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Pharmacy school to see 12.7% hike in tuition, others 6%

BY KRISTIN KILE
Beacon News Editor

Administrators proposed the budget for the 2005-06 Wilkes University academic year last week, outlining a \$988 (6%) tuition hike for the general student population, and a \$2,690 (12.7%) increase for pharmacy students. Both numbers are up from last year's tuition increase of 3.96%.

Both Mike Frantz, Vice President of Enrollment, and Scott Byers, Vice President of Finance and Support Operations, were on-hand at Wednesday evening's Student Government (SG) meeting to discuss the budget. Provost Maravene Loeschke also attended the meeting, but was not part of the presentation.

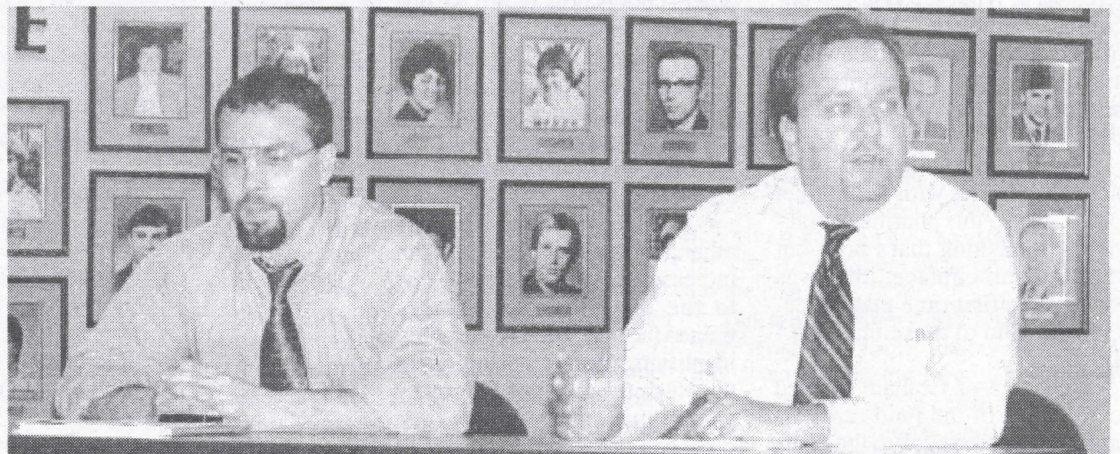
The varying increases mark

the first time Wilkes has proposed a differential tuition between pharmacy and other disciplines. Since its inception in 1996, the pharmacy school has always been treated equally in terms of tuition.

Needless to say, many of those in the pharmacy program—professors and students alike—are not particularly pleased with the proposal.

While pointing out that the administration asked for his input during the decision making process, Dr. Bernie Graham, Dean of the Nesbitt School of Pharmacy and Nursing, said that the choice to go to differential tuition was "an issue that was decided by the

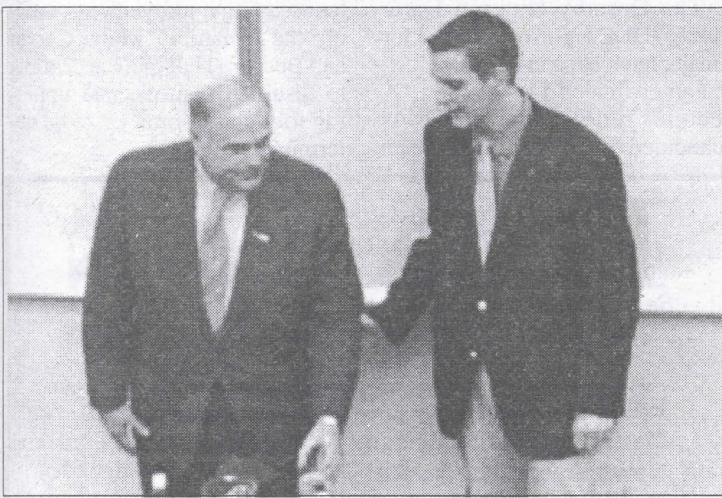
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Mike Frantz, Vice President of Enrollment, and Scott Byers, Vice President of Finance and Support Operations, presented the 2005-06 budget to SG, which proposes a 6% increase in tuition and a 12.7% increase for pharmacy tuition.

Rendell visits campus



The Beacon/Nick Zmijewski

Pennsylvania Governor Edward Rendell visited campus on April 6 to support the newly approved Young Democrats club.

Rendell's visit came simultaneously with SG recognition of the club Wednesday evening,

with SG voting to approve it in the middle of governor's Q&A session in Stark 166.

During that Q&A the governor responded to the potential pur-

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Alleged rape raises awareness

BY VICKI WHITE
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Wilkes University is still reacting to an alleged rape that occurred in a campus residence hall recently—the first attack of its kind to be reported on the campus in five years.

According to a Community Notification posted throughout campus on April 1, an alleged rape occurred on campus "on or about March 31" and was reported shortly thereafter to university officials.

Due to the nature of the incident, the names of the victim and the alleged attacker are being withheld. But university officials investigating the matter believe the victim knew the alleged attacker.

As Director of Support Services Christopher Bailey cited, "Statistics show that almost 80% of all sexual assaults are committed by an acquaintance of the vic-

tim."

But Bailey, and other university officials point to both the recent incident, as well as such national statistics with the hope that they will help root out the occurrence of sexual assaults.

"This is an opportunity for us to go out and educate the campus," Paul Adams, Vice President of Student Affairs said.

"When acts are reported, we must notify people. It doesn't mean that every assault that has occurred here has become known to us (campus officials)," Adams explained.

"People act in a myriad of ways when these things happen, and while we hope that people will come forward and report it, we do recognize that the nature of the crime is such that people just choose not to," Adams said.

Although to Wilkes University the occurrence of sexual as-

saults and rapes may seem low, studies show that sexual crimes go widely unreported.

"I have seen numbers as high as 90% [of sexual assaults] aren't reported. So if you take those numbers, if we have one that is reported, we have nine more at or around the same time that haven't been," said Bailey.

University services and officials are continuing to offer educational programs to students throughout the remainder of this semester and into the fall.

However, as Barbara King, Associate Dean of Student Affairs noted, "The problem is that you are never going to get 100% participation on campus to go to the educational sessions. It never pertains to students until it happens to them personally, and that's unfortunate."

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president's cabinet and not by the folks in pharmacy."

Byers and Frantz, both members of that cabinet, explained their decision to SG, saying that while there has never been a differential at Wilkes, it is not an uncommon practice. Most pharmacy schools differentiate when students enter the pharmacy school or the last two years of the program.

"We...tried to align our practices for pricing with the market place, and so this pharmacy practice is something that's been out there, commonplace...this was kind of the first time that we decided to kind of make that leap," Byers said.

However, as Graham pointed out, "none of the funds are earmarked to come back to the pharmacy program specifically." Instead, the additional revenues brought in from the dramatic increase in pharmacy tuition will go into the universities general pool of funds.

Byers explained that tuition dollars aren't allocated for pharmacy exclusively because the university operates on an institutional basis, rather than a departmental one. Byers thinks this is more effective given the size of the school.

"The revenue comes back into the institution and through the budgeting process we assign it to the appropriate priorities of the institution," Byers said.

Julia Buss, SG President and 2nd year pharmacy student, attended the presentation Wednesday,

day, and says following suit with other schools was not enough of a justification to convince her of the increase.

"It justifies it in a way, but to the point...are we just following other schools now or are we doing what is right for the students?" she said.

However, Robert Bireley, freshman computer science major and SG representative thinks the reasoning for the tuition increase in pharmacy is justified.

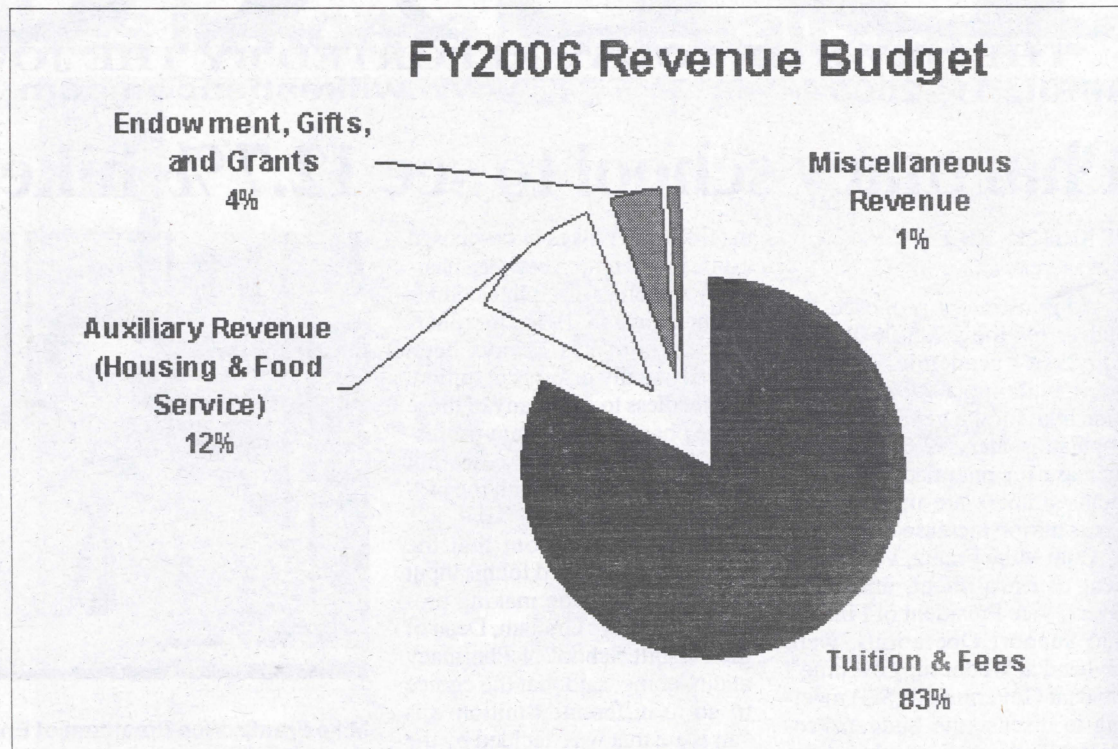
"Pharmacy school, like any other professional school, has an increased cost of operation due to the need for more highly trained faculty," Bireley said. "By identifying the fact that tuition for the Nesbitt School of Pharmacy was significantly lower than other competing universities, Mr. Byers justified the increase in the cost of attendance."

Some students at the SG meeting raised concerns that pharmacy students are not eligible to receive financial aid in their 5th and 6th years and the increase will make it even more expensive for them.

However, Frantz maintained, "If you look at the pricing of others, it's very competitively priced," Frantz said.

Currently, out of state tuition at pharmacy schools in the Mid Atlantic Region range from \$17,133 at Rutgers University to \$31,920 at the University of Massachusetts at Worcester. Next year pharmacy tuition at Wilkes will be \$23,346.

Being such, Frantz said that



he doesn't feel the increase will affect enrollment in the program at all.

Capital Improvements

Also included in the budget are improvements to the University. This year's capital budget calls for \$1.65 million more than last year, bringing the figure up to just over \$4 million.

Eight hundred thousand dollars is included in the proposal for the conjoined Delaware and Chesapeake residence halls. The building will go under two phases of renovation with an estimated total of \$1.5 million, with phase II

slated to be budgeted in 2007.

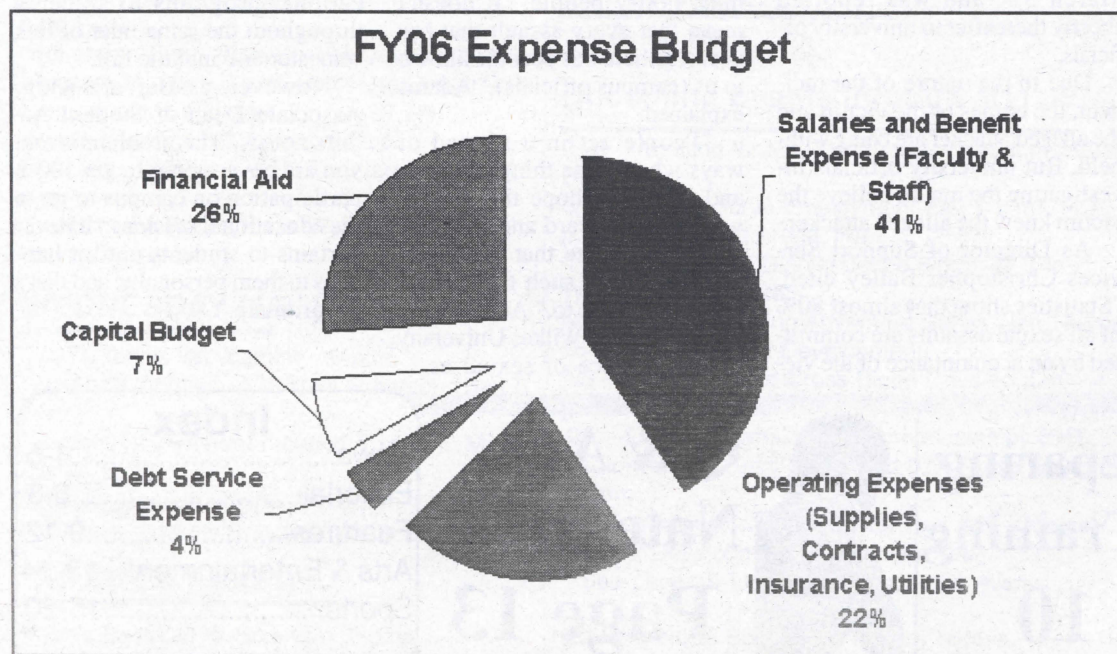
"Delaware/Chesapeake is a building that we've got lots of feed back on and it hasn't all been positive. So it's in need of some major renovations," Byers said.

The Dorothy Dickson Darte Center (DDD) is also budgeted for a major renovation in 2005-06, costing an estimated \$1.4 million. A second renovation phase is scheduled for 2007 and costing an

additional \$1 million.

Byers explained that some parts of the DDD's infrastructure are "upwards of 25 years old. So it's on its last legs."

Other renovations include landscaping improvements, making the Arnaud C. Martz Center and Bedford Hall more accessible to disabled visitors, and updating four classrooms yet to be determined.



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Courtesy: Associated Press

Man Sent to Jail While Trying to Bail Brother Out

GREENSBURG, IN--A man who went to the sheriff's department to bond out his brother-in-law also ended up in jail when police realized the money he handed them reeked of marijuana.

Timothy Richards, 45, of Columbus, went to the Decatur County Sheriff's Department and when he handed dispatcher Julie Meyers \$400, she counted it and then noticed something unusual.

State Trooper Chip Ayers found a pipe and a small amount of marijuana and charged Timothy Richards with possession. If convicted, he could face six months to three years in prison and a \$10,000 fine.

Richards remained in jail for several hours Tuesday - until his brother-in-law made bail and came back to pay his own \$250 bond.

Cockroach Fumigation Causes Explosion

PERTH, Australia--An overzealous attempt to rid a Thai restaurant of cockroaches sparked an explosion that blew the eatery apart, emergency services said Thursday.

Three men were hospitalized with burns after they set off 36 cockroach fumigation devices - aerosol cans filled with chemicals - which apparently exploded after their contents came into contact with an oven pilot light.

Medical Papers Fly in the Street

CLEVELAND, OH--That was patient confidentiality blowing in the wind.

About 3,000 highly detailed patient hospital statements blew across busy downtown streets and sidewalks Tuesday after a box fell off a delivery truck, the Cleveland Clinic said.

Executives in business suits and uniformed Cleveland Clinic security officers crisscrossed the area, picking up papers as motorists already slowed to a crawl by road construction watched and honked.

The patient statements included patient names, patient numbers, home addresses, insurers and policy numbers, treating physicians, admission and discharge dates and detailed billing information.

Man dies after police shoot him with bean bags

COLUMBUS, GA--A man who telephoned a hot line to say he had a gun and was dreaming of killing children died after police shot him with supposedly non-lethal bean bag projectiles, officials said.

Lester Zachary died Wednesday at a hospital, two days after he was shot at his home with two bean bag bullets.

Zachary, 45, died of internal bleeding caused by a bullet hitting his spleen area, Muscogee County Coroner James Dunnavant said Thursday.

A bean bag bullet is intended by police as a non-lethal alternative to shooting someone with a gun, Police Chief Ricky Boren said.

The silver dollar-sized bean bag is compressed in a shell casing and loaded into a specialized 12-gauge shotgun. It is designed to create an impact strong enough to make suspects fall to the ground so officers can handcuff them.

In this case, the coroner said, the bullet caused internal bleeding. Zachary could not be operated on because he was on blood thinners from a heart condition, Dunnavant said.

April is national autism awareness month

BY JULIE MELF

Beacon Asst. News Editor

Although it has been over 30 years since April was declared National Autism Awareness Month, many people across the country are still in the dark about what autism is really all about.

With the rising rate of incidents, autism has become a national concern. According to Centers for Disease Control statistics, autism now affects one in every 166 children born in the United States. It is the fastest-growing developmental disability in the nation. Each day, 50 children are diagnosed with the disability.

That what propels cureautismnow.org to state, "If you don't know someone with autism, you will soon."

Freshman pre-pharmacy major Christine Corser is one of many individuals nationwide who has neither heard about the developmental disability nor knew that the month of April was dedicated to advocating awareness.

"I did not [know April was Autism Awareness Month] and I don't know what autism is even though I feel that I should," she admitted.

To shed light on the disease, the Autism Society of America (ASA) established the month of April as National Autism Awareness Month in 1972, to provide an opportunity for the autism community to come together as a collective effort to bring public attention to the autism epidemic.

Autism, first identified in 1943, is a brain disorder that affects an individual's ability to communicate, to reason, and to interact with others. It is a spectrum disorder that affects each person differently and to varying degrees of severity. Autism is also often found in combination with other disorders, such as mental retardation and epilepsy, and it is more common than childhood cancer, cystic fibrosis, and multiple sclerosis combined.

Dr. Carl Charnetski, professor of psychology at Wilkes was told in graduate school that he would probably never see or treat a case of autism, which proved far from the truth.

Today he works with children who have autism spectrum disorder on a consultative basis and understands why treatment can

be somewhat complicated.

"The problem is that we are only ten steps up a hundred step ladder and the cause is so illusive, there are probably multiple causes...The range of social behavior of the disorder is so broad...on one end of the spectrum individuals can have no verbal skills at all and on other end you can have individuals like Albert Einstein who we believe had Asperger's Syndrome, which is known as high-functioning autism," Charnetski said.

Charnetski also feels that the ability to better diagnosis the disorder and several theories regarding the cause of autism may be why the numbers of those afflicted are on the rise.

But while doctors and researchers are improving their ability to diagnosis autism, the disease remains largely an enigma. There is still no single cause for autism. It is not a mental illness and currently no known psychological factors in a child's development have been shown to cause autism.

"The strongest hypothesis is that during embryological development the immune system becomes compromised and becomes vulnerable to bacterial infections...there may also be a genetic component to the disorder as well," Charnetski said.

According to ASA, it also appears that some children are born with a susceptibility to autism, but researchers have not yet identified a single "trigger" that causes autism to develop.

Another more controversial theory is that the mercury-based preservative Thimerosal used in MMR vaccinations may be linked to causing autism in some children. In a 2001 investigation by the Institute of Medicine, a committee concluded that the "evidence favors rejection of a causal relationship.... between MMR vaccines and autistic spectrum disorders (ASD)."

The committee acknowledged, however, that "they could not rule out" the possibility that the MMR vaccine could contribute to ASD in a small number of children. While other researchers agree the data does not support a link between the MMR and autism, more research is clearly needed. Thimerosal has since been removed from the MMR vaccine.

Student Government Notes

At the March 30 meeting:

The **College Democrats** came for its first reading to be recognized as a club. Representatives of the group will return to April 6 meeting for a second reading.

The **SAM Club** came for its second reading of its fund request. SG voted 30-0-1 to give them the full amount of their request at \$1,000.

The **Biological Society** came in for the

second reading of its fund request. SG voted 25-5-1 to give them the full amount of \$5,330.

SG voted 31-0-0 to allocate **\$300 for food for its retreat to Camp Kresge** on April 2 and 3.

SG voted 20-0-0 to give a **\$500 donation to Dance 4 Life** which is sponsored by the freshman class.

At the April 6 meeting:

SG voted 21-0-2 to recognize the **College Democrats** as a club.

Scott Byers, Vice President of Finance and Support Operations and Mike Frantz, Vice President of Enrollment gave a presentation on the **2005-2006 budget**.

Nominations were made for **SG President**: John McClave, Andrew Steinberg, and Jenna Strzelecki; **Commuter Council President**: Rich Hannick; and **IRHC President**:

Jen Cerra.

The meeting ended prior to the completion of new business (acceptance of remaining positions from 2005-2006 SG elections, Faculty Choice Award nominations and election, and a vote for March Member of the Month). Also, a motion to allocate \$175 to the freshman class for Dance 4 Life was tabled when there was no longer quorum at the meeting.

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Language institute launched

BY KEVIN FITZSIMMONS
Beacon Staff Writer

Wilkes University is one of three local colleges that joined together at a press conference on March 29 to announce the launch of the Language Institute at the Innovation Center.

The institute, made possible by a \$100,000 federal grant as well as contributions from Wilkes, King's College, and College Misericordia totaling \$75,000 annually, aims to "promote and enrich foreign language study on each campus and throughout the greater community" according to a press release on wilkes.edu.

The institute hopes to expand the traditional foreign language academic majors, like Spanish and French, as well as "provide professional development opportunities through credit and non-credit continued learning courses for the community."

The institute also hopes to spark interest in cultural languages that have helped shape the region, such as Polish, Italian, Ukrainian, and Lithuanian.

While a collaborative effort involving all three schools, the center will be managed by Jenny Blanchard, the institute's coordinator. She will be housed on Wilkes' campus, and will work to expand the curriculum at the three colleges and promote Language Institute projects.

"The purpose is to reinvigorate the study of foreign languages which has somewhat been in decline," Blanchard explained.

Blanchard sees a great need for the institute, especially in this area at this time when about 10% of Americans speak a second language--this in contrast to 60% of

Europeans.

"We are very much operating in a global economy with global commerce and trade, and we can't ignore that anymore," she said.

The opening of The Language Institute has been two years in the making, the idea conceptualized after the three institutions expressed interest in the project.

"The students in all three institutions will have more opportunities to study more languages and deeper into the language," Dr. Maravene Loeschke, Wilkes University's Provost said.

Courses will begin in the fall of 2005, but hopes for the future are already high.

"I'd like to see it expand beyond the study of commonly taught languages such as Spanish, French and German to less commonly taught languages, and I'd also like to see it expand to include international studies programs," Blanchard said.

Loeschke is also eager to see the program succeed. "I'd like to see us offering 25 languages all over the place over the course of a year or two. I dream pretty big, but that's what I'd like to see."

Loeschke also hopes the program helps to protect and preserve old languages, and to stop them from fading into obscurity.

"They [students] need to know a language in order to succeed in anything else, at least one, and probably more than that, and although many students may not realize it right now in 5 years they'll realize it. They might as well address it now," Loeschke said.

More information on the Language institute can be found at the website www.languageinst.org or by calling Jenny Blanchard at 408-4240.

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chase of the Call Center in downtown Wilkes-Barre by Wilkes.

"If I had my preference, we would put another tax producing amenity in downtown Wilkes-Barre," Rendell said. "But we don't believe that at this time that's realistic...so we're going to give the city the go ahead with negotiations with the university."

Rendell also responded to the possible sale of the Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency (PHEAA) to Sallie Mae, Rendell quickly said that the \$1 billion deal is "still under review," adding that as tempting as the money is, "that can't be the only criteria."

Wilkes' Young Democrats President Rob Donahue introduced the governor and hopes the governor's appearance will draw more students to the club, and politics in general.

"I hope his appearance will attract students to attend our meetings...To have any club that represents a political party is important. I would welcome College Republicans, the Campus Greens or any political club. I would like to work with them to host events like mock debates," Donahue said.

The Young Democrats will next welcome former U.S. Representative Joe Hoeffel on April 12 to speak on its behalf.

RA alternate pool depleted

BY JULIE MELF
Beacon Asst. News Editor

As the residential population at Wilkes has grown over the past several years, the need for resident assistants has steadily increased, forcing the office of Residence Life to hire more alternate resident assistants. The 2004-05 academic year also saw a great deal of shuffling and use of alternates.

"It wasn't unusual...we have had to use all of the alternates, probably for the last three to four years," said Gretchen Yeninas, Director of Residence Life. But she also acknowledged, "This year there seemed to be an excessive amount of changes happening all at once...due to some staff changes that happened over the course of the year, whether that somebody was leaving the university or being terminated from the position."

Despite this increased need for alternates over the past few years, Yeninas said it has not been a major issue for the Residence Life Office because as soon as an issue occurred, the situation was handled as quickly as possible so that it really didn't add much disruption and chaos to the RA process.

"For a short amount of time we had an empty spot in Evans Hall. We have filled that spot. We now have a shortage of one RA in one of our apartment settings because we needed an RA in one of our other traditional male halls. So, we have had to do a little bit of shuffling this year, more so than I have ever had to do in the past, but I think we've got a pretty good balance of people where we need them right now," Yeninas said.

Junior math and secondary education major Melissa Beck was a fall semester alternate who had to do quite a bit of moving around as the demand for RA's increased this semester. Beck was named an alternate in the fall while she dormed at Schiowitz Hall and in the spring had to move to Evans Hall where she became an RA. Then several weeks into the spring semester, she was moved back to Schiowitz Hall where she became the RA for that hall.

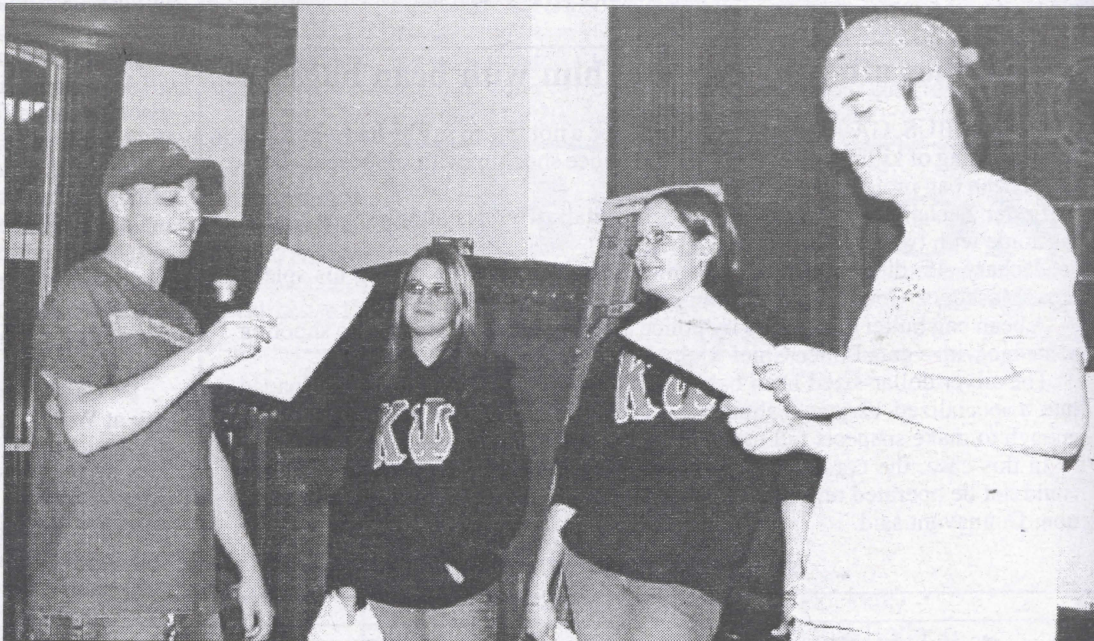
"It was a little inconvenient to move my belongings in the middle of the semester but I knew that it needed to be done and [Residence Life] helped make the move quick. Also, since I had already dormed at Schiowitz, [students] already knew me and it made it easier for them to come and talk to me," Beck said.

Normally, over the summer, RA's need to attend an intensive 10-day training seminar in August with topics ranging from university policies to handling emergency situations.

"We go through a lot to really try to cover all the bases so they know what to do, but unfortunately, [even] the best job you can't train everything in advance. There's a lot of on-the-job training that comes with learning really how to be a leader in the hall and how to gain the respect of the residents in the building and how to run things smoothly," explained Yeninas.

Although the application process for the fall is finished, residence life still encourages students interested in the program to stop by their offices located in Sturdevant Hall.

"What a lot of people do is shadow their RA or talk with their RA now or an RA that they know so they kind of can see some of the jobs that they do and see if that's something they'd be interested in. And then again, our process starts each spring that we hire for the fall, so as we get closer to that we will have more specific details," Chris Leicht, assistant director for Resident's Life said.



The Beacon/Gabe LeDonne

Approximately 10 Members of Kappa Psi, pharmacy honor society, recently became Red Cross Instructors in HIV/AIDS Awareness. Julia Buss, P2 pharmacy major, became involved as an instructor and recently presented to dorms about basic HIV and AIDS facts, risks, and prevention.

"We (Kappa Psi) decided to become Red Cross Instructors in HIV/AIDS Awareness because we felt that education in the area is something that our university is lacking. In conjunction with the AIDS Awareness Council, we organized the opportunity for university students to participate in the training program, a 36-hour time commitment," Julia Buss P2 pharmacy major.

In Photo Above:

Sterling Hall Residents Steven Montemarano (far left) and Alex Wishnie role-play a situation between a couple. In the scene above, Alex's character pressures Steven's character to have sex without a condom, despite the dangers. Supervising are Kappa Psi presenters Julia Buss and Holly Jacobs.

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Wyoming Valley Red Cross approved to perform STD testing

BY JEREMY ZUCKERO
Beacon Staff Writer

It is a harsh reality that sexually transmitted diseases (STDs) are common in this area. But many STDs do not even show symptoms for weeks or even months after they are contracted.

As a result, the Wyoming Valley Red Cross is advocating the importance of testing for all sexually active people--and the organization now has the capacity to do such testing on-site.

"New York currently leads our nation in reported AIDS cases. However, Luzerne County has more cases, per capita, than New York," said Theresa Tyler-Smith, director of HIV education in the Wyoming Valley Chapter of the American Red Cross.

The Wyoming Valley Chapter recently was approved to perform on-site AIDS and other STD testing. Being able to perform such tests locally extends the level of service offered by the Red Cross



American Red Cross

Together, we can save a life

and, organizers believe, will also help the level of education in the Valley.

"We often have first contact with people when we conduct our presentations [on sexual health] and since we have their attention, we can not only promote testing [for STDs] but actually perform the test," Tyler-Smith said.

Other facilities perform STD tests, but the Wyoming Valley Red Cross chapter is open longer and therefore is more accessible.

"Both the Pennsylvania Department of Health and the Wyoming Valley AIDS Council perform HIV tests. The difference is that we are open daily between 8:00

am and 4:30 p.m. and people may just stop in without an appointment. We also have evening hours and weekend hours, by appointment," Tyler-Smith said.

Diane O'Brien, Director of Health Services at Wilkes University, is passionate about regular STD testing.

"STDs can affect your chances of becoming pregnant...having trusting sexual relationships down the road, and your general well-being as an adult, not to mention be a fatal disease...In some cases STDs left untreated can cause conditions like pelvic inflammatory disease and infertility," O'Brien said.

Regular STD testing is important for anyone who is sexually active, because some contraceptive measures do not prevent STD infection.

"I think it's reasonable for any person who is sexually active, even if they use condoms, to be tested for STDs," said O'Brien.

SG general election results

Student Government released the results of the 2005 general election. The 2005-06 SG General Board is as follows:

Sophomore Class:

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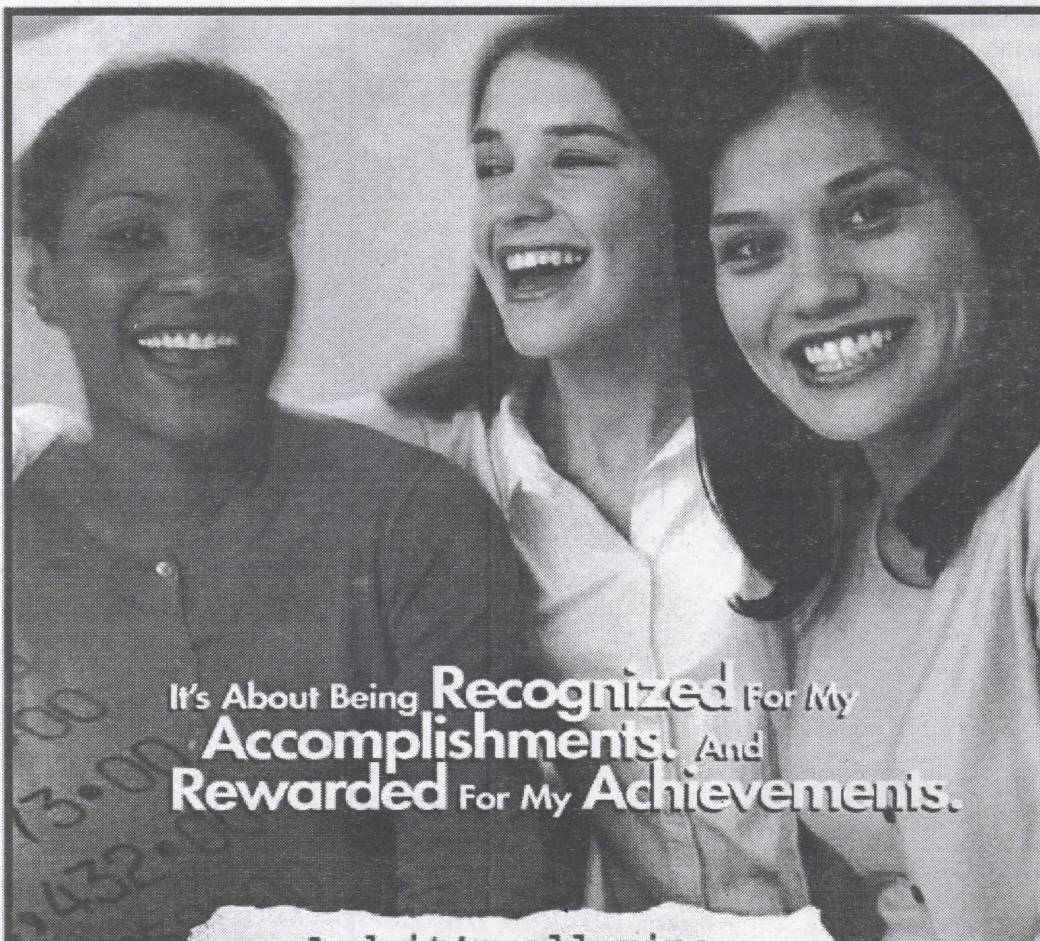
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Andrew Steinberg
Jared Shayka
Jonathan McClave
Sara Grab
Ashley Joslin

Of the Elected class representatives, several are vying for seats on SG's executive board, a panel voted on internally in SG, save the office of President; that position is elected via the entire student body.



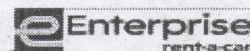
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Opinion

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In Perspective: The 2005-06 Budget

BY THE BEACON
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The university released its 2005-06 budget proposal this week, including a differential tuition between pharmacy and every other major.

It is a first for Wilkes, but a standard across the country. At the SG meeting, Vice Presidents Scott Byers and Mike Frantz announced that there would be a 6% tuition hike for students; however, those in the Nesbitt School of Pharmacy at Wilkes University would experience a 12.7% hike.

Since this is a standard across the country, the move can be seen as a step up for Wilkes, a step up into a bracket that we were not a part of at the inception of the pharmacy school.

However, SG president Julia Buss raised an important question when she asked, "Are we just following other schools now, or are we doing what is right for the students?"

It is a valid question. Is the university taking such a measure simply because it can, because everyone else is doing it? Alternately, is the hike a beneficial move strategically designed to enhance specific educational opportunities for the students?

It's difficult to say that raising tuition by nearly 13% for pharmacy—more than double the increase of everyone else—is for their own good, especially considering that none of those extra dollars will specifically go into the pharmacy program.

And from what Mike Frantz, Vice President of Enrollment, said at SG's meeting, it seems as though administration does justify this with a because-we-can attitude.

"Interest in pharmacy is extraordinarily high and

this increase should not affect enrollment in the program at all," he pointed out.

It is doubtful the same could be said of many other disciplines. It is the simple business law of supply and demand. The administration, it seems, is seeing how much it can charge and still keep numbers on the rise.

However, pharmacy students' loss, is everyone else's gain—not just the university's.

Additional funds mean, in part, more money to invest in capital projects, like those at the Darte Center, and Delaware and Chesapeake Halls. It also means improved internet and technology services, with \$1.55 million in improvements to the infrastructure.

It's hard to say that such things aren't good for students and the school as a whole. They are important improvements. At the same time, we find it hard to accept the fact that these things cost money and that without a tuition hike, we would not be able to get what we need for the school.

It's not that we are in any position to complain, either. Most of the time it sounds like we want it all. We complain that the campus is not quite where we like it visually, that certain classrooms stunt our learning ability and that we are tired of the run down look that some of the buildings on our campus have. Every time something small happens that puts us out of our comfort zone, out of where we think Wilkes should be, we complain until we are blue in the face. We want everything at our beck and call.

Like Veruca Salt of *Willy Wonka* fame, we don't care how, but we want it now. We live in the here and now, which is a comfortable place to be, but it isn't always the most practical. Yes, some of the buildings are run down, and yes, some of the classrooms are less than comfortable places, but the fact remains that it takes time and materials to make changes, to make our vision a reality.

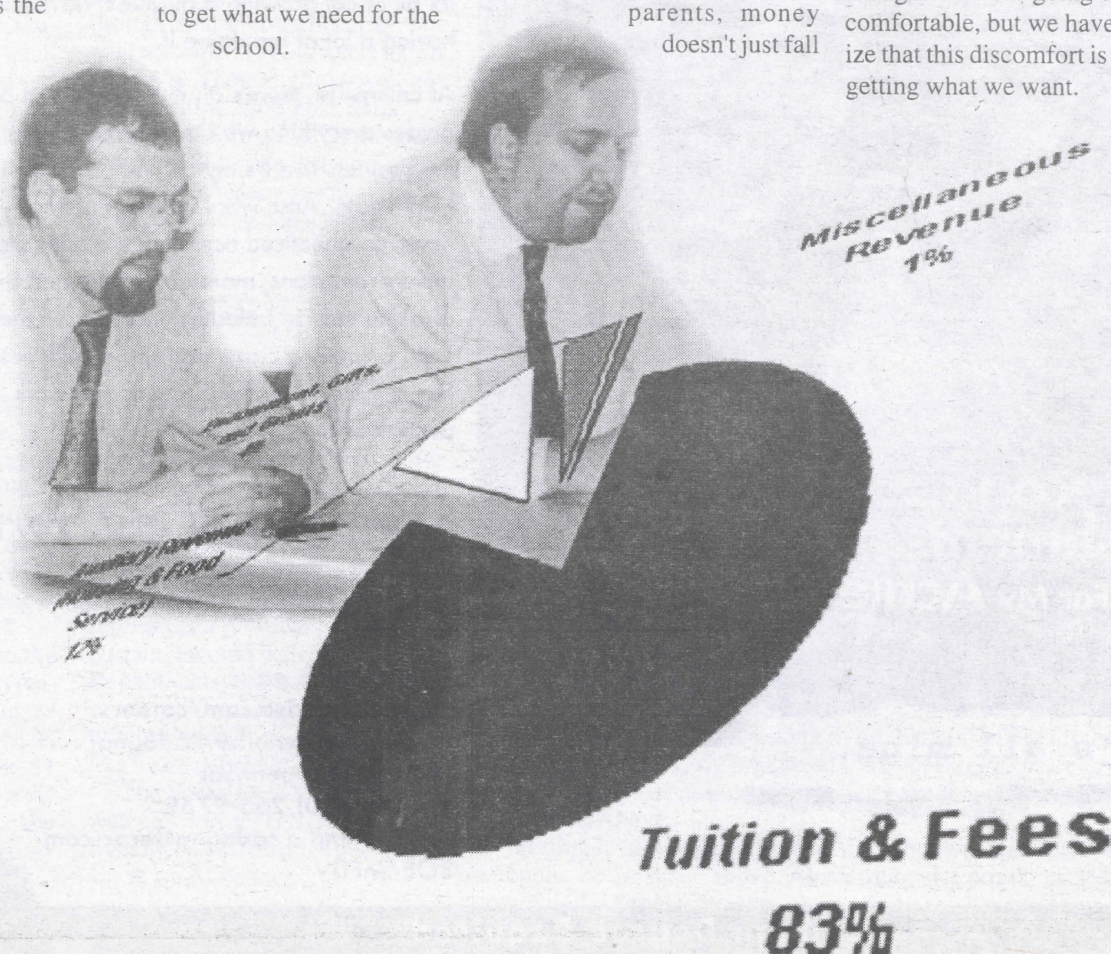
At the risk of sounding like our parents, money doesn't just fall

out of the sky and therefore we need to realize that tuition is going to rise. Another important fact that we forget is that many of us doing the complaining are here because of Wilkes' generosity. Our institution of higher learning, to use the academic lingo, gives out 26.35% in financial aid, making it possible for many of us to be here continuing our education.

Contrast that figure with the measly one percent of the budget contribution from alumni gifts. This means that next year, the university will give out over \$19 million in aid to students, while at the same time receiving about 5 percent in return.

The institution needs money that it receives in part from both our tuition and our donations as alumni. Without it, we are stuck where we are, experiencing no growth.

Some would say that we are in no position to complain, and as hard as it is to admit it, some may be right. We are going to be uncomfortable, but we have to realize that this discomfort is a part of getting what we want.



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Beacon Poll

The following is a poll that *The Beacon* will conduct online for the week of April 10 through April 16. The poll is unscientific, and does not claim to reflect the overall attitudes of students on campus.

The Beacon asks:

What is the worst part of the end of the semester rush?

- *Registering for next semester classes
- *Due dates for final projects and papers rapidly approaching
- *Having to ignore the spring weather in lieu of work
- *Studying for final exams
- *Finding the motivation to finish out the semester

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It takes a face and name to develop an issue

Spectacle-driven stories dominate world media

BY MATT ZEBROWSKI
Beacon Op-Ed Asst. Editor

Like most Americans, I started paying rapt attention to the Terri Schiavo ordeal about a month ago. Unlike most Americans, though, my focus wasn't on the real, physical Terri Schiavo. I found myself paying far more attention to the vast amount of media coverage of the story than the actual details of the situation.

Big media spectacles have always fascinated me, and this one was no different. That two single individuals—one, a woman who couldn't even speak, and the other a washed up pop star—could capture the undivided attention of the entire nation for the past month or so is, in my opinion, nothing short of amazing. Thousands of people go to stand outside the Michael Jackson trial just to see what kind of outfit he's going to show up in, and thousands showed up to protest Terri Schiavo's death, some actually going as

far as to try to sneak her water. As if a single glass would have helped much.

These two events just go to show that the things that people choose to get fired up about are, when you really think about it, kinda weird. Especially those good ol' friends of ours in the religious right. While I'll hand it to them that starving to death must not be any fun, why aren't Bill Frist and company up in arms about the children starving to death in poverty who can actually feel it? I haven't heard poverty mentioned by a politician on either side of the aisle in quite some time.

Instead, Ms. Schiavo became the poster child for the importance of a living will. I'll grant that the issue of a living will is important. But why do we need a Terri Schiavo sort of case, exactly what a living will is supposed to prevent, to tell us that? If I may make an analogy, Sesame Street doesn't see the need to show footage of what happens when kids run with scissors

or play with matches. Even though living wills may be kinda boring, they're important enough to be bored by.

That's another strange trend with the American public, though. We let things go on almost blissfully unaware until some sort of catastrophe forces us to acknowledge them. See also: the AIDS crisis in Africa and, well, terrorism. The AIDS crisis and 9/11 are strikingly similar to the Schiavo case in that the causes leading up them had been bubbling under the surface just deep enough for us to ignore until it was too late.

AIDS has been rampant in Africa for years now, and it was only recently, with the catastrophe potentially beyond fixing, that America started to pay attention. Al Qaeda had also been operating and planning against America for decades, yet everyone seemed perfectly okay with not paying much attention to the organization un-

til the planes crashed into the Twin Towers. Just like lots and lots of Americans had been ignoring the necessity of a living will until Terri Schiavo came along and reminded them.

Nevermind that another cause of the situation with Terri Schiavo, possibly even more important than her lack of a living will, was her own abuse of diuretics (which led to the heart failure responsible for putting her in a vegetative state to begin with). Eating disorders affect countless Americans, and abuse of dietary aids and supplements is probably an even more widespread problem than the lack of a living will. While I had hoped that the media would at least jump all over that at some point throughout the Schiavo fiasco, they did not. I suppose that's just going to take another catastrophe at another time.

Until then, well...Michael Jackson *did* look awfully funny in his pajamas.

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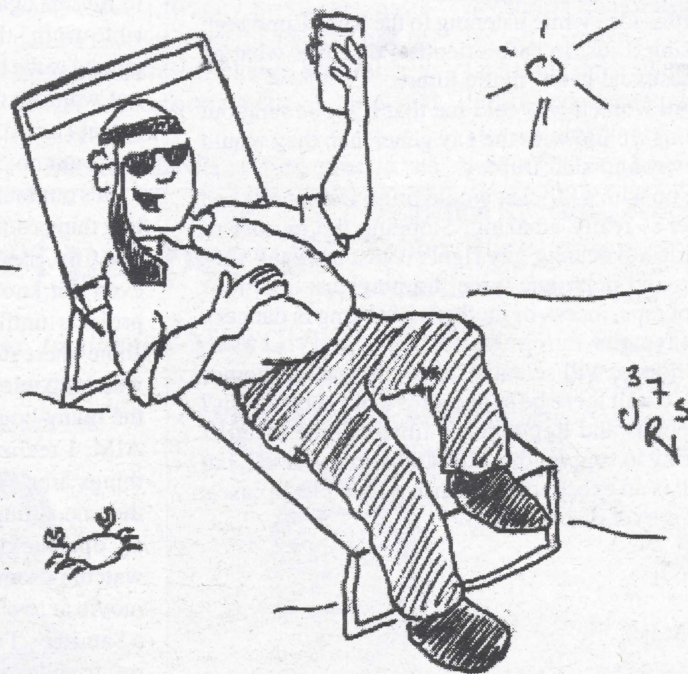
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Nickle for Your Thoughts

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Springtime stresses have unlikely causes

It's hard to face the truth, especially when it's your fault

BY REBECCA GOODMAN
Beacon Op/Ed Editor

As I sit down to write this, past deadline, mind you, I realize with increasing horror that it is April. The third week in April, to be more exact. Normally this means that the sun will shine more often, spring has officially arrived and the daylight will stick around longer.

What it also means for a good majority of us (and this is where the horror begins to creep in) is that our stress levels are about to skyrocket. I don't know about you, but lately, I feel as if I am losing a year or two off my life with every new commitment or assignment that pops up.

That portfolio that was supposed to be due towards the end of the semester is now due in a week along with the ten page paper that crept into the syllabus sometime in early March.

What I can't seem to wrap my head around is how everything seems to be due so fast.

Personally, I believe that it was March's fault. After two significant breaks within a week of each other and a few late season snow days, I feel like I lost a month and now it is catching up with me. After the holiday break, I found myself with three assignments due and only two days in which to do them. What is that? I mean I'm not normally a procrastinator. I like to think that I get things done in a semi-organized manner at least one day before they are due.

But I take comfort in knowing that I am not alone. In my daily traverse of campus, I hear others lamenting about deadlines and experiencing the spring crush. While there may be comfort in numbers, I find myself questioning why all the stress. Why is it that this year seems different?

We are all in the same boat this time of year, but this year the boat seems to be sinking faster.

I am going to venture a guess and suggest that maybe it is our fault.

The "college workload" that we were all warned about has been around at least one semester for all of us on campus. We've adjusted and we know we have a lot of work to do. We pace ourselves and understand that to be successful in our academic endeavors it's a good idea to, say, start that portfolio by the fourth week of the semester. So what's the problem?

My gut tells me I'm too busy with everything that is due now to think about what is due later, but I know that's a lie I tell myself way too often. Too distracted? Now that's a good one. Perhaps because I have too much on my plate, I am having trouble focusing on what are the important commitments to keep and which I can forget about and suffer no consequences. There I go lying to myself again. The horrible truth, the one I keep putting to the back of my mind, not wanting to share with you is that I am lazy. And I am afraid that I am not alone in that truth.

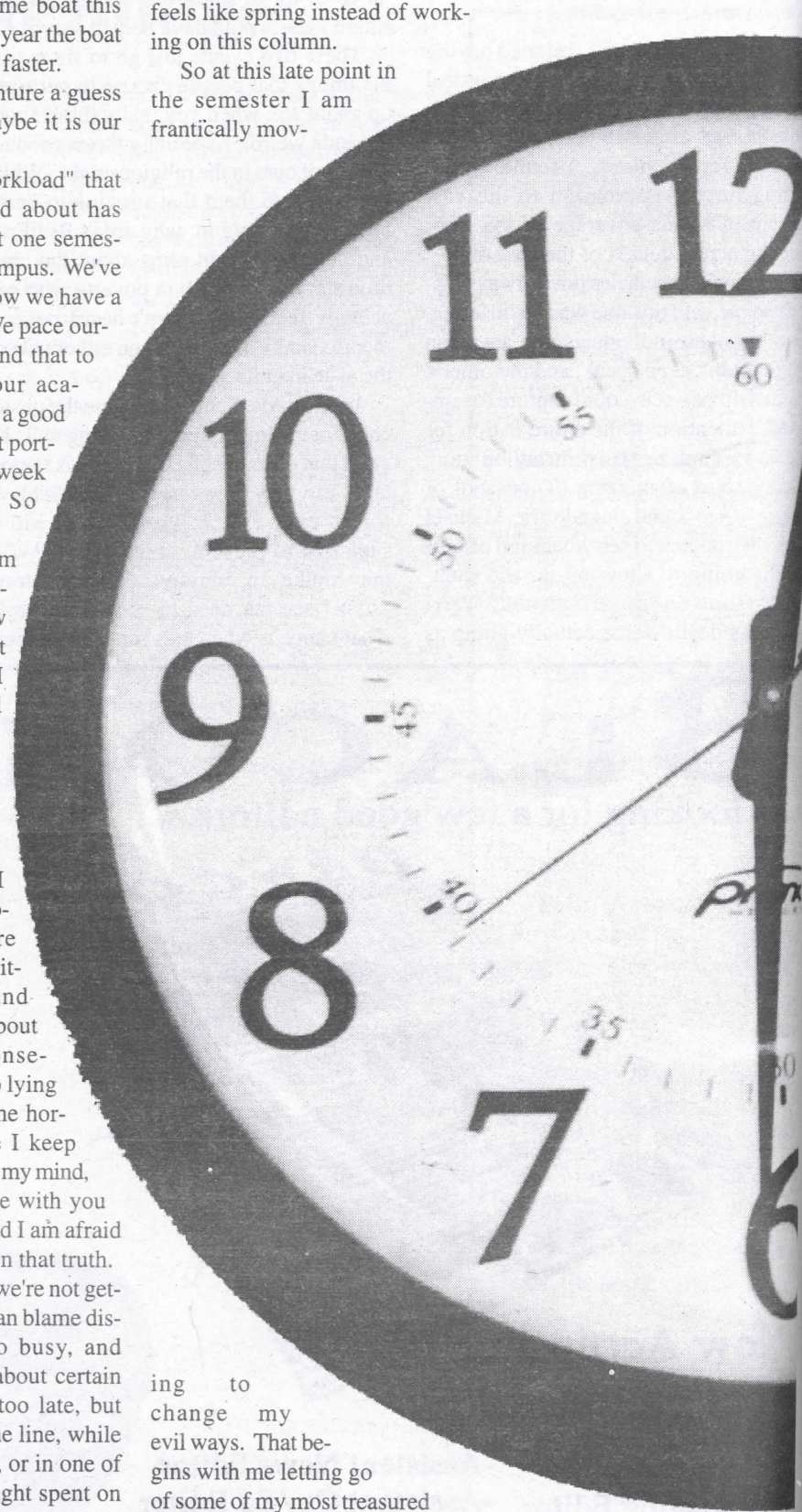
It's our fault that we're not getting things done. I can blame distraction, being too busy, and even not knowing about certain projects until it is too late, but somewhere down the line, while watching television, or in one of the many hours a night spent on AIM, I realize it's my fault that things aren't getting done. I am the one sitting in my room with an open text book on my lap watching some low budget sci-fi movie at two in the afternoon on a Saturday. I'm the one who calls my friends to go out and get ice cream on the first real day that

feels like spring instead of working on this column.

So at this late point in the semester I am frantically mov-

ing to change my evil ways. That begins with me letting go of some of my most treasured pastimes. Gone are the nights talking online while writing a paper, along with background noise of radio or television. Gone also is what little social life I had; my friends only see me out at night once a week, if that. I have accepted that I need to buckle down these next few weeks, losing some

sanity in the process. But perhaps that my brief sacrifice of sanity will only make my return to summer and "normal" life all the sweeter when it finally arrives, proving that getting up and doing something could actually be rewarding in the long run.



Your Voices...

Law-maker proposes bill that would ban abortions of 'gay' fetuses

State Representative Brian Duprey, a Republican from Maine, has introduced a bill that would stop women from getting an abortion based on the fetus's sexual orientation.

He came up with this idea while listening to the Rush Limbaugh Show and is proposing it just in case scientists discover what he describes as a "homosexual gene" in the future.

"I have heard from women who told me that if they found out that they were carrying a child with the gay gene, then they would abort. I think this is wrong," said Duprey.

The idea to come up with a bill that would bring Democrats and Republicans together is really amazing. Stopping the murder of innocent fetuses while advocating gay rights is just brilliant.

For those of you who don't know me, I am against abortions (except in the cases of rape, incest, or mother's life being in danger), and I am all for the gay rights movement.

Though the question is, will scientists ever discover a "homosexual gene," and if so will there be support for a bill such as this? Also, will the Democrats and Republicans finally come together and stop their bickering to support this bill? Only time will tell, but I believe that this bill is an excellent insurance policy just in case a "homosexual gene" is ever discovered.

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Young Scholars program entices high schoolers to college early

BY ELVIRAILLIANO
Beacon Correspondent

Does someone sitting next to you look a little young for college? They just might be; several high school students are taking courses at Wilkes.

Thanks to the Wilkes Young Scholar Program, local high-school students are able to get a taste of college life before they turn 18.

Created in the 1980s by Wilkes Professor Bing Wong, the Wilkes Young Scholars Program aims to provide qualified high-school students with the opportunity to take college courses while still attending high school. All of this is offered at a nominal cost.

Henry Steuben, Director of Part-time Programs at Wilkes University, feels the program is a great service tool for students.

"The feedback I've gotten [from guidance counselors] is that they think the program's an eye opener...The professor's approach to the topic versus the high school teacher's approach is so different...Those who participate in the program notice the difference," he said.

The program is open to students who have successfully completed the tenth grade and rank in the top ten percentile of their class. Qualified students are also nominated to participate in the program by teachers, guidance counselors and school principals.

Students who are home-schooled and/

or attend a school that does not use a rank, however, are considered on an individual basis. Once a student is accepted into the program, he or she must meet with a guidance counselor to select appropriate courses.

Courses cost \$60 per credit and students who are accepted into the program and en-

roll in at least one course are allowed, upon request, library privileges, assistance in career planning and college selection and free-of-charge admission to Wilkes University athletic, cultural and musical events.

Elizabeth Lewis is a member in the

ally start college, I'm going to be familiar with my surroundings, the campus... I'm working myself up into it... I've taken one course, now I'm taking three courses and by the time I'm a full-time college student, I'm taking all these classes and I'm not going to be so overwhelmed," said Lewis.

Adrienne Richards, *Beacon* Correspondent, scoured the campus asking random students what drives them crazy.

Tell Us... What is your biggest pet peeve?

Andrew Favini, sophomore, elementary education major

"People who smoke around small children."

Fred Gerloff, sophomore, environ. engineering major

"When people pop their collars."

Brynn Beaver, freshman, biochemistry major

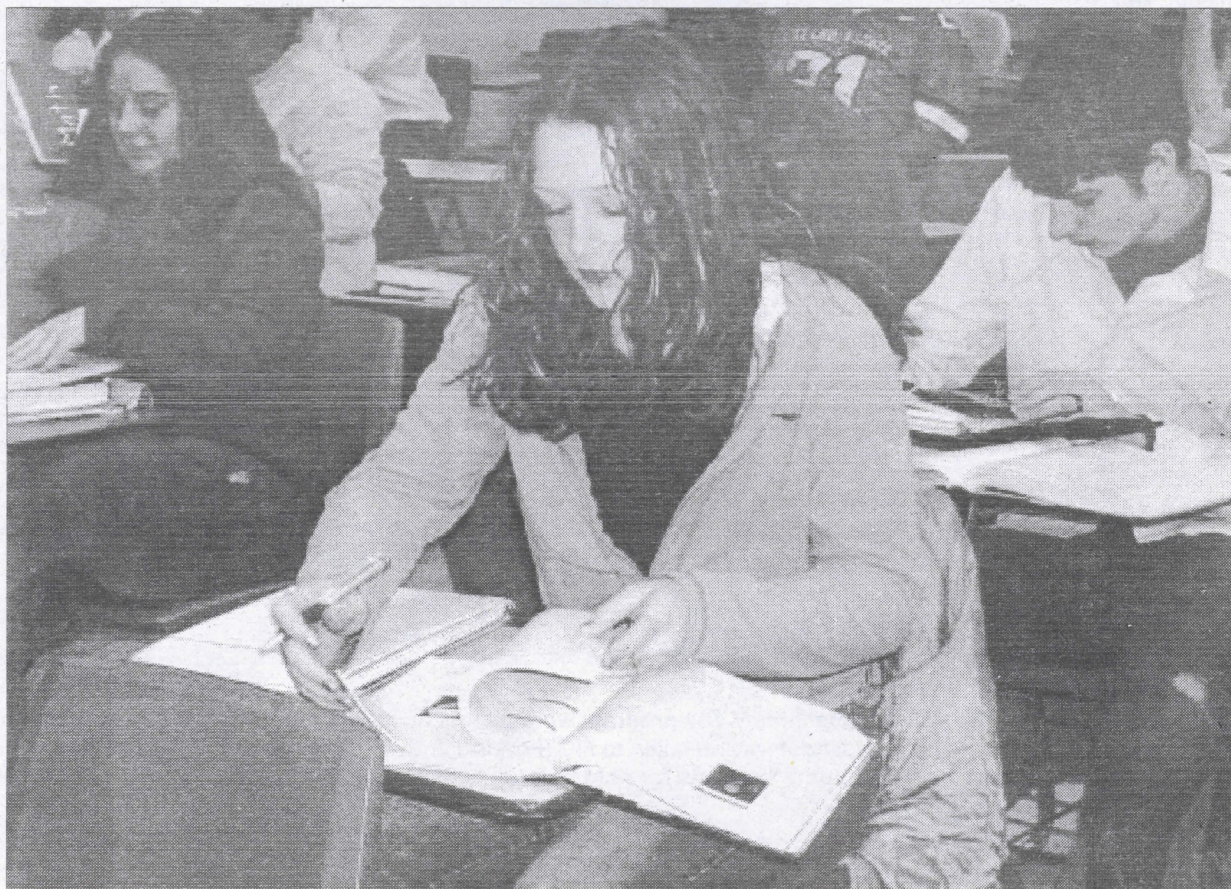
"When people are late."

Matt Givler, sophomore, history major

"When people leave toothpaste in the sink."

Jason Sutton, freshman, English major

"When people drive slow."



Elizabeth Lewis (center) working on an assignment in Mrs. Cynthia Novak's Math 101 class at Wilkes. Lewis, a 15 year-old high school student, is a member of the Young Scholars Program and has already earned several college credits.

Young Scholars Program. At the age of 15, this bright eleventh-grader and prospective Wilkes student has been home-schooled since second grade.

"I was in kindergarten and I was ahead of other students and my mother wanted to move me forward but the school district wouldn't let her... so she took me out... I've been home schooled since second grade," she said.

Lewis became involved with the Young Scholars Program last spring, when she attended her first college course with a friend. Now, she has completed COM 101 speech, and is enrolled in three courses this semester ranging from music to math. She is sure that the program is both saving her parents money and preparing her for what lies ahead in life.

"I know once I actually start college, I'm going to be familiar with my surroundings, the campus... I'm working myself up into it... I've taken one course, now I'm taking three courses and by the time I'm a full-time college student, I'm taking all these classes and I'm not going to be so overwhelmed," said Lewis.

ROTC students prepare for summer field training

BY JAMIE BABBITT
Beacon Features Editor

As summer nears, sophomore ROTC students are not worried about finding summer jobs, planning vacations to the beach, or even looking over the summer course offerings-- at least not yet. First, they have to get through the grueling process of field training.

Field training is a four-week long training session that takes place at an Air Force base during the summer between sophomore and junior year. Its purpose is to prepare ROTC students for what it is like to be an officer in the Air Force.

"That is the one requirement for the program. No matter how many years you actually spend in ROTC, you do have to go to field training in order to be Congressionally mandated," said Major James Garcia, instructor of aerospace studies.

Unlike boot camp, students are expected to have a great deal of knowledge of the Air Force and some basics such as how to march and how to conform to essential regulations prior to attending field training.

Students begin preparations for field training when they enter the program in the freshman year. They attend "leadership labs" every Thursday for two hours



Photo courtesy of John Untisz

Members of the Wilkes Detachment 752 program were picked up at Wyoming Air Station on Wyoming Avenue by Black Hawk Helicopters and taken to FIG (Fort Indiantown Gap) last spring. Training exercises were held to prepare students for field training, which prepares ROTC students to become an Air Force officer.

to learn the things they will need to know for field training.

"They have to demonstrate to us that they are even capable of going to field training [before they actually go]," said Garcia.

John Untisz, junior biology and pre-med major, attended field training last summer at Tindell Air Force base in Panama City, Florida.

"The main point [of field training] is to put you in a very stressful position and

make sure that you pay attention to detail so that when you become a real officer in the Air Force, you're not going to just look over the small things. It's the small things that are the things that can be devastating as far as lives are concerned," said Untisz.

Untisz along with other junior ROTC students are in the process of helping the sophomores prepare for their field training this summer by relaying some of the information they learned last summer and giving them tips about what to expect.

"It's kind of a pay back time after they come back and they have the knowledge of what you need to get through it. And, part of the program is to have them demonstrate those leadership skills that they did learn... turn around and train the underclassmen as well," said Garcia.

Coaching the younger ROTC students benefits both the sophomores and the juniors. "It gives us leadership responsibilities and it's our first real taste of actually relaying information on that we've learned in a helpful manner and in a structured manner," said Untisz.

Just another spring stroll in the park

ADA 5K race will benefit Operation Diabetes

BY ERICALEO
Beacon Staff Writer

As days lengthen and warm, the greenway at Wilkes becomes a hub of outdoor activity. Saturday, it will serve as the finish line for a 5K race for charity.

The Wilkes University Chapter of the American Pharmacists Association-Academy of the Students of Pharmacy (APhA-ASP) will host a 5K race to benefit the American Diabetes Association (ADA) this Saturday, April 16. All proceeds from the event will be donated to ADA for those who suffer from diabetes.

The race is a part of Operation Diabetes which, according to a brochure distributed by ADA, "was initiated by APhA-ASP to help raise awareness of diabetes in local communities."

Dr. William Terzaghi, Wilkes University assistant professor of biology and running club advisor, is looking forward to the event. Terzaghi participated in the inaugural run last year and seems optimistic that this year's event will run smoothly.

"Last year's event was pretty successful; it was well organized," said Terzaghi.

According to Terzaghi, last year's race consisted mostly of running through the city, which caused a few setbacks for the runners.

"This year there will be less problems associated with traffic control and running on the streets of Wilkes-Barre," added Terzaghi.

Jared Shayka, president of the running club, is organizing the race and hopes to see a large turnout.

"It's towards the end of the spring semester, so we are hoping that the weather will be nice," said Shayka.

Shayka noted that a new course is set for this year in light of last year's traffic problems. This year's race will start on South River St. by McClintock Hall, extend through Kirby Park and Nesbitt Park, and then finish on the greenway on Wilkes campus.

"It's a flat and easy course," emphasized Shayka.

At the end of the race, medals will be distributed to the winners and refreshments will be available for those who participated in the race.

Also, a health fair will take place on the greenway immediately following the event. Wilkes University students from the Phar-

macy and Nursing departments will hold diabetic screenings along with seminars and counseling sessions for diabetes patients and their families.

The race will begin at 9 a.m. on South River St. The cost to enter is \$10.00 for students, \$12.00 for those who pre-register by April 11, and \$15.00 for those who register late. Registration will take place up to the day of the race.

ADA will be giving away free t-shirts to participants at registration through April 11 and then the t-shirts will be distributed on a first come first served basis to those who register late.

Application forms can be found around campus and submitted to the Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences office in the Stark Learning Center.

Dance-a-thon held to remember Wilkes student

BY JAMIE BABBITT
Beacon Features Editor

When a family loses a child, the natural response is to try to help them out in any way possible.

Sometimes people bring food to the house, send flowers, or give money.

When the Hosie family lost their daughter, Marla Hosie, last summer, they selflessly put others ahead of themselves and requested any donations be sent to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis, Tennessee.

Hosie, who was slated to start her freshman year at Wilkes this academic year, was killed in a car accident on August 15, just days before the fall semester began.

As a fundraiser for the freshman class and St. Jude's, Student Government (SG) and Programming Board sponsored a dance-a-thon last Friday to celebrate the life of a classmate they never had the chance to know well.

The dance-a-thon was an all night event that took place from 9:00 p.m. to 9:00 a.m. featuring a DJ and the bands Burning Scarlet Red, Teenage Girls, and Maybe Someday to keep contestants on their feet.

"It [was] a contest of who could keep dancing the longest and as the night [went] on, people [were] taken out, and [the person still dancing] at the end [go] prizes," said Kimberly Toussaint, freshman biology major and organizer of the event.



Courtesy of Andrew Steinberg

Members of the band, Teenage Girls, perform at Friday night's dance-a-thon. Student Government and Programming Board sponsored this event to raise money for the freshman class and St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital. Students danced from 9 p.m. to 9 a.m. and the last one standing won an iPod.

According to Toussaint, the grand prize was an iPod.

"People can't really dance all night but we wanted them to keep dancing so they [each got] four break passes that [were] 15 minutes each and if they wanted to get more, they [could purchase another pass for] fifty cents," said Toussaint.

The entrance fee was \$10. Sixty percent of the profits were given to St. Jude's and forty percent was for the freshman class.

To keep the energy level up, several local restaurants offered to donate food, including Dunkin' Donuts who provided breakfast for the group on Saturday morning.

Nate Hosie, sophomore elementary education major, Marla's brother, and member of the band Maybe Someday, said his family chose St. Jude's Hospital to receive the donation because of the great work they do.

"We picked that [hospital] because it is a good cause... We really support that

group of people," he said.

St. Jude's is a unique hospital. Unlike other facilities where quality of treatment is determined by the amount of money you pay, this hospital treats patients with no regard to payment. Patients do not pay more than their insurance covers, and if they don't have insurance, they are not asked to pay, according to the organization's website, www.stjude.org.

In addition to the hospital's unusual payment policy, St. Jude's is also unique because of the work researchers do there in an effort to cure childhood diseases and cancer. Patients come from all over the world to be treated at St. Jude's.

Hosie is very grateful to the freshman class for putting together this event in his sister's honor.

"You really see what great people you surround yourself with, and I can never thank them enough. I know Marla would be so happy as well, so I thank them a trillion times," he said.

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Bored... Let the games begin

BY DONNATALARICO
Beacon Staff Writer

"For a yellow wedge, can you tell me what kind of animal is a pachyderm?" "No, I want to be the shoe!" "QUIZ, on a triple word score? That's 66 points!"

These are some phrases you may hear among friends in dorms, or around the kitchen table in off-campus apartments on board game night. College students seem to have been bitten by the board game bug.

Technology has taken the game industry literally out of the box and onto the screen. But these days, many Wilkes students are giving their thumbs a rest and mouse fingers a break, opting instead for games that provide so-

cial interaction with their friends.

"I think that board games can be more fun than video or computer games, especially when you are at a party or with a large group of people because you get to interact more with people," said senior English major

Michelle Krapf.

Mariane Ferrantino, sophomore English major, agrees that board games are more social, as well as allow players to be more creative. "I think that playing board games as an alternative to computer games is a wise idea. I feel that board games most likely stimulate more parts of the brain and allow a person to interact with people who are sitting in front of him or her rather than clicking a few buttons at a screen," she said. "It's just plain fun and a good social activity."

However, sometimes deciding what type of game to indulge in depends on the day, says Sarah Coon, junior criminology major. "It depends on the mood I'm in. Sometimes I'd rather play a board game, and sometimes I'd rather play a video game," she said.

How often do people play? Some college students host weekly board game nights, while others may just play when all other options are ruled

out.

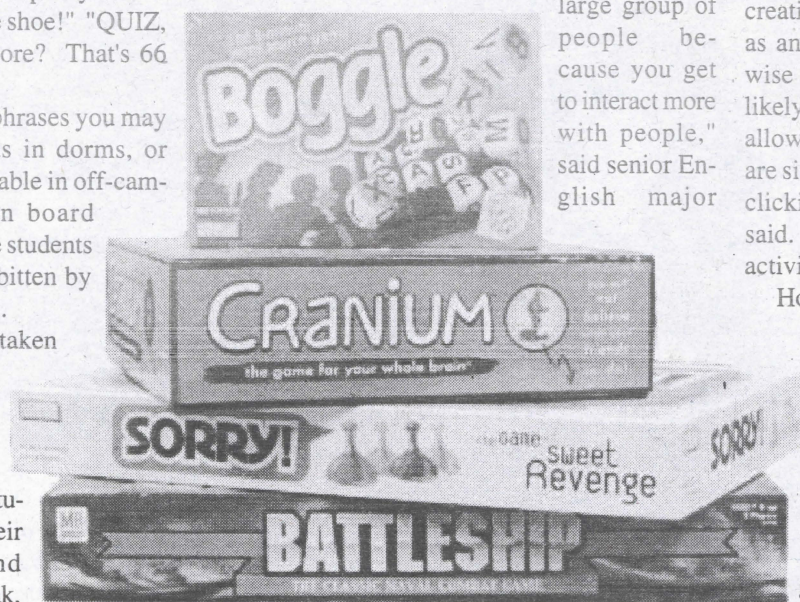
"I only really play board games about once or twice a month. Usually when we are bored or broke, it's a good time and doesn't cost anything. A couple drinks into the game it gets pretty crazy," said Krapf.

Ferrantino gathers friends for a board game night about once a month.

There are many different types of games that would appeal to the college age, but it's perhaps those dubbed "party games" that are the biggest hit. This is likely to be because they can be played with bigger groups of people--and don't take an incredible amount of thinking. Krapf's favorite games are those of the guessing type like Win, Lose or Draw and Catch Phrase.

"They are fun because people get ridiculous when time is running out and the guesses start to get off the wall," she said.

Ferrantino loves playing Cranium because there are so many different elements of the game including art work, acting, and word play.



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Tom Bigler (left), professor emeritus at Wilkes, and John Seigenthaler, Sr. (right) met at the Fifth annual Tom Bigler High School Journalism Conference on Friday, April 8. Seigenthaler, a nationally acclaimed journalist and founder of the First Amendment Center, took the opportunity to address high school students in the Henry Student Center Grand Ballroom about the importance of understanding and exercising First Amendment rights. The event is an annual conference for high school students interested in the many facets of journalism. Students attend hands on workshops, academic sessions, and tour the campus. Bigler and Seigenthaler were both introduced in the opening ceremonies of the conference and were recognized as contemporaries in the journalism field. This year over 200 regional high school students attended the conference. Twenty local and visiting professionals from the fields of print, broadcast, photojournalism, and public relations offered concurrent sessions on various issues.

Nate Hosie: From music to turkey calls

All we ever say is, 'maybe someday'

BY SARAH HERBERT

Beacon Asst. A&E Editor

While most would be hard pressed to find a college student who doesn't identify at some level or another with music, few can actually muster the drive it takes to produce original sounds on a regular basis. But Wilkes student sophomore elementary education major Nate Hosie and three of his friends decided to take their passion for music to the next level. They formed a band called Maybe Someday.

Maybe Someday's members include Hosie, King's College senior Landon Gabriel, and Wilkes freshmen Tommy Evans and Chris Borgna.

Recently *The Beacon* had a chance to talk with Hosie about what drives his musical talents.

Beacon: When did you start the band?

Hosie: We just started this past September.

Beacon: What instrument do you play?

Hosie: I play the guitar and do the lead vocals.

Beacon: Who writes the music?

Hosie: We all contribute to the writing. If somebody has an idea we'll work off that. I've already written seven or eight of my own songs, both music and lyrics. I try to write whatever I feel at the time or whatever other people can relate to. The others write their own stuff, too, though. It's a group effort.

Beacon: What type of music is it?

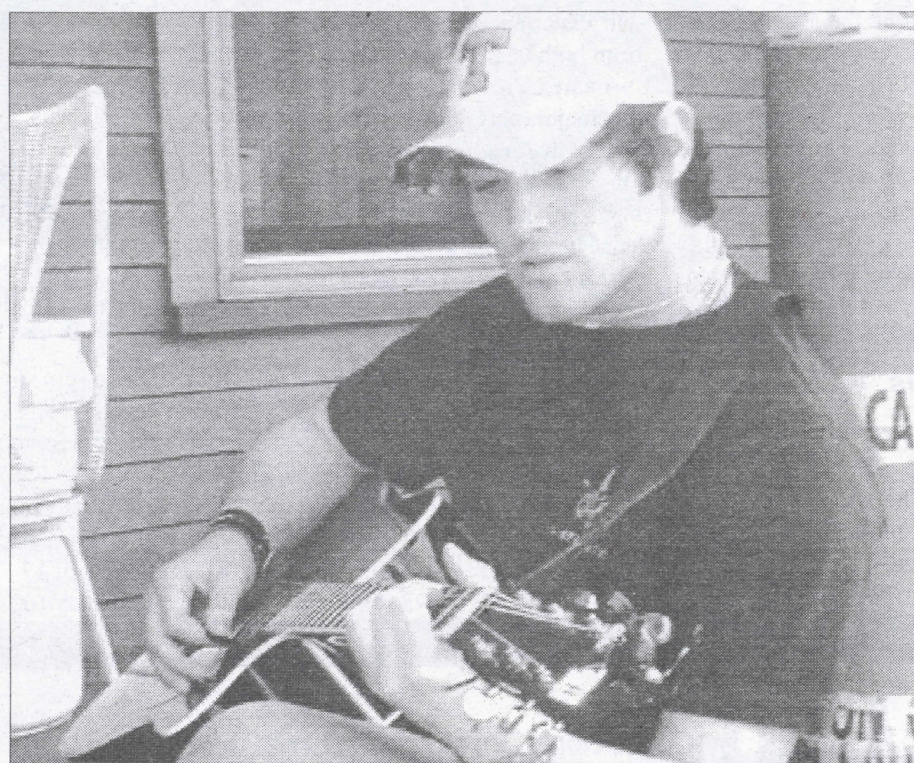


Photo courtesy of Nate Hosie

Sophomore elementary education major Nate Hosie strums his guitar. Hosie is the lead vocalist for the local band Maybe Someday.

Hosie: We play a lot of Matchbox 20, and Goo Goo Dolls type of stuff. We try to slow our stuff down. It's more like easy listening. It's really mellow.

Beacon: Where do you guys play?

Hosie: We've played a couple of parties

here at Wilkes. We recently played at Outsiders. We are starting to get around quite a bit. Right now, we are trying to get a time to play at Rifkin.

Beacon: How did it feel to play in front of a large crowd at Outsiders?

Hosie: A lot of people can hear you better than they can at a party. We had a great time, everybody was cheering us on and looked they were having a lot of fun. I really enjoyed it.

Beacon: How long has music been a part of your life?

Hosie: I've always enjoyed music, but the band just started this year.

Beacon: What do you do when you're not with the band?

Hosie: Turkey hunting is my true passion. I love it, I love everything about it. I like to be outdoors.

Beacon: Do you ever mix your music and turkey calling?

Hosie: Sometimes if I get a certain song stuck in my head and a bunch of my friends are around I'll try to play the song on the turkey call.

Beacon: What type of events do you play?

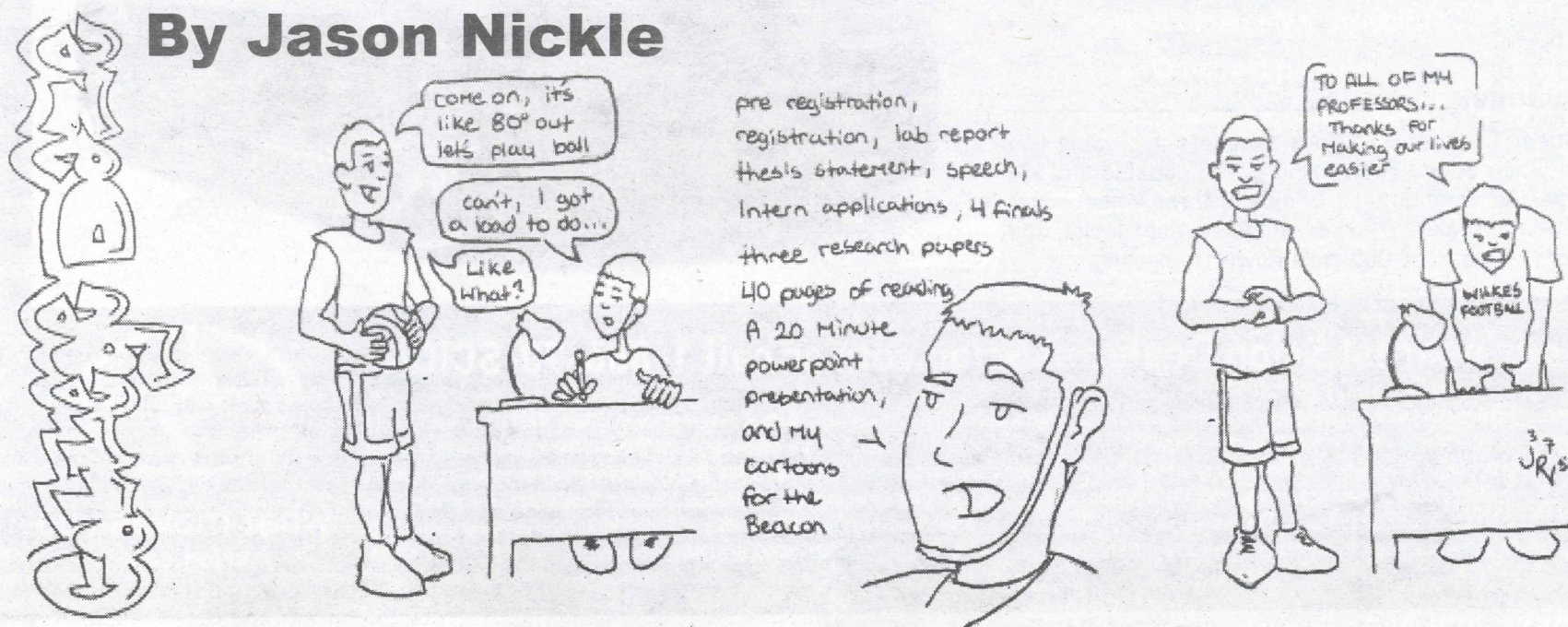
Hosie: We always try to play fundraisers. Anything that's for a good cause, we love to help out.

Beacon: Do you think you guys will make it big someday?

Hosie: All we ever say is, "maybe someday."

Maybe Someday most recently appeared at Wilkes University's Dance 4 Life concert, a benefit concert inspired by Nate's sister Marla Hosie. Proceeds benefit St. Jude's Hospital.

By Jason Nickle



Tartuffe: A new approach to theatrical performance

BY KACY MUIR
Beacon Correspondent

Wilkes University's Department of Visual and Performing Arts will present Molière's *Tartuffe*, its final production for the 2004-2005 theatrical season. Stephen Benson will serve as guest director for the production.

Benson noted that this play is both intimate and real because a relationship is forged between cast and audience. In some ways *Tartuffe* is not a play at all, but more of a looking glass towards our own lives by which we relate to some of these characters.

Benson expressed that this

family: a father, and step-mother, a daughter, a son, and a "holy man" named Tartuffe. Although the story focuses on very serious matters, it also serves as an outlet for humor.

The holy man, Tartuffe, is played by senior musical theater major, Benjamin Ptashinsky. He is believed to be the absolver who will ultimately save the family from their sins, but in fact, he is a hypocrite. This is a point of the play that the audience knows, but the characters do not, at least not in the beginning.

Ptashinsky said, "I play Tartuffe; it's really fun to play his

that is what the play is about. Tartuffe is a part of me."

One of the most valuable lessons of the play is faith. "Every single character in this play has some form of faith," said Benson. However, some are blinded by it, which causes the many downfalls throughout the play. The audience will experience many surprises, from both beginning to end.

Lauren Trovillion, senior theater major, plays the lead female Elmire in *Tartuffe*. "I've grown a lot from this production," she said. "But it has also been a challenge because it's written in verse, which I'm not used to. It is a test



Photo courtesy of www.wilkes.edu

Senior Lauren N. Trovillion, Senior Benjamin S. Ptashinsky, and Junior Thomas D. Van Why Jr. star in the production of *Tartuffe*.

I've grown a lot from this production...I enjoy playing [Elmire]. She is very strong, and has many levels. -- Lauren Trovillion

play is contingent upon the setting. Written by Molière in the late 1600's, Benson's adaptation should be nothing short of surprising. The plot is based on a

little quirks. He has a lot of secrets that he tries to cover up. Wearing a mask, revealing who you are, and what you want and how to go about to getting that,

for us because we are close to the audience. To have 100 people surrounding us will be great because of the energy but also very distracting...I enjoy playing

[Elmire]. She is very strong, and has many levels."

The first performance of *Tartuffe* is on Thursday, April 14 at the Dorothy Dickson Darte Center and the final performance is on Sunday, April 17. There is limited seating; only 100 seats per

performance. Tickets are being sold in advance. Prices are \$15 for general admission, \$5 for senior citizens and students, and free for Wilkes students with I.D. For more information or ticket reservations, call the box office at 1-800-WILKES-U, ext. 4540.

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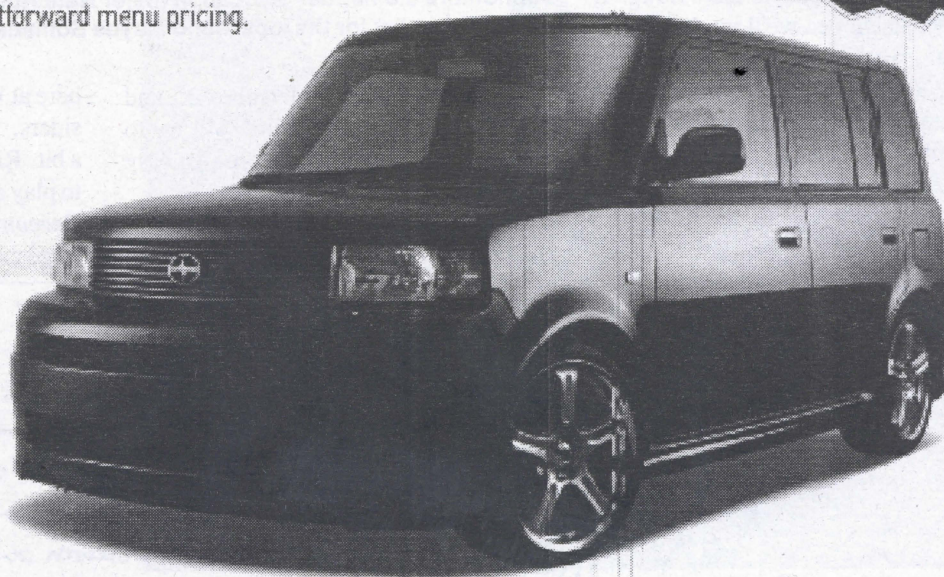
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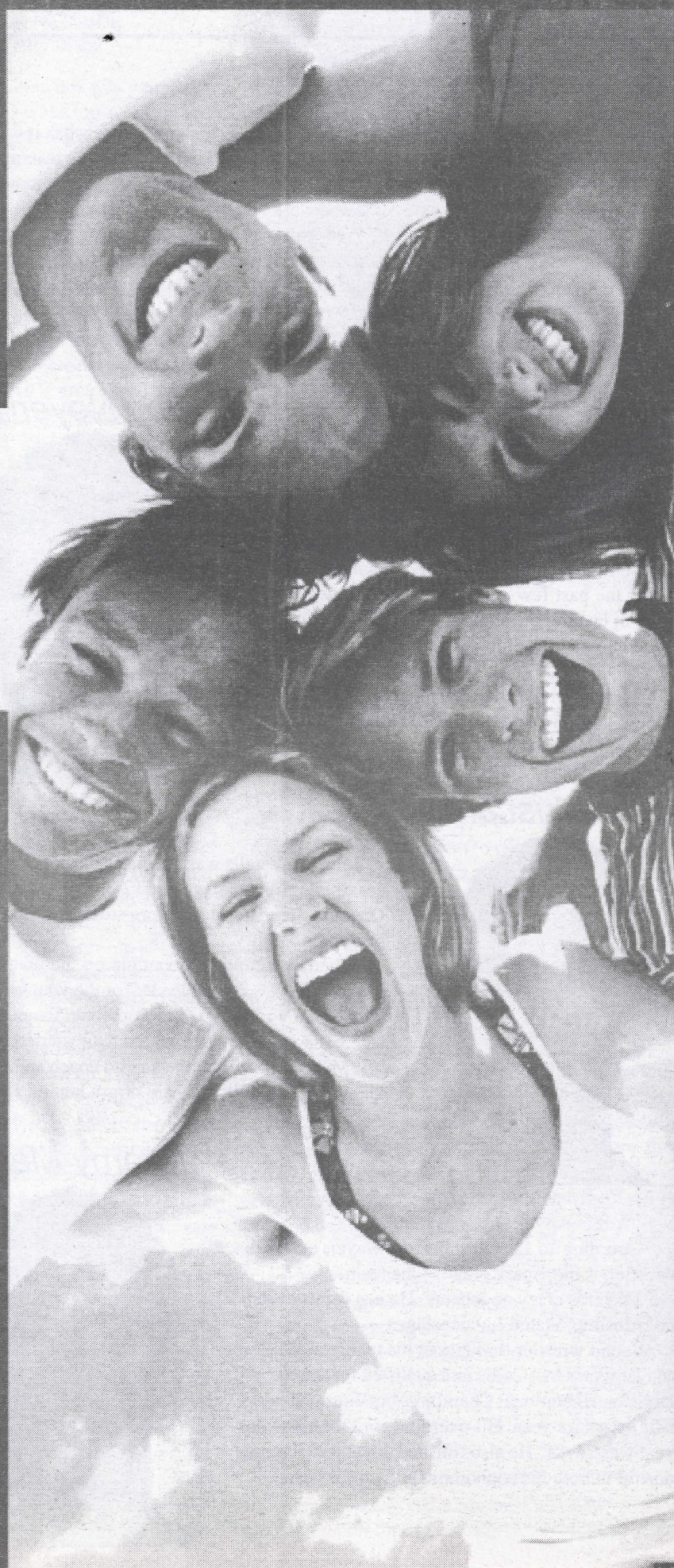
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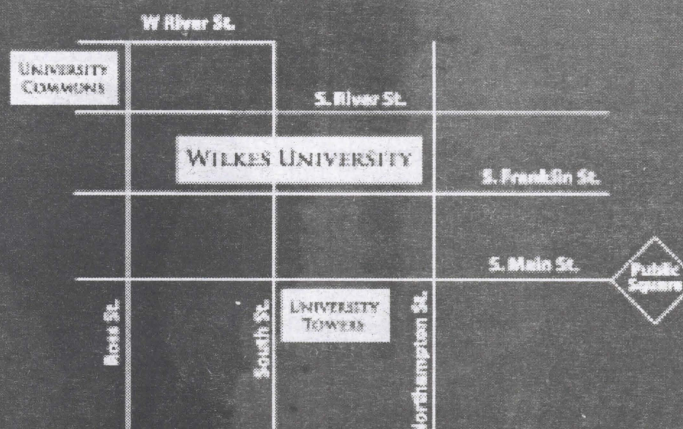
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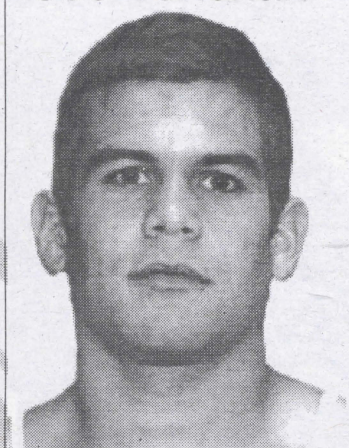
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Cold weather Colonels

The Beacon bids farewell to senior athletes

Wrestling

Joe Yenchak



One of the senior captains, Joe Yenchak is widely thought of as one of the best tutors by his teammates. His 11-25 record is not indicative of the amount of time and work he puts into wrestling.

"Yenchak was always the bull of the team. He didn't always win every match, but the guys that he would wrestle on the mat knew he was there," stated head wrestling coach Jon Laudenslager.

Women's Basketball

Lyndsey Bey



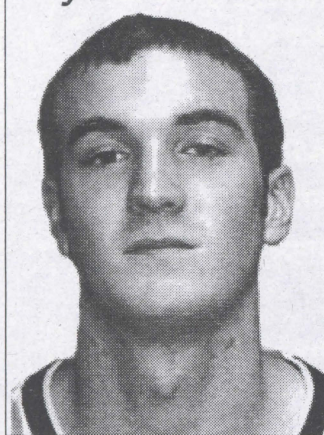
Four-year veteran Lyndsey Bey was one of the biggest contributors to the women's basketball team during her career as a Lady Colonel. Bey served as team captain, and led her teammates even as she recovered from injury during the season.

Bey went through a lot during her career including a torn ACL. During her sophomore year she endured long hours of physical therapy and during her junior year she came back as a huge contributor.

Women's basketball head coach, Jim Reed said, "Bey is the kind of person who always keeps things in perspective and is always unbiased in her leadership responsibilities. She was also someone that you could count on to do whatever you asked."

Men's Basketball

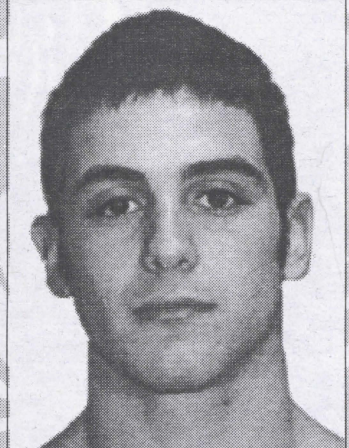
Ryan Milford



Although Ryan Milford only played in the first ten games of the 2004-05 season due to a mid-season injury, he still averaged in double figures with 11.6 points per game while also chipping in 1.6 steals and an average of 7.5 rebounds per contest.

During his four-year career, Milford became an increasingly versatile player, who for his 6'5" frame was an extremely good ball handler. "Many guys his size can't play to the same level of ability," stated head basketball coach Jerry Rickrode.

John Muscarella

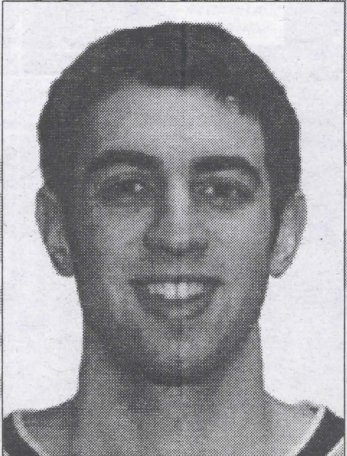


John Muscarella was having an exceptionally successful junior year, going 12-3 and winning the Oneonta State Tourney before suffering from a season-ending injury.

Whether setting the example on the mat, or off, Muscarella was a great leader for the younger members of the wrestling team. Someone, Laudenslager said, who could always get the team started.

"Muscarella will make a good coach some day if he ever gets into it," he said of graduating senior.

John Yanniello

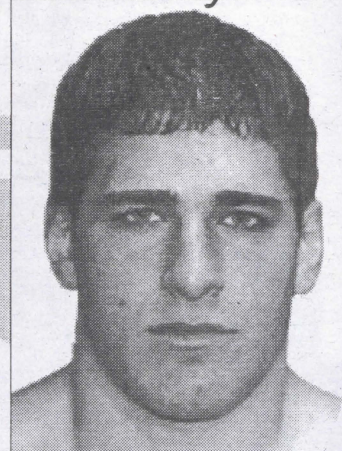


Averaging 15 points and 1.6 assists per game, senior captain, John Yanniello served as team leader both on and off the court.

"You just don't get this kind of guy. [Yanniello] always seems to put himself below the team," said Rickrode.

One of the highlights to Yanniello's final year was in the game against Lycoming when he scored 27 points including four 3-point shots. Rickrode noted, "He just seemed to play outstanding and make every key shot in that game."

John Neyerlin

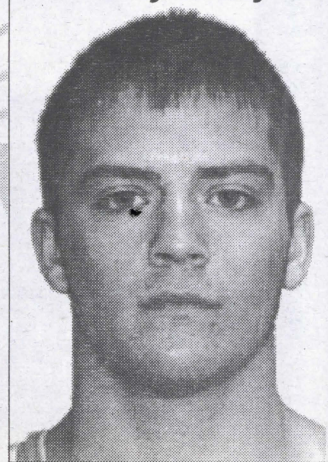


During his tenure at Wilkes, Jon Neyerlin (184 lbs) always gave 100 percent focus to wrestling.

Coach John Laudenslager said, "I will always remember Neyerlin as a winner. He is someone, who during the past few years has been a leader, especially in leading the team in wins. If as a team, we needed a win he would pull together and get it for us."

Neyerlin completed his career at Wilkes 63-34 including a 24-8 record in the 2002 season, placing runner-up in the 2003 MAC Championship.

Jeremy Mayer



According to Laudenslager, Mayer, a 125 lb. wrestler, is the "spark plug" of the team.

"Mayer is crazy on the mat. He just fights even if he is losing," stated Laudenslager.

A solid wrestler throughout his tenure at Wilkes, Mayer won a MAC title and qualified for the NCAA Division III National Championship Tournament finals his senior year. His overall record for his senior year was 26-13. He also finished 4th at the Championship in both his sophomore and junior years.

Baseball captains slide into fourth year balancing act

Prescription for athletic and academic success

BY RICH HANNICK
Beacon Staff Writer

Imagine this was your day ... You wake up to grab your white pharmacy coat and a pile of books and get out the door for a day filled with classes. When you finally get back home, it is only to grab your cleats, glove, and bat for an evening of rigorous baseball practice, followed homework and studying into the late night and early morning. Finally there is some sleep, but then it is time to wake up and do it all over again.

For Josh Turel and Tyler Trutt, this "scenario" is reality.

Turel and Trutt, both P2 pharmacy majors in their senior year, are co-captains of the Wilkes Colonels' varsity baseball team. Coach Joe Folek chose these two student-athletes as captains because they are great leaders on and off the field.

"You can't be someone who just thinks about baseball for just two hours a day. You have to make a part of your life...When I pick captains, I pick guys that do that," says Folek. Being able to juggle a professional degree program and a collegiate sport speaks volumes of their character and work ethic. Folek also said their relationship with each other is strong because of their shared major and that reverberates on the field.

"He is among the best catchers in the league...He has been all conference," said Folek. Offensively, Turel is in the top of the lineup and defensively, he is the leader, or among the leaders, in numerous categories, "primarily his percentage for throwing runners out," said Folek. During Friday's game against Delaware Valley, Turel went one for four with a single, a stolen base, and a run scored.

Turel, a Pittston Area grad, has a strong work ethic, on and off the field and realizes the importance of an education. According to Folek, Turel's work ethic and dedication to the sport has only grown since he started



Josh Turel, catcher and team co-captain, fires the ball back to the pitcher. Turel recorded a stolen base and scored a run against Delaware Valley. Tyler Trutt, the other Wilkes captain, recently sustained a season-ending injury.

on the team as a freshman four years ago.

As a baseball player, Turel values the concept of team, one of the most important aspects of being a good captain. "I want to put the team first and be a good leader," said Turel, whose team goal is simple: get back to the championship, and win it. His personal goal, along with Trutt, is to do whatever it takes to win the MAC championship.

Turel hopes to make the best of this year, since it is his last year of eligibility, even though it takes a toll on him. "The hardest thing is missing classes for games and things like that," said Turel, whose every spare moment between baseball and classes is devoted to studying.

Like Turel, Trutt, a Mifflinburg grad, is feeling the growing pains of coming into his second year of pharmacy school. "My first three years were a lot easier than this year. Our class schedule has a lot of afternoon classes now. It's tough," said Trutt.

According to Folek, this shortstop's fielding game has matured during his time with the pro-

gram, though "as a person, he was very mature when he got here."

Trutt recently sustained a season-ending injury when he aggravated an earlier hamstring pull. "I guess I have to be our number one fan," said Trutt on leading the team with an injury.

Because of his injury, Trutt can't lead by example, though he plans to "be around, talk to the guys and be a vocal leader." Trutt, a unanimous first team all conference pick last year, may have been the best shortstop in the region. Depending on Trutt's class schedule next year, he may have

one more year of eligibility, because this season, he will be red shirted due to injury.

Though this season may be their last played at Artillery Park, both Turel and Trutt will continue pursuing their degrees and hope to become leaders in a different field - pharmacy.

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umpire could have forced us to forfeit the game if he wanted to."

In addition to the crowding backstop, the condition of the field itself was rather poor due to the frequent raining this year. "I believe right now that the (Kirby Park) field is under water all the way up to second base," said Coach Matthews. Senior biology major Andi Dominick summed up the benefits of the new field, which will host the MAC Championships this season, over the old when she said, "There's no comparison."

The new stadium's outfield reaches to 190' on the foul lines and to 200' at center field. Run-

ning around the outfield is an 8-foot high fence, which is considerably higher than many other outfield fences, like those at King's College, for example. Coach Matthews chose the height in order to protect his players. "With a three- or four-foot high fence," he explained, "the outfielders can run into the bar on top of the fence when they are stretching out to make a catch, and hurt themselves. The tall fences prevent that, so they're much safer."

Another positive aspect of the new stadium is its location. The field is located at the end of the Ralston Field parking lot, just next to the football field. "It's really convenient for parking," said Plavchak, "And you can also go to different games

at the same time."

Dominick concurs; "It's easy access to watch, which brings more fans to the game."

The new field is certainly destined to become one of the more impressive fields throughout the MAC. The stadium is even equipped with lights, although Coach Matthews doubts they will be used in anything other than playoff games during the season.

It is an impressive field, topped off with an enormous scoreboard - a gift from the senior class. "It's a special field," said Coach Matthews. If the stadium nears completion as the Lady Colonels continue their run for the playoffs, the season may end with a great team fighting for the MAC title in a stadium that they can be proud of.

Attitude is key to lacrosse team's spirit

BY ADRIENNE RICHARDS
Beacon Correspondent

Winning isn't everything; attitude is important, too--especially for a team that finished its season 0-10 last year. The Wilkes women's lacrosse team is relying on that unbeatable attitude to strengthen and grow.

A taste of their hunger for victory this season was proven at Wednesday's match when the Lady Colonels lost by a single point to Wilmington College. The game ended in a 12-11 loss, and although they did not pull away with a win, players still found positive reinforcement. This was the first time in Wilkes history that the women's lacrosse team has scored in the double digits.

Coach Nancy Billger commented, "This year's team has much strength. We have several returning players with experienced freshmen adding to the program. We certainly are a more

balanced, well-rounded team that is extremely motivated and united."

Members of the lacrosse team have been displaying their unified attitude with new t-shirts. As a team, the ladies also sat down and compiled a mission statement at the start of their season. The back reads "Unity, Confidence, Commitment--whatever it takes."

Junior captain Lyndsay Asinelli said, "We are more of a team this year because of unity. We have more girls with positive attitudes who are serious about the sport this year."

"Our unity is what is helping us on the field," added junior Jennifer Compton. "With just two subs, if everyone makes it, we have to be more confident in ourselves."

The number of subs proves to be another step forward for the team, moving from zero substitutes last year.

This is the team's third year as



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Lyndsay Asinelli and Pam Carey play some tough defense. Even though the team suffered a 15-6 loss at the hands of FDU-Florham, the players maintain a positive attitude.

an official varsity sport, and the Lady Colonels see their experience growing as well. Coach Billger said, "I am very excited each game and practice to see

their individual and team growth."

More experience and growth is adding an element of credibility the team was looking for, Compton explained. "Everyone is believing

we are a team. We weren't a team in peoples' minds and now we're getting credit."

Unity appears to be more than just a slogan for this team.

Equestrian Club jockeys for approval, members

BY MEAGAN BROWN
Beacon Correspondent

Alisha Cain has always loved horses and recently decided to spread that love to Wilkes by establishing the equestrian club.

The sophomore English and pharmacy double major has been around horses her entire life and began riding seven years ago. When she came to Wilkes, her horse naturally came with her. Since her freshman year, she has boarded her horse, Trinity, at Peaceful Valley Equestrian Center in Beaumont.

Her passion for horses and equestrian competition inspired her to urge others to get involved in the sport. About one month ago, Cain pitched her idea to form an equestrian club to Student Government (SG), and SG Members agreed it was a great idea. Thanks to the new club status granted by SG, Alisha has created the Wilkes University Equestrian Club, of which she is president,

and brought horseback riding to the campus.

The club, which plans to begin practice in two weeks, is made up of twenty-five women and has

members that range from novice to experienced riders. Kirstin Kunsman, vice president of the club, has been riding for twelve years and cites her experience as

the reason for joining the club. "Horseback riding has always been a passion of mine. I rode and competed for over twelve years, so when I saw that there was an equestrian club, I had to jump at the chance [to join]," said Kunsman.

Cain said that the club did not get off of the ground without research. "I work in admissions and I got to talk to a lot of people about riding. I also talked to people on campus that knew that I rode and I saw that there would be a lot of interest from beginners and long-time riders," said Cain.

Kunsman encourages anyone to join, regardless of experience. She said, "Even if you just like horses but have never ridden, then join. Anyone who has the slightest inclination to join should. It is a really good time."

The Equestrian Club plans to compete in the Hunter/Jumper category of riding. The club will compete in intercollegiate competitions and will not represent the University in any official collegiate

athletic competitions - at least not yet. The members will begin lessons at Peaceful Valley and even have the chance to trade work at the center for practice time with the horses.

However, there are other costs associated with riding. Students must have their own riding outfit, which can cost upwards of three hundred dollars. The club must also raise funds to defray the fees for the different riding organizations.

The club, which was granted three hundred dollars by SG, plans to begin fund raising on April 23 with a food stand at an equestrian show at Peaceful Valley. With the help of fundraising, the club hopes to begin competing next semester.

Both Cain and Kunsman encourage all students to join - not just female students. "There are men in the sport and it can be fun for them, too," said Cain. The club meets every Thursday at noon in the basement of the library.

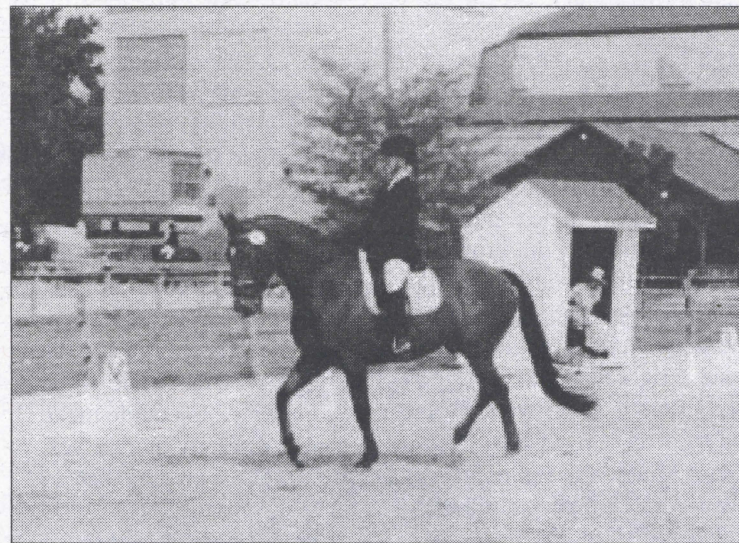


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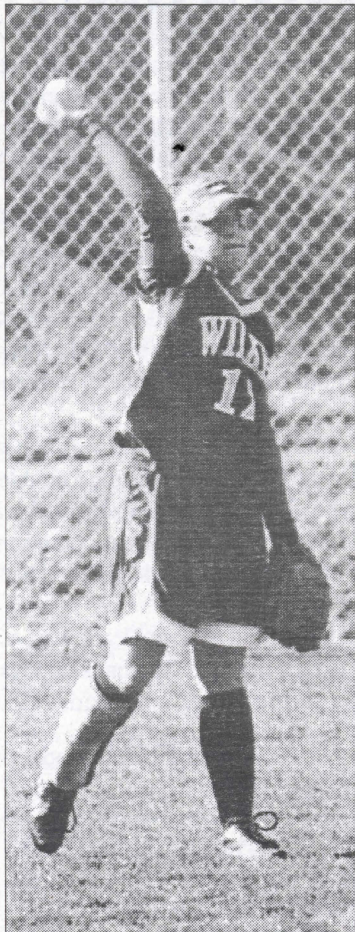
Alisha Cain rides horseback on Trinity, her horse. The equestrian club was recognized by Student Government on March 16. Cain, club president, is vying for new members from the Wilkes community -- a mix of males and females.



COLONEL'S CLIPBOARD

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Softball: Nadine Taylor and Laurie Agresti



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Junior Nadine Taylor does some warm up drills. She led off the the sixth inning of the Lady Colonel's last home game with a homerun.

BY NICK PODOLAK
Beacon Correspondent

This week, we couldn't choose just one.

Athletes of the Week recipients are softball standouts Nadine Taylor (Susquehanna/Thompson PA) and Laurie Agresti (Central Dauphin East/Harrisburg, PA). The duo also earned Freedom Conference Honors for their gallant efforts on the field. Junior outfielder Taylor was named Player of the Week while sophomore pitcher Agresti was named Pitcher of the Week.

Taylor is leading the team in hitting with a .435 batting average and has six doubles, two triples, and two homers. However, power isn't the only thing Taylor brings to the table. She proves to be the "total package" as she ranks second in the stolen base category with five swipes in six attempts. Coach Matthews said, "It's very rare to have a player like Nadine. She has speed, she has power, and she's got an arm."

It is remarkable that Taylor even plays softball because it was not offered when she was young. "Softball wasn't introduced at the time in my area, so I had to play Little League with the boys," said

Taylor. She eventually went on to play for a travel team in Binghamton, New York, where she developed a love for the game.

Last Wednesday, Taylor had a single and doubled in the lone run in Wilkes 1-0 victory over Misericordia. She also added two hits in the nightcap, making her four-for-six on the day. When asked if she has any pre-game rituals, she smiled and said "Yeah, my boyfriend gives me a rubber band to wear on my wrist before each game. It's sort of like a good luck charm."

Sophomore sensation Laurie Agresti won Pitcher of the Week honors for the second week in a row. Last year's Division III strikeout leader is on pace for a repeat performance with 142 punch outs this season. Her .77 ERA is microscopic and opponents, hitting a measly .120, can't touch her. What is Agresti's secret? "The rise ball is my secret weapon. It looks like it's coming right down the middle till the very end, where it comes up on the batter," she said.

Agresti tossed a one-hit gem in Wednesday's pitcher's duel against the Lady Cougar's Kristi



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Sophomore Laurie Agresti fires a pitch past a batter. She tossed a two hitter with 18 strikeouts in her last start. Agresti was named Pitcher of the Week last week, earning Freedom Conference Honors.

Devens, who allowed only one run and six hits. Even more amazing, she came back in the third inning of the nightcap and pitched 4.2 innings of relief, getting the win and sweep for the Lady Colonels. "I pitched a total of 12 innings yesterday, and today my arm feels completely fine."

Agresti says her father, who pitched for Kings in the early 70s, supplies her with the motivation. "He's the one that introduced me to pitching. He's the driving force behind it," she said.

SPORTS WEEK RECAP

BASEBALL

3/22	Wilkes 11 Marywood 17
3/31	(Game 1) Wilkes 1 Keuka 4 (Game 2) Wilkes 6 Keuka 5
4/1	Wilkes 1 FDU-Florham 12
4/6	(Game 1) Wilkes 5 FDU-Florham 4 (Game 2) Wilkes 9 FDU-Florham 7
4/8	Wilkes 7 Del. Valley 4
4/9	(Game 1) Wilkes 7 Del. Valley 9 (Game 2) Wilkes 8 Del. Valley 3

SOFTBALL

3/31	(Game 1) Wilkes 0 Moravian 6 (Game 2) Wilkes 5 Moravian 6
4/4	(Game 1) Wilkes 0 Lycoming 1 (Game 2) Wilkes 8 Lycoming 0
4/6	(Game 1) Wilkes 1 Misericordia 0 (Game 2) Wilkes 7 Misericordia 4
4/9	(Game 1) Wilkes 2 FDU-Florham 1 (Game 2) Wilkes 8 FDU-Florham 3

MEN'S TENNIS

3/29	Wilkes 6 Marywood 1
3/30	Wilkes 6 Lycoming 1
4/5	Wilkes 6 Penn State Berks 1
4/6	Wilkes 5 Kings 2
4/8	Wilkes 6 Philadelphia Bible 3

LACROSSE

3/22	Wilkes 7 Thomas Aquinas 10
3/31	Wilkes 9 Moravian 18
4/2	Wilkes 3 Susquehanna 19
4/6	Wilkes 11 Wilmington 12
4/7	Wilkes 8 Avernia 13
4/9	Wilkes 6 FDU-Florham 15

NUMBERS OF THE WEEK

- 4 Goals scored by the Women's lacrosse team in the final 6 minutes of the first half of the April 6 game against Wilmington
- 5 Wins for Madhan Srinivasan in Men's singles tennis
- 6 Homeruns hit by Alexis Petite for Lady Colonels this season
- 17 Strikeouts recorded by Jared Farrell for the season

Lady Colonels break in new softball field

BY RYAN DIPPRE
Beacon Staff Writer

When the warm weather breaks, there is nothing a softball player enjoys more than digging her spikes into the diamond dirt, especially when it's on a brand new field.

The softball team opened their new field with a bang on March 31, playing three double-headers there last week and bumping their record to 14-6 overall in the process.

Although the new field is not completely finished, the Lady Colonels have embraced the new field, as it is a major step up from old Kirby Park field.

"I'd say it's seventy to eighty percent complete," says head coach Frank Matthews, now in his fifth season at the team's helm. Several parts of the stadium, such as the batting cages and the bleachers, still aren't up and some painting still needs to be completed. However, the most



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Alexis Petite takes a cut at an incoming pitch. She has a batting average of .319 since the opening of the new softball field. In the last game on April 9, she ripped a two-run homer. Wilkes won both games 2-1 and 8-3.

important part of the stadium - the field - is in what Coach Matthews calls "excellent" condition. "It's been a little rough because of the weather lately," he said, "but it's holding up pretty well."

Several team members backed up Coach Matthews' statement. Freshman pitcher Sarah Plavchak, who tossed an 8-0 shut-out against Lycoming College on April 4, noted that, "It's a lot easier to field ground balls without rocks and divots all over the field."

Sophomore Katie Orr, who was batted in to score the winning run during a double-header with College Misericordia on April 6, considered the field in great condition. "It's a lot better than our old field. That's for sure," she said.

Indeed, the field at Kirby Park was, according to Orr, illegal. "The backstop was too close to the plate," she said. "The

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ALL WEEK

*Exhibit-"Then as Now" Sordani Art Gallery, Stark Learning Center 12:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.; free admission

MONDAY (4/11)

*No events listed

TUESDAY (4/12)

*Women's softball @ Scranton 3 p.m.
*Men's tennis w/DeSales 3:30 p.m.
*Men's baseball @ Susquehanna 4 p.m.

WEDNESDAY (4/13)

*Golf @ Lycoming 1 p.m.
*Men's tennis @ Keystone 3:30 p.m.
*Men's baseball w/Misericordia 3:30 p.m.
*Lacrosse @ Scranton 4 p.m.
*Student Government meeting 5:15 p.m. Marts 214

THURSDAY (4/14)

*SG/CC/IRHC Candidate Meet-n-Greet 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. HSC Gameroom; free pizza
*Golf w/Baptist Bible College 1 p.m.
*Men's tennis @ FDU-Florham 3:30 p.m.
*SG Presidential Debate 7 p.m. Marts 213
*Theatre--Tartuffe 8 p.m. DDD; Wilkes students, free; other students & senior citizens, \$5; general admission, \$15

FRIDAY (4/15)

*Plan your Weekend with Student Development -- visit <http://www.wilkes.edu/studentdev/weekend.asp>
*Men's Baseball @ DeSales 3:30 p.m.
*Men's Tennis w/Moravian 3:30 p.m.
*Theatre--Tartuffe 8 p.m. DDD; Wilkes students, free; other students & senior citizens, \$5; general admission, \$15

SATURDAY (4/16)

*Mountain Biking - sign up at Student Development
*American Diabetes Association 5K Run/Walk 9 a.m. -- begins at McClintock Hall, 44 South River
*Men's baseball w/DeSales 1 p.m.
*Women's softball w/Keystone 1 p.m.
*Flute Ensemble Concert 3 p.m. DDD lobby
*Piano recital--Gerald Lee 5 p.m. Kirby Salon; free
*Theatre--Tartuffe 8 p.m. DDD; Wilkes students, free; other students & senior citizens, \$5; general admission, \$15

SUNDAY (4/17)

*Men's baseball @ Marywood 1 p.m.
*Men's tennis @ Drew 1 p.m.
*Women's softball w/ Delaare Valley 1 p.m.
*Recital performance by senior Jessica Unice, soprano, 7 p.m. First Presbyterian Church free
*Theatre--Tartuffe 2 p.m. DDD; Wilkes students, free; other students & senior citizens, \$5; general admission, \$15

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