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Winter Months Pose Obstacles for Wheelchairs, Crutches *Physically challenged students find some paths impassable*

BY JEREMY ZUCKERO
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For the average person, moving from building to building or across campus presents relatively little difficulty. But for those with physical challenges--both temporary and permanent--getting from point A to point B can be a significant struggle.

For people who have special needs, routine pedestrian paths can become an obstacle course, containing hazards of which others may not even be conscious. Rachel Gablon, a freshman Spanish major who is wheelchair-dependent, said, "The sidewalks are uneven. It's a pretty long distance from one side [of campus] to the other . . . The street [South Street] is uneven . . . I've flipped over a couple of times."

Winter weather can also compound Gablon's difficulties. She has gotten stuck

a few times in snow that had drifted across sidewalks, but agrees that sidewalks are generally kept in "decent" condition by the Wilkes University staff.

Ariel Cohen, freshman communication studies major and friend to Gablon, knows how difficult it is for her and other handicapped individuals to maneuver around campus. "Most of the buildings on this campus are handicapped accessible, but not all, though. I've known people here... that have broken a foot or something, and they can't get into the [non-handicapped accessible] buildings because there is no ramp, no elevator," said Cohen.

Gablon, however, has not experienced this problem on a regular basis. "All my classes have been in Breiseth [Hall] or Stark [Learning Center]," said Gablon. Gablon pointed out, though, that she did have a problem once accessing the Resi-

dence Life building.

"He [Cohen] had to push me up the ramp and then pick me up to get inside . . . the ramp has a little step to it, and when you get up the ramp, there is a step that you have to get over to get in the door."

Being physically challenged, Gablon knows better than most where the problems with accessibility are on campus. Several of the automatic doors around campus have been disconnected lately for maintenance. Gablon cited that the first step to making



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Rachel Gablon uses the handicapped access to enter Evans Hall.

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Center for Continued Learning Offers Summer Africa Trip

BY GABRIELLE LAMB
Beacon News Editor

Visiting rain forests, deserts, and savannahs. Sounds like a dream for those still stuck in the winter rut, but for many students that dream can become a reality this summer, thanks to a trip offered by the Center for Continued Learning.

From May 31 through June 10, 2004 students will have the chance to travel Kenya, East Africa with Dr. James Merryman, Professor of Anthropology. This isn't the first time this trip has been offered to students, however. In fact, according to Merryman this is the university's third sponsored trip to Africa, the last being two years ago.

"When we went two years ago, we took about 25 students and faculty, and the trip filled up within a week," he stated.

Although the response has not been as energized so far, Merryman commented that by mid-March he hopes to have the trip filled up.

According to Merryman, the trip has been a huge success in the past, with people experiencing things they haven't seen or heard before.

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Meet Dr. Browne



The Beacon/Todd Weibel

Kristen Haldy talks to Dr. Paul Browne, the Dean of the new Jay S. Sidhu School of Business and Industry on Thursday, February 26, 2004, in the Henry Student Center Ballroom.

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SG Happenings

Notes from the Student Government Meeting on February 18, 2004.

Chemistry Club is requesting \$1,200 for five of the club's 15 members to attend a meeting of the American Chemical Society in Anaheim, California. The total cost of the trip is anticipated to be \$2,451.50. Club members will attend next week's meeting for the vote.

SAM Club came in for the second week for a fund request. The group is requesting \$1,500 for 12 members to attend a case competition in Baltimore. Remaining funds for the total trip cost would be taken from the club account. A motion to give the club \$1,500 was denied 3-15-10. Another motion for \$500 was passed 22-1-5.

SG discussed Winter Weekend changes in the outline of events next year. Next year the event may take place Friday night, Saturday morning, and Saturday night. There may also be a change in the points for events or canned goods.

SG meets every Wednesday at 6pm in the Hiscox Meeting Room, 1st Floor of the Henry Student Center. Meetings are open to the public.



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and we had a terrific time. We went to game parks, saw a great migration with about a million wildebeests and zebras...Saw an interesting group of tribal people, and went through a diverse ecological environment with deserts, rain forests, and savannahs," explained Merryman. "We were able to feed giraffes from a tree house as well."

According to The Africa Guide website, www.africaguide.com, May and June are two great months for this kind of tour.

"Kenya is famous for its game viewing and many operators offer varied ways of experiencing this. The wildebeest mi-

gration is one of the most amazing natural spectacles. Game can be seen year round, but migrates in May/June, July/August and again in September/October," the website notes.

In addition, a number of other

savanna and thorn bush."

Also on The Africa Guide is a list of the tribes found in Africa. "The main groups of tribes are the Bantu who migrated from western Africa, the Nilotic people who originated from Sudan and the Hamitic group, who were mainly pastoral tribes from Ethiopia and Somalia. The main tribes are Kikuyu

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Dr. Jim Merryman
Professor of Anthropology

activities such as hikes, camel treks, guided nature walks, bird watching, game tracking and feeding giraffes will also be offered.

According to www.africaguide.com, "Kenya is notable for its geographical variety. The low-lying, fertile coastal region, fringed with coral reefs and islands, is back by a gradually rising coastal plain, a dry region covered with

(21%), Meru (5%), Kalenjin, Luyha, Luo (14%), Kisii, Kamba, Swahili, Masai, Turkana."

Cost for the trip is \$3,000, which includes airfare, meals and lodging. For more information, please contact Dr. James Merryman at extension 4043 or Dr. Margaret Steele at the university's Center for Continued Learning at 4235.

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News Briefs

Courtesy of the Associated Press

Diaper-wearing man charged with child endangerment

PEQUANNOCK, N.J. (AP)--A Paterson man faces child endangerment charges after allegedly showing up at a Roman Catholic school clad in a diaper and pink stretch pants.

Police said he showed up at Holy Spirit School at dismissal on Feb. 13 seeking a job application. When his request was denied, he defecated in the diaper and fled on foot, police said.

Lincoln Park police arrested him a short time later near a supermarket.

New Port Richey woman fined \$190,000 for overgrown yard

NEW PORT RICHEY, Fla. (AP)--Antoinette Stavropoulos says she is in no shape to maintain the overgrown lawn for which she has been fined nearly three times the value of her home.

Stavropoulos acknowledges that the grass in her back yard reaches 3 feet high and a foot high in the front. But she can't fathom paying the \$190,000 she has accumulated in fines since she was first warned about the grass two and half years ago.

Hong Kong TV station launches news show with stripping anchorwoman

HONG KONG (AP) - Pay TV in Hong Kong is about to launch a newscast that promises to uncover everything - as the anchorwoman strips while summarizing current events.

German student investigated for stealing electricity worth 0.2 euro

BERLIN (AP)--German prosecutors said Thursday they are investigating a student for stealing electricity after he plugged his laptop into a train station electrical socket and used 0.2 euro cents (0.25 U.S. cents) worth of power.

The 23-year-old man, whose identity wasn't released, was seen by police officers connecting the computer at the station in the central city of Kassel late one evening last November. Suspecting that he had stolen the laptop, officers arrested him after he boarded a tram outside.

FBI agents photographed Scranton mayor

PHILADELPHIA (AP)--Federal agents secretly photographed a 2001 meeting between Scranton's mayor and an influential imam whose business dealings have been at the center of an FBI public corruption probe in Philadelphia.

Former Scranton Mayor James P. Connors said he was visited about two months ago by FBI agents who told him about the photographs, and wanted to know why he met with Shamsud-din Ali, a political ally of Philadelphia Mayor John Street.

Connors said the agents asked whether the Muslim leader, who had come to Scranton to pursue a business deal, had offered him any improper incentives if he would support the project.

Mother charged with killing toddlers in Monroe County fire

JONAS, Pa. (AP)--A woman who escaped a fire that killed her two young children this week set the deadly blaze at her northeastern Pennsylvania ranch home, authorities charged.

Samantha June Hirt, 28, who had been treated for manic depression, showed no emotion after the deaths when doctors tended to a hand laceration she suffered, authorities said.

Hirt was arraigned early Friday in Monroe County on homicide and arson charges in the deaths of Sarah Christine Hirt, 3, and her 2-year-old brother Matthew Ryan Hirt, the *Pocono Record* reported. The children died when they were trapped in their burning home in El-Do Lakes, a private development in Polk Township, shortly after 2 p.m. Wednesday.

Aristide Flees Haiti; Leadership Unclear

BY PAISLEY DODDS and IAN JAMES
Associated Press Writers

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (Feb. 29)--President Jean-Bertrand Aristide fled Haiti on Sunday, bowing to pressure from a rebellion at home and governments abroad, U.S. and Haitian officials said.

People celebrate the news of President Jean-Bertrand Aristide's departure.

Hundreds of angry Aristide militants armed with old rifles and pistols converged on the National Palace, the presidential seat in Port-au-Prince. It was not immediately clear who was in charge, but Aristide's prime minister Yvan Neptune called a news conference early Sunday.

There were reports Aristide signed a letter of resignation before he left, which would open the way for Supreme Court Chief Justice Boniface Alexandre to take power. Such a move would require approval by the Haitian parliament, which has not had power since early this year after the terms of most legislators expired.

In Cap-Haitien, the northern port that has become a base for the rebels, crowds danced and sang in the street and a rebel commander said his fighters were ready to disarm once a new government was in place.

"Aristide's gone! Aristide's out!" rebel fighters in Cap-Haitien yelled with glee, hugging each other.

Aristide, Haiti's first democratically elected president in 200 years of independence, left as the rebels were 25 miles from the capital and threatening to attack unless he resigned.

A senior U.S. official said Aristide flew from Haiti on a corporate jet that left at 6:45 a.m. He was accompanied by members of his security detail but his destination was unclear.

An Associated Press reporter saw an unmarked white jet take off from Port-au-Prince's airport about that time Sunday morning.

The official, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said he could provide no other details because Aristide had not yet arrived at his destination.

Aristide's Cabinet minister and close adviser Leslie Voltaire said Aristide was on board along with his palace security chief Frantz Gabriel.

The rebels launched the rebellion on Feb. 5 from Gonaives, 70 miles northwest of Port-au-Prince. More than 100 people

were killed.

Voltaire said Aristide was flying to the Dominican Republic and would seek asylum in Morocco, Taiwan or Panama.

In Morocco, a high-ranking Foreign Ministry official said Aristide is not heading for the North African kingdom.

Taiwanese Foreign Ministry spokesman Richard Shih also said they had not received "any message or any request from the Haitian government," although he would not rule out the possibility of accepting Haiti's president.

Rebel commander Winter Etienne said the fighters - a motley group led by a former army death squad commander, one of Aristide's provincial police chiefs and a former pro-Aristide street gang - said, "We're going to put our weapons down when we've got a new government."

As he spoke, rebels rode through Cap-Haitien in trucks, waving at hundreds of people who took to the streets in celebration, dancing and singing.

But Etienne indicated it might not be over: "We will go to Gonaives, and then we will pass to St. Marc," he told The Associated Press.

St. Marc is a government held town north of Port-au-Prince where Aristide militants have been terrorizing opponents, torching homes and executing alleged rebel sympathizers.

One diplomatic source in Port-au-Prince said Aristide signed a letter of resignation before he left. His term did not expire until February 2006.

That would open the way for a U.S.-led plan to install Supreme Court Chief Justice Boniface Alexandre, the president's constitutional successor, to head a transitional government. Alexandre is honored for his honesty in a judicial system notorious for corruption. He could not immediately be reached.

The crisis has been brewing since Aristide's party swept flawed legislative elections in 2000 and international donors froze millions of dollars in aid.

Opponents also accused him of breaking promises to help the poor, allowing corruption fueled by drug-trafficking and masterminding attacks on opponents by armed gangs - charges the president denied.

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University Leadership Requires Integrity, Sensitivity

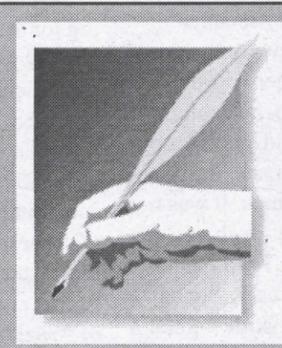
The recent national news has focused on the unfortunate story of a woman's dream not only destroyed, but her entire life as well. If the name Katie Hneida does not ring a bell, more than likely her story does.

Katie Hneida is the former female kicker for the University of Colorado football team who has endured mental anguish, media attention, and utter humiliation mainly from the ill doings of The University of Colorado. Hneida, who earned a place on The University of Colorado Buffaloes football team, has come forth to allege that she was raped by members of the football squad, thus utterly ruining her status as a kicker not to mention destroying her self-esteem and sense of well-being. If this allegation is proven true, many questions about the future of The University of Colorado's football team and the way we handle collegiate sports will be addressed in a manner that changes and admonishes the behavior for both.

The question that weighs heavily on the minds of a concerned public is simply, "How can a situation like this be prevented?" More importantly, "What are the social factors that contribute to these sexist and demoralizing acts towards women?"

When Head Coach Gary Barnett came forward to address Hneida's allegations, Barnett stated bluntly, "Katie wasn't a good kicker and a distraction to our team." These comments which came under fire by the University of Colorado, now have Coach Barnett's job in jeopardy. It appears that Barnett is indeed the source who could have prevented this type of behavior by his players, but instead, the bull-headed macho man made the insensitive comments that just added fuel to the fire. As a result, his attitude may well reflect a culture of anti-feminism or more so...anti-equal opportunity.

The fact of the matter is Hneida was not given a fair chance to compete for a kicking job. Instead of trying to work as a cohesive unit or a team (as all college football teams aim to be), the University itself (mainly Barnett) contributed to the "distraction" of Hneida's success.



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

Hneida stated, "We'd be kicking, and he'd launch [footballs] at my head," referring to a backup quarterback on the team.

"I'd have them whizzing by. To this day, if a football flies by my head, sometimes I just [flinch]."

Because Barnett apparently condoned this behavior, or at the very least chose to ignore it, he is, on a very basic level, guilty of not recognizing the harassment, let alone the sexual felony that more than likely could have occurred.

And maybe, yes, she was a bad kicker. But what about that reserve quarterback who was "whizzing" the balls at her head? Is that not a distraction? This football player who found himself on the bench, obviously found it more important to "hit the girl" than to perfect his abilities. Yet he was allowed to con-

tinue to compete for a spot on the team.

It is not like Hneida was not eager to do what was needed for the team. She was not a distraction. But certain few males on the team could not keep their hands or minds to themselves...this was where the distraction was.

And quoting the football movie, *Remember the Titans* by Julius Campbell, "Attitude reflects leadership." It seems that more than anything Barnett and his attitude were contributing to the sexism or at the least, ignoring the potential for danger at practice. Why and how did this go unnoticed? Regardless of the fact that she was a poor kicker, she was not given a fair chance just because of her sex. At the least, the University of Colorado is guilty of harassment and discrimination.

But based on Barnett's tone and attitude, and if the accounts of practice are true as well, then who is to say that the football players of Colorado weren't somehow also sent the message that Katie Hneida was fair game?

A university is an institution where there is a level playing field, where young adults are attempting to better themselves in all forms of education. Everyone within that institution is entitled to equal opportunity regardless of sex, race, or religion. Just because Hneida "couldn't get it through the uprights" was not a reason to ridicule or humiliate her and her pursuit of progress and happiness. And it certainly was not a reason to rape this upstanding and aspiring scholar. Because of Barnett's attitude, what had once been merely a lack of talent issue, quickly transformed and snowballed into a sick and reprehensible act for which he is at least partly responsible.

The environment that has been created amongst many of the nation's colleges (notably Colorado) is one that is a "win

at all costs" mentality. Giving scholarships to convicted felons who can "run with ball better than anyone" have taken precedence over the integrity of a school. By sending messages like this, of course, all collegiate players will continue to assume their invincibility. And when the coach's attitude reflects a leadership that advocates this mentality and sexism, then who is safe within the confines of an institution?

A reversal of rules has to be reassessed and readdressed where these athletes realize they are privileged to walk the

grounds of a college and that they are simply "a guest" because of their talent. In fact, many colleges have compromised their standards of excellence just to accept some of the like-minded crumbs that allegedly harassed, tormented, and raped Miss Hneida.

Now more than ever the environment for the enhancement of all students, male and female must be achieved and enforced. Colorado has already compromised the environment of integrity, excellence, and academics for the school's athletics. Let's not compromise the law.

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East Meets West at Wilkes University



BY DIANE POLACHEK
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East reached out to touch West when eight students from Tamagawa University in Tokyo, Japan traveled halfway around the world to Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania a few weeks ago to check out what was different from their part of the globe.

What did they find? In their words--warm and welcoming Americans with big hearts and high energy, homes with unbelievably large room sizes and plenty of dogs and cats, schools with good teachers, friendly children and interactive classrooms, and food portions doled out for giants.

Chie, Chika, Eriko, Kanna, Miharu, Miho, Norie, and Yoko also found Sarah, April, Lorianne, John, Katie, Alicen, Jackie, and Amanda--their Wilkes University partner students, who are also future teachers, and together they experienced

the intrigue of exploring each other's cultures and ideas.

Was communication a challenge? Absolutely. Ask Assistant Professor Gina Morrison who organized outstanding ESL instruction. Were there times when computer dictionaries appeared and when gestures were resorted to in an effort to convey an idea? You bet. Was it worth the experience and the work? Should you ask this question of the students involved, I'm confident that their reply would be an unequivocal "yes."

Travel and cultural exploration can be wonderful, but there is no doubt that they require work. In fact, the origin of the word "travel" is from the French verb "travailler", which means "to work." When my husband, Andrew, and I accompanied a group of Wilkes University students to Japan several years ago, it was wonderful, but it was work. I distinctly remember the work it took to navigate the Tokyo subway system with all the katakana and kanji signs, clearly indicating the way of course. It seems like yesterday when I struggled to put a cohesive string of Japanese words together as I addressed the president of Tamagawa University. Anyone who has ever traveled to another country can tell you that it takes significant effort and energy. Talk to Anthropology Professor James

Merryman about his trips to Africa or to Dr. Waghia Taylor about her trips to Egypt and around the globe, and they will tell you that they love travel, but that it's work.

The Tamagawa students, most of whom had never left Japan, worked hard at pre-trip preparations, studied English and American culture extensively, earned money for the trip, prepared very special gifts to bring to new friends, lugged heavy suitcases (their choice) almost as big as they were, spent two full days en route via car, train, planes, and van, and worked hard mentally and emotionally to make a good impression and make their experience worthwhile. They deserve a lot of credit. The Wilkes students who were willing and eager to work at making a meaningful connection with the Tamagawa students also deserve to be commended.

Then there are the area teachers, students, and staff from Apple Tree School in Forty-Fort, Chester Street School in Kingston, and Dallas Elementary School who also worked at making meaningful connections. They warmly welcomed the Tamagawa students and shared with them what an American education is all about. In turn, they were treated to a slice of another culture with scoop of origami and Japanese writing. Social studies came to life...

Speaking of meaningful connections,

the Tamagawa students found surrogate families for the two weeks they were here with us. The families Fields, Halsor, Kropiewnicki, Rexer, and Steele joined my family in hosting the Japanese students. Surely you recognize the names of some of the most gracious faculty members who value diversity and are living proof of what it means to be a believer in global community. I am convinced that one of the greatest compliments that anyone can receive is to be told that they made someone feel like family. The Tamagawa girls, as we affectionately referred to them, made it known that they felt like family while they were here and even after they made that long journey back home. It was clear that words could not express the connections the Tamagawa students had made here at Wilkes, but the tears they shed at the farewell dinner certainly did the job.

So, what's next? We know that Tamagawa University will send us more students next winter. Let's hope it's not such a deep freeze for them again. East will once again reach out to touch West as they have been doing for fourteen years. Now it's time for West to reach out and touch East. You know, sushi, cherry blossoms, sumo wrestling... What are we waiting for? Let's get to work. Tokyo, anyone?

A Vote for Nader Big Mistake for Liberals

BY MATT ZEBROWSKI
Beacon Correspondent

Had I been not just a few months short of eligible age in the 2000 election, I probably would have voted for Ralph Nader. I knew he didn't stand anything close to a chance, but, like many other liberals, I was so disenfranchised with both Bush and Gore (who at the time seemed pretty much like the same candidate) that I would have preferred to make a statement with my vote, rather than concern myself with choosing the lesser of two evils.

But that was four years ago, and I have seen my idealism, along with the nation as a whole, suffer greatly.

In those past four years, I have seen the largest economic boom in American history come to a screeching halt. I have seen surpluses turned into whopping deficits as a result of childish irresponsible spending, and I have seen unemployment skyrocket as a result.

In stark contrast, I have seen the rich becoming still richer. I have seen homosexual rights and reproductive freedoms,

along with the very concept of scientific advancement and education, threatened. I have seen the support and sympathy of the global community turn to complete outrage as men and women my age died fighting in a war based on flawed and overblown intelligence. In the past four years, it has become painfully obvious to me which the lesser of those two evils really was.

And, as the 2004 post-primary, post national convention campaigns begin to wind up, I, like liberals the nation over, am chomping at the bit for one thing, and one thing only: the chance to get George W. Bush out of office.

From the moment he announced his candidacy, I loved Howard Dean. He wasn't perfect, but I agreed with him on many of the issues that were most important to me, and he had a passion and charisma that I hadn't seen in mainstream politics for a very long time. Most importantly, he was relatively liberal and progressive, but I firmly believed that he wasn't too liberal and progressive to

get the swing votes necessary to beat Bush. I donated everything I could to his campaign, and I was absolutely devastated when his misinterpreted cheer after the Iowa caucuses caused him to fall victim to such horribly biased news coverage.

But even with my favorite candidate all but out of the race and the Democratic nomination more than likely going to centrist leaning John Kerry, I have not lost sight of my aforementioned goal of beating Bush. While the two party system is flawed and definitely needs to be fixed, for liberals there is a much greater concern at hand. The way to change the existing political structure is from the bottom up, by putting progressive candidates in local offices and gradually working towards more important positions, not by taking a shot in the dark at the White House.

This is going to be an incredibly close election, and even Pat Buchanan has the sense not to run again so he doesn't take votes away from Bush, the popular

conservative candidate. Ralph Nader's decision to run can be labeled as nothing more than poor judgement. He stands no more of a chance of winning than he did in 2000, so again, voting for him would be more of a statement than anything. What he does stand a very good chance of doing, though, is taking just enough leftist votes away from whomever the Democratic nominee is to allow Bush to win by a very small margin--again.

The question for far left liberals to ask themselves is this: "Is it worth voting for a candidate whose platform I agree with, even though I know not enough people will do so to put him in the White House, and if the right number of people do so, we may get stuck with four more years of a candidate whose platform is the furthest possible thing from my own?" I, for one, will be sticking with the lesser of the two evils.

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The Passion of the Christ Not Anti-Semitic



BY SABRINA McLAUGHLIN
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For months, there have been speculations and accusations about whether or not Mel Gibson's film, *The Passion of the Christ* can be seen as being anti-Semitic in its portrayal of the Jews at the time of Christ. Sadly, because of the past course of human history, accusations of anti-Semitism can be anticipated whenever a film about Jesus Christ is produced.

These shameful behaviors and attitudes are demonstrated by anti-Semites amongst Christians, who see fit to manipulate the words of their Scriptures in order to serve an indictment against the Jewish people accused by anti-Semites of being "Christ-killers" because they were supposed to have handed Jesus over to be crucified.

Rationalizing hatred of Jews and advocating violence against them goes against everything Christianity stands for. Christianity preaches all-encompassing love and condemns hatred. And it makes

no logical sense for any Christian to be an anti-Semite because Christianity sprang from Jewish roots--the family of Jesus were Jews. Jesus himself was a Jew, and not all of Jesus's Jewish peers were involved in his condemnation. Many were against handing over one of their fellow Jews to the Romans, even if they did not agree with or accept Jesus's teachings.

Some non-Jews accuse Jewish people of being "overly sensitive" to anti-Semitism. But if one is to put oneself in the place of a Jewish person, it is easy to understand concerns over anti-Semitism when we are just two or three generations removed from the Holocaust. Many Jewish people today don't have to look far back through their family history to find a victim of anti-Semitism. In fact, discrimination against the Jews was common here in the Wyoming Valley as recently as just a few decades ago when the Westmoreland Club refused to allow those of the Jewish faith to join its membership rolls.

Many critics have denounced Gibson's film as indeed containing elements of anti-Semitism, and some Jewish rabbis who have viewed it acknowledge that they were troubled by the portrayal of Jews in the film. Other critics have risen to the

defense of the film, most notably Ebert and Roeper, who both suggested that the film was an inspiring story of love, sacrifice, and redemption, and because of this they saw nothing in it that should inspire anti-Semitism or hatred of any kind.

Accusations of anti-Semitism began to arise months before Gibson's *Passion* was scheduled to premiere. The counter-criticism is that these accusations were based on readings of excerpts of early, incomplete drafts of the script, and taken out of context.

These were my conclusions after viewing the film: there are certain portions of the film that I found troubling. I was somewhat troubled by the portrayals of the temple guards and priests as one-dimensional, villainous characters, when we cannot know what was in the hearts and minds of those men--a minority amongst an entire population of Jews, including the early Christians, it must be remembered.

To counter these troubling portrayals of corrupt priests and angry mobs of fellow Jews crying out in favor of Christ's execution, I did find evidence of positive portrayals of Jewish people, and identity of Jesus with the Jews. Some of the temple priests cry out on behalf of Jesus when he is being accused by the high priest.

Also, there is the fraternal feeling expressed between a Jewish man who is pulled from the crowd and forced to help Jesus carry the cross when he is too weak to bear the burden alone - when Jesus falls and is beaten brutally by the Romans, this Jewish man intervenes, screaming for them to stop. In this scene Gibson emphasized the brotherhood between Jesus and this man as Jews, when a Roman soldier tells Jesus' defender to shut up, calling him "Jew" with contempt.

Gibson did not intend this film to be a justification of anti-Semitic hatred. Rather, it is an indictment against the atrocity of violence and hatred. I think the film would have been perfect if it had focused more on the Judaism of Jesus, thus emphasizing the fraternal relationship between Jews and Christians, but it must be remembered that this film focuses only on the last hours of his life. The only people who will take away justification of anti-Semitic hatred from this movie are those who already consider their hatred justified.

It is a travesty that any atrocities are committed in God's name, whether it be accusing a man of blasphemy and putting him to death for it, or blaming the actions of a few people in the distant past on an entire race and the generations that followed.

Celebrating the Beatnik Legacy



BY MATTHEW JONES
Beacon Columnist

I recently learned about the cross-country journey that Jack Kerouac's original teletype roll of *On The Road* was making in various exhibitions. The simple fact that people (myself included) would make the trip to see a long piece of old paper got me thinking about Kerouac and what he and the other Beats have left for us in their wake.

I first read *On The Road* when I turned 21, having received it as a birthday gift from my mother. She told me that she had read it when she was 18 and was taken aback by my own ignorance of it. Until that point, I had naively viewed Beatniks as they are commonly presented

in their stereotypical form: white and black striped shirted, beret-wearing, goateed, coffee drinking, pretentious, jazz obsessing, poetic hipsters. While this stereotype certainly has a place in society--Beatnik impersonators run rampant, except for the shirts, I think--it ignores the true legacy we've inherited from the classic Beat poets (especially Kerouac): the freedom to express wonder.

On The Road depicted someone excited to be alive and living in a country filled with endless possibilities. Kerouac treated every situation, no matter how mundane, as a chance for something amazing to happen. The irony of his starry-eyed marvel suggested that, maybe unfortunately, there was nowhere for him to fit in, despite driving all over the country. Calibrated on a smaller scale, the idea of slipping between the cracks in history was one with

which I, and I imagine millions of others my age, could easily identify.

The hardest notion to mine out of such empathy, though, was not to perceive it as a license to brood or reflect on a seemingly dismal future, but rather to use it as a springboard for building something greater regardless of a bleak outlook. Living life to the fullest can only be accomplished by oneself and only through a natural wonder for all things sensational. This is what multitudes of readers have gained through Kerouac's literary legacy.

Living in times such as these, wherein Americans have mired themselves in the most frivolous of matters, it would be interesting to see how Kerouac would react to it all. Life stops and starts with little or no consideration for beauty or creation, and

numbing consciousness is the most widely accepted therapy, unless you have it all figured out before graduating from college that you're deemed a future failure, going nowhere, and only adding to the tumultuous state of affairs in this country.

In response, I'll quote my favorite line from *On The Road*, which is more relevant now than ever: "I was having a wonderful time and the whole world opened up before me because I had no dreams." Right on.

Nickle For Your Thoughts by Jason Nickle



"Countdown to Spring Break"



IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Brian Sacolic

Brian Sacolic is the co-director of the Wilkes University Farley Library. Here, he talks to The Beacon about why he loves being a librarian.

Beacon: How long have you been here?

Sacolic: 15 years. I'm an old timer. I used to be a reference librarian here. I came here fresh out of grad school. I had worked in libraries before. I actually have an earth science background. I actually had a friend that was in earth science and she became a librarian. Out of my friendship with her I got interested in it. My mother was actually a librarian as well, so I grew up in libraries. It seemed like an obvious fit.

Beacon: What is your favorite thing about working here?

Sacolic: Helping students relieve anxiety about research. Students come in, and don't know where to begin. They have this befuddled and bemused look on their faces, and I can lessen their confusion and put them more at ease . . . I like to stay at the reference desk as much as possible. I tend to get pulled away for meetings, but I always want to stay at the desk. I feel that I'm the most helpful to the students there. I like staying in tune to what they need.

Beacon: What do you think you've learned from working here?

Sacolic: Well, I've learned that there's a lot to learn. I end up teaching lots of different classes on how to do research in many different fields, such as music or psychology, and that has given me a broader perspective in terms of it. I've also learned that students really need the library. It can help the students a great deal, as much as they need; they just have to ask for help.



Karen Novicki

Karen Novicki is the Help Desk Operation Manager at Wilkes University. She has been at Wilkes for almost seven years now. Here, she talks to The Beacon about her job and what she likes most about it.

Beacon: What does your position as operation manager entail?

Novicki: I oversee the help desk. The help desk is comprised of tier 1 and tier 2 computer support. I am involved in the rollover plan - the purchasing of new computers and printers for faculty, staff and labs. I oversee the desktop and hardware groups and together we resolve computer issues. I also deal with computer, software and hardware vendors.

Beacon: What kinds of questions do you field?

Novicki: Maybe it's easier to identify what questions I don't get asked! The most popular question is "When am I getting a new computer?" I also get questions like: Where can I buy a computer? How do I get software? My computer at home does this . . . You get the picture, right?

Beacon: Is there anything about your position you feel would be beneficial for students to know?

Novicki: We are currently reviewing help desk levels and services. I'm pleased to announce that the Wilkes ITS [Information Technology Services] Department is finalizing a partnership with Dell Incorporated to provide students, faculty and staff access to Dell's line of products, including some recommended systems at special Wilkes pricing. We are currently working on a partnership with Apple, as well. Be sure to check out future emails regarding this announcement.

Beacon: What about your position do you enjoy the most?

Novicki: I work with an amazing group of people and I truly enjoy the sense of accomplishment I feel when issues are resolved, when projects are completed, and interacting with the campus community. I love being a part of the ITS team!

Beacon: Was this something you saw yourself doing before you came to Wilkes?

Novicki: Nope, not even MY imagination could have gotten me here!



Trichomoniasis Emerges as Most Common STD

BY MEAGAN BROWN

Beacon Staff Writer

With all the tests, papers and midterms facing students, sexually transmitted diseases (STDs) are the last on the list of worries for most.

But, while most professors warn students in advance that an exam is in their future, the same cannot be said for those who carry and often transmit an infectious STD to unsuspecting partners.

A recent study found in the *Journal of Obstetrics and Gynecology* and reported by WNEP Channel 16 stated that trichomoniasis, an STD affecting more than five million people each year, often goes undetected and unreported. Trichomoniasis is the "most common curable STD in young, sexually active women," according to the National Center for HIV, STD and TB Prevention.

Trichomoniasis is caused by the parasite, *trichomonas vaginalis*, and is usually transmitted through intercourse, most commonly from women to men. The most common site of infection is the vagina in women and the urethra in men.

While there are no symptoms for men, women can experience a variety of symptoms such as discharge, intense itching, burning and redness of genitals and thighs as well as painful intercourse. Since there are no symptoms for men, they can pass this STD on to partners easily without even knowing. This STD is known to cause infertility in both males and females and can cause cervical cancer in women.

Patty McNulty, head nurse at the Wilkes-Barre Department of Health, could not provide statistics related to trichomoniasis because it is not required by the Department of Health that all cases be reported. However, for the year of 2003, there were 113 cases of chlamydia, 43 cases of gonorrhea and no cases of syphilis reported in Wilkes-Barre. There are also many unreported cases of these and many more STDs.

According to McNulty, many STDs go unreported. "There is an increase in reporting but there is still underreporting," said McNulty. She also said that clinical labs are required by law to report cases of STDs to the Department of Health, but doctors do not always report cases.

"They [doctors] may see a patient with a suspected STD and they will just treat it instead of running the tests at the lab," said McNulty.

Another problem is that people will come to the Department of Health's free clinic and use fictitious names and contact information. When this happens, the nurses and doctors have no way of getting in contact with that person if it turns out that they are infected. Often the people who use the fake names are sex industry workers in the area. This becomes a problem because that person may never know if they have been infected and they can go on to infect other people.

"Partner notification is the real problem," said McNulty. "It is up to them [infected individual] to notify their sexual partners."

The Department of Health even offers to confidentially notify people's partners, but more often than not, people do not notify partners who may be at risk.

Gail Holby, nurse at Wilkes University's Health Services, said that students are not afraid to come and ask to be tested. However, Holby said, "They [students] don't realize that all it takes is one time, and they are sorry afterwards. Also, students think that the birth control pill protects them from STDs which is completely wrong."

While students on campus have exhibited concerns about STDs, all Health Services can do is refer them to the free clinic at the Wilkes-Barre Department of Health. Health Services could not provide any statistics about STDs on the Wilkes University campus.

McNulty says that many cases of trichomoniasis are reported but there are no symptoms in males or a test to detect this STD in men.

"As of right now there is no test for males with trichomoniasis. We have to trust that their partner will notify them," said McNulty.

According to the National Center for HIV, STD and TB Prevention, trichomoniasis is curable. Doctors can prescribe a single-dose prescription drug, metronidazole. Sometimes, however, symptoms can disappear without treatment, but in that case, the infected person could still pass the STD on to sexual partners. Persons infected with trichomoniasis are encouraged to seek treatment and abstain from sex, and inform their partner(s) so that they may also seek testing and/or treatment.

Students wishing to get tested for STDs can contact Health Services at extension 4730 or the Wilkes-Barre Department of Health at 208-4268.

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FEATURES

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Annual March Health Fair to Promote Wellness

Free testing, advice, and beauty tips added among options

BY KRISTIN KILE
Beacon Staff Writer

On the heels of a brutal flu season that affected plenty of Wilkes students, it has become even more obvious that staying healthy and taking care of your body is important. Fevers, headaches, and sinus infections can spread quickly through the Wilkes campus and stick around for days. With this in mind, officials at Wilkes University Health Services are taking steps towards helping students, faculty, and staff become more conscientious about their health, by holding the 2nd Annual March Health Fair.

The fair, to be held on Thursday March 25, 2004 from 11-1 in the Henry Student Center Grand Ballroom, will offer a variety of health and beauty vendors to answer questions, offer information, and even provide screening tests.

Gail Holby, Registered Nurse in Health Services, said the goal of the health fair is "to educate the students, staff, and faculty, and if they have any questions concerning some health issues, we want to address them and make them aware of the

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her commute from building to building around the university a little easier would be to "reconnect the automatic doors and make the sidewalks even."

Gablun did note, in regards to one particularly bad sidewalk that when she made a request for a repair, the problem was corrected. "My friend went and complained for me and they [Facilities Services] got a sidewalk fixed," said Gablon.

Facility Services is quite a large department on campus, and has jurisdiction over handicap accessibility. John Burke, Director Facilities and Capital Planning,

new possibilities, opportunities that the new treatments are for."

There have been smaller health awareness events in the past, but last year was the start of the health fair on a bigger scale. There were approximately 30 to 40 participating vendors at last year's event and it encouraged Health Services to keep the fair going.

"It was very well received. I think we had about 400 people walk through last year. We had a lot of positive feedback so we thought that we'd do it yearly," said Diane O'Brien, Director of Health Services about last year's fair.

One of the highlights of the fair is the different screenings being offered. "We're going to have cholesterol screenings for free. PSA, Prosthetic Specific Antigen, screenings for men for a \$10 charge," said Holby. Organizers are also going to offer hearing and oral cancer screenings.

In addition to the screenings, the fair will have representatives from different organizations throughout the community to educate the participants. These organizations include the Lung Association,

has been serving in this capacity for just over one year.

In regards to those with special needs, Mr. Burke said, "For the most part, we've tried to accommodate ... anyone with difficulties to access our buildings. We recently completed last year what we call a 'facilities condition audit' and from that we're trying to disseminate how, over a ten year period, we are going to attack [the problems noted]." Burke added that facilities is in the process of embarking on a Strategic Master Plan that will lay out problem areas to be corrected in the coming years.

The winter weather only adds to the

Wyoming Valley Drug and Alcohol, and Big Brothers/Big Sisters, among others.

Not only are health issues going to be addressed, but beauty as well. A representative from Mary Kay will be present to discuss skin care and cosmetics, as will a local dentist to talk about teeth whitening and oral health care. A spa will also be in attendance to offer neck massages and make-up applications. Holby said, "We're also having a plastic surgeon to discuss the new Restalin, skin care, and spider vein treatment, any kind of cosmetics or questions. They'll be there to answer your questions."

Departments within Wilkes will also be in attendance to offer information about their services said Holby. Keith Klahold from the fitness center will offer information on the equipment available in the gym. Dr. Bernard Graham, Dean of the Nesbitt School of Pharmacy, will also be on hand to answer any questions people might have about medicines and the possible reactions.

Having both health and beauty selections, Health Services is trying to touch on everyone's interests. "The kids are challenges that facilities workers face on a daily basis. "The winter poses many different challenges,"

Burke said. He explained that one of those challenges includes "trying to keep dormitory areas clear and accessible for all students--including our handicapped students--and to enable them to get around ... to critical areas."

Burke also stated that his department attempts to accommodate those with special needs whenever they know of a problem. "We had a tree by the side of Evans [Hall]. Its roots had picked up the sidewalk ... We re-did the sidewalk so it wasn't a hindrance," stated Burke.

However, certain buildings around campus, and not the sidewalks that lead up to them, can be the problem. Kirby Hall, a classroom and office building that has no handicapped-accessibility, is an example of this.

"Under the guidelines of ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) compliance, we meet the letter of the law. It is not our

more interested I think in the beauty part of it, where the faculty and staff were more interested in the health aspect of it," said O'Brien.

Currently 30 vendors are scheduled to participate but, "we have a lot more phone calls into a lot more people that I haven't heard from yet," said Holby. Students can expect to see the vendors mentioned and much more.

Health Services is also looking to get University students involved with the fair. Any clubs or organizations interested in sponsoring a booth as a fundraiser such as selling popcorn, hot dogs, bake sales etc., are asked to contact Health Services as soon as possible at 408-4730 with any idea they might have.

"I know Gail has some real different things this year," said O'Brien. "So it's kind of interesting for students to walk around during their free time on Thursday, to kind of see what might interest them. I hope students, faculty, and staff really take advantage of it, because Gail worked very hard at trying to organize this. It's about three month's worth of work."

intention to be satisfied with that ... Those [accessibility issues] are going to be

The street [South Street] is uneven...I've flipped over a couple of times.

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Professor's Pleasure Studies Create Widespread Media Buzz

BY LINDSEY WOTANIS
Beacon Features Editor

"A Wilkes University study found that people who had sex once or twice a week experienced a 30 percent increase in immunoglobulin A, an antibody that helps ward off colds and viruses."

This quote appeared in the March, 2004 edition of *COSMOPOLITAN* magazine, and is just one of many such reports appearing in various media--including *Playboy* magazine--across the globe.

Dr. Carl Charnetski, Professor of Psychology at Wilkes University has received regional, national and international recognition for his latest book, *Feeling Good is Good For You: How Pleasure Can Boost Your Immune System and Lengthen Your Life*, which was published in 2001.

Charnetski began studying psychoneuroimmunology, the fundamental subject of his book, about 20 years ago. He became interested in the subject while studying behavioral medicine at Harvard University in the early 1980s. He began researching and performing experiments with his co-author of his book, Francis X. Brennan.

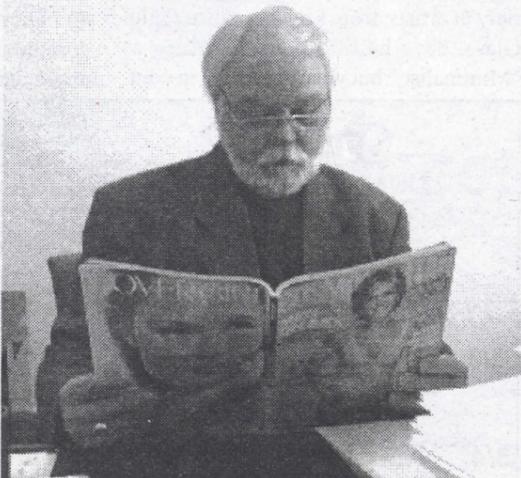
About three years ago, Rodale Inc., publisher of *Men's Health Magazine*, read about Charnetski's studies and requested an interview for an article about music and the immune system for the magazine. After the interview, the writer found Charnetski's studies to be so interesting that she suggested that he write a book. She put Charnetski and his co-author in touch with her editor, and from there, a book was born.

The book examines the important connection between psychological variables and the immune system.

"A few decades ago, we didn't even know that the immune system interacted with any other systems in the body. Now we know it is heavily integrated with the nervous system," said Charnetski.

What that means is that if a person feels stressed or depressed on Thursday it could be because a number of harmful pathogens were released into their system on Monday. That stress, according to Charnetski, is one of many responses from the immune system to fight off those pathogens.

"Stress is a threat and probably the biggest threat to our survival at least is micro organisms, and our immune sys-



TheBeacon/Lindsey Wotanis

Dr. Charnetski admires his work in *Cosmopolitan* magazine.

tem senses them and reacts to them and we don't know about it. This is an entirely new twist in unconscious motivation," said Charnetski.

However, Charnetski's book also points out that the opposite of stress--pleasure--can actually strengthen the immune system and prevent illness.

"Opioid peptides are chemicals that are released particularly in times of pleasure. For example, eating chocolate will release opioid peptides. What research shows is that these opioid peptides enhance immune system activity . . . if released in moderation," said Charnetski. "The most common opioid peptides are endorphins."

Charnetski's book also shows the connections between things like stress, music, humor, pets, light, touch, and even sex and the immune system. Charnetski's research has created buzz among literally thousands of media outlets across the globe.

Charnetski has been interviewed for print, radio, and television. His research has been featured in US newspapers like *The New York Times* and *The Los Angeles Times*. Spots have also appeared in international newspapers in France, Canada, and Scotland. Magazines like *Playboy*, *Health*, and *Glamour* have reported Charnetski's studies. Twice, Jay Leno mentioned his studies in his monologue and Charnetski also appeared on *Good Morning America* with Charles Gibson in 1999. He has also been inter-

viewed on radio shows on several national and international radio stations, including NPR and the BBC.

Vaughn Shinkus, Director of Marketing Communications at Wilkes University, helps professors to publicize their research to the media.

"We put together a pitch letter and we send that out to media to let them know what the results of the studies were . . . We send that out to the national media through . . . Dick Jones Communications [media consultant] and then very often reporters around the country pick up on it and use it as part of their story. Then it becomes sort of a feeding frenzy . . . and it becomes self-sustaining," said Shinkus.

Shinkus feels as though this public interest in Charnetski's work is extremely positive for both Charnetski and Wilkes University.

"It allows people to associate the University with research that is nationally recognized. . . We are a teaching focused as a university, but I think it is still important that we tell our story of the great things our professors are doing," said Shinkus.

And that recognition pays off for both Charnetski and the university. Charnetski has even seen evidence of that from some

Wilkes students.

"I've had students come up to me and say, 'You know, I came here [Wilkes] because my mother read about your research in a magazine.' I've had a couple of students tell me that," said Charnetski.

Charnetski maintains that writing his book was a labor of love that was "an enormous amount of work." He wrote the book over a period of two years, while maintaining a full course load at Wilkes; but all of that hard work has paid off and Charnetski says he feels as though working on these studies allows him to keep his students abreast with the most recent findings in the field of psychology.

"I can talk to my students about the things I am writing about. . . I can pass on to my students, knowledge about some things that don't even exist in publication . . . and they will get it first hand," said Charnetski.

Charnetski's book has just gone into its second printing and it has sold about 15,000 copies to date. The book, *Feeling Good Is Good For You: How Pleasure Can Boost Your Immune System and Lengthen Your Life*, is available for purchase at the Wilkes University bookstore. A copy of the book can also be found in the Eugene S. Farley Library.

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NUArts Series Explores Minimalism

Courtesy of Wilkes University Marketing

The Sordoni Art Gallery and Wilkes University's Department of Visual and Performing Arts will present a two-day exploration of the Minimalist movement



Courtesy of www.wilkes.edu

in dance, music and the visual arts. These events are given as part of the University's NUArts (New and Unusual Arts) series on Monday and Tuesday, March 1 and 2, 2004 at 7 p.m. in the Dorothy Dickson Darte Center.

On Monday evening, March 1, Dr. Ronald R. Bernier, Director of the Sordoni Art Gallery, will present a lecture on Minimalism in the visual arts. In a slide presentation, Dr. Bernier will discuss the development of Minimalism in painting and sculpture as a response on the part of artists to the phenomenon that was Abstract Expressionism in the 1940s and early 1950s.

On Tuesday evening, March 2, Wilkes University dance students will present performances of newly choreographed works in the Minimalist idiom, and music students will perform Terry Riley's ground-breaking Minimalist work, In C. These performances will be preceded by introductory remarks given by Kris Cross, Instructor in Dance at Wilkes University,

and by Dr. Steven Thomas, Coordinator of the NUArts series.

The Minimalist movement began in the 1950s and 1960s in the visual arts and then spread to the other arts. A wide variety of artists, from Frank Stella to Philip Glass, have had their art described as "Minimalist," but what they have in com-

mon is a tendency to use a minimum of means in the creation of their works.

The Wilkes University NUArts series is devoted to presenting new and unusual works of music, theatre, dance, and art to audiences at Wilkes and to the wider community in a format that encourages appreciation and understanding.



BY BRIDGET GIUNTA
Beacon Staff Writer

Monday, March 1, 2004, at 7 p.m.

"NUArts: Minimalism in the Visual Arts"

Dr. Ronald Bernier, Director of the Sordoni Art Gallery, will give a lecture and slide presentation on Minimalism in the visual arts.

Dorothy Dickson Darte, main stage

Free and open to the public

Tuesday, March 2, 2004, 7 p.m.

"NUArts: Minimalism in Music and Dance"

Dance students will perform newly choreographed works in the Minimalist idiom and music students will perform Terry Riley's ground-breaking Minimalist work.

Introductory remarks will be given by Kris Cross, Instructor of Dance and by Dr. Steven Thomas, Coordinator of the NUArts series.

Dorothy Dickson Darte, main stage

Free and open to the public

Wednesday, March 3, 1 p.m.

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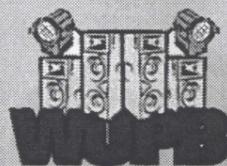
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Thursday, March 4, 2004, 8p.m.

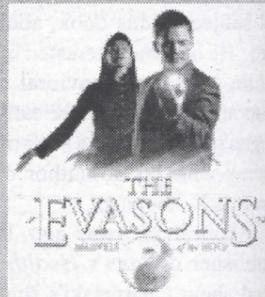
Jabali Afrika

Jabali Afrika originated from East Africa's Kenya. The band's original sound, however, is attributed to its own unique mixture and special fusion of African rhythms. This is a truly multi-faceted band whose members are not only adept at composing songs, playing a variety of instruments, and blending their voice into a harmonious sound, but are also talented dancers and choreographers.



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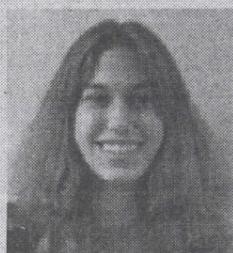
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Today's Recipe: Baked Eggs



Dorm Room Dining

BY LORI GRAUSAM
Beacon Staff Writer

Every week you will find a new recipe that is simple enough to make in your dorm room, yet scrumptious enough to satisfy any tastebud. So get out your pots and pans and start cooking!

Serve with toast and fresh fruit and you have a first class brunch meal.

Ingredients:

- 12 eggs
- 1 (5 ounce) can evaporated milk
- 1 tsp. ground dry mustard
- 1 c. shredded Cheddar cheese
- salt and pepper to taste

Directions:

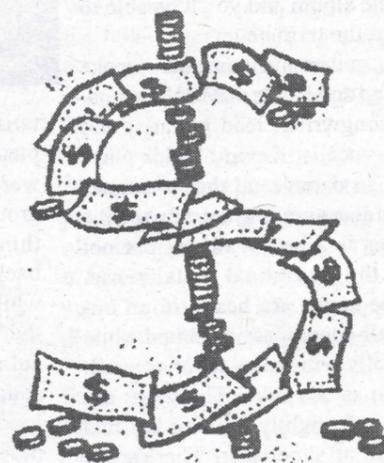
1. Preheat oven to 325 degrees.
2. Lightly grease a 9x13 inch baking pan.
3. Sprinkle cheese evenly in the bottom of the pan.
4. In a large bowl, beat together eggs, milk, mustard, salt and pepper.
5. Pour egg mixture on top of cheese.
6. Bake in preheated oven for 40 minutes or until firm.
7. Let cool slightly before cutting into squares to serve.

Yields 6 servings.



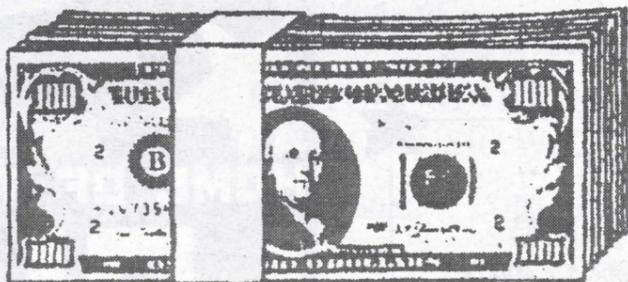
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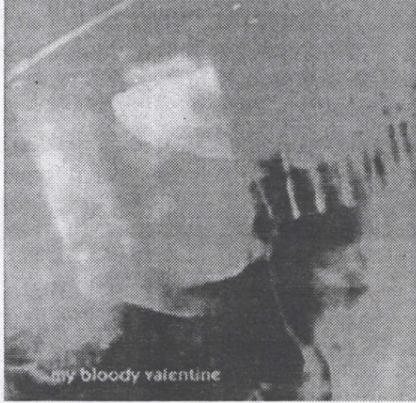
CD Review: My Bloody Valentine's *Loveless*

BY MATT JONES
Beacon Columnist

When released in 1991, My Bloody Valentine's *Loveless* couldn't have been ignored more here in the States. Nevermind had just changed the way people experienced music and anything else that didn't fall into the grunge aesthetic slipped through the cracks. In the UK however, *Loveless* had created an entirely new genre; shoegazer rock. One listen to the album and you'll be able to understand the term better.

Guitars, guitars and more guitars make up the bread and butter of MBV's sound. Primary songwriter, lead guitarist and sometime-vocalist Kevin Shields plays his guitar so damn loud that overtones most un-guitar sounding accompany the song. This is a heavy album, but not heavy in the traditional metal sense. Rather, the songs are heavy in an oppressive, all-encompassing sound while paradoxically remaining about as warm and human as possible. The songs are repetitive and slightly droning but this is the stuff of shoegazer. There's not much you can do but stand there, stare at your feet and take in the wall of sound.

Opener "Only Shallow" lets the listener know what's in store for the rest of the album. An absolutely brain-melting seesaw riff kicks off the tune before toning down for the verses. Secondary gui-



tarist Bilinda Butcher's vocals get completely lost in the mix, sounding as if she were singing somewhere in the background just because it felt like the right thing to do. Vocals certainly take a backseat on the album and the lyrics, while introspective, aren't as relevant as they are for some artists. Instead, it's the culmination of all parts that make the songs as powerful as they are. If played loudly enough, last track "Soon" can almost undeniably make the listener transcend commonly perceived notions of consciousness; it's that affecting.

For music aficionados of all walks, this should be a cherished album—one that produces an effect like no other and has stood the test of time to remain one of the greatest albums of the 90's.

This Week in History...

The week of March 1 through March 7 in retrospect:

- 1st-- The first FM radio station opened in Nashville, TN, (1941)
- 2nd-- Dr. Seuss, famed children's author was born, (1904)
- 3rd-- The U.S. Congress authorized the 20-cent piece. It was only used for three years, (1875)
- 4th-- The famous Tchaikovsky ballet "Swan Lake" debuted, (1877)
- 5th-- The American Hall of Fame was founded, (1900)
- 6th-- Shaquille O'Neal, NBA basketball star, was born (1972)
- 7th-- The board game Monopoly was invented, (1933)

Thomas Inspires Wilkes Students at Dance Master Class

BY MONICA CARDENAS
Asst. Beacon A&E Editor

New friends returned to Wilkes last week to continue a relationship that began last year.

On Tuesday and Wednesday, the music department and Office of Multicultural Affairs sponsored a dance performance and master class. The dance performance was free and was open to the public while the master class was offered to Wilkes dance students.

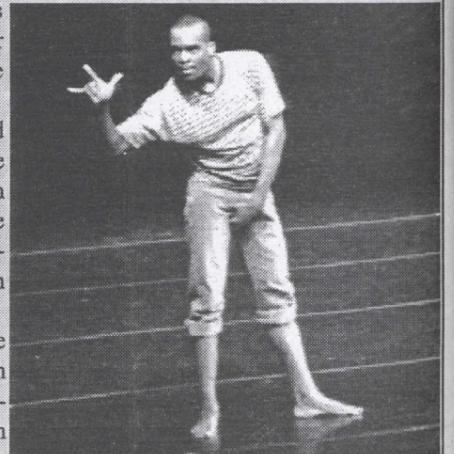
The Towson dance students and Vincent Thomas, artist-in-residence at Towson, were invited to perform last year by Provost Maravene Loeshke, and this year Wilkes faculty and students sought to maintain that collaboration.

"We were so impressed that we asked [Thomas] to come up here with some members of the Vincent Thomas dance company to perform with him," said Professor Jim Harrington.

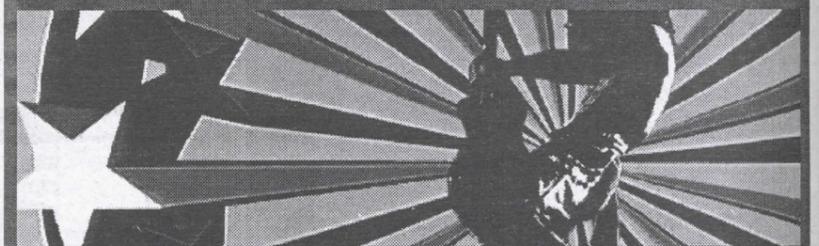
Thomas accepted the invitation and gave a master class to Wilkes stu-

dents. In addition, the Towson group performed dances choreographed by Thomas or guest dancers. "It was a really exciting artistic event. The comments from dance faculty and students were that it was an exceptional dance class," said Harrington.

Harrington hopes to bring Thomas back next year for a similar event or a possible residency program.



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From the Cutting Room: *The Passion of the Christ*

BY MONICA CARDENAS
Asst. Beacon A&E Editor

The story of Jesus Christ has long been one of controversy and hope, depending on which side one stands. As a result, there are countless films depicting his life and death as many Christians believe it to have happened.

The newest of these films is *The Passion of the Christ*, directed by Mel Gibson and co-written by Gibson and Benedict Fitzgerald, has been the topic of discussion for months before its release on Ash Wednesday (February 25) and surely will continue to be for a long time to follow.

All controversy aside, this film was a vivid depiction of Jesus' life as it has been described throughout history. As many critics have already proclaimed, it is extremely gory. The beatings and crucifixion are graphic and terrifyingly real. In this respect, it is very different from any other film about Jesus to date. Technology-wise, we now possess the materials and technique to make his death more real than ever before.

The dialogue throughout the movie is



in the native language of Christ, a dying language in the world, and therefore Gibson relies on subtitles for the audience. While the subtitles were a bit distracting, they became negligible as the film progressed. They are not as difficult

to follow as one might think; it seems that *Passion* may be set apart in its devotion to being as 'real' as possible.

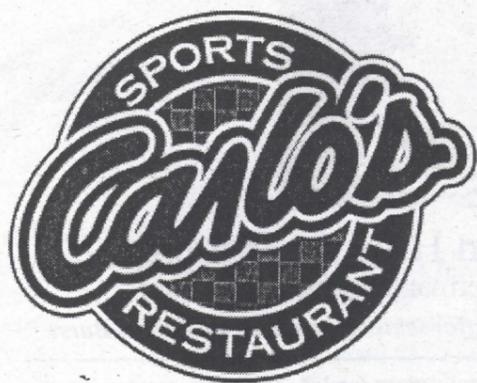
As for the performance, James Caviezel certainly had big shoes to fill. His portrayal of Jesus, however, was nothing

short of astounding. Gibson said he chose Caviezel for his fairly unknown face so that viewers would not see him as a character from a previous film. This worked well throughout the film. Caviezel became Jesus in my eyes and will probably be remembered in future films as 'Jesus.'

Another character that stood out was Satan, played by Rosalinda Celentano, an Italian actress. While it went against ordinary ideas of Satan being a male, she was absolutely terrifying in her role as the fallen angel. Each time she was on screen, it sent shivers up my spine, and it is my belief that other viewers felt the same.

Mary and Mary Magdalene, (Maia Morgenstern and Monica Bellucci) round out the lead roles in an amazing portrayal of Jesus' last day on earth. The setting, in Matera, Italy, was beautiful, yet haunting. The rest of the film was taped on set, designed with a temple and courtyard.

See *The Passion of the Christ* if not for its moving portrayal of Jesus, then for its stirring impact on viewers all around the world.



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SPORTS

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Spring Sports Teams Ready for Competition

BY KYLA CAMPBELL
Beacon Staff Writer

Even though the snow on the ground may not support this statement, the winter sports season has ended, and the five spring athletic teams at Wilkes University are beginning their competitive seasons.

The baseball and softball teams are taking their traditional spring break trips south to prepare for conference action when they return. The men spend a week at Cocoa Beach in Florida while the Lady Colonels are mixing things up in Virginia and Maryland.

Lady Colonels Softball

The softball team will play in the Virginia Wesleyan Tournament on Friday and Saturday. They'll play VA Wesleyan on Tuesday and Chris Newport on Wednesday before traveling to Maryland for the Sea Gull Classic the final weekend of spring break.

Upon their return home, the softball team will play consecutive Freedom Conference games the weekend of March 20. The Lady Colonels are hosting Drew on Saturday and DeSales on Sunday, with both doubleheaders beginning at 1:00 p.m.

Leading the list of returnees is second team All-conference honoree Andrea Dominick. The junior shortstop had a .319 average at the place with five doubles and three home runs in 2003.

The softball team is looking to improve last year's 11-4 mark.

Colonels Baseball

The baseball team looks to repeat Freedom Conference playoff action this season, after falling to DeSales in playoffs last year and finishing 19-18 overall. The Colonels return from training in Florida just in time to host Keuka College for a doubleheader on Sunday, March 14 at 12:00 p.m.

The Wilkes pitching staff will be an-

chored by four returnees, including seniors Mike Spotts and Matt Midkiff as well as sophomores Mike Toomey and Mike Quinn. The pitching staff will have a veteran to throw to in junior catcher Josh Turel. Turel earned first team All-conference honors a season ago after hitting .344 with eight doubles, three triples, five homers and 31 runs batted in.

The Colonels infield will be led by junior shortstop Tyler Trutt. Trutt was a second team All-conference honoree last season after hitting .374 with six doubles, three triples, two homers and 26 runs batted in. Trutt also swiped 30 bases in 31 attempts and had a stellar .909 fielding percentage. Junior Charles Hampton returns at first base after garnering second team All-conference honors last spring. Hampton hit .385 with five doubles, four homers and 33 runs batted in.

Colonels Tennis

The tennis team has much to look forward to this season, considering the top two players in the Middle Atlantic Conference are still on the roster.

Junior Hassan Shah became the MAC champion in 2003 when he knocked off fellow teammate, junior Madhan Srinivasan. Shah was tagged the Freedom Conference Player of the Year after posting an overall record of 13-2. Srinivasan compiled a 15-2 record and earned first team Freedom Conference honors for the second straight season. The Colonels will look to improve on their 5-8 record from last season.

Lady Colonels Lacrosse

The women's lacrosse team is returning to action for its second year as a varsity sport. After concluding their inaugural season with a 3-10 record, the Lady Colonels look to improve on their 2-8 conference mark.

Leading the offensive attack is senior

Danielle McDonald. She finished second on the team in 2003 with 16 points. McDonald tossed in 13 goals and handed out three assists. Sophomore Lyndsay Asinelli finished with 11 scores and one assist, while junior Alicia Connor contributed seven goals and two helpers.

Goalkeeper Cassie Malone returns for the Lady Colonels, after finishing the 2003 campaign with a 2-7 record. She stopped 88 shots between the pipes while averaging a 15.59 goals against average.

Colonels Golf

Rounding out the spring sports list is the golf team. The men finished fifth of 14 teams at the MAC Championships and finished the season with an overall mark of 6-3.

The senior tandem of Dom Castrignano and Mike Kashnicki will lead the way for Wilkes. Castrignano earned first team MAC all-star honors in 2003 after finishing tenth at the MAC championships. Kashnicki finished right behind his teammate and was named to the MAC second team. Senior Curtis Haley, who shot the team's low round of the 2003 season in a tri-match against Widener and Albright, and sophomore Chris Yonki, also return to the mix.

Basketball Continued from page 16 the Colonels would see as Pribble hit a jump shot on the Warriors next trip down the court to put Lycoming up 65-66 with the final score ending 70-78 in favor of the Warriors.

Pribble was the leading scorer for the game with 34 points and ten rebounds. L.J. Huggler finished the game with 12 points for the warriors and Matt Stackhouse grabbed a game high 15 rebounds.

Morgan was the leading scorer for the Colonels with 23 points. Plisko had 19 points for the game and Yaniello finished with 15.

The Colonels also had two other games during the week. The first was their season finale in which they beat Lincoln University 74-72. Plisko had 27 points, which was the game high. Evan Walters had 12 points, ten rebounds, and five blocked shots, while Yaniello also ended the game with 12 points.

Wednesday was the first round of the Freedom Conference Playoffs and the Colonels knocked off top seeded DeSales 66-50 behind a career performance from Rashawn Pressley. Pressley ended the game with 20 points and was five of six from three-point range. Sclafani also added 14 points along with Yaniello's 12.

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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL*

	Conf.	O/A
Scranton	12-2	23-2
DeSales	11-3	21-4
King's	9-5	18-7
Delaware Valley	7-7	12-12
Lycoming	7-7	15-10
Drew	6-8	13-10
FDU-Florham	2-12	5-19
Wilkes	2-12	3-21

MEN'S BASKETBALL*

	Conf.	O/A
DeSales	12-2	22-4
King's	11-3	20-6
Lycoming	10-4	20-7
Wilkes	9-5	18-9
FDU-Florham	5-9	11-14
Drew	3-11	6-17
Scranton	3-11	5-20
Delaware Valley	3-11	4-20

*Final Regular Season Standings

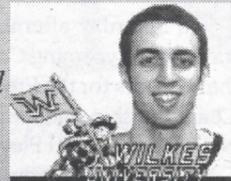
WRESTLING (AS OF 2-14)

NAME	WT	RECORD
Jeremy Mayer	125	27-15
Dustin Bloss	125	4-4
Joe Yutko	133	12-19
Brian Sashko	133	0-2
John Muscarella	141	12-3
Michael Sciulara	141	5-24
Mike Ferrara	149	25-6
Keith Jones	149	1-3
Daniel Giancola	149	2-12
Joe Diliberto	157	18-14
Joe Yenchak	157	6-11
Nick DeAngelis	165	2-5
Alessandro Plunino	165	15-20
Kyle Lenio	165	25-14
Fritz Delva	174	15-23
Sean Davies	184	6-7
Jon Neyerlin	184	15-5
Vince Abbott	197	9-13
Diego Alvarado	197	1-8
Andrew Steinberg	285	1-12
Keith Altieri	285	11-18

MEN'S BASKETBALL

(2/23) Wilkes 74 Lincoln 72
 (2/25) Freedom Conference
 Semi-Final -- Wilkes 66
 DeSales 50
 (2/28) Freedom Conference
 Championship Game --
 Lycoming 78 Wilkes 70

John Yaniello Men's Basketball



John Yaniello, junior guard, helped the Colonels win two of three basketball games this week.

In a win against Lincoln, Yaniello had 12 points, five rebounds, and five steals. He also had 12 points in a win over DeSales. In the championship game against Lycoming he ended with 15 points and four assists.

NUMBERS OF THE WEEK

7	Number of three pointers made by Mike Morgan on Saturday	55	Number of fouls accumulated during Saturday's game
27	Number of points Dave Plisko had against Lincoln University	0	Number of sports played this week besides men's basketball

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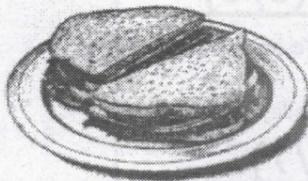


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Colonels Rebound from Loss to DeSales to Beat Drew

Warriors Defeat Colonels for Freedom Championship Colonels knock off top seeded DeSales earlier in week

BY STEVE KEMBLE
Beacon Sports Editor

On Saturday afternoon, the Colonels traveled to Lycoming College to challenge the Warriors for the Freedom Conference Championship and earn a berth into the NCAA Division III Playoffs.

Wilkes (18-9) would start off strong much like it had earlier in the week against DeSales, but Lycoming (20-7) proved too much for the visitors and in the end and the Warriors defeated the Colonels 70-78.

During Wednesday's game against DeSales, Dave Plisko was held scoreless due to a badly sprained left thumb, but no one could tell he was injured on Saturday as he scored the Colonels first six points of the game to give them a quick 6-3 lead just as the game got underway.

Wilkes continued to build on its lead and increase it to as much as seven points with 7:30 left until intermission when John Sclafani grabbed a rebound and hit the put back to make the score 21-14.

After Sclafani's bucket, the Warriors

pulled themselves together and eventually took their first lead of the game with about five and a half minutes left in the first half when Jonathan Pribble hit a jump shot to make the score 21-22 in favor of Lycoming.

The score would then seesaw back and forth for the remaining five minutes in the half until Pribble and Derrick Dull hit two of four free throws before the buzzer sounded and gave the Warriors a 36-38 lead at the half.

The Warriors were carried by the hot hand of Pribble in the first half as he led all scorers with 21 points. John Yaniello was the leading scorer for Wilkes with eleven points and Plisko and Mike Morgan each had eight.

The game would remain close for much of the second half, as Morgan's hand would start to get hot for the Colonels. He would hit back to back three pointers and give Wilkes a 42-41 lead. Plisko then followed with a two pointer to increase

the Colonels' lead to 44-41 early in the second half before the Warriors would take control of the game for a good chunk of the half.

The Warriors regained the lead when Shaun Morris was fouled as he made a lay-up and then completed the three-point play by canning his free throw to put Lycoming up 44-46.

Lycoming built its lead to as much as six points with 9:39 left in regulation when Brad Musser, point guard, was fouled and hit both free throw attempts to give the Warriors a 52-58 lead.

The Colonels would then make one last run to try to get to victory when they hit four three pointers in their next five possessions. Morgan hit three of the four while Plisko had the other and put Wilkes ahead by one point, 65-64, with four minutes remaining in regulation.

However, that would be the last lead
Basketball Continued on page 14



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W Campus Calendar

TODAY (3/1)

No events listed

TUESDAY (3/2)

Women's Lacrosse vs. Alvernia @ 4 PM Ralston Field

WEDNESDAY (3/3)

Commuter Coffee Hour sponsored by Public Safety 9:30-11:30 a.m @ Commuter Lounge, Conyngham Hall.

Penguins vs. Binghamton Senators, 7:05 p.m.

Gift/Card/Toy/Game donations accepted for Alpha Chi NHS Jared Box @ SUB 11 AM-1 PM

THURSDAY (3/4)

Interst meeting for all interested in running for SG Representative, 11 a.m. in the Hiscox room.

Balloon man @ Sub 1st floor, 11-1 p.m.

Gift/Card/Toy/Game donations accepted for Alpha Chi NHS Jared Box @ SUB 11 AM-1 PM

FRIDAY (3/5)

Softball @ Virginia Wesleyan Tournament 10 AM

Spring recess kicks off @ 5 PM

SATURDAY (3/6)

Softball @ Virginia Wesleyan Tournament 10 AM

Spring recess thru Monday March 15!

SUNDAY (3/7)

Jabali Africa moved to March 18th @ 8 p.m. in Ballroom.

Spring recess thru Monday March 15!

Congratulations to Alicia Vieselmeyer who correctly identified last week's "Find This Picture" first. As Vieselmeyer pointed out, last week's picture was from the center painting on the 3rd floor of the Student Union Building. Vieselmeyer will receive a \$10 cash prize courtesy of the Wilkes University Programming Board.

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