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2003-04 Budget Proposal Announced at SG Meeting

BY GABE LeDONNE
Beacon News Editor

On Wednesday night, Vice President of Business and Finance, Scott Byers; Vice President of Enrollment Services, Mike Frantz; and Vice President of Student Affairs, Paul Adams all spoke to Student Government about the 2003-04 pricing schedule, which calls for an 8.5% increase of total University budgetary expenses from last year.

For students this will result in a 4.03% tuition increase that equals \$724 for the year--a \$20 increase for the general university fee, \$10 increase for technology, and \$16 dollar increase on the recreation fee. Residence hall costs would rise \$114 per semester for apartment style housing, and \$99 per semester for dorm style housing. Meal plan costs have yet to be determined; however, it is expected that those costs will rise approximately 4.3% over this year.

The increase in tuition is the lowest

single-year increase in the last five years.

According to Byers, "The two main drivers behind the increase are the expenses of salaries, benefits, to maintain competitive salaries partly because there have been radical jumps in healthcare costs--they're [health care costs] going up 10 to 20% from what we know." The other expense, Byers explained was the financial aid program. "Those two together account for approximately 67% of the total budget," he said.

Byers explained the importance of keeping with the consistent increase of salaries, saying, "The institution is the people, so you've got to make sure that you attract and retain the good people that you have. We've got to make sure that this is the most attractive option for them to work in."

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From left to right: Vice Presidents Scott Byers, Mike Frantz, and Paul Adams explain the 2003-04 budget with Student Government.



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Library Loses \$65K in Journal Clearinghouse Bankruptcy

BY GABE LeDONNE
Beacon News Editor

"The Enron of Librarianship." That's how co-director Brian Sacolic described the mess that Journal Company Faxon Divine has put the E.S. Farley Library in--a mess costing the Wilkes library nearly \$65,000.

Faxon Divine, a Journal aggregation company, provided libraries across

the country with journal subscriptions, serving more or less as a clearinghouse. In December of 2002, the company ceased purchasing journals on behalf of its clients, and shortly after filed for chapter 11 bankruptcy.

According to co-director and acquisitions librarian Heidi Selecky about 85% of the approximately 820 journals to

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Students Raise Concerns About Terrorism

BY GABRIELLE LAMB
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Since the September 11 attacks, terrorism has been on the minds of many Americans, including college students. When the national security level changed from yellow to orange over a month ago, "what if?" seemed to be on everyone's lips.

With this in mind, the Wilkes University Office of Student Affairs will present a three-part series of presentations and discussions regarding the possibility of a terrorist attack close to home. The first of the series, titled "How Not To Panic: Duct Tape, Plastic and Other Alternatives," was held on Tuesday, February 25, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Henry Student Center Ballroom.

The program comes on the heels of a statement by FBI Director Robert Mueller last week, saying that college and university campuses are among the possible "soft targets" for a terrorist attack.

Part one of the program featured Dr. Mark Stine, Assistant Professor of Communications, who spoke about the effects of the media coverage of terrorism and possible war

and how that coverage affects students' perception of personal safety.

"Conflict makes great news. That helps us identify why so much conflict is in the news. So you are really looking at the extreme when you are watching the news or reading the paper," Stine said regarding the media coverage of the war. "News is a combination of propaganda and factual information. It is often said that news is a combination of what people need to know and what people want to know, so there is a fine line there...For example, when FOX has a reality show and every FOX newscast in the major market covers the show and

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SG Happenings

Vice Presidents Adams, Byers, and Frantz visited SG to discuss next year's tuition.

The dates for next year's Student Government's Representatives have been set:

3/14--Representative Nominations (signatures due)

3/25--Representative Elections

3/26--Presidential Nominations

4/4--Presidential Signatures due

4/10--Presidential Elections

St. Patrick's Day Parade on March 15. The chair for the event is Andrew Steinburg.

Public Safety Presentation Educates Residents

BY GABE LeDONNE
Beacon News Editor

Throughout February the Office of Public Safety offered a public safety seminar to university residents. The Residence Life Office required all hall members to attend the program at some point during the month.

Matthew Yench, Manager of Community Education, explained the nature of the program.

"We're talking about the policies that affect them the most; the alcohol policies, sexual assault, sexual harassment, just policies that they may encounter during their years

here at Wilkes," Yench said.

In addition to policy information, other public safety issues will also be discussed. "We're also talking about the direction that the department is heading in

officials hope students will utilize include the Safe Ride System, which allows any student incapable of getting home under their own means to take a Posten Taxi home free of charge.

Similarly, the campus escort service, which provides a Public Safety escort to anyone walking on campus from dusk until dawn every night, is something that historically has not been utilized much, but that public safety officials aim to promote. "If you need a ride from one end of campus to the other, or a

someone to walk you home, call us,"

Yench said.

Also, Yench discussed the CARE

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Man drives into Mardi Gras parade crowd, injuring six

MANDEVILLE, La. (AP)--A man fleeing police in his truck after a bar fight plowed through a Mardi Gras parade crowd, injuring six people, before officers shot him three times, authorities said.

Derrick Bramlett, 22, was hospitalized and will be charged with attempted murder, authorities said Tuesday.

Bramlett was trying to flee from police Monday night after fighting at a bar when he drove through parade barricades and into the panic-stricken crowd, Mandeville police Sgt. Ron Ruple said.

"It was pandemonium," parade-goer Eric Whalen said. "Dads and moms were grabbing their children and throwing them to the ground. Kids were running and screaming."

The most serious injuries were to a man who broke his leg when he was trapped under a fallen barricade and a woman whose collarbone was broken as she was dragged beneath the truck.

Two officers fired at Bramlett, hitting him once in the head and twice in the torso. He was in stable condition Tuesday and was scheduled to undergo surgery, authorities said.

Police Chief Tom Buell said he supported the officers' decision to fire.

"In these split-second decisions they did what they had to do," Buell said. "There could have been another 100 people hurt."

CBS' Dan Rather lands an exclusive interview with Saddam Hussein

NEW YORK (AP)--CBS News' Dan Rather said hard work and luck helped him land his interview with Saddam Hussein the Iraqi leader's first interview with a foreign television journalist in 12 years.

Television network CBS posted a report about the interview on its Web site Monday afternoon, saying Saddam has challenged President George W. Bush to a live debate on their nations' differences.

It's the biggest interview "get" of the year in television news, one all the national news organizations had been seeking. Reached by telephone in Baghdad, Rather credited his executive producer, Jim Murphy, and foreign desk staffer Ana Real for their work in securing it.

"It was a lot of hard work, some team play and, yes, some luck," he said.

Rather reported on the interview Monday on the "CBS Evening News." But the first taped excerpts won't be seen until Tuesday morning. The full interview is to air in prime time Wednesday, on "60 Minutes II."

Rather has interviewed Saddam once before, in 1990. CBS News also ran excerpts earlier this month from Saddam's interview with Tony Benn, a retired British lawmaker who has become a peace activist.

The anchorman was in Iraq on Monday, hoping to secure the interview, and was told at 1300 GMT Monday that Saddam was ready. After two hours spent going through security, Rather and Murphy met Saddam.

Rather said the fact of his previous Saddam interview probably helped him secure this one. Competitor Peter Jennings of ABC News also interviewed Saddam in 1990, while NBC's Tom Brokaw has not.

Judge orders Staten Island memorabilia dealer to pay Peyton Manning

NEW YORK (AP)--A Staten Island sports memorabilia dealer has been ordered to pay \$105,000 to Peyton Manning, the Indianapolis Colts quarterback, for autographing 2,500 sports items, including footballs, helmets and jerseys.

State Supreme Court Justice Alan L. Lebowitz of Staten Island said the dealer, Michael Bertolini, had admitted in e-mails and verbal messages that he and his Triumph Sports Memorabilia & Promotions Inc. owed Manning the money.

Manning, 26, said in papers filed in Manhattan's State Supreme Court in February 2002 that Bertolini agreed to pay the grid star \$112,500 to sign various sports items at two memorabilia shows in 2001.

The court papers included March 2001 e-mail messages which quoted Bertolini saying, "I am fully aware that I owe Peyton \$112,500 and I will pay him. I am not able to pay at this time, and as soon as I can I will ... even if I can only send parts."

Bertolini's message went on to say he had not yet sold enough merchandise to pay Manning.

On July 22, 2001, the lawsuit said, Bertolini sent Manning's company, Pey Dirt Inc., a check for \$7,500 with the note that the money was for signing autographs and a \$105,000 balance was due. Manning said that was the only check he got from Bertolini.

Meanwhile, at Bertolini's request, the case was transferred in August 2002 from Manhattan to Staten Island.

New WTC plan is taller than twin towers

NEW YORK (AP)--A complex of angular buildings and a 1,776-foot spire designed by architect Daniel Libeskind was chosen as the plan for the World Trade Center site on Wednesday, The Associated Press has learned.

Libeskind's design beat the THINK team's "World Cultural Center" plan, which envisioned two 1,665-foot latticework towers straddling the footprints of the original towers.

The new building is planned to be taller than the trade center towers, which briefly stood as the world's tallest at 1,350 feet. Libeskind's tower also would surpass Malaysia's 1,483-foot Petronas Twin Towers, the tallest buildings in the world.

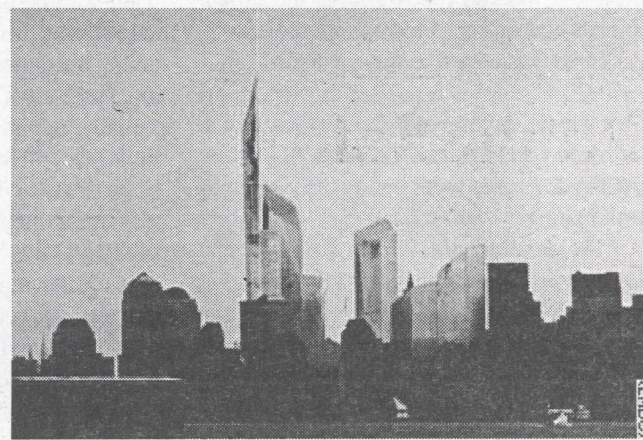
The choice was made by a committee with representatives of the Lower Manhattan Development Corporation, the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, the governor and the mayor.

The committee met briefly on Wednesday afternoon and decided on the plan that was favored by Gov. George Pataki and Mayor Michael Bloomberg, according to a source close to the process.

LMDC Chairman John Whitehead telephoned Libeskind with the news, the source said, telling the architect that his "vision has brought hope and inspiration to a city still recovering from a terrible tragedy."

Libeskind told the chairman that being selected is "a life-changing experience," the source said.

Nine proposals for redeveloping the trade center site, where nearly 2,800 people died September 11, 2001, were unveiled December 18. The design competition was



launched after an initial set of plans, released in July, was derided as boring and overstuffed with office space.

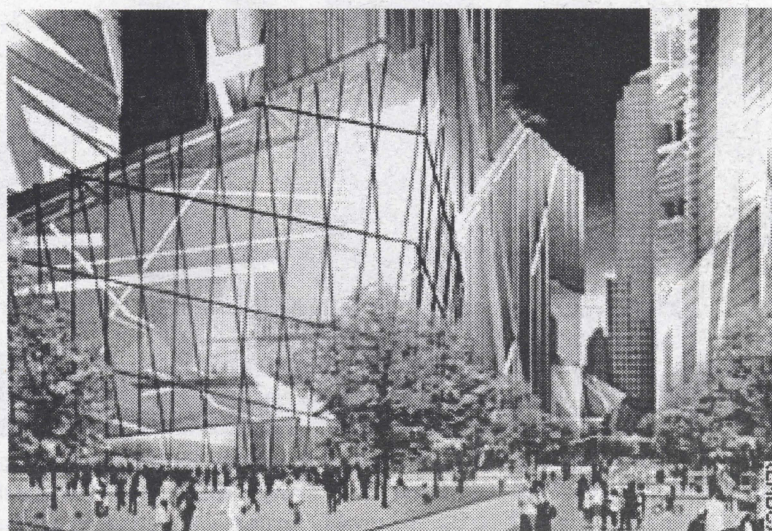
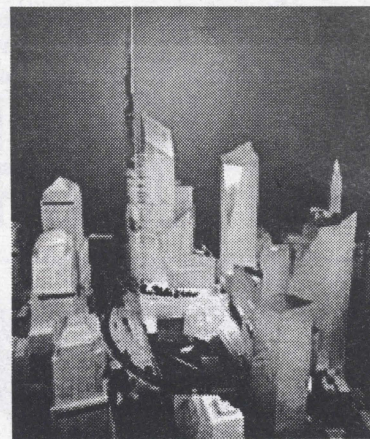
Redevelopment officials were scheduled to announce the decision publicly Thursday.

After the two plans were chosen as

finalists earlier this month, both teams of architects were asked to revise their designs to make them more easily realized.

Libeskind, whose original design called for a memorial at the trade center foundation 70-feet below ground, reportedly changed that to 30 feet, allowing for infrastructure and transportation underneath.

The LMDC was created by Pataki and former Mayor Rudolph Giuliani after September 11 to oversee the rebuilding of the trade center site and downtown Manhattan. The Port Authority owns the site.



Photos courtesy of Daniel Libeskind

Winter Weekend Adds Voter Drive to Activity List

BY STEVE KEMBLE
Beacon Correspondent

Last Thursday kicked off this year's Winter Weekend activities with the theme of "cartoons," as is tradition in this spirited college event. However, this year also welcomed a new tradition to the weekend's activities. In addition to holding the annual canned food drive, a new voter registration drive was added to this year's list of events.

The Henry Student Center Grand Ballroom was the site of Thursday's evening activities, with nearly 300 students participating.

Selena Bednarz, Wilkes Student Government President said, "Thursday night...was a very good turn out."

As students entered the ballroom that evening they deposited their canned food contribution for the food drive. According to Bednarz, "There was a total of 891 canned foods collected, and Team #5, the Smurfs, donated the most canned foods out of all of the teams with a total of 186."

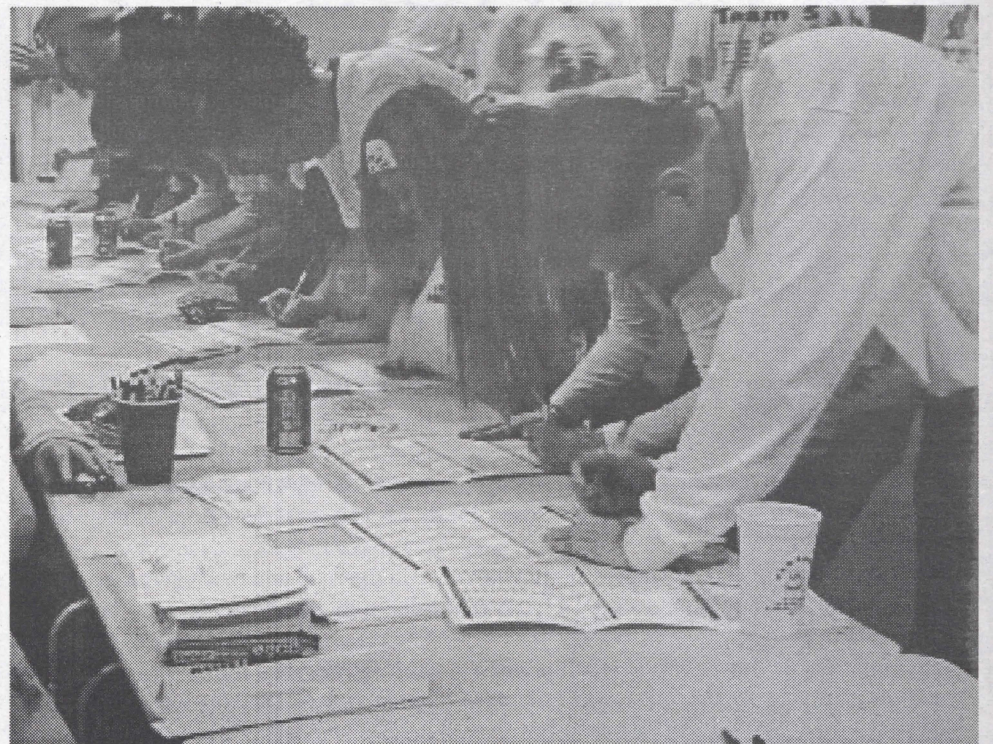
The new voter registration drive didn't fare quite as well as the food drive, but still managed to attract some student

participation. "We had a total of 22 people register to vote with Team #7, The Flintstones, winning that contest by getting nine of their team members to register," said Bednarz.

After registering to vote Megan Dando, a freshmen pharmacy major said, "I am not sure as to whether or not I will actually vote now. However, I think that having a registration contest was a good idea since most college students probably would not take the initiative to register on their own."

John Boylan, a sophomore accounting major, also registered at the drive and said, "It was a good idea to have a voter registration as part of the competition, because it was very simple to do and now I don't have to be hassled to find a place to register. I'm definitely going to vote on the upcoming elections."

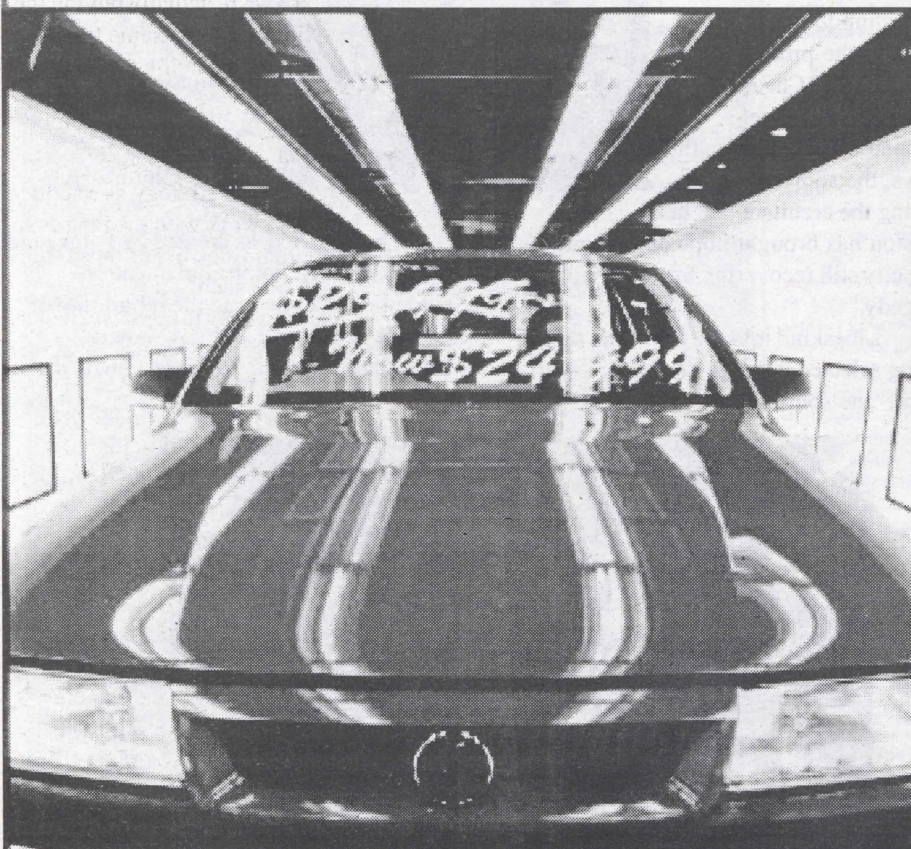
In order to further encourage students to vote, a number of different organizations, including SG and the League of Women Voters will be holding voter registration initiatives throughout the rest of the semester, in hopes of "Rocking the Vote" in Wilkes-Barre.



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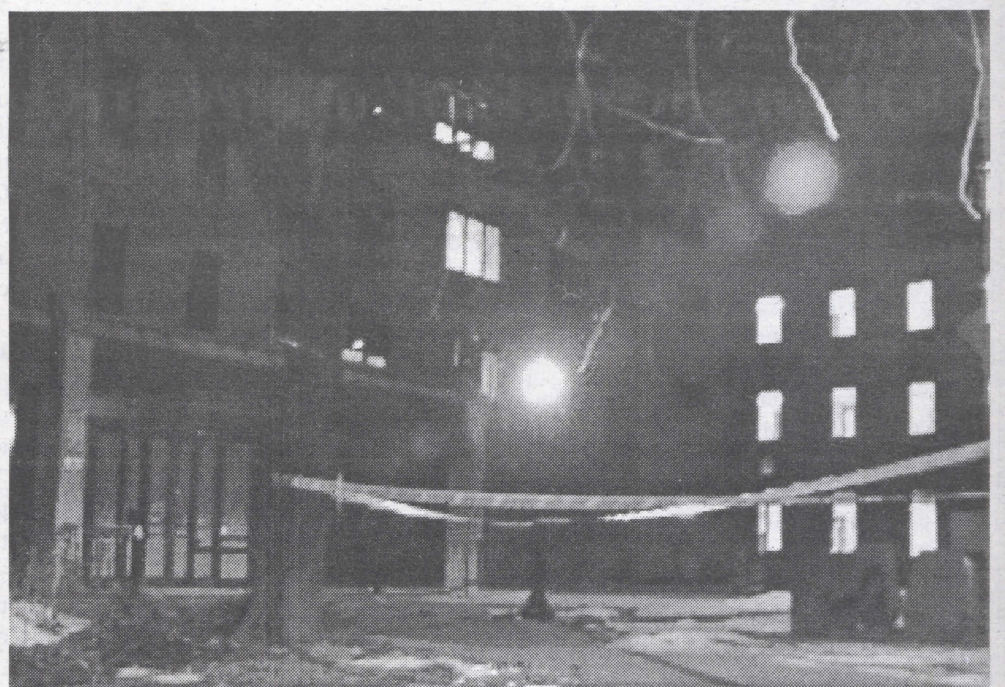
Students line up to register to vote during Winter Weekends' voter registration drive on Thursday.

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SLC Courtyard Rumor Dispelled

BY GABE LeDONNE
Beacon News Editor

The caution tape wrapped around a tree and light posts inside the Stark Learning Center courtyard along with a substance resembling blood near the site has caused several student and faculty to wonder what happened. Chris Baily, Director of Public Safety, explained "the tape currently in place in the middle of the SLC Courtyard is there to

prevent students from walking under a limb which has cracked and is hanging from the large tree there." As far as the rumored blood substance goes, Baily says that something looking like blood was found in the courtyard, however, because no test have been conducted, "we're not sure what it is exactly." Baily said. Facilities hoped to have the broken limb removed by the end of the week, weather permitting.

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Line, which encourages Wilkes students to call in concerns to public safety anonymously by dialing 408-CARE (2273).

New proposed services that are pending approval of Public Safety's capital projects request include a closed-caption television camera system to better monitor campus as well as several emergency call box phones that will be scattered around campus.

The presentation will also offer safety tips and suggestions for residents in the hopes that they will "keep them in the back of their minds so in case they are in a situation...they'll know how to react, how to

handle themselves," Yencha explained.

"We're also supplying female students with personal safety devices," Yencha explained. The device creates a 128-decibel sound that should "give [a student] a few extra seconds to get a way from an aggressor. Also, our public safety officers have been trained as to what they sound like, so if they hear it, they're going to react to it."

With an attendance rate between 35-40%, Yencha feels as though they've gotten a good response from students so far. "We've gotten some comments from students saying that they feel that Public

Safety is starting to care about them. They feel as though their concerns are being listened to. We really haven't gotten any negative feedback, although we welcome it, because it only makes us better."

April Kostick, a freshman Biology/Predentistry major, attended one of the presentations on Wednesday night, and felt better informed to the services on campus. "I didn't know that we had that many services on campus...I didn't know that they cared that much."

Sara Ciotoli, a senior nursing major, an RA in 321 South River Street said she has noticed a change in Public Safety's service this semester. "I do feel safer on campus,

because I've dealt with security in the past and it's been a nightmare. So just dealing with them, and seeing them around is better—they're much more noticeable."

Public Safety officials intend to continue community education programs, both throughout the rest of the semester and in the upcoming years. "We want to do something like this program at the beginning [of the year], and then have various programs throughout the course of the semester, and into the summer for faculty and staff," Yencha said. He also noted that a similar program will be held for commuters shortly after spring break.



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Manager of Patrol Operations, Gerald Rebo, spoke with several resident students last night about safety policies and services.



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which Farley subscribes are received through Faxon Divine.

"We've been using Faxon Divine for about ten years, and like many libraries, we prepay the company months in advance of when each of these journals subscriptions are set to begin because we get a substantial discount," Sacolic explained, adding that the latest payment was for over \$100,000. Of that, Faxon Divine had paid for about one-third of the library's journals over all.

However, Sacolic explained that since they've filed Chapter 11 bankruptcy, there is a chance of getting some of the money back. "The Wilkes accountants are following up on that as we speak."

Although the bankruptcy has cost the library a noticeable portion of its budget, Sacolic explained that "other libraries are in far worse situations because...our library has never had the proper budget it needs for periodicals; so the fact that they didn't give us that much money means that we didn't lose that much." Other libraries including the University of New York Buffalo, the University of Wisconsin, and the Library of Congress lost money in the millions.

In response to the bankruptcy, the Farley Library has ceased all dealings with Faxon Divine, and has switched to Ebsco, the same company that produces Ebsco Host.

"Ebsco has the highest credit rating available. They're solely U.S. owned, and they're not for sale," Sacolic said. However, even with the new service, Sacolic explained that there still may be gaps in some journal collections. "We've received the January issues of everything that we've subscribed to, and beginning in February it starts to break down. Hopefully things will pick up in March or April.... So, there well may be a gap."

"What we're probably going to rely on is interlibrary loan and document delivery...if someone needs one of those issues," Sacolic added.

In order to compensate for the lost money, Sacolic and Selecky discussed the library's three-part strategy. "This strategy includes procedures that we probably should have done in the past, but because of this mess with the journal bankruptcy it is forcing us to embrace these strategies."

The first part of the strategy is to take some of the money from the library's book budget and put it back in our journals to make up for the lost money. As result, a fewer number of books will be ordered this year to compensate for the loss.

Part two of the strategy is to remove 'double subscriptions' of sorts. As Sacolic explained, "If you've ever used Ebsco Host, you know that there are a lot of full text articles on there. Some of those titles that are full text...we're actually buying the print subscriptions to at the same time. And so, we're in effect paying for it twice. So we're canceling those journals that we're paying for twice...We've saved close to \$10,000 right then and there."

Part three of the strategy as Sacolic explained it, "is to work with the faculty to go over the journal titles list of those titles that we've lost, and see if they want to resubscribe to those, or if there is a better journal out there that we should subscribe to instead...or maybe we should go with an online electronic format." The library staff will also be frequently conducting serial usage studies to determine which journals are being used, and which aren't.

"One of the distressing things that we're pointing out to faculty is that many of these journals that we spend a great deal of money for just aren't being used. We're paying thousands of dollars for these journals...for them not to be used is just a ludicrous situation," Sacolic said. "The bankruptcy is a troubling issue, but it's also a temporary issue because we're going to get through this. A much more long-range troubling issue is the fact that many of these journals just aren't being used."

Corporate Governance Highlighted in Panel Discussion

BY STEVE KEMBLE
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On February 24, 2003, the Wilkes University Business Division Advisory Board sponsored a panel discussion titled "Corporate Governance and Responsibility" in the Dorothy Dickson Darte Center for the Performing Arts.

The discussion focused on the current state of corporate business and accounting practices. The panelists also talked about recent scandals, including Enron, WorldCom, and Adelphia, and the possibilities for preventing future ethics scandals. Elliot Weiler, Consumer Reporter for WBRE-TV Channel 28, moderated the discussion.

Anthony M. Santomero, President of the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia, was the keynote speaker for Monday night's discussion. One of the key issues he emphasized was how the state of our economy affects bad decision making. "According to a recent poll 77% of the public believe that CEO greed and corruption caused the recent decline in the stock market. The continued success of our economic system requires the confidence and trust of investors, employees, consumers, and the public at large. In short, there is much work to be done," Santomero said.

Santomero also acknowledged proposals from various groups designed to bolster confidence in our corporate system. Santomero said, "The New York Stock Exchange recently appointed a corporate accountability and listings standard committee which has come up with a number of ways to improve corporate government."

"Good corporate governance is critical to the health of our corporate system, our financial system, and our economy," he added. "Our economy will be stronger if corporate decisions are made with confidence and integrity and if share holders and the public can appropriately assess the profitability and riskiness of corporations business activities."

Santomero also raised the issue of the lasting impact the recent high-profile scandals have had on corporate America. "The crisis of confidence has been created by recent scandals that have generated a sense of uncertainty and vulnerability among investors," said Santomero.

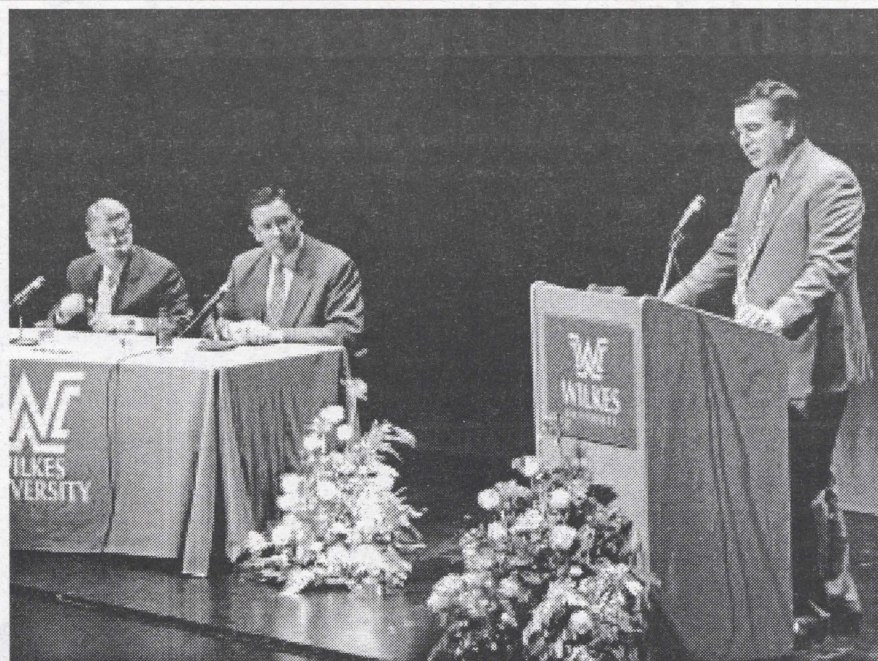
But he noted that because of the recent scandals, there has been new pressure on all of the people in charge of corporate governance.

Santomero did speak directly to college students about the economy that May 2003 graduates will face as they enter the workforce. He cautioned students to see the current downturn as temporary. "It is clear that geopolitical uncertainties have negatively effected the economy and labor market, but the economy will recover and we'll look back on this as a transition in U.S. economic history," he said.

The other panelists on hand included Michael J. Mahoney, President and CEO of Commonwealth Telephone Enterprises, Inc., who talked on several issues, including financial statement transparency, and shareholder communication. William R. Lazor, CPA/PFS, CSEP, and officer/shareholder with the CPA firm of Kronick Kalada Berdy & Co. PC. Spoke as well, focusing on pension protection.

Anthony M. Santomero delivers his keynote address at Monday's panel discussion.

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promotes that fact that it is coming on at 8 that night--that is propaganda," he added.

Dr. Mark Sowcik, Director of Campus Counseling, offered coping strategies for dealing with the anxiety of a possible terrorist attack.

"Most people are dealing with this as they would any stress. They want to be with their folks and so on," said Sowcik. "Size your vulnerabilities up. If duct tape and plastic make you feel better, then go and buy it. Life is unpredictable and uncontrollable so we need to find a cognition that works and use it."

Following the heightened terrorist alert, many Americans raided hardware stores for duct tape and plastic to place over windows in case of a chemical or biological attack.

In a recent study performed by CBS-New York Times, "Thirty-five percent of the 476 adults surveyed said they think a terrorist attack is very likely, more than double the 14 percent who thought so at the beginning of the year. Eight in 10 said an attack is at least somewhat likely, compared with six in 10 who felt that way at the start of the year," according to

MSNBC.com.

Many of the students that attended the event expressed their feelings about a possible terrorist attack.

Adam Hindmarsh, freshmen Electrical Engineering major thinks

themselves. They are hurting their own country. I think another terrorist attack is very likely."

"I think security is too tight right now for another plane to be hijacked," said Rich Hannick, a freshmen Pre-Pharmacy major. "A

drafted a letter regarding the increased terror alert last week.

"Although there is no reason to believe that our region or campus would be a target, please know that we take the alert status seriously and are taking

the most up-to-date information and guidance on how to respond in the event of an incident," said Gilmour.

Gilmour reiterated what government officials have been emphasizing to American citizens since the September 11th attacks: look for suspicious activity.

"Perhaps the most important thing we all can do during this period is to be aware of our surroundings." He added, "Accordingly, the Office of Public Safety will be monitoring access to and around all University buildings. Please carry your University identification with you at all times and obey posted parking regulations."

Gilmour also pointed out that Wilkes' faculty and staff are ready to support the student body any way possible in these uncertain times, including those in Campus Interfaith and Campus Counseling.

The next in the three part series is titled, "War: The Good, Bad and Indifferent." Although there are no specific dates available, Barbara King, Associate Dean of Student Affairs, hopes it will take place within the next two weeks.



The Beacon/Kristin Hake

Barbara King, Dean of Student Affairs, offers her opinion about terrorism at a recent discussion.

another terrorist attack is very possible in the United States. "It's very possible because it's hard to prevent something (an attack)," said Hindmarsh. "Plus there are some Americans that are terrorists

terrorist attack is possible, but I don't think it will be as big as the September 11th attacks."

In an attempt to ease the minds of the Wilkes community, President Joseph (Tim) Gilmour

steps to assure your well-being. The University has emergency procedures in place, and we have been in contact with local, state and federal law enforcement agencies to ensure that we have

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Concerning the Financial Aid increase, Frantz stated that the exact allocation of that money will largely be affected by the incoming class. "The size of the freshman class, and the quality of the class will determine the amount of scholarship money that is going out. But overall I think that we're going to be spending the majority of the money on need-based aid."

Beyond salary and financial aid increases, the 2003-04 budget allocates \$1 million for "Capital Budget Expenses." The reason behind this investment is "so that we can fund in our operations the constant renewal, and upgrading facilities. And for whatever reason, that has not been built into prior budgets and we're starting to see the effects of that," Byers said.

"Last year, about \$300 thousand was allocated, but virtually none of that was for facilities. There are other financial needs outside of lab equipment, athletic renewal equipment. Seven hundred and fifty thousand dollars of this money is going to

facilities. And we look to continue that over the course of the year and the next 3-5 years so that we can keep facilities in competitive shape," Byers explained.

The reason for doing this, Frantz explained, was to be more conscious of anticipated cost. "One way to budget is to wait until the end of the year, and whatever you have left you put back into the physical plan to renew. The other way is to plan ahead, and say, let's set aside some money up front for renewal so that we don't have to wait and see what we have at the end...We haven't done this... in such a proactive way as we think we should have," Frantz said.

According to the cabinet members, the bulk of the anticipated capital project money will

likely go toward the renovation of the Stark Learning Center. "We're going to be doing a lot of planning

for the renovation of Stark...it's our largest classroom building, and it's in dire need of a facelift," Byers said. The project for Stark is set to begin within the next three months with architectural work and planning. Other key renovation

projects are likely to involve Evans Hall, the largest residence hall on campus and some of the athletic fields at Ralston.

But plans are in the works to look at all of the buildings on campus as well. "Next month we're going to have an architectural firm go throughout all the buildings and assess the conditions of all the buildings and lay it out. So right now, we're just targeting these ones that we know specifically need

to be done," Byers said. Byers added that there is money for other projects included in the capital section of the budget; however, those have yet to be determined.

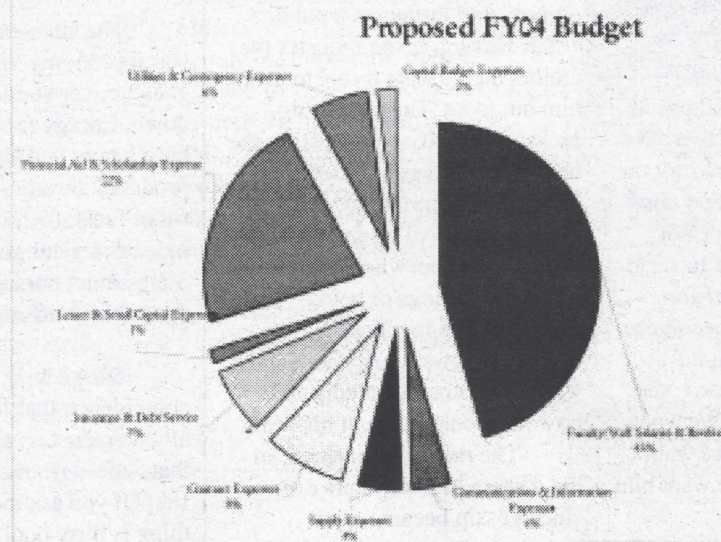
Adams explained the increase in the recreation fee,

saying that a good portion of that extra funds will go towards a fitness and wellness facility project that will replace the area in the Marts Center basement known as "Rumors."

"We're putting \$325 thousand into a state-of-the-art facility" Adams explained. However, he reassured that Wilkes intends to continue its membership agreement with the YMCA. The new facility should be completed by the time the fall semester commences.

The proposed budget will not be officially adopted until the Board of Trustees approves it. Byers said that he hopes to have the budget ready for Board's consideration by mid April.

"I'm really happy, as happy as one can be with cost increases, that we've been able to keep it as low as we have...and still have a balanced budget and still give faculty and staff salary increases, still maintain a pretty good pace with our financial aid," Frantz said.



Is Jacko Really That BAD... Or is the media after its own "Thriller?"

We've seen him grow up...from ABC to Black or White.

In the 1960s, Michael Jackson was that cute, innocent little person with moves to die for, a pleasing voice, and a smile that could melt people's hearts. The media followed this phenom throughout his career building him up to be a cultural icon and giving him the title King of Pop. As the 1990s approached, Jackson had faded and entered into a two-decade slide that focused on his personal life, appearance, and troubles that masqueraded what went on in the recording studio. Not surprisingly, the media was also there to dethrone the King of Pop (or so they believe).

They did it with another King years ago. His name was Elvis. The media loved this sensation that rocked the households of millions. Check that. The *people* loved Elvis. The media were just there to get the stories that surrounded him. For the most part, those relentless stories fed off his success when things went well, demeaned the King with jokes about his weight when things weren't going so well, and eventually so invaded his personal life as to encourage a reclusiveness the public had never seen in his youthful days. The pressure was so great it eventually broke Elvis Presley completely.

Now it seems that the media is striving to apply its final blows to the career, and more importantly, the life of Michael Jackson. But Michael Jackson won't break.

In his most recent and publicized interview, Jackson went one on one with 20/20 correspondent, Martin Bashir. Bashir found himself in a relatively unique position to portray the life of a pop icon who was well-known for his reclusive tendencies. The goal, of course, was to get into Jackson's mind.

But what Bashir ultimately accomplished was deception and patronization of Jackson. Bashir--hell-bent on unmasking a social deviant and assumed child predator--twisted Michael Jackson's own words and attitudes to justify his story and ultimately make it an interview to remember.

Jackson, who willingly took Bashir on a voyage throughout

the infamous Neverland ranch, showed the side of himself he has never been afraid to show--the innocent kid that is in all of us. Whether it was riding go-carts with Bashir (who incidentally cheated, revealing his true character), climbing trees while Bashir eye-balled him with impudence, or just talking about making a difference in sick and regular children's lives, Jackson showed he indeed is living the life of Peter Pan.

And let's ask, "Why not"? Michael Jackson spent his whole childhood producing under harsh scrutiny and pressure. He

lucrative royalties and monies for his success in the music and business world. In addition, Jackson himself has gone through a lot--a debilitating disease (vitaligo) subjecting him to ridicule, a divorce, and family issues that have rocked the whole Jackson clan. He has admittedly made some questionable decisions. But how many times have we seen a mother let her child wander near a balcony at a mall? What he has done, though, has cast new light on how we live.

When all we can talk or think about is sex in our culture, Jackson is worried about bringing love into people's lives. He encourages sick and needy children to come to his Neverland ranch and experience what it is to live in happiness. How many of us would truly love to be a kid again? How many of us have just wanted to hop on an amusement park ride with no inhibitions or reservations? The fact is that we can't or don't have the financial inclinations to do so. So we chastise him, call him strange, and disturbing.

Bashir's desire to push at the issues of sex is reflective of the kind of pandering he did to win his audience over. Bashir's questions insinuated much--when he sleeps with children he doesn't "sleep" with them. Bashir aimed to confirm "allegations" and influence a public that Jackson is the monster the other media were trying to make him out to be. The only thing Jackson is guilty of is trusting the media that serves a society hungry for controversy and a twisted story. All he can be is himself, the man who still believes in the finer things of being youthful. The fact that he hasn't changed shows he is stable and will not yield to the media and how he should conduct his life.

The media has influenced the demise of many stars ever since gossip became a job description for many so-called "news" outlets, but this time it seems they're not going to break this King. The media appears to want a piece of Michael Jackson, his mind, and his life. But what they can't take away are his accomplishments, his public service, the music world, and all those who have been touched by Jackson's work.

Media Influence Beacon Editorial

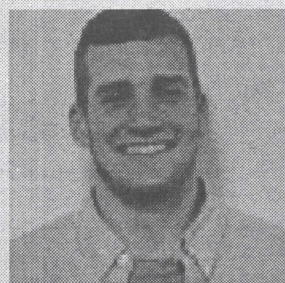
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grossed millions upon millions of dollars and earned every bit of it. He sacrificed his childhood for the industry and the media, and now it's as if all of that sacrifice not enough. In a society that turns to *Fear Factor* and *Survivor* for entertainment, we have become an audience of voyeurs with an insatiable lust for the bizarre, the extreme, the ridiculous. We want more...we want blood... we want Michael Jackson, and we want him dead or alive.

How dare Jackson spend millions in a shopping spree? How dare Michael Jackson have a good time in his own amusement park? And how dare the King of Pop help comfort a boy with cancer who has grown to love him?

Michael Jackson has no need to explain his actions and beliefs. He is a serious artist and businessman who has obtained

Energy Powers Drive for War



BY J.J. HANSON
Beacon Assistant Sports Editor

With war looming in Iraq it is hard not to believe that the United States is not somewhat motivated by its attraction to and need for oil. Some anti-war protesters go so far as to say that it is the primary reason the United States wishes to engage in war.

This brings about an interesting question: why are countries willing to go to war over energy issues, but not over other environmental concerns?

The answer is in my mind simple. For Americans there is a great advantage in going to war for oil. Currently the production level of the Iraqi oil fields is at an extremely low level with the United States receiving little of the reduced output. If we can liberate Iraq, thereby releasing the oil field from years of torment and confinement, we will have a chance to make the world a safer place for oil.

The US economy is an oil-based economy. If the price of oil goes up, economic output goes down. Energy for many sectors of both heavy and light industry is produced through the burning of fossil fuels; therefore, to keep this industrial giant going the United States must pursue policies that can achieve affordable energy.

Do we think that it is mere coincidence that the countries allied against us are also the ones that benefit from oil deals with Iraq? If you ask me, the whole thing is dirty pool. It is a transatlantic power struggle. The French want to strengthen the economic capacity of the European Union, and diminish the amount of influence the United States has in the international community, thus restoring the grandeur of France. The Germans simply don't like war, and who can blame them? And the Russians want to kiss the EU's

butt so that someday they can possibly be accepted into the Union.

The current administration must acquire more fossil fuels or the United States' economy will continue to plummet. If the economy plummets, then American citizens will continue to go out of work. If American citizens are out of work, then Dubya won't be reelected. And that, my friends, is not something that the Republicans are prepared to let happen.

The other environmental issues are not major issues because they do not have immediate and evident social or economical impacts. Smog over LA doesn't affect the price of tea in China. But other environmental issues can become major problems in third world countries that have less developed agricultural systems.

In less developed countries the role that oil plays in the US is the same as the role that agricultural products play in their country. Therefore, they would be more willing to go to war over environmental issues that effect agricultural output and would be less concerned with energy issues.

I do not believe that countries are more willing to go to war over energy issues. I think that industrialized countries are willing to go to war over energy because they need cheap energy to maintain their standard of living. On the other side, the third world is willing to go to war over environmental issues that effect their quality of life. If the American public wants to live in a society where there is cheap gasoline for SUVs, and continue to enjoy such a high rate of employment, then they should be prepared to support the way in which our leaders maintain such things.

The Parental Journey:a.k.a. "Welcome to Holland"



BY DR. KRISTIN BEWICK
Assistant Professor of Education

I spent a few minutes recently in a faculty lounge of a local high school, listening to two teachers complaining about the over-zealousness of a parent whose child participates in special education. It provided me with a glimpse of an age-old conflict between parents and teachers, a conflict which underscores a perennial search for tolerance and patience with the child often at the core of misunderstanding.

I began to query: What does a college graduate, preparing for a future in the field of teaching,

really need to make a contribution to the world? It is likely we would agree that teachers need skills, proficiencies, and aptitudes, right? Okay, partially right, but what else? Do they also need compassion and empathy for the human experience, and can these qualities be taught?

Federal and state education laws are actually mandating collaboration between parents and teachers. However, an "it's the law" mentality simply isn't enough in the real world of the parent-teacher phenomenon. In my Teaching Special Needs course at Wilkes, I try to help our future teachers develop an awareness of the parental experience, particularly the parents of children with special needs. I try to enlighten students about the emotional trauma felt by parents who discover their offspring is not "following the norm," a child who may be disabled mentally or physically. Studies conducted since 1984 with parent support groups, suggest patterns of

mourning and grief characterized by shock, denial, disbelief, anger, guilt, and shame, each paving an arduous path towards eventual acceptance of the child and the circumstances.

Teachers who recognize this parental journey will be better able to communicate effectively with parents, and can ultimately be a TEACHER in the truest sense, preserving the dignity of the child and embracing the parent as partner. The essence and spirit of this journey is captured poignantly in the following parable, titled "'Welcome to Holland': The Experience of Raising a Special Needs Child," by Emily Perl Kingsley.

Read on and enjoy the trip:

I am often asked to describe the experience of raising a child with a disability--to try to help people who have not shared that unique experience to understand it, to imagine how it would feel. It's like this...

When you're going to have a baby, it's like planning a fabulous vacation trip to Italy. You buy a bunch of guide books and make

your wonderful plans. The Coliseum. The Michelangelo David. The gondolas in Venice. You may learn some handy phrases in Italian. It's all very exciting.

After months of eager anticipation, the day finally arrives. You pack your bags and off you go. Several hours later, the plane lands. The stewardess comes in and says, "Welcome to Holland."

"Holland?!" you say. "What do you mean Holland?" I signed up for Italy! I'm supposed to be in Italy. All my life I've dreamed of going to Italy."

But there's been a change in the flight plan. They've landed in Holland and there you must stay. The important thing is that they haven't taken you to a horrible, disgusting, filthy place, full of pestilence, famine and disease. It's just a different place.

So you must go out and buy new guide books. And you

must learn a whole new language. And you will meet a whole new group of people you would never have met.

It's just a different place. It's slower-paced than Italy, less flashy than Italy. But after you've been there for a while and you catch your breath, you look around... and you begin to notice that Holland has windmills... and Holland has tulips. Holland even has Rembrandts.

But everyone you know is busy coming and going from Italy... and they're all bragging about what a wonderful time they had there. And for the rest of your life, you will say "Yes, that's where I was supposed to go. That's what I had planned."

And the pain of that will never, ever, ever, ever go away... because the loss of that dream is a very very significant loss.

But... if you spend your life mourning the fact that you didn't get to Italy, you may never be free to enjoy the very special, the very lovely things... about Holland.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Students:

Few of us have escaped the news of war and terrorism that has been communicated in the media over the past week. Federal officials have raised the threat condition from "yellow" to "orange" status prompting all of us to be more concerned about the possibility of a terrorist incident.

Although there is no reason to believe that our region or campus would be a target, please know that we take the alert status seriously and are taking steps to assure your well-being. The University has emergency procedures in place, and we have been in contact with local, state and federal law enforcement agencies to ensure that we have the most up-to-date information

and guidance on how to respond in the event of an incident.

Perhaps the most important thing we all can do during this period is to be aware of our surroundings. The heightened state of alert is not intended to raise our fear, but to increase our vigilance. Accordingly, the Office of Public Safety will be monitoring access to and around all University buildings. Please carry your University identification with you at all times and obey posted parking regulations.

The University will prepare and release additional information regarding emergency planning via the website later this week. Visit www.wilkes.edu/ for the latest information and links to additional resources.

I also want to remind you of

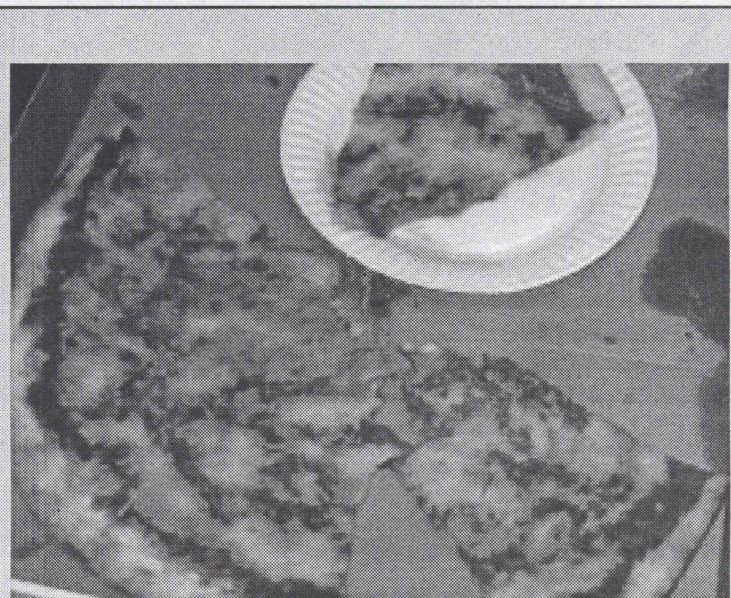
the assistance available to you individually and encourage you to take advantage of it if needed. Please do not hesitate to speak with faculty, Student Affairs staff, Campus Interfaith or Campus Counseling, if heightened levels of stress or anxiety are making it difficult for you to focus on your studies.

Most important, please continue to go about your day-to-day activities as normal, and to exhibit the warmth and caring that is characteristic of the Wilkes community. Together we will prevail in these extraordinary times.

Sincerely,
Joseph E. (Tim) Gilmour
Wilkes University President

Feel like you've got something to say?

Here's your chance to express your opinions. Whether it's about Wilkes University, the city of Wilkes-Barre, or the nation, here's your opportunity. Write a letter to the editor, and let the community know how you feel. The Beacon does reserve the right to edit or not print any article submitted due to space constraints. However, letters to the editor are a welcome addition. All letter can be sent to Dennis Ferencick at dff99@aol.com or to wilkesbeacon@hotmail.com



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Wilkes Winter Weekend 2003

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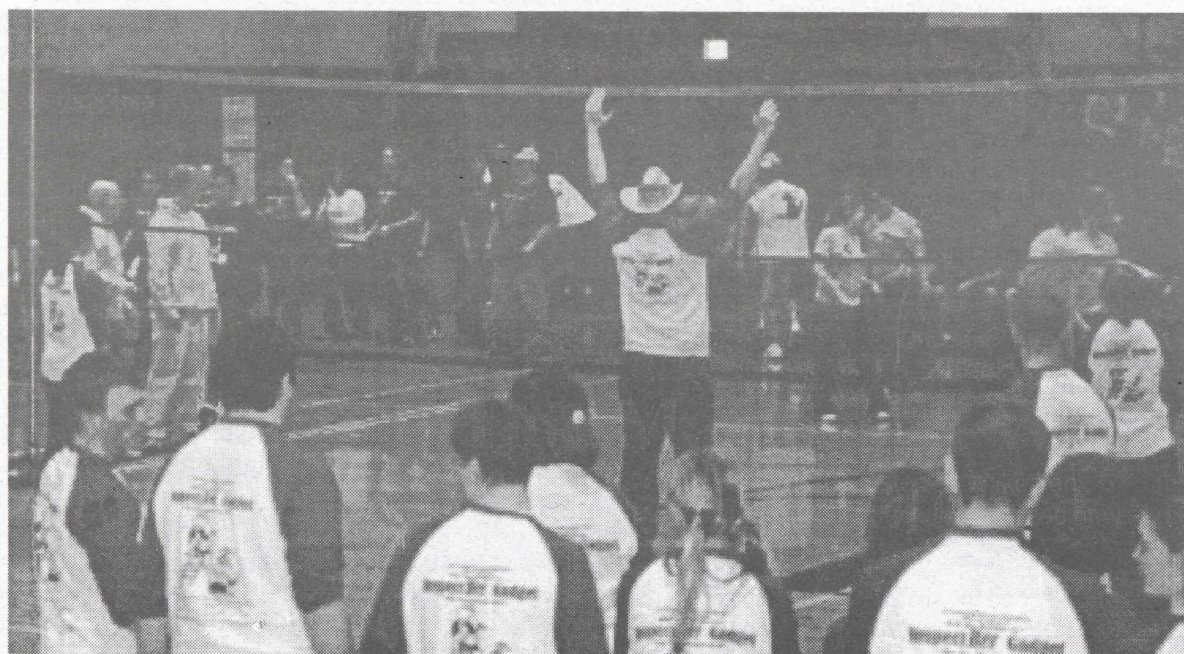
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Results:

1st Place - Smurfs

2nd Place - Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles

3rd - SpongeBob Squarepants



Top: 2003 Winter Weekend Champions, the Smurfs, pose for a picture after the volleyball competition.

Upper left: Students enjoy a limbo competition last Thursday evening.

Upper right: Team SpongeBob gets the crowd excited with their lively chant in the Marts Center on Friday night.

Left: Team Builder Bob Inspects Her Gadget cheers their teammates on at the volleyball game.

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Wilkes Shuttle Drivers

A) Rest and recuperate



A) Nothing



The Beacon/Ryan Klemish

Doc Martens at Wilkes

Doc Martens Shoe Sales made a stop at Wilkes on Tuesday, giving the students a chance to purchase new and trendy footwear for the spring.

Starving for Attention: Wilkes Addresses Eating Disorders Week

What pushes women and men to harm themselves through starvation and binge eating is not exactly known. As Diane O'Brien, Director of Health Services at Wilkes University explained, "I think a lot

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Binge eating is characterized by uncontrollable eating and severe and constant weight gain. Food becomes the means by

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WEBS Program Draws Girls to Science

Wyoming Seminary girls experiment with hands-on learning

BY MONICA CARDENAS
Beacon Staff Writer

It all began with a summer program that left one young scientist fascinated. She wanted more...and that's just what she got.

Women Empowered By Science, a.k.a. WEBS, is a program that began in January that invites 5th and 6th grade girls from Wyoming Seminary Lower School to learn more about science through hands-on experiments and introductions to a variety of areas in the scientific arena. The girls are shuttled to Wilkes University on the last Tuesday of every month throughout the spring semester and work directly with Wilkes science faculty to learn about biology, chemistry, pharmacy, geoenvironmental sciences, to name just a few areas.

Why just girls? According to Debra Chapman, Biology instructor and director of WEBS, "It has been shown that girls love science and math up through 5th and 6th grade. Then something happens. They lose interest. We don't know what it is that happens, but we're hoping to keep girls

excited about science through this program."

Chapman was asked to direct WEBS by Dr. Michael Steele, chairperson for biology, chemistry and health sciences and biology professor. Also involved in the program are Dr. Lester Turoczi, director of health science projects and biology professor and Ms. Carol Turner, 5th grade science teacher and former science department chair at Wyoming Seminary in Kingston.

According to Turner, the eighteen girls who chose to become involved have been more confident in the classroom due to the WEBS program. They volunteer more and venture to guess more often than before. "Girls are more textbook oriented," says Turner. "This program has given them the opportunity to work hands-on and learn from new experiences."

Turner believes that more girls would be willing to become involved, but are simply too busy. Although male students at Wyoming Seminary are extremely jealous, she hopes to continue the program, which ends in May. She explained, "Boys have a natural curiosity in science, and girls don't

tend to have that [at this age]."

In order to keep the monthly visits fun, Chapman says that the girls are sent information regarding the upcoming project about a week in advance. This way, they have time to think about the project and come to Wilkes prepared for hands-on learning. Also sent to the girls are questions to answer and think about, some concerning women in science. This method prepares the girls for the projects and helps them learn about successful female scientists. "When they get here, it's fun and we keep them interested," said Chapman.

February's projects included a lesson in comparative anatomy and another entitled "A little bit of sugar makes the medicine go down." In the latter experiment, the girls created lollipops and gummy hearts similar to those designed to soothe sore throats.

The experiment was not unlike what pharmaceutical companies do to create appealing, non-medicinal tastes for children. According to Dr. Art Kibbe, director of this particular project and chairperson of pharmaceutical sciences, the

participants got to make everything, but would leave the drug itself out.

In the lab, the girls learn how to use tools correctly and actively participate in producing the candy. They work together excitedly with the help of student volunteers. "We're making lozenges--without the drugs!" laughed Caroline Kibbe, 5th grade. The girls giggled and reached for "strings of sugar" as Dr. Kibbe stretched them from a beaker.

While it's apparent that the girls are having a good time with the projects and are becoming more confident at school, it is Chapman's hope for the girls to realize that women can be scientists, too. "I think it is important for women to realize that science is something they should entertain. There are a vast number of women who have been very successful."

Turner agrees. "We want the girls to keep an interest through college and even into their careers."

It's hard to say whether the girls participating in WEBS will study science as adults, but it has certainly attracted their interest. In the words of 5th grade Kelsey Grossman, "Mmmm, this is good."

Seasonal Affective Disorder Prevalent During Winter Months

BY GINGER ESLEICK
Beacon Correspondent

Feeling depressed during the winter months is not uncommon. Even simple tasks, such as getting out of bed in the morning can seem difficult when the only thing to look forward to is waking up to a dark, dreary, cold, and sunless day.

Seasonal Affective Disorder, also known as SAD, may be the hidden cause for many undiagnosed depressions that occur during the late fall and winter months. The victims of SAD can be anyone; it strikes both men and women, though not in equal proportions, and has been diagnosed across all ages and races. However SAD is most frequently identified in people ranging in age from the early 20s to 40s. The disease is diagnosed in women far more often than men, generally a ratio of 4:1.

According to a national web site for depression, www.umich.edu/~caps/c.depression.sad.html, "Seasonal Affective Disorder, (SAD), is a cyclical type of depression usually experienced in the fall and winter months, and it appears to have a strong connection to insufficient light. As days shorten and become cloudier in fall and winter, many people experience an increase in SAD symptoms."

Winter blues should not be confused with SAD. The difference is that winter blues can usually be cured by increased amounts of light, or increased physical activity. On the other hand, SAD

requires more intensive treatment such as counseling, medication or phototherapy.

Liza Cardamone, freshman communication studies major, can relate to depression experienced during winter months. Cardamone commented, "I feel tired all of the time, and I sleep a lot more in the winter than I do in the summer. I hate going to night class when the sun is not out at five o'clock."

Monica Cardenas, Junior English major added, "I hate the fact that it gets dark so early. You don't feel like doing anything...it feels like the day is wasted."

The following questions taken from www.funeraldirectory.com/sad.html may help determine whether or not medical attention is necessary. Any questions that are answered yes can indicate a problem is present.

- * Do you generally feel depressed, under a malaise of no obvious cause?
- * Do you feel the need to eat more, to have more instantaneous food pleasures that cause weight gain?
- * Does waking up on a cold, dark, winter morning to start your day seem about as inviting as having teeth pulled?
- * Do you struggle to concentrate?
- * Do you want to distance yourself from family and friends?

The good news is that there is help for this disease. The first and most important action is talking to a qualified individual who can help with assisting in the diagnosis of this disease. Once that is

done, exercise and a balanced diet is highly recommended to get on the healthy track. Light supplements can be used to aid in curing the depression. Medication, and or counseling might also be required.

The disease does not afflict only a

few people. According to the SAD web site, "The public and medical community generally accept that SAD exists and one estimate puts as many as 6% of Americans into the category of those affected into the category of SAD sufferers."

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which block out everyday emotional conflicts and becomes a double-edged sword. The more binge eaters consume, the more powerless and guilty they feel.

Eating disorders, as explained by the ANAD, can cause physical and emotional complications ranging from constipation and diarrhea to kidney damage and depression. Most importantly, though, eating disorders can cause cardiac arrest and death.

Treatments to help fight eating disorders are psychotherapy, nutrition counseling, behavior modification, and self-help groups. "It's not an easily solved problem but the sooner you seek help, the sooner you can get involved in therapy and support groups. In other words, the quicker the better," indicated O'Brien.

Total cure is not guaranteed, but as statistics from the National Association of

Anorexia Nervosa and Associated Disorders have shown, "Fifty percent [of individuals afflicted with eating disorders] report being cured."

Statistics, however, have also shown that an estimated six percent of serious cases of eating disorders will die.

To decrease this number and hopefully vanquish it, individuals afflicted by or who have an acquaintance with an individual battling an eating disorder must seek immediate help.

"Act on your suspicion and follow your instincts," said Dr. Sowcik.

To learn more about eating disorders, to seek help in battling an eating disorder check out the Student Union Center for informational material, call Dr. Sowcik at extension 4732 or contact Health Services at extension 4730.

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Dr. Milburn: In His Own Words

BY ELVIRA ILLIANO
Beacon Staff Writer

Wilkes University is always expanding. New faculty, staff and student members are added to the Wilkes University list each and every day.

Dr. Ellsworth Milburn is one of the newest additions to the Wilkes family, at least for this semester. He will be teaching at Wilkes University as a part-time instructor in Composition and Orchestration.

Recently, he granted *The Beacon* an interview that offered insight into what drives him as a musician and as a teacher.



The Beacon/Kristin Hake

The following Q & A outlines in Milburn's own words what brought him to Wilkes.

What pushed you to music and teaching?

From age six I studied piano. By the time I was a senior in high school I knew that I wanted to pursue music as a career. Initially, I was interested in jazz, and throughout my late high school and early college years I played with bands as a way to pay my way through college. After graduating from UCLA I worked for several theater groups in Los Angeles, and moved to San Francisco in 1963 to become the Music Director for The Committee, an improvisational, politically and socially satirical theater company. I worked there for five years, while going to graduate school. In 1968 I decided to pursue further graduate work in composition, and received the DMA in composition from the College-Conservatory of Music, University of Cincinnati, in 1970.

Teaching was the logical extension of my graduate study. I felt that I had done all I could with performance, and needed to concentrate on teaching and composition. I have always loved communication about music, and teaching was the best way of communicating my love of the art.

How long have you been teaching?

Not counting this year, about 30 years.

Where have you had the opportunity to teach at before?

I have taught at the University of Cincinnati, 1970-1975 and Rice University, 1975-1999.

What have you taught?

I have taught composition, music theory, counterpoint, orchestration, analysis, and special studies in the works of individual composers (particularly Bartok).

What are your credentials?

They are a BA, at UCLA; MA, at Mills College; DMA, at College-Conservatory of Music, University of Cincinnati.

What is the one thing you are most proud of?

Three things: my integrity as a composer, my commitment to my students, and my career at Rice University.

Is there something specific that pushed you to choose Wilkes University?

I'm a part-time faculty member for this semester only. Actually, I chose to take early retirement from Rice University in 1999 to move to this area to focus on composition, and perhaps more importantly to marry Ellen Flint, who is Associate Professor of Music in the Department of Visual and Performing Arts. My position at Wilkes is somewhat serendipitous. A course in composition and orchestration needed to be taught. I was capable of teaching it. Dr. Terry Zipay knew of my reputation and admires my music. I was already here, living in Hunlock Creek, and interested teaching such a course. I'm delighted with the quality of the students in my class.

Choosing one aspect only, what would you say is the best part of this small university?

I don't know Wilkes University well enough to comment.

What are your goals and aspirations in life?

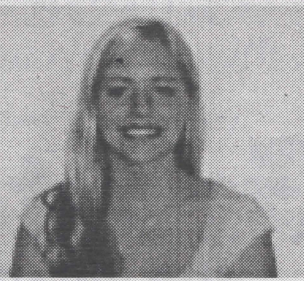
To do what I am doing now, compose and work with performers.

If you had to list one thing that you hope your students would get from you and your class, what would it be?

It would be inspiration and commitment.

Finally, is there one firm belief that you live by?

Two things: to strive for excellence and to go through life with a generosity of spirit.



BY MELISSA GALLUP
Beacon Staff Writer

Tasty Tidbits

I don't know about you, but this dreary, winter weather has got to go. I am sick of the frigid temperatures, blustery winds, and the terrible driving conditions. Plus, with spring break just around the corner, I have a terrible case of spring fever.

During the spring and summer months, my friends, family, and I are constantly outside grilling our dinners, so the perfect warm-weather meal for me comes straight off of the grill. If you feel the same way about the dreadful winter season, and want to warm up a little, then bring the grilling indoors for a little taste of fun and more importantly, a taste of the warm weather that will hopefully arrive soon.

Burger of the Gods

Recipe courtesy of Alton Brown

8 ounces chuck, trimmed, cut into 1 1/2-inch cubes
8 ounces sirloin, trimmed, cut into 1 1/2-inch cubes
1/2 teaspoon kosher salt

In separate batches, pulse the chuck and the sirloin in a food processor ten times. Combine the chuck, sirloin, and kosher salt in a large bowl. Form the meat into five-ounce patties.

Heat a cast iron skillet or griddle over medium-high heat for two to three minutes. Place the hamburger patties in the pan. For medium-rare burgers, cook the patties for four minutes on each side. For medium burgers, cook the patties for five minutes on each side. Flip the burgers only once during cooking.

Veggie Burger

Recipe Courtesy of Cathy Lowe

3 tablespoons olive oil
3/4 cup fresh corn kernels or frozen, thawed
6 mushrooms, finely chopped
2 scallions, finely chopped
1/2 red bell pepper, finely chopped
1 clove garlic, finely chopped
1 teaspoon cumin
Dash cayenne pepper
1/2 cup chopped fresh spinach
1 carrot, peeled and grated
1 small potato, peeled and grated
1 egg white
Salt and pepper
1/2 cup fresh bread crumbs
1 cup plain yogurt
2 tablespoons chopped fresh mint

In a large skillet heat one tablespoon oil over medium high heat. Stir in corn, mushrooms, scallions, and bell pepper. Cook for three to four minutes. Add garlic, cumin and cayenne and cook for 30 seconds. Remove from heat and stir in spinach. Add carrot and potato and stir to combine. Add egg white and season with salt and pepper. Stir in enough bread crumbs so that the mixture holds together. Shape mixture into six disks and place on a plate. Chill for one hour.

Heat two tablespoons olive oil in non-stick skillet and cook veggie burgers until golden on each side. In a small bowl mix together yogurt and mint

Grilled Herbed Red Potatoes

Recipe adapted from Gourmet Magazine

14 medium red potatoes (about 4 pounds)
1/4 cup olive oil
2 teaspoons dried dill
2 teaspoons dried thyme
Kosher salt to taste
Freshly course-ground black pepper to taste
Preheat grill or grill pan.

Working in batches, cut potatoes into 1/8-inch thick rounds and in a large bowl toss with oil, dill, thyme, and salt and pepper to taste. Grill potato rounds in batches over moderate heat, turning them occasionally, until tender, about ten minutes, and transfer them to another large bowl.

Alternatively, roast potatoes in a 450 degree oven: Arrange half of oiled potatoes, lightly overlapping, in two large shallow baking pans and roast in upper and lower thirds of oven, turning them occasionally, until golden and tender, about 15 minutes. Roast remaining potatoes in the same manner.

Guys and Dolls Offers Solid Individual Performances

BY GABE LeDONNE
Beacon News Editor

The Wilkes University's players presented their third full-scale production of the academic year, Frank Loesser's musical comedy, *Guys and Dolls*.

Based on the book by Abe Burrows and Jo Swerling entitled, *The Idyll of Miss Sarah Brown*, the story of *Guys and Dolls*

stems from the complexities caused by a bet placed between Nathan Detroit (played by senior Kyle Masteller) a New York crap game organizer, and Sky Masterson (played by junior Alexander W.P. Kashatus), a successful gambler who thrives on odd bets.

Detroit bets Masterson that he can't convince the next woman he meets to come

with him to Cuba. The story really takes off when that woman turns out to be Sarah Brown (sophomore Meghann E. Babo), a religious social worker who marches through the streets of the city, trying to save the sinning public.

In the Wilkes production, the strongest aspect of the performance is clearly the vocal talents of the main

characters. Babo delivered an operatic performance in song, while Masteller and junior Tiffany Smith (who plays Detroit's love interest, Miss Adelaide) give wonderful dialectic voice to their songs.

Another incredibly entertaining facet of the show were the humorous antics (borderline slapstick) of the pinstripe trio Nicely-Nice Johnson (sophomore Benjamin S. Ptashinsky), Benny Southstreet (senior Dale R. Heller), and Songbird Charlie (senior Nicholas Pierce).

The acting performances were well done overall, although some minor characters such as Lt. Brannigan (sophomore Robert James Stowe), Arvide Abernathy (senior Phoenix Blue) and Big Jule (junior Jennifer Zubernick) seemed to lack character depth, which is mainly attributed to the primarily superficial purpose of the characters in the play itself. But this was a minor quailm within the production.

The larger trouble in the production seemed to be a lack of cohesion between characters. While Smith and Masteller individually give impressive performances, they have a tough time conveying a believable relationship on the rocks. Similarly, while Kashatus and Babo are convincing in their respective characters, the audience doesn't get a clear feeling of a blossoming relationship. Beyond the main characters though, the entire cast seemed to be performing for themselves--for their own characters, rather than for the ensemble.

Despite this, however, the musical was very much entertaining on the whole, with a classic musical theater set, classic musical numbers such as "Luck be a Lady" and "Adelaide's Lament." The costumes and orchestra were high energy, keeping the audience's attention. And audience members could not help but be impressed by the phenomenal ballet dual between Raphael Cooper and Peter Mario Baldo as Slick Dick and Joey Biltmore respectively. Their athleticism and the choreography literally kept audience members riveted.

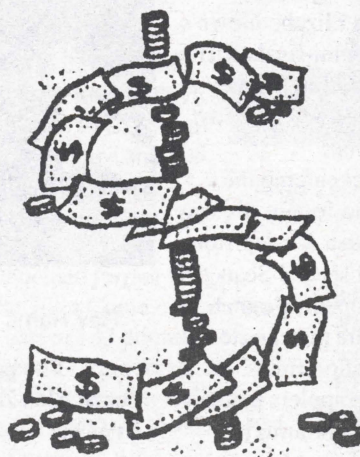
So although the production was by no means flawless, it sure as hell beat a night watching *Joe Millionaire*.

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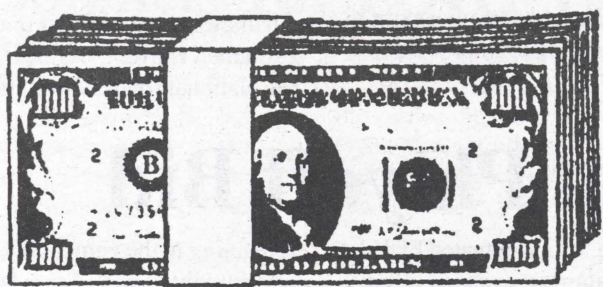
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Wilkes Places Third at Conference Championships

Harris and Fleisher Advance to NCAA Tournament

BY WILL MIDGETT
Beacon Staff Writer

The Wilkes wrestling team traveled down the road to King's College on Friday and Saturday for the MAC Championships.

With tough wrestling across the board and a couple of upsets, the Colonels finished third overall with 119 total team points and will be sending two wrestlers to Nationals.

Delaware Valley took the tournament with 148.5 team points and Lycoming placed second with 127 points.

Sophomore Rex Harris and senior Cory Fleisher both won their respective weight classes, Harris at 174 and Fleisher at 285, and will represent Wilkes at the national level. Harris' impressive showing on the mats won him the Outstanding Wrestler Award for the tournament.

In the first round, Harris scored a 15-3 major decision over Lycoming's Matt Bruce before pinning Albright's Tariq Edwards in 3:58 in the quarterfinals. In the final round, Harris met his conference rival Josh Housekeeper of Delaware Valley. Housekeeper entered the match ranked second in the nation in Division III. It was supposed to be a close match, but Harris upset Housekeeper by a score of 10-3. "Everybody is a challenge," said Harris. "You just have to know how to wrestle people."

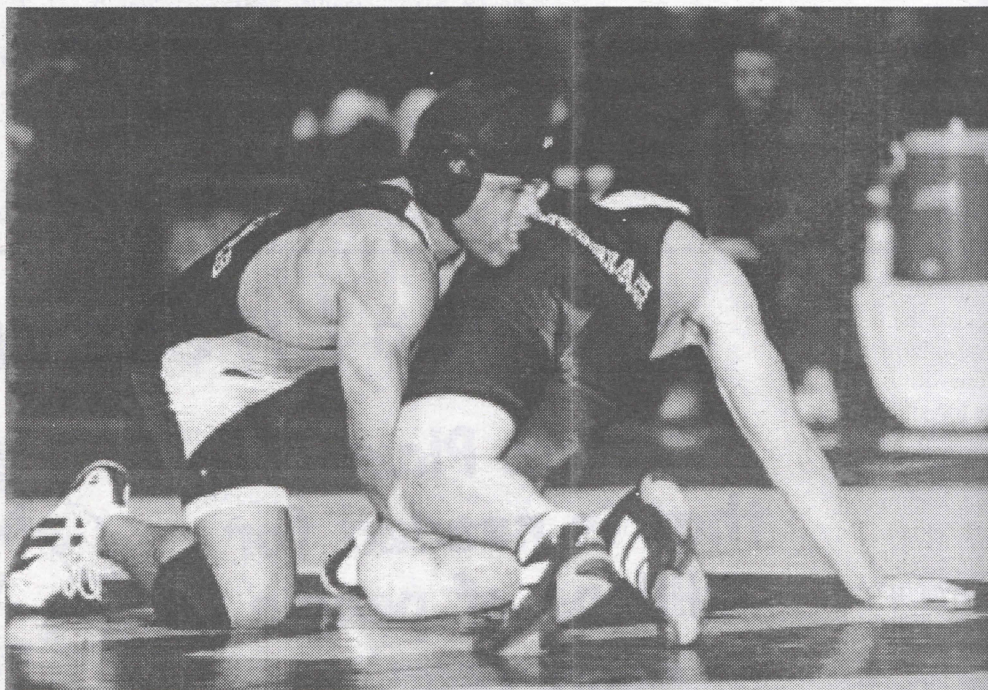
Fleisher defended his MAC title from last year with a close 4-2 decision over King's Tegan McKee. In the opening

round, he pinned Scranton's Vince Realmuto in 1:04. In the semi-finals he quickly dismantled Delaware Valley's Wayne Helms in an even faster time of 1:00. With two pins in a total time of 2:04, Fleisher won the tournament award for most falls in the quickest time. Fleisher will be making his second appearance at the NCAA Championships and he is currently ranked eighth in Division III.

Junior Jon Neyerlin (184) was the only Wilkes wrestler to finish in second place. Neyerlin won an 8-0 major decision in the first round over Albright's Sean Sullivan and then pinned Elizabethtown's Eric Guise in 1:57 in the semi-finals. In the finals he faced Lycoming's Jeff Tierney but wasn't able to advance when he lost in a very close 4-3 decision.

Captain Jed Starner entered the tournament unseeded and fought his way to a third place finish with a 4-2 decision over Lycoming's second seeded Sean Reese. After losing his opening match 7-0, Starner won two more matches to be able to reach the consolation finals.

Wilkes had three grapplers place fourth in the championship tourney: junior Jeremy Mayer (125), sophomore John Muscarella (133), and freshman Eric Bleich (197). Both Mayer and Bleich suffered opening round losses, but were able to wrestle back to the consolation finals. Muscarella made it to the semi-finals after a first round bye, but was pinned by B.J. Wise of Del Val in 4:32.



Courtesy of sports information

Rex Harris looks to turn over an opponent in a recent match.

"The guys did a great job," said head coach Alan Zellner. "We wanted to win three titles but Neyerlin lost on a riding point, which was disappointing."

This year the Division III National Championships will be held at Ohio Northern University next Friday and Saturday. Last year, Fleisher lost in the opening round of Nationals to the third-ranked heavyweight in the country, and is looking to improve this year.

For Harris, however, the experience of wrestling at Nationals will be a totally new experience. "It'll be a disadvantage," said Zellner. "But it shouldn't be a problem."

Harris was ranked eighth in Division III earlier in the season at 174, and is now regarded as one of the best wrestlers in the country. "I'm not satisfied yet. The MAC Championships was just one of my goals," explained Harris. "My next goal is to get to the National finals with a chance to win it."

Scranton Spoils Colonels Shot at Playoff Bid

BY DENNIS FERENCHICK
Beacon Editorial Board Chair

Entering into Saturday's regular-season finale, the Wilkes men's basketball team not only needed a win to earn a

Freedom Conference playoff berth, but a loss from their arch-rival King's College as well.

Unfortunately for the Colonels, they got neither.

Senior Dan Loftus and Derek

Elphick each poured in a game-high 19 points, and sophomore Brian O'Donnell added 16 to lead the Scranton University Royals to an 82-77-overtime victory over Wilkes University at the Marts Center.

With the victory, and a Lycoming College loss, the Royals (20-5 overall, 11-3 in conference) advanced to the Freedom Conference playoffs as the number one seed.

Junior Mike Morgan also scored a game-high 19 points, while junior Dave Plisko and senior Bob Calarco added 16 and 15 points respectively for the Colonels (17-7 overall, 8-6 in conference) who failed to reach the playoffs for the first time in ten years.

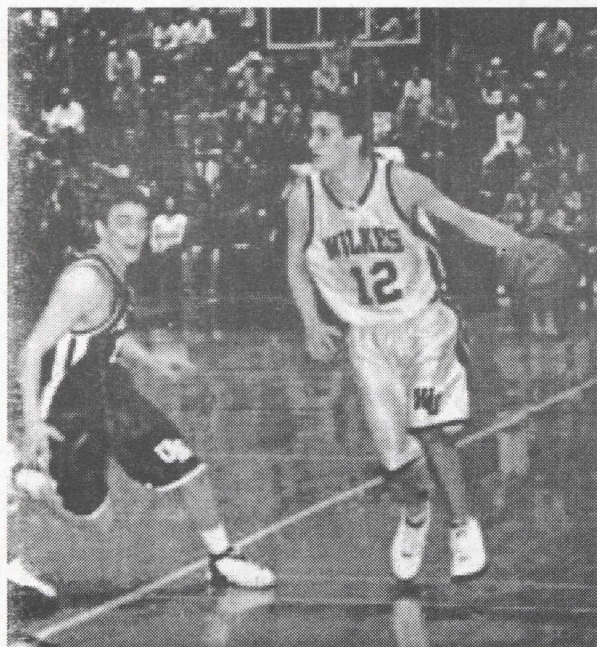
King's College, which defeated FDU Florham 74-48 on Saturday, wrapped up the fourth and final seed of the conference tournament.

Wilkes and Scranton were neck and neck throughout the first 40 minutes, with neither team able to pull away. The Colonels' biggest lead during the contest was six points, while the Royals held no more than a five-point advantage at any time.

Trailing 73-72 with eight seconds

remaining in the game, Wilkes had the opportunity to win in regulation when Plisko was fouled. However, the Hanover Area high school graduate converted only one of two free throw attempts to tie the score.

In the extra period, Scranton would not be denied. Sophomore Ryan Rogan tallied 5 points, including a huge three-pointer, and the Royals outscored the Colonels 9-4 to earn the victory.



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Bob Calarco looks to drive the lane during last weekend's game.

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Zellner Resigns as Wilkes Wrestling Coach Will Become University's Director of Diversity

Courtesy of Sports Information

Wilkes University has announced that Alan Zellner will step down as head wrestling coach at the conclusion of this season to become the University's new Director of Diversity.

Jon Laudenslager, a former Wilkes wrestler who has been an assistant coach for the Colonels during the past three seasons, will assume the head coaching duties on an interim basis. Zellner will work with Laudenslager to ease the transition.

"When I took the head coaching job, I figured that it would be for five or six years," said Zellner. "My goal was to help re-establish Wilkes at the Division III level, and I think that we have been able to do that. We have a solid recruiting base to work from and have been able to compete against some of the top Division III teams in the country."

As the Director of Diversity, Zellner will be responsible for coordinating recruitment and retention of minority students and assisting in the development of diversity-related academic offerings.

"This new position reflects our commitment to developing a multicultural campus environment for the benefit of all students regardless of background," said Wilkes University Provost Maravene Loeschke.

"Through his service to so many community organizations, Al has championed the cause of diversity for years. We are delighted that he will now lead our efforts at Wilkes," she added.

Zellner has been at the helm of the Wilkes wrestling program for the past nine seasons, after serving as an assistant coach with the Colonels for 16 years. Prior to coaching at Wilkes, he was the head wrestling coach at Williamsport High School in New Jersey for three seasons. Zellner also served as the head wrestling coach at Kutztown University from 1984 to 1989.

A 1972 graduate of Wilkes, Zellner was a standout wrestler for the Colonels, capturing three Middle Atlantic Conference (MAC) individual titles. During his senior season, he earned All-American honors after finishing fourth at the NCAA College Division National Tournament.

Zellner assumed the head

coaching duties at Wilkes prior to the 1995 campaign. During his first four years as the head coach, the Colonels competed at the Division I level as members of the Eastern Intercollegiate Wrestling Association (EIWA). In his first season, Zellner had three wrestlers earn All-EIWA honors. Included among the group was Laudenslager, who was the EIWA Rookie of the Year that same season.

In 1999, Wilkes returned to the Division III ranks. Zellner has led the Colonels to an overall record of 92 wins and 105 losses, including a 64-45 mark since their return to Division III. In 2000, Zellner helped former Wilkes wrestler John Conte capture the MAC title at 133 pounds. That same year, Conte earned All-America honors after finishing fourth at the NCAA Division III championships. Last season, junior Cory Fleisher became the second Wilkes wrestler in three seasons to qualify for the NCAA



Courtesy of Sports Information
Allan Zellner, who has been a staple in the Wilkes wrestling program for the last 25 years, stepped down last week.

field after winning the MAC heavyweight crown. **(Editor's Note:** On March 7 and 8, Fleisher will again wrestle in the Division III championships, along with sophomore Rex Harris, on the campus of Ohio Northern University.)

Zellner is excited about the opportunity to head a program

that he began at Wilkes in 1990. "The diversity project is something that I started years ago. Now I have an opportunity to finish the project, which is very exciting. It will allow me the chance to make a valuable contribution to the University in another way."

Lady Colonels Turn Over Win to Scranton in Final Conference Game

BY FAITH MARTIN
Beacon Staff Writer

Wilkes University's women's basketball season came to an end with a hard-fought 71-57 loss against Scranton on Saturday.

The loss brought the Lady

Colonels to an overall record of 12-13 and 4-10 in the conference. Scranton, who earned the third seed in the Freedom Conference playoffs, improved its record to 22-3 overall and 11-3 in the conference.

After trailing 35-30 at halftime, freshman Andrea Kacprowicz and sophomore Andrea DeMaranville began the half with baskets, bringing the Lady Colonels to within a point of Scranton, 35-34.

It was then that Scranton improved its lead, due to some impressive three-point field goals made by Amanda Natale. Natale, who was scoreless in the first half, canned three from beyond the arc in the second half, upping the score to 54-44, a score from which Wilkes was unable to recuperate.

Wilkes held the edge on the boards, edging the Lady Royals

36-34, but the Lady Colonels were plagued by turnovers, committing 23 in the game and erasing any chances at a comeback.

Senior Whitney Bull, playing in her last collegiate game, tossed in a game-high 29 points for the Lady Colonels. She also pulled down 18 rebounds to become Wilkes' all-time rebounding leader. Bull finished with 984 boards in her career to beat out the previous record of 977 set by Becky Baker. Bull was also named as one of the finalists for the Jostens Trophy, given annually to the top player in Division III.

Freshman Krista Renzi also

proved to be a valuable asset for the Lady Colonels. Renzi dumped two three-pointers for six points and showed an incredible amount of hustle for the Lady Colonels. Sophomore Andrea DeMaranville added to the effort with thirteen points, five rebounds, four assists and four steals, while Kacprowicz added nine points.

Eileen Webster led Scranton with career-high 15 points, while Tara Gemmel added 14. Natale added 11 points to the Scranton effort.

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Standing Up for Individual Freedom is Young B-baller's Right

BY J.J. HANSON
Beacon Assistant Sports Editor

There has been a great deal of hoopla made over Manhattanville senior basketball player, Toni Smith. Her display of anti-Americanism has outraged the spectators at many of her games.

The renegade girl turns her back a quarter-turn away

from the U.S. flag every game during the National Anthem. In a released statement Smith said, "For some time now, the inequalities that are embedded into the American system have bothered me...As they are becoming progressively worse and it is clear that the government's priorities are not on bettering the quality of life for all of its people, but rather on expanding its own power, I

cannot, in good conscience, salute the flag."

The media has come out with guns blazing along with the abundance of outrage articulated by angry spectators. When the team visited the Merchant Marine Academy, midshipmen chanted "U-S-A" and "leave our

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Low & Outside

BY DAVID DiMARTINO
Beacon Staff Writer

Last year Jose Canseco announced that he was going to write a book that told all the misdoings of baseball players and basically screw everybody. Last week Canseco was arrested for violating his probation and was sent to jail. Now instead of screwing people, he must worry about getting screwed...Some retired NBA players are trying to file a complaint with the NBA because their jerseys are spreading around like wildfire and they aren't seeing a dime from the sales. I have said it before, damn that rap music...T-Wolves guard Rod Strickland was recently issued a citation for a hit-and-run incident outside of a nightclub. Over his 14-year career, Strickland has had two drunken driving convictions,

several run-ins with coaches, and more than a dozen fines for tardiness and missed practices. Prior to the season, Strickland signed a one year, \$1.03 million dollar contract (Can we see the joke in this?) ...In hockey last night, many teams scored goals ... ESPN NFL specialist Len Pasquarelli said that there is almost zero interest from teams to draft former Miami QB Ken Dorsey, and that it is quite possible that he goes undrafted. That's all right Ken, your nobody until you make it into LOW & OUTSIDE, and now you're there buddy ... The Boston Red Sox have announced that 280 seats have been added to the top of the Green Monster. I can just see it now, after the Yankees win the AL East again this year, people on the street will be trying to catch Red Sox fans instead of homerun balls ... There is real talk of following Mike

Tyson in a reality based TV show sometime in the fall. And you thought Joe Millionaire was cool, wait until you can see ESPN's "Mike the Crazy Boxer," where Tyson tries to eat kids, smokes weed, and studies to be a rocket scientist...Since when did the NCAA start naming every week during the basketball season? We have Rival Week, where teams get a shot at their most hated rivals, like Duke-UNC and Stanford-California. Then there was the new addition of Bracket Buster Saturday, where all kinds of mid-major schools get on national TV in hopes of helping secure a bid to the Dance in March, which is cool. Now we have Judgment Week. What the hell is that? Of course all these weeks have sponsors. I am currently looking to have my life covered. I am currently in discussion with Mountain Dew to sponsor "Normal Week," where I am

filmed going to class, eating fast food and getting my car washed...Finally, if you enjoy swimming at a health club, beware of what's in the water. An Internet article from the Boulder News in Boulder, Colorado reported a 48-year old man who was swimming in a health club pool and had an unwrapped condom float into his mouth as he swam laps. He filed a report with local police, claiming a 31-year old man and a 27-year old woman were having sex in the pool, and it must have been from them, but the couple denied it. There was not enough evidence to press charges, especially after the couple admitted to not using condoms. I think it's safe to say that someone who is 48-years old should know better than to swim with their mouth open ...I'm David D. and I just missed LOW & OUTSIDE.

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country."

At another game versus Mount St. Mary's in Newburgh, New York, the fans screamed at Smith and broke out into a song of "God Bless America" as time ran off the clock.

The apex of fan protest came when a Vietnam veteran came out of the stands and on to the floor to scold Smith. He later said after being escorted out, "She

disgraced herself and she disgraced the flag."

Many people don't care for Smith's political stand, and I would consider myself one of her critics. But, I have nothing but respect and admiration for the way in which this young lady has expressed her views. By her own definition, she is a true patriot.

The courage and strength it takes to stand up to the public, the media, and her

own peers must be tremendous. There are not many people of that caliber in this world and she should be commended for her actions.

Most people who understand the true meaning of this country understand that it is people like her who the young people of this country go to war to protect. Voltaire once said, "I may disagree with what you have to say but shall defend to the death

your right to say it."

The words that she wrote in her statement reiterate the above quote. She stated, "Patriotism can be shown in many ways, but those who choose to do so by saluting the flag should recognize that the flag stands for individuality and freedom. Therefore, any patriot must acknowledge and respect my right to be different."

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Sicilian Style with Cheese, Broccoli, Onions and Seasonings
ROUND BROCCOLI PIZZA Small/6 Cuts \$8.75 Large/8 Cuts \$11.25
Round Style with Cheese, Broccoli, Onions and Seasonings
WHITE PIZZA Small/8 Cuts \$9.00 Large/16 Cuts \$17.50
Sicilian Style with Cheese, Onions and Seasonings
ROUND WHITE PIZZA Small/6 Cuts \$7.95 Large/8 Cuts \$9.75
Round Style with Cheese, Onions and Seasonings
ROUND TACO PIZZA Small \$8.75 Large \$11.75
Thin Crust with Salsa, Ground Beef, Lettuce and Tomatoes
SICILIAN STYLE TACO PIZZA 8 Cuts \$9.50 16 Cuts \$16.75
Salsa, Onion, Ground Beef, Lettuce and Tomatoes

FROZEN PIZZA — SICILIAN STYLE 12 Cuts Take Out Only When Available \$5.25

PASTA

Manicotti with Cheese Filling \$6.75
Spaghetti and Meatballs \$6.50
Spaghetti and Veal Parmigiana \$7.25
Spaghetti and Chicken Parmigiana \$7.25
Stuffed Shells with Cheese Filling \$6.75

All Pasta Dinners include Salad and Garlic Bread.
All Items Available for Take-out — Add 25¢



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1/2 Dozen \$3.25 • Dozen \$5.00
3 Dozen Bucket \$12.95
6 Dozen Bucket \$21.95

Our Wings are Delivered Fresh Daily
Your Choice of Sauces:

Hot, Mild, Sweet And Sour, BBQ, Cajun, Butter and Garlic, Old Bay, Honey Mustard
Extra Bleu Cheese 50¢ • Extra Celery 50¢
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HOAGIES

Chicken Tender \$5.50
With Lettuce, Tomato and Mayonnaise
Chicken Parmigiana \$5.50
Tommy's Special Sauce and Provolone Cheese
Veal Parmigiana \$5.50
Tommy's Special Sauce and Provolone Cheese
Sausage \$5.50
Hot Italian Sausage with Sauce and Onions
Super Steak \$6.25
7 oz. Top Round, Cheese, Mushrooms, Onions, Peppers, Lettuce, Tomato and Mayonnaise
Cheese Steak (MOP) \$5.75
Mushrooms, Onions and Peppers
Cheese Steak \$5.50
Onions and Sauce
ITALIAN Hoagie \$5.50
Ham, Cappelletti, Salami, Cheese, Lettuce, Tomato, Onions and Dressing
Hot Ham and Cheese \$5.50
7 oz. of Boiled Ham and Provolone Cheese
Meatball and Cheese \$5.50
Tuna Hoagie \$5.50
Chunk Light Tuna, Cheese, Lettuce, Tomatoes and Onions

Mushrooms 50¢ • Hot or Sweet Peppers 50¢
Extra Cheese 50¢

All Items on our Menu are Made Fresh to Order and May Take a Little Extra Time.
Thank You for Your Patience

Colonel Clipboard

On Tap

Saturday, 3/1

Baseball in
Cocoa Beach, FL through 3/8

Monday, 3/3

Men's Tennis in
Hilton Head, SC through 3/7

Friday, 3/7

Softball at
Virginia Wesleyan Tourney
through 3/8

Sunday, 3/9

Baseball VS
FDU-Florham (DH), 12 p.m.

Tuesday, 3/11

Baseball at
FDU-Florham, 3 p.m.

Wednesday, 3/12

Lacrosse VS
Messiah, 4 p.m.

Friday, 3/14

Softball at
Salisbury Tournament

Saturday, 3/15

Lacrosse at
Elizabethtown, 1p.m.

Sunday, 3/16

Men's Tennis VS
Moravian, 1 p.m.

Tuesday, 3/18

Baseball VS
Marywood, 3 p.m.

Men's Tennis at

Lebanon Valley, 3:30 p.m.

Wednesday, 3/19

Softball VS
Scranton, 3 p.m.

Baseball at
Muhlenberg, 3 p.m.

Lacrosse at
Elmira, 4 p.m.

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In Review

Saturday

Men's Basketball
Scranton 82, Wilkes 77 OT

Women's Basketball
Scranton 71, Wilkes 57

Wrestling

MAC Championships
Cory Fleisher and Rex
Harris win weight classes
(heavyweight and 174,
respectively)

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Athlete of the Week

Rex Harris, Wrestling

The sophomore came out of the gates fast in last weekend's Middle Atlantic Conference Wrestling Championships at King's College and never looked back, taking first place in the 174-pound weight class. He upset top-seeded Josh Housekeeper from Delaware College with a 10-3 decision in the final to earn the title.

Harris' road to the finals began when he won a 15-3 major decision over Lycoming's Matt Bruce. He would later pin Albright's Tariq Edwards in 3:58 in the quarterfinal round. Harris was rewarded with not only a ticket to the NCAA Tournament, but the Outstanding Wrestler of the MAC tournament as well.

Harris and teammate, senior Cory Fleisher, will compete in the NCAA Tournament on March 7 and 8 on the campus of Ohio Northern University.



Numbers Of the Week

984 Number of career rebounds by senior Whitney Bull, a new Lady Colonels' record

15 Number of points scored by senior Bob Calarco in his last game as a Colonel - a career-high

119 Number of team points by the Colonels in this weekend's MAC Wrestling Championships, good for third place

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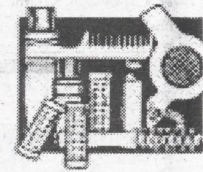
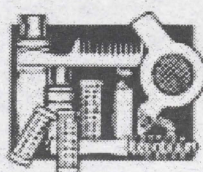
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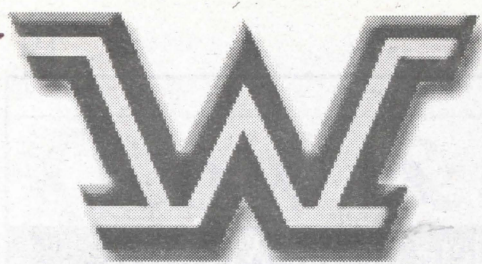
Weds. and Fri 9-5

Sat. 8-4

Mon., Tues., Thurs., and

Evenings by appointment





Campus Calendar

Today, February 27

Employment Fair 2003:
1 p.m.- 4:30 p.m., First Union Arena

Friday, February 28

Classes End:
5 p.m.,

Saturday, March 1

No Events Scheduled:

Sunday, March 9

Baseball vs. FDU-Florham:
12 p.m., DDD

Monday, March 10

Classes Commence:
8 a.m.,

Spring Fling Tickets on Sale:
11 a.m.- 2 p.m., Henry Student Center

Exhibition, Birds in Art:
12 p.m.- 4:30p.m., Sordoni Art Gallery

Tuesday, March 11

Baseball vs. FDU-Florham:
3 p.m.,

Wednesday, March 12

Penguins Game:
7:05 p.m., First Union Arena

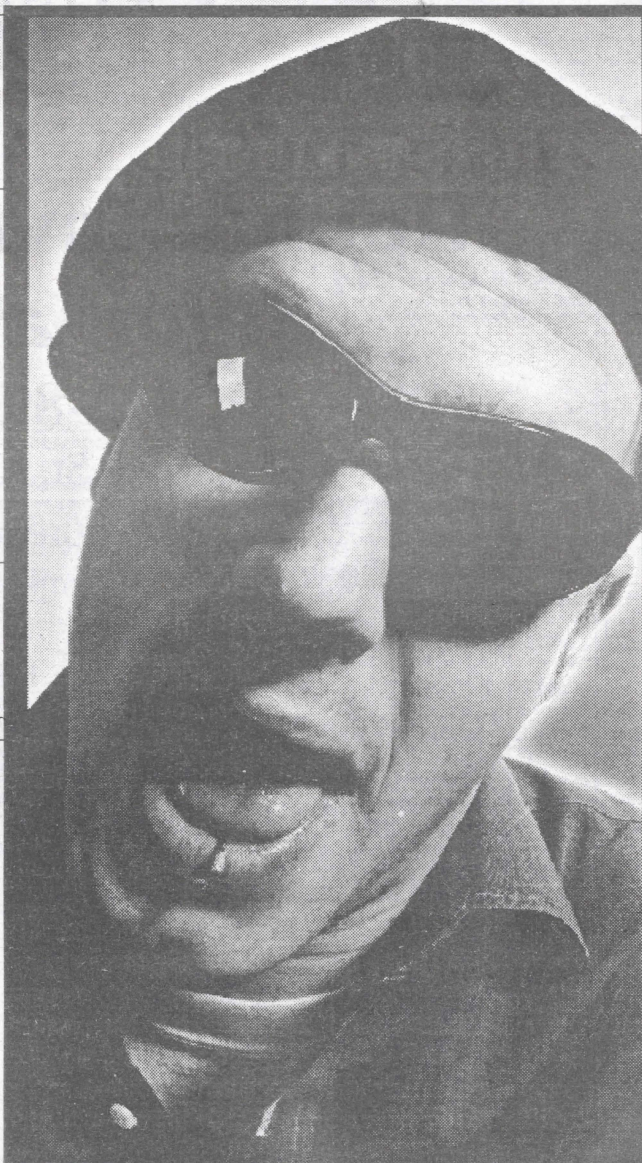
Women's Lacrosse vs. Messiah:
4 p.m.,

Have a safe and happy spring break!



The Beacon/Kristin Hake

Wilkes University celebrated Winter Weekend this past weekend, and guessing from the picture above, it was great time!



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