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Donkey basketball fundraiser met with protest

Faculty protesters react to student concern re: classroom tension



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Protestors, consisting of students, faculty and staff members appeared outside of the Donkey Basketball event on Sunday that was hosted by the Equestrian Club to raise money for the club and for REASON, a local non-profit horse rescue.

BY SARAH HERBERT & MYLES RUMBEL
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The showdown was set to begin at 2 p.m. yesterday afternoon in front of the Arnaud C. Marts Gymnasium. By 3:20 p.m. the dust had settled on the controversial protest of the Equestrian Club's donkey basketball. Again, all was quiet on the Wilkes front.

Protestors lined up in front of the gymnasium's doors an hour before the event was slated to begin. Twenty minutes after the event officially began, the protestors were gone as the donkeys were being led onto the court.

Part-time philosophy major Jamie Johnson was one of the students involved in the protest. "Donkey basketball is a very unnecessary fundraiser to have because it is cruel to the animals," said Johnson.

The protestors stressed that they did not protest the event in order to deter students or community members from attending the fundraiser. However, protestors do hope that the University will follow the lead of other schools and refrain from hosting such events in the future.

"Most people are not coming to the game because they want to support cruelty to animals. They are simply unaware," said Johnson. Awareness came in the form of posters with facts and educational pamphlets supplied by People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA).

Numerous students as well as three faculty members and some community advocates participated in the protest of this event.

Similarly, participants and advocates for donkey basketball included students, faculty and community members.

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Four Student Government seats go unopposed in elections

Students cite apathy and work load as possible deterrents for prospective candidates

BY VICTORIA WHITE
Beacon News Editor

The mid-term election races are beginning to heat up across the state and nation. Pennsylvania, in fact, has seen its greatest number of challengers in years heading into the May primaries. And speculation abounds nationally as to who the next U.S. President will be in 2008. One thing is sure: most

who seek such service will face a fight to win voters, first among challengers in their own parties and later against opposing party candidates in November.

Such challenge, however, is not the hallmark of Wilkes University Student Government elections this year. Candidates for four presidential posts--Student Government President, Inter-Residence Hall Council (IRHC) President, Commuter Council

President and Off Campus Council President--are all running unopposed for 2006-07. Although for many in a democratic society this seems strange, historically, it has occurred with some frequency for Wilkes University Student Government (SG), most recently in 2004. Some of the reason why it seems strange that all of the positions

are unopposed is that SG controls approximately \$440,000 each year, all of the activity fees from students.

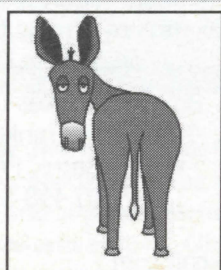
Jared Shayka, SG Parliamentarian said, "I am disappointed because the presidential debate that we had last year was very good. We had an amazing

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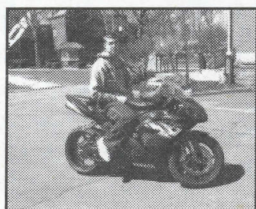
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DONKEY from FRONT PAGE

Despite the fact that each group was given the opportunity to express its views in an open forum at last week's Student Government (SG) meeting, they still don't see eye to eye.

While the protestors hope to prohibit events like this in the future, event organizer and Equestrian Club President Alisha Cain had different aspirations for donkey basketball.

"My hope...was that [donkey basketball] would become an annual event," said Cain. "I would love to see it turn into a fun community, student activity that everyone would look forward to year after year."

However, the frequency of the event was not the only concern of protestors. Obviously, protestors were concerned with the way the animals are treated and cared for.

Community member Ron Colarusso passed the donkeys before joining his fellow protestors and was willing to comment on the physical condition of the animals.

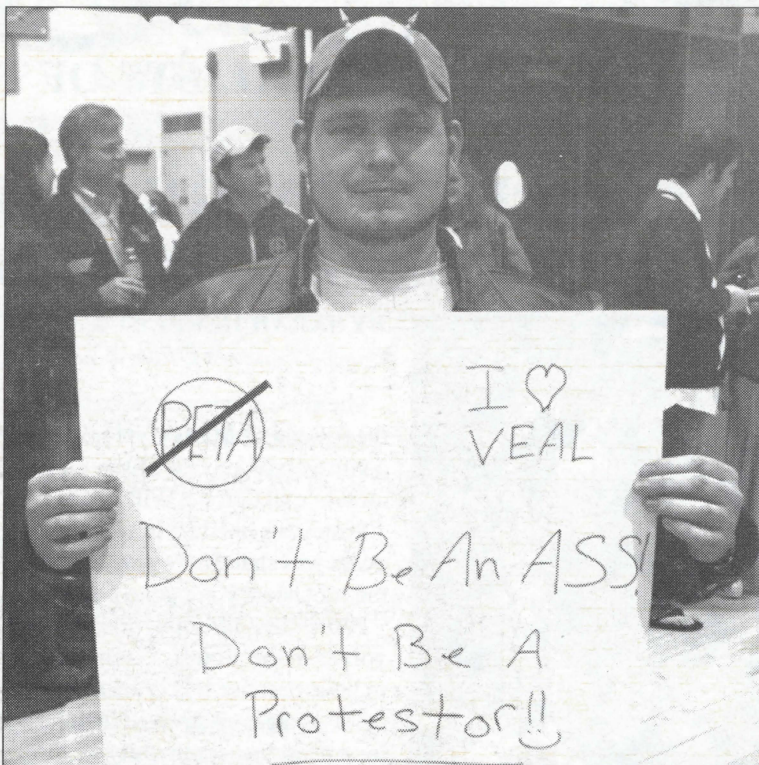
"They don't look too happy...it looks like [they have] saddle sores like you would see on a horse," said Colarusso.

Timothy Shaw, owner of Shaw Brothers Donkey Ball, the company that supplied the donkeys allowed students to get acquainted with the animals before the event. Shaw stressed the importance of treating his animals humanely.

"I'd be out of my mind not to take care of my animals," said Shaw.

Spectators at the event were not the only ones torn between organizers and protestors. According to Cain, at least one student she spoke with felt compelled to withdraw from the event due to faculty involvement in the protest. "We did have one student who was actually in a class with one of the professors who came up to me and said that she'd love to support us, does not see anything wrong with this, and fully stands behind the club, but feels she could not participate and help us because she was worried it might affect her grade or just what consequences it would have with her teacher and her."

Faculty members were appalled that students would have such a concern.



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Seth Barnetsky, P3 Pharmacy major brought a protest sign of his own, using the slogan from the original protest posters to prove his point.

Dr. Linda Paul, associate professor of philosophy and protester at the event said, "I understand how a student can feel that way...I would certainly never do such a thing."

Paul acknowledged part of her role as a professor is to serve as a role model and encourage students to stand firm in their beliefs.

Dr. Mischelle Anthony, assistant professor of English, reiterated Paul's feeling. When asked about the possibility of students feeling intimidated, Anthony said, "That's a big misunderstanding." About student beliefs, Anthony commented, "It's not my job to make them [students] agree with me...If they [students] disagree with

me - fantastic."

While no student has reported any intimidation from faculty members such discourse remains potentially problematic, particularly in events such as these that invoke strong emotions in faculty and staff alike.

Mark Allen, Dean of Students, expressed full support of all participants, "In a university environment, we would welcome both students and faculty to freely discuss their views particularly when it comes to controversial issues, and that way there's the potential for some learning to take place."

However, if a student feels they are being intimidated by a university professor, there are policies to protect them. "No faculty member should be threatening in any way especially with

respect to grade consequences. There we do have clear policies that there should be no improprieties of any fear of negative retaliation with respect to anybody's views," said Allen.

Protestors' presence did not discourage the event but did help create conversation among student body, including in the form of one counter protestor. Seth Barnetsky, P3 Pharmacy major, showed up to the event donning a sign reading "Don't be an ass, don't be a protestor."

As the sun was setting on this argument, Barnetsky may have opened the next controversy by openly declaring "I love veal," on his protest poster.

Baby calves are going to have to wait for the time being because the donkeys are still enjoying their 15 minutes of fame on campus.

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Beacon Correction

In the April 3 news article, "Fundraiser sparks protest..." the addition, "Individual students have protested the event and have acknowledged they are planning a formal protest at the donkey basketball event..." was inserted during editing. While the report of the protest is accurate, the editor spoke with only one student who would not go on the record; therefore, the reference to "students" (plural) should have read "student" (singular).

In addition, the references to those who were planning formal protest at the event and those who had pulled down Equestrian Club flyers and replaced them with protest flyers suggested, based on proximity, that the two acts--and by association the groups--were linked. There is no evidence that indicates that those organizing the event protest had anything to do with the destruction of the Equestrian Club flyers.

The Beacon strives for balance and accuracy in all reporting and regrets the errors.

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News in Brief

No more horsing around for the city of Wilkes-Barre

BY ALISON WOODY

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Wave goodbye to the sounds of hoofs clop-cloping on the Wilkes-Barre city downtown streets and say hello to the roar of motorcycle engines.

In a press conference on Thursday, March 30, Mayor Tom Leighton announced that the mounted police patrol will be replaced with two motorcycle officers. This policy is part of a plan the mayor has set up to clean up the city and increase the fight against crime.

The tradition of mounted patrol has always been a unique characteristic to the Wilkes-Barre police department. For eight years, residents could see two horses patrolling sidewalks, maintaining crowd control at outdoor events or marching along in city parades. But on March 30 the horses were retired.

Wayland Davis, sophomore psychology major, said he is disappointed to see the horses go. "I grew up around this area, and it was always nice to see the horses around. I remember when I was a kid I always wanted to pet them at the parades. It will be sad to not see them in Wilkes-Barre anymore."

According to a March 31 article in *The*

Citizen's Voice, Mayor Leighton said, "This was a very difficult decision but through communication with the police department, we decided it was necessary to move in another direction. In order to increase police response time and get them there quicker, we decided to take this action."

The elimination of the mounted patrol to the police department is meant to get officers to patrol more neighborhood areas and also to get them there faster than before. The new motorcycles will fulfill both of these areas and hopefully impact the city's crime rate.

For some residents, the change is logical and overdue. Koryn Gallagher, sophomore psychology major said, "I guess I never quite understood the point of police on horses. To me, it seemed that they really did not do much. Yeah, they were fun to look at but how much did they really help fight crime?"

Gallagher believes that the new motorcycle additions will benefit the city. "I think it was a good idea to get rid of the mounted patrol and replace them with motorcycles. By getting officers on motorcycles instead of horses, they will be able to respond better to calls which will, in turn, help the crime

rate of the city."

"I will feel a lot safer knowing that the motorcycle officers will be able to respond quicker to calls and emergencies. Safety should always be the number one priority of the police department, and I feel they went more in the right direction with the change," Gallagher added.

Even those who will miss the horses have

to admit the changes are for the better of the city.

Davis noted, "I have to admit that even though the change disappoints me, I can see that it is for the best of Wilkes-Barre. Changes obviously need to be made to fight the city's crime and if getting rid of the mounted patrol will help with that, then I am all for the new motorcycles."

Dashboard Confessional Concert



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Wilkes University Programming Board sponsored the Dashboard Confessional Concert held Friday, April 7 at the Kingston Armory. The concert started at 7 p.m., with many Wilkes students and community members attending. The concert did not sell out, which has happened in the past with the nearly annual concert sponsored by Programming Board.

Journalism Conference



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The 6th annual Tom Bigler Journalism Conference was held on campus last week. The conference provided an opportunity for more than 230 students from area high schools to participate in workshops and lectures given by both Wilkes students and professionals in the communications field. Gary Fabiano, freelance photographer for SIPA Press and Wilkes alumnus, was the keynote speaker.

Student Government Notes

April 5 meeting

-The Concert & Lectures committee appeared for a second reading of the fund request for \$1,200 for *The Untouchables*, on April 18 at 6 p.m. A motion was made by Steph Victor and Sarina Kapoor seconded the motion for the full \$1,200 to be given. The motion passed 30-0-2.

-A motion was made by Josh Swantek and seconded by Courtney Amrhein to randomize the class voting. The motion passed by a hand vote in favor.

-Courtney Amrhein made a motion to donate \$200 from the sale of the Spring

Fling tickets to the McGlynn Learning Center. Megan Fulmer seconded the motion. The motion passed.

-Jef Bauman made a motion to donate \$10 to each club for every club member that donated blood at the American Red Cross Blood Drive on Tuesday. The motion was seconded by Raquel Wheby. The motion passed 34-0-0.

-A senior social is scheduled for April 18 at 10 p.m. at Whiskey Business.

-Strike-a-Pose will be on the first floor of the Henry Student Center on Tuesday, April 11 during club hours.

Grant brings experts to campus to discuss Supreme Court

BY JEANNE STAPLETON
Beacon Staff Writer

How many of us can name all freedoms guaranteed by the First Amendment? Thanks to a grant and a recent roundtable discussion about the Supreme Court, hopefully a few more Wilkes students can.

Each year Pi Sigma Alpha, the national political science honor society, sponsors a competitive grant contest. "Schools from across the country submit proposals to host discussions, etc., and the national office's review committee decides which proposals to fund," said professor of political science, Dr. Tom Baldino. "Wilkes has competed for grants the last three years, and we have been successful every year. [In 2004 we hosted a panel discussion on the presidential election; [in] 2005 the discussion concerned international issues and careers and [in] 2006 [Wilkes hosted a] discussion on the role of the Supreme Court."

This year's roundtable discussion was held Thursday, April 6 in the Arnaud C. Marts Center. The panelists for this year's discussion consisted of Dr. David Adamany, President and professor of political science at Temple University; Dr. Douglas Edlin, assistant professor of political science at Dickson College; and Dr. Bruce Allen

Murphy, Fred Morgan Kirby professor of civil rights at Lafayette College. During the discussion, each professor shared his views on the current state of the United States Supreme Court. A portion of the discussion was also dedicated to questions from the audience. This allowed the audience an opportunity to share their views on the topic also.

"There are far too many misconceptions that students and the general public have about the Court, its role and the Constitution. In a recent poll in which more people could name two or more characters from *The Simpsons* than identify more than one of the freedoms guaranteed by the First Amendment. Very few people could name them all. So, we hope to have enlightened the student body to the work and role of the Court," said Baldino.

One of the most important ideas of this discussion was to act as a means of education in an area that far too few people truly know about.

"Primarily, we want people to recognize and understand how pervasive the Supreme Court is in American life. Most people don't know anything about how the court operates, what they do, how they really affect their lives. So I think that what we want students and the public to come away with is the knowledge and appre-

ciation for the very pervasive role the Court plays in American life," said Dr. Kyle Kreider, assistant professor of political science.

"We hope that the common misconception that the judicial branch is the weakest and least important branch of government is at the very least reconsidered. We also hope that each person in attendance will realize the importance

of the nomination and confirmation process of new judges and how the new composition of the U.S. Supreme Court could affect many aspects of our lives. Most people do not realize that the decisions of nine unelected justices control the fate of many liberties that we take for granted. (i.e. freedom of speech)," said Brandon Ingraham, Co-President of Pi Sigma

Alpha and senior political science and history major.

"It had the potential to open some eyes to the current state of the judicial branch of the U.S. government and if we could have reached just one individual it would have been well worth it," said Ingraham.



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Wilkes students and faculty participated in a roundtable discussion with panelists from various other institutions concerning the Supreme Court. Panelists included Dr. David Adamany, President and professor of political science at Temple University; Dr. Douglas Edlin, assistant professor of political science at Dickson College; and Dr. Bruce Allen Murphy, Fred Morgan Kirby professor of civil rights at Lafayette College.

Scaled-down version of *Fear Factor* hosted by Biology Club

BY STEPHANIE DEBALKO
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Eating cockroaches, swimming in a tank of sharks or jumping off a building in pursuit of an elusive cash prize may not be most people's cup of tea, but for those who might find this sort of pastime entertaining, the biology club will be hosting a toned down version of events like this, called Fear, later this month.

Fear, according to biology club member and event organizer Ashley Moore, is the club's own version of the popular television show *Fear Factor*. There are already 14 Wilkes students, seven males and seven females, slated to participate in the event.

Participants "will be expected to per-

form three physical challenges as well as one eating challenge," the specifics of which could not be disclosed beforehand, said Jim Boichicchio, another biology club member and event organizer. He also added that all of the individual events were approved by the University.

Moore reiterated this, stating that, while the participants signed waivers, none of the activities involved in Fear will put them in any danger. Additionally, as an extra precaution, a list of each contestant's allergies has been obtained.

Dr. William Terzaghi, associate professor of biology and advisor of the biology club, admitted that while Fear will be a good time for all of those involved, some of the events he hoped to involve in it have been vetoed by the University for various reasons.

"Unfortunately we aren't allowed to do some of the things that we'd like, as far as eating raw insects and stuff...that's sort of disappointing," Terzaghi said.

That may be good news for those participating in Fear, but Moore and Boichicchio said that there will still be enough interesting trials to keep the audience engaged and the participants very nervous.

The biology club was careful to recognize that the audience might be feeling slightly left out by only being able to view the proceedings, and they took care of this by adding concessions to the event. Those in attendance will be able to purchase chocolate covered ants, chocolate covered grasshoppers and tequila flavored lollipops with a worm in the middle, as well as t-shirts.

Fear will be a winner-takes-all event,

where one final contestant will get a gift certificate for at least \$100. All other contestants will receive a consolation prize, and there will be 15 door prizes for attendees.

According to Boichicchio, Fear started out as a fundraiser and turned into an event basically just to entertain people. The whole purpose of the event, which was echoed by Moore and Terzaghi, will just be to have fun.

"We threw our own little twist into it to make it interesting. It should be a lot of fun for everybody," Boichicchio said.

Fear will be held April 26 at 7 p.m. in Stark 101. Tickets will be on sale for \$5 April 11, 18, 20 and 25 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Information Desk in the Henry Student Center. Tickets may also be available at the door.

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turnout and debate stirs controversy; it pushes the candidate and the government to the next level."

Shayka added, "It's not unusual to have people running unopposed because we have such a small student body. We are going to have an open forum for people to meet the candidates."

Some students when asked about the unopposed elections found it disturbing as well. Freshmen Benjamin Finch, pre-pharmacy major said, "I have to admit that it's a little bit disappointing to see that there is a lack of interest to actually voice different opinions. It kind of reduces the sense of spirit, of having some healthy competition to see how people think about the way things are around here."

Stephanie Pawelzik, freshmen pre-pharmacy major said, "That's surprising, I would think that more people would be interested in running for a position like that."

David Scordino, junior class president, had another opinion on the matter. "It doesn't really surprise me because the people who are already involved, they remain there. No one wants to run on a personal level against someone because they feel like it will be a personal attack."

Scordino acknowledged the small size of the student body as a factor in the limited numbers of candidates but only because people know one another better than on other campuses. "Unfortunately, it's an isolated group of people who are willing to step out into the public forum like this. It gives the impression of the 'cult' or a 'clique' that SG gets. Even the people that run, who are new, are friends of the current group because we encourage them to run. We are not going to encourage strangers to run for positions. I think that the image that SG has as being cliquish is part of it, and to remedy that is something I could not honestly do. I can see where people get the impression from, and I would love for somebody to come up with a remedy. I would love if somebody could honestly point out a good way. It's our image and it's our population."

Two students had other opinions about why there seems to be a lack of interest in the positions.

"I think it's too time consuming. I mean, it takes a lot of time out of you. It's hard enough trying to get everything done. It's like having a full-time job, almost," said, Mary Opalka, freshman mechanical engineering major.

Pawelzik said, "I think people are concerned with the issues, but I feel that they just don't want to be in charge of all of it."

Student Government candidates weigh in

Each of the four presidential candidates also weighed in on the issue of running unopposed and their answers are contained within the short information provided about each of them.

Sarah Doman, Commuter Council

Sarah Doman, junior elementary education major and English major and Commuter Council presidential candidate said, "During all of my involvement over the past three years with [Commuter Council] I never really thought I would hold the president's position. There is one other person who could've run against me, but he declined the offer. I think it makes it harder to run unopposed because no matter what you have to finish the job, and for Commuter Council it means obtaining 150 commuter signatures, which is very difficult. The fact that the other presidential positions are unopposed makes me think that there is no option on election and people may not be happy with the choices they have."

Doman also speculated on the possibility of apathy playing a role in the uncontested races. "In part I think it might be a lack of interest from the student body," she said. "We need more people who are willing to accept leadership roles on campus. For next year my goal is to bring the club up to a well-known and respected level. I want to create more opportunities for students to be involved with community service and also advertising for the club."



Courtesy Sarah Doman

Sarah Doman



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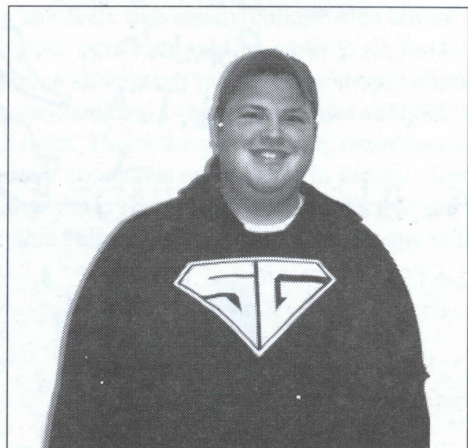
Courtney Amrhein

Courtney Amrhein, Inter-Residence Hall Council (IRHC)

Courtney Amrhein, junior education and history major and Inter-Residence Hall Council (IRHC) presidential candidate said, "I think that it's going to still be a challenge for me for the next school year even though I am running unopposed. I accept the position, and I accept the challenges that I will face. Anybody could have run for the position, but I am really excited and honored to accept the position and the challenges. For IRHC, I want to get the campus more involved, especially the freshmen coming in so that they know what IRHC is and what it is all about. I think that this campus is very well rounded and by getting more people involved we will keep improving."

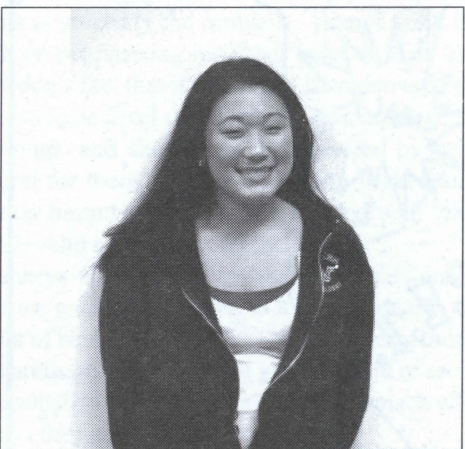
Andrew Steinberg, Off Campus Council

Andrew Steinberg, psychology major and Off Campus Council presidential candidate (OCC) said, "I don't like any elections unopposed, I think that it hurts the publicity and that you do not get both sides of the argument. It comes down to who wants to run, who's available to run and right now we just don't have enough candidates who have the seniority or maybe even the confidence to run. I don't think that it's a lack of interest in the positions. I think that some people just do not have the confidence in themselves. I think that the interest in [SG] has increased in the last year, which is evident in that almost every one of the positions is filled and next year almost all of the positions will be filled right from the start."



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Andrew Steinberg



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Jenna Strzelecki

Jenna Strzelecki, Student Government

Jenna Strzelecki, junior business administration major and SG presidential candidate said, "I am really excited that I have the opportunity to run for the SG president. I think that all of the candidates who are running are deserving of the positions. As SG we always kind of hope that there is some kind of opposition to each office just to show that there is a lot of interest in the positions. I have a lot to live up to, because Andrew did such a good job as president, but I hope to just keep things moving forward, to try to bridge the gap between the SG president, the student body, student government members and faculty and staff."

New anti-immigration laws promote narrow-minded viewpoint

America founded on idea of immigration

BY THE BEACON
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Recently, a heated debate has arisen on the issue of how to deal with illegal immigration in the United States.

Immigrants (legal and illegal) and citizens in Chicago, Milwaukee and Washington, D.C. and several cities in southern California headed to the streets to protest the government's proposed new plan to crack down on illegal immigration. At the same time, a growing attitude of resentment has developed towards immigrants in America that suggests many citizens would support stricter guidelines and crackdowns on illegals.

Passed in the House of Representatives last December, the Sessenbrenner bill, as it

is called, proposes to declare the presence of all persons in the country without legal status a felony and also aims to make it a felony to provide any assistance to illegals. Additionally, the bill proposes building a 700-mile wall along the United States-Mexico border.

In early March, the Senate began to devise its own version of a bill dealing similarly with the issue of illegal immigration, and eventually, the House and Senate will have to cooperate to prepare one cohesive bill representing the ideas of both.

These proposed changes paint the United States as elitist and as shutting out, both literally and figuratively, those people from other countries who may have no options left but to sneak across our borders.

But the greater question is why has immigration become such a contested issue in a country that was ultimately founded on and depended on the idea of foreigners coming to its soil for a better life?

There are a few possible answers to this question, none of which justify the attitude that wishes to keep the country "American." Americans have a variety of skin colors, practice many different religions and speak a multitude of languages other than English. This has always been the case on American soil, and it is disturbing to find that in the year 2006, Americans continue to judge non-natives as "different" and try to keep them out of the country.

Perhaps this narrow-mindedness stems from the current state of the American econ-

omy. If we were experiencing a boom and jobs and money were more readily available to all, perhaps we would be more willing to share the wealth and open our doors and pockets to immigrants. Instead, Americans are facing shrinking retirement packages and job cuts, and the attitude is becoming one of providing for those people already here before thinking about others.

Another possibility for this anti-immigrant attitude is simply the nature of the American culture. We throw around words and phrases in this country like all-American, the American dream and the American ideal. In short, we are a competitive culture characterized by a constant quest for wealth and fulfillment. As a society, we dislike things that impede our attainment of the American dream. Immigration may be seen as a threat to this dream, and immigrants themselves are merely more people striving for it. Society's emphasis on competition influences this idea.

Additionally, many immigrants to the United States do not completely immerse themselves in this all-American culture, continuing to speak their native language and practice native customs and religious rituals. Perhaps Americans are offended by this refusal on the part of modern-day immigrants and the offense they take leads to an anti-immigrant attitude.

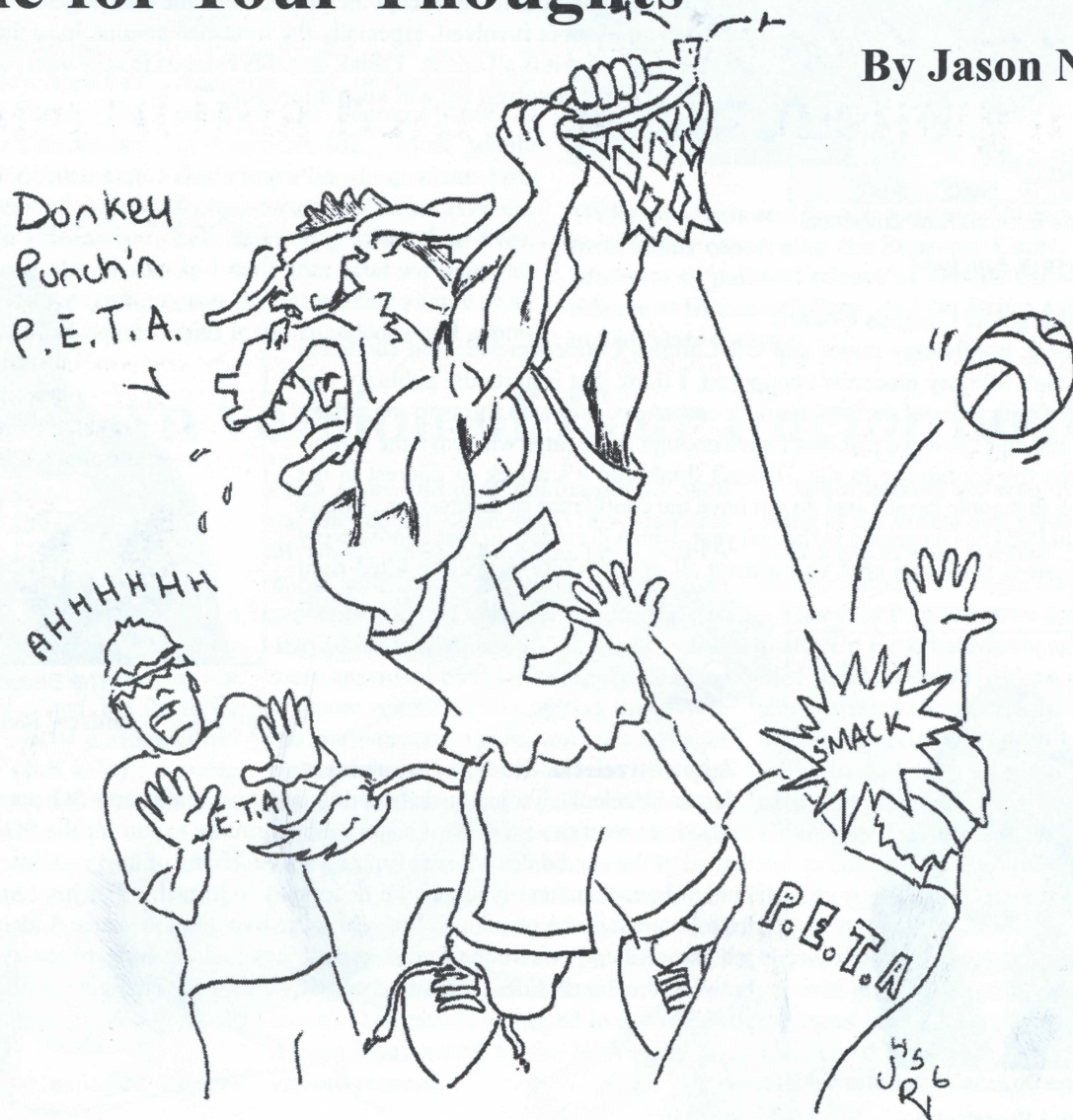
As a final possibility, the anti-immigration attitude may be affected and fed by the post-9/11 world we all live in. Distrustful and wary of strangers, the citizens of the United States may harbor stereotypes about the people who immigrate to America and their motivations for doing so. What must be remembered is that a minuscule number of the immigrants to the United States harbor any anti-American sentiments. Most actually come to this country for economic and educational opportunities they could never have in their native lands. In actuality, Americans should be honored that our country continues to be so highly regarded as a place where dreams can be realized.

Almost every one of us can trace our ancestry back to a man or woman who decided to climb aboard a boat to take a chance on a new piece of land called America. Nothing has changed, and America is still the country people flock to in order to avoid starvation or political or religious discrimination.

Let's live up to our reputation and welcome these people with open arms.

Nickle for Your Thoughts

By Jason Nickle



Lost art of listening to one another crucial to campus experience

BY AMANDA MCMAHON

Beacon Staff Writer

There is something within us that just loves controversy.

After all, Judge Judy isn't popular because she is the most polite human being on this planet, and whether or not we agree with what Dr. Phil has to say about how people should live their lives, we can't help but hesitate turning the channel when we see his face turn red with frustration as the guest on his show denies being a controlling spouse. No, we simply can't deny our addiction and neither can the 82-year old lady that my dad does electrical work for who is religious about watching *The Jerry Springer Show*.

I have been thinking about this a lot recently, particularly inspired by the heated campus wide donkey basketball debate. Even those of us who may not have chosen to ride an ass across a basketball court or carry signs protesting in the name of animals' rights have become part of it, somehow. If you weren't one of the many students or faculty who rushed to the nearest *Beacon* pick-up location on Monday morning to

But to the same degree that these can be potent to our humanity, so can our neglect to discover for ourselves who we are by our failure to listen to ourselves.

see what the press would have to say about equestrian lovers riding donkeys, I have almost no doubt in my mind that the word "donkey" slipped off of your tongue within the last week.

From doing research in the library to standing in line in the cafeteria to checking my campus mailbox, I've heard comments such as, "I don't see what the big deal is... my high school did it," "If the Equestrian club is sponsoring it than how bad could it be?" and perhaps my favorite, "I wonder what Matt Zebrowski is going to have to say about it in his OpEd article next week." We have become so much a part of controversy that we are the controversy.

Now, I am not saying that anything is wrong with a healthy debate. Actually, I rather enjoyed hearing about the issue at last week's Student Government meeting as

people from both sides of the issue asked questions and did their best to respectfully and honestly address each other's point of view. If a university isn't the place for that kind of thing, then I don't know where is. But what I am concerned about is whether or not people--students, faculty and staff--are engaging in the lost art of listening.

Now I know that I just mentioned the debate, and debates do involve listening. However, what I am addressing is the importance of listening to ourselves. Mr. Craig Czury, a local poet, came to talk about prison poetry to an English class that I am a writing fellow for, and he said something during that one hour and fifteen minutes that really meant something. He told us to ask ourselves, "Where am I, who are these people, and what do they have to do with me?" What I think he was addressing was

the power that rests within our abilities to open our minds and find out how everything relates to the being that is deep within our souls. It is easy for us to read a flyer that states, "Don't be an ass" and allow those words to influence our perceptions. We immediately chime in with some witty remark and forget to ask ourselves what we really think.

It saddens me to think that within a campus community we may very well be giving in to the cut and paste kind of society that university education, if anything, should be teaching us to resist. Now, I am a true believer in the freedom of our speech and am aware of the dangers of censorship and the hazardous effects of silencing, none of which I am encouraging. But to the same degree that these can be potent to our humanity, so can our neglect to discover for ourselves who we are by our failure to listen to ourselves.

So before joining the 82-year old grandma yelling "Jerry! Jerry!" in her living room, maybe it would be best to ask, "Where am I, who are these people, and what do they have to do with me?"

YOUR VOICES

Donkey basketball argument misinformed and hypocritical

Dear Editor,

In response to Alicia Cain's article attempting to prove how donkey basketball is an appropriate fundraiser for a horse rescue and adoption agency:

As one who has previously attended one of the high schools mentioned that holds an annual donkey basketball game, Lake-Lehman, as well as one who had petitioned my school and local newspaper to cancel the ridiculous event, I feel I have merit to write this. Not only is it hypocritical of a president of an animal-promoting club to want to exploit a similar animal to benefit horses, but some of the statements made in her editorial were very hard to accept as anything other than misinformed and highly subjective.

I'm glad to see that Miss Cain feels that since she is president of the Equestrian Club, she is able to give the "words straight from the horse's mouth on the donkey basketball event." The blatant irony in this statement is that it is *not* from the animals' mouths, as they are unable to speak, or choose to participate in this event, which is what causes the unrest from those who are opposed to the "sport."

While Miss Cain and many others probably see no problem with this event of playing basketball while on the back of a donkey, this is precisely the problem. I don't think that websites need to be quoted, and I don't plan on plagiarizing incorrect facts as Miss Cain accused the postermakers of doing, because I don't feel that is necessary to understand this debate. It's so simple and obvious. The most basic level of dispute of this event comes from the fact that the donkeys are living beings, and should not be exploited by being forced into a life and activity that is unnatural for them. And yes, playing basketball is unnatural for donkeys. And I do not feel better because they will be provided with "their own version of Nike Shox." Again, unnatural. And somewhat creepy.

To go to the company that provides the donkeys for these events and investigate around the property is not doing research. Of course the company is going to look presentable and appealing to potential clients. Isn't that the point of being in business? They're making money off of the keeping of these animals and the barbarous organizations that get a kick out of seeing something as unnatural as donkeys playing basketball. It's just hard for some to stomach when the business involves using living beings in ways they are not meant to be used.

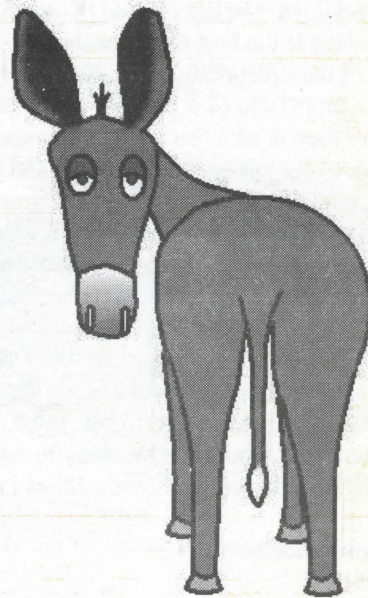
But, according to Miss Cain, "Donkeys are meant to be pack animals." Yes, they might have been used in cultures in the past and even currently, but to try to justify that a kid

with a basketball in a gymnasium in Wilkes-Barre is comparable to those who rely on the animals for farming and transport in Tanzania and Kwimba is a pretty hefty undertaking. And since donkeys "carried Jesus," I guess she feels that rowdy college kids are on the same level as Jesus, which to any truly religious person should be close to an insult. I, being one who is not religious, saw this reason at attempting validation as simply idiotic.

Just because something has been occurring for centuries, as Miss Cain notes about the use of donkeys by human beings, does not make it right. This is the most passive, brainless claim that one can make about anything that is currently acceptable or practiced in society. To risk offense to some, I'd like to bring up the fact that slavery was at one time acceptable and the way things were "meant to be." To know anything about history and to consider any of that history from the standpoint of an emotional human being is to acknowledge that what is possibly right and acceptable at one point in time is no longer deemed appropriate in later years, locations and cultures. How would we feel if someone argued that women should not vote because they used to not be able to for years and years?

It would be nice to see someone thinking for his or her own self in this day and age, and it's a shame that the money raised from this event is going to a horse rescue and adoption agency, since I'm sure the horses would politely turn down the money knowing how it was raised: by putting animals in the same situations that they need rescuing from.

Sara Pegarella
Senior
English major



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Army Cadets prepare for summer training

Dear Editor,

Imagine lying in the dirt for the past 10 minutes. You are sweating from just about every pore of your body because of the movement you just completed to get to your current position. Someone on the line coughs and is instantly admonished by the squad leader. You grip the trigger of your M-16A2 rifle in anticipation of the enemy forces that you know are going to be walking down this road in a manner of minutes.

Shhhhhh, there they are. You wait for the right moment. The squad leader sets off the (simulated) claymore antipersonnel mine. NOW! BAM! BAM! BAM! You let loose with as much ammunition as you can during the 30 seconds of firing into the kill zone. The squad leader gives the order to cease firing, he determines it is safe and you assault through the objective to the Limit of Advance (LOA). You clear the objective and get ready to move. All of that took place in two hours and now you are getting ready to complete the other missions of the day.

This is the summer of the ROTC MSIII cadets from the NEPA ROTC detachment.

An MS-III is a junior in the program who has been through the first two years, MS-I and MS-II, or has completed similar training in the Army's Leadership Training Course. MS-III is considered to be the hardest year by most cadets because of the sheer responsibility that comes with the title. As an MS-III, the cadets need to learn to go beyond the dressing up in BDUs and start to learn to apply the tactics that will make them successful lieutenants when they graduate from their various Universities. They have to lead Physical Training sessions, labs and go to training during the summer to Fort Lewis, Washington and prove that they know how to be an Army leader.

The ROTC life is three-fold for these warrior-juniors. The first part of their life and preparation for training this summer is physical fitness. The cadets meet every week at 0630 in the morning in order to conduct Physical Training (PT). PT is essential to the cadets because it prepares them for the Army Physical Fitness Test (APFT). The APFT tests the strength of cadets and soldiers by making them do as many repetitions of the exercises that they can in 2 minutes. The two exercises tested are the push-up and the sit-up. The minimum needed to pass the PT is 42 push-ups and 53 sit-ups in 2 minutes.

For many passing is great but not the goal. The goal of the PT test is to get as high a score as one can in order to help their commanders know how ready they are. NEPA cadets are very squared away with this with an average PT score of 243 out of 300. NEPA even has an MS-III who scores 350 on the extended scale. Hoo-ah! The PT test is critical in the real Army because it gives leaders an assessment of their troops and helps weed out the ones that just can not make it or would be a hindrance in combat. When lives are on the line, the last thing you need on your mind is the worry that not all your soldiers can run far enough to engage and destroy the enemy.

The second fold of the Army cadet's MS-life is class. In the various classes for NEPA, one held at King's College and two at the University of Scranton, the cadets are taught the tactics that they will need to make it out at Fort Lewis and in the Army. Ambushes, Recon, React to Contact, Movement to Contact, Knocking out a Bunker, most students at the Universities hear about these things through movies or books that they might read but the MS-IIIs are meeting every week to delve into them and find out how to conduct them. Once they have learned how the mission should be conducted then they practice their orders and think about how they would conduct a mission was it given to them. The NEPA MS-IIIs are blessed with a high-speed set of instructors who live and breathe their jobs and are able to put the fears of the potential young officers to rest by telling of their own experiences and how to apply the drills to any situation. A common beginning to the way a drill is related to a past experience begins with a simple... "Who here has been to Korea?"

Learning the tactics is good. Knowing how to apply the tactics is even better. Going out and actually applying those tactics while being evaluated is the best thing for the MS-IIIs who get to learn how to do the drills under pressure leading a squad. This brings us to the last fold of the cadets' life while in ROTC: Leadership lab. Leadership lab is a 2-hour event that the NEPA cadets experience every Thursday from 1600-1800 (4-6 p.m. for those unfamiliar with military time). It consists of showing up at the University of Scranton, finding out where they need to be and then movement to the training site. Once at the training site the lab's leader, an MS-III who has planned and prepared the day's activity orients and briefs them. Then the two Assistant Instructors, AIs, take the squads to their designated spots. They then set up their squads in a 360 degree security perimeter and prepare to get the orders that the Cadre members of the NEPA ROTC briefs them on. Then they turn and prepare their own set of orders and brief the cadets that they are leading in the simulated training. After they successfully or unsuccessfully complete the day's training all involve offer constructive criticism or praise and prepare to go home. The University of Scranton plays host to the NEPA labs and the site of BDUEd cadet-warriors is a common site as they execute their training in various University sites.

All of this training is for two goals. Successful completion of their summer training is the first goal. It is essential to pass summer training in order to get commissioned. The other goal and perhaps the more important is the goal of creating Army leaders who are ready, tactically and physically, to enter an Army that is at war. Without the foundations that the cadets build now and the training that they must endure, they would not be ready to face the rigors of the Army and for some, eventually lead troops into combat. What they learn now might save the lives of their soldiers later on. That is why we learn. That is why we train.

James Morrison
MSIII
Wilkes University



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Beacon Poll Results

The following are results of a poll that *The Beacon* conducted online this past week. The poll was unscientific, and does not claim to reflect the overall attitudes of students on campus. Results are based on 51 responses.

The Beacon asked:

If you were sentenced to the death penalty, which form of execution would you prefer?

- Electric chair - 4%
- Gas chamber - 2%
- Firing squad - 12%
- Lethal injection - 51%
- Hanging - 2%
- Stoning - 0%
- Drawn and quartered - 5%
- Decapitation by guillotine - 8%
- Crucifixion - 6%
- Other - 10%

Next Week's Poll Question:

Which dorm on campus would you most like to live in?

- Evans
- University Towers
- Barre
- Rifkin
- University Commons
- Henry Northampton
- Henry Ross Street
- Sturdevant
- Waller North/South
- Other

Visit www.wilkesbeacon.com to cast your vote. Results will be published in next week's issue of *The Beacon*.

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Motorcycles indicate the onset of spring

BY ERICA LEO
Beacon Staff Writer

Traditionally, the onset of beautiful spring weather is enough for those who can't wait to trade in the claustrophobia of car-driving for open-air, adrenaline-rousing rides on a motorcycle or sport bike.

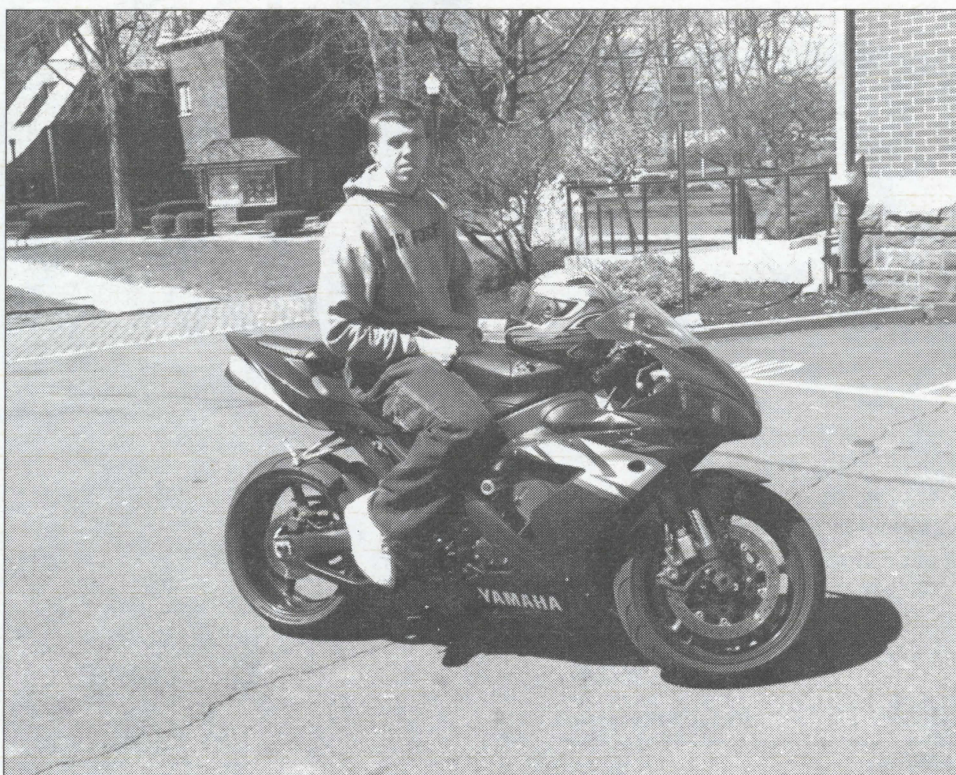
But with gas prices rising to all time highs, motorcyclists are breaking out the bikes a little earlier and using them more often to save a few extra dollars at the pumps. Because motorcycles get better gas mileage than regular cars, trucks and SUV's, college students are also starting to realize that it is more cost-efficient to leave the gas-guzzling alternative modes of transportation at home.

Several Wilkes students are taking advantage of the weather and the advantage of saving on gas and, as a result, it appears that more and more bikes are popping up around campus.

One of these students is Lawson Cass, junior criminology major. Cass started riding last year primarily because of rising gas prices but also found that parking on campus is a lot easier and, in some cases, free.

"If you park where there are meters you do get ticketed, but if you park near a fire hydrant without blocking it, you don't," said Cass.

Cass stressed that he thinks more people should look into getting a bike because of they are cheaper to fuel and can be a lot of fun to drive.



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Carl Benson, senior electrical engineering major, shows off his motorcycle. He has been riding motorcycles since he was little. Benson keeps his bike on campus while at school because he like the freedom of being on a bike. Many other students have decided to bring motorcycles to campus since they are more cost-efficient and get better gas mileage. Also, it is a lot easier to find parking on campus.

"In Europe, I'd say about 35 percent of the vehicles on the road are motorcycles and scooters because they are more cost efficient," said Cass.

Although they are cheaper to maintain

and easier to park on campus, motorcycles can also be extremely dangerous for inexperienced riders.

Carl Benson, senior electric engineering major, has been riding motorcycles since he

was little. Benson has owned several bikes and currently keeps one on campus while at school.

"I like the freedom of being on a bike. It is more dangerous than being in a car but you have a lot more control, not of other people, but more control of yourself," said Benson.

For those interested in buying a motorcycle, Benson suggested taking the Motorcycle Safety Course offered by the Pennsylvania Department of Motor Vehicles to educate beginners on how to ride safely.

"It's a great class. It's free and you get your license out of it. Even if you don't want a motorcycle, I recommend that people take the course just so they are aware of what motorcyclists are doing out on the road," said Benson.

Chris Thompson, senior pre-med major, has had a motorcycle for the past five years and stressed that safety is the most important factor to consider when riding.

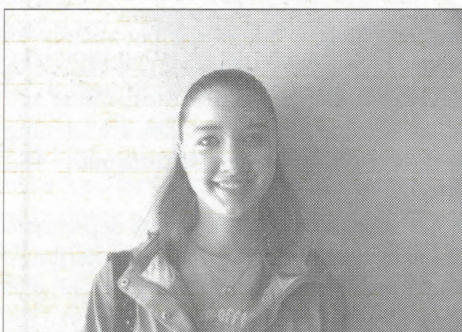
"I think everyone should wear a helmet. I am a paramedic and I have seen too many people's skulls get squished against the road because they weren't wearing one," said Thompson.

Despite seeing the after effects of some horrific accidents, Thompson does not see himself stopping anytime in the near future.

"They're fun. Once you get on one, you're addicted to them. I think everyone should give them a chance," said Thompson.

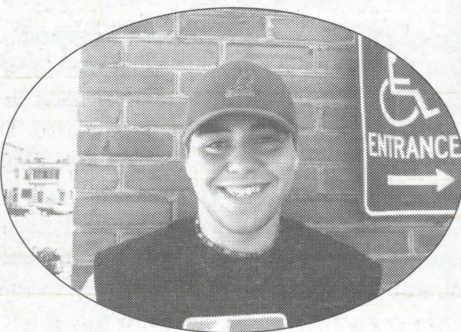
Tell Us... What stunt would make you drop out of *Fear Factor*?

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



Lori Kratz
freshman pre-pharmacy

"Eating any parts of animals."



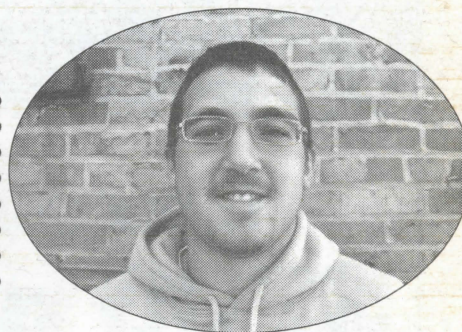
Tommy Leggio
sophomore business administration

"Being stuck in the same room with Coach Slager."



Katelyn Kozma
freshman pre-pharmacy

"Anything to do with spiders."



Stephen Thomas
freshman mechanical engineering

"I haven't really seen a stunt that would make me drop out of *Fear Factor* yet."

Social Cyclical Awareness projects challenge business majors

BY ERICA LEO
Beacon Staff Writer

In addition to prepping for the academic homestretch that marks the end of the semester, Wilkes University business majors have their hands full planning, promoting and participating in their Social Cyclical Awareness (SCA) projects that are culminating this month.

Implemented last year as part of the Personal Professional Development (PPD) courses, business majors are required to raise money to fund the SCA projects, all of which are aimed at meeting specific needs within local community.

Six teams have been organized for this year's SCA projects with activities that range from an Easter egg hunt for local children to dodgeball and basketball tournaments that benefit various local organizations.

Karen Blendick, freshman accounting major, is part of the A-Team which sold ad booklets to promote local business and plans to hold a Relay for Life walk on April

22 to benefit the American Cancer Society.

"We're donating the money that we raise to the American Cancer Society and 60 percent of each dollar is going to stay in Wilkes-Barre," said Blendick.

The A-Team plans to raffle off prizes donated by the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Red Barons to those who participate in the walk and is also giving away t-shirts to those who donate \$20.

Blendick is excited about the project which she feels will promote cancer awareness across the campus and even to the community.

"I think it is a great idea. A lot of people, even in our group, have been affected by cancer through family members and it hits pretty close to home for us. It's just a great project for us," said Blendick.

Another group, Team Boogie, sold hooded sweatshirts to raise money to purchase books to read and then donate to grades K-6 at Heights-Murray, Dan Flood and Kistler elementary schools during National Reading Week which takes place from April 16-23.

Ashley Davison, freshman business ma-



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The Social Cyclical Awareness projects were designed by the Sidhu School of Business to promote leadership as well as raise money for the community. A total of six teams were organized, each team being responsible for developing a plan to raise money for various charities or community organizations in financial need. One of the SCA teams sponsored a dodgeball tournament, while others sold hooded sweatshirts or organized a Battle of the Bands. The SCA program was implemented last year as part of the Personal Professional Development courses within the business major.

jor, is a member of Team Boogie and noted that during the reading events, the team members will dress in costume to enliven the books that they plan to read.

"I think it's going to be good for the kids to become more aware of what we're doing. We're going to talk to them about college and how important it is to stay in school and do well," said Davison.

Dr. Jeffrey Alves, professor of free enterprise, talked about the projects and why the business department thinks it is important for students to actively participate in giving back to the community.

"We are in the business world and we have a responsibility not only to our customers

and employees, but to the community as well. They also give students a chance to develop leadership skills, team skills, and allow them to apply what they are learning in the classroom to real-life situations," said Alves.

Alves stated that the business department plans to continue the projects in the future and thinks that similar projects are going to start popping up across the university in the near future.

"I think we are going to see more of these across the university and not necessarily linked to academic programs. It's all part of the service learning philosophy that is becoming more university-wide," said Alves.

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Campus Square billiards adding to a changing downtown

Businesses look to attract local college students

BY ALISON WOODY
Beacon Asst. Features Editor

As the game of billiards grows in popularity among the college crowd, Wilkes-Barre hopes to capitalize.

Students looking for a little more than Wilkes' current game room can offer will soon have a new hangout.

According to a press release, Campus Square, a billiards entertainment center is set to open in May 2006. There will be 25 regulation pool tables and two ping-pong tables set up in a 10,300 square foot facility. Campus Square will also host a snack bar and a state of the art Bose sound system.

Campus Square will be located within walking distance from campus at the former CVS drug store space at 39 Public Square in the Wilkes-Barre Center building, adding to the planned movie theater and dance club entertainment venues beginning to pop up in the downtown.

The press release also acknowledged that in order to further attract students, Campus Square will be holding numerous pool leagues and also hopes to have a "Campus King" and "Campus Queen" championship between local colleges.

Some students have already expressed interest in the new billiards hall and its proximity to Wilkes.

"On the weekends, I would definitely go. It is a lot closer than Jack and Jill's, which is where I usually go, and that is a big plus," said Jeannelle Anderson, sophomore elementary education major.

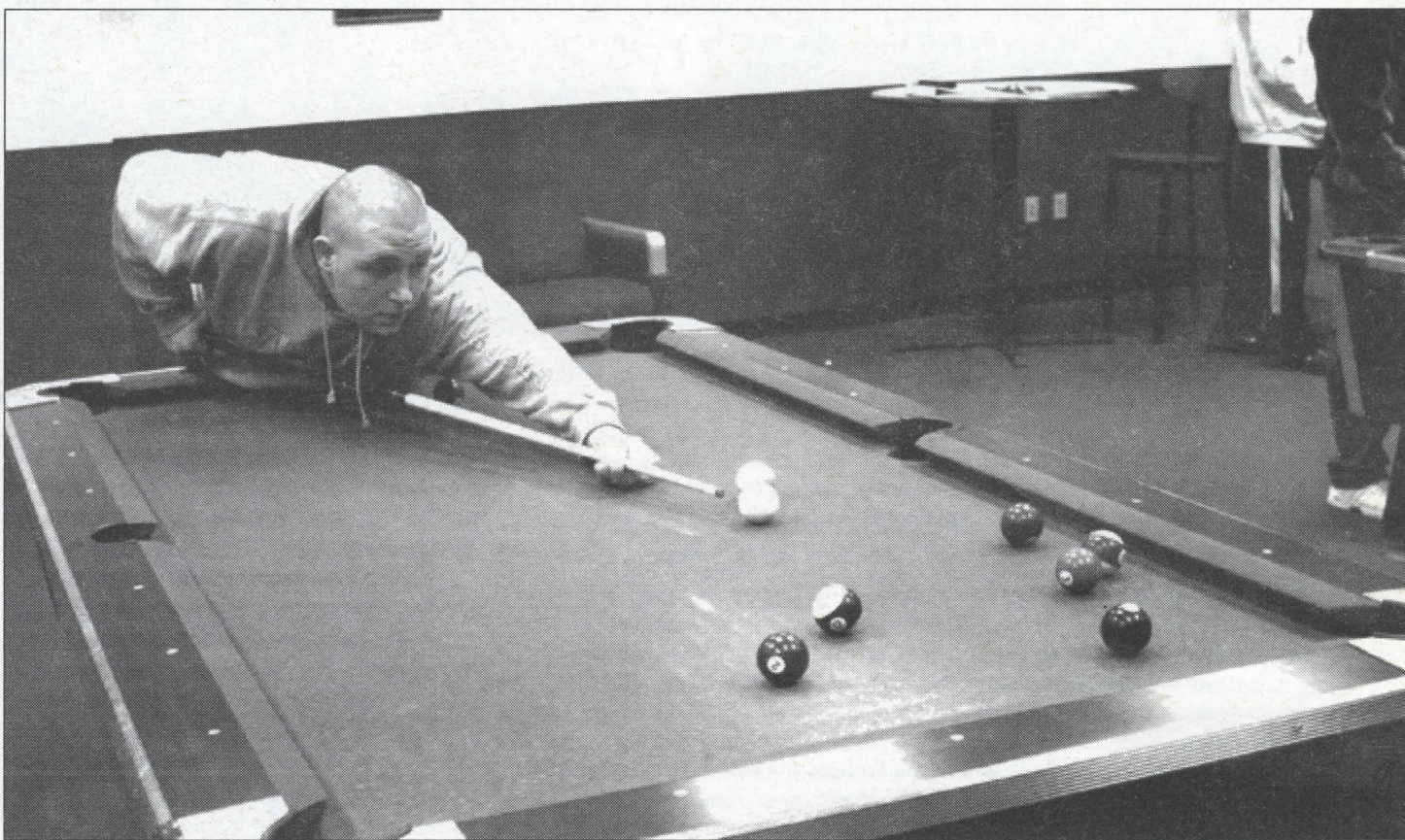
But for students, Campus Square may have one possible deterrent. The billiards hall is slated to be a "membership only" club. However, the first nine months the facility will be open to the public and will not require membership.

This may be seen as a drawback to some students since Wilkes' game room already offers billiards tables for no charge.

Pat Nardone, freshman business major, said, "It is a lot more convenient to have billiards here, and since it is free I think it would be hard for Campus Square to attract a large majority of students. But, I would at least try it out."

A new billiards hall might not be enough for some students to take the time to walk over to Public Square for a few games of pool. However, Campus Square is one of the first new attractions being added to a revitalized downtown that is hoping to draw from the college population.

Rob Finlay, President of Humford Realty



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Matt Burian, senior electrical engineering major, plays a game of pool in the Henry Student Center's game room. However, students will soon have another location to play billiards. Campus Square, a billiards entertainment center, is set to open in May 2006. The center will be located at the old CVS drug store building on 39 Public Square, which is in close proximity to the Wilkes campus. Campus Square will host 25 regulation pool tables, two ping-pong tables, a snack bar, and a state of the art Bose sound system.

and landlord to Campus Square, describes some new possibilities. "We have been receiving inquiries from many types of tenants that could fit in an entertainment and college town atmosphere. Some include a tanning salon, coffee house, sports bar restaurant, Irish pub and a Chinese buffet."

Finlay feels that these inquiries will become reality. "With the completion of streetscape improvements, new parking garage and intermodal center, theater project, proposed bookstore and hopefully renovations to Boscov's Department Store you should hopefully see these types of retailers turn into actual stores. The idea is to get a tenant mix that can cross sell to each other. With the commitments of the night club, billiards entertainment center and theater we hope it will entice other retailers to locate in the city."

Finlay believes in the future. "Maybe next year you will be spending a Saturday morning with your friends sipping coffee in a coffee house, you then shop for shoes, play a game of pool or shop for a book. You will be able to eat dinner at a sports bar res-

taurant watching a college football game before going to the movies or a concert at the Kirby Center. Afterwards you may

dance into the wee hours of the morning at a nightclub. All without stepping into a car. Cross your fingers," he said.



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Couric to leave *Today* for CBS anchor slot

Musical chairs puts women's roles in the spotlight

BY MYLES RUMBEL
Beacon Asst. A&E Editor

NEWS ANALYSIS

After much speculation and waiting, the music has officially ended and two famous faces will shortly be sitting in different chairs.

Last week, both Katie Couric and Meredith Vieira announced they will be leaving their positions at the *Today* show and *The View* respectively. Vieira will be filling Couric's co-host position at the *Today* show, while Couric will be making history as the first female solo anchor of evening news for CBS.

CBS's courting of Couric was a huge gamble, because Couric does not fit the typical mold of a nighttime news anchor. During her 15 years on the *Today* show, Couric has done everything from interviewing world leaders to having a colonoscopy live, on air. However, Couric is known for her perky smile and friendly tone, a personality that is opposite from the typically grave evening news anchors such as Brian Williams, Tom Brokaw and Dan Rather. According to numerous media analysts, CBS officials are banking on Couric to pull some of her morning audience to the evening timeslot, which has been steadily losing viewership for many years. "The question is whether or not she'll take along with her the audience that follows her," explained associate communication studies professor Mark Stine. "The audience for the *Today* show is somewhat different than the audience for CBS's *Evening News*." One difference is that the age of the audience for evening newscasts is aging, with younger viewers not tuning in. The hope would be that Couric's move will draw more viewers to the nightly news.

One other important aspect of the move is that Couric will become the first female solo anchor of an evening news broadcast. While both Barbara Walters and Connie Chung were co-anchors, and currently Elizabeth Vargas is solo anchoring ABC's *World News Tonight* until Bob Woodruff recovers from injuries he sustained while reporting from the war, Couric will be the first solo female given the title and complete face time.

"It's very symbolic," explained Theresa Kintz, director of the Wilkes University women's study minor. "Now women are newsmakers as well as news reporters, making the anchor desk more welcoming for women. This signals a real change in society's view of women," Kintz explained, citing that women are now more accepted in political as well as social realms.

"Young girls now will see themselves having a role in society," she said, pointing out that young girls will be able to look up to Couric.

Both Couric and Vieira are expected to take their respective positions by the fall.



Civic band concert to feature culture, history

BY DONNA TALARICO
Beacon A&E Editor



A local exclusive. A bit of culture. A little history. These are some reasons Wilkes University civic band director Phil Simon is excited about this year's spring concert.

According to Simon, the big piece of the evening will be the first musical symphony written for concert bands in the 20th century, composed by the French Paul Fauchet.

"[This is a] full four movement symphony written in late 19th century romantic style. Nobody has heard it in this area. It's exciting. It's absolutely a great piece," said Simon.

Most of the program entails selections of traditional British band music from the early to mid-20th century, as well as an Italian march called "The Little English Girl" and "The Phantom Regiment" by Vaughn Williams.

One of the most awaited features of the evening will be a collaboration between Simon and his colleague and India-native Sujata Nair-Mulloth, who teaches classical Indian dance.

Phil Simon, director, conducts rehearsal for the civic band concert slated 4/20.

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"We talked together about a collaboration and came up with an idea," he explains. "She cho-

reographed a piece for her dance group [of "The Solitary Dancer" by Warren Benson] from a recording."

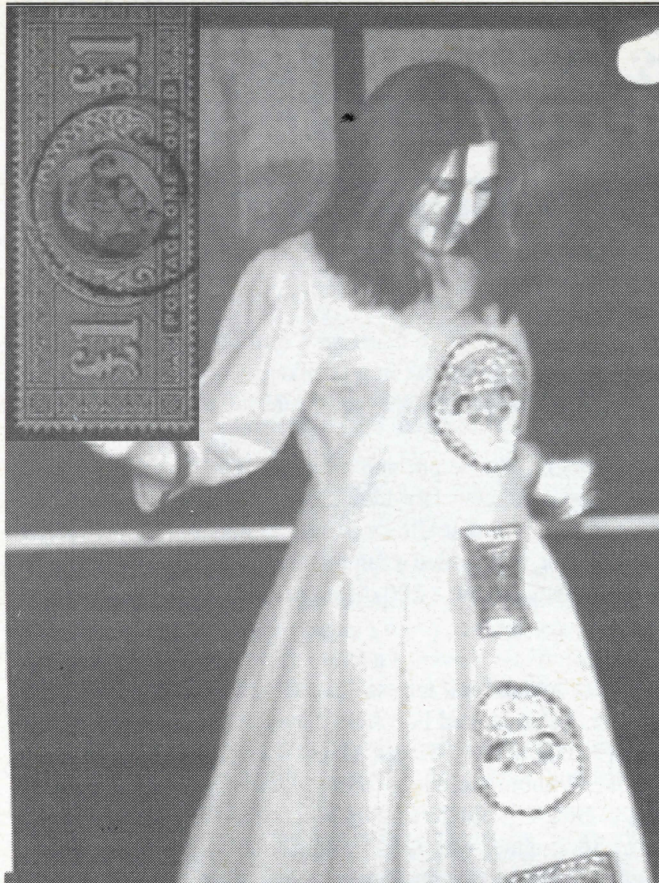
The civic band will play the Benson piece as the classical Indian dance group acts out the song through dance. Nair-Mulloth says it has been interesting to choreograph pieces to music not typically Indian. She explains that her dance number will be geared toward the song title, and feature a "scree" as the lead, which means woman in India.

"It will be part narrative...we will talk about the lives of three women and women in general about the obstacles they face. The dancers will come out, and end in surmounting their problems," she said. Nair-Mulloth added that the scree has ten hands- meaning she has unlimited potential. "The dance will tell a story, my conceptualization of 'Solitary Dancer'."

And again, that story through dance will be told by way of music from the civic band.

"This is a pretty ambitious program," said Simon of the varied concert.

The concert will be held April 20 at 8 p.m. in the Darte Center, and is free and open to the public. Nair-Mulloth's dance group will also perform "Solitary Dancer" again at Scranton's Mellow Theater on April 22 at 6:30 p.m. with the Wilkes civic band.



Fashion show: Culture, clothing, cuisine

BY NORA JURASITS
Beacon Correspondent

The Multicultural Student Coalition (MSC) allowed students, faculty and members of the public a chance to experience fashion, culture and cuisine of many countries when it sponsored an International Fashion Show, on Saturday, April 8. Coordinator of student affairs and faculty advisor of MSC, Andita Parker-Lloyd said the fashion show is important because it allows everyone to share their culture. "The misconception is that when immigrants come to America, they have to leave their culture at the door. What we want to do is embrace everyone's culture but maintain our own identities. This show helps us share our culture with everyone and create a melting pot."

Apparel from Saudi Arabia, Africa and Puerto Rico, in addition to many other countries, was modeled by students and children of faculty members. The models glided across the stage in the ballroom of the Henry Student Center to music ranging from instrumental ethnic stylings to current techo tunes. Valerie J. Martinez, secretary of the MSC and head of public relations for the fashion show, acted as emcee. She announced the names of the models, gave a description of their outfits and explained to the audience when the clothing would typically be worn, whether for a formal event or as sleepwear. In addition to the cultural garb, models also sported clothing from the Wilkes bookstore and outfits that could be worn by those entering the work force.

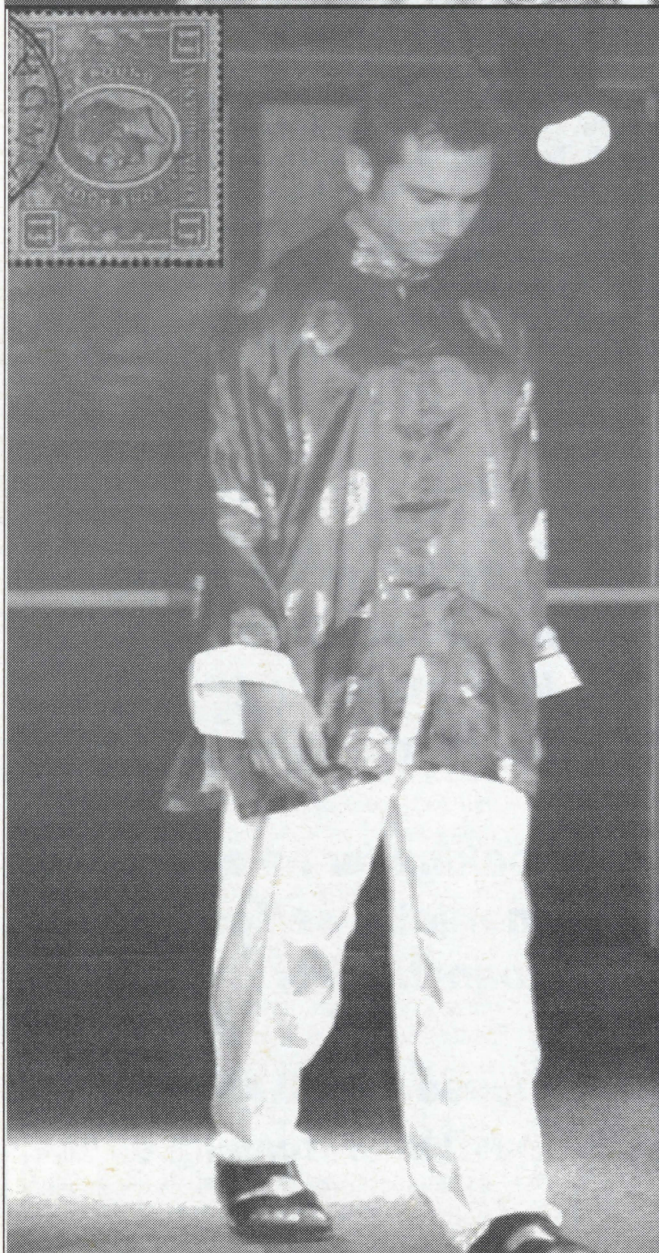
There was a performance by the Keystone College step team, the Mofyah Steppers. The students used a combination of clapping and stomping in their dance, and all members wore matching camouflage pants and tank tops with the name of their school and team.

After the fashion show, free food was available for everyone who attended. Caribbean foods, egg rolls and rice, and other ethnic foods allowed show participants and audience members to get a taste of different cultures.

Martinez was involved in the planning of this annual event. MSC members have been working to pull everything together for about three months, gathering clothing from people and local businesses. She wanted to be a part of the show because she wanted people to be able to experience different cultures.

"You wouldn't get to see people walking around Wilkes-Barre or even New York City, so the show gives people a chance to wear the clothing, and also gives others the opportunity to learn about different cultures," she said.

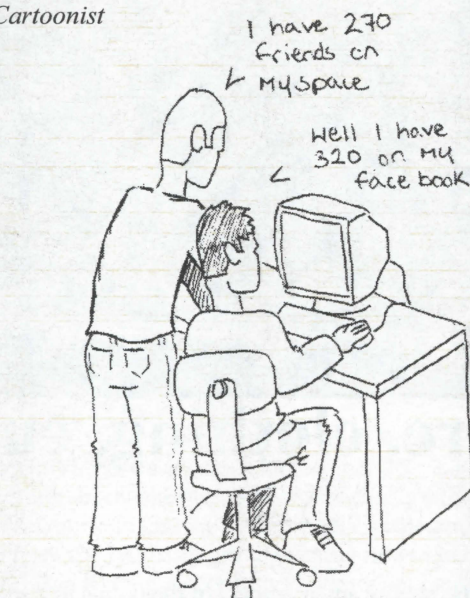
Parker-Lloyd added, "People don't walk around in this kind of clothing every day. It's a neat experience because we get to bring culture to people's doorstep." She said it was important that the event be free and open to the public to make sure that everyone can continue to learn about different cultures. "We share pride in who we are, and can leave feeling good about ourselves."



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BY JASON NICKLE
Beacon Cartoonist



Nothing But Net

This week on the web

Celebrity face recognition at MyHeritage.com

BY DONNA TALARICO

Beacon A&E Editor

One time, someone at a bar said I looked like Melissa Joan Hart from *Clarissa Explains it All*. Wait. I am dating myself. I meant to say, from *Sabrina the Teenage Witch*. I think in a drunken goofy moment I autographed a napkin and said I was visiting my cousins in Wilkes-Barre. But then I told the truth. (I still got a beer out of the deal.)

I've always gotten the "you look like someone" comment, but before and after the "Clarissa incident," I was never compared to a celebrity. So, when I heard about the celebrity-look-alike website one morning on a local radio show, I just had to try it. MyHeritage.com is a site that allows people to post family pictures, I think for the intentions of finding out who you look like. But, they added a fun feature--photo recognition with the stars. They will scan your facial features and match them against 3,200 different celeb and notable people pics. Here is what I got:



Photos courtesy of Donna Talarico and Yahoo!

According to MyHeritage.com, I look the most like actress Joan Cusack.

around with some friends and get some laughs. Hint: it can scan multiple faces in one pic so try a two-shot (like I used for the Clark and Lana pic) or a friend shot, too!

One question. Where the heck was Melissa Joan Hart on my results? Maybe she wasn't in the database. Or, maybe the drunk guy had beer goggles on.

My #1 match was actress Joan Cusack. In this particular picture, I also looked like Avril Lavigne (71%), Kelly Clarkson (70%), Kristen Kruek (Lana Lang, 70%), Meg Ryan (66%), Whoopi Goldberg (63%), Jamie Lyn Spears and Elisha Cuthbert. I did dorkily try a pic of my boyfriend and one of his look-alikes was Tom Welling, Clark Kent of *Smallville*. And, I looked like Lana Lang. Woa. Freaky. But, he also looked like Shirley Temple and Kirstie Alley.

I was having so much fun, I tried it with every picture I had on my computer. In drunk shots where my eyes were squinty, I had different results (Lucy Lui). It got addicting. But the bottom line is, you aren't likely to find your long lost twin. It doesn't really scan for sex, race or nationality. And, of course the way you are smiling and tilting your head can throw off things. All in all, it's very entertaining to sit

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Dinner and a Movie

Movie: *Ice Age 2*

BY ALISON SHERRY
Beacon Staff Writer

In a world of so much drama, suspense, tragedy and victimizing (and I don't just mean the world of Hollywood) it's nice to take a break every once in awhile and visit an age where all you had to worry about was a world full of ice melting. Simple enough, right? *Ice Age 2: The Meltdown* certainly proves just that.

The movie reunites the unusual herd: Sid the sloth (John Leguizamo), Manny the mammoth (Ray Romano) and Diego the saber tooth tiger (Denis Leary). I think it's safe to say that if the first *Ice Age* was a runaway hit, *Ice Age 2: The Meltdown* will be right up there with *Shrek* and *Finding Nemo*.

In the movie, the Ice Age is over and all the prehistoric critters are living in a melting world. Sid, Diego and Man-

ny must make their way out of the great valley before the quickly-thawing landscape floods the land. Along the journey, they meet another mammoth Ellie (Queen Latifah), who believes she is a possum and her two "brothers," Crash and Eddie. Together they all make their way to the boat that will carry them to safety when the flood comes-- but not without battling two fire sea monsters.

In a Noah's Ark-esque way, Manny knowing he is on the verge of extinction, tries to convince the stubborn yet sweet Ellie that she is also a mammoth and that they could potentially be the only ones left to save their species.

Fans of the original will come to its sequel with some important questions: Will Scrut the Squirrel, on a never-ending quest for his beloved acorn, finally succeed? Will Manny convince Ellie she is a mammoth? Will Diego overcome



Courtesy of Yahoo! Movies

his fear of water? Will Sid finally get the respect he deserves from his peers?

But the most important question is...will audiences enjoy this movie? Of course. This movie is just

as humorous and delightful as the first and maybe even better. Manny is still pessimistic as ever, Sid is still as silly and lovable and Diego is still as sarcastic and humorous. The original all-star cast is excellent reprising their roles and it's also a refreshing change to hear Queen Latifah lending her voice to Ellie. She definitely adds some feminine humor to the dialogue.

The animation is also beautiful. There are so many characteristics that determine what a good family movie should be these days and *Ice Age 2* definitely has it together. It's fun and hilarious for both kids and adults. Unlike other animated flicks, *Ice Age 2* requires no added explanations if viewers take younger kids or siblings.

Ice Age 2 is a fun night out for anybody who wants a great laugh and I don't ever say this about any movie, but I think we should all hope for an *Ice Age 3* in the future...we could definitely use the laughs.

Grade: A

Dinner: Panera Bread

BY STEPHANIE DEBALKO
Beacon Asst. News Editor

With a large selection of meal options and bakery products prepared daily, it's no surprise that Panera Bread is one of my most frequent stomping grounds.

When I arrived there this past week with my friends Nora and Jaclyn, the parking situation was not a problem at all, which was a relief because that is definitely not always the case. Panera is in an ideal location, since it is right in the middle of one of the newest shopping centers in the Arena Hub area. Additionally, it's located in a plaza with a few other stores, so if I had found myself with the sudden urge to perhaps stop by Famous Footwear on the way home to buy a couple of pairs of shoes, I'd be covered.

The first thing that stands out about Panera Bread is its pleasant service. The cashier was extremely polite and friendly, which is impressive in a place that serves, as Jaclyn put it, "classy fast food." The registers are located straight ahead from the entryway, and the bakery is also strategically located so that the first thing patrons see is a glass case filled with stuff sure to break the diet. The bagels and other assorted baked goods were extremely tempting, but, alas, it was dinnertime. The menu at Panera offers an assortment of seemingly light meal choices. Don't be fooled, though, because most of the options are very filling. I decided on the You Pick Two deal with half of the Bacon Turkey Bravo sandwich and half of the Greek salad. For a hearty portion of each, I paid only about \$6.50. As a side choice, the cashier told me I could choose Italian or wheat bread, a bag of chips, or an apple. As if she had to ask! I chose the Italian bread because, after all, that's what Panera is famous for.

The sandwich was a delectable combina-

tion of turkey, bacon, Gouda, lettuce, tomatoes and their signature dressing. The smoky ingredients complemented one another well and there was just the right amount of turkey. I did, however, have to ditch the tomatoes because I neglected to ask for my sandwich without them. The Greek salad had just enough dressing, as well as the perfect amount of tomatoes, black olives and onions. They didn't skimp on the feta cheese either, so that definitely earns some points with me. I'm usually a salt fiend, so the fact that I never used it once during the entire meal was pretty impressive. And I cannot forget about the bread, probably my favorite part of the entire meal. The tomato basil bread used for the sandwich harmonized with the ingredients perfectly, and the Italian bread was the perfect combination of crunchy on the outside and soft and chewy on the inside. Panera bakes their bread daily, so that was no surprise.

Jaclyn was happy with her choice, the Sourdough Bread Bowl with broccoli cheddar soup, priced at about \$5. In her opinion, the bread was perfect for dipping. But Nora was less enthused with her half portion of the Turkey Romesco sandwich, a new addition to the menu that she thought lacked flavor. Luckily, her dining experience was rescued by the Vegetarian Black Bean soup, the other half of her You Pick Two meal. Panera has the atmosphere of a sit-down restaurant with waiters without the price. The music is very jazzy and adds to the overall aesthetic appeal of the restaurant. Once customers order food, they are given a buzzer that goes off when it's ready. Following the meal, customers must bus their own tables, which is one aspect of the Panera Bread experience that may not appeal to some. But for me, it's worth the low price and quality food.

Grade: A-

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Colonel versus Colonel

Football team tries something new for spring training

BY RICH HANNICK
Beacon Staff Writer

The Wilkes University football team has undertaken a new style for its spring practice this year. The players and the coaches will be trying out a new method of conditioning for the upcoming season.

The new style of practice includes conditioning and competitions among the players on the team. There are a total of 80 football players that have been broken up into ten teams of eight. Defensive and special teams coach Michael McCree said that the competitions will include strength competitions, athletic competitions and academic competitions. This means that players will get points if they excel in the classroom. McCree said, "We are instituting competitions that pertain not only to the field but in the classroom as well."

Ryan Dailey, a freshman nursing major, said that he likes the coach's spring practice program because it provides more entertainment than just going out and running. He has only heard the stories of how

the spring practices used to be, and he is grateful to come in the first year of the new spring practices. "It definitely makes practice more fun."

McCree said this new system will help them in many ways. He notes that for one thing there are 80 guys but not one ego on the team. "Just support everywhere you turn, it's a competition, but everybody is pushing everybody," said McCree. The teams were selected randomly so that some offensive players played with defensive players and vice versa. McCree called this a "mix and match strategy."

When the coaches set the training plan in motion they had objectives for not only the players, but also for themselves. They were looking for the players to become more cohesive and stronger as a team. McCree said that the coaches were looking to build relationships with players outside the ones they work with. "It gives me a chance to get to know some offensive players," said McCree.

The coaches are also hoping that this new spring program sets a good work ethic for



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The Wilkes football team gathers at midfield after a spring practice. The Colonels' new practice organization is an attempt to improve team unity and identity along with skills and conditioning.

themselves and the students for the entire season. McCree said, "We want this program to really set the tone for the whole year."

Dailey thinks this program will benefit in-

dividuals as well as the whole team. "Individually it will get us in shape and since we compete in teams it will help us learn how to work, compete, win, and lose as a team," Dailey said.

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COMMENTARY

Editors at War

A 'Generation of Juicers' sparks MLB officials to change the rules

*Don't place the blame on just Bonds**An open letter to Barry Bonds*

BY NICK PODOLAK

Asst. Sports Editor

The 1990s will be looked upon by future generations as the "Juiced Era," where once skinny ball players were replaced by hulking linebackers, and smacking 50 home runs in a season was as easy as in a backyard game of stick ball.

But the death of Ken Caminiti and other steroid allegations have persuaded Major League Baseball officials to enact a 50-game suspension for first time offenders.

At the center of the steroid madness is Barry Bonds, who, according to the recently released book *Game of Shadows*, has been using performance enhancing drugs since the 1998 season. The result has turned Bonds into the poster child of this "Generation of Juicers," receiving heavy flak from the media and fans alike.

In last week's match up between the Padres and Giants, a fan threw a needle-less syringe at Bonds as he jogged in from left field. He picked it up, shook his head, and held back tears as the ESPN cameras zoomed in on his face. Welcome to the everyday life of Barry Bonds.

Now you can boo him and hold up all the asterisk signs you want, but throwing a syringe at the slugger crosses the line.

Playing in the shadows of his father, Hall of Famer Bobby Bonds and godfather Willie Mays, most can't imagine the enormous pressure on Bonds when he first broke into the league with the Pittsburgh Pirates in the late 80s and early 90s. A gifted .300 hitter with the best eye in baseball, Bonds never hit more than 34 homers in a season. But after joining the Giants at age 28, he suddenly averaged a dinger every 13 at bats and now needs seven homers to surpass Babe Ruth and 47 to tie Aaron on the all time

home run list.

Think about it: back then, this substance was probably thought of as some sort of advanced protein shake. With the given results, why wouldn't he have taken it? I would have.

But the million dollar question remains: Why does Bonds take so much heat when so many of his counterparts were juicin' along with him? Well, there are two main reasons.

First, he is the most arrogant player in baseball history and his relationship with fans and the media is tumultuous. Second, he won't admit he did the deed, even though several fairly reliable sources have cited dates and occasions. It baffles me why he just won't admit to using them, because that is a major reason why non-Giants fans hate him so much.

Just remember, he made the same mistake that all of the other baseball idols of our generation made and if he admits to using performance enhancing drugs, he should be redeemed and still regarded as the best player to have ever played the game.

BY RYAN DIPPRE

Beacon Sports Editor

Thanks for corrupting the national pastime, Barry.

Oh, no, it wasn't just you. You were indeed the poster child, the model, and the figurehead in the steroid movement. Other players watched you and modeled after you like a prophet, being the son of Bobby Bonds and all of that. So when you ordered some bigger baseball caps and picked up the syringe, so did they. In all honesty, you probably weren't even the first one in the leagues to use steroids. You were just the most successful with it.

And your success on the diamond is also the biggest reason for your enormous PR failure off of it. The media can handle an average athlete bulking up a little for his short trip to baseball mediocrity. What it can't handle is when one of the greatest athletes in the majors decides to extend a hall of fame career by juicing. Few people look to Joe McMinorLeaguer as a source of inspiration, but the godson of Willie Mays tends to have a few followers. Way to let

them down.

Don't sweat it, though. Just tell yourself that you're not a role model, and keep poking away with that syringe. Then lie to the media and you'll have all of your bases covered. Lots of people develop enormous traps late in life, right? They'll never know.

There are a lot of people who give their support to Bonds, saying he is wrongfully shouldering the burden of the steroid controversy. Wrongfully shouldering the burden? I don't think so. I'm no purist, but I always considered the use of an illegal performance-enhancing substance to be cheating. Combine that with the fact that his natural ability would give him a Hall of Fame career on its own, and it all adds up to a pathetic and self-centered attempt to earn something that he truly doesn't deserve: the home run record.

Bonds, you're too stubborn to model off of anyone else, but it would be better if you approached the game like Babe Ruth than the way you're doing it now.

The Bambino may have lived life a little too much in the fast lane, drank like a fish, smoked like a chimney, cheated on his wife, and let a lot of athletic potential slip through his fingers due to laziness, but he never hurt the game. Entering his prime just after the 1919 Black Sox scandal was threatening the existence of the league, Ruth took his extended press coverage and the pressures of performing up to fans' expectations in stride. Despite his other faults, he was able to bring respect back to baseball and allow it to begin an era of growth that wasn't halted until the baseball strike in 1994.

And that's your one unforgivable sin, Barry. You can shrug off the accusations of cheating--it's a gray area anyway, those ironclad laws. You can also ignore the accusations that you're a bad role model: you never wanted to be a role model anyway. But what you can't do is find a way to forget the harm you've brought to a game that's been so good to you. Whenever a professional sporting league is caught in a controversy such as this, it's up to the great athletes in that league to carry it through. In the 1920's, the league and its fans looked to Babe Ruth. They can't look to you, since you responded to the spotlight and the fame that they gave you by selfishly reaching for more. Who will they look to now?



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Sports editor Ryan Dippre (left) and assistant sports editor Nick Podolak (right) square off about the steroid controversy now raging throughout the major leagues.

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GAME OF THE WEEK

MLB: Detroit Tigers vs. Chicago White Sox

White Sox attempt to cool off red-hot Tigers Double Take

BY RYAN DIPPRE
Beacon Sports Editor

The 2006 baseball season is officially underway now, and there have been the usual range of surprise booms and busts all across the league. Monday afternoon will see the first of a three-game series between a bust and a boom in the same division: the Detroit Tigers and the Chicago White Sox.

The White Sox, 2005 World Champions, have struggled throughout the start of 2006. A team that stood at 16-4 after twenty games last season is currently 1-4. Manager Ozzie Guillen is giving his team a lot of credit for sticking together, but the White Sox are clearly a struggling baseball team right now.

The Detroit Tigers, on the other hand, are the stunning surprise of the early season. Rangers ace Kevin Millwood called the Tigers the "best offensive team in the world right now," and for good reason. Detroit has a .319 batting average, and is led at the plate by the unstoppable Chris Shelton. Offense is only half of the tale for the Tigers, however, as they have a 2.40 ERA and have yet to commit an error in the field this year.

Shelton's numbers so far this season are unreal. The first baseman has hit .727 in his first five games, and knocked in five home runs in the first four. During game five against the Rangers, Shelton settled for two triples, a single, and three RBI's. In twenty at-bats, he has only struck out twice.

The other surprise star on the Tigers' roster is rookie Justin Verlander. Verlander picked up his first win by striking out seven and only giving up two hits against the Rangers. After seven innings of pitching, Verlander's ERA still remains at 0.00.

The biggest question mark during this three-game series is which White Sox team will show up. There's no debating that Chicago has more experience and better management than Detroit, but there is a huge gap between Chicago's potential and the way the Sox are playing right now. If the White Sox can get out of their current funk by the time they arrive in Detroit on Monday, then the Tigers will be up to their biggest challenge of the season. If not, the Tigers could theoretically be an undefeated baseball team eight games into the season.

Despite their current problems, the White Sox are showing signs of coming out of their shell. Guillen has constantly reinforced to the press his belief in his team and his lack of apprehension at the slow start, and the team is not playing bad baseball by any means. Chicago took apart Cleveland in the home opener, and nearly pulled off a late-inning comeback against Kansas City on Saturday. The White Sox may be slowly catching fire, and it will be a boring series indeed if they manage to do so in Detroit. The Tigers don't have anywhere near the experience that Chicago does, and will run into trouble squaring off against a reinvigorated White Sox team.

As for what will actually happen in the series, look for Chicago to continue to improve as a ball club. Guillen has faith in his team for a reason, and no one should expect the club to fall apart at all during the year. Chicago still has a pennant race left in it, and it's only a matter of time before they put it all together. Expect them to continue to struggle against Detroit, however. The Tigers are something of a flash in the pan, but the flash right now is bright. Sweeping a World Champion is difficult work, but expect the Tigers to take the series.

The Pick

Game 1: Detroit 4, Chicago 3
Game 2: Detroit 5, Chicago 2
Game 3: Chicago 4, Detroit 2

QUICK INFO

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Sarah examines the stats that truly matter

BY SARAH HERBERT
Beacon Features Editor

After a seemingly endless stream of poor choices for the Game of the Week feature, the editors are finally stepping up the plate, literally.

This week's game highlights the Chicago White Sox and the Detroit Tigers. Quite frankly, this is an easy choice based on colors alone. Everyone knows that black and white is far more stylish than black and orange. After all, it's not Halloween season. That's why I just have to pick the Sox.

Furthermore, they are the returning champs. I was actually quite surprised that the baseball game of the week didn't feature the Yankees. However, after a pitiful loss to the Angels it is wise to keep the Yanks out of the spotlight so they can recover from such a humiliating loss.

Yankees fans, have no fear. I'm sure they'll buy they're way into the series regardless. But that's not the issue here. Let's get back to the White Sox.

In addition to their snappy apparel, they've inherited former Phil Jim Thome. While I'm not a Philadelphia fan, I can give the guy some credit now that he's in Chicago. It's always wise to further your career by getting as far away from Philadelphia as possible.

That said, I think Thome has something to prove. Also, he's looking a hell of a lot better in black and white than he did in red and white. It's just such a shame that such pretty uniforms have to be exposed to the elements and end up being caked with dirt. Go Sox.

Comcast



Athlete of the Week

Softball: Samantha Evanich

BY RYAN DIPPRE
Beacon Sports Editor

It's hard to blame anything on DeSales, really.

The Lady Bulldogs traveled to Wilkes-Barre on Saturday expecting a doubleheader fight from the Lady Colonels, who were then 5-1 and improving with every game. DeSales probably expected to have a tough run offensively during the first game, when strikeout queen Laurie Agresti took the mound for Wilkes. After losing a 2-0 battle in game one, after managing only a single hit and suffering 11 strikeouts, DeSales was probably still not surprised.

But it's also likely the Lady Bulldogs were expecting at least a shot at winning the second game of the double header. The surprise for DeSales that chilly Saturday afternoon came when freshman Samantha Evanich took the mound in game two and sealed the deal for a depressing bus ride home.

Evanich's impressive nightcap performance was only the latest in a superior freshman year at Wilkes. The freshman nursing major, who struck out 14 and allowed only two hits on Saturday, is currently batting .389 and has a team-leading 7 home runs. "The scary thing is that she will get even better over the next four years," said head coach Frank Matthews.

Evanich's impressive stats don't end at the plate, however. Along with her team-leading .815 slugging percentage, the Conwell-Egan graduate has a .1000 fielding percentage, a 1.79 ERA at the mound, and 48 strikeouts. "She has really stepped it up a lot," said senior co-captain Jan Nunemacher. "She's definitely a huge part of our team."

The freshman has been splitting her duties between pitcher and third base throughout the season, and excelling at both positions. "On her recruiting visit I mentioned that if

she decides on Wilkes that I would like her to also play the corners to take full advantage of her hitting," said Matthews. "She liked hearing that and as a result decided to change her summer team to get more work at the corners."

The move to college softball was a large step for Evanich, but one that she handled well. "It was a different atmosphere," she said, "and being away from home was difficult." She soon adjusted, however, and the skills that Matthews noticed while recruiting began to stand out at the Division III level. "Four things stood out," said Matthews. "Her exceptionally quick hands when hitting, her power, an exceptional drop-curve when pitching...her attitude."

Her attitude is evident in the confidence she shows in her team. "I think that if we keep up with our pitching and our defense...we're going to go all the way," said Evanich. "And I want to go all the way, because I want to win for our seniors."

Her desire for victory is evident from the first warm-up throw to the final pitch. "Her pre-game was all-business, no laughing, giggling, talking to teammates, etc.," said Matthews.

As the Lady Colonels' continue the march toward Freedom Conference, Evanich will continue to be a major force on the mound, at the plate, and along the third base line. Her lead-by-example style of leadership is a major boost to the Lady Colonels. "She's quiet, but I think her play says enough," said Nunemacher.

Matthews agrees, "Sam is a perfect example of your leader by example. She is a very quiet person who wastes no time at all at practice, is always focused on what she is doing, and an incredibly hard worker."



The Beacon/Todd Weibel

Freshman pitcher/third baseman Samantha Evanich delivers a pitch in a recent game at Artillery Park. Evanich fanned 14 batters and allowed two hits in Saturday's game against DeSales. She is batting .389 and leads the team with seven home runs.

WEEKEND RECAPS

Men's tennis

The Wilkes tennis team dropped a 5-2 decision to FDU-Florham on Saturday afternoon in Madison, NJ. The Colonels fell to 9-4 overall, and 2-2 in the conference after the match. Arvin Narula and John Lowe scored the two lone victories at the third and fourth singles positions.

Softball

The Lady Colonels swept visiting DeSales University during a doubleheader on Saturday afternoon. Laurie Agresti threw 11 strikeouts and allowed only one hit to get credit for the first 2-0 victory, and Samantha Evanich struck out 14 and allowed only two hits to snag a 5-0 victory in the nightcap. The Lady Colonels improve to 7-1 in the conference with the victory, and 11-9 overall.

Baseball

The results of the baseball doubleheader against DeSales University were not available at press time. The Colonels will complete their three-game series against the Bulldogs at home on Monday at 4 p.m.

Women's Lacrosse

Catherine Simone led Wilkes with three goals and one assist in the Colonels 18-6 loss to FDU-Florham Saturday afternoon.

NUMBERS OF THE WEEK

14

Punchouts that Samantha Evanich amassed in Saturday's 5-0 victory over DeSales.

3 & 1

Three goals and one assist by Catherine Simone in Saturday's loss to FDU-Florham.

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Home runs by sophomore Chris Mayerski to pace the MAC.

.447

Sophomore outfielder Kyle Follweiler's league leading batting average.

Preview of the Week: Men's tennis finishing up season

Men's squad plays Albright and Lycoming in final week of regular season

BY ARIEL COHEN
Beacon Asst. Sports Editor

It seems like the season just started for the men's tennis team. But believe it or not, the regular season will end this week as the young Wilkes team will play Albright in a final home match and then face Lycoming on Wednesday in their final Freedom Conference match.

The team enters its final week before playoffs with an overall 9-4 record after posting a 5-2 loss to Freedom Conference rival FDU-Florham on Saturday. This makes FDU the only unbeaten team in the Freedom Conference and places them in sole possession of first place. The Wilkes men are in third place with a conference mark of 2-2. With a win against Lycoming on Wednesday the Colonels have a guaranteed spot in the playoffs.

The goal for the Colonels this week will be to have the two se-

nior members of the team, John Lowe and Arvin Narula continue their great leadership. Lowe is ranked number one in the conference in the third seed position and Narula, who has an overall 10-1 record, is ranked 5th in the conference singles overall.

Senior captain Arvin Narula said, "John Lowe did really good this year in terms of senior leadership and we had a really good recruiting year. Josh Gardner also had a really strong season as well."

Similar to the women's tennis team, the remainder of the men's tennis team is extremely young. Out of its eleven players, six are freshman and two are sophomores, but by no means does this appear to have affected the team's performance.

This will be the first time that the Colonels will face Albright in awhile and it has been nearly 13 months since they have had a match against Lycoming. In last year's match between the two

teams, Wilkes came out with the victory beating the Warriors 6-1. It was the first Freedom Conference win for the Colonels last season and this year's match has the potential to be the Colonel's final conference win of this season.

With the 9-0 win at the non-conference match against PSU Berks on Sunday afternoon the men's team improves to 10-4 overall and has a lot of positive energy going into the final few matches. "Lycoming has a lot of returning players this year so they are looking a lot stronger," stated men's tennis team head coach Chris Leicht. "We have two conference [including Lycoming and the rescheduled] games left and they are really important because the top four teams go to the playoffs."

The match against Albright will take place at the Ralston Field complex Tuesday at 3:30 p.m. and the team's final match against Lycoming will take place away on Wednesday at 3:30 p.m.



The Beacon/Todd Wiebel

The men's tennis team, currently 9-4 overall and 2-2 in the conference, looks to end its season on a good note to prepare them for Freedom Conference Championships.



Campus Calendar

Monday(4/10)

- *Mock Interviews, HSC Ballroom - 3 p.m.
- *Men's baseball vs. DeSales - 4 p.m.
- *Women's health night, Evans Hall - 4 p.m.
- *IRHC's Annual Easter Egg Hunt, HSC 2nd floor - 8 p.m.

Tuesday(4/11)

- *Pharmacy Fair, HSC Ballroom - 11 a.m.
- *Women's softball @ Susquehanna - 3 p.m.
- *Men's tennis vs. Albright - 3:30 p.m.

- *Men's baseball vs. Susquehanna - 4 p.m.
- *Women's lacross vs. Scranton - 4:15 p.m.

Wednesday(4/12)

- *UPS jobs table, HSC lobby - 11 a.m.
- *Mock Interviews, Marts Center - 12 p.m.
- *Men's golf vs. Misericordia - 1 p.m.
- *Men's tennis @ Lycoming - 3:30 p.m.
- *Holiday recess begins @ 10 p.m.

Thursday(4/13)

- *Men's baseball @ Delaware Valley - 3:30 p.m.

Friday(4/14)

- *Women's softball @ Lycoming - 12 p.m.
- *Men's baseball vs. Delaware Valley - 1 p.m.
- *Reading Poetry Series, Barnes & Nobles Arena Hub Plaza - 7 p.m.

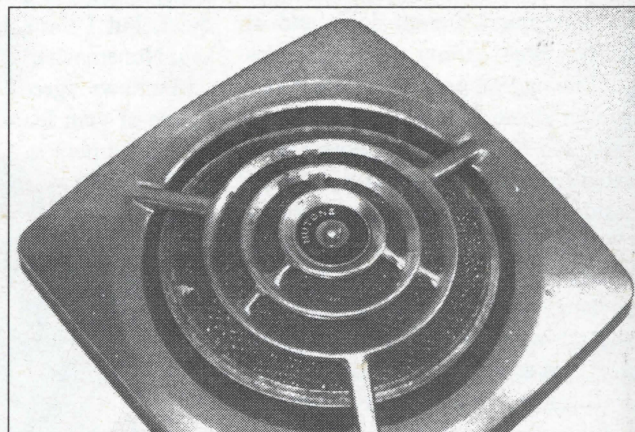
Saturday(4/15)

- *No events scheduled for this day.

Sunday(4/16)

- *No events schedules for this day.

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Congratulations to Darlene Potanco, who correctly identified last week's picture of the art project hanging in Breiseth Hall.