peaked in many places, but it fears the situation is worsening in China, where 200 new infections were announced Tuesday. There have been at least 148 deaths there.

Nearly 10,000 people who might have been exposed to the virus have been put under home quarantine in China—including 7,600 in Beijing.

Brundtland said now that Chinese authorities were being more open about the extent of the disease, it would be easier to help them.

"We believe we have a window of opportunity to contain SARS globally now," the former Norwegian prime minister said.

Brundtland said the WHO would maintain its advice to avoid all nonessential travel to Hong Kong—as well as the other hard-hit areas of mainland China.

Canadian officials were outraged when WHO advised last Wednesday against non-urgent travel to Toronto, ranking it alongside Beijing and other hard-hit parts of China and Hong Kong. At the time, WHO said the travel advice would remain for at least three weeks—double the maximum incubation period for SARS.

Brundtland said the U.N. agency decided to revise that advice because it effectively was three weeks since the last case in the Toronto area. The WHO advisory caused an immediate drop in the number of tourists to Toronto, and a concert scheduled for Monday by Elton John and Billy Joel was canceled.

Major League Baseball officials advised caution when players visit Toronto, telling teams to avoid crowds, hospitals and public transportation, and to use their own pens to sign autographs. Mike Ryan, head of WHO's Global Outbreak Alert and Response Network, defended the original decision to issue the travel warning against Toronto.

"WHO has to take decisions for global public health in 191 member states, not just for one," he said.



# Voter Registration Motivation Examined

BY STEVE KEMBLE  
Beacon Staff Writer

With the 2003 primary elections in Wilkes-Barre just over three weeks away, Wilkes University could be showing its political colors thanks to the mayoral race.

Several groups at Wilkes University have made a conscious effort to increase the younger voting population in this community. There have been four main activities that have taken place this semester alone to increase voters specifically at the university.

The first occurred during Winter Weekend when teams were awarded points for getting their team members to register to vote. According to April 10 article in *The Beacon*, a total of 22 students signed up to vote that night.

In another recent article in *The*

*Beacon*, "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."

And again on April 3, yet another voter registration program was presented to students in the dorms.

Most students agree there hasn't ever been this type of push to get college students to vote in the past, and one reason for that could be because

people are fed up with how the mayor has treated the local colleges and the city.

Even the headlines in the local news media indicate a growing community concern with inaction in city hall. For example, in the *Citizens' Voice* newspaper, James Conmy recently

addressed the mayor's inappropriate behavior during Governor Ed Rendell's inauguration ceremony. The article's headline was: "Mayor Accused of Embarrassing City."

Mr. Mark Allen, Dean of Students and head of the voter registration committee, said, "The department of education requires that voter registration forms be available to students, and this year we felt the need to go beyond that and really educate and try to get students to vote. We have certainly stepped up our efforts."

Allen focused his attention to how the students are going to benefit from these programs and stated that the programs weren't put on primarily to get rid of Mayor McGroarty.

"I don't think students understand that they gain power by getting a large number of students to vote, they force all politicians to look at their needs. Right now those who are voting are at a much older demographic than college students and the politicians are looking at their needs not college students," stated Allen.

"Contention over the current mayor and excitement of the race certainly helps those of us who have a much more altruistic view to get students to vote, but it isn't the ultimate

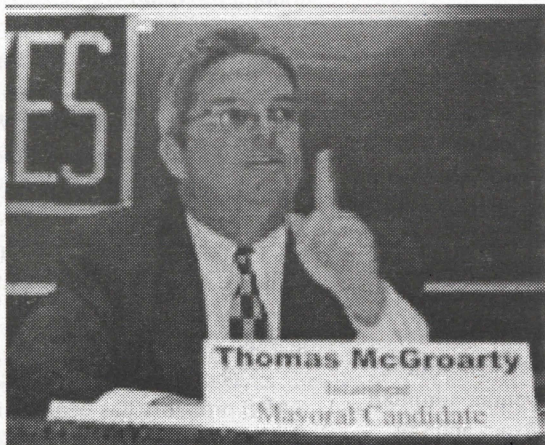
motivating factor," said Allen.

Another person at Wilkes University who has had an impact on what kind of programs are going on to promote voter registration is Jim Harrington, President of the League of Women Voters, who agrees that Wilkes has been a little more focused this year than in the past.

"Because of the upcoming primary elections, some of the officials that students can vote for are city officials that will have a great deal of influence over them while they are residence of the Wilkes-Barre community," said Harrington referring to why the efforts have been more focused lately.

"I am supposed to be non-partisan, but students need to take a good look at the mayoral candidates so they can elect someone who will give positive attention to the downtown area," said Harrington.

The reason for the voter registration drives that have taken place was not to specifically encourage students to vote against Mayor McGroarty, rather, "The focus was to educate people and get them to exercise their right to vote," remarked Harrington.



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2003-2004 Student Government Executive Board Kneeling: Parliamentarian, Abhishek Nemani; Treasurer, Madhan Srinivasan. Standing: Corresponding Secretary, Elise Hiley; Programming Board President, Sarah Bogusko; Recording Secretary, Melissa Merock; SG President, Selena Bednarz; SG Vice President, Julia Buss; and IRHC President, Stephanie Dickert. Absent from photo was Commuter Council President, Lindsay Wotanis.

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He added, "We need to respect the rights of smokers as well as those who don't smoke, and somehow satisfy everybody. However I think the smoking bubble its nearing its end as being an appropriate place on campus."

The proposal isn't the first of its kind. In fact, SG tried a similar measure to remove the bubble several years ago; however, then the community consensus wasn't in favor of its removal.

"There was some objection to the smoking bubble then, and it was a rather laborious process that the president of student government went through, with forums and polls, and all of that. It was a recommendation through the Substance

Abuse Task Force to keep the bubble. It was really a community effort then which saved it that time," said Allen.

However, Allen doesn't think that the bubble may be as fortunate as it was previously, "I think the condition and appearance of the bubble may have lent some criticism to it. There also continues to be some strong anti-smoking sentiment growing over the years from all of the constituents on campus."

The proposal will be submitted to the Substance Abuse Task Force, and the President's Cabinet for further consideration. If both groups approve the proposal, the lounge could be replaced as early as the fall semester.



## Wilkes-Barre Firefighters Plan Protest at City Hall

BY JOSEPH DeANGELIS  
Beacon Assistant News Editor

This Friday, firefighters from all across the Wilkes-Barre area plan to hold a protest in front of City Hall at 11:00 to show Mayor Tom McGroarty that firefighters are part of the hardworking men and women of this town. This protest is not only to show support for the city firefighters, but for all the city workers "and support for our citizens who have not been taken care of by the mayor, by his administration," said Joe Matteo who feels the McGroarty administration is ignoring the cries of the people.

The complaint is twofold: that McGroarty is denying firefighters their veteran and health benefits, and firefighters believe that the condition of this city could be improved. At the recent Mayoral candidate debate, McGroarty did, in fact argue, that "health care is the biggest cost to the

city" and that firefighters as city workers are among those whose benefits plans need reform. According to the McGroarty, firefighters are the primary group in question.

Also, firefighters claim they are not getting the proper amount of time to train. "Firemen need a certain amount of time, training time, to get benefits," John Coyle, a firefighter who will be at the protest, said. According to Coyle, he believes that McGroarty didn't sign the act to allow the firefighters to get this training because he believes it's a waste of time.

Firefighters along with many of the city workers from all over the Wilkes-Barre area plan to attend the protest. Matteo also invited Wilkes students to come down and bring banners with them. "Hey, if you don't support your firefighters and the police, well you know these people can save your



Wilkes-Barre citizens protest on Academy Street.

The Beacon/Kristin Hake

life."

In a final bold statement, Matteo said, "Mayor McGroarty was counting on the silent majority but what he wasn't counting on was to educate the majority."

At press time, Mayor McGroarty opted not to respond to *The Beacon's* request for comment on the planned protest.

## To Sell or Buy-That is the Question

*College textbook business faces challenges and changes in technology*

BY STEVE KEMBLE  
Beacon Staff Writer

College textbooks; enough said. The average student at Wilkes University shells out several hundred dollars each semester for textbooks depending on major and what kind of classes the student is taking. If that isn't bad enough, students

and what a waste of money some of them are going to be," said Lara Judson, freshman pharmacy major.

Like Judson, many students see the prices of textbooks and are overwhelmed by the cost. "The first semester I paid somewhere around \$200, and this semester I got smart and traded books with people and spent about \$30," said Judson.

According to Susan Martin, University Shoppe Manager, students at Wilkes pay between \$200 and \$600 per semester depending on what

even get to the shelf for the consumers to buy.

"First, the author gets paid. Second, the publisher gets paid and then [the publisher] has to pay all of their employees' costs and benefits. Then shipping and receiving needs to get paid. After that there is the retail end of it, where I have to pay for the books. Then I have to pay my employees' salaries and benefits," said Martin.

The University will buy back a book for 50% if it is on high demand, and 10% to 30% if it is on low demand. "High demand means that the book will be in use the following semester and everything is determined by a computer system," explained Martin.

The reason that the bookstore sells the book you sold them for a higher price has to do a lot with the same process that goes on with a new book; they have to go through the parade of fees and people.

Martin said, "After we buy a book back we have cleaning and handling fees to deal with and then most of them have to go to the wholesaler again, and we usually only get a 1/3 of the used books back from the students, so we have to buy them back from the wholesaler."

Martin is sure that the bookstore she is running is doing the fairest job it can with book sales. "If it were up to me, I would have all books on hand used, but there are obstacles that keep that from happening."

The obstacles that she talked about were professors that request study guides, dictionaries, and books that have compact disks or online cards that aid the text.

As for trying to get money for or rid of those books you can't sell back, good

luck. "Once they come out with a new edition for a book, nobody can make any money off of the old edition," said Martin. "We don't get much notice for a book that is going out of use; we have a computer system that updates itself monthly on books that are coming out with a new edition."

Book selling isn't a competitive market; there isn't much profit made in selling books, because of all the people the books have to go through to get sold.

Technology and the Internet are trying to make it a more competitive market, but as far as getting books for lower prices the future provides little hope. "Two years ago the Internet played a huge impact. There were 75 online stores, but since then only two or three are left, because they couldn't afford to stay in business," said Martin.

Cyndi Allison, lecturer in communications at Catawaba College and freelance writer, noted in an article she wrote for back2college.com, "In the future, students could buy all or portions of books online as needed. Some materials would likely be free while others would include a charge with login to access."

One other solution for getting textbooks cheaper in the future has to do with putting them on cd-roms. John Sherman did a report for Eyewitness News 11, a local ABC channel, and said, "His company's idea: taking the book out of textbooks, offering the full printable text on \$20 CD-ROMs and on the Internet."

Sherman was referring to Paul Elliot's idea. Elliot is an entrepreneur with OpenMind Publishing.

Corrine Sartini, University Shoppe Textbook Coordinator, declined comment for this article.

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- Cyndia Allison  
Catawaba College

usually have no choice but to sell the books for less than half of what they originally paid for it or keep the book-often one they'll never use again-if a new edition comes out.

"I wonder how I am going to keep affording them as my college career goes on,

their majors are. "It (the price) can get up to \$600 for nursing, pharmacy, and engineering majors," said Martin.

The reason textbooks are so expensive is because the books have to go through a parade of people before they

## Lennon Delays Retirement to Serve as Humanities Chair

BY GABE LeDONNE  
Beacon News Editor

Shortly after *The Beacon* published a story reporting on Dr. J. Michael Lennon's retirement, Provost Maravene Loeschke announced that he would be delaying his retirement until spring of 2005 to serve as the interim chairperson of the humanities department.

Lennon explained in a letter to *The Beacon*, "At the time of the article it appeared that I would be retiring, but it now appears that I will be staying on."

As Humanities Chair, Lennon will be filling the shoes of Dr. Darin Fields, the newly appointed Dean of the College of Art, Humanities and Social Sciences.

Loeschke stated that Lennon's three-semester long term will "allow opportunity for potential new internal leadership to evolve." She added, "The Humanities faculty and I are grateful for Dr. Lennon's willingness to delay his retirement and serve the University in this capacity."



# Show Me the Money

## Why LeBron James, not Carmelo Anthony will be the No. 1 Pick

With the NBA Draft less than two months away, the debate is on.

Who will be the No. 1 overall pick-Akron (OH) St. Vincent-St. Mary High School senior standout LeBron James or Syracuse freshman sensation Carmelo Anthony?

Both Anthony and James officially declared for the draft in separate news conferences late last week, and for even the most out of touch sports fans their decisions came as no surprise. Especially the decision by James, considering he and his mother thought about petitioning the NBA to allow him to enter the draft after his junior year.

But before entering into a debate about who should be selected first, it should be dually noted that the team doing the selecting isn't even known yet. That announcement won't be made until May 22 during the annual draft lottery. Right now, the Denver Nuggets and Cleveland Cavaliers, the teams with the best odds of winning the No. 1 overall pick, are crossing their fingers and hoping lady luck will wink in their direction.

So, James or Anthony? Anthony or James?

Among the experts, the consensus seems to be that James is a lock to be picked first, regardless of what team is making the selection.

The three-time Ohio Mr. Basketball and two-time Parade All-American Player of the Year has been heralded as a once-in-a-generation player since the age of 16.

He averaged 30.4 points; 9.7 rebounds, 4.9 assists and 2.9 steals per game as a senior, led his team to its third-straight state title, and was named MVP in all three of his postseason all-star games.

In fact, a prep player hasn't received as much hype as "King James," so affectionately dubbed by the sports world, since Lewis Alcindor (known now as Kareem Abdul-Jabbar) graduated from New York City's Power Memorial High School in 1965.

According to the experts, here are a few good reasons why James is a better pick at No.

1 than Anthony:

-He's a better athlete (his leaping ability is incredible)

-He's a better passer and has outstanding court vision (James' ability to see a few plays ahead is a great advantage over any player)

-He's a better defender

-He can play a multitude of positions (Anthony is a true small forward)

-He has a more defined and NBA type body

But what about Anthony?

How can the team that ends up with the top pick pass on a kid who practically carried his team to the National Championship as a freshman-a freshman?

Here are the pros on Anthony (once again, according to the experts):

### Selling Tickets Matters Most

#### Beacon Editorial

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-He's an outstanding scorer

-He's a true small forward

-He'll be an early return on the investment

-He's a known commodity (more recently, anyway, because of Syracuse's championship run)

But what about the fact that he's already proven he can take his game to another level and be extremely successful?

James has yet to do that.

So doesn't the aforementioned accomplishment speak volumes for how special Anthony really is?

Anthony completely dominated top flight Division I competition throughout the season (22 points and 10 rebounds per game) and was practically unstoppable in the NCAA tournament, with the exception of a back injury that

hindered him in the title game (but by the way, he still put up 20 points against Kansas on his way to being named Most Outstanding Player of the Final Four). How many freshmen have done that? James, on the other hand, showcased his skills throughout the season against a number of kids who'll probably be flipping burgers to earn a few bucks come June, rather than signing multi-million dollar contracts.

But here's the real reason why James will be selected first:

-He can deliver the mullah

Just think of all the hoopla he's received since his sophomore year in high school.

As a junior he appeared on the cover of *Sports Illustrated*, dubbed "The Chosen One" (since then he's been on the cover of *ESPN The Magazine* and *S.I.* once more); his high school basketball games have been televised by ESPN (some were even available for purchase on pay-per view in Ohio); and Nike, Adidas, and Reebok have been courting him hard core for quite some time now. In fact, when he finally does choose a brand to endorse, the deal will be unprecedented for a rookie.

The bottom line: James will sell more tickets than Anthony, and more jerseys than Anthony. And for a team like the Cavaliers or Nuggets, that's all that matters for right now.

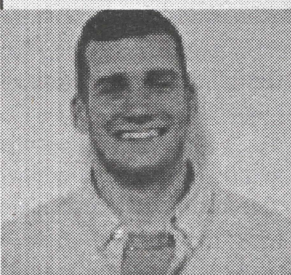
James will fill the arena every night, both home and on the road. That's why it would be very difficult not to make him the No. 1 overall pick, regardless of who's selecting.

Now, there is no question that Anthony is good enough to be the number one pick. As a freshman, he was the top college player in the country for heaven's sake. In fact, because of his proven ability to adjust and succeed at another level, he might become an NBA star faster than James.

But in a world where the emphasis is now placed first and foremost on the business aspect of sports and the necessity to make as much money as possible as quickly as possible, Anthony's proven ability and experience aren't as valuable as James' hoopla in the eyes of most teams.

And that's just a crying shame.

# Where have all the Democrats Gone?

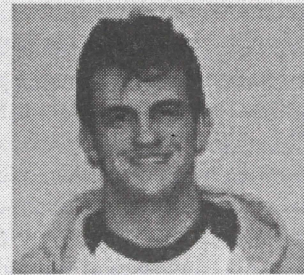


BY J.J. HANSON  
Beacon Assistant Sports Editor

There is an infection plaguing the Democratic Party. This malady has continually been eroding traditional American values. The liberals, yes the liberals, are single-handedly destroying our country. These radicals are attempting to sabotage everything that middle class-working Americans hold dear. All the while these socialists claim to be assisting those they are destroying.

This epidemic began in our institutions of higher learning with the indoctrination of students into the liberal horde. These naïve young people listen and take their professors' words as law. A young person perceives professors as 'God' figures. They become the students' ultimate authorities. In American colleges and universities students do not question the perceptions of the pompous propagandists. Regardless of personal ideology, college professors need to express both sides of the coin so that the students can make informed decisions for themselves. After all, that is the American way.

The liberal propaganda does not end in our educational institutions; it has infiltrated what is supposed to be the most moderate level of our society, the mass media-the "Communist News Network," the "Old York Times," as author Michael Savage refers to them. In the March 17 edition of the *New York Times*, articles signaled doom for the US in the attempt to liberate the Iraqi people. It referred to the war as a "reckless path." Now that Blair and Bush put together a Roosevelt/Churchill type performance, liberals are the major losers in the war. This is because people now see how important the liberation was by the footage of jubilation by many Iraqis. The left attacked the war, but the vindication of the right is now evident. The aforementioned attempts at journalistic politics are sickening.



BY CHAD ALTIERI  
Beacon Staff Writer

At the helm of this sinking ship are House Minority Leader, Nancy Pelosi and Senate Minority Leader, Tom Daschle. These two liberals are the worst possible picks as representatives of the Democratic Party. Their credibility is shot, and they have isolated themselves and other liberals away from the rest of the party. The fact of the matter is that these so-called leaders are out of touch with the real world. They were elected from wealthy, aristocratic districts, and have no clue what life is like for the rank and file Americans. They have great answers but bad solutions.

The liberals have noble ideas, and like communism, those ideas are great in theory. Reality tells us otherwise. Take for example public housing. In theory, public housing would provide affordable accommodations for the elderly, and financially destitute. In reality, it has created generations of renters, urban ghettos and irresponsible people who would rather collect a check from Uncle Sam once a month than get up and working for a living.

Recently the ACLU, a liberal organization, won a court case that found it unconstitutional for the Virginia Military Institute to say grace prior to lunch. The prayer was non-denominational, but the liberals want us to forget God. The liberal media has been aggressively attacking the Catholic church, but if someone says that Islam is a religion based on hate and violence they are branded a racist, and a bigot. The liberals want everyone to love, share, and be happy, but that just won't happen. It is too impractical.

The liberal attack on our rights has hit home recently with the attempt to remove the

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# Why Can't Johnny Be Right?



**Dr. Janet Wright Starnes**  
Writing Center Director  
Assistant Professor of English

"Why can't Johnny read!" has been replaced with "Why can't Johnny write?!" More and more often, I am confronted by both students and faculty who complain to me about bad student writing. Proficient student writers tell me they are shocked and a little angry that their peers, whose writing is mediocre at best, seem to slide by in spite of their lack of competence. Faculty and administrators pull me aside to describe writing submitted to them that they think should have embarrassed the writer and, in turn, will make my hair stand on end. Most alarming, they report that even some seniors cannot "put together a coherent sentence."

These complaints are not unique to the Wilkes campus, however. A recent article in the *Chronicle of Higher Education* announced: "Survey Finds Split Between What College Instructors and High School Teachers Value in Student Writing." ACT, conducted the survey purveyors

of the American College Test, a college entrance exam. It reportedly revealed a difference in approach to teaching writing between high school teachers, who focused on writing strategy and style, and college instructors, who valued grammar and usage. This discrepancy, the article concluded, could explain the growing need for remedial sections of first year composition. A non-critical reader might conclude from these results that if only teachers would concentrate on grammar instruction, students would graduate with finely honed writing skills. Although this might sound like a logical and simple solution, it won't solve the problem.

Just exactly what is the problem? The complaints I hear fall into a small number of categories: the writing has no focus; it is not coherent; it is full of grammatical errors, and less often it lacks style and grace. But these are different categories of error. Some are functional, others are social, and each failure comes with its own set of consequences.

Focus and coherence are problems for readers, not for writers. The writer knows what she wants to say. In order to produce writing that successfully communicates, an inexperienced writer must learn to accommodate her audience's needs when composing. The reader needs cues to tell him where an idea begins, when it has turned a logical corner, and how all the different ideas pre-

sented are connected to the main complexity the writer wants to articulate. However, if the only audience that counts is the teacher, the struggle can become a cat and mouse game—"what does he really want?"—instead of "how can I make the reader understand exactly what I want to say?"

Which brings us back to grammar. Ironically, nearly all students-ESL writers excepted—can spot bad grammar and usage when they see it in others' writing even if they can't explain why it is incorrect or find it in their own work. And, too, unless it happens in a legal document, bad grammar only causes a problem when it obscures meaning. When was the last time a comma error kept you from understanding a writer's point? However, a writer who turns in a text that is full of obvious grammatical errors commits a different sin. He leaves the impression with his reader that he is either ignorant or lazy. That perception is bad enough when the reader is his instructor, but those same mistakes can be devastating if the audience is a prospective employer.

The truth is that generating good writing is just plain hard work. It is a complex social behavior that can be learned, but it is impossible to teach in the way that we can teach multiplication tables or spelling. People learn to write most quickly and efficiently in situations where they compose for real audiences and purposes, solicit feedback on work-in-

progress, revise deeply, and have an experienced guide to assist them in their struggles.

High school students for whom school writing is a bore are instantly motivated to learn all about the process when composing an entrance essay to send off to their first choice college. Seniors who could have cared less about grammar, style, and rhetorical strategy in writing submitted for course work suddenly hunt for the nearest employed adult when forced to compose cover letters to accompany resumes they send out to prospective employers.

While it would be convenient, and perhaps satisfying, to point fingers, it is not high school teachers, not college writing instructors, not lazy students who are "at fault." The majority of student writers are neither ignorant nor lazy. They are, however, inexperienced, confused, and often quite insecure about their ability to write well. The majority of instructors cannot be characterized as evil grammar cops or sadists who deliberately construct assignments designed to cause student failure. They do, however, assign writing for different purposes and degrees of complexity, and that writing rises out of varying disciplinary and generic conventions, all of which can trip up inexperienced writers.

What, then, can we do? We can begin by debunking some common misconceptions.

"Once a student passes

Eng 101, he should know how to write." One semester of writing instruction helps a first year writer to understand his own writing process and the general conventions of academic writing, but he must practice what he has learned over and over before he becomes truly adept. While the well-wrought argumentative Eng 101 essay will read very like one handed in for a history, philosophy, or political science course, it is not a lab report.

"Good writing is free of grammar and usage errors." Well, yes. And no. An incoherent piece of writing that says nothing of significance or importance to its readers, yet is perfectly free of mechanical errors, is not good writing.

We write to learn, and we learn to write by writing. In the "real world," writing occurs within a social system. The real challenge before us—call it, rather, opportunity—is to construct a learning environment that will encourage and support such collaborative work. This will not be easy, and everyone must be involved.

Students must believe that we can write to learn and discover, and they must pour as much energy into learning to write as they do into the subject they love most. Teachers must provide opportunities to practice writing in every class a student

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## Leaving Our Comfort Zones

**DR. PAUL ADAMS**  
Vice President of Student Affairs

Special moments always fill the end of the academic year. Everyday, during the last few weeks of the spring semester, the University calendar includes some type of celebration of success and accomplishment. These occasions provide a chance for us to offer our congratulations and warm wishes to friends and colleagues, and help us prepare for the inevitable separations that come every commencement season when we bid farewell to our graduating class. Bittersweet, these last few weeks of the semester can be the most rewarding and satisfying of times, but also a time when we come to

realize how close we've grown to all that has become so familiar to us at Wilkes.

For me, the end of the spring semester always provides some of the most meaningful conversations I've had all year long. One such conversation, although it happened a few years ago, stays ever fresh in my mind. Speaking with a graduating senior just a few days before his commencement, we reflected together on each of our Wilkes undergraduate experiences—his for the last four years, mine that had its beginning about 25 years ago. As we talked about how quickly four years at Wilkes passes, we spent considerable time talking about our earliest days at Wilkes and the people we remembered meeting first. We talked about all of the fears we seemed to share,

and the apprehension we had as we both started our Wilkes careers some 20+ years apart. As our conversation continued, our focus shifted from that of reflection to that of contemplation as we began to talk about how his Wilkes experience would shape his future.

Eventually, we concluded that the experiences which held the most meaning for us, and from which we gained the most, had one thing in common. These experiences were the ones when both of us took the risk to leave our comfort zones, those times when things weren't normal, when we were faced with the unexpected or unmanageable, when we were someplace unfamiliar, when we were tested by new experiences and exposed to values different than ours, or when risk and challenge were our only choices.

Those are the moments from my Wilkes experience that have always stayed with me, and he believed those would be the special Wilkes moments he would always cherish and value.

What became apparent by the end of our conversation was that Wilkes, that once imposing and unfamiliar intimidator of our first year, had become a comfort zone for this soon-to-be graduated senior. This environment that was once so foreign had now become a place he understood, a place with which he was well-satisfied and a place that had prepared him for what he would face in the future. He knew that the time had finally come when he would need to break loose from this comfort zone to begin anew somewhere else.

As we come to the end of

this spring semester, it's a time for us to take stock of the year past. As you think through all that has happened to you this year, contemplate how often you left your comfort zone.

I hope you can look back over the past two semesters and find countless times when you accepted the challenge put forth by a member of the faculty and staff, a member of your family, or a friend, to try something new and stretch beyond what you could have ever imagined for yourself. I think you'll find that those special moments when you chose to leave your comfort zone will be the experiences from which you will have learned the most about yourself, provided you with your greatest rewards, and your fondest memories at Wilkes.



# More Horsepower, More Insomnia

BY TIM MILLARD  
Beacon Staff Writer

This past week, a group of South Wilkes-Barre residents got together to take a stand against the crime and prostitution that occurs in the neighborhood on a daily basis. Their concern was that the police were doing nothing about the problems. Thankfully, the police are doing something; it's just that Mayor McGroarty—a man who would hold a press conference if he got a grant for paper clips—forgot to tell everyone.

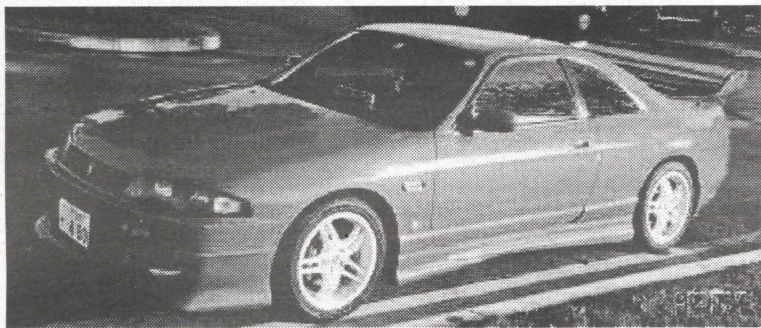
But while the police deal with the sweatpants-clad hookers on Ross Street, a different kind of scourge is prowling the streets. Their activities infringe upon what little peace the residents of Wilkes-Barre have left. If you've been up past 10 p.m. on any given night, you'll know what I'm talking about.

I'm talking about street racers.

For those of you whose auditory senses haven't been blessed by a car with

an exhaust that sounds like a lawnmower, street racers are people who watched *The Fast and the Furious* one too many times, and took it out on their cars. The end result is something that is both offending to the ears and the eyes.

First, let's examine the auditory assault. Many street racers install aftermarket exhaust systems on their cars, under the guise of making them go faster. I hate to



break this to any of you street racers, but that dual eight-inch exhaust won't add any horsepower to that Honda econobox you're

driving around in. But you'll surely fool people into thinking a swarm of bees are approaching!

Neither will a 130 dB stereo with the bass cranked. Hey whitey, we know you're listening to Jay-Z, and we don't care! While you're at it, it sounds like someone is trying to get out of your trunk. You might want to have your mechanic check that out.

Your eyes aren't immune from this

threat either. The mere sight of a car complete with a double-decker wing, a lowered suspension, and numerous stickers proclaiming what the car has (or doesn't have) should shock you. If that doesn't work, the gaudy undercarriage neon lights (which apparently add 30 hp) should.

The stickers do serve a purpose though. Case in point: every so often I see a white car parked outside of Breiseth Hall.

This car is decked out with an ungodly wing and an equally ungodly body kit. If it weren't for the giant "Cavalier" windshield banner, I would've thought this was some sort of brand new concept car from Yugo. Then again, some things just aren't worth mentioning.

Are you a street racer? Do the world a favor, and stop punishing your cars. You aren't fooling anyone. Nobody cares that your car prominently affirms the existence of a Flowmaster, or that its stereo can liquefy all matter within a ten foot radius. Your car isn't designed for speed! With all of that money you blew on your larger-in-diameter-than-a-CD exhaust, your bookshelf-of-a-wing, and your subscription to Super Street, you could've easily purchased a car that can actually go fast. You know, something that actually has an engine designed for performance.

Spare us from your lawnmower-sounding, bass-thumping, pavement-skidding econoboxes. We're trying to sleep here!

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smoking bubble. We are not smokers. In fact, we both think the habit disgusting. But, people have a right to smoke. Innocent non-smokers are not being hurt. What is the problem? The problem is the liberal crusaders and their attack on the tobacco

industry. It is trickling down to infringe upon our rights on the local level. You can have the right to kill babies but not to smoke.

The Democratic Party was once noble and respected. It worked to represent the

hard working middle class that built this country. The liberals have been destroying this legacy and it is time for the silent majority to rise up and take back their party. Keep hold of your rights. Keep hold of your values. The liberals have isolated them-

selves and in time they will become so discredited and reckless they will be forced out of the party and the Democrats will return to the level of prestige they once commanded.

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takes. Students must learn how to apply the rules of grammar, but they should learn that skill in the context of particular occasions for writing. Teachers need to consider involving students in a variety of professional writing projects. Inexperienced writers blossom when they have real

reasons for writing and real audiences for their final products.

In *The Culture and Politics of Literacy*, W. Ross Winterowd writes "Defining literacy is not idle semantic debate or academic hair-splitting but is almost always a consequential political

act." One of our primary goals should be to equip graduates with the literacy tools they need in order to use language for social action. A five second glance at any newspaper this week will confirm the power of words to construct our reality. The United States military is either an "invad-

ing" or a "liberating" force, depending on who is writing the story. The problem is quite real, the stakes are the highest. But the solution is not grammar drill.

## Your Voices

Dear Editor:

For a little over a week now, I have been trying to find the right words to thank some of the best professors in the world.

One of greatest American Poets, Walt

Whitman, once said that, he "was simmering and simmering, and Master Emerson puts him to a boil." I say, well good for you Walt, because you, at least had the opportunity to have someone lit the fire for you before Master Emerson puts you to boil. In my case, I came to Wilkes as a

"Tabula Rasa," and these ultimate professors turned me into a book. I have had classes with many professor during my almost fours years here at Wilkes, but four professors stand out in my case, not because I have taken more than two classes with each one of them, but because they are

the reason for all that I know today. These four ultimate professors are: Dr. Lennon, Dr. Fields, Dr. Paul and Dr. Tirone. Please allow me to talk a little about these four great teachers.

Madi Bobb  
Wilkes senior

For the remainder of this article, visit [www.wilkesbeacon.com](http://www.wilkesbeacon.com).

Dear Editor:

I feel compelled to respond to the article "Bubble Trouble" in the March 27 issue of the Beacon. I take issue with the notion that the "bubble" is at all related to issues of space within the University. I think student government did a disservice to us all by even entertaining the notion that the bubble might stay or that any area on this campus should be available to smokers.

Every time I walk into the Stark Learning Center (home to the School of Pharmacy) I feel embarrassed for this University. I am embarrassed for students, faculty and staff. I cringe each time I tour a prospective student or faculty candidate

past the bubble. What are we telling these individuals about the value we place on the young men and women who attend this University? The close proximity of the School of Pharmacy to the smoking lounge is nothing less than a joke. The bubble sends the wrong message to everyone who enters this building and is the height of hypocrisy for a University with two health professional programs (pharmacy and nursing).

Do people here understand the health impacts of smoking? Do you know that smoking causes 20% of all deaths in the United States. Cigarettes kill 1,200 Americans every day—a tragic total of 420,000 deaths each year. The fact is, cigarettes

cause emphysema, lung cancer and heart disease, and 4 out of every 10 smokers later die from their addiction. Even if death is not a major concern for the young students at this University, there are many other less-well known effects of smoking which affect even the young. For women, smoking contributes to low birth weight in infants. In men, smoking is associated with impotence and sterility. In EVERYONE, smoking causes facial wrinkles; it browns the teeth and gums and causes bad breath. Patients who smoke have body odor. Finally, smokers are poor role models for our children.

My point is that this is not a student government issue.

This is a responsibility of University administration to take seriously the contributions smoking makes to the health of our students and they need our support to do the right thing. I ask you to join me in calling on our administration to give notice to this campus community that in September of 2003 this truly will be a smoke free campus. This gives students, staff, faculty and administrators who are addicted to tobacco the time to get the help they need to treat this serious and self-destructive habit.

Edward F. Foote  
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Nesbitt School of Pharmacy



# In the Spotlight: Seniors

BY MELISSA JURGENSON  
Beacon Staff Writer

Name: Jeanette Bell  
Hometown: Broadheadsville, PA  
Major: Communication Studies with concentrations in Organizational Communication and Telecommunications



Melissa Lasecki

**What is most memorable about Wilkes?**

When the squirrel bit through the a power line and the power went out all over campus. Classes were canceled. Then they put the squirrel in a stick in the middle of the greenway.

**What advice can you give to freshmen/undergraduates?**

Plan your courses carefully

Name: Justin D'Angelo  
Hometown: Susquehanna, PA  
Major: English/Communication Studies

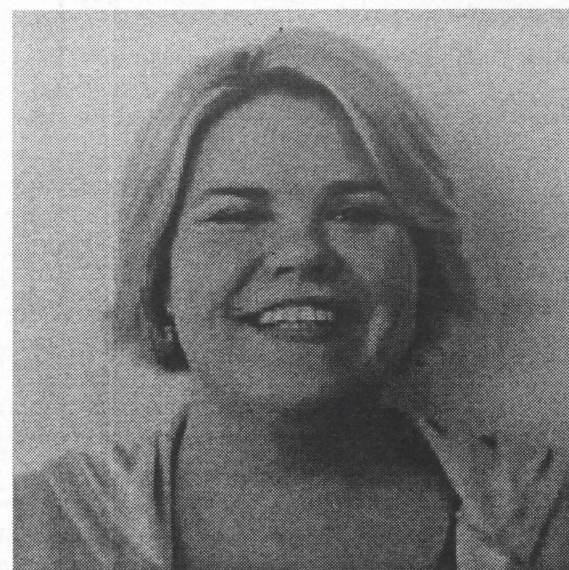
**What is most memorable about Wilkes?**

Too many things to even start to list

**What are your plans after graduation?**

I'm going to do an internship with Roadrunner Records and Blackout Records

**What advice can you give to freshmen/undergraduates?**



Martha Zabriski

Blink and you'll miss it; four years will fly by faster than you'll think

Name: Amy K. Westgate  
Hometown: Bethlehem, PA  
Major: History/Sociology  
**What is most memorable about Wilkes?**

W.A.S. - Waller South Girls  
**What are your plans after graduation?**

Outreach Counselor/Advocate for Carbon County for Domestic Violence Service Center. Law school for Domestic Violence based family law

**What advice can you give to freshmen/undergraduates?**

Don't screw around your freshmen year. Save it till you're a senior and you're legal. It'll help with the stress level.

Name: Mark Patrick  
Hometown: Denville, NJ  
Major: Computer Information Systems  
**What is most memorable about Wilkes?**

Friends

**What are your plans after graduation?**

Join the military

**What advice can you give to freshmen/undergraduates?**

Meet with your advisor as much as possible. And if you don't like him/her change advisors.

Name: Francine Anne Katherine Johanson  
Hometown: Tobyhanna, PA  
Major: Business with a concentration in Marketing  
**What is most memorable about Wilkes?**

When we had our homecoming dance at the Waterfront and the dance floor was too small, the boy's bathroom got wrecked, and the food was two hours late.

**What are your plans after graduation?**

To work. I am still going on interviews to find the one job that I will enjoy doing everyday and pay well, too.

**What advice can you give to freshmen/undergraduates?**

Enjoy college! Manage your time-party on the weekend... to truly enjoy your college experience and try not to miss too many classes.

Name: Martha Zabriski  
Hometown: Plains, PA  
Major: Vocal Performing Arts  
**What is most memorable about Wilkes?**

Performing and being on homecoming court.

**What are your plans after graduation?**

Working a lot and continuing my education in the near future.

**What advice can you give to freshmen/undergraduates?**

Relax, breathe, and have a blast!

Name: Melissa Lasecki  
Hometown: Nanticoke, PA  
Major: History  
**What is most memorable about Wilkes?**

My first dance class and performing.

**What are your plans after graduation?**

Grad school for dance at Temple University.

**What advice can you give to freshmen/undergraduates?**

Take a variety of classes in every area.

Name: Matt Smallcomb  
Hometown: Wilkes-Barre, PA  
Major: Music Education  
**What is most memorable about Wilkes?**

Performing in music ensembles and drumming for Modern dance classes

**What are your plans after graduation?**

Performing with "The Collective" and moving to NYC and studying music in Manhattan.

**What advice can you give to freshmen/undergraduates?**

Stay focused and go to class.

Name: Scott Fenstermacher  
Hometown: Bethlehem, PA  
Major: Business  
**What is most memorable about Wilkes?**

Living at Club Blasi and the wild times on the roof.

**What are your plans after graduation?**

Moving to San Diego and getting my MBA out there.

**What advice can you give to freshmen/undergraduates?**

Drink beer- it helps you study hard.

Name: Desirae Triplett  
Hometown: Easton, PA  
Major: Music Education and Music Performance  
**Q: What is most memorable about Wilkes?**

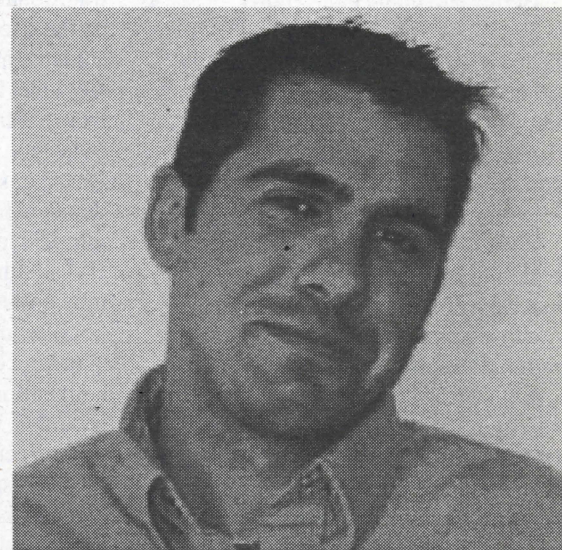
A: My senior recital.

**Q: What do you plan on doing after graduation?**

A: Get a masters degree in music and build a private studio.

**Q: What advice can you give to freshman/undergraduates?**

Take every opportunity you can, and sometimes you have to make your own opportunities.



Scott Fenstermacher

Name: Sara Ciotoli  
Hometown: Vestal, New York  
Major: Nursing

**Q: What is most memorable about Wilkes?**

A: The people I've met, the friends I've made, and the fun times I've had.

**Q: What advice can you give to freshman/undergraduates?**

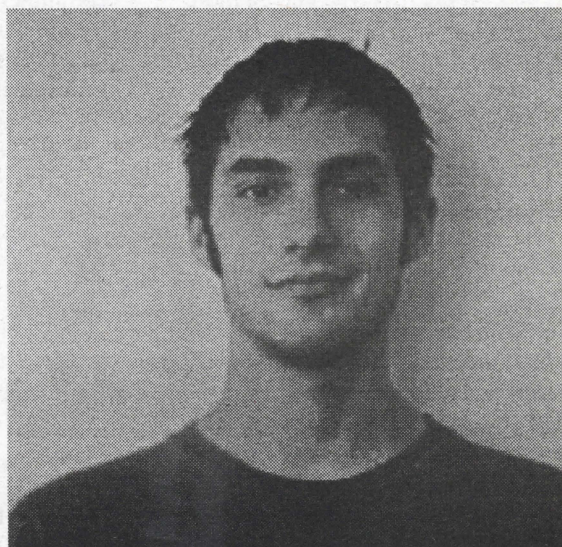
A: Enjoy your time here, get involved, and be yourself.

Name: Candice Adams  
Hometown: Brodheadsville  
Major: Communication Studies/ROTC  
**Q: What is most memorable about Wilkes?**

A: Camraderie not only exists on a sports field. I found it in everything I did.

**Q: What do you plan to do after graduation?**

A: Active duty US Air Force-moving to Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, for a career in public affairs.



Matt Smallcomb



# After Three Decades Wilkes Senior Celebrates Completion

BY ELVIRA ILLIANO  
Beacon Staff Writer

Better late than never, right? For many students, graduation is just another step on the vast staircase of life. For others, it is an open road to the real world. For non-traditional students such as John Sopp, a 52-year old Wilkes University senior majoring in economics, graduation is a symbol of closure.

Sopp, a 1969 high school graduate, married with four daughters, will be graduating from Wilkes University this May with a degree in economics. His educational journey has been filled with stops and starts. "I started at Wilkes University in 1969, but quit in 1972 because I got a full-time job in the grocery industry. I came back in the mid 1970s, then quit again because of job responsibilities and my twins. In 1986, when we had all four children, I came back again, but faced the same responsibilities, so I left. I came back this year and have finished my final six credits," Sopp explained.

According to the National College Board, studies indicate the numbers of non-traditional students enrolling in college are on the rise. "Enrollment of non-traditional students at the senior college and university level has nearly doubled in one year, from about 10,000 students in spring 2001 to more than 19,000 in fall 2002," noted College Board Assistant Commissioner for Academic Affairs, Bill McHenry, in a previously released interview.

Although the non-traditional label may bother many people in Sopp's position, Sopp seems to have no problem with it. "I'm kind of 'broken out of the mold.' I'm not conventional, so it doesn't bother me to be seen that way," stated Sopp.

Facing many setbacks, from work and family responsibilities to physical challenges raised after a 1999 automobile accident which left Sopp disabled, he has never allowed the roadblocks to get the best of him. "I try not to view things as setbacks, just course corrections. I adjust

to change and move on," clarified Sopp.

Regardless of the pressures Sopp faced, he moved on to reach his educational goals. "Since the 1970s there's been pressure continuously. Today it's different. My family is raised and on their way to lives of their own."

He later added that what pushed him to complete this chapter of his life was the need for closure. "It was a portion of my life that I needed to complete. I wanted to get this degree and finish what I started."

Among the professors who have had the opportunity to interact with Sopp, Dr. Robert Seeley, Associate Professor of Economics at Wilkes University, stated that Sopp "is certainly a good student, much more interested in class than the typical Wilkes student. Often I'll mention something that happened years ago and most of them [the students] will have blank looks on their faces. He's [Sopp] among the two or three who actually get the references I make."

When asked what he thought about his long journey through Wilkes University college years, Sopp seemed at the least very enthusiastic. "It's great. I have had an ability to communicate with people all around, both younger and older than me...I am so happy. I am proud to be a Wilkes graduate. My appreciation of Wilkes has grown and flourished in the time I have been here."

Sopp's feeling of ease has also been noticed by those around him. "I haven't detected any anxiety, so if he does have any, he hides it very well," said Seeley.

Even though education has played a key role in Sopp's life, it's definitely not the only pride of his life. "My four daughters, my wife and my community service (are also very important accomplishments)," said Sopp.

College years may seemingly come and go, but one thing that all students will agree on is this: some things are better done later than never, right?

## Student Leadership Appointed for 2003-04

BY MONICA CARDENAS  
Beacon Staff Writer

And the new Student Presidents are...

Next semester, Selena Bednarz, Lindsay Wotanis and Stephanie Dickert will hold the offices of Student Government, Commuter Council and IRHC, respectively. Of the three, Bednarz and Wotanis are veterans, having served last year; Dickert is beginning her first year as president of IRHC, although she was an active member last year.

"I ran for a second term because I wanted to further my experience, and hopefully accomplish even more on campus," stated Bednarz. Originally, she pursued the position of president in order to become "more involved and do more things with Student Government to get our name out to students." Bednarz added that she "wanted to get more students to participate and be aware of things going on around campus."

As president, Bednarz links students to administration. "I meet with both and relay opinions and policies, and hopefully maintain a good relationship between them. I also run Student Government meetings and make sure the elected students are doing their jobs to the fullest." Bednarz hopes that her experience as president will help her improve next year.

Bednarz is a junior mathematics major with a minor in accounting. Currently, she is also Vice President of Multicultural Student Coalition and serves as a member of the Student Affairs Cabinet and Student Affairs Disciplinary Committee.

Wotanis will begin her second year as Commuter Council President as a junior

communications studies major. She was a member of CC her freshman year and decided to run for president last year. "I thought it would be a good experience and a lot of fun. It has been both of those things. I have been able to meet so many people because of my involvement with the club. It was a real learning experience," said Wotanis.

Wotanis was especially driven to serve as president because she had many ideas that could improve commuter life at Wilkes. "I saw things that bothered me about commuter life...and felt that I could help myself along with all of the other commuters at Wilkes by becoming involved with CC."

Wotanis' responsibilities include handling commuter on-campus parking and commuter life in general. Also, she leads the club in "planning activities that will benefit the commuter population. My main goal is to improve commuter life at Wilkes."

In addition to these responsibilities, she also serves as member of the Student Affairs Cabinet and the Student Affairs Disciplinary Committee.

Dickert, president of Waller North and an active member of IRHC (Inter-Residence Hall Council), will begin her first year as president of IRHC next semester. She is currently a sophomore Criminology/Sociology major.

"I decided to run for president because I really enjoy being in the club and I think a lot could be done with it. The people in the club are great and I have fun working with them," said Dickert.

As IRHC President, Dickert describes her responsibilities as including "taking care of fund requests, dorm improvements, attending student government meetings and attending judiciary hearings on campus." She added, "Basically anything

that has to do with the dorms and living on campus is IRHC."

In addition to serving as IRHC President, Dickert will also serve as a member of the Student Affairs Cabinet and the Student Affairs Disciplinary Committee, along with Wotanis and Bednarz.

Currently, Off-Campus Council has not appointed a president. "At this time, nothing is really

settled with OCC," said Bednarz. In fact, according to an executive board decision, student government will take over the block party next year. OCC will have a representative on the board, but will focus more on improving the student-community relationship.

Whatever the outcome of OCC, Bednarz, Wotanis and Dickert are very excited to begin the new semester. They are loaded with ideas to improve life at Wilkes and ready to put them into action.



Stephanie Dickert



Lindsay Wotanis



Selena Bednarz

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## Loeschke Gives Life to Emily Dickinson

BY RAPHAEL COOPER  
Beacon Assistant Arts & Entertainment Editor

Wilkes University Provost Dr. Maravene Loeschke did it again on Tuesday, April 22, when she took time out from her normal administrative schedule to offer a most powerful performance.

This time it wasn't a sit-down read through as seen on campus with the breathtaking *Love Letters* and *Don Juan in Hell*. To all those who were fortunate enough to attend Ms. Emily Dickinson literally entered Kirby Hall's Salon. Loeschke brought Dickinson back to life.

Loeschke immersed herself in the role, communicating the personal life, struggle, pain, and yes, humor of Dickinson. It was clear that for 25 minutes, Dr. Loeschke was Miss Emily Dickinson-in her mind and the

audience's. The audience at the conclusion of the one-woman show sat slightly awestruck by what they had seen.

Artist in Residence, Adam Hill remarked afterward, "It's a shame we couldn't see you (Loeschke) perform the entire one-woman play."

Others noted the enormous flexibility Loeschke has demonstrated in her ability to juggle numerous roles-many of them simultaneously- Provost; educator; actress; bringing departments together; and promoting mutual respect, camaraderie, and appreciation.

It was just one more great opportunity for the Provost to promote theater and offer an important educational experience to members of the Wilkes community.

## Anger Management: Quick Cure for Finals Week Stress

BY JESSICA SKUTACK  
Beacon Arts & Entertainment Editor

It's a little something we can all use these days in situations like when somebody cuts us off when we're driving down the street, when our computers have fits at the most inopportune times, or even when nothing goes our way. That's right, in situations like these we can all use a little anger management-or we can live vicariously through Dave Buznik, played by Adam Sandler, and go and see the movie *Anger Management*.

Dave Buznik, a thirty-something secretary who works for a company that designs clothing for overweight cats, is assigned to take 40 hours of anger management training after being accused and charged with beating up a flight attendant for her inability to bring him a set of headphones so that he could watch the movie being shown on the flight.

At anger management classes Buznik meets up with Dr. Buddy Rydell, played by Jack Nicholson, who just so happened to be on the same plane with him. Buznik becomes a member of the "Fury Fighters," a group composed of eccentric characters including a lesbian couple who happen to be members of the porno industry, a sports fan who gets a little overexcited about games, a gay man who enjoys wearing tight halter tops and women's sandals, and Buznik's anger buddy Chuck, who seems to get angry over anything and everything.

One night Chuck calls on Buznik to help him defuse his anger. They go to a bar, but never end up getting their drinks. Chuck starts an altercation with a blind man's escort, and when Buznik jumps in to stop

Chuck the blind man starts hitting him with his cane. Buznik tries to get the cane from the blind man and in the process hits the blind man with the cane.

Buznik is once again brought before Judge Daniels, played by Lynne Thigpen (a familiar face from "Where in the World is Carmen San Diego?"), and is going to be sentenced to two years in jail when Dr.

Rydell steps in and says he can help Buznik with extensive therapy.

This is where the fun begins. Dr. Rydell moves in with good-guy Buznik and they spend all their time together. Instead of providing therapy for Buznik, Rydell seems to torture him. Rydell sleeps in the nude while sharing the same bed with Buznik, makes him sing in his car on a bridge, and accompanies him to work. In addition,

Buznik has to try and keep his cool while a she-male, played by Woody Harrelson, hits on him under Dr. Rydell's orders; he is forced to confront his childhood bully who has turned into a monk at a monastery and all hell breaks loose; and much, much more.

And just when you thought it couldn't get any funnier, it doesn't. Towards the end, the movie slows down and focuses more on Buznik's relationship with his girlfriend Linda played by Marisa Tomei. This romantic comedy aspect of the movie is quite cheesy and typical, but the movie redeems itself with a twist at the end.

Overall, I thought it was a really

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BY MELISSA GALLUP  
Beacon Staff Writer

## Tasty Tidbits

Well, I am very sad to announce that my time with *The Beacon* has come to an end. Graduation is near, and this will be my final installment of Tasty Tidbits. Every week I wrote about the recipes that I thought you would enjoy experimenting with. I offered advice on how to stay healthy during the flu season and I created menus for almost every holiday.

Hopefully I have succeeded in meeting all of your expectations.

For this last article I was inspired by a close friend to write about comfort food to help mend broken hearts from sad good-byes, but while I searched for the perfect recipes I found myself too teary-eyed to continue. Since I hate good-byes, I decided to bag that idea and do something that I have never done in the past. This week I am going to be selfish and offer you my favorite recipes to try for yourself. I hope you enjoy my selections.

But before I go, I have to thank everyone at *The Beacon* for everything that they have done. Together they produced a paper that Wilkes can finally be proud of. Congratulations Class of 2003! Good luck. You made it!

### Penne ala Vodka

Recipe Courtesy of Cathy Lowe

1/2 pound penne  
2 tablespoon olive oil  
13 cloves garlic, minced  
1/4 cup vodka  
1 1/2 cups of heavy cream  
1/2 cup tomato sauce  
Salt and pepper  
Fresh Parmesan cheese, grated

Cook penne according to directions on package. Drain and set aside. In a large skillet heat olive oil. Add garlic and cook for 30 seconds. Add vodka and cook until the flames dissipate. Add cream and bring to a boil. Reduce heat so that cream simmers. Stir until mixture has reduced in volume by half. Add tomato sauce and season with salt and pepper. Add cooked pasta. Stir until coated and heated through. Serve with grated Parmesan cheese.

### Tiramisu

Recipe Courtesy of Gourmet Magazine

#### Expresso Syrup

1/3 cup water  
1/2 cup sugar  
2/3 cup strong brewed espresso coffee  
1/4 cup Italian or domestic brandy, optional

#### Mascarpone Filling

1 1/2 cups heavy whipping cream  
1/3 cup sugar  
2 teaspoons vanilla extract  
1 pound mascarpone cheese, softened to room temperature  
1/2 pound savoiardi (imported Italian ladyfingers), domestic ladyfingers, or sliced sponge cake

#### Finishing

Cocoa powder for dusting the surface

For the syrup, combine water and sugar in a small saucepan. Bring to a simmer, stirring occasionally to dissolve sugar. Remove from heat, cool and add coffee and optional brandy.

For the filling, whip cream with sugar and vanilla until soft peaks form. Fold cream into softened mascarpone.

To assemble, place a layer of the savoiardi, ladyfingers or sponge cake slices in the bottom of a shallow two-quart baking dish or gratin dish. Sprinkle with half the syrup. Spread with half the filling. Repeat with remaining savoiardi, syrup and filling, spreading the top smooth, using a metal spatula.

Cover with plastic wrap and refrigerate for up to 24 hours before serving. Immediately before serving place cocoa in a fine strainer and shake a light coating on surface.




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## The Year in Retrospect: Visual and Performing Arts

BY RAPHAEL COOPER

Beacon Assistant Arts & Entertainment Editor

As fast as it came, it is now history. It almost seemed that the Wilkes University Visual and Performing Arts Department was putting on a show every week. From fine drumming, to great acting, from light and airy flute playing to graceful dancing, the surrounding community and university were treated to the finest in entertainment and culture.

### Theater

It all began with *Hedda Gabler* under the direction of Artist in Residence, Adam Hill. If it wasn't clear from years before, Junior Tiffany Smith is the real deal. With versatile performances in both Joe Dawson and Adam Hill's plays, Wilkes University has witnessed a future superstar whose dominance of character portrayals prove why she is such a leader

for Wilkes's Theater Department.

It was a most enjoyable theatrical season. With departing seniors like Alex Kashatus and Dale Heller moving on to greener pastures after stellar seasons, their presence will sorely be missed. Over four years the senior pair controlled both leading and supporting roles masterfully. Senior Phoenix Blue got his shot as *Julius Caesar* and ran with it in most captivating fashion. Kyle Masteller, who graduates this year as well, is already on his way. After performances as the sleazy Judge Brack in *Hedda Gabler* and leading male, Nathan Detroit in *Guys and Dolls*, Masteller also debuted a leading role in an independent film shown in Allentown. With Masteller gone, it will be a dilemma for directors Dawson and Hill to find someone to assume that leadership and experience that Masteller controlled for

the past two years.

But waiting in the wings are the younger Robert James Stowe who thundered as Brutus in *Julius Caesar* and Peter Baldo who can do it all. With great acting and dancing throughout the season, Baldo

did everything but show he can sing. Hopefully, next year his hidden pipes can become another aspect and asset to a

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The Beacon/Mick Jenkins

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funny movie that gave me lots of great laughs. The only qualm I have with *Anger Management* overall is the romantic comedy mumbo-jumbo. It truly detracts from the comedic vibe that flows so smoothly between the outrageous and wacky Rydell and the stuffed-shirt version of Sanders in Buznik. Other than the love distraction, I thought it was great and really entertaining.

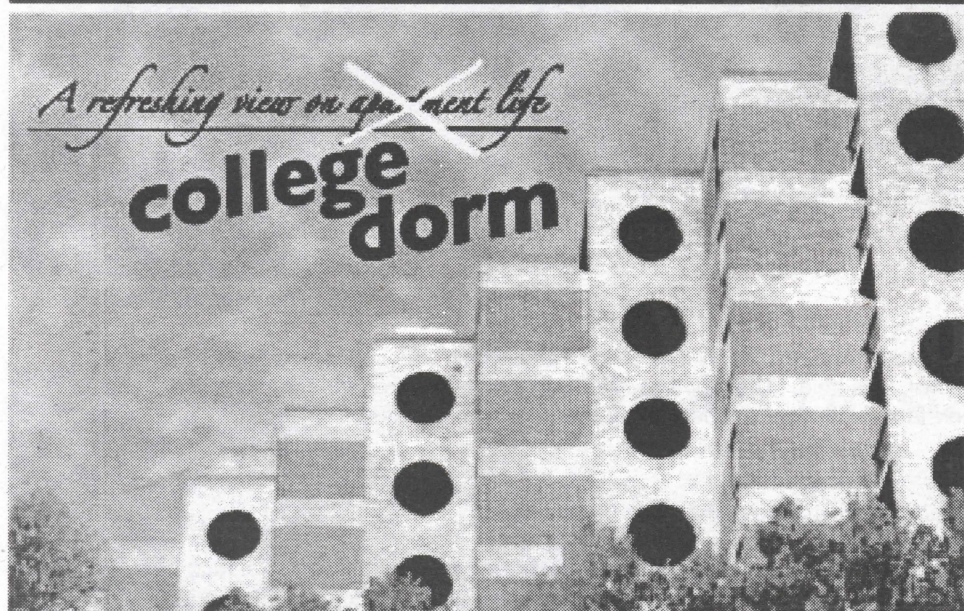
So, if you're stressed out with finals

and papers, nothing has been going your way, and you find yourself walking around with that red flush of frustration, head to the theaters and treat yourself to *Anger Management*.

The next time you get so mad you can scream, remember the words of Dr. Buddy Rydell: "Temper's the one thing you can't get rid of by losing it."

## Gentlemen, Start Your Engines

On Thursday, April 24, students were able to get behind the wheel of a mock number 40 Coors Light Dodge racecar, driven by Sterlin Marlin. The NASCAR Simulator was set up outside of the Student Union Building, and was free to the public.



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## Satta Returns to Cross the Gender Barrier...Again

BY RAPHAEL COOPER

Beacon Assistant Arts & Entertainment Editor

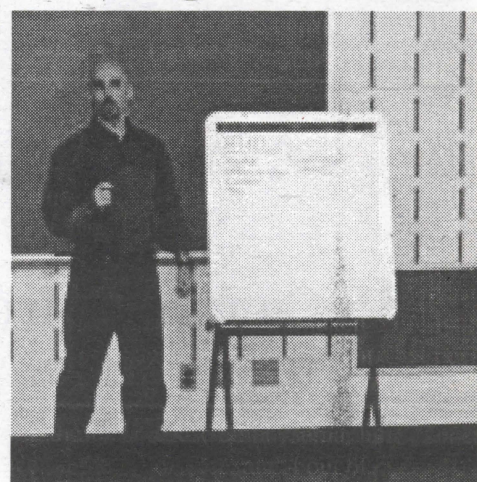
Friday April 25, Steven Satta from Towson University returned to Wilkes University to conduct a one hour seminar at Gies Hall on "Marlboro Men and Cover Girls."

Satta, who was responsible for bringing his super-talented foursome that performed the successful and nationally recognized *R&J*, was on hand to clear up or at least encourage reflection on how we envision ourselves as ideal males, females, and ultimately as people.

"I explore gender through theater, run it up a flagpole and see who salutes it," Satta said, and he pulled no punches with his audience as he encouraged purposeful reflection about what "we esteem" can be.

Satta kicked off his lecture by asking the audience what they felt comprised the prototypical man and woman. After the stereotypes were created to sculpt society's ultimate depiction, Satta mixed things up a bit illustrating how both men and women can share the same characteristics.

He then added other activities that did not particularly define where or how we place ourselves in society, but rather questioned who and what we are as people.



The Beacon/Kristin Hake  
Steven Satta

Satta stressed that people cannot look to adopt these masculine or feminine characteristics, but search inside their inner and true selves to find characteristics of either gender to better define themselves.

To close the workshop, Satta offered inspiring stories of transgendered individuals as well as other issues of gender sometimes frowned upon in today's society. Satta's conclusion framed perfectly his overall message, "I don't know what it is like to feel like a man, but I know how it is to be me."



# Block Party 2003



The Beacon/Kristin Hake

On Sunday, April 27, the Wilkes Block Party, which was sponsored by Off Campus Council, was held. The day was filled with live music, free food, fun activities, and a dunk tank fundraiser sponsored by the sophomore class.

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program that will need the younger males to step up.

Ben Ptashinsky, the go-to funny man who ran the show for *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum* should be the man for next year's season. Ptashinsky, whose absence in *Julius Caesar* was greatly missed, will bring the Dante Center many more enjoyable performances to look forward to.

### Dance

The Dante Center also offered some of the area's best dance performances throughout the 2002-03 year. Unfortunately, Wilkes had to wait to see the end of the year review in which Professor Kristin Degnan's brilliance was put on display. Degnan's pieces showed deep thought, beauty of movement, and complexity of the art she so well teaches.

This year Krystal Lynn Testa found herself very busy within the dance department. If there was a dance performance at the Dante, you could bet Testa was ready and raring to go. Earlier in the year Testa's original choreography displayed in a University Inter-disciplinary competition was moving, beautiful, and effortless. One of the few dance minors who can master the fouette, Testa also rocked crowds as the Russian Divertissement lead in Ballet Northeast's *The Nutcracker*. The energy and expression of Testa should be back on display next year at the Dante Center.

Kris Cross was also busy this year culminating the year with the Nu and Unusual Arts Program's recital. Cross's "Credo in Us" and other Merce Cunningham inspired selections, added diversity to an already rich program. Also,

Sean Harris's fresh tap choreography clearly brought the noise and indefinitely brought the funk.

### Music

Under the direction of Dr. Steven Thomas, the Wilkes University chorus offered some spectacular moments in the 2002-03 year. Their holiday concert left audience members buzzing about the enormous talent and range displayed there.

Matt Smallcomb and Bruce Harris brought some heavy noise to the Dante Center and other arenas of appreciation. Smallcomb and Harris who drum for local hot bands such as The Collective and Picture Perfect respectively, also lent their talents to Modern Dance Classes to lay down a beat never experienced before. Their live brilliance was also seen at the Nu and Unusual Arts Program's recital. Harris, a junior, will be back next year to pound

percussion while Smallcomb leaves us in appreciation and admiration.

Finally, to complement the heavy noise were the light and smooth sounds of flutists Becki Simon Brown and Desirae Triplett. These two flutists also added diversity to a flourishing program.

Obviously, this year in review cannot touch on every performance offered throughout the season at the Dante this year. Many seniors performed individual recitals and staged or directed one-act plays. There were also ensemble works performing both on and off campus seemingly non-stop. While the space for this review is limited, it is important to note that throughout the year the options people in the performing arts at Wilkes have offered us this year have been amazing.



## 2002-2003 *Beacon* Athletes of the Year Awarded

BY KEVIN SICKLE  
*Beacon Sports Editor*

The *Beacon* sports department recently selected their Athletes of the Year through a voting process which included ballots cast by Wilkes coaches, the

University's Sports Information Director (SID), and campus sports media. From this process, we have named our male and female Athletes of the Year as well as our Outstanding Athletes in each class.

We also would like to show our appreciation for all athletes here at Wilkes

for another memorable year in sports; your talent and determination to succeed hasn't gone unnoticed. All are commended for their efforts, and *The Beacon* looks forward to covering yet another outstanding season of sports in 2002-2003.

On a personal note, I would just like to

thank all of the players, coaches, fans, and especially John Seitzinger, the Wilkes SID, for all of their help and their pure love of sports. And to *The Beacon* staff: the past four years working for *The Beacon* have been great. Without you all, it wouldn't have been possible — thank-you.

### Athletes of the Year

#### Corey Fleisher, wrestling

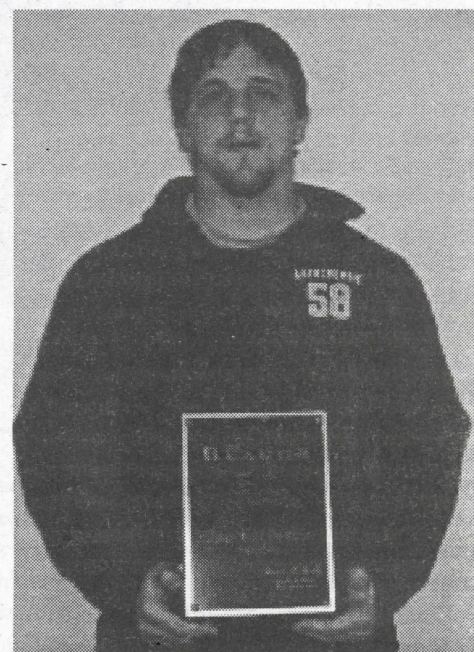
Fleisher's senior season was another outstanding one for head wrestling coach Alan Zellner. He compiled an overall record of 34-4 and won the Middle Atlantic Conference championship in the heavyweight class for the second-consecutive year, where he won the award for Most Falls in the Least Time. Fleisher then went on to compete in the NCAA Division III National Championship for a second year in a row. He also won the heavyweight division in the Ursinus Tournament earlier in the campaign.

#### Whitney Bull, tennis/basketball

Bull concluded her career at Wilkes in amazing fashion in both of her sports, tennis and basketball. On the tennis court, she finished with an overall singles record of 7-2, advancing to the MAC semi-finals. Bull was also named to the all-conference and all-academic teams for the second-straight season. On the basketball court, Bull's dominance continued. In her final season, the senior averaged 16.5 points and 13.5 rebounds per game, both team-highs. Her rebounding totals were good for third in all of Division III. During the campaign, she also became Wilkes' career rebounding leader, finishing with 984. Bull also eclipsed the 1,000-point plateau for her career this past season. Her post-season honors include: second-team all-Freedom Conference, first-team Verizon Academic All-America, and the 2003 Jostens Trophy, awarded to the top player in all of Division III basketball.



Whitney Bull



Corey Fleisher

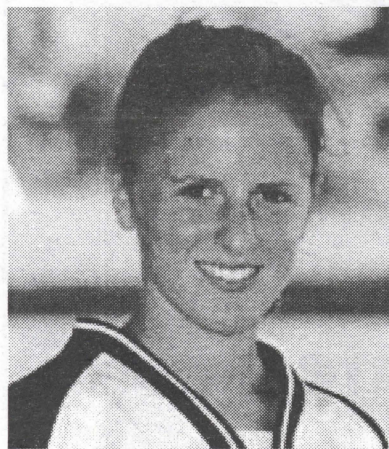
### Senior Outstanding Athletes

#### Holly Shiber, soccer

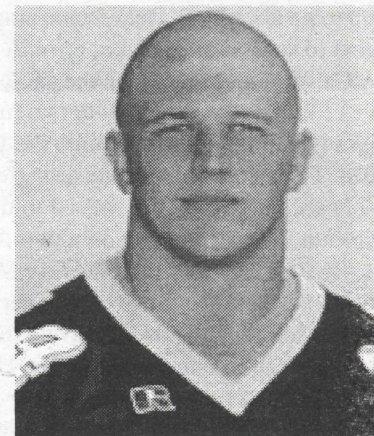
Scored 8 goals and 3 assists on a well-balanced Lady Colonels squad, starting in all 21 matches...Named Freedom Conference first-team all-star for the third-straight season...First Wilkes player to be named to an all-conference team all four seasons...Was named a third-team Regional All-American

#### Mike DaRe, football

Led the Colonels in tackles for the third-consecutive season with 80 (including 47 unassisted) and recovered fumbles (2)...Had two interceptions on the season...Named to the MAC first-team and the ECAC first-team



Holly Shiber



Mike DaRe

### Junior Outstanding Athletes

#### Desiree Podrasky, field hockey

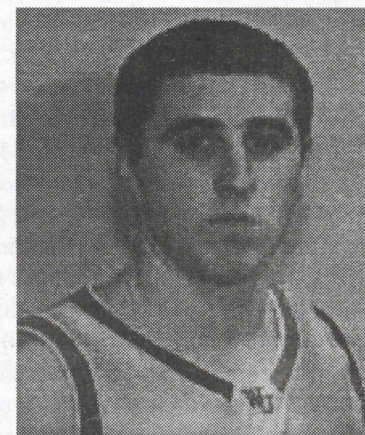
Led the Freedom Conference in shutouts with seven, including four in a row...Recorded a 1.63 goals against average, good for second in the Freedom Conference...Finished with a save percentage of .813, good for fourth in the conference...Named to the second team all-conference

#### Dave Plisko, basketball

Led the Colonels with 16.1 points per game and steals per contest with 2.0...Changed from the shooting guard to the point mid-season, only to shine and become the team's leader...Shot 37% from three-point range...Named to conference first team



Des Podrasky



Dave Plisko

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## Wilkes Finishes Fifth At MAC Golf Championships

BY NICOLE NORTON  
*Beacon Correspondent*

The Wilkes University golf team finished fifth of 14 teams at the two-day Middle Atlantic Conference Championships at the Par-72 Shawnee Country Club. The Colonels finished with a team

total of 971 during the 54-hole event. Susquehanna University posted a score of 924 to win the title. Delaware Valley (957) was second, Moravian (961) was third, and Elizabethtown (967) finished fourth.

Dom Castrignano and Mike Kashnicki finished in a three-way tie for tenth

place in the individual field. Castrignano fired rounds of 76, 77, and 85 to finish with a score of 238. Kashnicki had rounds of 80, 80 and 78 to finish with an identical score of 238.

Jason Pantzar ended the tournament in 24th place for Wilkes after

carding a total of 245 with rounds of 84, 82, and 79. Curtis Haley was 54th after firing rounds of 88, 83, and 91 to finish with a total of 262. Jon Else, who had rounds of 98, 82, and 83, was 58th with a score of 263.



# Colonels Drop Playoff Game to FDU-Florham

Courtesy of Sports Information

FDU-Florham scored a pair of runs with two outs in the bottom of the eighth to post a 6-5 win over Wilkes University in the opening round of the double-elimination Freedom Conference playoffs on Wednesday afternoon.

The win improves the Devils to 19-10 overall and moves them into Friday's winners bracket game against DeSales University at Quakertown Memorial Park at 3:00 p.m. Wilkes slips to 17-17 overall. The Colonels will take on Delaware Valley College in an elimination game on Friday at 11:00 a.m. in Quakertown.

FDU-Florham took a 1-0 lead in the first inning. With two outs Shawn Eickhorst was hit by a pitch. After stealing second base, Eickhorst scored on a double by Mike Piccolo. The Devils then tacked on a run in the third to assume a 2-0 advantage. Mike Trapani began the inning with a single, and moved to second on a wild pitch. Trapani trotted to third on a ground out by Mike DelVecchio, before scoring on a ground out by Tom Calistri.

The score stayed that way until the sixth, when FDU-Florham plated another run to go ahead 3-0. DelVecchio singled and went to second on a Wilkes error. A double by Calistri would plate DelVecchio.

Wilkes responded with two runs in the seventh inning to slice into the Devils lead. Tyler Trutt led off with a single and stole second. Trutt then moved to third on a ground out and scored on a two-out single by Charles Hampton. Dave Morgan followed with a single to put runners on first and second. Chris Caccavale then delivered an rbi-single that scored Hampton to make it 3-2.

The Devils would add a single run in the seventh to jump out to a 4-2 lead. Dave August walked and stole second. After a pop out for the first out of the inning, Jason Ahmed doubled to left field to score August.

The Colonels, however, would score three runs in the eighth to take their first lead of the contest. Steve Imdorf led off with a single and advanced to second on a wild pitch. One out later, Trutt singled to score Imdorf and make it 4-3. Trutt then stole both second and third base. As he was stealing third, the throw trying to nail him went into the outfield allowing him to score the tying run. Matt Midkiff then drew a walk and went to second on a wild pitch. Josh Turel flew out for the second out of the inning with Midkiff moving to third on the play. After the Devils intentionally walked Hampton to put runners on first and third, Dave Morgan struck out swinging for what appeared to be the third out. However, the ball got away from the FDU-Florham

catcher and Midkiff was able to score to give Wilkes a 5-4 lead.

FDU-Florham then scored twice in their half of the eighth to regain the lead for good. With one out, Eickhorst drew a walk. Piccolo then popped out for the second out of the frame. August followed with a base on balls to set the stage for a two-run triple by Jim DaSilva that made it 6-5.

Rei Green, who pitched two-thirds of

an inning, was credited with the win for the Devils, while Mike Corvey, who tossed a perfect ninth, gained the save. FDU-Florham starter Chris Bartz pitched seven solid innings, allowing eight hits and two runs.

Wilkes starter Mike Spotts pitched seven innings and allowed only six hits and four runs. Ryan Lobb, who came on to pitch the eighth, was tagged with the loss.

FDU-Florham had seven different players with a hit in the contest. Calistri, Piccolo and Ahmed each doubled, while DaSilva had the eighth inning triple.

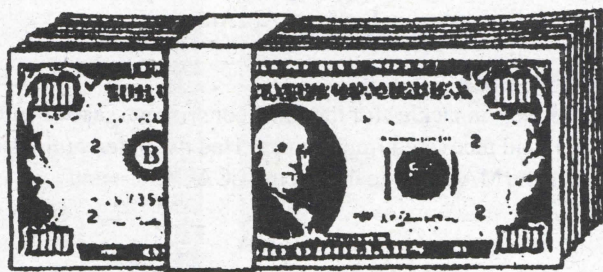
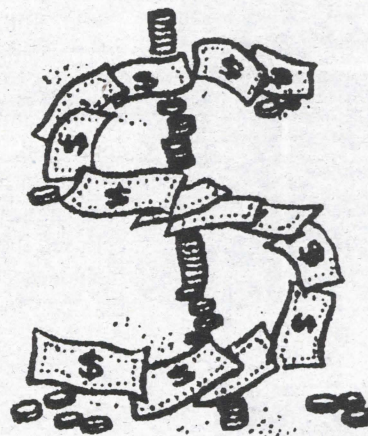
Trutt and Caccavale each had two hits for the Colonels, who had a 10-7 edge in hits in the contest. Wilkes stranded 13 runners in the contest, while the Devils left on four on the base paths.

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# Lady Colonels Finish Lacrosse Season with Win

BY BRIAN WALTER  
Beacon Staff Writer

Perhaps senior standout Maria Currier described the women's lacrosse season best when she stated, "This team has come to practice each day ready to learn and work hard. Everyone's dedication toward building the lacrosse program has been great and is reflected in our success late in the season. I know myself and the rest of the seniors have felt so proud to be a part of the start of this program. It is truly amazing how far we have come over the past two seasons."

It has been stated that great leaders produce more leaders, not followers. The Wilkes University women's lacrosse team has struggled throughout its fledgling stages for the past two years, yet through the players' leadership and motivation, they have certainly found success in small increments. To the women's lacrosse team, the win-loss category does not apply to how they measure improvement. To them, their program expands each day due to their leadership, due to the fact that each player understands that they are the future of lacrosse for Wilkes University, and this dedication shined as they rolled through a heartfelt win against Centenary College on Tuesday.

Trailing 6-3 at halftime, the Lady Colonels rallied throughout the second stanza and were able to hold off Centenary for a 10-9 victory.

Four straight goals to start the second stanza gave Wilkes a 7-6 lead with

less than 12 minutes remaining. The first came from an unassisted goal off the stick of sophomore Melissa Quinn. That was followed by a goal by senior Danielle McDonald off an assist from sophomore Alicia Conner that moved Wilkes to take the score to 6-5. Maria Currier then tied the contest with an unassisted goal. The Lady Colonels finally pulled ahead 7-6 as senior Sara Ciotoli notched in another unassisted goal.

Centenary would tie the game at 7-7 just 27 seconds after Ciotoli's score when Nikola Henner scored unassisted with 11:10 left in the game. The Cyclones were to regain the lead once again after another Henner goal with 9:01 left in the contest that to make it 8-7.

After the goal by Henner, the Lady Colonels answered back and fought off their exhaustion with a three-goal outburst to take the lead for good. Freshman Lyndsay Asinelli knotted the game at 8-8 with an unassisted goal with 7:55 remaining on the clock. Quinn then scored an unassisted goal with 3:49 left to give the Lady Colonels a 9-8 advantage.

Ciotoli scored the eventual game-winning goal off an assist by Conner with 1:38 left that gave Wilkes a 10-8 lead. Krystal McCullen would cut the lead to 10-9 with 22 seconds left with an unassisted goal for Centenary. Senior Kyla Campbell then won the battle for the ensuing draw control, and the Lady Colonels were able to run out the clock. With the win, Wilkes improved their inaugural varsity record to

3-10 overall.

Freshman Carissa Lyons stopped nine shots and fellow freshman Cassie Malone had three saves to combine for the win in the net. Centenary goalkeeper Tina Pagano came up with 19 saves in a losing effort.

Quinn had three goals to lead six different Wilkes goal scorers. Ciotoli had two goals and one assist, while McDonald added a pair of tallies. Conner had one goal and two helpers and both Asinelli and Maria Currier each scored once.

Campbell, playing her last game for Wilkes, said "We definitely improved since the first game of the season. If we could play it all over again, I guarantee we'd have many more wins. Coach D (Kristin DiMarzo) taught us so much throughout this season, and I wish it was longer." Campbell added, "Nothing compares to the feeling I have when playing lacrosse, and a lot of that enthusiasm stems from Coach D. No teammates or coaches can come close to the ones I had this year. They're amazing



The Beacon/Ryan Klemish  
The Lady Colonels finished their first varsity season with a win on Tuesday.

and fun to play with and for."

Maria Currier, a major contributor of the Lady Colonels' offense for much of the season, also added, "What a great way to end the season. The way we never gave up in this game and came back after being down at halftime showed our determination and heart that has been the drive behind our improvement all season."

## Shah Wraps Up Magical Season with Title

BY KYLA CAMPBELL  
Beacon Staff Writer

Sophomore Hassan Shah made school history when he became the first Wilkes University student to win the MAC men's tennis singles championship.

Out of 15 schools from within the conference, two Wilkes University players took the spotlight, as Shah defeated fellow teammate, sophomore Madhan Srinivasan, in three sets (7-6, 4-6, 7-5) to capture the title.

Shah won the first set 7-6, after overcoming a 4-2 deficit. Srinivasan was down in the second set, but then won five straight games to win the set. Shah appeared to be out of reach when he jumped to a 5-1 lead in the final set before Srinivasan fought back to tie at 5-5. Shah broke Srinivasan's serve before serving out the last set for the win.

"The best thing [about matching up against Hassan] was that no matter the outcome, Wilkes had won that day. There was no pressure to win and no embarrassment from losing," said Srinivasan. "The hardest part was probably for the fans and Coach Leicht because they didn't know who to cheer on."

"The finals match was a little different from others in that it was comfortable to play my own teammate, but at the same time I was uncomfortable because I didn't want

to beat him," added Shah.

The dynamic duo faced several tough opponents leading up to the finals match-up. Srinivasan, seeded fourth, faced Chris Hileman from Lebanon Valley College. Srinivasan needed three sets to knock off the defending champion and number-two seed, rallying from a set down. Shah, the number-three seed, played a mentally tough match against fifth-seeded Kevin Kolodgie from King's College. "His style of play isn't necessarily to win. It's just a defensive style which gets frustrating," said Shah, who earned the 6-2, 6-3 semifinal victory.

"The competition was harder than I expected," said Srinivasan. "But, I felt stronger and more fit than last year."

"The competition was pretty difficult throughout the whole match," added Shah. "Looking at our scores, however, it is obvious that our finals match was the toughest for both of us."

There were several advantages and disadvantages for when the finals match stage was set for Colonels. "They practice with each other almost every day, so they know each other's games very well," said head coach Chris Leicht. "They are both fierce competitors, and they played such a great match."

"Our friendship definitely helped with this entire situation because it makes

Shah  
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# Low & Outside

BY DAVID DiMARTINO  
Beacon Staff Writer

This is my going out party-and Iowa St. b-ball coach Larry Eustachy is bringing the beer and the chicks ... I keep seeing this "Rome is Burning" preview on ESPN and I hope that it is actually a show where they set that horse's butt on fire. The man is famous because he called former Rams QB Jim Everett, "Chris Everett" and Jim proceeded to beat him up on set. The fact that he keeps getting jobs gives me tremendous confidence about my future ... Some things never change. When I started this article I made numerous jokes about how bad Bill Walton was as an announcer

and somehow since then he has become worse ... Shaq was a jerk then and he is a jerk now ... This columnist didn't care who won the Stanley Cup. Still don't ... I was the funniest man I knew. Still am ... And so we have come to the end of the road (actually just to the end of my smart-ass jokes) ...

And yes, my friends and enemies, this is the last of your favorite columnist's column. Prior to today, I told myself I wasn't going to write one like this, but the hell with myself. I'm giving myself what I want. I started this thing my senior year as part of the INK experiment (most of you kids don't even know what INK is or was). I figured I was a big enough jerk, with a big enough mouth that I could actually get

away with making fun of people in sports once every two weeks. Well, what was once a funny article in INK has become a cult phenomenon. People read this article like they do Revelations in the Bible; I get girls showing me their boobs, saying, "How LOW & OUTSIDE do you wanna go?" It has been great. With all the perks this article has come with, I will really miss writing this thing, and after six years of service, I will really miss Wilkes University ...

Wilkes has taught me so many things, I have met so many great people and I would like to thank those individuals (in some cases animals) and mention some of the things this experience has taught me, like: how to go days upon days without sleep and with a lot of alcohol ... Sometimes a shampoo can do more than just wash your hair ... The walk of shame is really a walk of accomplishment ... Not everything is smokeable ... You can learn many important lessons from The Muppet Show ... Nobody really knows what Grimace is ... Snufalufagus was Big Bird's imaginary friend ... Midgets are funny ... A sun dial will never last on a college campus ... Cheaters never win, unless they get away with it ... The Greenway is green less than half of the time ... Mustaches are really funny ... And no matter how much you complain about this school, you know you love it and this was a great choice ...

And the people that made it possible

for me to go from a big city boy to a little town man ... Mr. Stafford: although I will be paying you for a long time, your checks made me smile ... The entire communications faculty: believe me you taught more than just how to use the ellipses ... The Beacon Sports Editor Kevin Sickle: for never editing my stuff and for running the best sports section for this paper that I've seen ... Tommy D.: for a being the jack-of-all-trades ... Coach Frank Sheptock: don't let the eyes fool you; they don't miss a thing. The man is a father and teacher to every football player to grace the Munson Field House ... John Seitzinger: his mood changes like the weather, but I wouldn't want to work for anyone else, ever ... Christine Tondrick: a funny person in her own mind, but her laugh and her smile will forever be erasable from my brain ... And to a crew of guys that I shared many things with, some which are unspeakable: Corey, Billy, Jay, Else, Scoop, Kyle, Sechler, Will, MattyR, DaRe, and Schief ... One huge thank you to DOCTOR Andrea Frantz for giving me this opportunity to write this dumb article, supplying me with words of advice that have been life altering and a thank you for all the advice you will give me as a lifelong friend ... And to every person who ever read this column and either laughed, cursed or used it to wipe their butt ...

Ok kids, for the LAST TIME: I'm DAVID D. and I just missed LOW & OUTSIDE!

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competition more fun and enjoyable rather than stressful," commented Srinivasan.

The tight match and close score showed that the advantage of being teammates as well as friends doubled as a disadvantage, as the teammates knew each other's playing style and neither could use secret weapons.

"We never met in a tournament before, so it was a new experience," added Shah.

Although conference rankings have

been a part of their careers, Shah and Srinivasan, as well as Leicht, are looking forward to the possibility of national recognition in the future, as well as continued success within the conference.

"Both Hassan and Mud could play Division I tennis. They chose to come to Wilkes mainly for academic reasons," commented Leicht. "These two guys have unbelievable talent, and I am very fortunate to have both of them on our team. They are role models both on and off the court."

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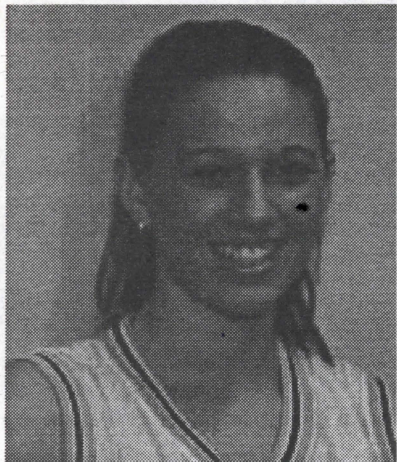
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### Sophomore Outstanding Athletes



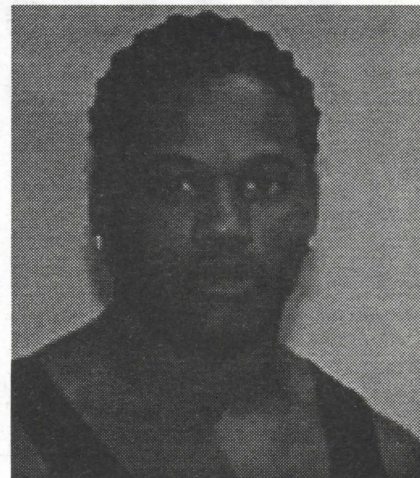
Andrea DeMaranville

**Andrea DeMaranville, basketball**

Finished with 14.3 points and 5.8 rebounds per contest for the Lady Colonels, starting all but one of their 25 games...Led the team in scoring nine times and rebounding twice...Had a Lady Colonels' season-high 31 points in a win over FDU-Florham

**Rex Harris, wrestling**

Completed his breakthrough season with an overall record of 35-5 and an MAC individual title at 174, while earning Outstanding Wrestler honors...Conference title earned him a spot in the Division III NCAA Championships...Won 23 consecutive matches during the last weeks of the season, including the MAC tournament



Rex Harris

### Freshman Outstanding Athletes



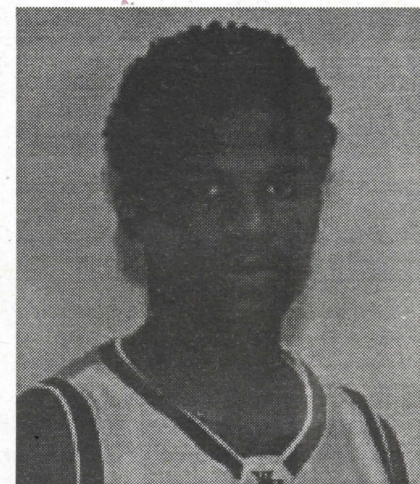
Rena Bolin

**Rena Bolin, soccer and basketball**

Recorded 14 goals and an assist in just 14 games for head coach John Sumoski. Finished first in the Freedom Conference in goals per game (1.00) and second in points per game (2.07)...Averaged 12.1 points per game and 3.3 steals per game before going down with a season-ending basketball injury

**Rashawn Pressley, basketball**

Averaged 8.3 points per game and finished tied for third on the team in rebounds per contest (4.4) as a point guard...Exploded in the second half of the season, reaching double-figures in scoring six times, including a season-high 22 points in a loss to King's



Rashawn Pressley

### Beacon Athlete of the Week

**Hassan Shah,  
Tennis**

The sophomore outlasted teammate and fellow sophomore Madhan "Mud" Srinivasan in an all Wilkes University Middle Atlantic Conference Championship

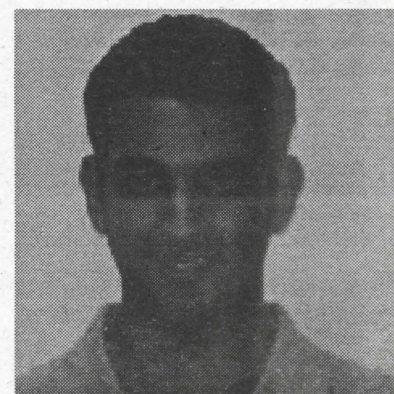
match on Saturday afternoon at the Kingston Indoor Racquet Club.

Shah, who was the tournament's No. 3 seed, held off a Srinivasan rally late in the third set before picking up the decisive 7-5 win.

Shah also defeated fifth-seeded

Kevin Kolodgie of King's College and seventh-ranked Julian Fuller of Drew University en route to becoming the first Wilkes University tennis player to win a MAC singles championship.

Shah is a Biology/Pre-Med major from Orwigsburg, PA.



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## Today, May 1

### *Blood Drive:*

9 a.m.-3 p.m., Genetti's

### *Presentation by Dr. Che Baysinger:*

2 p.m., Capin 103

## Friday, May 2

### *Diversity of Life Mural:*

4-6 p.m., SLC 379

### *Parking Applications Due:*

Public Safety Office

### *Final Exams Begin:*

8 a.m.,



The Beacon/Kristin Hake

Above, "A Midnight Breakfast" was held Wednesday at midnight in an attempt to support students prior to the start of final exams. Below, Adventures in Science, a learning experience for elementary students, was held last Friday, April 25.



The Beacon/Mick Jenkins

## Saturday, May 3

*No Events Scheduled:*

## Sunday, May 4

*No Events Scheduled:*

## Monday, May 5

### *Cash for Books:*

9 a.m., WU Bookstore

## Tuesday, May 6

*No Events Scheduled:*

## Wednesday, May 7

*No Events Scheduled:*

## Wilkes-Barre Weekly Weather



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TODAY



52/38  
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