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## Judge Rosenn: powerful leader, humble man

*Wilkes mourns the loss of one of the most influential men in the area*

BY SARAH HERBERT

Beacon Features Editor

Modest. Devoted. Trustworthy. Honest. Compassionate. Fair. Intellectual. Leader.

These are not words used to describe an average man. According to his closest friends and colleagues, Judge Max Rosenn was far from average.

Last Tuesday the Honorable Judge Max Rosenn died at the age of 96, leaving behind a legacy that impacted the nation's judiciary, legal careers, lives of friends, and Wilkes University.

Rosenn grew up in Plains Township with his parents and siblings. His family's economic livelihood was farming, but his parents believed in education and worked hard to save money for that purpose.

A natural student, Rosenn earned his Bachelor of Arts degree in history and political science from Cornell University. He also earned a minor in English, all within three years time. He then continued his education at the University of Pennsylvania where he com-

pleted his law degree. After serving in World War II, primarily in the Philippines, he established his law practice, Rosenn, Jenkins and Greenwald in the same downtown Wilkes-Barre building where it currently resides, and the practice grew to be among the largest and most prestigious in the region.

Rosenn was tapped by President Richard Nixon in 1970 to serve on the 3rd Circuit Court of Appeals, where he continued to make and write decisions until very recently when his illness prevented that work. Thanks to his 36-year tenure and the high regard with which his judicial colleagues held Rosenn's decisions, he is known to be among the most oft-cited judges in the nation.

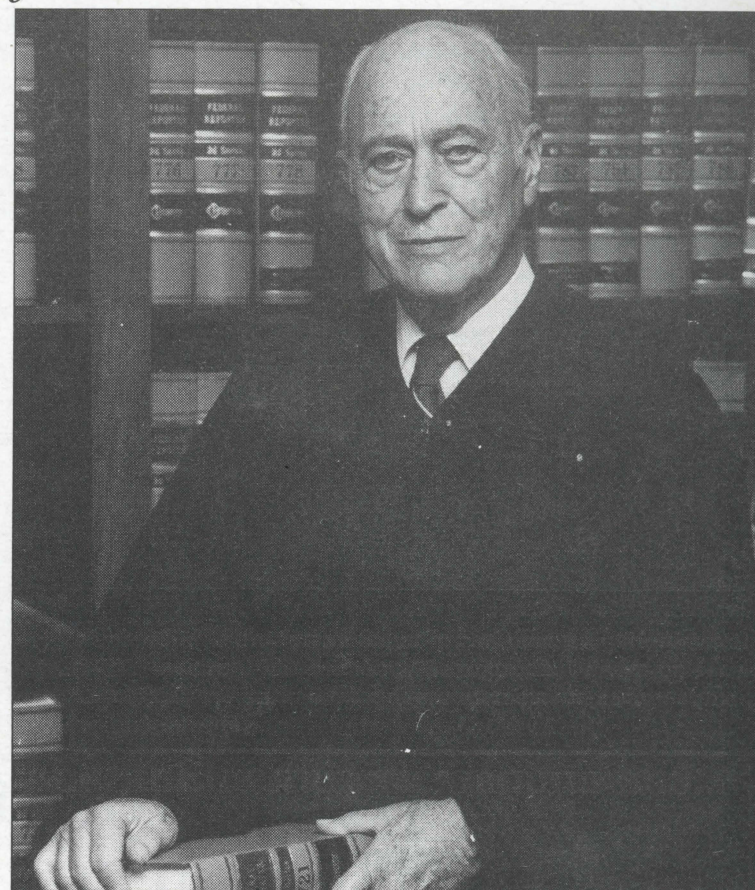
Rosenn's contributions to the community were nearly innumerable, but among the most heralded was his leadership of the Agnes Flood Recovery Task Force. In addition, Rosenn made many contributions to Wilkes University, serving for many years on the Wilkes University Board of Trustees. Wilkes students also may recog-

nize his name because of the Max Rosenn Lecture Series held annually at the University.

According to attorney Joe Savitz, a partner at Rosenn, Jenkins, and Greenwald, and long-time friend, the lecture series was established thanks to the contributions of approximately 30 of Rosenn's former law clerks who saw the endowed series as an appropriate tribute to Rosenn's love of education and dedication to furthering community awareness of important contemporary issues.

Savitz added that Rosenn connected with his clerks in such a way, they felt he deserved the lecture series in his name. So, in the early 1980s just after Rosenn had been named Senior Judge, the clerks gathered the funding from multiple resources and raised enough to cover the costs of the very first lecture of the series.

Since then, the fund has grown substantially and has welcomed some of the most prestigious speakers across the country. This



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Judge Max Rosenn died last week after serving 36 years on the third Circuit Court of Appeals.

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## Campus safety motivation behind brighter lights, new cameras

BY VICTORIA WHITE

Beacon News Editor

Walking on campus at night just got a little brighter.

Recently some new lights were installed and others were updated as "an element of our preventative

maintenance program," confirmed John Pesta, director of finance and support operations.

Previous lights cast a yellow hue that did not allow for clear illumination of the surroundings. Wilkes facilities officials recently

changed all of the bulbs on the freestanding lights in order to get the lamps on a schedule for when they will need to be replaced, according to the useful life of the bulb. "We did change the color of the light to white metal halide

to coordinate with the city's lighting program which will be starting shortly," said Scott Byers, vice president of finance and support operations.

The new white lights allow for better illumination of the surround-

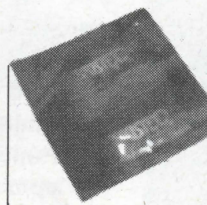
ing buildings on campus. Byers said, "As part of our preventative maintenance and standardization program we will begin to replace fixtures attached to buildings with

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## University to ponder shift in writing requirements

*Trends say writing intensive: out; writing across the curriculum: in*

BY JEANNE STAPLETON  
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Over the past several years, Wilkes University students have proven written communication proficiency and filled graduation requirements by enrolling in courses designated "writing intensive" (WI). But because of changes in theory about how students best learn and apply writing skills, and a new stance adopted by some Wilkes officials, the WI approach may be replaced with a writing across the curriculum (WAC) approach.

Currently, Wilkes requires the completion of three WI courses in order to graduate. However, officials have proposed that Wilkes adopt a new model of the writing across the Curriculum (WAC) program. If adopted, this program would eliminate writing intensive courses and replace them with writing requirements that span the

entire curriculum.

According to Dr. Agnes Cardoni, Coordinator of the University's WAC initiative, WAC programs were developed in the 1980s as a way to correct the lack of student writing practice within the university curriculum. The theory is that the only way a student may become proficient in a particular area of study is to practice written communication within that discipline.

"The writing across the curriculum initiative attempts to have the university do a more mindful job of educating students in the techniques and practices of writing in their major, in their programs and in their departments," said Cardoni.

However, the new model has not yet been approved at Wilkes. The proposal will be offered to the full faculty some time in March by the Curriculum Committee. Cardoni noted that the change over would

be a slow progression spanning about two years. "This will not be a sudden paradigm shift. It is slow and deliberate, and we want it to be right. One of the things about WAC is that the program is different in each college and university and it has to fit the place that it is in. So it is not anything that upperclassman have to worry about; their needs will be met," said Cardoni.

Student response to the change in curriculum is sure to elicit varied reactions.

"Although I will not directly be affected by this change, I think that it is a step in the right direction for the university. Writing is such an important concept that we will use for the rest of our lives," said Jessica Gold, junior psychology major.

"I think it depends on the student, I have been a teacher for 37 years, and students continue to surprise me," said Cardoni. "I

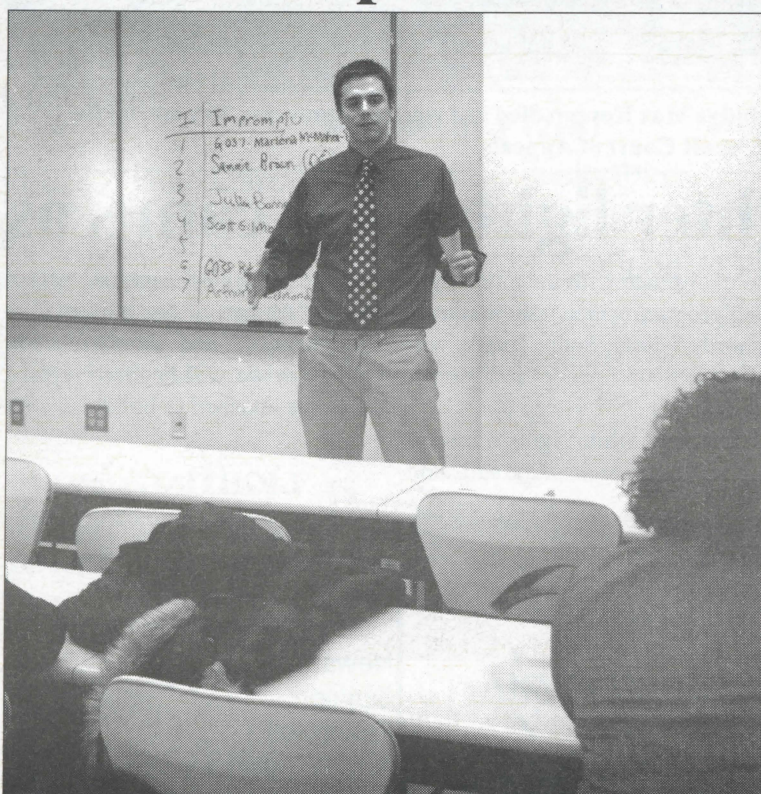
think that students who are worried about their writing but want to get proficient will see it as an opportunity to do that. Students who aren't worried about their writing or don't see this as something that is essential may struggle with it, because in a sense we are changing the culture here. We are saying writing is so integrated into the life of the mind that we are going to do this to make sure it is integrated into the culture."

According to an informational handout created by Cardoni, a new WAC program would help

students truly integrate and analyze course content. The WAC approach is also designed to provide students with a field-wide context to course material and to practice critical thinking skills that are relevant to analysis within a specific discipline.

"When I look down the road far beyond my time here I would hope that at some point writing becomes so much of the culture that we will not need WAC anymore," said Cardoni.

## Harold Cox Speech and Debate Tournament



The Beacon/Nick Zmijewski

Arthur Redmond, junior political science and international studies major, delivers a speech in the impromptu category at the Harold Cox Speech and Debate Tournament, held February 11 and 12. Students who competed were given a short amount of time to prepare and deliver a speech based on a given prompt that they received.

This is the tournament's second year. The tournament was planned by Dan Broyles, director of forensics at Wilkes. Students from nine speech and debate teams compete in different categories. Categories include: persuasion, informative, prose, prepared oral interpretation, impromptu, after-dinner, poetry, dramatic duo interpretation, extemporaneous and critical analysis.

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## News in Brief

### Illegal downloading easier to detect with server changes

BY CHERYL GRESSLEY  
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In addition to substantive changes in e-mail username and passwords this semester, students should also be aware of policy changes in copyright protection and file sharing.

Currently the University has two policies regarding the illegal copyright infringement. The first policy is called the "Acceptable Use Policy." This policy acknowledges the use of University owned computers and computers on the network for legal purposes and no illegal operations. If illegal activity is suspected or found, appropriate measures will be taken against the individual.

The University also follows the "Digital Millennium Copyright Policy." This policy comes from the Digital Millennium Act of 1998 that protects copyright holders from online theft. This policy clearly states which ways of file sharing are illegal and will be subject to penalty. Some of those activities include e-mailing, copying from a CD, joining a file-sharing network, Instant Messaging, and burning CDs/DVDs. All of these University policies are still in the draft stages, said Mike Salem, Chief Information Officer of Information Technology. "Drafts are being reviewed by the Information Technology Advisory Com-

mittee. The policies could very well take effect in the spring semester."

"Students are more likely to get caught now," Salem explained. Some students may be wondering why a policy is now being put in place.

Salem said, "We are getting letters from the record industry about copyright infringement on campus."

"They give us in the letter the Port ID and other information, and we can ultimately track it back to who did it. In the past we couldn't do that, but since we re-did the campus wiring we can track the individuals now." Salem added that the letter includes information as to when the content was found, what file-sharing network was used, IP Address, IP Port, the Internal IP, Protocol, Username, and the content itself.

The letter reads in part: "We believe it is in everyone's interest for music consumers to be better educated about the subject of copyright law and music. In addition to taking steps to notify this network user about the illegal nature of this activity, we encourage you to refer him/her to the MUSIC Coalition's website at [www.musicunited.org](http://www.musicunited.org). The site contains valuable information about what's legal and what's not when it comes to copying music."

Wilkes University is not alone in trying to fight illegal downloading. College

campuses across the country are fighting the same battle. A May 2, 2003 *New York Times* article reported that students from Princeton University, Michigan Technological University and Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute have agreed to pay \$12,000 to \$17,000 over the course of three years to the recording industry's trade association, for their part of Internet piracy.

"The suits were the first effort by the recording industry to take direct legal action against students in its efforts to stamp out Internet piracy," the article stated. "The lawsuits are part of an increasingly aggressive effort by the record labels to tell Internet file-traders on campus and beyond that no matter what they may think of the industry's practices, their actions are illegal."

The disciplinary action for illegal copyright infringement "will be handled on a case by case basis as circumstances vary."

Students are subject to a range of disciplinary action from a warning to suspension," said Mark Allen, Dean of Students.

Allen and Student Government representatives are currently discussing the necessary procedure to be followed when a case arises. "If it is brought to the attention of our office that there is evidence of illegal downloading, students are subject to disciplinary action. Those suspect students would have a hearing as would any

student violating policy," Allen continues. As to what kind of action will take place to violators is still under debate. "We are just beginning to have the capabilities to identify individual violators from a technological sense. As cases are heard by the Student Affairs cabinet a clearer precedent will be set in terms of consequences," Allen explained.

As these changes and policies evolve, many questions still remain unanswered as to how students will be notified of this new legislation on campus. "We are looking for opportunities to make clear that downloading copyrighted material is illegal. I believe most students are aware of this. There is no change in University policy with respect to stealing as it is outlined in the guidelines for student conduct in the Student Handbook. What is changing is the ability to identify individual violators through both the record industry notifying the University and through internal tracking. Proactively, we are looking at the possibility of providing a reduced cost legal downloading service. This will have to be discussed through student governance," Allen stated.

Christine Corser, sophomore, pre-pharmacy major said, "There definitely needs to be a warning. Probably a post on the Wilkes announcements would be enough to get the info out."

## Student Government Notes

### February 8 Meeting

-Mike Salem, Director of ITS discussed changes to the email addresses that happened over break.

-Representatives from SIFE (Students in Free Enterprises) presented for their second hearing of a fund request. The club is seeking money for the Regional SIFE competition in Boston, MA on March 27. Megan Badach made a motion to allocate \$1,000 and Raquel Whelby second the motion. The motion passed 31-0-5.

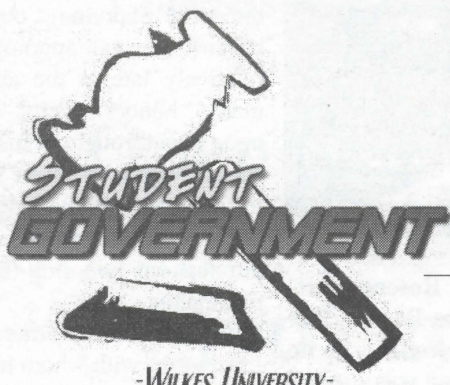
-Shuja Shafqat made a motion to donate \$1,000 to the Judge Max Rosenn Lecture Series. Kyle Ellis second the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

-Multicultural Student Coalition will host a fashion show on April 8. If interested in modeling, contact Andita Parker-Lloyd.

-Dean of Students Mark Allen and Phil Ruthkoski announced the UCOM will possibly be ready by the end of March.

-There will be a meeting of the bookstore

committee Tuesday, February 14 at 11 a.m. on the second floor of the Henry Student Center. The meeting is open to the public and participants will discuss ideas about what services or offices might be located in the existing first floor Henry Student Center bookstore space.



## Construction on Bedford Hall



The Beacon/Nick Zmijewski

An addition is currently being added to Bedford Hall. The addition will house the new pottery studio on campus. Current pottery students have been faced with some setbacks because they have been unable to fire their work until the studio is up and functioning. A completion date is anticipated for mid-semester.



## LIGHTING from FRONT PAGE

the brighter and whiter light. We will continuously monitor our lighting to maintain a safe campus environment."

Students walking on campus at night will currently find that the greenway is now brighter and there are few if any dark areas. In addition, new light poles were also installed on South Franklin Street. One additional light is located between the Farley Library and Fenner Hall.

And in another move to enhance safety measures on campus, two surveillance cameras were recently installed on the side of Breiseth Hall. "They [the cameras] are directly related to the move of the twenty-four hour computer lab over to Breiseth Hall. If you notice the way that the cameras are put on the building they cover what will be the main card access to the building," said Christopher Bailey, director of campus support services.

The cameras also provide wide coverage

of the greenway as a whole. "Because of the way that [the cameras] are positioned, basically the whole greenway in between the two buildings is captured by the cameras," said Bailey. Bailey explained that the cameras are constantly recording and someone at Public Safety can pull up the footage at anytime.

In terms of making the campus a safer place at night, the new lights and the cameras have helped to allay some fears. Byers explained that no other changes are scheduled but noted, "We have installed additional emergency call boxes in the parking garage, increased lighting in the garage, and enhanced lighting around campus, expanded our use of video surveillance and continuously improve our relationship with the Wilkes-Barre Police Department in an effort to provide a safe campus environment to live, study, work and play."

**New, brighter lights and surveillance cameras increase safety on the Greenway.**



The Beacon/Nick Zmijewski

## ROSENN from FRONT PAGE

year nationally-renowned journalist Bob Woodward will appear as the Max Rosenn Lecturer on April 9.

The law clerks who bestowed the gift in Rosenn's name maintain their loyalty to him. Of the 82 clerks who worked for Rosenn during his 36 years on the federal bench, roughly 60 of them from all over the nation made the trip to attend his funeral service.

Tom Bigler, Wilkes University Professor Emeritus and Rosenn's long-time friend said of the former law clerks' presence at funeral, "The law clerks remain faithful to him, and its not at all surprising."

In addition, newly appointed Supreme Court Justice Samuel A. Alito also made the trip from Washington D.C. to pay his last respects to his colleague with whom he served on the 3rd Circuit Court. One of the last documents Rosenn signed was a note congratulating Alito on his appointment to the High Court.

During his tenure as judge, Rosenn was given the opportunity to decide many important cases. Among them was a notable case in 2004 concerning a convicted murderer and the Pennsylvania Board of Probation and Parole. Judge Rosenn determined that the man



The Beacon/Nick Zmijewski

**The American flag flies at half staff outside the Max Rosenn United States Courthouse on South Main Street in Wilkes-Barre. The Max Rosenn Courthouse is the only courthouse in the country to be named for a living individual. In 1999 the courthouse was named after Rosenn and in 2002 the federal law library in Scranton was also named after him.**

was not being given a fair parole hearing and ordered they do so. When the man was not granted this fair hearing, Rosenn ordered his release.

Most who knew him agree that it was his character that guided the sort of leader Rosenn would become, both in the judicial community and in the Wyoming Valley. "[Rosenn] led by example; it was just in his inner person. He had to be what he thought he ought to be," said Bigler.

Savitz stressed the fairness and integrity that Rosenn embodied. "Max was a compassionate judge with keen intellect. Because he was a trial lawyer before becoming a judge he respected the lawyers who argued before him...He was the kind of judge that should have been on the U.S. Supreme Court," said Savitz.

While Rosenn never served on the U.S. Supreme Court, likely because he was appointed judge relatively late at the age of 60, many honors were bestowed upon him throughout his lifetime. Among them, Rosenn witnessed the dedication of the federal courthouse in his name and countless publications honoring his accomplishments.

He also earned enormous respect from many with whom he came in contact throughout his 96 years. For example, in the December 15,

2000 issue of *The Luzerne Legal Register*, the official publication of the Wilkes-Barre Law & Library Association, the Honorable Edward R. Becker, Chief Judge U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit said, "Judge Rosenn is also one of the great human beings I have ever known, a man of almost diving grace."

"It's a rare thing to see those things happen to a man while he is still a live. Usually those honors are reserved for the deceased," said Savitz.

Those honors, however, were by all accounts well deserved. "He was a major contributor to Wilkes University...He was constantly giving scholarships, constantly trying to help other people and was tireless in community ventures," said Bigler.

However, the judge never allowed these accomplishments to go to his head. "As big a man as he was, despite all the honors he got, he was the most modest man," said Savitz.

The community will certainly miss Judge Rosenn, a man who was "very devoted to the community," according to Savitz.

In the January 5, 2005 issue of *The Tribune*, Judge Rosenn said, "Life can be a struggle, but I have been very fortunate and I have been able to accomplish a lot of what I wanted to do."



## SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

# Women Empowered by Science program links girls to science

*Program aims to keep young women in field with high attrition*

BY JOSEPH DEANGELIS  
Beacon Staff Writer

Marie Gaetana, Anna Atkins, S. Josephine Baker, Janet Taylor, Lucy Hobbs Taylor, Rosalind Franklin and Marie Curie are just some of the names listed in pink on the back of the Women Empowered by Science (WEBS) t-shirts.

"That's why I like the t-shirts," said Debra Chapman, biology education specialist who is in charge of the WEBS program. "They're very informative."

Developing an idea from a parent of a student at Wyoming Seminary three years ago, Chapman helped to create WEBS in order to teach young girls about the role of women in science.

"A good number of young women tend to back off and get some kind of idea that sci-

ence and math is for boys," Chapman said. "The idea of this program, obviously, is to keep them interested and say 'Hey, we have had a lot of women in science and a lot of important people in science that have made major contributions, and you can do that, too.'"

Chapman cited studies that show that for reasons not yet determined, female students tend to lose interest in science at the sixth grade level. And while the numbers tell one story, perceptions and attitudes tend to deepen the questions about what drives students away from science and math. Just last year, Harvard University President Lawrence H. Summers shocked colleagues by suggesting that the nation's lack of female leadership in the sciences might be explained by "innate differences" between men and women. The statement set off a firestorm of controversy

over social attitudes and enculturation of girls in the scientific fields.

At Wilkes, in an effort to keep young girls' interest in science intact at a young age, Chapman invites approximately 40 sixth grade students each month from area schools to come to Wilkes to perform experiments and participate in exercises to show them the world of science.

Last month, girls from Wyoming Seminary worked with the Geographic Information Systems and conducted an experiment to show the effects of oil spills on the ocean environment with Dr. Marleen Troy, chair and associate professor of earth and environmental sciences. In order to do this, the students used food-colored water with salt to act as an ocean and regular canola oil to act as real crude oil. The students then used different materials, such as sponges and pa-

per towels to try to clean the oil up.

"Hopefully we got them thinking about something that they, perhaps, never even considered," Troy said. "It's nice to see that look of excitement when they are doing something or seeing something new."

Next month students will be learning about the cardiovascular and respiratory systems along with making a vanishing cream. In March, the students will watch the reproductive system at work when a live sea urchin is injected with saline to make the gametes come out and multiply right under a microscope.

"I'm hearing that the boys actually get jealous," Chapman said of the male students who do not get to attend. "(They are) like, 'Why do they get to go but we don't?'"

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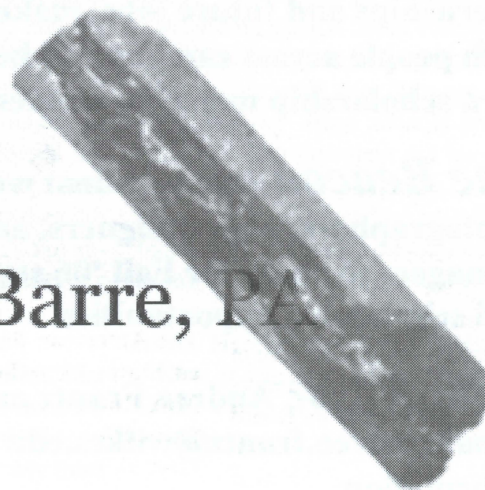
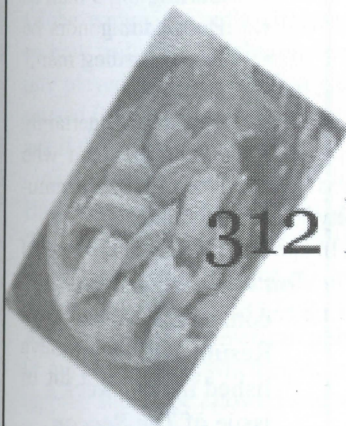
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## Use of handheld devices during tests promotes lack of creativity and critical thought

BY THE BEACON  
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Using a Palm Pilot, iPod or cell phone in class used to get a middle-school or high-school student detention.

But for some students across the country, operating one of these handheld devices could mean the reward of an "A" on a test or paper. And...it's approved by school authorities.

According to a January 21, 2006 article in *The Wall Street Journal*, schools across the nation are adopting a new stance on the issue of plagiarism and cheating.

Many school teachers and administrators are allowing students to use Palm Pilots and cell phones during a test, choosing to view their use as skillful information-gathering and not cheating. School administrators cite comprehensive learning and knowledge of various research methods as key elements in shaping a "prepared student."

They answer both of these needs, however, by allowing the exchange of information between students during tests or by allowing access to the Internet to find information during a test or while writing a paper in class.

As these teachers believe, rote memorization will not teach students valuable lessons the way the ability to find information will for the future. Instead, lessons in sharing and finding information leave students with the impression that knowing the information themselves is not necessarily as important as being able to find it.

Teaching students the importance of working together can be better accomplished by assigning group presentations and group projects, activities that force students to harness their intelligence and creative ability to communicate information to their peers. Teachers can also address the goals of teaching research methods by guiding students to appropriate



The Beacon/Kristin Kile

**Electronic devices such as cell phones are now allowed in some classes during tests.**

sites that provide crucial information and by assigning research papers that force students to couple their own ideas with the ideas of critics and scholars outside of the classroom.

Allowing what would otherwise have amounted to cheating a few short years ago does not accomplish the general goals of education like critical thinking, independent ideas and creativity.

The students in San Diego who are permitted to surf the Internet while writing an English exam in class learn that if they didn't read the book, they can find the information about the plot and the themes online. In addition, SparkNotes has recently expanded its line to include SparkMobile, where students can text-message the website during a test to receive information they don't know about the book on which they are being tested.

What messages are these teachers sending their students? The real world, while it may champion working collaboratively, still requires that individuals be able to speak and think for themselves. If a student is taught through high school that rote memorization is unnecessary and impractical, what will happen when he or she attends medical school and realizes in order to save a person's life one day,

he or she must memorize which drugs affect the body which ways?

Fostering creativity in our students remains another crucial concern. How can we attempt to accomplish this if their ideas about *Hamlet* or *To Kill A Mockingbird* come from the critical information they read in the first online blog they come to? And we cannot possibly expect to shape critical thinkers and readers if students find it easy to turn to the horror that is SparkNotes.

How will students who are taught to rely exclusively on the "information super-highway" fare when the power is out or the computer system is down? A reliance on one's peers or on a technological database for information suggests that one of the most crucial and powerful resources available to these students is not being tapped: their own brains.

Technology tends to make things easier, including speeding up the access we all have to information. Perhaps these teachers and administrators are simply trying to tap into the phenomenon that is the Internet and the luxury and convenience that is technology. However, they cannot do so at a sacrifice to the complexity that is individual thought and the creativity that makes people unique.

## Beacon Poll Results

The following are results of a poll that *The Beacon* conducted online this past week. The poll was unscientific, and does not claim to reflect the overall attitudes of students on campus. Results are based on 33 responses.

### The Beacon asked:

What would you like to see in place of the bookstore, in addition to extending Rifkin Cafe and its stage?

- Wilkes radio station - 3%
- 24 hour study area, computers - 30%
- Lounge - nice couches, tv, copy center, arcade - 39%
- Additional offices for clubs & directors - 4%
- Meeting room - 0%
- Computer clinic- IT Services - 0%
- Convenience or clothing store - 18%
- Other - 6%

### Next Week's Poll Question:

What is your favorite winter Olympic sport?

- Luge
- Ice skating
- Curling
- Bobsledding
- Snowboarding
- Hockey
- Speed skating
- Ski jumping
- I don't watch the Olympics
- Other

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OPINION

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# Valentine's Day is about more than chocolates and gifts

BY AMANDA MCMAHON  
Beacon Columnist

I don't know exactly what it is about Valentine's Day, but I just love it.

Perhaps I'm a hopeless romantic in love with love itself, or maybe I'm just a chocolate addict who enjoys having a holiday that makes an excuse for my excessive intake of sugar (I live for Gertrude Hawk's Peanut Butter Smidgens). Either way, the pink bears, red roses, and "Honey, I love you" cards always keep me coming back for more.

So, it wasn't until recently that I began questioning others' hatred for the one holiday dedicated to love. Granted, it does come off as a Hallmark gimmick, but giving and receiving cards isn't all that bad, is it?

I never understood the anti-love phenomenon until a few days ago when I realized that February had already begun to pass me by and that if I didn't get my shopping butt into gear I would be empty handed on the 14th. Now, for someone who has always anxiously awaited the heart shaped boxes of chocolates and corny kids' valentine cards (the ones that read, "You're kickin' Valentine," with a soccer player cartoon winking),

not being prepared for the big day ahead of time was almost unheard of.

To my dismay, I was turning into the Grinch of Valentines. My lack of preparedness had me wishing Valentine's Day would just pass me by. Then I realized something. The reason I was so unprepared was because I refused to call time-out on life. I let my busy schedule take control and didn't make time for things that really count, or rather, the people that count (including myself). In the past, Valentine's Day had always been about the people in my life that I appreciated and my enthusiasm to express with full force the feelings of love and appreciation I have felt all year long. I had recently forgotten about that in my stress to go buy a present.

For the past few weeks friends have asked me, "Are you doing alright?" to which I have replied, "I'm hanging in there," as I would rush to wherever it is I was going. The truth was I wasn't hanging in there because I didn't stop to take time and make conversation with the people that make the difference in my life. That is, the difference between losing and not losing my sanity.

Perhaps that is the problem for those people who hate Valentine's Day. Not that they

haven't bought flowers and chocolates, but because they haven't taken time to slow down and give time to themselves. As human beings, we need time for reflection and contemplation. Without it, we begin to turn into the broken-winged cupids we promised ourselves we would never be. Before we can express our love to others, we must first find it within ourselves.

I'm not saying you need to go out and drop \$100 on some limo ride and dinner, or that you need to go out to dinner at all. Valentine's Day is not necessarily the "couple's holiday" that it has been made out to be. You don't need to have someone to send a dozen red roses to. Instead, it is a holiday for us to open our hearts and find within ourselves the beauty in living with love, not necessarily always in love. So, before you let this Valentine's Day pass by



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as just a greeting card company's money-making tactic, think about what it means to put a smile on your face and enjoy the day that it is and the people who are part of it, especially yourself.

Oh-yeah, Happy Valentine's Day!

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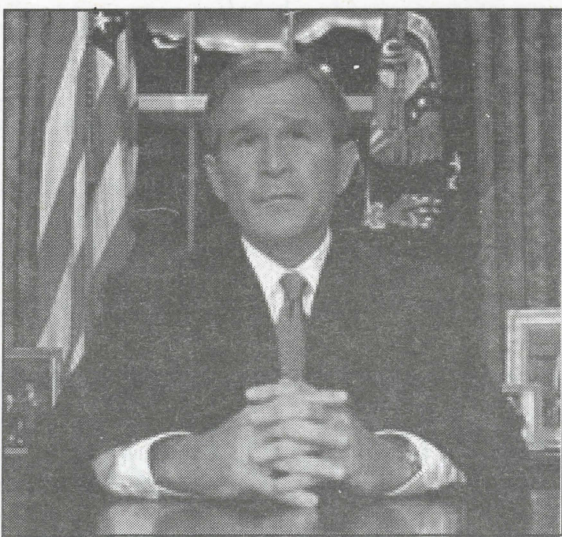
BY MYLES RUMBEL  
Beacon Asst. A&E Editor

It happens every year during this time. First it's the Golden Globes. Next we get the Grammys. And the Oscars. And the Daytime Emmys (Not to be confused with say, the nighttime Emmy's which are held in August.) Not to mention we also have the Superbowl. *American Idol*. *Survivor*. And this year even the Olympics.

And, in case that wasn't enough for you, George W. Bush foiled a terrorist plot back 2002.

It's very easy to get caught up in the world of celebrities. Whether we are talking about *Brokeback Mountain's* multiple Golden Globe wins, 50 Cent's Grammy shut out, or how badly the Pittsburgh Steelers *actually* played, chances are that we may have missed Bush's message in its entirety. And I ask if that is such a bad thing?

At the present, the Senate is looking into Bush's domestic wire tapping program. Was it legal? Was it not? Public opinion is now swinging in favor of the domestic spying program. According to the latest AP-Ipsos poll, the American public is close to evenly split on whether domestic wire-tapping should be allowed and whether the government should need a warrant to do so.



Courtesy of cooperativeresearch.org

Bush is also on the road to rally support for these programs.

And while not directly related, but also not completely unrelated, Bush made the announcement last week that in fact, a terrorist attack on the US West coast was thwarted in 2002.

There are three major problems with the fact that these details are suddenly coming out.

First, it seems rather coincidental. The

Senate begins to look into domestic spying and *voila*, there is another terrorist plot. Whether you are for or against the "War on Terror" (and seriously, who could be against it?) one must admit that the Bush administration has used the fear card one too many times. Don't be afraid. Be afraid. Al Qaeda is everywhere. Oh no!

Second, Bush did not even use the correct name of the building. He called it Liberty Tower. It had been the *Library* Tower until it was renamed US Bank Tower (thank you, corporate America). But really, can you blame the man? Sure, he got the building wrong. But heck, Liberty Tower sounds so much better. If the terrorists are

supposed to destroy a "Liberty" Tower, that's all kinds of symbolic! However, if they are taking out a Library Tower...there's not really a way to link that to fear. Unless it's symbolic of say, the hatred of books. (Mr. Bush's speech writers take note.)

Let's say, for the sake of argument, that perhaps the fear card had *not* been used too many times. And let's say that Bush *did* just make a mistake (it could happen). My third problem with this, really proves the other

two points irrelevant. This plot was supposedly foiled in 2002. Meaning, even if it was in December 2002, it was still three years ago.

Why are we getting details about it *now*? Also, why is the mayor of Los Angeles just getting details about it? Why do we even care?

There's hoopla over whether the plan ever got beyond first stages, whether this is just a variant of things we heard before, etc. Let me just point out--we should not care. At all. The plot was to use shoe bombs to get into cockpits and remake 9/11 on the West Coast. A 9/11 style plot - again? Never!

Providing Bush is being completely genuine about disrupting the plot, it happened three to four years ago. Why are we hearing about it now? Bush actually protected the country? The President did his job? Does he want a cookie? Seriously.

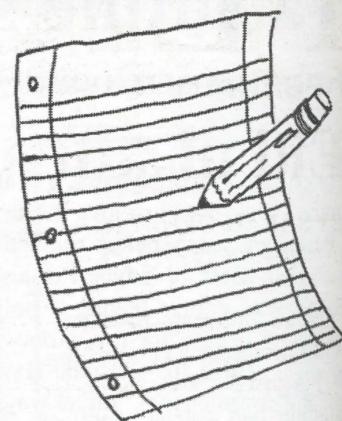
Well. I would just like to tell Mr. Bush thank you. Thank you for not informing us of the threat when it was relevant, but rather saving it for a more opportune moment. Here's your cookie Mr. Bush.

Now, if you don't mind, I'm going return to my world of celebrity personalities and random awards. At least it is current.



## YOUR VOICES

## Bring back the old website



Change it back. Please, for the love of God, change it back to the way it was. Wilkes' newly revamped website is seriously one of the most aesthetically unpleasing I've ever come across; I dare say at least half of all MySpace profiles look better.

What was so wrong about a simple white background on the old website? What did the color white ever do to Wilkes? I know we're all striving to maintain a level of political correctness in this day and age, but this is just overdoing it. The background and text colors across the entire website aren't just widely varied and inconsistent—they flat out suck. It reflects dirt-poor color choice on the developers' part. I'm quoting an article from the February 6 issue of *The Beacon* here:

"The incorporation of bright colors throughout the website was not accidental. Each school and department has its own representative color. For example, all academic pages are orange and all pages for the School of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences are gray."

Who the hell is going to know about this little detail unless they're explicitly told it's there? For example, if I see a yellow-and-pink polka-dotted background on some page, I'm not going to know that pattern represents, say, the Wilkes University Seppuku Club. I will, however, know the site's developers chose some really crappy background colors.

Next, any user who accesses the homepage is greeted with some nice dark blue text on a dark blue background on the top-left portion of the page. Huh? Unless I've missed something, background and text colors that nearly match have never, are not, and will never be good choices—it makes the text harder to read. This isn't just limited to the main page—it's scattered everywhere, from teal on teal to tan on tan. Good luck showing off the website to a packed lecture hall without having to say, "Can everyone read that?"

What fascinates me about the new website is the seemingly ubiquitous presence of meaningless content. Some of the quotes and descriptions around the website are real gems:

"The chocolate milk in the dining hall is the best!"

Please, dear Lord, tell me someone under the age of 12 contributed that one.

"The idea of a Greenway was created in the summer of 1993, as part of a four-year plan that included the construction of Breiseth Hall and the creation of a recreation area between Breiseth Hall and Stark Learning Center."

Wow, a greenway?! I want to go walk on that so badly right now. I'll bring my friends along, too.

"Dude, check this out!"

"Hot damn, is that a greenway? Like, real grass?"

"Yeah. Oh my God, dude."

"Hey, let's sit on it for a while."

And, saving the best for last...

"We're not afraid of a groundhog or his shadow—we went and launched our redesigned site anyway." (Editor: This quote has since been taken down from the University website's main page, and I have been unable to locate it. Thus, it may not be 100% accurate.)

Well, to me it looks like you were looking for a lame one-liner to commemorate the site's launch, and you got more than that. If you were indeed afraid of a groundhog, then not only would I feel terribly sorry for your pitiful, marmotaphobic souls, but I'd be more than willing to take the 4-hour-long drive out to Punxsutawney to hunt and capture this apparently fierce little rodent so I can use it to torture my friends for fun-filled hours on end. This would definitely go up there on my list of things to do before I die, which includes bungee jumping, skydiving, and being a contestant on *The Price is Right*.

Lastly, let me point out one part of the site that has me particularly irked. I logged on to search for parking information, and what I found was a list of all the parking lots, parking restrictions for each one, and NO MAP. Oh, but what's this? There's a link on this page to the campus map? The day just may be saved. Hold on and let me copy this link, open a new tab in my Firefox browser window, manually paste that link into the address bar, hit enter, and juggle between the two tabs to determine just where these parking lots are located by looking up the name of the lot, searching for it in the list of buildings and facilities, and matching its corresponding number to its hard-to-find spot on the map. Oh, wait, some of these lots aren't even marked on the map. Excuse me while I go bang my head repeatedly against the wall.

In all seriousness, I'd like to see the old site resurrected to replace the current one. It was easy on the eyes, easy to navigate, and had a much more organized layout. It just worked. My only gripe about it was the different mug shot that showed up on every visit to the home page—those were getting a little old.

Finally, it should be noted that my Introduction to Web Development professor here at Wilkes has used this new site as an example to discuss what to avoid doing when creating one. Quite ironic, I'd say.

Matthew Vanston

Junior, computer science major

## What is going on in Evans second floor?

Lately, there have been some problems with the second floor of Evans.

Here is one major problem right off the bat. The RA is never here. We [residents] are all left to fend for ourselves against the loud, obnoxious drunk people. These people are not just loud and obnoxious. They have started vandalizing the hall.

Who wants to clean donuts off their doorknobs or eggs off the floor? This is not only disgusting, but could possibly invite unwanted bugs or small critters into the dorm.

Most of the people here do not even live on this floor or even this dorm. This does not seem right when there is a public safety officer right downstairs. If the public safety officer knows something is going on he or she should patrol the halls more than they are. The public safety officer should especially patrol the halls between the hours of one and four a.m.

I understand that the Resident Assistants need to be in their dorm at two a.m. every night and the RA [on second floor] is not. I know what the Resident Assistant is going to do about it when they come back, but by then it is already too late. She will put flyers up asking for information about it and if no one gives them the information she will write up everyone on the floor.

What would you do in my situation if you did not cause any of the vandalism? I will tell you what I am not going to do: pay a fine for [the damage], because I had nothing to do with it. I know exactly who it was, but I do not feel the need to tell on them, especially if the people who are supposed to be taking care of this are not doing their job right. This problem has been going on for quite a while now, but it has been getting worse lately. Something has to be done about this before things get worse.

Jonathon Botch

Freshman



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## Eid ul Adha celebration acknowledges growing Wilkes diversity

BY SARAH HERBERT  
Beacon Features Editor

On an ordinary Saturday evening, the Wilkes campus is fairly quiet.

This past Saturday however, the sound of laughter and conversation combined with the delightful aroma of food penetrated the walls of the Henry Student Center Ballroom.

Weekend parties or an overwhelming amount of studying didn't inhibit more than 50 students, faculty and staff from attending a celebratory dinner for Eid ul Adha.

Eid ul Adha is a celebration that marks the end of the Muslim pilgrimage of Hajj.

The Eid ul Adha holiday is supposed to last for four days. Though not the case for the Wilkes celebration, typically it includes sacrificing an animal, usually a goat. The meat from that animal is then shared throughout the community. This distribution proves the importance of the Muslim community ethic.

The actual holiday was celebrated roughly two weeks ago and just days ago the Islamic New Year was celebrated.

The evening's festivities included a welcome address by junior business major Salman Punekar who organized the event.

Punekar began his speech by saying, "Wilkes University is becoming more and more international...this is both a great opportunity, as well as a problem."

According to Punekar, the opportunity is obvious: greater campus diversity. "The problem is not being able to welcome in-



The Beacon/Sarah Herbert

Students and faculty line up to partake in a dinner provided by Parson's Deli. Falafel and hummus were just two of the dishes provided to guests. The dinner was part of a celebration of Eid ul Adha, which marks the end of the Muslim pilgrimage of Hajj. The celebration included a short speech by event coordinator Salman Punekar followed by a short prayer by Kevin Gaughenbaugh, Campus Interfaith coordinator.

ternational students in the proper way, and if we can't do that, the great opportunity is lost," said Punekar.

During his speech he also urged students and faculty to support the Islamic Interest Society (IIS), which is currently being

formed on campus.

While the group is not yet an official club, it hopes to earn that status in the near future.

Dr. Wagiha Taylor, professor of international business and economics has agreed

to serve as advisor to IIS. According to Taylor, the group is in the process of writing its proposed constitution and plans to go before Student Government to request club status.

"The main purpose of IIS is to create a good working relationship with the community and with university groups and clubs," said Taylor. She also stressed that the club will add diversity to the campus, which can only serve as a benefit.

Punekar shares these sentiments. "We need to build a strong relationship between Muslim students and the community. Our goal is to educate the masses about the Islamic faith and bridge any misunderstandings there may be," said Punekar.

Campus Interfaith Coordinator Kevin Gaughenbaugh agrees that the campus is becoming more and more diverse. The Campus Interfaith office sponsored Saturday's event.

"This year I wanted to do a lot of things for Muslim students because there hasn't been much in the past, and the Muslim population at Wilkes is growing everyday," said Gaughenbaugh.

Gaughenbaugh delivered a prayer before the evening's meal of traditional Indian food including falafel and hummus, just to name a few dishes.

The evening served as the perfect opportunity for students, faculty and staff of all religions to come together and socialize.

Anyone interested in the IIS should contact Dr. Wagiha Taylor at extension 4712.

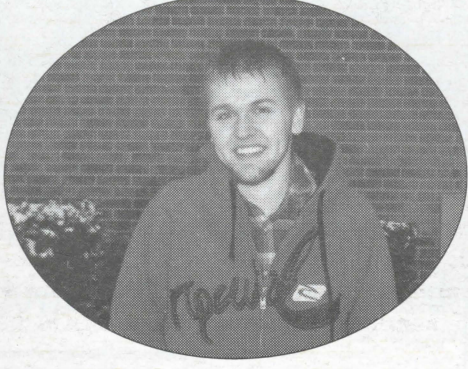
## Tell Us... Managing Editor Becky Goodman was curious about what Wilkes students are thinking. Here is what she found out.

What sport would you like to see added to the Winter Olympics?



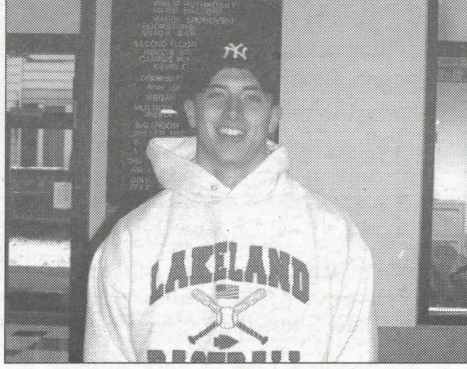
Erika Hurst- freshman, pre-pharmacy major

"Ice-fishing."



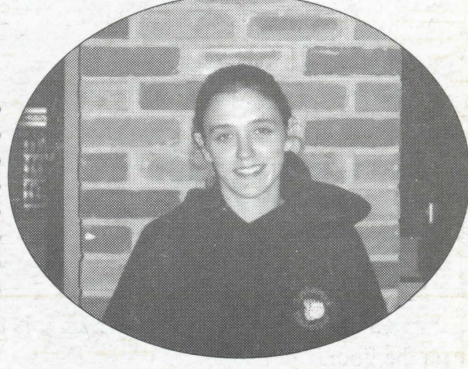
Devin King- freshman, chemistry major

"Crew."



John Crotti- freshman, business major

"Co-ed wrestling."



Tonya Siglin- freshman, elementary education major

"Women's jousting."



## National Condom Week

BY SARAH HERBERT  
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Love is in the air. Not only is Tuesday Valentine's Day, but it also marks the beginning of National Condom Week 2006.

Wilkes University will be hosting various activities throughout the week to remind students about the importance of practicing safe sex. Some of the events include:

- Sexual Jeopardy-February 16, 12:00-1:00 p.m. This event is modeled after the popular game show and will feature prizes.
- Informational Table-February 14, 11:00-1:00 p.m. in the Student Center. Table will include pamphlets about National Condom Week and STDs.
- Free Condoms-Available all week in the health services office.

Here are some fun facts about condoms from Planned Parenthood of North East Pennsylvania.

- The Egyptians in 1350 B.C. reportedly used condoms. They were most likely made of animal bladders or intestines.
- In 1977, the Supreme Court ruled that no state could bar minors from purchasing condoms.
- As a quality assurance step, condom manufacturers sample each lot of finished packaged condoms and examine them for holes using a water leak test.
- Italian anatomist Gabrielle Fallopio, after whom the Fallopian tubes were named, claimed to have invented the condom in 1564.
- It is estimated that 5 billion condoms are used every year worldwide.

Anyone wanting additional information about National Condom Week can visit [www.nationalcondomweek.com](http://www.nationalcondomweek.com) or contact Gail Holby in health services at extension 4730. In addition, Planned Parenthood is located on 63 N. Franklin St. and can be reached by phone at 824-8921.



## Sexual Jeopardy program to test participants' sexual savvy

BY DONNA TALARICO  
Beacon A&E Editor

"I'll take STDs for \$200, Alex."

Not a category likely to be heard on the classic game show hosted by Alex Trebek, but if life's players aren't informed of things like sexually transmitted diseases, they could find themselves in "sexual jeopardy."

That's the idea behind an educational event sponsored by the Wilkes University Health Services office and the student-run health awareness group BACCHUS. "Are You in Sexual Jeopardy?" slated for Thursday, February 16 from 12:00-1:00 p.m., will test teams of students, faculty and staff on their sexual savvy.

According to Gail Holby of health services, competitors include a student government team, as well as staff and faculty: Mary Waldorf and Andita Parker-Lloyd from student activities; Ron Rebo from public safety; and Dr. Jim Harrington, coordinator of advising for the College of Arts, Humanities and Social Science.

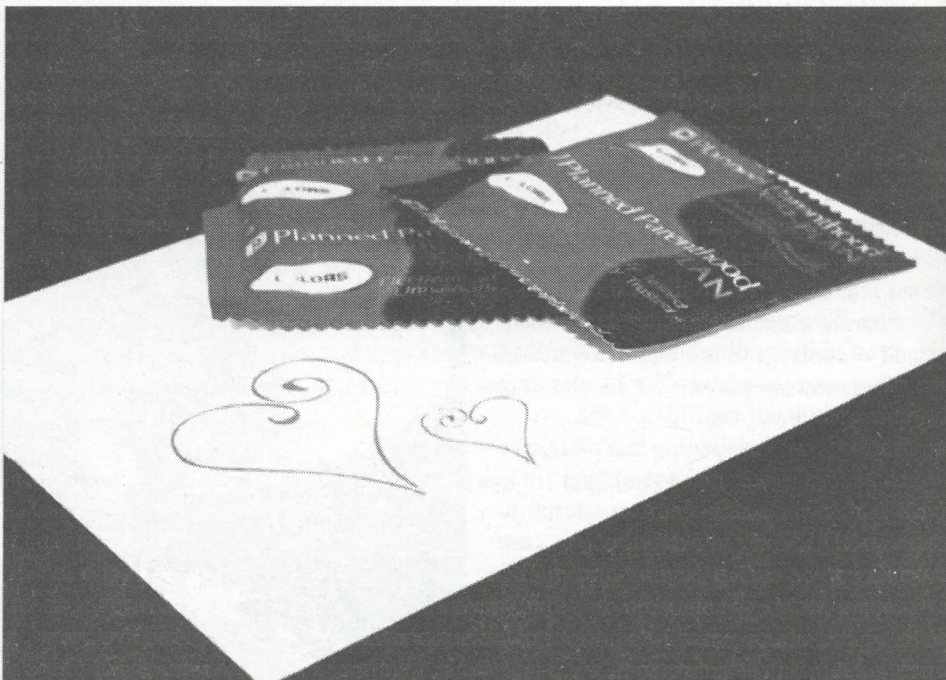
The game show, hosted by health educator Anne Holmes of Luzerne County Community College, presents a fun, interactive way to share information about sexual issues and concepts as well as a way to warn of the perils of risky sex.

The issues surrounding safe sex are many, and organizers stress it's not just about wearing a condom. The event's categories include questions about birth control, sexually transmitted diseases and infections, anatomy and function and other 'mixed' topics. In addition to straight "answer-question" format familiar to *Jeopardy* fans, activities such as putting a condom on a penis model will also be performed by competitors.

Event planners say that students are often surprised about how much they don't know, or how much they were misinformed. As a supplement to the game, the event will also feature a question and answer session.

"For some, it may be the only one hour of formal sexual education they have had or will ever have. The hope is that it will motivate the student to continue life long learning on the topic of sexuality or take a class at your campus," said Holmes.

Event planners note in informational literature that this program is not suited for people embarrassed by sexual discussion, as it covers a lot of sensitive information; however, it is covered with sensitivity and levity.



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"This program is not designed for people who wince at sexual content. Although not crude or lewd, the discussion is very straight forward and not sugar coated. Not designed for the easily offended," Holmes said.

While there will be prizes awarded to winning teams, perhaps the real prize is re-

membering what was learned and putting it into practice. Safe practice.

"Everyone is invited to join us, or if they want to participate call health services (at 408-4730)," said Holby.



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# Spring 2006: the semester of the intern

## *Record number 95 students join internship workforce*

BY RICH HANNICK  
*Beacon Staff Writer*

"Low person on the totem pole."

Ninety-five Wilkes students are currently negotiating professional space, albeit perhaps entry-level or lower, in a variety of businesses and organizations both in and outside the area. This marks a record number of Wilkes students taking on an internship for the spring semester of 2006.

Sharon Castano, cooperative education and internship coordinator realizes that spring semesters are usually big for internships; however, she noted, "This year we have a 40% increase over last spring."

Castano and Philip Ruthkosky, director student development give credit to the

jump in the number of interns to increasing enrollment, faculty support and students becoming aware of the value of pre-professional experience.

Laura Zuckero, sophomore history major and current intern at The Joint Urban Studies Center said, "It is good to know that there are a lot of other students involving themselves in internships, and I was very glad to be able to participate in one, despite only being a sophomore."

The departments on campus that have the highest internship turnout are communication studies with 25 interns, business with 22 interns and psychology with 15 interns. Castano and Ruthkosky know that numbers will increase next spring when the PPD group of the Jay S. Sidhu School of Business and Leadership look for their required internships.

Zuckero decided to do an internship because she has aspirations of going to graduate school.

"I would like to go to graduate school, but I am unsure what degree I wish to pursue," said Zuckero.

Her interests include research, archival work or museum work. Zuckero said, "I want to see which I enjoy the most."

Zuckero added, "I hope to gain experience in teamwork, research, gathering information, writing reports, Microsoft Excel usage, public speaking, survey analysis and fieldwork." She plans to complete three separate internships before she graduates.

Castano and Ruthkosky also stated some benefits gained through internships include: discovering relationships between coursework and actual jobs; networking with professionals; employment references and the possibility of a job offer at the end.

Ruthkosky said, "Our students have academic strengths, demonstrated accomplishments and confidence, and we enjoy when it gets noticed." He added this helps future interns as well, because if one Wilkes student does well then employers will look to Wilkes for future interns.

Castano, Ruthkosky and Zuckero also have some pertinent advice on how students can get a foot in the door on an internship. Castano said, "Start early. Prepare a resume draft and call our office as early as pre-registration to schedule an appointment."

Castano explained that she and Ruthkosky are happy to help anybody with their resumes, find the best fit for them and help them through mock interviews. "From there it's all up to them," said Castano.

Zuckero agrees with Castano and Ruthkosky about starting early. However she offers some other advice to interns stating, "Expect to be doing a good amount of work without much financial gain. Many internships are unpaid, but also expect to gain a good experience."



The Beacon/Nick Zmijewski

On Tuesday, February 7, Dr. Marianne Rexer, professor of the Jay S. Sidhu School of Business and Leadership, discussed accounting internships with the sophomore Personal and Professional Development class. The spring 2006 semester boasts a record 95 students who are taking on an internship in some sort of professional area. There are many benefits to be gained which include networking, employment references, building relationships and the possibility of receiving a job offer upon graduation.

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## Campus neighbor offers 'YOUiverse' of arts

BY NORA JURASITS  
Beacon Correspondent

The sometimes-cryptic messages written on the chalkboards in front of Arts YOUiverse only scratch the surface of the creativity that lies inside the mansion.

The arts center, which opened in October of 2005, has evolved over the past five months, inviting more artists to have their studios in the mansion, offering art classes, and also hosting programs and parties for the public.

Just to the left of the mansion's entrance is a gift shop where visitors can purchase works by the artists they meet and work with, and to the right is a fairly new addition. Kathleen Godwin, executive director of Arts YOUiverse, has taken items found around the mansion and created an innovative networking system. Visitors are encouraged to take a card from the stack, think up a "Wouldn't it be nice if I could..." scenario, then tack it up on the wall, with the hope that someone will see the card, have a connection, and a bond will be made.

Godwin explained the wall's purpose emerged when she spotted a card an artist had put up, looking for place to sell her art. Godwin pulled down the card and became part of the project herself. She said she planned to call the artist and possibly try to sell some of her work in the gift shop.

"It's a dream hunt more than anything else," Godwin said.

It is a continuous process, finding new ways to use every room and area of the mansion, Godwin explained. The old laundry room is used to make paper, and hallways serve as gallery walls to display in-house artists' work. Another small basement room that possibly could have been written off as unusable is host to a newly acquired kiln.

New artists are welcomed by in-house artists and Godwin, but they may also be welcomed by the spirit that Godwin and painter John Pacovsky say resides in a small room in the basement.

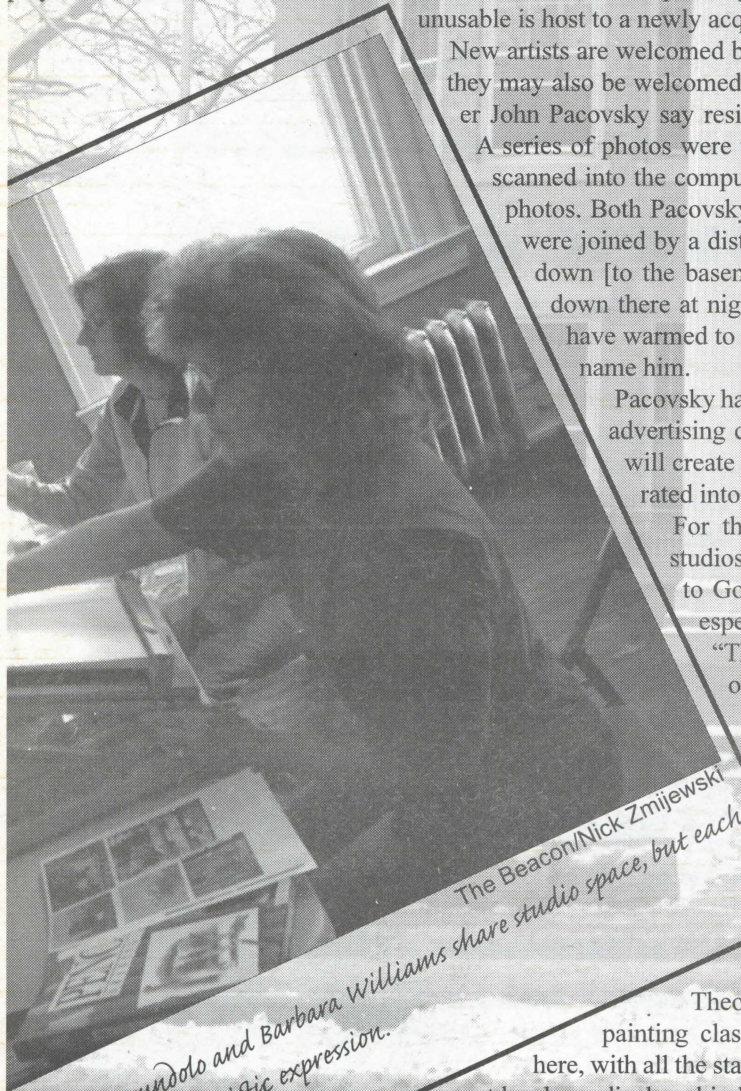
A series of photos were taken in the room, and when they were scanned into the computer, an image emerged in only one of the photos. Both Pacovsky and Godwin were in the photo, but they were joined by a distinctly visible third face. "I didn't go back down [to the basement] immediately, but I have since been down there at night by myself," Pacovsky said. The artists have warmed to the spirit and are still debating on what to name him.

Pacovsky has recently signed on to do an international advertising campaign for Absente brand alcohol. He will create seven ads featuring the product incorporated into famous works of art.

For the most part, the artists have separate studios, but the collaboration is still evident to Godwin. "They discuss color techniques, especially with regard to depth," she said. "The second floor will consult with artists on the third floor and down in the basement. It's all connected."

Pacovsky agrees interaction with other artists as well as visitors makes working in the mansion more enjoyable. "I'll hear the doorbell after painting all day, and end up having neat, bizarre conversations. It's the most fun I've had in a long time."

Theo Lumia, of Bear Creek, has taken painting classes at the mansion. "It's beautiful here, with all the stained glass," she said. Lumia, whose art has been displayed in local galleries, said lately her work has been influenced by a recent trip to Africa. Classes are available to the public, and can be individual or small group sessions. More information on Arts YOUiverse and a list of classes offered can be found at [www.artsyouiverse.com](http://www.artsyouiverse.com).



Donna Cherundolo and Barbara Williams share studio space, but each have their own artistic expression.



The Beacon/Nick Zmijewski  
Denise Borgeson works on her painting "Boy and Dog" in her Arts YOUiverse studio.



The Beacon/Nick Zmijewski  
Tobi Balin Grossman specializes in pastel and acrylic paintings with floral and landscape scenes.



## Artist Johnnie Winona Ross visits Sordoni



Nick Zmijewski/ The Beacon

Johnnie Winona Ross was on campus Wednesday, February 8, 2006 to speak about his art. Ross's work is currently on exhibit in the Sordoni until March 5.

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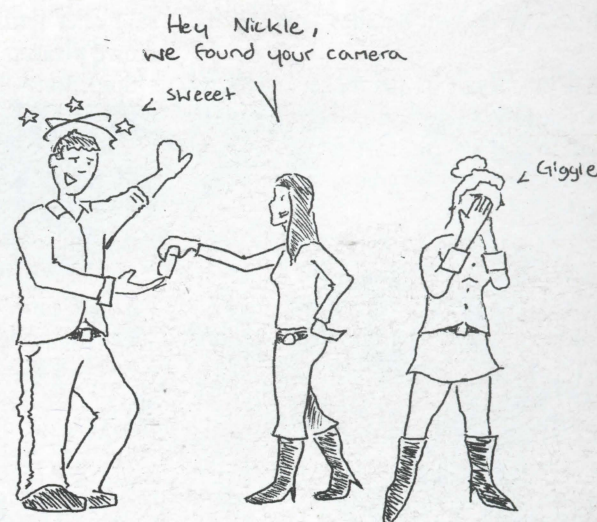
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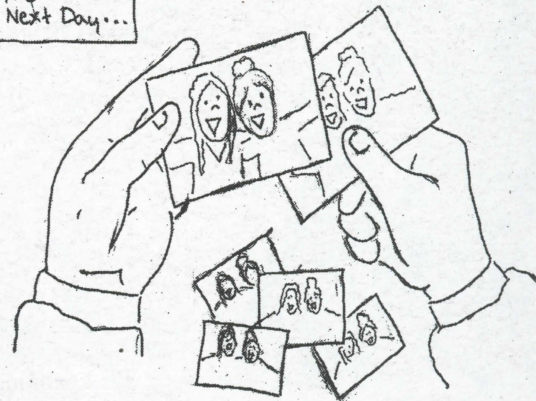


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# Hair bands rock-n-roll into Wilkes-Barre

## Despite shorter locks, rockers still fan favorites

BY DONNA TALARICO  
Beacon A&E Editor

Whether you've gone deaf listening to Leppard or been charged by AC/DC, perhaps you are among the many fans of the big hair, loud guitars and catchy vocals that make up 1980s rock history.

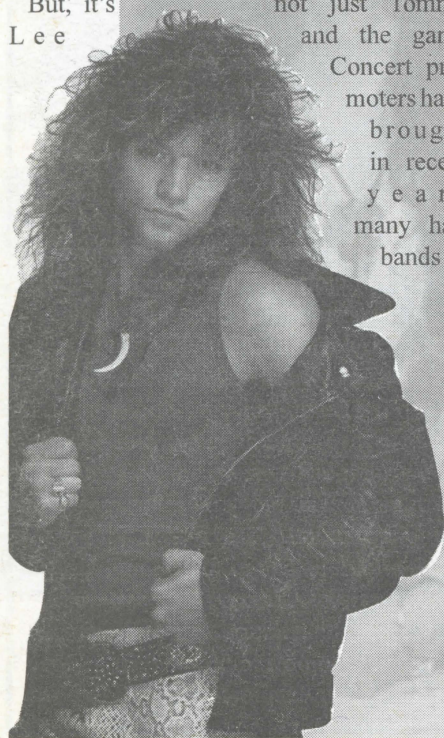
The hair band classification was coined to represent the arena, glam and ballad rock groups that tore up the airwaves in the 80s -- bands that looked like chicks but rocked like men. In fact, the tresses of hair bands inspired one local air personality as he played these bands the first time around.

"I was doing my show from Rocky Glen Park (a now defunct Moosic fun park) in our glass studio. Jon Bon Jovi joins me. The booth is eight-by-eight feet. His hair and mine combined was seven-by-seven feet. Tight quarters. And I have the pictures to prove it," said 98.5 KRZ's afternoon drive jock, Jumpin' Jeff Walker. Walker dons a much shorter do two decades later, by the way.

While this troupe of 80s rockers never really topped the radio and records charts or garnered music awards, they are still rockin' jukeboxes and concert venues around the Wyoming Valley.

Motley Crue is one band that will be making its way to the Wachovia Arena for a Valentine's Day show. The band was known for hits such as "Smokin' in the Boys Room," "T.N.T.," "Dr. Feelgood," "Kickstart My Heart," "Without You" and "Same Ol' Situation." (Perhaps you are not reading those titles; rather, singing them to yourself.)

But, it's not just Tommy Lee and the gang. Concert promoters have brought in recent years many hair bands



shows to the Wachovia Arena: Journey, Styx, REO Speedwagon, Whitesnake, Scorpions, Def Leppard, Tesla, Cinderella, RATT, Quiet Riot and Firehouse, and Aerosmith and Cheap Trick are slated for March 15.

The Ford Pavilion at Montage Mountain is another venue that keeps 80s music alive, with Poison hitting the mountain nearly every summer. The Bloomsburg Fair is also known to bring hair bands to the area each fall.

One Wilkes student is a self-admitted hair band freak and is indeed contributing to the success of these concerts. Just this past year senior communication studies senior Christie Jones has seen most of the shows listed above, including Poison every summer for the past four years. And, she has tickets for the Aerosmith and Motley Crue shows.

"These concerts are better than ever," she said after rattling off her list. "They're all crowd pleasers."

Sometimes Jones gets a mixed reaction when she tells people about her hair band affinity.

"When I told people I was going (to Def Leppard), the reaction was, 'Aren't they dead yet?' Good music will stand the test of time. I can tell you this; the guys from the band are some of the most talented I've ever seen. All of their music is original and you won't see any lip syncing at a Def Leppard show," she said, adding that these hits are timeless.

"People seem to have this idea in their heads that because a band was popular in the 80s, they can't possibly still have their talent anymore. I didn't know that talent fades with age."

When there aren't national 80s band tours at nearby venues, hair band music can still be heard locally via the aptly named tribute group Bad Hair Day. Lead guitarist Ricky Starr says the once party band evolved into the 80s hair band concept because that was

the music they knew the best -- and the songs that got the best crowd response. Add some wigs and costumes to the set list, and you've got a modern day hair band.

Starr's personal favorites include Van Halen, KISS and Bon Jovi because they were either great musicians that inspired him, wrote amazing songs or were great performers, things he doesn't see today.

"I feel this is all lost in today's music for the most part. It was also music that pumped you up, whether you were going out for a night on the town, or actually hearing a live band play this stuff. There really has never been, nor will there ever be better party music," he said. Starr adds that top requests are for Bon Jovi, Poison, Def Leppard and KISS.

Jones agrees. In fact, she can't narrow down a favorite.

"I guess if I had to base a favorite on talent, Cinderella's front man Tom Kiefer can play like seven different instruments. That really impresses me. Most musicians from this genre wrote their own lyrics and music. They're genuine. I think that's what makes me so attracted to them," she said.

Starr and Jones agree that lingering memories seem to also keep the music alive.

"There is also the sentimentality factor -- a lot of people grew up on this music and it brings back a lot of great memories," said Starr.

Jones added, "The songs from this era all seem to be about a personal story or experience, some of which a lot of us can relate to. I know I personally have a lot of high school memories attached...."

Jones said.

But, whether it is about reminiscing or just about the music, there is still a craving for hair.

"In the end, I think it all boils down to demand. There is still a demand for this music, so these bands still tour. Sure, they're not getting the crowds they



did back in '88, but if they were, they'd also still be all over the radio and MTV," said Starr.

While many 80s favorites are churning out new music, it's the classics that people want to hear.

"Many of these bands still pump out new albums here and there, but generally they don't do very well...It's cool to hear a new Poison or KISS album, but in reality, it's just a vehicle for them to go back out on tour and play all of their old hits, which is fine with me," said Starr.

Bad Hair Day's next dates are February 18 at Decade's in Swoyersville and February 25 at Brews Brothers in Pittston. For more information on the band, visit [www.bhdrocks.com](http://www.bhdrocks.com).

**Jon Bon Jovi of Bon Jovi, Slash of Guns-N-Roses and Cee Cee DeWille of Poison were well known in the 80s for their long, curly or feather locks. Today, these men have much shorter hair.**

All courtesy of 80srockstars.net. Bad Hair Day logo courtesy Bad Hair Day







## 'Hair Cuts:' A Beacon Poll



Courtesy wkrz.com

### Jeff Walker's picks:

Not only did this local radio veteran play these bands' songs as new singles, but also as recurrents and gulp, now oldies. In the 80s, he even had the hair to match. Here is 98.5 KRZ's Jumpin' Jeff Walker's top five 80s hair bands with commentary:

#5- **Winger**- 'cause I loved them. Plus, Winger works as a great punchline to so many different jokes pertaining to fading stars.

#4- **Motley Crue**- they lived the life young guys dream about

#3- **Def Leppard**- great songs and the toughest drummer in the biz. "Screw my right arm! Who needs it!"

#2- **Poison**- wrote hooks you could hang a coat on!

#1- **Bon Jovi**- 'cause of "Livin on a Prayer," probably the most enduring song of that period. Plus, let's face it. They're the only viable hair band left that can still get on the charts in 2005.

### The Beacon's Picks:

In an unscientific e-mail poll to the folks in the A&E editor's e-mail address book, these are the top hair bands:

#### Top 5 Hair Band Songs (Cuts):

5. "Something to Believe In," Poison
4. "Here I Go Again," White Snake
3. "Livin' On a Prayer," Bon Jovi
2. "You Shook Me All Night Long," AC/DC
1. "Pour Some Sugar On Me," Def Leppard

#### Top 5 Hair Bands:

5. Whitesnake
4. Def Leppard
3. Guns-N-Roses
2. Bon Jovi
1. Poison

Poison's Brett Michaels looking pretty.

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## 80s on your iPod: A decade to download

BY ANDEE SCARANTINO

Beacon Correspondent

Mix tapes on Memorex are just a memory. However, one can still mix up the best of the 80s on their iPods. Here are 20 must-haves:

1. **Eddie Money** - "Take Me Home Tonight"- This classic belongs in any 80s collection. Features a little snip of Ronnie Specter singing. "Listen honey, just like Ronnie sang 'Be my little baby!'"

2. **Nena** - "99 Red Balloons"- The sound of this song is the epitome of 80s music: the synthesizers, flashy beat and the overall feel just makes you happy listening to it. It's a shame that it's about nuclear war.

3. **Journey** - "Don't Stop Believing"- Journey was the way to rock out in the 80s. If you like this song, try "Faithfully" and "Open Arms."

4. **Eurythmics** - "Sweet Dreams"- "Some of them want to use you. Some of them want to be used by you. Some of them want to abuse you. Some of them want to be abused." You want this on your playlist.

5. **Billy Joel** - "We Didn't Start the Fire"- Maybe you have a somewhat creative history teacher that has played this for you before. This song is nothing but a chronological listing of historic events that had a significant impact on society. It's got a great 80s beat to it, but yet it's somewhat educational. Learning every word is definitely something to strive for. "Harry Truman, Doris Day, Red China, Johnnie Ray?"

6. **Europe** - "The Final Countdown"- This song is pure 80s. I particularly like the instrumental aspect of this song. The lyrics are kind of depressing, and deal with the end of the world. Hmm. Do we see a trend here?

7. **Toni Basil** - "Hey Mickey"- This captures the whole feel of 80s boy crazy cheerleaders. When you chant it, you almost want to perm your hair and throw on some slouch socks.

8. **Violent Femmes** - "Blister in the Sun"- This song is just fun. Like a lot of 80s songs, its meaning is very indirect. I'll let you listen to the lyrics and figure it out for yourself.

9. **Simple Minds** - "Don't You Forget About Me"- As the theme song to the hit movie of the 80s *The Breakfast Club*, this song makes any 80s playlist better.

10. **Bon Jovi** - "Livin' on a Prayer"- A fabulous song telling the story of two lovers trying to make ends meet. Bon Jovi takes you RIGHT back to the 80s. If you like this song, try "Bad Medicine," "Always" and "Runaway."

11. **The Police** - "Don't Stand So Close to Me"- Another classic 80s song.

12. **Bonnie Tyler** - "Total Eclipse of the Heart"- A great love duet; this song would have been one to dance with your sweetheart at your 80s senior prom.

13. **A-Ha** - "Take On Me"- A one-hit wonder, but a great 80s pop song.

14. **Rick Springfield** - "Jesse's Girl"- Like "Hey Mickey," this one also takes you right back to an 80s high school feel.

15. **Wham!** - "Wake Me Up Before You Go-Go"- Wham! was another popular pop band in the 80s. With George Michael, this group had many hits. If you want something a little slower, try "Careless Whisper" by this artist.

16. **Duran Duran** - "Hungry Like the Wolf"- Although Duran Duran had many hits in the 80s, this one seems to be the song most identify the group with. Duran Duran continues to release albums, but they simply aren't the same as their earlier music.

17. **Dexy's Midnight Runners** - "Come on Eileen"- One hit wonder, but fabulous song.

18. **Cutting Crew** - "(I just) Died in Your Arms"- Another great 80s love song.

19. **Fine Young Cannibals** - "She Drives Me Crazy"- This is another one-hit wonder identified with the 80s. The group could never really top themselves after this song. Needless to say, it belongs on the play list.

20. **Naked Eyes** - "Always Something There to Remind Me"- One of my personal favorites.

Also, any song from Tears for Fears, Foreigner, Bryan Adams and Genesis would make for a great 80s playlist.

## Trendspotter: 80s Flashforward

BY MEGAN MANCE

Beacon Staff Writer

You'd have to be blind not to notice that styles from the 80s are coming back with a vengeance. Big hair, costume jewelry and headbands are all making their second round.

**Leg Warmers**- One of my favorite looks from the 80s is a little Lycra garment I like to call leggings. Yes, leggings are back and are taking fashion by storm. Formally worn with oversized off-the-shoulder sweatshirts (ala *Flashdance*), leggings went out of style for a few years and were worn to the least fashionable place in the world, the gym. Now leggings are back looking chic as ever. Worn with a mini skirts or tunics, leggings are a great way to keep warm and look cute at the same time. Leggings look great with a sexy pair of heels, cute flats or even a pair of Converse Kicks.

**Rocker T-shirts**- Take a look in your parents' closet and you're bound to find some rocker t-shirts stuffed way back in the corner. There was a time when these t-shirts were only worn at concerts or as pajamas, but those times are long gone. Rocker t-shirts are back in action and can be found just about anywhere. The Beatles, AC/DC, and Led Zeppelin t-shirts (just to name a few) are all making their way back into stores such as The Bon-Ton, Boscovs, and TJMaxx. So, if you feel like being a rock star for a day, throw a white t-shirt under a rocker shirt and you're ready to go. Rock on!

**Converse Sneakers**- What used to be the original basketball shoe in the 80s worn by legends such as Wilt Chamberlain, Larry Bird, Magic Johnson, has now made its way into a definite trend this year for guys and girls alike. Also known as "Chuck Taylors," converse sneakers are finally making their way back as a fashion statement. The new colors and patterns are funky and cute, and look great with shorts, skirts, or pants. If you're brave, you can even get yourself a pair of hightops, which usually fold over with a different pattern inside. Some guys even throw them on with a tuxedo, which is a brave but unique fashion statement. So throw on a pair of "chucks" with the outfit of your choice and let your feet do the talkin'.



Courtesy of converse.com



## Preview: Wrestling MAC Championships

### *Colonels look to top conference rivals Lycoming and Delaware Valley*

BY ARIEL COHEN  
Beacon Asst. Sports Editor

Even with the upset handed to Wilkes grapplers at Saturday's dual meet against Scranton, the team is psyched for the MAC Championships this Saturday at Elizabethtown College.

The Wilkes wrestling team is currently ranked 30th in the nation and is looking to have a lot of success in the championship match. "Our goal is to win the MAC title and qualify as many as we can to nationals," said head coach Jon Laudenslager.

The match last weekend was a hard-fought battle between the two conference rivals. Scranton jumped out to an early 6-0 when Scranton wrestler Rich Russell won the first match on a forfeit win. The Royals would go on to win several more matches eventually extending their lead to 27-6.

By this point in the match, the Colonels had had enough and began to get back into the swing of things with wins from Justin Barowski, Tom Leggio and Rex Harris.

Even with the late surge, the Colonels lost the dual match by just one point 27-26.

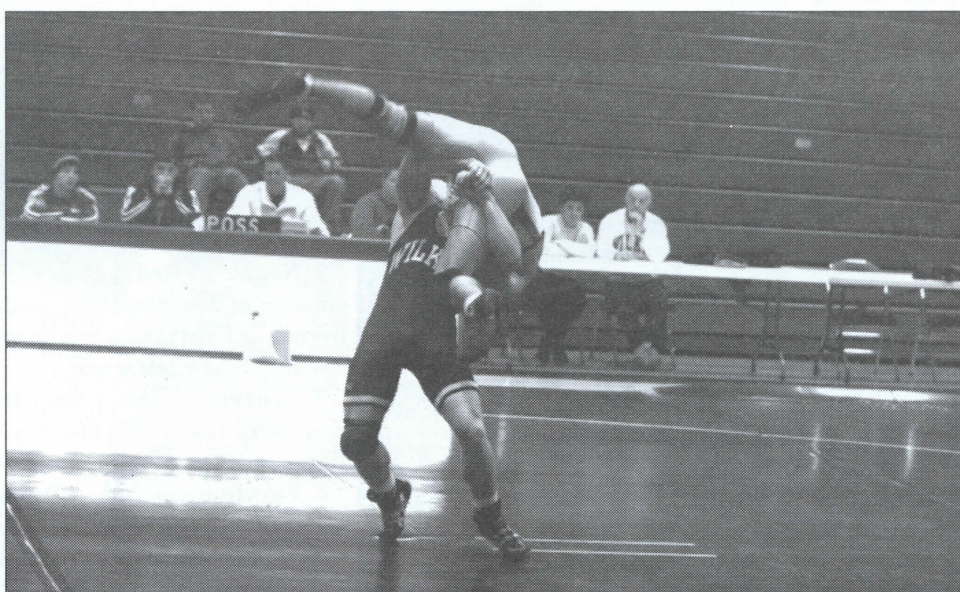
After ending the 2005 Championships in 5th place with 87.5 points behind rivals King's, Lycoming and Delaware Valley, the Colonels are definitely looking to walk away with the first place trophy this year.

"Going into the tournament we [the wrestling team] are probably picked behind Lycoming and Delaware Valley. They are two of our four losses [and] it will be nice to get a second chance at topping them," stated Laudenslager.

Laudenslager believes that freshman Filipe Queiroz and senior Rex Harris will have the chance to make it into top seed positions at the championships. Brandon Kelly, Erik Smith, Keith Altiery and Josh Pauling should also receive a top four seed.

"[I] just want to thank this year's squad for an excellent year and for their effort establishing themselves at the national level," said Laudenslager.

The Mid-Atlantic Conference Championships will take place this Saturday, February 18 at 10 a.m.



The Beacon/Todd Weibel

Wilkes' Stephen Franko suplexes Scranton's Steve Tatum to the mat for a takedown in Wilkes' 27-26 loss to the Royals on Saturday evening. The Royals shocked the Colonels who are now ranked 30th in the Adidas-Brute National Poll. The Blue and Gold will participate in the MAC Championships held at Elizabethtown College this Saturday beginning at 10 a.m.

## COMMENTARY

### Is this the end of the MAC as we know it?

*Teams leaving the MAC could have drastic consequences for the conference*

BY RYAN DIPPRE  
Beacon Sports Editor

The hasty departure of the Moravian, Juniata and Susquehanna football programs from the MAC may be more than just an attempt to open up the conference to more out-of-conference play; it may be the beginning of a new era in the Middle Atlantic Conference.

The MAC has undergone shifts before. In existence since 1912, the MAC has adjusted to the changing times rather well, adding and dropping teams as necessary while slowly becoming one of the largest conferences in Division III. The most recent change occurred in the early 1990s, when DeSales University replaced Upsala College and the conference split into two distinct leagues: the Freedom Conference and the Commonwealth Conference.

This dual-league existence is still in effect for all sports except football, where the dearth of schools that supported football teams caused the MAC to create a single, eleven-team conference.

Although the two-league conference has

served most varsity sports well, MAC football has become an oddity across the nation. A schedule was designed that allowed ten of the eleven teams to schedule a non-conference opponent, while the eleventh team played all ten conference opponents. Since the MAC champion in football is based on in-conference win percentage (there is no time for a championship tournament or even a single game before the NCAA Tournament begins), the tenth conference game for the eleventh team was counted as a non-conference game.

Confused yet? Keep in mind that most teams only have between six and eight conference opponents.

This strange alignment might have worked out fine if it weren't for one minor problem—the NCAA tournament. When the MAC was restructured in the early 1990s, only 16 teams went to the football tournament. The 2006 season was the first season that 32 teams went, which means there is more opportunity for teams to receive "Pool C" bids, or wildcard selections to the tournament.

Since MAC teams have had so little experience with non-conference opponents, they

tend to be overlooked in the selection process. This past season, the NCAA shocked Division III by picking Wilkes as the 32nd seed in the tournament after D3football.com's Pat Coleman asserted that "the MAC isn't respected enough" to earn more than one playoff spot.

The MAC as we know it right now may be an effective arrangement, particularly for sports other than football, but it still has its drawbacks.

The loss of Juniata, Susquehanna and Moravian to other conferences will have a vast impact on the MAC, although not immediately. The football teams will finish the 2006 season in the MAC, and the future of other sports are up in the air.

It is plausible that the MAC could allow the other varsity sports for Juniata, Moravian, and Susquehanna to remain in the conference, thus giving football the room for scheduling non-conference opponents that it needs while keeping the stable two-tier conference system that exists for other sports.

The problem with this is that in Article IV, paragraph one of the conference bylaws, it states that "no member of the corporation

may at the same time be a member of another NCAA Division III conference." Altering this rule would give every sport what it needs, opening football to the rest of the country while keeping the competitiveness in other sports for which the MAC is so well-known.

So long as the teams lost in the MAC remain only football teams, only good things can happen to the conference. The football programs in the MAC will gain more attention in national rankings, and other sports will still have two-conference stability in addition to maintaining two automatic NCAA berths. The football teams lost would not greatly upset the balance of power—let's face facts, ten scarecrows and a pumpkin with a sad face drawn on it could pull out a 36-13 win against Juniata—since no teams were established powerhouses.

All that remains to be seen is whether the MAC allows these three schools to remain split in their conference loyalties. With luck, officials will see the positive light that this change is shedding on the conference and its student-athletes, and help to keep one of the oldest conferences in the country going strong.



## Chattin' with Past Colonels

### Wrestling head coach Jon Laudenslager

BY RICH HANNICK  
Beacon Staff Writer

This week's Chattin' with Past Colonels finds us on the wrestling mats. *Beacon* reporter Rich Hannick recently had an opportunity to sit down with varsity wrestling coach Jon Laudenslager about why he chose Wilkes University, what he learned and what he passes on to his players.

**Richard Hannick (RH):** Who were your influences as a youngster?

**Jon Laudenslager (JL):** My coaches growing up were major influences on me and I am just trying to provide the same leadership and direction they provided me.

**RH:** What attracted you to wrestle for Wilkes?

**JL:** I was recruited out of high school (Pocono Mountain) and the atmosphere and location. The coach at the time, John Reese, sold me on the school the day I came for a visit. I visited here in the morning and Bloomsburg in the afternoon. By about 30 minutes into the visit at Bloomsburg, I knew Wilkes had so much more to offer me, and it just felt like a perfect fit.

**RH:** What honors or accolades did you receive in your wrestling days on campus?

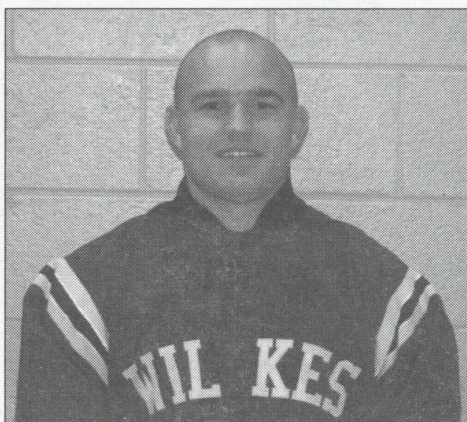
**JL:** Finished 5th place in the E.I.W.A.--the conference before we got back into the MAC--and was the E.I.W.A. Freshman of the Year. I was two-time captain, outstanding wrestler and [received the] coaches award.

**RH:** How do you use your own wrestling experiences to teach your players?

**JL:** I have been wrestling since I was 5, but I would say the best experiences and knowledge the staff and I try to teach the guys is teaching them to teach themselves and educating them about the sport, having them understand their strengths and weaknesses and trying to improve each and everyday on the weaknesses.

**RH:** What do you teach your players about life after wrestling?

**JL:** It's funny, but wrestling *is* life. There has been a quote on the wrestling wall since I arrived at Wilkes, "Victory goes to those who are willing to pay the price." That is so true, not only in wrestling, but school and life as well. The no-quit and determination of a wrestler on the mat all comes down to



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**Coach Laudenslager--a two-time captain of the Wilkes wrestling team as a player--is now in his third season at the helm of the Colonels.**

the faith and trust in his preparation. Endless hours of conditioning and drilling all for a three second feeling when the referee raises your hand in victory...is the same as achieving success outside the sport...if you prepare the right way and do the steps necessary to achieve greatness. Then you already won, because you have given your-

self the best opportunity to win. But if you cut corners or don't put forth an honest effort in your work the results will show.

**RH:** How does wrestling prepare one for life?

**JL:** It teaches you to never stop battling and be confident. I think it all goes back to the quote from above...because it's a sport that requires a commitment to excellence. Think about the test at the end of the week...if you do not prepare with studying, class attendance and tutoring if needed...the end result is a failing grade. Same principle with the sport, or, in this instance, life. Be on time and get after life with a positive attitude and our guys are going to be successful.

**RH:** What are some things you would not have been able to do without wrestling?

**JL:** It's provided me with an opportunity to work with outstanding men who have given many hours of training toward reaching their potential and becoming champions. But I certainly would not have had the opportunity to have all these achy muscles for all these years without wrestling. Ha. Ha. Got to love it.

## Commercialism Gone Right

### Ads took the yawn out of Super Bowl

Beacon Sports Staff Editorial

Ben Roethlisberger may have been shaking off the hangover from his AFC Championship celebration, and Seattle may have decided to pack it in after gaining an insurmountable three point lead, but advertising companies were on the ball for Super Sunday. The *Beacon* Sports staff celebrates the top five commercials that kept everyone awake during one of the most boring Super Bowls in recent memory.

#### 1) Americquest's "Don't judge too quickly."

Nothing tops emotionally scarring a child by accident, as this instant Super Bowl commercial classic proves.

#### 2) Careerbuilder.com's "I work with a bunch of jackasses."

We never saw the end of this commercial coming. It was a nice surprise that got a laugh out of a running joke.

#### 3) Sprint's "Crime deterrent phone."

Spiking a random object off of somebody's head is a dream that many share. It's good to finally see how great of a dream it really is.

#### 4) Michelob's "The world of light beer just got a little darker."

One unnamed editor beat this commercial to the punch during a tense game of whiffle-ball. It's high time someone else saw the comic genius in this backyard tactic.

#### 5) Bud Light's "Camping."

Stephen Colbert has been warning people about the dangers of bears on *The Colbert Report* for months now. Thanks for spreading the word, Bud Light.

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# GAME OF THE WEEK

## NBA: San Antonio Spurs @ Philadelphia 76ers



### Spurs travel east to take on the 76ers

BY KEVIN REED  
Beacon Staff Writer

As the midpoint of the NBA season nears, every team wants to put itself in the best possible position come playoff time.

The San Antonio Spurs are looking to increase their already high seed in the Western Conference standings while the Philadelphia 76ers are fighting off opponents at the bottom of the Eastern Conference bracket. Both teams will look to enhance their playoff outlooks when the Spurs head into the Wachovia Center in Philadelphia to take on the Sixers.

San Antonio, the defending NBA champions, bring with them a wealth of skill to the court, not just in their starting five, but off the bench as well. Think of the Spurs and the natural leap is to Tim Duncan. He is easily the team's exemplary and emotional leader.

Flanking Duncan are: perennial all-pro Manu Ginobili, who could possibly be one of the most exciting and versatile players in the entire league; defensive specialist Bruce Bowen; and sharpshooters Brent Barry, Nick Van Exel, and Tony Parker. The Spurs can also boast depth from the bench when they can cycle such players into a game as guard Michael Finley and forward Robert Horry.

The Spurs are also well-coached with Air Force grad Gregg Popovich running the show. Popovich has been one of the most consistently successful coaches in recent NBA history with a 493-243 career win-loss record.

The Philadelphia 76ers have been busy treading water in the Eastern Conference standings all year long. The team does not have as much depth in its roster as the Spurs, but it does boast a well-assembled corps of stars, role players, and youth that has served well over the course of this season.

Like the Spurs, the 76ers have a bonafide star in Allen Iverson, who has played his entire nine-year career in Philadelphia. He is more often than not at the top of the league in scoring averages and other offensive categories, though he has been in and out of the lineup lately due to some nagging injuries. It is imperative that Iverson be on the court against a premier team such as the Spurs.

His supporting cast includes big-men

Chris Webber and Samuel Dalembert as well as three-point extraordinaire Kyle Korver and the other A.I., Andre Iguodala. As far as depth from the bench, it depends on the night and how well the Sixers are performing as a team. Bench players Kevin Ollie, John Salmons, and Shavlik Randolph will have to play great games to help out their teammates should the starters get into foul trouble.

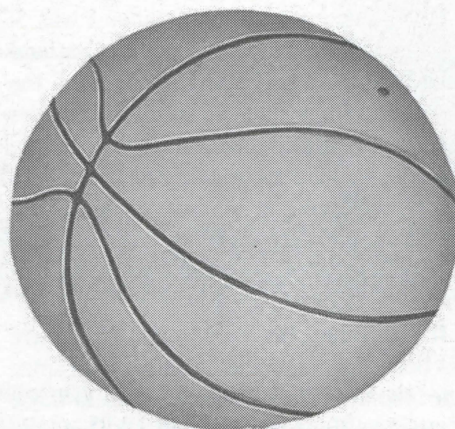
Look for how well the Sixers defend Tim Duncan, and whether they use Dalembert, Webber, or both in order to stop one of the best players in the league. Also, the performances of each team's bench will be a big factor in determining which team comes out on top. The home crowd may be behind the Sixers in this one, but the skill level of the Spurs will be too much for them.

#### The Pick:

San Antonio 97, Philadelphia 88



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### Double Take

*Sarah examines the stats that truly matter*

BY SARAH HERBERT  
Beacon Features Editor

Finally, a real sport hits the pages of *The Beacon*. Gone are the days of football and hockey (for now).

This week's game of the week is a face off between the San Antonio Spurs and the Philadelphia 76ers.

While I do enjoy a good game of basketball, I don't really watch NBA teams. I don't even think I have a favorite one.

However, I do have an interesting anecdote. I think I'm a pretty intelligent person; however, I lack common sense. Big time. Just a few weeks ago someone asked me if I knew why the Philadelphia team was called the 76ers.

Well of course, I had no idea. It would be far too strenuous for me to put two and two together. Upon finding out the reason, I felt ridiculously stupid. And for those of you out there who don't know why, I won't spoil it for you. There is an excellent opportunity for a blonde moment waiting for you.

Anyhow, the last time the Game of the Week featured San Antonio, I offered a list of reasons why Texas is a bad place. It seems to be the breeding ground for unintelligent people of celebrity status i.e. Jessica Simpson and our wonderful President (we all love you, Mr. Bush).

On the other hand, it would be completely unlike me to ever pick a Philadelphia team to win.

What do I do? I find myself in quite the predicament. Do I break my long standing record of being anti-Philadelphia or do I side with the Texans?

You know what? I'm feeling good this week. I think I'll go with Philly on this one. You won't ever catch me rooting for the Eagles, so I might as well give the basketballers the benefit of the doubt.

After all, I do owe it to them since I was so confused about their team name. Go Sixers.



## Athlete of the Week

### Men's Basketball: Mike Constantine

BY ADRIENNE RICHARDS  
Beacon Staff Writer

Although the Wilkes men's basketball team appears to be in a slump, recently losing four out of their last five games, key player Mike Constantine proves an impeccable record isn't everything.

With Constantine's competitive nature, it is frustrating and nerve-racking for him to lose, but that doesn't stop Constantine and the rest of the team from playing their hardest.

"We're in a rough patch right now, [but] we can't give up," said Constantine.

Senior shooting guard Constantine knows his role on the team is to get open and shoot when he has the opportunity. Constantine finds his success comes with patience, "I try not to press. I have to be patient and take shots when they come to me."

In addition to his patient nature Constantine pays tribute to his teammates for setting screens, making sure he is open and getting him in the best possible position to shoot.

One of Constantine's fellow teammates, Tyler Jenkins said, "He's a phenomenal shooter. Every time the ball goes up you know it's going in."

"He's our point of emphasis. He has great timing coming off screens and finding the open shot," head men's basketball coach Jerry Rickrode noted.

Rickrode attributes Constantine's stellar shot to his work ethic. Constantine has worked on his individual skills (shooting) both in and out of season. It's all about repetition for Constantine.

Besides basketball skills, teammates and friends know Constantine has underlying musical ability as well. Jenkins shares, "He's an exceptional rapper. He's good at what he does, both basketball and rapping."



Courtesy of Sports Information

**Constantine led the Colonels with 16 points in Saturday's game against FDU-Florham. The Colonels snapped their losing streak with an 88-61 victory.**

"He's come a long way, really matured and has improved his leadership ability as well," said Rickrode.

As a senior, Constantine has stepped up his leadership skills as well as positioning himself as one of the leading scorers on the team. In the past four games Constantine has averaged 16.25 points.

"I don't think he's ever missed three consecutive shots. Out of three shots, he's definitely making one or two," explained Jenkins.

The Colonels, after a brilliant 7-0 conference record start to the year, are now looking to lock in a high seed for the Freedom Conference Tournament.

Lycoming College defeated King's College on Saturday afternoon, placing King's, Lycoming, and Wilkes in a three-way tie behind the University of Scranton. The Colonels have a chance to knock off King's and build a winning streak to ride into the playoffs during the coming week.

If Constantine can lead his teammates through to victory in the coming days, the Colonels will be in a good position to dominate the Freedom Conference tournament.



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**Senior Rena Bolin moves downcourt against FDU-Florham in Saturday's game at the Henry Gymnasium. Wilkes fell to the Lady Devils 96-76 in their final home game of the season. The Lady Colonels will see action again on Tuesday, when they face crosstown rival King's College.**

## WEEKEND RECAPS

### Men's Basketball

Five Colonels hit the double-digits on Saturday afternoon as Wilkes cruised to an 88-61 victory over FDU-Florham. The Colonels' win snapped a four-game drought and improved their record to 12-8 overall and 8-4 in the MAC. Senior Mike Constantine led Wilkes with 16 points. John Sclafani, Greg Cardamone, Dan Adams and Evan Walters also broke into double-digits during the contest.

### Women's Basketball

The Lady Colonels made a brilliant effort, paved by senior Rena Bolin's game-high 25 points, but ultimately fell to FDU-Florham 96-76 in the Henry Gymnasium on Saturday. Wilkes fell to 6-17 overall and 2-10 in conference play in its final home game of the season. Other key Lady Colonel contributions came from senior Andrea Kacprowicz's 14 points and Randi Corbo's 15 points. Sophomore Lacy Andresen also chipped in with eleven points.

### Wrestling

The nationally ranked Colonels fell to the University of Scranton 27-26 on Saturday evening. Rex Harris won his 30th match of the season when he pinned Dave Rohan in the 197 lb. class, but one point would prove the difference in the hard-fought loss on Saturday evening. The Colonels will return to the mat at Elizabethtown College next Saturday to take part in the MAC Championships.

## NUMBERS OF THE WEEK

4

Number of players on the women's basketball team who hit double-digits in Saturday's game against FDU-Florham.

30

Wins by wrestler Rex Harris so far this season. Harris tallied his 30th win against FDU-Florham on Saturday.

25

Points by women's basketball player Rena Bolin in Saturday's game against FDU-Florham.

5

Number of players who hit double-digits in scoring during Saturday's men's basketball game against FDU-Florham.



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## Wilkes/King's set for Valentine's Day Massacre

*Colonels enter game 1 1/2 games behind first place Scranton*

BY NICK PODOLAK

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This Valentine's Day, you can put a lid on the candlelit dinner... The men's basketball team commences the final week of its regular season with cross-town rival King's Tuesday night.

After spending the first month of the season sitting pretty atop the Conference standings at 7-1, the Colonels (8-4 Freedom, 12-8 overall) now find themselves in a third place tie with Lycoming after dropping four of its last five games.

The top four teams make the MAC playoffs. "We definitely have to win out if we want to win the conference," said sophomore guard Chris Shovlin, who leads the team in scoring with 17.2 per game.

Shovlin, who was benched for the past two games for violating team policy, was sorely missed in Wednesday's loss to Scranton, which featured a plethora of fouls, hasty shot selection and troubles

at the charity line. Scranton's win catapulted the team past the Colonels and into first place following King's loss to Lycoming.

"Hey, that's team policy," said head coach Jerry Rickrode, who had to listen to the game via radio due to the flu bug. "If someone breaks team rules, I believe in teaching the men a lesson."

After snapping a four game losing streak to FDU-Florham on Saturday, the Blue and Gold should be back in top form as they enter Tuesday's contest only one game behind the second place Monarchs.

However, Wilkes should see a much-improved King's team than the one that lost 77-76 in OT last November the Marts Center.

Keep an eye on Mike Constantine who has stepped it up beyond the arch all season with 51 threes and big-man Evan Walters who leads the league in blocked shots (54). He is second in the defensive rebounds category to Kings' Jaime Cousart, who averages 5.67

a game. Steve Kline and Jeremy "The Cable Guy" Kable should also provide some three point relief early off the bench.

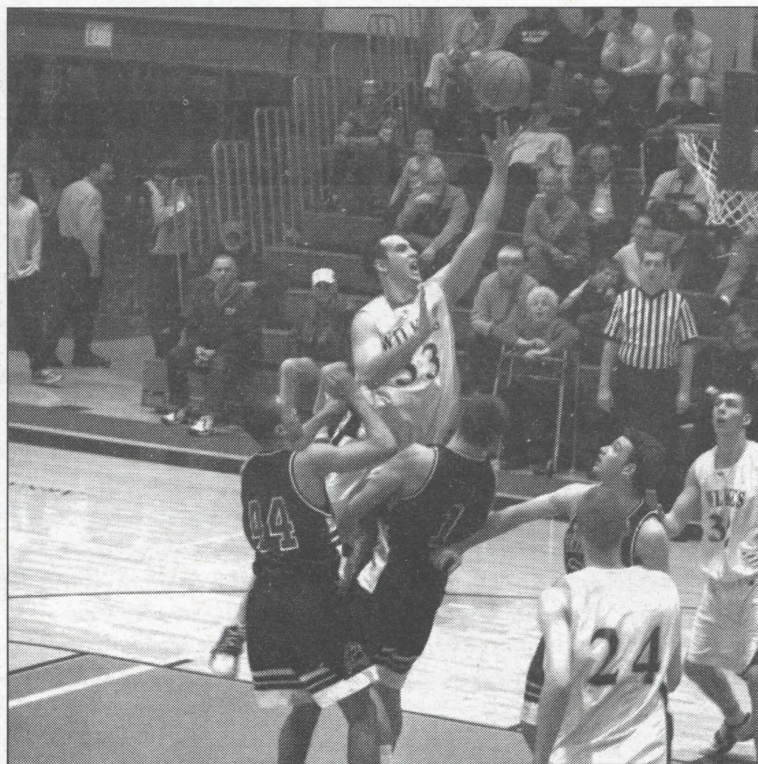
Beginning the season 2-6, the Monarchs rattled off six straight wins and have been a force to be reckoned with ever since.

The women will also be in action Tuesday afternoon. They don't have a chance at making the playoffs, but they do have something to play for: they haven't beaten King's in over ten years.

The team, (2-10, 6-17 overall) already has two more wins than last year under first year head coach Rachel Hartung, and continues to improve.

"I'm very pleased. We had a bunch of close games that could have gone either way, though I wish we ended up more successful," Hartung said.

The women will be in action Tuesday, February 14 at 6:00 p.m. in Kings College's Scanlon Gym, as the men will play at the same place at 8:00. Be there.



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Greg Cardamone leaps for a bucket in Saturday's 88-61 win over visiting FDU-Florham. The team travels to King's College on Tuesday for an 8 PM tipoff and then closes out their regular season on Saturday against Drew.

## Campus Calendar

### All Week

\*Johnnie Winona Ross: Abstract Paintings, Sordoni Art Gallery

### Monday (2/13)

\*In Courage, Love, and Duty Bound: Family Caregivers and Their Patients, HSC Ballroom - 6 p.m.

\*NAACP Meeting, HSC Miller Conference Room - 7:30 to 9 p.m.

### Tuesday (2/14)

\*Valentine's Day

\*An informational table about National Condom Week and

STDs offering lollipops and pamphlets, HSC - 11 to 1 p.m.

\*Women's basketball @ King's - 6 p.m.

\*Men's basketball @ King's - 8 p.m.

### Wednesday (2/15)

\*No events scheduled for today

### Thursday (2/16)

\*Sexual Jeopardy, HSC Ballroom - 12 to 1 p.m.

### Friday (2/17)

\*Winter Weekend

\*Closer Than Ever, Theatre

Arts Production, DDD - 8 p.m.

### Saturday (2/18)

\*Winter Weekend

\*Wrestling @ MAC Championship - 10 a.m.

\*Women's basketball @ Drew - 1 p.m.

\*Men's basketball @ Drew - 3 p.m.

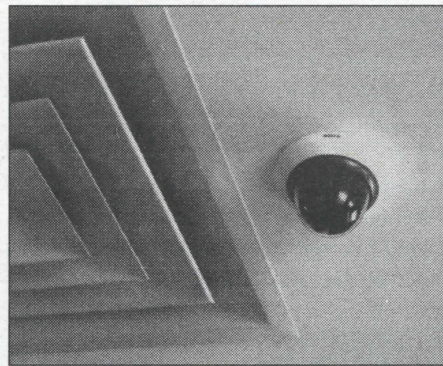
\*Closer Than Ever, Theatre Arts Production, DDD - 8 p.m.

### Sunday (2/19)

\*Winter Weekend

\*Closer Than Ever, Theatre Arts Production, DDD - 2 p.m.

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Congratulations to Carolyn Carpenter who correctly identified last week's secret shot, which was taken in Kirby Hall