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### Area Students Offer Downtown Collegetown Aspirations



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Senior Business Major, Phil Coffey offers focus group findings at a "Downtown Collegetown" presentation. The initiative included several students from five local institutions.

# **Exceeding Expectations: The Housing Hunt Begins**

BY GABE LeDONNE Beacon Managing Editor

The following is the first in a series entitled "Exceeding Expectations." The series will examine Wilkes University's response to the higher than expected number of new and returning students planning to enroll in the fall.

Part I of the series looks at the situation from the aspect of on-campus housing. Part II will evaluate how the Wilkes Admissions Office has responded to institutional goals and adjusted strategies and policies; and Part III will take a look at how Wilkes' response to increased enrollment and housing demand compares with other colleges and universities.

On-campus housing has once again become a major topic of discussion in the university's

preparations for the next academic year-not only because of increasing freshman and transfer class sizes, but also because of the unexpectedly high number of returning resident students.

Around 67% of currently available on-campus housing has already been spoken for by returning Wilkes students for fall 2004. Last month's housing selection process resulted in a surprising jump in upperclassmen seeking campus housing-a number surpassing previous years' averages by around 20%.

Gretchen Yeninas, Director of Residence Life, explained that the residence life staff bases its estimates of returning on-campus students on the numbers of past years. "When we did the

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BY JULIE MELF Beacon Assistant News Editor

Revitalizing Wilkes-Barre's downtown area has been an ongoing battle for many years. Now with a new mayor in office, it seems the rejuvenation process is back on track, and city officials are willing to recognize the approximately 11,000 college students that reside close by the city. One immediate goal is for city officials and area colleges to begin to work hand in hand to help make the downtown area thrive once again.

The initiative to include college students in the process for rejuvenating downtown was furthered at a forum that was held at the Kirby Center for Performing Arts in Public Square Wednesday, March 31. During the forum college students involved in a Student Steering Committee from Wilkes University, King's College, Luzerne County Community College, Misericordia, and Penn State Wilkes-Barre presented findings from their focus groups on the positive and negative characteristics of the downtown area.

"I got involved in this project through Student Government...I really like downtown but it needs to be improved, so I wanted to be a part of it," said Steph Victor, sophomore pharmacy major at Wilkes Univer-

sity. "The presentation went really well tonight, and hopefully everyone takes our comments into consideration. I definitely think in the future through our research and others

that there is a lot happening and it will be improved."

The focus groups were comprised of 54 students from the five area colleges and illustrated one of the most unique aspects of this project, which was that students attending the five area institutions worked outside of their respective campuses and united on the project. The focus groups were conducted and analyzed in October 2003.

"It was great. There's great talent with the other colleges and with the other people that were a part of it," said Joseph Deschak, senior business administration major at King's College. "It was a great experience and it was an honor for me to work collaboratively with the other institutions."

The Student Steering Committee gave thanks at the forum to the Chamber of Presidents and the Diamond City Partnership who helped make their voices heard and are giving college students a chance to become a more visible part of planning for downtown Wilkes-Barre. The students were also delighted to see city officials, including the mayor who attended the meeting and took notes.

"It was obvious that the students put a lot of time and effort

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SG Happenings
Notes from the Student Gov-

Notes from the Student Government Meeting on March 31, 2004.

Presidential nominations were accepted for SG and partnering clubs. The following individuals accepted nominations for leadership positions:

- \*Mick Jenkins accepted nomination for SG President \*Jenna Strzelecki was nominated for IRHC President
- \*Lindsey Wotanis was nominated for Commuter Council President

Signatures for these positions supplied by the student body in support of the candidate are due by Wednesday April 7, 2004.

The faculty choice award is given by SG to a faculty member who shows commitment to extra-curricular activities. Ms. Deb Chapman, Learning Center Instructor, was the winner.

Motion passed 28-0-0 to donate \$100 for flowers to the family of the Wilkes student, Lauren Martin who passed away Saturday March 24, 2004 in her home. The winning Winter Weekend team, GI Jim, chose to

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

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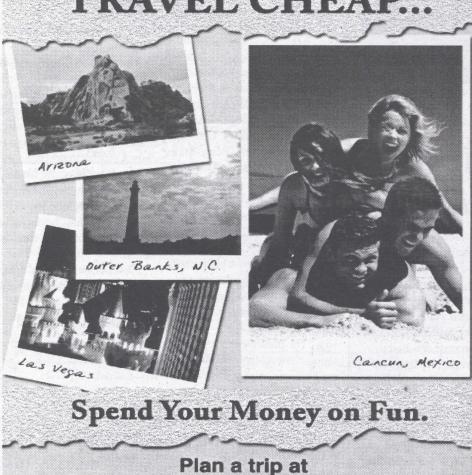
### Etiquette Luncheon



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The Etiquette Luncheon, sponsored by Career Services, was held Thursday, April 1, at 11am in the Miller Conference Room. Participants learned about the importance of business manners and social interaction during dining functions. Pictured above are (from left to right): Lindsey Williams, John Zelena, Fairchild Semiconductor Rep. Steve Willison, and Michael Liberski.





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### **News Briefs**

Courtesy of the Associated Press

### Hong Kong woman sues government after rampaging monkey wrecks flat-screen television

HONG KONG (AP)-A Hong Kong woman says conservation officers chased a stray monkey into her home, where it went on a rampage that destroyed an expensive flat-screen television. Now she's suing the government.

Regardless of how the woman's lawsuit is resolved, newspapers reported that she replaced her flat-screen television with a bulkier conventional model.

#### Woman finds \$2,000 cashier's check in pillow from thrift store

COWICHE, Wash. (AP)-Tiffiany Grigsby paid \$1.99 for the heart-shaped pillow Saturday at a Value Village thrift outlet in Seattle. Her sister Hewitt Walker turned the pillow over, unzipped the cover, and found a plain white envelope which contained a mint-condition check dated Feb. 9, 1990. Grigsby sent the check to her mother, who plans to resend it to Walker.

#### Thailand's billionaire premier says his daughter will learn about life while flipping burgers

BANGKOK, Thailand (AP) - If Paetongtarn Shinawatra thought she could keep a low profile Monday on her first day working at McDonald's, her hopes were dashed when her father, Thailand's Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra, dropped by for a takeaway.

Thaksin, who became one of Thailand's richest men by investing in telecommunications, let the phalanx of reporters trailing him know that even in the family of a billionaire, the younger generation must learn the value of money and hard work.

"Thai kids, when they finish school, they don't know how to work," said Thaksin, as his giggly daughter stood by. Paetongtarn, 17, will be earning 23.75 baht (US\$0.60) per hour in her part-time job.

"I just want her to have the experience and to know about life, because she is the youngest child and when she was born her parents already had status," he said. "Money isn't the main issue. We want her to find experience."

#### Student cracks theft ring by calling her stolen cell phone

AVON, Ohio (AP) - A high school senior retrieved her stolen cellular phone by calling it and schmoozing the person who answered.

The work by Cyndal Dempsey, a senior at Avon High School, led to the arrest of two men suspected in a series of vehicle thefts in a four-county area of northeast Ohio.

Dempsey's camera phone, programmed to play Latin dance music when it rang, was stolen sometime after midnight Feb. 22 from her 1989 Buick, which was unlocked and parked in her family driveway.

Convinced the phone was too cool for someone to throw away, Dempsey decided to dial the number.

A female voice answered.

"Hey, girl," Dempsey said.

The voice on the other end tried to guess who was calling.

"Crystal? Tiffany? Jenn," the voice asked.

"Uh, it's Tiffany," Dempsey said.

"Hey, girl," the voice said.

"I haven't seen you in, like, forever."

"I can come right over," Dempsey said. "Tell me where you are."

The voice gave the address to Dempsey, who said goodbye and then called police.

Police went to a house in rural Columbia Township and arrested two men suspected in a theft ring that broke into 100 vehicles in rural areas of Cuyahoga, Erie, Lorain and Medina counties, said Lorain County sheriff's detective Randy Koubeck.

# Rice's testimony a chance to sort out a tangled administration

BY CALVIN WOODWARD

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) - President George W. Bush's about-face decision to let his national security adviser testify about the government's actions before the 2001 terrorist attacks offers a chance to pierce a fog of confusion if not contradic-

Condoleezza Rice's public accounts of the Bush administration's anti-terrorism preparations have not always been consistent with statements by others in the Bush team, and sometimes she has seemed to be at odds with herself.

Her former counterterrorism chief, Richard Clarke, emerging as a witness against his old boss and the Bush administration generally, has offered a sweeping indictment of a national security team so fixated on Iraq that it practically ignored the building danger of the al-Qaida terrorist network until it was too late. But his story has varied, too.

A look at some of the subjects the independent commission on Sept. 11 may try to sort out in hearing from Rice and addressing the question of what, if anything, could have been done to head off the hijackings:

The day after. Last week, the White House questioned Clarke's claim in his book that he met Bush and others in the Situation Room the day after the terrorist attacks, and that the president pressed for any shred of evidence that Iraq was behind the hijackings.

White House spokesman Scott McClellan said Bush "doesn't have any recollection" of such a meeting or conversation on Sept. 12, 2001, and "there's no record of the president being in the Situation Room on that day."

Clarke claimed to have four witnesses to that conversation and made the biting comment that Bush and Rice, in not remembering it, had "a memory lapse, a senior moment."

Later, Rice said Bush did speak with Clarke that day and, as she put it, asked "did Iraq have anything to do with this?"

What's a plan? Rice said the Bush administration did not get a plan from the outgoing Clinton administration to deal with al-Qaida. Later, she said Clarke gave the Bush team a "set of ideas" on that subject.

Secretary of State Colin Powell pitched in: "We were not given a counterterrorism action plan by the previous administra-

tion," but rather, "good briefings on what they had been doing."

On the surface, the debate is a semantic one over what constitutes a plan, strategy or something less, but the distinction may be important as the commission further explores what Bush did and did not do as Sept. 11 approached.

Military options. Rice, writing in *The Washington Post* last week, said the national security team put together a strategy in the spring and summer of 2001 to eliminate al-Qaida, and this included "sufficient military options" to unseat Afghanistan's Taliban government, host of the terrorist network.

Her intent was to show that the Bush administration was preparing an all-out strategy to eliminate al-Qaida, not just contain it or roll it back as President Bill Clinton had tried to do.

But in his testimony to the commission, Deputy Secretary of State Richard Armitage described the strategy as one lacking a ready military posture. By July, he said, "we began to discuss actually using military measures, if all the rest was not successful." He went on to say "that's a long ways from having a plan, a military plan, but these were things that ... we talked about, we debated, and we realized eventually we were going to have to have in our quiver."

Clarke's standing. The White House has gone back and forth on whether Clarke was a serious player. On one hand, officials said he brought an important element of continuity from the Clinton administration, that they listened to his concerns and acted on them.

"I wanted somebody experienced in that area precisely to carry on the Clinton administration policy," Rice said at one point. Clarke made suggestions and "we acted on those ideas very quickly."

.But Vice President Dick Cheney said Clarke "wasn't in the loop, frankly, on a lot of this stuff," and "clearly missed a lot of what was going on" during the two years he worked at the Bush White House.

Powell offered a possible explanation for the discrepancy. He described Clarke as a "key staff person" but said a "new loop" developed in the Bush administration, with the CIA chief giving daily briefings directly to Bush and his most senior national security officials, and Clarke was not routinely a part of that circle.

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Collegetown

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into it and their concerns are well received by the elected officials and by the business community. I'm confident that the students are part of our community and they're going to be made to feel like they are part of our community. We're going to take advantage of them, make them aware that Wilkes-Barre is a great place and a lot of good things are going to hap-

pen," said Mayor Tom Leighton.

After the forum, the emcee for the evening, Wilkes University Junior Liz Roveda, requested questions from the audience for the Student Steering Committee about their research findings. To the committee members' surprise, however, they received no questions but comments and praise from members of the audience.

"I was pretty excited to see how well they could work together among the five institutions because I think if anything is going to make the downtown succeed it's that model of collaboration. I also think that the students are a model example of getting the work done for the rest of us and they were particularly excited about the whole notion of the movie theater. To me, that's the catalyst that's going to spur development, so we're looking forward to that," stated Dr. Paul Adams, Vice

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President of Student Affairs.

Students and attendees discussed the topic of what remains of the downtown movie theater. Leighton agreed that he sees the project as important and one that will be addressed in the very near future.

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"Right now, we're very close on announcing a lot of these projects. We're probably going to have good news in the next 60 days as to what's going to happen. These are projects that have been on the drawing board that are going to benefit not only the college student, but also the entire Wyoming Valley. We're very close with the theater, and once the theater comes, we have a long list of retail.

We're probably going to have more of a supply of people that want to relocate in our downtown than we have storefronts that are available because they know the demographics of having five colleges to draw from," explained Leighton.

The forum attendees also discussed their perceived needs for a vital downtown. Included among the suggestions was the importance of cleaning up storefronts with attractive window displays even if the building is vacant. Students also discussed topics such as safety and security, transportation and parking, housing, restaurants and cafes, entertainment, shopping, communication, and life after college.

"I was proud of everyone that presented, and I think we got our message across," said Bridget

Giunta, a junior communication studies major at Wilkes University who acted as the media coordinator for the event.

For many in attendance a desire to revitalize their hometown is the fuel needed to continue to keep this mission alive.

"From being a former student who was also from out of the area, I came back because I believe in the rebirth of Wilkes-Barre," said Wilkes-Barre City Administrator, J.J Murphy. "I'm sure I will sit down with the mayor and we will set some short-term, medium-term, and long-term goals to accomplish the suggestions and implement some of the proposals or recommendations. I think that you can tell from the crowd tonight that not only did the mayor, but the other local officials take the students initiatives and recommendations seriously. It's important. They're an important voice and we're hoping to get the college students to stay in Wilkes-Barre, stay locally and help improve our business, our civic community."

Now that the forum is over, the Student Steering Committee will begin to meet to plan events that will further bond students from the five institutions.

"In the fall we're going to be putting together a day where public square is going to be used by all the campuses. It's going to be an all day event for students that are coming back into the area after classes start up," said Phil Coffey, senior business major at Wilkes.

Murphy hopes that more college students will continue to work on the revitalization process. "Give Wilkes-Barre a chance. It's a town on the rebound and it's going to be a great town to be a part of in the next three or four years," he concluded



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### Judge Donates Valuable Senate Speeches to Library

BY JOSEPH DeANGELIS
Beacon Layout Artist

At approximately 800 pages each, a four volume bicentennial collection of fa-

mous United States Senate speeches compiled by Senator Robert C. Byrd was donated to the Eugene S. Farley Library on Wednesday by the Honorable Judge Max Rosenn, Senior Judge in the United States Court of Appeals and Wilkes University Trustee. This adds to the library's collection of rare books and serves as a focal point for many areas of study.

"Judge Rosenn's gift...was just one more example of how the library wants to support the culture and academic life of the campus," said Brain Sacolic, Co-director and Acquisitions Director of the Eugene S. Farley Library. Sacolic also pointed out that the library has nothing quite like these books.

Rosenn, an esteemed judge for the U.S. Court of Appeals in Philadelphia, which covers Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware and the Virgin Islands, gave a speech that touched on why he donated the

books to the library. "This is where they really belong instead of my chambers," he said with high praise for the library. "I also felt the best place for them is over

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Co-Director of the Library, Brian Sacolic; Judge Max Rosenn; President Joseph E. (Tim) Gilmour; and Provost, Marvene Loeschke stand behind the recent donation of Senate Speeches by Rosenn on March 31.

here because they're not readily available, and I thought I reached the point where the school could use them and enjoy them." Rosenn received two volumes of the speeches about five or six years ago from a member of the Senate. The other two volumes were purchased by Rosenn. The

books, compiled by Byrd, a powerful West Virginia Democrat, cover two hundred years of famous Senate speeches from the birth of the U.S. Senate in 1789 to 1989. In that time period, some of the country's most historic speeches were written. "They do confain some of the great masterpieces of the speeches that were given in the United States Senate," Rosenn said.

"It's just a pity that we don't see more of them because the English is elegant and the phraseology of many of these speakers are just not...I won't say [outdated] but

we just don't see them anymore," Rosenn said.

Sacolic says that this new donation could be used by almost all academic majors on campus and are a huge contribu-

tion to the campus resources.

"That would be the first impression, that historians would be greatly interested in them," he said. "But a lot of different types of disciplines can take interest in them." Those disciplines include business, English, communication studies and political science, to name just a few.

Those who attended the ceremony picked up the books and read the speeches in amazement. "They could pretty much chart the development of democracy," said Sacolic. "The whole social change of democracy could be reflected in these speeches."

Currently, library staff members are not sure of the appropriate placement of the books in the library, given their value. The books will be made available in the reference section, rare books section, or possibly special circulation. "This is nothing we want to take a chance of losing," Sacolic said.

Along with this new donation, the library has been receiving other works from alumni and professors. Professor of history, Dr. Harold Cox, set up the archives section of the library last year and has more works he wishes to submit into the library. "I'm now trying to locate any loose piece of paper I can find that looks like it can have some use in the future," he said.

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well as University President, Joseph E. (Tim) Gilmour; Vice President of Finance and Support Operations, Scott Byers; Vice President of Enrollment Services, Michael Frantz; Director of Enrollment Services, Melanie Mickelson; Dean of Students Mark Allen; and Vice President of Student Affairs, Paul Adams.

To date, the group has put some projects into action designed to help address the gap, but they acknowledge they still have work to do.

One project that is "a go" is the renovation of Slocum Hall into a residence hall. Currently, the lower two levels of building serve as the base of Wilkes' Air Force-ROTC program, and the third level is a residence hall for 14 students. The renovation would add approximately 28 beds to the building, and relocate AF-ROTC to the upper floors of Bedford Hall.

Another plan already in place is to take over 10 additional apartments at Ten East South Street, the residential apartment complex that began housing 21 university resident students in August of 2003. The additional apartments would create 20 new spots.

On a smaller scale, the team is also

scouring to find spaces in current residence halls to add beds. "There will be some rooms that we will probably triple. I've already found two large enough rooms, so one-by-one, we'll start adding those extra beds," Yeninas said.

Several other options are also being considered, but are not yet definite.

"There are two other places still in discussion that could probably give us anywhere from 30 more beds," Yeninas commented, but could not say specifically where those places were.

Another possibility in the works involves the South River Street Apartments, which are currently 20 students below capacity due to a zoning agreement with the City of Wilkes-Barre.

"During the summer of 2002 we agreed to a maximum capacity with the city's Zoning Commission limiting the number of resident students in the "Lakeside" buildings to 45-capacity is approximately 65," explained Paul Adams, Vice President of Student Affairs.

The agreement essentially closed the 362 South River Street residence hall and

reduced the number of students living in the other South River Street apartment housing buildings.

"In the time since the agreement was signed I think the University and its students have been a positive influence on capacity on South River Street, no formal request has been submitted. "I hope we'll be able to do so soon," Adams said.

If enough housing cannot be found in time for the fall semester, Yeninas explained that the University may fall back

on the Ramada Inn, in downtown Wilkes-Barre; a strategy that was used in the fall of 2003

"The Ramada has been contacted; I think again it would be used as overflow housing like we did last year, with the hope that we'll be able to take those students from the Ramada to on-campus

within the first week or so of school."

Last year, 13 students were temporarily placed in the Public Square hotel. Yeninas said that the number of students placed there this year, if any, depends on the amount of housing they find on campus.

The team hopes to have all on-campus housing plans finalized shortly after the upcoming Easter holiday break.

# BY THE UMBERS Current Housing Situation

Total On-campus Beds: 775

Freshmen Residents, 2003-04: 418
Returning Residents for Fall 2004:520

the 300 block of South River. I'm hoping that given our recent history, and our need to increase capacity, the City will consider allowing us to add some additional beds in these buildings so that we can better meet our requests for on campus housing," Adams said.

Adams stated that while the university has expressed interest to increase the

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#### Downtown Wilkes-Barre Desperate for New Energy and Life. Colleges have an opportunity to help harness it

These days it's hard to be involved in a conversation about Wilkes-Barre without hearing words and phrases like "Downtown Collegetown," "renovation," and "rejuvenation."

The city's downtown has unfortunately fallen victim to urban blight, and its revival is of interest to all citizens of Wilkes-Barre.

The revitalization of downtown, including the environs of the Wilkes and King's campuses and Market Street Square, is of course an important issue for those who live and work in the area, and for the businesses that are trying to make a go of it in the downtown. Because Wilkes University and King's College are located downtown, it is also a pressing issue for students, faculty, and staff of both schools.

Recently, the City of Wilkes-Barre has been consulting with the local University communities and with businesses on how the downtown can be improved so that it will once again become a vital commercial, social, and cultural center where citizens, students, and visitors can come together.

One idea being circulated is what has become known as the "Downtown Collegtown" initiative. This is the idea that the downtown area can draw from the atmosphere of local colleges and become a "hip" gathering place with bars, restaurants, entertainment facilities, and shops - perhaps something similar to what the community of State College has fostered in the development of "College Ave." just off campus and adjacent to Penn State University Park.

The concept of "Collegetown" would cater to the student population but would also become a hot spot for all Wilkes-Barre citizens. It would give the city an aura of vitality and sophistication that would encourage out-of-town visitors to swing by and spend

a little money. It would also add to the appeal of King's and Wilkes for prospective students, perhaps leading to increases in already rising applications and

One of Wilkes's biggest handicaps in attracting prospective students is probably the fact that the campus is surrounded by a blighted area with run-down

buildings and a relatively high crime rate that has lately been on the rise. It will only continue to accelerate if nothing is done to "clean up" the downtown. There have been problems with thefts and violent crimes and it is a shame that as soon as students step two feet away from campus-owned territory they are surrounded by streets where prostitution and the dealing of hard drugs takes place every day.

Representatives of the City of Wilkes-Barre should show more appreciation to the universities by working hard to encourage the development and rejuvenation of this blighted and crime-ridden neighborhood. After all, students spend their money in the busi-

nesses of Wilkes-Barre and make up an important part of the work force, especially in local stores, bars, and restaurants. And visitors from out-of-state and even

the right direction. The Downtown Collegetown initiative uses those resources (college students) who are the future of this area. City administrators should continue to encourage not only students' input, but students' work to see these initiatives become reality. And university officials also have a responsibility to provide students with classroom, research, and service opportunities that allow students the time and resources to continue to invest in the area's fu-

For years we have argued that the city should be more involved in attracting business to the downtown, rather than encouraging the development of what

for positive change are a step in is fast becoming a garish neon sprawl surrounding the Wachovia Arena and the Wyoming Valley Mall in Wilkes-Barre Township.

Instead of driving all the way out to the Wyoming Valley Mall for shopping and entertainment needs, people can come to the centrally located, convenient downtown to enjoy themselves. The rise of the hectic, conformist, sterile, carbon-copy shopping mall on the outskirts of the city and the decline of the unique, characteristic, individual downtown is one of the tragedies of modern commerce. If our mantra is "Bring back the downtown!" we need to also push ourselves to ask: "What can we do to help?"



#### Beacon Editorial

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

enrollment. Those prospective students' parents would also undoubtedly feel more at ease looking at a vibrant, well-lit, energized city rather than the dark, fore-

"Recently, the City of Wilkes-Barre has been consulting with the local University communities and with businesses on how the downtown can be improved..."

space it now appears to be. In short, it would make the city of Wilkes-Barre a more attractive, interesting place and thereby improve the city's standing and reputation.

boding, potentially dangerous from different parts of Pennsylvania might never hear of Wilkes-Barre if it weren't for the colleges in town and in the outlying ar-

> The recent community gatherings to discuss and brainstorm

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### Higher Ed. Needs to Walk the Talk of Diversity



BY DR. MARAVENE LOESCHKE

USA Today reported last month that within five years English will no longer be the world's first language for commerce. The article further noted that one will need fluency in at least two languages in order to be competitive in the world economy.

In 2005 there will be 20 million students graduating from college in China, the majority of whom will be women.

USA Today reports that by the middle of this century the number of African Americans will grow by 71% to 61.4 million. Their share of the population will increase to 15%.

According to the Cultural Access Group, the purchasing power in 2002 of U.S. Hispanics was \$580.5 billion, of African Americans \$645.9 billion, and of the gay and lesbian community, over \$500 billion.

Islam is the second largest religion in the world with 1.3 billion followers.

The Census Bureau projects that Whites, now approximately 69% of the U. S. population, will shrink to 50.1 % by

The Census Bureau also projects that the nation's Asian and Hispanic populations will roughly triple in size by midcentury.

As such statistics come to our attention each day, it is clear that the creation of a diverse, multicultural environment on college campuses can no longer be a distant long-range goal. If students are to truly prepare for success in a changing world, the time is now for higher education to walk the talk of diversity. A wide range of multicultural experiences and perspectives, an accepting point of view toward the community of peoples, and a diverse perspective of the world are today's prerequisites for personal and professional success.

Wilkes University students need exposure to a myriad of rich experiences that expand perspectives, open minds, calm fears, eliminate prejudices and share hearts. From a practical perspective, our students need to engage in multicultural and interdisciplinary thought so often that it becomes a natural way of thinking. Students need exposure to a variety of aesthetics through cultural events. They need to develop minds that are open to the unknown and hearts that are open to difference in all its vibrant shades and

An important component to success in the 21st century will be the ability of the individual to be conversant in more than one language. To this end, students need to study languages as widely as

The most recent ASTIN Freshman survey results suggest that Wilkes students are less interested in improving their understanding of other countries and cultures than are our comparison groups. Examples: Fewer Wilkes freshmen report interest in study abroad opportunities. A smaller percentage of Wilkes students feel that it is important to have laws protecting the rights of homosexuals.

Unless our students can reverse this trend as they progress through their freshman and sophomore years, the result, in four years, will be a group of individuals ill prepared to be successful in today's and tomorrow's world.

Wilkes University is devoted to bringing greater diversity to the institution. In his January 2004 report to the Wilkes community, President Gilmour noted the progress we have made but stressed that "we must increase our capacity to provide our students rich opportunities to learn how to be effective citizens in an age of increasing globalization and diver-

Specifically, the University is addressing several goals:

·To increase the number of minority students, faculty and staff on campus

·To provide better support systems for people of color, gays/lesbians and other members of minority groups on the campus

·To increase the number of international students

·To expand opportunity for study abroad

·To expand conversational language

·To provide more exposure to diverse guest speakers and guest artist perfor-

·To provide opportunity for students

to experience concentrated work in international studies

·To provide a thread of multicultural perspectives across and throughout the entire undergraduate experience

Finally, we need to send a clear signal of zero tolerance for racism and homophobia on campus. Most of us neither want the campus to be, nor think the campus is, racist. But our students and staff of color report encountering both unconscious and deliberate racism on campus and in the community. Gay members of the Wilkes community have reported similar experiences of intolerance grounded in homophobia. I might have found these reports difficult to accept had I not witnessed displays of inappropriate and unacceptable behavior myself.

One would hope that homophobia, sexism and racism would have no place on a college campus, especially at Wilkes where we embrace the notion of independent thinking and endeavor to serve the whole community. Can we be true to our educational mission without a genuine respect and understanding of difference and diversity?

I believe deeply that students who choose Wilkes embark on a journey that will take them further than they might ever have imagined. What can we do to ensure that the journey awakens students to their moral obligations as citizens of the world, and to their educational obligations to themselves to contribute to an accepting, supportive environment for all people?

#### n Synthetic Blood Testing ations if the new product is the only means is no way that they can be asked for conrosses

Beacon Correspondent

Synthetic blood is one of those things that come out of horror movies, oozing out of the fake wounds of the brutally attacked cheerleaders, right? Well, that doesn't seem to be the case anymore. According to a February 22, 2004 Philadelphia Inquirer article, more than 20 hospitals around the country have begun using synthetic blood in patients.

Synthetic blood is precisely what it sounds like--a synthetic, laboratory-engineered substance that acts and looks like blood, but is primarily hemoglobinbased and thinner than the real thing.

It seems like a good idea; there's a lot to be gained. First and foremost, synthetic blood doesn't have to be refrigerated, which means it can stay on board

to be any difference between synthetic blood types, so anyone, no matter what their blood type is, will be able to receive this new medical breakthrough and supposedly it should work for them.

But what about the ethical implications? As with any new research in the medicinal realm, there's always the testing phase. This is the part of the process where the researchers have to find humans willing to be the first to receive new, interesting, and potentially life saving procedures.

However, what if participants in the research project didn't have to give their consent? The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has approved 15 no consent studies over the past half a decade, with the stipulation that in life saving situby which a patient can be kept alive, then that procedure should be put into action.

This federal exemption clause, which was put into action in 1996, has now received approval to be officially applied to the synthetic blood research. That means that patients coming into the ER with head wounds, making them unable to respond to questions, or those who are admitted while unconscious will not have the opportunity to give consent for the synthetic blood to be pumped into their bod-

Anyone who is admitted that has suffered blood loss can and will have this blood used to revitalize them ... before it has been deemed safe for human use!

Admittedly, there are procedures that have the potential to save lives, and there

sent prior to the actual procedure. But, this is one instance in which there is almost always going to be the option of using actual human blood.

For the FDA to grant approval for this procedure to be used without formal, or informal consent is not ethically sound. How can we, as a society not have a problem with infusing patients with this innovative substance, a substance that they might not have even heard of?

In this instance the FDA has gone too far in granting experimental approval. How would you like to wake up and be told that you're now the proud incubator of fake cheerleader blood, and then be given the option to learn more about

APRIL 5, 2004 **EDITORIAL** 

# "One Nation Under God," Respecting All Religions



BY J.W. DAVIES Beacon Layout Artist

As the Supreme Court mulls arguments in the case brought by Dr. Michael Newdow, an atheist from California who is attempting to have the words "under God" removed from the Pledge of Allegiance, Americans are witnessing yet another battle in what seems to be a modern revolt against Christian-

Although many Americans believe that after 9/11 religion has taken on a more prominent role in the United States, there is a growing sentiment that, as a nation, we must welcome the complexity of our population and no longer be led by the socalled moral majority.

The push for the de-Christianization of America is met on all sides by strong criticism from the conservative right, as well as from certain liberal organizations. The main argument is that, in a time of war, Americans should be banding together instead of quarreling over religious matters, which is rather ironic considering that one of the hottest issues in the current presidential race is gay marriage, an issue deeply

rooted in religion.

As for the case of Dr. Newdow and the removal of the words "under God," we reach a new level in the debate over America's religiosity. Although Dr. Newdow's chances of the court ruling in his favor are slim, he does manage to raise an interesting point about the inferiority felt by those who do not practice the Christian faith. When it comes down to it this case is not only about the words "under God." It is about the dominance of Christianity over the entire population of the United States.

The Pledge of Allegiance was originally written in 1892 without the words "under God." When these words were added to the pledge in 1954, it was an

attempt by a paranoid government to rally the nation against the Communist-atheism philosophy of the Soviet Union. There is no doubt that the God referred to in the pledge is none other than the Christian conception of God. After all, it does not say "One nation under all Gods." What the term implies is that, as a nation, we acknowledge the superiority of one God, which could not be further from the truth. Although it would not be plausible for an entire nation to bow to the whims of just one atheist, it would not hurt to create an atmosphere where each and every faith is equally respected.

To create such an atmosphere we must remove the words "under God" from the

Pledge of Allegiance. We must also remove God from all government institutions and functions, including inaugurations and court proceedings. It would also help if President Bush toned down his Christian infused rhetoric while addressing the nation.

Unlike politics, religion is the most personal and private belief, or non-belief that a person can have. It does not sway under the pressures of outside forces and it cannot be taken away. It is extremely important for people to believe in something, whether it is Allah, Jehovah, or Mother Nature, but what's more, we must find a way to co-exist.

### Unrequited Love with No One in Particular



**BY MATTHEW JONES** Beacon Columnist

After seeing the new film Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind about two weeks ago, I've found that I can't get the idea of relationships out of my head.

The movie- which is amazing, by the way- brings up some rather heart-breaking honest questions about the very nature of relationships and how people deal with them. The idea that stuck out the most to me suggested that humans fall into patterns in relationships despite how they feel going into them. These patterns are case-specific and tend to repeat themselves with each new relationship. The question the movie poses then is: if I have an idea of how I'm probably going to feel about

this in a certain amount of time, why should I bother? This nearly made me cry (see October 20, 2003, issue of The Beacon).

How come? Well, if this question is legitimate, and I think it basically is, then there is zero hope for anyone of my demeanor, that is, an introverted idealist with crippling self-esteem issues. Sure, I can deliver a Puritan-worthy sermon to perfect strangers on how listening to Radiohead has effectively changed my life, but I'd rather have to drink bleach than say hello to someone of the opposite sex I don't already know. Add that to a history of quietly apocalyptic breakups (thanks to my "pattern") and I'm going about mach 3 in re-

So what does someone in my case do-just give up? On the basis of Dr. Charnetski's recent studies, if I did that I'd end up with a life-long case of the flu. It's been suggested that I should "just get drunk and go for it," but I tend to be the goofy drunk who laughs at trees and other typically not-funny things, so this is obviously a recipe for disaster. I suppose I could get a lobotomy and charm women with

my vapidness, but then I'd be like 95% of guys already out

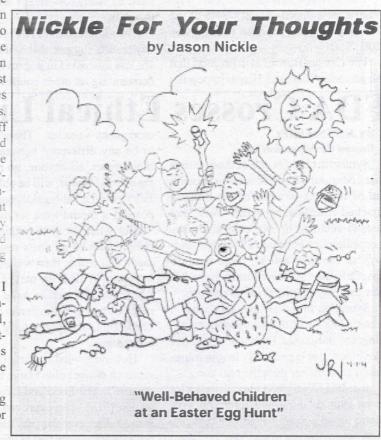
Now that I've eliminated any practical means of overcoming my problem, I'm forced to rely on the trite idealism from which I suffer. You know, fostering the hope that one day unknown cosmic forces will lead me to meet my soulmate through some unavoidable event and then we'll fall in love despite our past relationship "patterns". Yes and I still believe in Santa Claus.

Clearly, we can cross off inane hopefulness as a valid course of action, and thus we've exhausted virtually all conceivable means of escaping this apathetic inertia. Well, not all, but I'm not a rich man and, with my luck, the mail order bride would probably die during shipping

Now that I'm writing this, I realize I don't really have an answer to give you. If I did, well, I'd be out frolicking with my better half and not writing this (please don't think this is the world's longest personal ad).

I think maybe I'm just trying to offer a degree of empathy for all the other people like me that I know (hope? pray?) are out there. Maybe through perseverance and the existence of allencompassing diversions such as school we'll be able to tough it out and try not to spend too

much time dwelling upon things like blown opportunities or dying alone. You know, come to think of it, if you're like me, you better not go see that movie.





### IN THE SPOTLIGHT

#### Dr. Bonnie Bedford

Dr. Bonnie Bedford, Associate Professor of English, has been at Wilkes for a total of 14 years. In addition to teaching English, she is also the advisor of Manuscript, Wilkes University's literary magazine.

Beacon: How long have you been running the Manuscript? Bedford: I was the Manuscript advisor for my first seven years at Wilkes. I had to relinquish that duty while I was Dean [of the College of Arts, Sciences, and Professional Studies]. This is my first year, once again, advising the magazine.

Beacon: What is your favorite part of working with Manuscript? Bedford: Working with the students. I am always pleasantly pleased with their creativity, diligence, and productivity. I learn as much about the art of publica-

tion and the science of reading student work as they do.

Beacon: What are some of the challenges you faced with Manuscript? Bedford: This year, the Manuscript staff has done an excellent job in making the creative selections for the magazine; however, the sheer number of submissions is far more daunting than in the past. To rectify the situation, the staff suggested that we have two editions this year, instead of one. Rejecting student work is always difficult, but I'm proud of the professionalism demonstrated by this year's staff.

Beacon: What is the criteria for work to be accepted?

Bedford: The MSS staff will read any and all submissions. They consider work anonymously and vote upon all acceptances as a group. While MSS has paid editorial scholarships, any student can join the staff and will be a voting member at all meetings on all work. The staff has developed various criteria sheets that they use when reading and considering a poem, play, short story, or creative nonfiction piece.

#### Manuscript

Helene Caprari, junior English major, is the Editor-in-chief of Manuscript. She has been on the staff for the two years. Below, Caprari tells The Beacon how the staff decided what to publish in the edition coming out late April.

Beacon: What is your role on the Manuscript staff?

Caprari: I collect and blind submissions, plan, organize and conduct meetings and Manuscript events like open readings.

Beacon: What do you consider to be the hardest part about working on Manuscript?

Caprari: Most times I am the only staff member at meetings aware of the name attached to a submission, and it is often the case that a person will add a little note to his or her submission saying how much writing means to him or her. It is a tough emotion to deal with when considering that a rejection letter might really hurt someone, but I have to disassociate myself from these comments in order to conduct meetings that assess material in a fair manner.

Beacon: What do you consider to be the most rewarding part of working with Manuscript?

Caprari: I love my staff and Dr. Bedford is wonderful. Everyone takes the many processes that go into creating a literary journal very seriously, yet we have so much fun. I enjoy going to meetings and being surrounded by the ideas of the staff members and the ideas shared in the submissions.

Beacon: How selective is the Manuscript staff in picking what will be in the publication?

Caprari: We have a wonderful staff this year because everyone has unique insights to offer. The meetings are conducted in a classroom type setting where everyone has a say and what is said is considered carefully before a final decision is made.

#### Spare Change Fundraiser to **Provide Money Lost in Cutbacks**

**BY JAMIE BABBITT** 

Beacon Asst. Features Editor

Everyone sees them around. Some throw in the few pennies they get back from the cashier, just to avoid having to walk with that annoying "clang" in their pocket. Others glace at the canister while checking out but just stuff their change in their pocketbook and walk away.

The Pharmacy Department wants you to take a moment out of your time and a few coins out of your pocket to help out their cause before rushing off to your next

Opportunities (CEO) and... since we lost some grants, they've said that whatever we collect will be earmarked specifically for the bank (the collection of pharmaceutical medication)... Just something to give spare change and most likely, hopefully, it will meet the needs to just fill that little lack of funding that we didn't get."

According to McManus, 100% of the proceeds will go to purchasing medication for the clinics. "It goes directly into the hands of people in need."

Brian Roslund, junior pharmacy major,

"We have a very well defined number of drugs that we provide to the clinics, free of charge... We have probably about 5,000-6,000 prescriptions that we prescribe per year with the various clinics."

Dr. Mary McManus

Associate Professor of Pharmaceutical Sciences

class or meeting.

The Spare Change Fundraiser is a project spanning across the Wyoming Valley to raise money for six health clinics in need. According to Dr. Mary McManus, Associate Professor of Pharmaceutical Sciences, the department is raising money to "support the pharmaceutical access project... [which] helps to provide both needed medication and also pharmaceutical care."

McManus says that the patients in their care are either uninsured or fall into the category of the "working poor." They also deal with one homeless clinic in the

Student volunteers go to six free clinics in the Wyoming Valley to deliver drugs and educate patients. "We have a very well-defined number of drugs that we provide to the clinics, free of charge... We have probably about 5,000-6,000 prescriptions that we prescribe per year with the various clinics," said McManus.

In the past, the program received grants to fund the costs of medication, primarily from the United Way organization. However, United Way recently lost some of their money and decided to invest in other areas. "They've funded us all along. They're sort of sharing the wealth at this point," said McManus.

The loss in money forced the Pharmacy Department to explore other options in terms of fundraising. McManus explained, "We work in collaboration primarily with the Commission on Economic

is the student in charge of running the fundraiser. He also volunteers his time in the clinics in the area, and sees it as a very rewarding experience for students.

"By doing something good for the clinic... you make yourself feel good but you're also helping a worthy cause," said

McManus also believes helping out is a good way to put what students learn in the classroom to use in the real world. "I think it's an opportunity to... see the whole story, because sometimes, when you are in the health profession and your learning the process, you sort of learn a lot of book things and you... don't hear the whole story behind it. At the clinics, you can't avoid the human side of it. I think so often the students come back really changed. I think the students get more from it than anything that we can actually give [them]," said McManus

The Pharmacy Department is hoping to earn between five and ten thousand dollars throughout the Wyoming Valley area in order to continue their service. The fundraiser will go on through April 16. The canisters are located throughout Wilkes' campus, including in the Henry Student Center, Registrar's Office, Pharmacy Department Offices, the Stark Learning Center, the Residence Life Office, and the Public Safety Office.

"By using that extra change to go towards providing the free drugs for the clinic, it's a huge, huge contribution to them," concluded Roslund.

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### New Job Site Encourages Grads to "Work & Play in NEPA"

BY LINDSEY WOTANIS
Beacon Features Editor

This year's college graduates will soon be walking across their respective stages to receive their diplomas, but the problem is that the majority of them will keep on walking, right out of Northeastern Pennsylvania.

According to a recent poll conducted by IssuesPA, a non-partisan issues resource presented by The Pennsylvania Economy League, 26% of Pennsylvanians age 18-29 say they want to move out of Pennsylvania. Many leave right after college, in search of economically greener pastures.

Enter the region's newest website: www.worknepa.com. This site was designed to attract and retain the best and brightest young professionals to NEPA. The site is closely linked to the "Work & Play in Northeast PA." That campaign, which stems from the even bigger initiative endorsed by Governor Ed Rendell, "Stay, Invent The Future," provides young adults with information about the social, entertainment, and lifestyle aspects of the region.

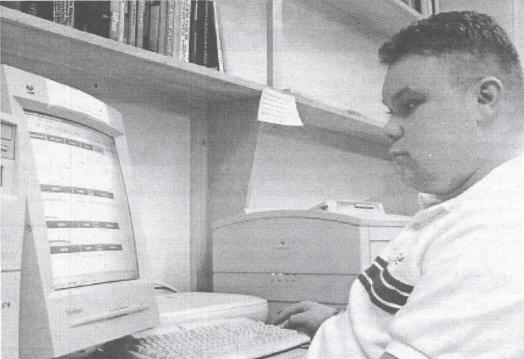
Philip P. Condron, President of Condron & Company, which is a full-service advertising, public relations, and marketing firm in Scranton, works to promote the new job search site. The site

'good jobs,'" said Condron.
"This single source site culls some of the largest and best known job web sites in the world to spotlight opportunities for NEPA job seekers," added Condron.

Worknepa.com pools local jobs from 8 major job search engines, including: monster.com, flipdog.com, hotjobs.com, dice.com, and local sites like nepajobfinder.com. This site is unique because it pulls up only regional jobs for those who wish to "Work & Play in NEPA." It allows college students and job-seekers to post their resume, and search for internships and jobs in the region. It also allows employers to post jobs at no cost, which aids their recruitment process.

Jane Ashton, Director of Workforce Development at the Greater Wilkes-Barre

Chamber of Business and Industry, feels that the "Work & Play in NEPA" campaign is extremely important to the region because it showcases the opportunities



The Beacon/Gabe LeDonne

Sophomore Richard Hannick browses the website, www.worknepa.com, searching for an internship in the area. This website allows students to locate local jobs and internships as well as to post their resume.

"Some students have told us there is nothing to do and there are no jobs. One common theme we found is that students truly want to stay in the area but are unaware of the opportunities," said Ashton.

Ashton believes this site will have a positive impact on our area, and she has already seen evidence of the site's suc-

"As of Wednesday, March 17, approximately 200 regional employers have posted over 235 jobs to www.worknepa.com. Over 258 job seekers have posted their resumes to the site and over 19,682 site searches have been conducted," said Ashton.

Philip Ruthkosky, Director of Cooperative Education at Wilkes University, is instrumental in helping Wilkes students find internships in and out of the area. Ruthkosky notes that the site can help students when beginning their search.

"Along with providing an effective tool to search local internship and job opportunities, it [Work & Play site] also provides an in-depth view of the region's recreational scene that you will not get on the larger, national job search engines," said Ruthkosky.

Richard Hannick, a sophomore business administration major at Wilkes University, agrees. Hannick is in the process of searching for an internship and has used the site to do just that.

"It is a great starting point. It gave me a better idea of the opportunities that are available in this area, some I already knew about, many I didn't," said Hannick.

Dr. Joseph E. (Tim) Gilmour, President of Wilkes University, is a strong believer in the opportunities that NEPA can afford young professionals. Gilmour feels as though initiatives like "Work & Play in NEPA" are a step in the right direction towards retaining college graduates.

"It is a great way for companies to identify talent that they might not have known about," said Gilmour.

Gilmour added that in order for this site to be effective, other changes must also occur simultaneously. Many companies will have to pay more competitive wages, and companies must work together with colleges to offer internships to local students.

"[This site] is a great piece in the total puzzle . . . We need to work together as a region," concluded Gilmour.

But in order to work together as a region, you have to be able to work in the region; this new site hopes to help graduates to walk from the stage into a great job in Northeastern Pennsylvania.

For more information about NEPA and its opportunities, visit www.worknepa.com.

The biggest challenge in NEPA is the out-migration of our best and brightest to other cities . . . primarily to find 'good jobs'.

Philip P. Condron

President of Condron and Company

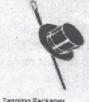
targets young adults ages 15-34.

"The biggest challenge in NEPA is the out-migration of our best and brightest to other cities . . . primarily to find available in the area. Over the past two years, the Wilkes-Barre Chamber and other organizations have talked with local students to get their thoughts on the area.



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#### Lennon and Wilkes Students Assemble Book of Mailer's Letters

BY JAMIE BABBITT Beacon Asst. Features Editor

As undergraduates, English majors rarely get the opportunity to work with famous authors and archivists on indepth projects such as assembling a book.

But last spring semester, students in ENG 397: Norman Mailer Seminar were offered just such an opportunity, and after a year and a half of their efforts, the final version of their collaborative book, Norman Mailer's Letters on An American Dream, 1963-1969, is finished and will be published in May.

Dr. J. Michael Lennon, Chairperson and Professor of English, is the official archivist for Norman Mailer, author of numerous noteworthy books including the controversial *An American Dream*. Mailer and Lennon have known each other for 30 years. Lennon came up with the idea of compiling letters that Mailer wrote to various people about the process of writing his book. Lennon proposed the idea to Mailer, got the go ahead, and set up a course consisting of ten juniors and seniors to help him out.

According to Lennon, An American Dream was "a very controversial book, but it was a bestseller. When [Mailer] wrote the book, he wrote it first to deadline in eight parts, so every month he turned in 10,000 words to Esquire magazine."

According to Lennon, this publication method was very popular in the 19th century, but usually the author wrote out the entire book and released it in installments. Mailer, however, wrote and released one chapter at a time in the same month. The magazine publication was then turned into a book. Later it was made into a screenplay and eventually a Hollywood movie.

Mailer faced many challenges when writing his book, which he documented in letters to friends, relatives, and colleagues between 1963 and 1969. For example, Mailer used former President John F. Kennedy in his first installment. After that chapter was published, Kennedy was assassinated, so that created a huge problem for Mailer. "He had to figure out a way to pretend that the book was set at an earlier time period before Kennedy was assassinated," explained Lennon. "So these letters... are all about that challenge, that self-imposed challenge," Lennon added.

Norman Mailer's Letters on An American Dream, 1963-1969 consists of 76 letters written by Mailer that Lennon and

his students hand selected out of thousands. They read through each and every one of them and picked out the letters that concerned Mailer's book. The book also consists of an introduction that Lennon wrote, some illustrations, and a timeline of the events that took place during the time the book was written, according to Lennon.

"It's a scholarly edition for people who are really interested in that novel, *An American Dream*, and it tells the whole story," said Lennon.

and get Mailer's approval. The students also had to decide whether or not to leave in material not related to the book, like his talk on baseball or what he had for dinner, for instance.

According to Lennon, the team also had difficulties with mistakes that were made by Mailer in the letters. They encountered the problem of deciding if they should fix the mistakes.

"They had to wrestle with those issues, and those are very difficult editorial issues. What kinds of things do you fix?

hether or not to leave "It was a project I had grown attached to the book, like his that he had for dinner," Lennon even after the seminar was over.

"It was a project I had grown attached to, and I wanted to see it through," said Cardenas.

Throughout the summer, these four students helped organize the letters into manageable categories. During the fall semester, Cardenas and McLaughlin continued to work on the project by typing all of the letters and proofreading the entire book.

By working so closely with this book, Cardenas and McLaughlin experienced a rare opportunity for undergraduates to get involved in. "I learned that a great deal of work goes into creating any book, even a collection of letters. At first it seemed that the book would write itself—the letters were already written... However, Mailer's contacts needed to be identified, proofreading took a great deal of time, and the organization of the whole thing was definitely a learning experience," said Cardenas.

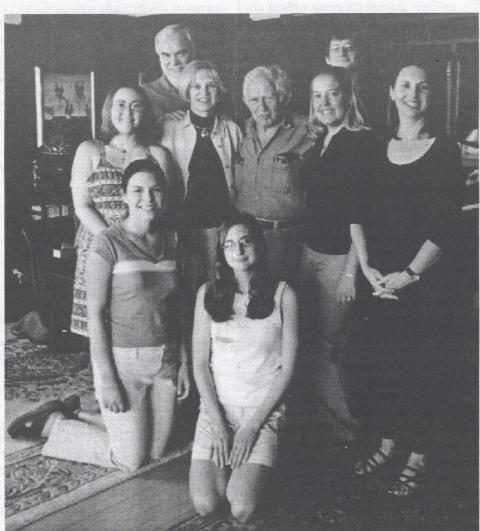
For McLaughlin, working on the book affirmed her own career aspirations. "Taking the seminar, and continuing to be involved in assisting Dr. Lennon afterwards, is probably the best decision I have ever made in my entire life so far... It confirmed my own desire to go on with literary scholarship and hopefully one day earn my own Ph.D.," she said.

Lennon is very grateful to the students who took his seminar and helped him out with the book. He thanked them in the introduction of the book, and once it's published he plans to give each of them a copy, signed by Mailer. "They were in on every single phase of the assembling of this book," said Lennon.

When the book was completed, Mailer invited Lennon and the students of the seminar to his house to celebrate. There, they got the opportunity to meet and spend time with the famous author whom they learned so much about throughout their research.

Cardenas concluded, "Perhaps the best part about the project was the fact that I spent an entire semester admiring a novelist... and then had the rare opportunity of gaining a personal understanding of him through his letters, stories relayed by Dr. Lennon, and even a meeting in Provincetown, [MA]."

Norman Mailer's Letters on An American Dream, 1963-1969 will be published in May and anyone interested in purchasing the book can see Lennon for more details.



**Courtesy of Mark James** 

Norman Mailer (middle) poses with Lennon and students in the Norman Mailer Seminar at his home in Provincetown, MA. Pictured above (from left to right) kneeling: Monica Cardenas and Helene Caprari; standing: Sabrina McLaughlin, Lennon, Marcia McGann, Mailer, Patricia Dibble, Joseph Cortegerone, and Jackie Mosher.

Not only did the students help pick out the letters, but they also had to make important decisions on dilemmas that arose during the process. For example, some of Mailer's letters contained some very personal and private things in his life. The Wilkes students enrolled in the course had to decide if they should leave them in the book or edit them out. The solution was to go directly to the source

How do you know if it's a mistake or it's something that he meant to say?" said Lennon. In the end, the group decided to make a list of questions to ask Mailer, which Lennon brought to him.

Senior English majors, Monica Cardenas and Sabrina McLaughlin, along with two graduates, Mark James and Marcia McGann, got so involved in the process that they continued to assist

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#### **ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT**

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BY MONICA CARDENAS Beacon Asst. A&E Editor

On Friday night, the Waterfront Banquet and Convention Center was filled with students and faculty alike. Despite low attendance, a good time was had by all at Spring Fling 2004.

Tickets were \$10 each, which included dinner and admittance to the dance. Cocktail hour began at 6 p.m., with dinner scheduled to follow at 7 p.m. Identification was checked at the door, and those over 21 were allowed to visit the bar throughout the night.

The Student Government-sponsored event attracted attendees with beautiful Asian themed décor and the Waterfront's signature delicious food. Although din-

ner was almost an hour late, it was certainly worth the wait. Grilled chicken, Delmonico steak and pasta primavera were among the pickings, but it was the mashed potatoes that stole the show. Dessert options included cheesecake, chocolate cake and éclairs. However, this was first-come-first-serve, and some missed out.

After dinner and cocktails, some of Wilkes's best dressed hit the dance floor. With the exception of a short technical problem that left the group without music, this year's Spring Fling seemed to be a big hit. It was a great way for everyone to unwind and enjoy an elegant evening with friends.



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Wilkes students enjoy a night of food, fun, and dance at the waterfront this past Friday. Top: Ashley Henney and Jared Shayka Bottom: Denise Cole and Terry Holdren.



TheBeacon/T. Mick Jenkins

### Event Review: Spring Fling | REAL QUESTIONS, FAKE ANSWERS with The Realboy

In an ongoing effort to meet the entertainment needs of Wilkes students, The Beacon is experimenting with new formats and new ideas. The Realboy column is the product of the first of these experiments. Give us your feedback at www.wilkesbeacon.com

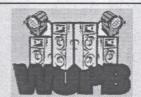


Question of the Week: Why is round pizza put in square boxes?

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The Realboy

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# Today's Recipe Apricot Peach Smoothies

The mellow mingling of peach, banana and apricot flavors makes this refreshing smoothie so soothing. A spark of tart lemon adds a little tang, but honey keeps the drink on the lightly sweet side.

#### Ingredients:

- (5.5 ounce) can apricot nectar 1 medium ripe banana, frozen and cut into chunks
- 1 c. (8 ounces) fat-free vanilla yogurt
- 2 c. sliced fresh or frozen unsweetened peaches
- 1 tbs. lemon juice
- 1 tbs. honey
- 1 tsp. grated lemon peel
- 6 ice cubes

#### **Directions:**

- 1. In a blender or food processor, combine all ingredients.
- 2. Cover and process until smooth.
- 3. Pour into glasses.
- 4. Serve immediately.

Yields 4 Servings





### **Dorm Room Dining**

BY LORI GRAUSAM
Beacon Staff Writer

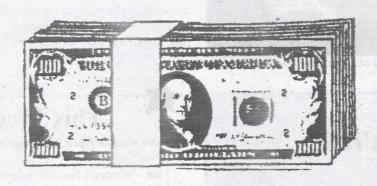
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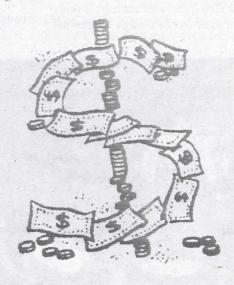
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### ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

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#### CD Review: The Dandy Warhols Thirteen Tales from Urban Bohemia

BY MATTHEW JONES Beacon Staff Writer

With a career spanning nearly ten years, The Dandy Warhols stand as an example of a band that has consistently produced quality, genre-busting albums.

Thirteen Tales from Urban Bohemia, released in 2000, exists as a microcosm of the band's sound, containing a foray into virtually every type of music possible (with the exception of hip hop). While remaining rooted in slightly psychedelic pop, the album includes acoustic folkish rock, straight out (although tongue-in-

cheek) country, and even gospel.

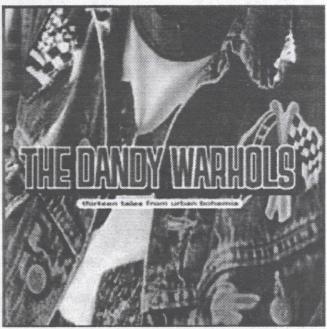
Some listeners may be turned away by such a variety of sounds, wishing for either the druggy consistency of the earlier *Come Down* or the 80's synth-pop throwback of the Dandy's latest, *Welcome to the Monkey House*. But patient and openminded fans who can make it for all thirteen tracks are in for a treat. The opening trio "Godless," "Mohammed" and "Nietzsche" may as well be listed as one massive 15-minute epic. The quiet intensity of the acoustic "Godless" is littered throughout with muted brass before

"Mohammed" adds snaking electric guitar licks to the mix. Their culmination in "Nietzsche" explodes with plodding fuzzed-out instrumentation and vocalist Courtney Taylor-Taylor's high range delivery.

Taylor's sharp wit as a lyricist shines through on the classic rocker "Bohemian Like You." If this album is a microcosm of their sound then "Bohemian" really sums up the band's pathos. Over a

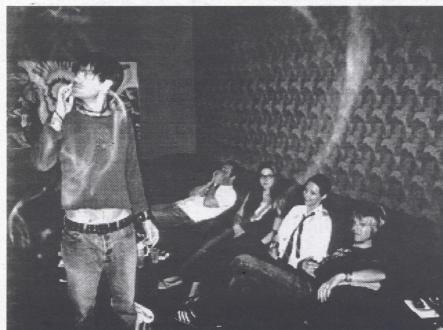
shamelessly lifted Rolling Stones riff, Taylor delivers lines like "I really love your hairdo yeah/ I'm glad you like mine, too/ See we're looking pretty cool" with a poker faced deadpan that's flat out hilarious if you get it. And that might be the sole problem for The Dandys: getting them.

It can be assumed that lyrically they're evoking that shallow inertia that stalks the ranks of modern Bohemian hipsters despite actually being the brunt of their own jokes. The wrong listener may confuse the irony with seriousness, even



Courtesy of www.dandywarhols.com

though it would be hard to, and then the band just seems like a bunch of infantile burnouts with a Velvet Underground obsession (see earlier songs like "Lou Weed"). For this reason, it is hard to take the group seriously but I don't think that would bother the Dandy Warhols, they've never proclaimed themselves to be anything they're not. All of this aside though, *Tales* is a solid album with some darned catchy pop tunes. Fans of modern rock, be it alternative or lo-fi, should certainly give them a listen.



Courtesy of www.dandywarhols.com

### Urban Legends

Friday the 13th is a day fraught with mystery and superstition.

Today, most of us would probably agree that superstition's role in Western culture is now a much diminished one, more a source of amusement than anything else. However, there are still those who allow their fear over particular days or dates to prevent them from engaging in their choice of activities. We may make jokes about Friday the 13th and only kiddingly instruct loved ones to exercise greater care on that day, but those who suffer from a fear of the number thirteen (triskaidekaphobia) or a fear of Friday the 13th (paraskevidekatriaphobia) may genuinely feel limited by the rumored potential for ill luck connected with the date.

#### This Week in History...

The week of April 5 through April 11 in retrospect:

5th - Winston Churchill resigned as British prime minister, (1955)

**6th -** Rolling Stone Records was formed to promote the hits of The Rolling Stones, (1971)

7th - Francis Coppola, acclaimed movie director, was born (1939)

8th - The U.S. House of Representatives held its first meeting, (1789)

9th - The first exhibition baseball game was held at Fenway Park in Boston. The game was between Red Sox and Harvard, (1912)

10th - Steven Seagal, action movie actor, was born (1951)

11th - Apollo 13 blasted off on a mission to the moon that was disrupted when an explosion crippled the spacecraft. The astronauts did return safely, (1970)

### Play Review: The Winter's Tale

BY ALISON SHERRY Beacon Staff Writer

If you didn't see the latest performance by the Wilkes University's Department of Visual and Performing Arts *The Winter's Tale*, you may have missed one of the most unique and incomparable Shakespeare experiences that has been offered at Wilkes.

Unless you are a die-hard Shakespeare fan, most probably will not be familiar with the play like the well-known classics of *Romeo and Juliet* or *Julius Caesar*. However, *The Winter's Tale* is probably one of Shakespeare's most divergent plays.

The Winter's Tale combines themes of good and evil, humor and tragedy. It is quite difficult to determine whether Shakespeare had a tragedy or a comedy in mind as he penned it. The Department of Visual Arts must have had a unique kind of struggle ahead of them in determining how to interpret the text and create the production.

However, under Joe Dawson's direction, the actors and actresses upon the

stage portrayed their parts to perfection and made each one of Shakespeare's characters come to life. As I watched the play, I found myself actually caring about these characters and what happened to them.

The Winter's Tale is the story of King Leontes (played by Robert James Stowe), who accuses his wife, Queen Hermione (played by Netta Clemens), of having an affair with Polixenes (played by Peter Mario Baldo) and declares her unborn baby illegitimate. After the queen gives birth to a girl, she entrusts her baby to her best friend Paulina (played by Tiffany Smith) who takes the baby to the king in hopes it will soften his heart. Unfortunately, the king only grows angrier and orders the child to be abandoned to a desolate place. Later, the king's son, young Mallimus, (played by Hugh Gilmore) dies and soon after, Hermione is presumed dead as well. The king becomes repentant and heartbroken.

Meanwhile, after things take a turn for the worse in the forest, the baby girl is found, by a kindly Shepherdess (played by Jennifer Zubernick), and her son a Clown (played by Corey Pajka) and they name the baby girl Perdita (played by Lauren N. Trovillion). Sixteen years pass and the son of Polixenes, Prince Florizel (played by Carlos Candelario) falls in love with Perdita, even though Polixenes disapproves. With the help of Camillo (played by Nicholas Pierce), once an aid to the king who longs to see his old home again, Florizel and Perdita take the clothes of a local rogue, Autolycus (played by Benjamin S. Ptashinsky), and set sail for home.

At home, Leontes still remains in mourning after all this time and greets the son of his old friend Polixenes, effusively. Once Camillo and Polixenes arrive in town too, everyone is revealed for their true nature. The Shepherdess arrives and reveals how Peridta was found, leading the king to the realization that Perdita is his daughter. After general rejoicing, Paulina takes the crowd to her home in the country where a statue of

Queen Hermione stands and is magically restored to life. All is forgiven and everyone celebrates the miracle.

With tears in my eyes towards the end, I found a new play from Shakespeare that I simply now adore. I wasn't sure whether to expect a comedy or a tragedy, but The Winter's Tale is often referred to as a "romance," something Shakespeare is not known for. The play provides a little bit of everything, so any Shakespeare fan who enjoys both comedy and tragedy could be vastly entertained. The actors and actresses all did a marvelous job, as Shakespeare is not easy to portray. They made the characters believable and understandable to anyone, which I think is what made the play as good as it was. I will be anticipating next year's Shakespeare production and I look forward to it being as beautifully done as The Winter's Tale.



BY BRIDGET GIUNTA Beacon Staff Writer

#### Percussion Ensemble Concert

Tuesday, April 6 at 8 p.m. in the Dorothy Dickson Darte Center for the Performing Arts. The event is sponsored by the Wilkes University Department of Visual & Performing Arts. For more information contact Bob Nowak at 570-408-4420. Free Admission



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the third inning was, Evans, Steve Imdorf, Jared Ferrell, Derek Sheruda, and Dave Morgan.

The Colonels were able to add another run in the fifth inning. Sheruda started the inning by reaching on an error by the right fielder, Pete Moore, allowing him to advance all the way to third. This set Sheruda up to score easily as Trutt would fly out to right giving him his second RBI of the game.

Wilkes would close out its final inning at the plate with an-

other four runs. Kevin Konschak pinch hit for Chalres Hampton and was able to get on base with a walk. Konschak then



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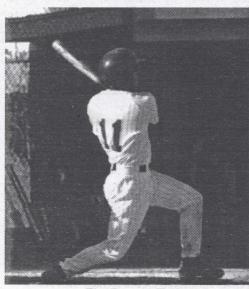
Mike Spotts locks in on the pitch during Monday's game against DeSales.

moved to second on an Imdorf single to center field. The Colonels fourth batter of the inning, Dave Morgan, hit a bomb to

center field allowing both Konschak and Imdorf to score giving Morgan his second and third RBIs of the game. Trutt also picked up his third RBI of the game when he flied out to center field allowing Morgan to score. The Colonels ended their explosive game with a triple from Kulago giving him his third RBI on the day, scoring Justin Popovich.

Mike Spotts, pitched seven strong innings evening his record at 3-3. Spotts allowed seven hits and four unearned runs, while striking out five. Jeff Ridge and Mike Quinn closed out the game for the Colonels allowing a combined one walk and 1 strikeout.

Imdorf had four hits, including a double and triple, to lead Wilkes offensively. Kulago added three hits, including a triple, and drove in three runs. Morgan contributed two hits and three runs batted in.



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Josh Turel swings at a pitch during
Monday's game against DeSales.

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### Women's Lacrosse Drops 25-1 loss to Scranton

BY WILL MIDGETT

Beacon Asst. Sports Editor

The Wilkes Women's Lacrosse team took on the University of Scranton on Thursday in a Middle Atlantic Conference game. The Colonels fell 25-1 to Scranton, who are undefeated in conference play. The loss dropped the Lady Colonels to 0-7 overall, while the Lady Royals improved to 4-4 overall, and 3-0 in the conference.

Four Scranton players, Junior Samantha Augeri, Sophomore Kelly Herlihy, Junior Lauren Johnson, and Senior Kate Pierangeli, each scored 4 goals for the Royals. Augeri and Herlihy both added 2 assists while Johnson added an assist of her own. Junior Amy Denes and Freshman Jackie Messantonio each scored three goals for the Lady Royals as well, and Denes added a team high three assists.

Sophomore Kathryn Currier scored the only goal for the Colonels. This was an unassisted goal and was Currier's second of the season. Currier scored her goal a little after three minutes into the second half, avoiding the shutout. Scranton's offense was dominant and they claimed a 58-12 shots on goal average. Scranton's goalkeeper Courtney Enman recorded 9 saves while picking up the win. Cassie Malone, the goalkeeper for the Lady Colonels, racked up 18 saves, but the Scranton offense proved too much.

"Their defense was so good", says Malone. "It allowed their offense to control the ball most of the game. It's hard to get anything going when the other team keeps that kind of pressure on your defense."

Wilkes also played against Messiah College on Tuesday, at Messiah. The Falcons routed the Lady Colonels 20-0, allowing only one shot on goal. The win also left Messiah undefeated in MAC play, at 3-0 in the conference and 6-3 overall. Malone was able to save 14 goals for the Lady Colonels.

Messiah and Scranton are now ranked 3rd and 4th in the conference respectively, while Wilkes is ranked in last place behind Moravian.

 Wilkes will be on the road on Monday when they face non-conference foe Centenary College.

# **Greyhounds Sweep Lady Colonels**

Courtesy of Sports Information

Moravian College swept a nonconference softball doubleheader from visiting Wilkes University by identical 5-2 scores on Tuesday afternoon. The wins improve the 10th-ranked Greyhounds to 15-1 overall, while the Lady Colonels see their record slide to

Meghan Hennessey picked up the pitching victory for Moravian in game one. She went seven innings and surrendered only four hits, while striking out eight. Jen Trate was tagged with the loss for Wilkes after tossing six innings and allowing nine hits and five runs, only three of which were earned.

Heather Bortz had two hits to lead the Moravian offensive attack. Chrissy

Cianfichi tripled for the Greyhounds, while Janelle Brey, Danielle Carrione and Jessica Esposito had a double apiece. Nadine Taylor, Alexis Petite, Kim Graver and Katie Orr had one hit each for Wilkes

In game two, Moravian took advantage of three Wilkes errors to score four unearned runs and post the win. Donna Weiner earned the mound victory by pitching seven innings and giving up four hits and two runs, while striking out six. Laurie Agresti, who went six innings and allowed only one earned run, suffered the loss. Agresti struck out seven Greyhound hitters.

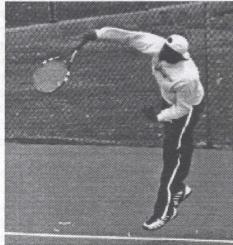
Bortz had two hits in the nightcap for Moravian, including a double. Carrione and Melissa Soroka had the other Greyhound hits. Andrea Dominick, who doubled, and Orr had two hits apiece for Wilkes,

#### Colonels Tennis Unbeaten for the Week Srinivasan remains undefeated for season

BY STEVE KEMBLE **Beacon Sports Editor** 

The Colonels men's tennis team came away with two victories for the week by defeating Marywood on Tuesday, 6-1, and King's on Wednesday, 7-0, improving their record to 4-1 for the season.

On Tuesday, Madhan Srinivasan,



The Beacon/Nick Zmijewski Madhan Srinivasan helped lead the Colonel's tennis team to victory.

Wilkes junior, remained unbeaten for the McClintock and Holwitt 8-5 year after shutting down Tim Rixner, Marywood, 6-0 and 6-0.

Keith Kopelcheck, Wilkes freshman, defeated Andrew Hetsko, Marywood, 6-2 and 6-1. Arvin Narula, Wilkes sophomore, beat Dustin Rhodes, Marywood, 6-2 and 6-4. John Lowe, Wilkes sophomore, also put up a win by defeating Mike Stevens, Marywood, 6-2 and 6-0.

The only match that Marywood came away with for the afternoon was when Jeremy Geadrities, Marywood, defeated Tony McClintock, Wilkes freshman, in a close match, 5-7, 7-6, and

Ben Holwitt, Wilkes freshman, gave the Colonels another victory by defeating Terry Ryan, Marywood, 6-7, 6-3, and

In doubles, Srinivasan and Lowe beat Rixner and Ryan 8-4. The Colonels got another victory when Kopelcheck and Narula defeated Hetsko and Rhodes 8-2.

The Colonels only loss in doubles came when Stevens and Geadrities beat

On Wednesday, King's made the cross-town trip to take on the Colonels only to get shut out 7-0.

Srinivasan kept his winning streak alive by defeating Eric Calabrese, King's, 6-0 and 6-0. Hassan Shah, Wilkes junior, beat Jay Sallemi, King's, 6-1 and 6-2. Kopelcheck also put up a win by defeating Jeff Rothstein, King's, 6-1 and 6-2.

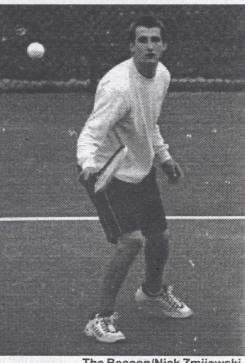
Narula defeated Matt Dunne, King's, 6-1 and 6-1. Lowe beat Brett Shipe, King's, 6-2 and 6-2, and McClintock defeated Eric Mazza, King's, 6-4 and 6-2.

The Colonels also went unbeaten in doubles play against the Mon-

Srinivasan and Lowe defeated Calabrese and Rothstein 8-1. Shah and Narula shutout Sallemi and Shipe 8-0, and Kopelcheck and McClintock beat Dunne and Mazza

The Colonels next tennis match

is on Tuesday at home against Philadelphia Bible at 4:00 p.m.



The Beacon/Nick Zmijewski Colonel's tennis posted two victories during the week.

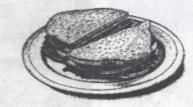
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#### Big changes at Masters: No protest by Martha, no dominance by Tiger

BY DOUG FERGUSON AP Golf Writer

Tiger Woods saw no reason to go to Augusta National for a practice round leading up to the Masters because hardly anything has changed from last year.

No holes were lengthened. No bunkers were stretched and deepened. Greens were not reconfigured. Nothing but three dozen new pine trees planted down the right side of the 11th fairway.

"The only change is the tree line," Woods said.

The golf course might look familiar, but nothing else about this Masters looks the same.

For one thing, Martha Burk is all but forgotten. There hasn't been a peep of protest about the all-male membership at Augusta National, and Burk has said there is no point coming back this year if she can't picket outside the gates of Magnolia Lane.

Also missing is the dominance of the world's No. 1 player.

Woods has rarely looked so mortal, especially coming into the Masters. He is still No. 1 in the world, although the margin is shrinking. He is still the favorite to slip on the green jacket next Sunday afternoon at Augusta National, but the odds are no longer so staggering in his favor.

"I need some work, and I've been working on it," Woods said. "It's a matter of solidifying things I've done. It's getting out there and trusting it and hitting the right golf shots at the right time."

Woods comes into the Masters with the kind of pressure he hasn't faced in five years:

--He failed to win a major last year for the first time since 1998, and he hasn't won a major in his last six tries. Woods' longest drought was 10 majors (1997-99), half of those while overhauling his swing.

--His lead in the world ranking was so great last year that the point differential between No. 1 and No. 2 was equivalent to No. 2 and No. 126. Now, the distance between No. 1 and No. 2 is about the same as No. 2 and No. 6.

--He is coming off his worst finish in five years at Bay Hill (T46), which he had won the previous four years. Woods followed that with a 75 in The Players Championship, and he had to rally to keep his cut streak alive at 120

At the heart of the scrutiny is his severed relationship with swing coach Butch Harmon, with whom he worked for nearly a dozen years. It only intensified when Harmon's youngest protege--Adam Scott, the 23-yearold Aussie whose swing is so similar to Woods--captured The Players Championship.

--That's Tiger Woods in the year 2000," NBC Sports analyst Johnny Miller said.

Ouch.

Woods did call Harmon not long after The Players Championship was over, but only to ask that the old coach pass on congratulations to Scott.

--Butch and I are still friends," Woods said. "I still talk to him when he's out here. As far as asking for help on my golf swing? No."

There isn't a player on tour who believes Woods' swing looks anything like it did during his record-setting romp through the 2000 season, when he won nine times and three straight majors. Some think his swing resembles a blend of Harmon's philosophies and those of Hank Haney, the swing coach for Mark O'Meara.

"If he's not playing good, everybody thinks I'm teaching him,"
O'Meara said. "I watch him hit balls. I would tell him, he asks me, what I think. Sometimes he listens, and sometimes he doesn't."

Harmon was diplomatic when

asked about Woods' swing, saying Woods will get it figured out before the Masters.

Has he ever seen Woods struggle like this?

"No," Harmon replied. "I've never seen him this inconsistent. And it's obviously got to be very frustrating for him."

The scrutiny will only go away if Woods can win his fourth green jacket, an opportunity that begins to unfold when the Masters begins Thursday.

The list of challengers, if not rivals, is longer than ever.

Phil Mickelson, coming off his worst season on the PGA Tour, looks fit and hungry as he tries to shed the label as the best player to have never won a major. He won his first time out at the Bob Hope Classic, and has been a factor starting the final round every tournament he has played.

Mickelson has tightened his swing and toiled on his wedges, always the strength of his game.

A radio reporter wearing a Chicago Cubs cap recently asked Lefty if this might be the year he gets it right.

"It's only been 33 years that I haven't won a major," the 33-year-

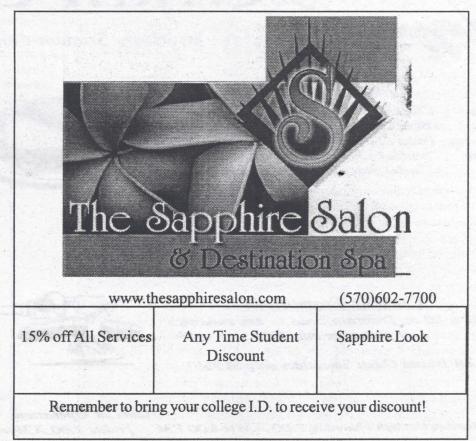
old Mickelson replied. "How many years since the Cubs won a (World) Series? I'm not quite in that big of a hole. But the Cubs' prospects look awfully exciting this year, and I've got to tell you, I've very excited about the four majors this year.

"I feel I've got the game now that I can play a major championship test without getting in nearly as much trouble."

Vijay Singh went 12 consecutive PGA Tour events in the top 10, two short of the modern record, and won in dominant fashion at Pebble Beach. He has not finished in the top 10 since his streak ended with a rare missed cut, although the '00 Masters champion has been gearing toward another green jacket.

Ernie Els won twice early in the season, including a 60 at Royal Melbourne when he won the Heineken Classic. Defending champion Mike Weir already has made one successful title defense at Riviera, while Davis Love III has two runner-up finishes.







### COLONEL'S CLIPBOAL



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King's	2	3	0	7	6	1
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Drew	0	0	0	8	8	1

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Barak Gohn Baseball



Barak Gohn, freshman pitcher, went seven and one third innings on Wednesday afternoon allowing just two earned runs and four hits while striking out five against Dickinson. Gohn improved his record to three wins and no losses.

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(3/30) Moravian 5 Wilkes 2 Moravian 5 Wilkes 2

Golf (4/2) Wilkes 305 Misericordia 345 Wilkes 305 Lycoming 352

#### Numbers Of The Week

- Number of matches won by opponents in men's tennis last week
- Number of tennis matches won by Madhan 10 Srinivasan including doubles for the season
- 4 Runs scored by Wilkes baseball in the eighth inning vs. Moravian
- 4 Total runs scored by Moravian

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#### **SPORTS**

APRIL 5, 2004

#### **Colonels Cruise Past Moravian**

BY ARIEL COHEN Beacon Staff Writer

On Sunday, the Colonels baseball team exploded in the third inning with seven runs and five hits on two errors to cruise past Moravian College in a nonconference match-up here at home. The win improved the Colonels' overall

The Beacon/T. Mick Jenkins Justin Popovich fires in a pitch during Monday's game against DeSales.

record to 13-8-1.

Shortstop, Tyler Trutt started the game bat in the game, Trutt off for Wilkes sending a hard hit ball into right field for a single. Trutt would put the Colonels on the board first after scoring off Dave Evans's double to left center field.

Moravian answered back quickly with four unearned runs in the second inning after the lead off hitter, Ethan Ordog, walked. Ordog was able to score after Turtell reached first on an error. Then advance to third off Trimble scored off of Moore's single. The final two runs that Moravian would get throughout the rest of the game came off Clancy's single to left field scoring both Moore and Turtell. The lone active inning by Moravian ended on a ground out to Trutt off the bat of Richie Cline.

In the bottom of the 3rd inning the Colonels reclaimed the lead and never looked back, scoring seven runs and holding onto the lead for the remainder of the

game. At his second at was able to get back on base with a lead-off walk that would start the rally for the Colonels.

Trutt's lead-off walk was followed by a wild pitch to Casey Kulago allowing Trutt to take second base and then Kulago's fly out to center field. Trutt was then able to score off an error by the short stop, which also allowed Josh Turel to reach first base. Evans also reached on an error by the short stop. Wilkes was able to add its sec-

ond run on Charles Hampton's single to right field scoring Turel. Also scoring in



The Beacon/T. Mick Jenkins The Colonels lost a tough game against DeSales on

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#### MONDAY(4/05)

Women's Lacrosse @ Centenary

#### TUESDAY(4/06)

Men's Tennis vs. Philadelphia Bible @ 4PM

Percussion Ensemble Concert @ DDD

#### WEDNESDAY(4/07

Softball @ Keystone (DH) @ 3 PM Men's Tennis @ FDU-Florham 3:30

Women's Lacrosse @ King's4 PM Holiday recess begins at 10pm and runs thru Tuesday 4/13

Commuter Coffee Hour @ Commuter Council Lounge 930am-1130am

#### THURSDAY (4/08)

Holiday recess thru Tuesday 4/13 -Happy Holidays!

Baseball vs. Scranton @ 3:30 PM Softball @ Misericordia (DH) 3 PM

#### FRIDAY(4/09)

Holiday recess thru Tuesday 4/13 -Happy Holidays!

Golf @ Widener University 1 PM

#### SATURDAY (4/10)

Holiday recess thru Tuesday 4/13 -Happy Holidays!

Baseball @ Scranton (DH) @ 12PM

#### **SUNDAY(4/11)**

Holiday recess thru Tuesday 4/13 -Happy Holidays!

Congratulations to Edward Skorupa who correctly identified last week's "Find This Picture" first. As Skorupa pointed out, last week's picture was the front of the Allen P. Kirby Center facing South Street. Skorupa will receive a \$10 cash prize courtesy of the Wilkes University Programming

#### Find this Picture on Campus and... WIN CASH!

Monday afternoon.



The Beacon/Kristin Hake

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