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TCMC partners with Wilkes, LCCC in pipeline

BY AMY FUSCO
Beacon News Editor

The Commonwealth Medical College (TCMC), Wilkes University, and Luzerne County Community College (LCCC) jointly announced last week a new partnership between the three institutions designed to create a "pipeline" for historically under-represented students to achieve medical degrees.

The program, known as the "Pipeline to Medical Colleges Initiative" was created to help develop careers and opportunities in the sciences and medicine programs for underrepresented groups in the region. The partnership is a first of its kind, and is also the first public and private college collaboration in the region.

According to the statement released jointly by the institutions, "The Pipeline to Medical Colleges Initiative" will target rural, disadvantaged, women, minority, and first generation students in Luzerne County, specifically in Wilkes-Barre and Hazelton. It has been designed to engage the nation's



The Beacon/Amy Fusco

Local community members, along with Wilkes faculty and staff attended the press event on the new TCMC program. The pipeline between the three colleges is the first public and private institutional collaboration of its kind in the region and the nation.

community colleges, four-year colleges and universities, and medical schools to identify and support students from these target markets, who are likely to practice in those

regions and who show an early interest in the field."

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Search for Chief Information Officer continues

BY NICOLE FRAIL
Beacon Managing Editor

Last August, Wilkes University officials announced that they would be hiring a Chief Information Officer (CIO).

According to the announcement posted on WilkesToday, "After considerable study and discussion, the administration believes it is best that the person directing our information technology initiatives be a Wilkes employee rather than an employee of our IT

partner SunGard."

SunGard employee Mike Salem held the position of CIO until his departure at the end of December. Tom Weeks, who is also employed by SunGard, is currently acting as CIO until the search is complete. Since January, one national search to fill the position failed and a second is wrapping up.

According to Petra Carver, vice president for Finance and Support Services, the first search finished in late January.

"We had a search that failed because we

had identified a finalist who chose not to come to Wilkes," said Carver.

As the university announced hiring freezes in early February, the second search for a new CIO began. Though budgets have been cut across many departments and programs to make up for recent financial woes, Carver said the position is "very crucial" for Wilkes and therefore filling the position is not something that should be put off.

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Wilkes hosts CEO of Pepperjam for Kirby lecture

BY JACQUELINE LUKAS
Beacon Asst. News Editor

Kristopher B. Jones, CEO of Pepperjam, a full-service internet marketing agency in Wilkes-Barre, will serve as the keynote for the annual Kirby Lecture Tuesday, April 7. His focus for the lecture will be on free enterprise and entrepreneurship and will take place in the Dorothy Dickson Darte Center at 7:30 p.m.

Jones launched Pepperjam because of his interest in the internet in 1999. He saw the internet as a budding form of technology, took that thought and ran with it. Currently, Pepperjam has about 60 clients including E-Bay, DKNY, AMC, Cartoon Network, igourmet.com and Pro-active Solution.

"That initial thought I had was that the internet was going to revolutionize the way that people shopped, the way that people gather information, and where people communicate and interact. I guess I was onto something eight years ago," said Jones.

In the lecture focusing on free enterprise and entrepreneurship, Jones will basically cover three topics. Jones will share his story about his local roots and how he got his business started. He will also talk about the internet, social media, like Facebook and Twitter and new types of communication that can help students start their own business or advance them in any field.

"I'm going to talk to students about the opportunities that exist for them... post

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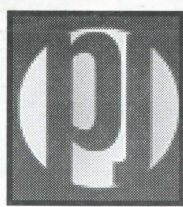
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The program will offer participating students special support services, such as tutoring or mentoring relationships, from the community college experience through to medical school. Students' progress will be closely monitored by college officials associated with the program.

Dr. Maria Suarez, Wilkes University special assistant to president for multicultural and community affairs, has been involved in the planning process of this pilot project along with TCMC's Ida Castro, MA, JD. vice president of Social Justice and Diversity. for TCMC.

"We have begun to get the faculty to really embrace what we are doing," said Suarez regarding her

meetings with a number of deans and faculty members.

"I think this is a great opportunity...[for] our institution [to] have an impact in our region, and our aim is to have a national impact with a new model for collaboration among higher education institutions," Suarez added.

Suarez oversees the Center for Global Education and Diversity, designed to create outreach programs for students in order to better prepare them for success in a multicultural world, according to the Wilkes Bulletin. Suarez believes that the partnership with TCMC is one mechanism to help the Center reach its goals, such as making links between and across organizations.

Additionally, Suarez hopes the pipeline will encourage more students of diversity to study the sci-

ences because right now there is a low level of diversity in science classrooms.

"We hope that not only do we contribute to the community in Luzerne County in terms of enabling students to aspire to their careers and go to college... but more selfishly, we want to see some of those students coming to Wilkes," Suarez stated.

Dr. Michael Steele, biology professor and chair of the College of Science and Engineering, believes the partnership with TCMC is an extraordinary idea.

"I'm particularly excited because it allows us to build on the HHMI Webs program, which targets underrepresented groups, especially African Americans and Latinos, in middle schools," said Steele. The pipeline would continue through the initial stages

of college right on into medical school.

Steele also explained that the project builds on several initiatives that the science departments have already developed.

"I think it's a great opportunity for Wilkes, but it also shows tremendous leadership in the north-eastern Pennsylvania," stated Steele.

Dr. Reynold Verret, provost, explained that it is important to bring awareness and engage students in the science field earlier in their life. Scientists develop a liking for science in their young years, similar to musicians developing interest in music.

Verret also explained that when Sputnik, the



The Beacon/Amy Fusco

Speakers at the press event included Dr. Tim Gilmour, Robert D'Alessandri, president of TCMC, Ida Castro, Ronald Williams, VP of Collegeboard, and Tom Leary, president of LCCC.

world's first Earth orbiting satellite to launch, went up into the air, Americans were disappointed that the Russians were further along in the technology and science process. This led to encouraging young Americans to consider the sciences and it increased science enrichment in schools, which resulted in the "generation of scientists."

Ever since the "Sputnik enrichment" in the 1960s, the drive for science in the United States has been declining. Verret explained that there is even a lack of interest in chemistry and biology in graduate schools.

"I think it's not only a workforce issue for the United States, but also [concerns] national security issues," said Verret. Scientists deal with weather and storms, which can affect national security when it puts people at high risk. Verret

further explained two years ago, during former President Bush's State of the Union Address, Bush stated that a crisis within the science field exists.

"We need students who are comfortable in science and technology," Verret added. He believes the pipeline is very important for Wilkes and it will bring really good students into the life sciences. It will also help develop the region through graduates remaining in the area to further their careers.

Many career opportunities exist in the region, such as in the public health, law, and environmental fields. Major companies, such as Fairchild Semiconductor and Proctor & Gamble bring opportunities, as well as the pharmaceutical companies within the area.

"We are breaking ground here and it's really exciting to be a part of it," Suarez said.



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The pipeline project has been created in response to a request from the College Board asking institutions in Ohio, Illinois, Pennsylvania and Maryland to develop plans to move more students toward medical schools.

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Editor-in-Chief

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"I don't have numbers on cost [of conducting the search]. The search committee is staffed by Wilkes employees, so there is no cost per se, the only other cost component is travel for applicants coming from out of town," said Carver.

"It should be understood that recruitment of a CIO who is a Wilkes employee is essentially a cost-neutral proposition. Through our contract, the Information Technology (IT) service provider has hired a CIO to serve Wilkes. We now are recouping those costs to hire our own CIO, who will manage and oversee IT services to the community," said Dr. Reynold C. Verret, provost.

"From our deliberations with the university IT committee, it is clear that a CIO reporting directly to university is essential to resolve the problems that arise between the community and our IT service provider," he said.

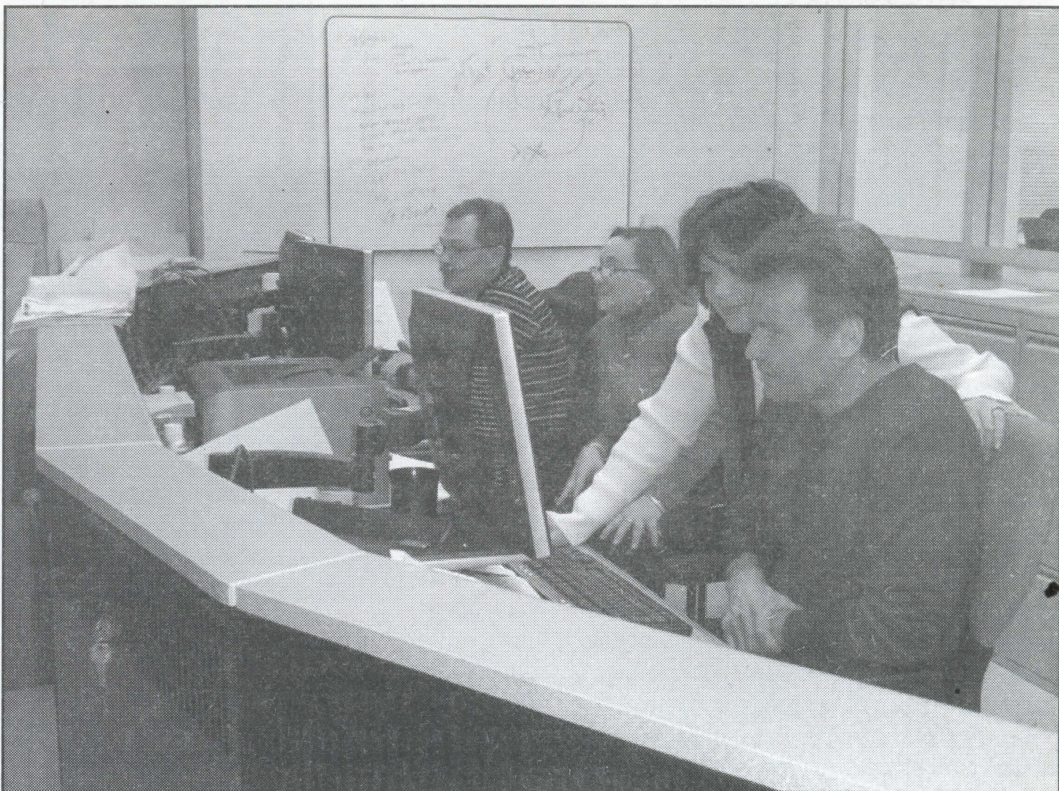
The CIO will provide leadership and oversee the work of Wilkes's IT department, which is comprised of 20 SunGard employees. According to Carver, other responsibilities of the CIO will be strategic planning, tech support, administrative tech support, leading all technical systems cur-

rently in place, and supporting the academic and learning initiatives of the university.

"I feel that it is smart to keep leadership at home; however, I think it is also important that we maintain the trust and support of the SunGard staff. I think this will make the whole process more effective," said Kristen Pechulis, sophomore English major.

According to Carver, the ideal candidate would have "really good leadership skills, good communication skills, and the ability to work across all university constituents... really a visionary, out-of-the-box thinker." The candidate should also be up-to-date on technology.

Though Carver was not willing to release the names of the second search's finalists, she did confirm that the finalists will be invited to campus in early April. She also chose not to comment on whether any current Wilkes employees were in the applicant pool or have been chosen as finalists. Carver predicts that the new CIO will begin work at Wilkes this summer.



The Beacon/Lauren Biernacki

Pictured here from left are Peter Martin, Maria Mattioli, Karen Williams and Joe Wilk who are members of the Wilkes IT staff employed by SunGard. One search in January was unsuccessful. A second search is currently in progress. CIO candidates will visit campus in April.

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graduation, to provide some of their experience and expertise within these areas to help companies succeed," said Jones.

Jones also plans to cover the economy and what it means to graduating seniors and business people, as his last point.

At 32, Jones is regarded as an example of how success can happen for young, energetic entrepreneurs, and was chosen to speak for the lecture because of his unique vision.

"The reality is that entrepreneurs are what move us forward. There's a big difference between people who start a McDonald's and somebody like Kris Jones, who discovers entirely new ways to run a business and shares that expertise with others," said Dr.

Jeff Alves, professor and director of the Allen P. Kirby Center for free enterprise and entrepreneurship.

Jones became involved with internet marketing because he wanted to advertise and market gourmet foods, like his grandmother's jam. Through this opportunity, he realized there was a much larger idea forming in his head. He saw that he could actually help other companies market their businesses and make profit from that. Pepperjam has been growing ever since.

Alves also said that people like Kris Jones provide 95% of the new jobs because Pepperjam is innovative. The innovation in new companies is very important for the economy, said Alves.

Pepperjam employs about 100 people locally and has had about 15 interns from Wilkes University.

"Kris is probably the most out front in terms of cutting edge practices... What started off as just something to do with his grandmother's recipe... he's developed into an international expert," said Alves.

Jones said that he has learned to hire people who complement him. For example, Jones would hire someone who is an expert in finance if he wasn't particularly skilled in that area.

Students have been living with the internet since they were very young, said Jones. He encourages students to embrace the internet and use the new tools that are available to them. Students have the power to start businesses because of the available new technology if they embrace it.

"Students are in very, very powerful positions to provide expertise and understanding and an appreciation of the internet to people

much, much older than them," said Jones.

But Jones added a note of caution: no matter how solid or innovative an idea for a business is, there will always be roadblocks and obstacles. Jones urges all would-be entrepreneurs to remember that "not everyone thinks the same way" as you do.

So what's next for Pepperjam as a company? Jones continues to be surprised by the power of the brand that he and his team have created. The agency would like to launch new technologies and expand services.

The Allen P. Kirby Center for free enterprise and entrepreneurship is a two part organization. It is a community service organization of which the Wilkes' campus is a part, but it also develops the academic programs at Wilkes, like the majors and minors for entrepreneurship.

Wilkes has hosted a number of speakers for the Allen P. Kirby Lecture Series. Over the years, they have had entrepreneurs, business people, and government officials. Some of these people like Kris Jones and Tom Scott created businesses which are now flourishing online.

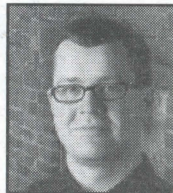
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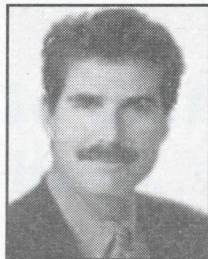
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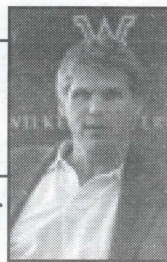
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John Stossel,
ABC's 20/20



Tom Scott, co-founder of
Nantucket Nectars



Photos courtesy of Marketing Communications

Act 101 to request funding at legislative breakfast

BY AMY FUSCO
Beacon News Editor

With recent budget cuts in Pennsylvania, educational programs across the state have been fighting for more funds in order to keep afloat. In fact, while the pie may not be shrinking, per se, more are clamoring for a piece of it.

On Friday, April 3, a breakfast will take place at Marywood University involving local state representatives, and Act 101 leaders will take advantage of the forum to advocate for the importance of the program in an effort to obtain necessary funding to keep it going.

According to the Pennsylvania Department of Education, Act 101 "provides support services for undergraduate students whose cultural, economic and educational disadvantages might impede their ability to pursue higher education opportunities successfully." It also explained that the program includes tutoring, counseling, curricular innovation, and cultural enrichment activities. At Wilkes, Act 101 is one of the cornerstones of University College.

"These services are more important today than when they were first introduced in 1971. At that time, as part of the civil rights movement, equal educational opportunity was seen

as important from an ethical perspective," stated Tom Thomas, executive director of University College and director of Act 101. "In 2009, it is an economic issue as we can no longer afford to waste such an enormous amount of talent," he added.

Thomas is also the President of the Act 101 Pennsylvania Association for Educational Opportunity (APAEO). He explained that the breakfast is an opportunity for local legislators to hear directly from students about the impact that Act 101 services have had on helping them to achieve educational goals.

"At a time when we need more college graduates, the state of Pennsylvania is showing decreased interest," said Thomas.

Karen Riley, assistant director and counselor of Act 101, and David Lewis, junior communication studies/English major, will attend the breakfast to represent Wilkes

University's Act 101 program. Act 101 began in 1971, when K. Leroy Irvis, then the Speaker of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives, wanted to reform the higher education in the Commonwealth, and as a result, created the Pennsylvania Higher Education Equal Opportunity Act of 1971.

"My hope is for all eligible students in Pennsylvania to have access to the services they need to achieve their college degree," said Riley.

Lewis has been in the program since he came to Wilkes as an undeclared freshman. He was chosen to speak at the breakfast because he has had continued interest in it and has even volunteered for several programs during his sophomore and junior years.

"Every year they ask an Act 101 member [to speak], who was in it as a freshman and in some way, shape, or form, continued interest in Act 101," said Lewis. Lewis will be speaking for approximately five minutes on proposals and reasons for keeping funding in

Act 101 programs at colleges.

Lewis's ultimate goal is to keep funding for the program. He strongly believes the program helps a large amount of students, and aids in retention, especially among first-year students. He also explained that he wanted to do this for future freshmen to ensure they have a chance to be guided in college.

"If I didn't have Act 101, I would have dropped out freshman year," Lewis stated. "It's meant for freshmen, but they keep track of you throughout college," he added.

Lewis said he appreciates the resources through the Act 101 program that have helped him throughout his college career at Wilkes. He believes the staff is highly skilled in guidance and also offers students a different perspective on the college experience.

Thomas hopes that after the breakfast, Act 101 will gain renewed commitment from the state legislators to help increase the number of students who complete a college degree.

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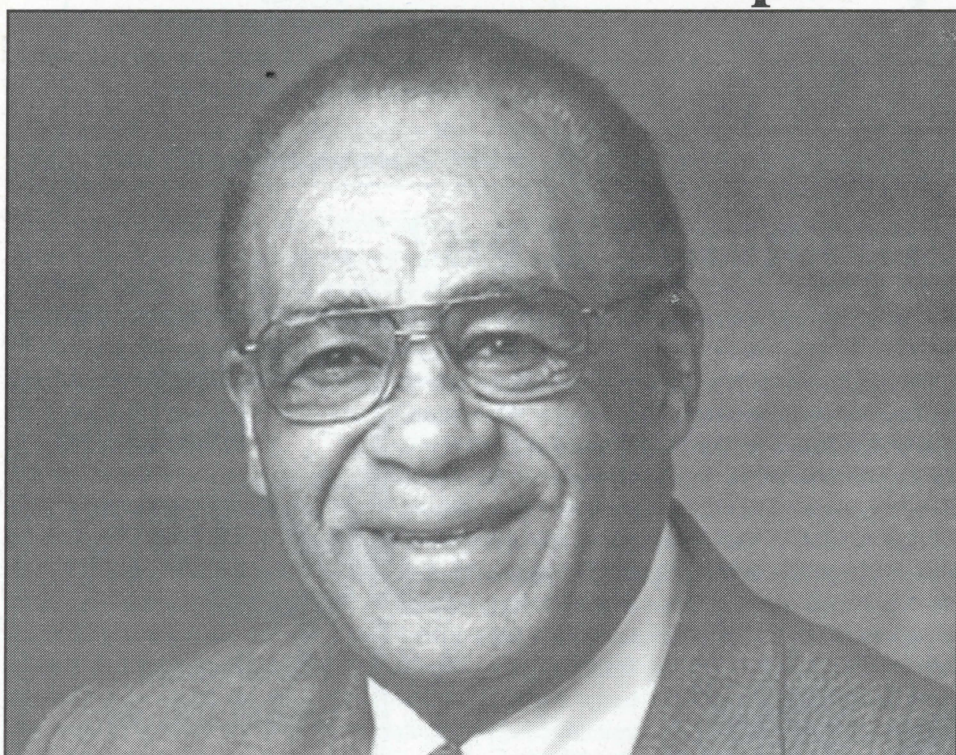
• **Author Signing with Brian Pavlak** author of "*Witch Hunt in the Western World*". Saturday, April 4th from 12:00-2:00pm.

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Wilkes commencement speaker



Courtesy of Marketing Communications

John Brooks Slaughter, the first African American director of the National Science Foundation, has been selected as Wilkes University's 62nd annual spring commencement speaker on Saturday, May 16, 2009.

SG Notes March 18, 2009

BY JACQUELINE LUKAS
Beacon Asst. News Editor

Treasurer's Report:

All College: \$15,259.50

Conferences: \$8,655.09

General: \$6,879.24

Leadership: \$8,652.59

Special Projects:
\$2,454.06

Spirit: \$4,000.00

Start-Up: \$2,100.00

New Business:

Craig Thomas (website review) Student government reps reviewed the new website

Wilkes University speech and debate team fund request (Week 2 of 2) \$1,173 allocated to a conference for the WU speech team

Equestrian Club fund request (Week 1 of 2) asking \$5,000 to put on a show next semester

IEEE constitutional changes (Week 1 of 2) three changes are being made to the IEEE constitution

Relay 4 Life Donation Request (Week 1 of 1) \$3,000 to Relay 4 Life: this covers

any students' \$10 registration fee
Casino Night Budget (Week 1 of 1)
\$11,016.99 for the Casino Night budget
Presidential Nominees (Week 2 of 2)

Old Business:

Running Club donation request

Society for Advancement of Management fund request

Member of the Month—
Shadae Gates

Events:

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March 31

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Presidential meet & greet
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Presidential elections beginning

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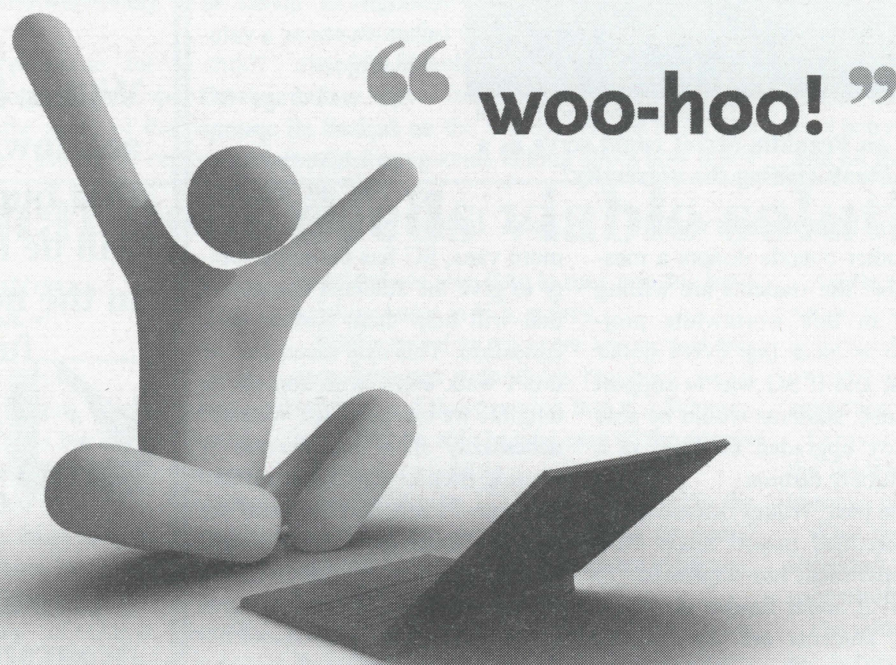
Casino Night on April 3

OCC Block Party April 18

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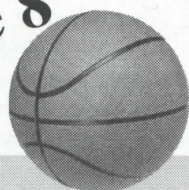
***At 8:15 p.m., a motion was made to adjourn the SG meeting. The motion was approved. SG Meetings are open to all students. They are held every Wednesday in the Miller Conference Room on the second floor of HSC.**



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SG has \$100,000 surplus: Where should it go?

BY THE BEACON
Editorial Board

Wilkes University's Student Government (SG) reported that a surplus of over \$100,000 has accumulated from student activity fees. SG's responsibility is to find the right uses for student money; therefore, its representatives are evaluating where that \$100K can do the best good.

According to SG President, senior Carl Santana, the organization was asked by student development to look into possible ways to spend the money appropriately. "We're not looking to spend it; we're looking to see if there is a need to spend it," added Santana. In response, SG set up a committee composed of 12-15 members to explore possible ways to use the money.

Traditionally, SG has donated funds to support additions such as the rock wall in the UCOM, or a fleet of vehicles accessible to students and faculty for various trips. These have been smart moves in the past: students love tangible things, especially if there's a chance they can individually benefit from them.

However, thanks to the recession touching everyone across the nation in some way, Wilkes officials have acknowledged serious budget concerns and necessary cutbacks. Thus, we contend that SG should spread the wealth and contribute to various needs around the university that may not be so tangible.

According to Santana, SG has been accepting formal proposals for the use of the money. This is a step in the right direction because it will provide in-depth insight as to what needs to be addressed around the university and it shows that SG is open to a variety of student perspectives.

The Beacon would like to make a

few suggestions for projects worthy of SG's surplus fund investment. The following are ideas designed to ultimately help improve the quality of the university in this time of financial challenge.

Executive Director of University College Thomas J. Thomas said, Wilkes University's state funded ACT 101 program received a total of \$107,000 for the 2008-09 academic year. However, with Governor Ed Rendell's statewide budget cuts and the current economic state, it is possible that the program will not be as fortunate in years to come. ACT 101 is a vital component of the university because it provides individual and group tutoring, intensive academic advising and assistance with the transition to college. The program works miracles, often with very little. We suspect that an infusion of revenue into ACT 101 would go a long way in investing in Wilkes students' futures.

When Wilkes University officials invite guests or speakers to campus, individual departments are left to foot the hotel bill. If the University were to renovate and convert a building on campus, into a guest house, over time it would ultimately pay for itself, saving the university substantial money that could be used in important and tangible ways.

The Farley Library was erected in 1966, and aside from flood clean-up in 1972, the aesthetics really haven't been attacked comprehensively since. We can all agree that the lime green carpets,

out of date furniture, and grimy ceiling tiles will not be winning any decor awards from *Good Housekeeping* in the near future. Dean of the Library John Stachacz said he is hopeful for major renovations in the near future; however, such a project will run the university millions. Perhaps a \$100K



The Beacon/Gino Troiani
Fenner Hall located on Franklin Street could serve as a guest house for individuals visiting the university.

donation from students would send other outside donors a message that the students are willing to invest in this worthwhile project. It is clear that every dollar counts, and if SG was to support the cause, students would be able to enjoy upgraded facilities in a more timely fashion.

In the past, Wilkes offered art as an accredited major. Since then, the department has diminished to a slew of under funded electives. Often, students are not able to enroll in specific courses because there are limited resources. *The Beacon* feels that art is an important part of a liberal education, and that the department is much deserving of funding. Some new pottery wheels and supplies would fit nicely within the budget.

Wilkes recently dropped the dis-

appointing news that after much planning and anticipation, the \$35 million SHE building, which was to include major renovations to the Stark Learning Center was not in the budget. After much consideration, we at *The Beacon* feel that Stark is a major part of Wilkes University. Most students,

if not all, participate in classes held in the building on a daily basis, and view it as a crucial component to the learning process. If SG were to donate some revenue to the university to support renovations, it would greatly influence the learning process and also perhaps encourage donors to see that the students care enough to invest in what we see as a valuable project.

We encourage SG to explore all options as to where the money can do the best good. Instead of a rock wall or more vans, SG has the opportunity to give the students something that will help them further their education. This may mean that we don't walk away with something tangible we can point to. We can't necessarily show our parents or visiting friends what we spent that valuable \$100K surplus on if we take this approach. But we ought to feel good about investing in Wilkes when the university needs it the most. This recession's heroes will be those who lend a helping hand to those who have lost the most. We urge SG to become one of this recession's heroes and invest in those intangibles that make Wilkes such a unique place.

Talking Points



The Beacon would like to see SG invest its surplus back into the university.



Wilkes has acknowledged that budget cuts will be necessary in the near future.



There are many programs/causes around Wilkes that could use financial support.

The Angry Rant: Beauty Pageants

BY TIM SEIGFRIED
Wilkes Alumnus

Remember the outrage? Remember the resolve in the collective consciousness of America?

It's been 13 years since the murder of JonBenet Ramsey, the pint-sized pageant queen who was found in the basement of her parents' home in Colorado. In the aftermath of her death, it was revealed that JonBenet was heavily involved in beauty pageants, at the behest of her mother, who was a former pageant queen herself.

While the elements surrounding her death were grotesque and disturbing, the focus of the nation slowly shifted from the murder investigation to the fall out that occurred as more and more was discovered about the youth pageant circuit that she (and by extension, her parents) engaged in. Although she was only six at the time of her death, she was a veteran by pageant standards, having rarely been seen without a tiara or a gown.

As the nation became more engrossed in JonBenet's story, an outrage began to simmer from middle America. The moral conundrum begged the question "should children be subjected to this lifestyle?" As more and more stories of tiny princesses strutting their stuff on stage emerged in the media, the nation gradually became sickened by the idea that children were being subjected to these pageants.

Is pageantry appropriate for a child? Should we subject our children, specifically our daughters, to the grind of the pageant circuit? Do they, at ages 6 or 7, really need

to be exposed to the sort of materialistic and shallow nature of the world of beauty contests? For models and beauty queens, success is often short lived, as there is literally a never ending supply of replacements that can be marched out onto the cat walk. The world is a harsh enough place as it is. Do we really need to put children through the rigor of constantly being judged by those with artificially enhanced bodies and no intellect?

JonBenet, and so many little girls like her, are subjected to the meat market world of little princesses, moving in and out of the dance in perfect time, as their parents act as metronomes.

In the years since JonBenet's death, public resolve against pageantry has slowly faded, and it is now nothing more than a dot on the horizon - a grain of sand in the distance. Pageants still go on, and the mothers and fathers, who see dollar bills in place of their children's eyes, ignore the tiny voice of reason in favor of unfulfilled fantasies that they can live vicariously through their children.

We need look no farther than the show "Toddlers and Tiaras," to see how far we've come. It follows showbiz moms and dads as they take little Suzy on the pageant circuit. But instead of "Little Miss Sunshine" family antics, viewers come face to face with parents that make Joan Crawford seem like June Cleaver.

Within 30 seconds of the first episode, viewers are hit with disturbing information: over 300,000 children participate in this \$5 billion a year industry. As that information is flashed on the screen, we are treated to audio from parents talking about how much

money they can win, while they smile about how much fake eyelashes, tans and makeup they apply to their children, while one parent remarks: "It's just like turning them into live baby dolls," with so much blissful unawareness.

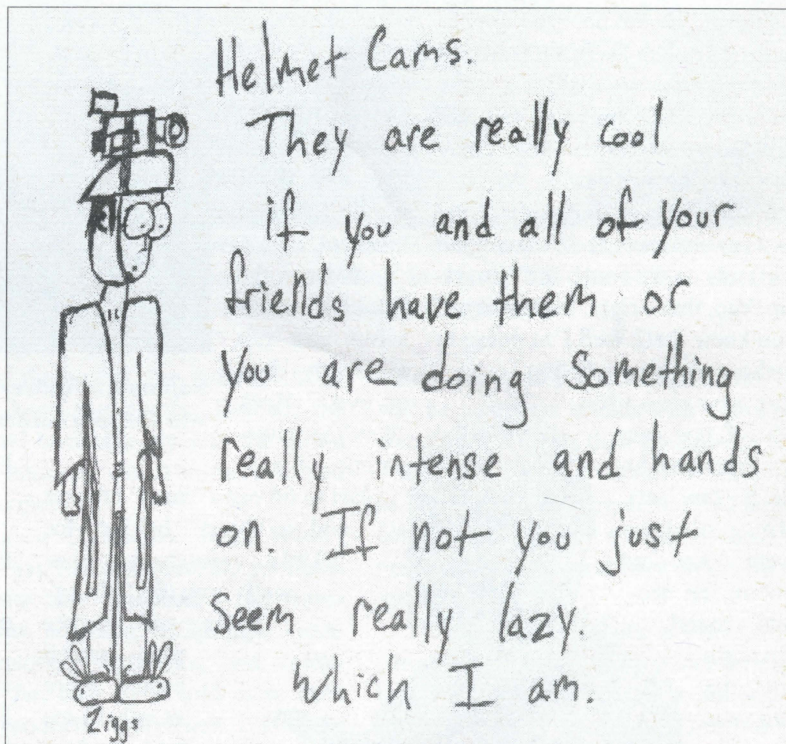
While The Learning Channel (TLC) attempts to legitimize the parents' perspectives, they only succeed in making them out to be monsters that are born out of greed and fame.

The fake lashes, the veneers and the primping borders on abuse. Not physical abuse, but mental abuse. These children learn at an early age that physical appeal and attractiveness are all that matter. And one day, these children, these babies, are going to grow up. And when the tans fade and the veneers crack, all they have left is their frail self-esteem because no one cares about them anymore. And all they

can do is look back on their childhood and wonder "Why?" But no one is going to listen, and no one is going to care. All because some parents were more concerned with their own validation than the welfare of their own child.

And to those parents: You should be ashamed of yourselves. You are monsters who aren't better than any child abuser. Take a good look in the mirror and ask what is right for your child?

But you already know the answer.



National debt needs viable solution

BY MELANIE THOMAS
Beacon Correspondent

America, let's be serious.

It's not the war in Iraq, party discrepancies, or ideology that is our biggest threat.

In recent months the economy has been the sharpest pain that the United States has been enduring. It's hard to fathom that in order for us to balance our national budget we would need \$53 trillion.

The documentary I.O.U.S.A., recently screened on campus, outlined what is contributing to this economic mess. Certainly, there seems to be no easy solution to eliminate the debt.

Annually, the national budget increases by two to three trillion dollars. The U.S. government continues to borrow money from various countries that it will never be able to pay back in order to cover expenses.

But the reality is clear: ultimately the

countries we owe debt to may one day have a ruling voice in U.S. policy.

Within less than ten years, an unequal balance between individuals receiving social security and those paying into it will begin. We won't be able to take care of the people who took care of us.

According to I.O.U.S.A., "In 2008, the United States spent \$610 billion on Social Security benefits, \$330 billion on Medicare, and \$204 billion on Medicaid."

A step in the right direction for solving the budget deficit would be to tighten up guidelines for those who qualify for Social Security. I believe that Social Security requirements need to be reviewed and revised.

Only people with legitimate health concerns and issues should qualify for benefits.

If we could reform Social Security successfully, our deficit could be reduced by up to \$7 trillion.

Another major factor pertaining to the nation's debt is our inability to save. Many individuals simply do not live within their own means and saving money has become a practice of the past.

Everyone wants to live comfortably and the leaders in this country have a tendency to make us believe that this is realistic.

What they fail to tell us is the truth. We shouldn't be lied to anymore. Fiscal irresponsibility shouldn't be allowed.

The country also needs to change its trading habits. This country has a tendency to consume or import more than it produces or exports. Living with excess is not only bad for the economy but causing an even bigger environmental problem.

Everything that affects the economy can be connected to other serious problems that we face. It's way past time for our country reign things in and not be foolish. One president is not the solution for this disaster.

We need so much more reform.

We literally went from a balanced budget with President Clinton to an \$8.7 trillion deficit.

As Americans we need to make sure that we are voting for those truly interested in the betterment of this nation and not let those who have been dishonest in the past get their hands on spending our dollars or lie to us about the severity of the problem.

Even if we ended the war in Iraq, earmarks and pork barrel spending were eliminated, and Bush tax cuts were allowed to expire, we would still not be able to solve the national debt.

The mess that America has created will not be solved easily. We must travel a long path filled with bumps and obstacles in order to maintain our status. If our national debt is not addressed in the near future, we will fail as a nation.

Why March Madness is driving me...mad

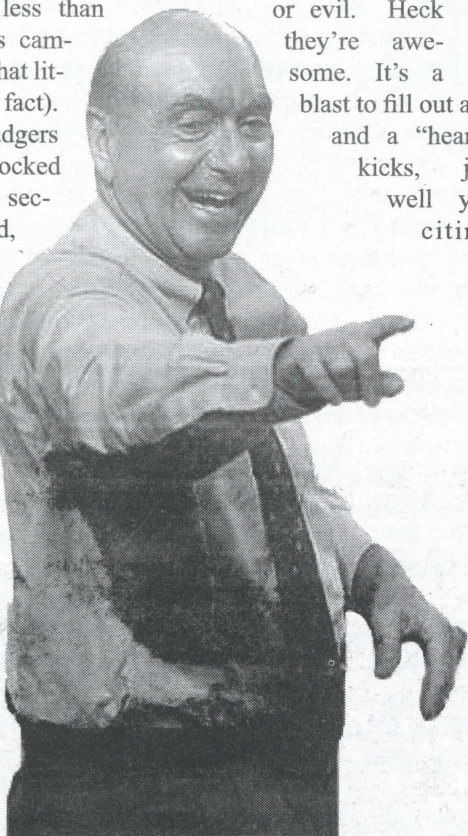
BY ANTHONY DORUNDA
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April is nearly upon us, and that means one thing: the hell-ride that is March Madness is almost officially over...well the actual madness portion of it filled with upsets, blowouts, nail-biters, and Stephen Curry magic. Oh, never mind. Davidson made the NIT (Not Invited to the Tournament tournament) so we don't even have that to look forward to.

I'm not going to lie. The most anticipated match up in the Dorunda household (or I should say quarter-house apartment) was definitely Wisconsin-Florida State. Why? Well obviously because Wilkes's own Bo Ryan (who is one of the best coaches in basketball, might I add) was on the bench for Wisconsin. Yep, that's right, how many of you knew that? Well I'm going to make a bold prediction that says less than

5% of this campus knew that little ff (fun fact). His Badgers were knocked out in the second round, though, so the fun was over early.

Now we're down to the nitty-gritty: the supposed "best-of-the-best." The only fun left was destroyed when Louisville pulverized



It's March Madness Baby!

Arizona in the Sweet Sixteen. Eventually we will crown North Carolina yet again as the best (regardless of Ty Lawson's toe).

Let's get this straight before I am beaten senseless with a bat for somehow not liking the phe-

nomenon that is March Madness: I love March Madness. I love how it brings people together. I love how kids lay their hearts on the line for their respective schools, and how fans can take some time to relax and enjoy some good old exciting college basketball.

What I don't like are those god-awful brackets.

Now, the brackets themselves are not inherently bad or evil. Heck they're awesome. It's a

blast to fill out a "head" bracket and a "heart" bracket for kicks, just to see how well you did. It's exciting and makes you watch even more intently to see just how close you are.

But, as with any "game," there is always that one person in the crowd--you know who you are--who must win at all costs. Which means that he or she has to fill out a billion brackets with the goal of hitting on just that right combination.

And then there are those illegal company bracket pools. There are some, like me, who fill out their bracket with a little bit of what they think is going to happen and a little bit of what they want to happen. hand it in with their five dol-



Sophomore Andrew Sobiesiak, an avid basketball fan has picked North Carolina to win the tournament this year.

lars, and hope that they might

get lucky enough to take home the pot.

If not, then at least it was fun to participate.

But some overly competitive co-workers will actually waste \$50 bones to hand in 10 brackets, almost guaranteeing them a shot to win everything.

It's almost as annoying as Todd McShay and Mel Kiper, the supposed "experts" constantly updating their mock drafts. By the time the draft rolls around they have already had ten of their own mock drafts, ripping the element of surprise right from our hearts.

These people take fun right out of the entire idea of bracket challenges. How entertaining is it to watch your one lonely bracket take a hit when Wake Forest gets knocked out in the first round while six out of John Doe's ten brackets are still alive? Who cares about his other four that were kicked to the curb after Clemson lost to Michigan.

It's not the least bit entertaining, at all. Instead of having fun in the workplace, these win-at-all-costs co-workers or friends act like those gym class all-stars back in high

school. They're the guys who during dodgeball wound up and fired missiles at the kids standing in the back just trying to stay out of the way. They're the ones constantly checking espn.com or cbssports.com to see if they've moved up from 106,864 place yet, and are pumped up when the move up a those few meaningless spots in the standings. The overly-competitive, made-mad-by-March-Madness co-worker with 10 brackets is also the person who can only have a conversation about basketball and the standings, and they all start off a little bit like this: "Well, in one of my brackets..." begins every interaction.

It's all fairly aggravating and distracting.

Why not just have fun with it and give everybody a fair shot? The brackets are just for fun; they're not life and death.

Of course, I can stand here and claim it's not life or death. But I do still have that dream...After North Carolina defeats Louisville and I am standing as the winner, with all of the the multiple brackets players' money in my pocket.

It's all just madness, after all.

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.

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- Yes - 75%
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Student-run consignment shop shows business reality

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Like most freshmen, one group of students in Integrated Management Experience II spends a lot of time surfing the Internet.

But unlike many of their peers, these students are not checking their Facebook or Myspace accounts. Instead, they're using the Internet to run their own business.

As part of Integrated Management I and II, Victor Trentacost, Courtney Matus, Kyle Rountree, Matt Ruch, and Sasha McDonald chose to create an online consignment shop that sells pre-owned electronics and other products. During these two courses, the students were required to research, plan, and operate their own business.

Mostly comprised of freshmen, the courses give business students a hands-on understanding of the business world in their first year of study.

"It's a good opportunity for students to get their feet wet immediately and get a taste of what business is about," said Dr. Gary Gordon, the professor of Integrated Management Experience.

In the fall semester, business students take Integrated Management Experience I, where they are split up into teams for their year-long project. First, they brainstorm types of business ventures that appeal to them. Then, they conduct preliminary research and begin developing a plan.

By the time Integrated Management Experience II rolls around in the spring, the students are ready to run their own business.

"It will teach them planning, forward

thinking, and managing a business," said Gordon. "It's a good learning experience. They learn what works and what doesn't."

During the first portion of the class, the students tossed around an idea of running an auction, so they could make money by selling other people's products. However, Ruch says acquiring that merchandise would have been a financial impossibility for his team.

"It branched off from there when we thought of how hard it would be to turn profit when we would be buying the merchandise off of people," said Ruch, a freshman business and accounting major. "That's when we decided to do it online. That way, we wouldn't have to actually take any products from people until they were individually sold."

Once the group, referred to as "Team What's Our Name" on their Web site, decided on their business plan, they needed merchandise from customers to sell. Business major Trentacost said they initially sent out flyers to the campus community to recruit customers, but he admits getting a customer and merchandise base was the most difficult part.

Group member McDonald agreed, and added that as a service-based business, Team What's Our Name depends on customer participation.

"The hardest part is organizing and gathering all the products," she said. "This is because we don't actually have inventory since our business is a service—we're selling products for customers."

Another problem was confusion over where the profits would go. Customers of

consignment shops usually receive the majority of the money their items sold for, but the shop itself usually gets a cut. According to Ruch, the owner of the item receives 80 percent of the profit, and the remaining 20 percent goes back to the group.

However, students were unsure what the group would do with that money.

"It hinders us because a lot of people don't understand why we are doing this or where the money goes," said Ruch.

While the group receives a portion of the profits, the individuals do not get to keep the money. Instead, the profits funnel back directly into the Sidhu School of Business, which initially helped front the business.

According to Trentacost, Team What's Our Name has listed around 20 products since the site was launched. The items include snow boarding equipment, video game accessories, textbooks, and knick-knacks. So far, they have sold more than half their products, and Ruch lists their profit as nearly \$150.

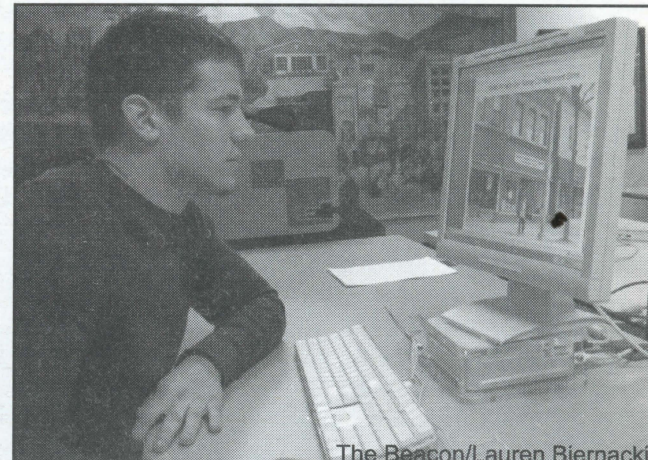
"Even though it doesn't sound like a lot, we have only had a two-month time span for running this business," said Ruch.

He points out that the group made about one sale a week, which is an accomplishment considering all the other responsibilities the group members have.

last season to going all the way to nationals this year, in true underdog fashion. Wilkes is one of only five schools in Pennsylvania to make it to nationals, beating out schools like St. Joseph's University, George Mason University, and James Madison University.

Her continued accomplishments on the Speech and Debate team make Sabia *The Beacon's* Student of the Week.

The Beacon: Where do you see yourself in ten



The Beacon/Lauren Biernacki
Freshman Joshua Henrie looks at the site for the online consignment shop in Stark. The site offers electronics, textbooks and other merchandise.

For McDonald, Team What's Our Name will be a success if ends with a productive standing and meets their break-even point.

However, as the overseer of the projects in Integrated Management Experience II, Gordon believes that success of these businesses doesn't depend only on the financial outcome.

"I think a successful one is where students come out with a greater understanding of how to create and operate a business," he said. "It doesn't necessarily need to be financially successful, but if they learned why their business wasn't successful, and what they would do different next time, it will be a good learning experience."

Students can visit the shop at <http://sites.google.com/site/twonconsignmentstore/> Home or can contact any of the group members.

years?
Sabia: I would love to be teaching English on any level but especially the college level.

The Beacon: Describe yourself in three words.

Sabia: Honest, funny, determined.

The Beacon: Finish this sentence: "My friends would be surprised to know that..."
Sabia:...all growing up, I wanted to be a dentist. Now I'm an English major and have nothing to do with sciences.

Student
of the
Week
Bianca Sabia
Junior
English Major

BY LEEANN SEARFOSS
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By definition, underdogs rally from behind and claw their way to the top.

Bianca Sabia, a junior English major, knows what it is like to be an underdog.

Through humble beginnings with the Wilkes University Speech and Debate team, Sabia found that giving speeches and creating interpretive pieces were tough to do. However, through hard work and the help of her teammates, Sabia took this year's competitions by storm.

Sabia went from winning a single award for her poetry program and making it to one final



Photo courtesy of Bianca Sabia

The coolest "F" word presented at Women's Conference

BY LEEANN SEARFOSS
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For centuries, academics have worked to pinpoint the differences between the sexes.

Wilkes University's Women's Studies department has joined in that academic discussion for several years. As in years past, the Women's Studies department has put together a conference for students, faculty, and local community members to gather and discuss academic findings and research on women's issues, including literature, poetry, politics, and gender.

The Women's Conference will be held Tuesday, March 31 beginning at 9 a.m. at Genetti's Hotel and Conference Center.

"I'd say the women's studies conference has already become a great way to celebrate and empower student work along with providing faculty with a way to make learning transcend those classroom walls," said Dr. Mischelle Anthony, associate professor of English.

The conference, held at Genetti's Hotel and Conference Center off Public Square, has been spearheaded by a team of Wilkes women. At the top of the list is Dr. The-

resa Kintz, assistant professor of anthropology. Kintz has used her expertise in women's studies and her interest in various topics concerning women to help create a conference to reflect this year's theme: Exploring Difference and the Science of the Sexes.

The conference is designed to involve several aspects of academia, including panel discussions, project displays, poetry slams, and original research.

According to the introduction of the program, written by the Assistant to the Director, junior Sabrina Hannon, the panel discussion relates directly back to the

theme of the conference.

The discussion will be "addressing the nature/nurture controversy that has sparked heated debates not only within the field of Women's Studies but throughout academia as well." Five professors and four students will head the panel discussion.

For Anthony and all of her English classes for the semester, the conference offers three unique benefits.

"This conference is a great opportunity for area college students to showcase their research and knowledge, area college students to attend their first academic conference, college students to see their faculty and fellow/sister students exchange

ideas about gender," said Anthony.

Inhabiting almost all of the conference rooms that Genetti's has, the conference will be housing several types of exhibits.

A new addition to the Women's Conference program is the poetry slam sessions.

"Poetry slams have become very popular and a great deal of this expressive art form deals with feminist issues," said Hannon's introduction.

The conference is also a chance for people in the Wilkes community to learn about the women's studies scholarship. The conference highlights all the work the Women's Studies minors complete over the course of the academic year.

"Women's Studies is truly interdisciplinary with courses offered across the curriculum and drawing students from all majors, from the social and behavioral sciences to engineering and nursing," said Kintz.

"For future years, it would be neat to invite other area campuses, as I think is already done on a smaller scale. I could see Penn State-Wilkes-Barre, LCCC, Kings, and Misericordia students filling up Genetti's with their great work," expanded Anthony about the future endeavors of the conference.

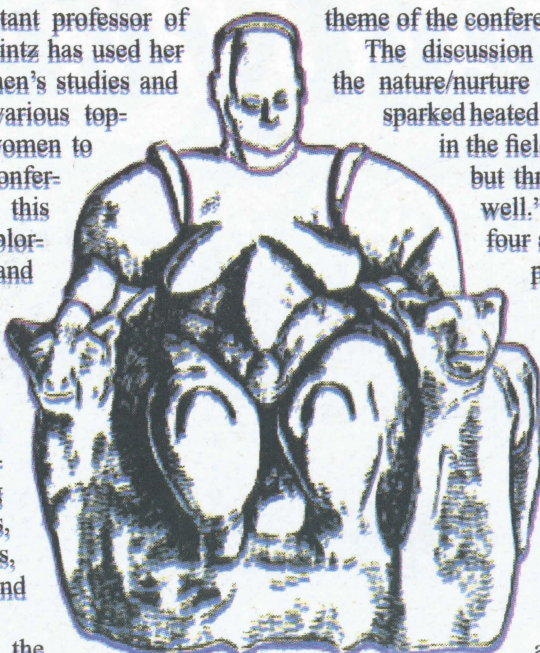


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This symbol, which is used for the program at Genetti's, is a famous Mother Goddess statue which was found at the Catalhoyuk site in Turkey. Mother Goddess statues represent motherhood and fertility.

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Warmer weather brings spring fever, lower class attendance

BY RUTH WHISPELL
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Entering her 8 a.m. history class Wednesday morning, Becky Stanton, an 18-year-old Wilkes freshman remarked, "It's so nice and warm out today. I can't wait till my classes are over!"—only to have a classmate inform her of the rain coming in the afternoon.

Stanton's association of the weather—warmth and sunlight—with productivity is not unusual. But how students respond to spring can be varied according to circumstance.

With spring's warmer weather approaching in northeastern Pennsylvania, more people can be found sitting outside on benches around campus or in the grass enjoying the early signs of summer's coming warmth.

For some, spring means allergies, but for those people with Seasonal Affective Disorder (SAD), as the days get longer, moods improve. SAD is a clinical depression brought on by diminished exposure to sunlight. Those who suffer from it can experience depression during the longer nights and shorter days of fall and winter.

Therefore, the earlier sunrise, that results from spring's daylight savings time shift, should encourage more energy among students and the earlier lights sends uplifting impulses to the brain.

But even for those without SAD, the return to warmer weather is something many students anticipate.

Dr. Edward Schicatanio, an associate professor of psychology at Wilkes said, "There are three things to consider with warm weather: what will students focus on, what meaning do they give this focus, and what will they do about it."

Schicatanio said unfortunately some students seem to focus on the warm weather instead of studying and going to their classes.

Michael Raub, the resident dining halls

retail manager said, "Usually the warmer weather doesn't decrease our meal attendances throughout the day, but I believe that is because of meal block plans. We do, however, have more catering for student groups who have picnics on the greenway, and sometimes the faculty will have a BBQ, which is something you wouldn't normally do in the winter months."

Freshman elementary education major Diana Cudworth feels the temptation to skip class when the warm, sunny days of spring arrive.

"I would like to skip class, but don't because I don't have anything else to do, so I may as well just go. But I hate the classrooms with no windows, or when the teachers close the blinds, because you can't even glance outside at the nice day," said Cudworth.

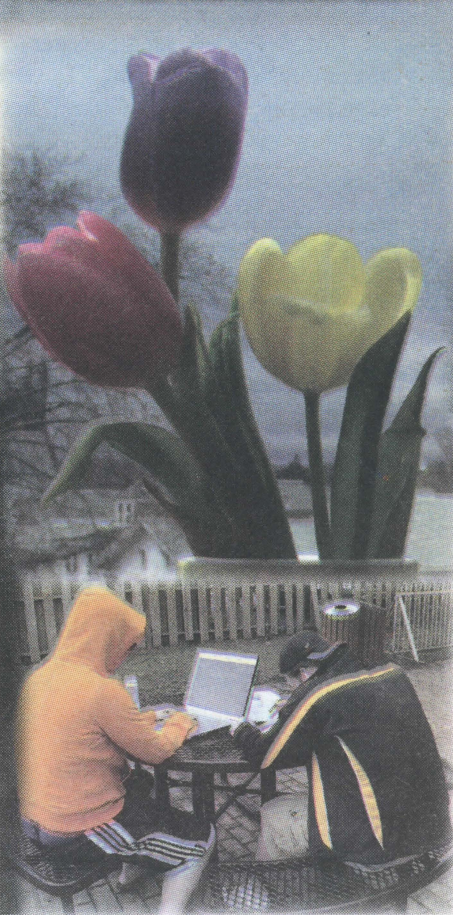
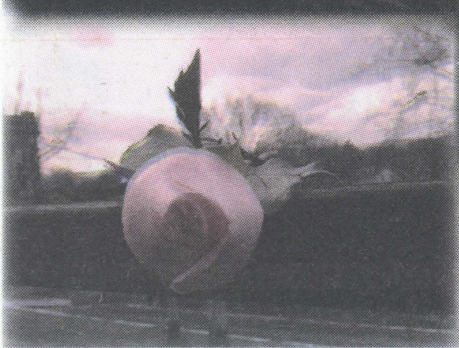
Dr. Kathleen Kemmerer, adjunct professor of English, said her class attendance does seem to fall off during pleasant weather, especially in the spring, unless the class is very focused on success.

"I certainly feel a mood change with the warmer weather, and I hear from many students they do as well. These past two weeks of cold weather have been hard on a lot of people; I definitely think the weather affects our mood," said Debbie Chapman, biology education specialist at Wilkes.

Chapman also said sometimes she observes a small drop in attendance at lectures, but nothing dramatic. "Spring fever does, for some people, cause them to study less, which of course results in lower test grades. But overall spring weather will be most appreciated around here," said Chapman.

Katie Jescavage, an 18-year-old freshman said, "I think warmer weather makes you happier. It gives you more energy. You just want to go outside, and you don't have to wear heavy clothes anymore. I'm looking forward to the end of school now."

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'Pride and Prejudice' to breathe life in Austen classic

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'Pride and Prejudice' has been a staple of American literature since its publication in 1813. Since then play adaptations have sprung up all over bringing the infamous characters to life.

Wilkes University's theater department will offer its own interpretation of Austen's classic on stage from April 2-5 in the Dorothy Dickson Darte Center. This particular adaptation of 'Pride and Prejudice' is by Jon Jory and was chosen by Naomi Baker, director of the play.

"I found five adaptations of 'Pride and Prejudice' total...I read the Jon Jory adaptation and read some reviews and some of the things they said was that the script was dry and that it had taken the romance and life out of it. Then I started re-reading the Jon Jory one and realized I didn't really see that at all," Baker said.

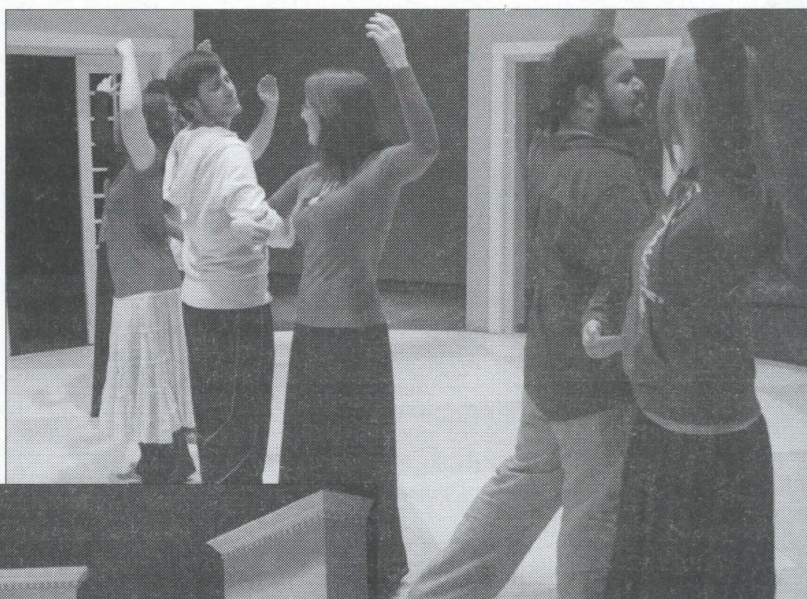
Jory's adaptation is done in a narrative style. At certain points the actors turn to the audience and address it directly. "I like the style. It's not realistic...it's clear from the beginning that they're telling the story of 'Pride and Prejudice,'" Baker said.

However, for some of the actors this has proved difficult. Bill McGovern, senior theater major who plays the role of Mr. Bennet said, "The British dialects have proven to be a bit difficult but I'm excited, really excited for this play."

Because the story of 'Pride and Prejudice' is so

well-known, it is important that the costumes and sets are reminiscent of the early 19th century. Jennifer Smeraldo, a senior theater major playing Lady Catherine De Bourgh said, "I do think that because it is well known that some audience members will come with certain expectations. The play takes place in many houses and gardens and such, so they will have to use their imagination, but I hope they will enjoy the show, even if it's not as cinematic as film can portray."

Kate McGurk, freshman elementary education said, "I haven't read 'Pride and Prejudice' before, but I think that's why it's nice to have plays made. You can get a feel for the book but get it in an hour rather than take weeks to read it. I also think the theater department does a good job at putting on plays, so I'm looking forward to it."



The Beacon/Ashley Ford

Above: Balls and dancing are a big part of the play because that is the only time young people in the 19th century are able to be together unchaperoned.



Left: The actors get a feel for the minimalist stage they will be performing on April 2 through the 5.

I Love You, Man...no really, I love this movie

BY KENNY BROWN
Beacon Staff Writer

Bromance. Man-dates. Brotherly Love, (without Philadelphia). What do we have here? We have yet another movie from the troupe of actors that have brought us such memorable weekend romps as Knocked Up, Forgetting Sarah Marshall, and Superbad. My friends, the film we are discussing is none other than I Love You, Man.

I Love You, Man follows the quick and crazy trail of Peter Klaven (Paul Rudd) on his journey to find a best man, and best friend before his soon to be wedding. Being a bit of a "nancy," Peter had never really had many male friends but more so

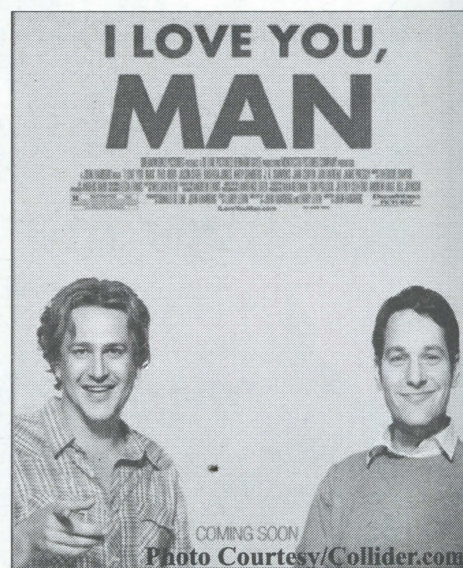
aquaintances. With a push from his soon-to-be wife, and his own growing need for male companionship, Peter starts to look into the realm of man dating, a new heterosexual craze where men can meet other men, for friendship.

After running every man dry, and having a hilarious one-sided make-out with Reno 911's Thomas Lennon and still not finding a friend, Klaven runs into Sydney Fife, played by Jason Segel (Forgetting Sarah Marshall). It seems it is man love at first sight. Crazy moments ensue. Lou Ferrigno is selling his home through Klaven and a fight breaks out between "The Hulk" and Fife. When Klaven and Fife become inseparable, Klaven's fiancée becomes a

bit flustered.

To put it in a nutshell I Love You, Man is a great new comedy with a twist that many love to see, a little bit of heterosexual man love. The jokes aren't overdone. The actors are wonderful. And the storyline is surprisingly original. Last but not least, you get to see Jason Segel battle Lou Ferrigno, and hey, who doesn't want to see that?

So before you go see The Haunting in Connecticut, Monsters v. Aliens, or god forbid 12 Rounds make sure to see I Love You, Man. You won't regret it. You may even be saying by the end of the movie, to the pudgy guy eating the popcorn on your left, I love you, man!



COMING SOON

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Corbin mixes it up as versatile new DJ

BY YOHANNA DE LOS SANTOS M.
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Sophomore communication studies major, Darnell Corbin, is well known around campus thanks to the numerous e-mail blasts and Facebook messages he sends to advertise entertainment options on campus as well as in the greater Wilkes-Barre community.

But it's more than his e-mail blasts and Facebook blurbs that have folks buzzing. Corbin is the latest to push his way into a crowded local DJ field, and by all accounts, he stands out in the crowd.

As a freshman, Corbin wanted to get involved in the 90.7 WCLH Wilkes University radio. However, his tight schedule as a full-time student, his work on campus, and football practice prevented him from getting as actively involved in radio as he would have liked. "I wanted to get adjusted, but I always had that love for music... since I was younger," said Corbin.

It wasn't until his sophomore year that he began to train and learn the ins and outs of what it took to host a radio show. He ap-

prenticed under then-Hip-Hop/R&B Music Director, Carlton Holmes. "From there it's history," said Corbin.

But what does it take to get started in an already crowded media field? Amanda Greene, radio host and producer of the Jeff Walker Show on 98.5 KRZ believes that it's a mix of guts and experience. Greene obtained her Bachelor's degree in mass communication with a minor in broadcasting from Five Towns College, a small private school in Long Island. During her years at Five Towns College she became involved in the college radio station where she got the idea of what the radio business is all about.

"I interned on a morning show at 106.1 BLI...we competed with Z100 in New York City and I kind of did assistant producing. Then, the assistant producer got fired, and I took as much responsibility as I could because I just wanted to soak up as much experience as I could. I did promotions, I would search for content, I would edit the website, and I would do as much as they wanted me to do just to get

the experience. I ended up becoming the executive producer of the show by the time I graduated college," said Greene.

At the end of the day Corbin said that, like Greene, he wants to become a radio host and produce his own show. Therefore, he took the initiative to advertise different events across platforms, "I'm just trying to build my resume, and be as well rounded as possible...So I just figured if I made my own show, produced my own show...I would make my resume look good while I apply for internships," confessed Corbin.

Without a doubt, best way to get the foot on the door after graduation is by having previous experience on a real market. "You have to intern. Being on air is not for everyone...you have to figure out your passion," said Greene.

Corbin's official on-air name is DJ D NELLZ, an abbreviation of his name and what his friends from New Jersey have called him ever since he was little. Another name is "Mr. I go in", which he uses just for fun on his radio show that airs Thursday nights from 7-10 p.m.

As a student he uses all possible resources he can reach in order to attract people, "I advertise for anything that involves parties, [or the MSC] fashion show. As far as the radio station, we are just trying to get as many listeners as possible. It is not only for my show, but for all the other hip hop DJs, and all the other DJs at WCLH," said Corbin.

Corbin believes that what sets him apart from other DJs is that he

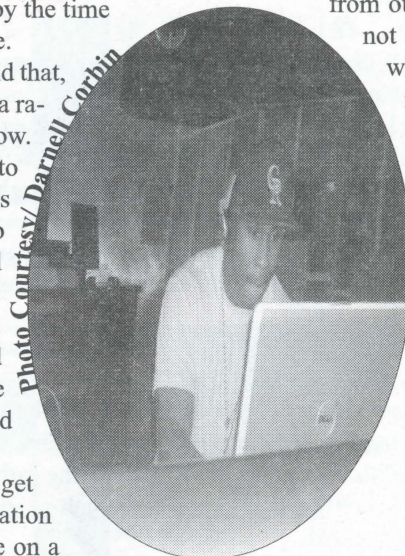
not only thinks about what makes him move, or what he likes, but he thinks about what listeners want to hear, "I think about the people first, before I think about what I want to listen to."

"I'm an in-the-club type of DJ. Before I go to any event, I

get a playlist, like a little rough draft, of what I want to play throughout the night. But at times things may change...but I have an outline. Sometimes I go from house club to reggae and then R&B. It may switch but I always go with at least a plan," said Corbin.

Corbin has recently been featured in four events, including two in which he was the DJ for the night at the Woodlands' Club Evolution. On his first event, February 26 he remembers, "It was a great time. I was real surprised. At first I was, you know, 'my first time.' It ended up being a big crowd, and it was a 'good time,'" said Corbin. To be able to perform at Club Evolution he is not required to bring a specific number or people as long as he does his job, Corbin clarified.

Going to the Woodlands to see DJ D NELLZ in action "...Was a different scene, because I go to the Mines a lot because is a lot closer. But since someone from our school is DJing there, I [had] motivation to go all the way up to the Woodlands, and I liked the music," said freshman Adrienne Dorcent, nursing major. Dorcent also believes that is even better to see people from diverse backgrounds when going to his parties.



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Wilkes Alum speaks at Barnes and Noble about novel

BY MATTHEW GOGAS
Beacon Asst. A&E Editor

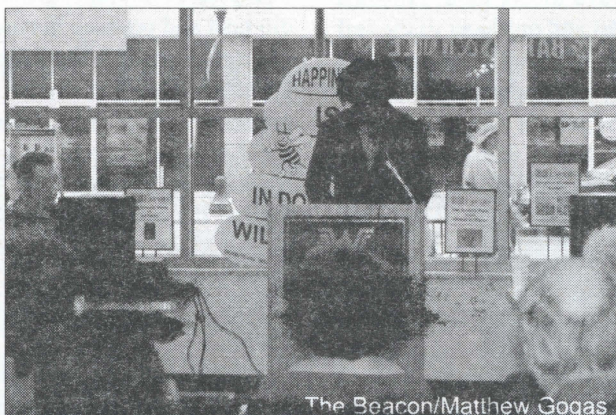
Every so often at Wilkes University, students are granted the pleasure of meeting an alumnus that has had great success in the real world. Marlon James, author and graduate student of the creative writing Master's program at Wilkes, read from his newest novel titled *The Book of Night Women*, which was published in February of this year. The public reading took place at Barnes and Noble Superstore on Main Street in Wilkes-Barre on Sunday, March 29 at 2 P.M.

Friends, colleagues, Wilkes faculty members, and customers of Barnes and Noble watched and listened as Marlon James read select passages from his novel. The book centers around the lives of Jamaican slave women, one in particular named Lilith, living in a slave estate in the early 1800's where they secretly rise up from their captors and form their own government.

"What I found most appealing was how he not only transports you in time, to the time that this novel takes place, but he also gives you real characters. As a native of the Caribbean, it was a rich retelling of history. I am proud of the connection between Wilkes and this gem that he has created," said Wilkes University Provost C. Reynold Verret, who attended the event.

Marlon James, now a visiting English professor at Ma-

calester College in St. Paul, Minnesota, came to Wilkes University for the creative writing program in 2005 and was in the first group of students in the program. James is also a Wilkes faculty member in the graduate creative writing program. When he came to the graduate program, he had



Marlon James captures audiences at Barnes and Noble as he reads excerpts from his new book, *The Book of Night Women*

already published his first novel, John Crow's Devil, which was a finalist for the Los Angeles Times Book Prize, the Commonwealth Writers Prize and was a New York Times Editors' Choice. When he was asked why he came to the creative writing program even though he was already an

established author he said, "Because writers need community. Being around writers and scholars was really rewarding. It was the first place, I think, that I could see a life as a writer. It was the kind of world I was looking for."

As a native of Jamaica, he started writing the book as his master thesis in the creative writing program. When he felt that he wrote his story into a corner, he took one of the character's memoirs and made that into his book.

Patricia Florio, a current student of the program, was inspired by James and attended the book reading to hear him speak.

"Marlon gives me hope that as a student in this program, I can achieve what he has achieved and I know I am on the right track," said Florio.

Friend and colleague, Dr. Jim Warner, now assistant director of the creative writing program at Wilkes, was also amongst the first students in the program. He was extremely proud to have Marlon speak about his new book.

"When you are building a writing community, it is always important to celebrate successes, especially when you have had the pleasure to watch someone's career start and develop. Marlon exemplifies the passion and commitment to writing and the writing life. We are proud to have Marlon give back to our writing community by doing a signing for his fantastic new novel *The Book of Night Women*--a book which began as his Master's thesis--at our bookstore and give a lecture here on campus," said Warner.

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Cost: \$3.5-\$7.00

Scranton Civic Ballet in Concert

Where: Scranton Cultural Center
When: Apr. 5, 2:00 p.m.
Cost: \$14.00

Into the Mystic:

A tribute to Van Morrison
Where: Mauch Chunk Opera House, Jim Thorpe
When: Apr. 4, 7:30 p.m.
Cost: \$18.00

March 24 Crossword Answers

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Crossword

BY DEVIN J. KING

Beacon Staff

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- 1 Firm and fresh food
- 6 Fiber from psychoactive drug
- 10 Sorcerer
- 14 Spiritual marijuana user
- 15 High-ranking sheik
- 16 Nerve fiber
- 17 Home Improvement actor
- 18 Not final or absolute
- 19 Color variety
- 20 Spying neighbor
- 22 Walking tool
- 23 Gray, aquatic bird
- 24 Squared block building stone
- 26 Ackbar's exclamation
- 30 "I have" contraction
- 31 To cut a shrub
- 32 Two related measurements
- 33 Slave
- 35 Old executioner's tool
- 39 Proper arrangement
- 41 Easily read
- 43 Child's demanding phrase
- 44 To switch places
- 46 Christmas carol
- 47 Malted barley beer
- 49 Possessive object
- 50 Many stuffed bears

Down

- 1 Rubbish or junk
- 2 Sound of troubled lungs
- 3 Store shopping walkway
- 4 Manner of walking
- 5 Emotion during finals week
- 6 What bars cause in morning
- 7 One that emits
- 8 Fermented soybean for soup
- 9 Un-, re-, or non-, for example
- 54 Violent uprising
- 56 Protagonist of "King Lear"
- 57 Excessively modest
- 63 Car or van, for example
- 64 Yugoslavian pres. From 53-80
- 65 Fuzzy Mogwai in "Grem-lins"
- 66 Egyptian God of fertility
- 67 6th hurricane of 2004
- 68 Used in a bow
- 69 Depression on surface
- 70 Popular police show
- 71 Many male deer

Across

- 9 Rage
- 10 Winning score in tennis
- 11 Towards the central axis
- 12 Slang for "going to"
- 13 To come upon stage
- 21 Sound is...
- 25 Bird call
- 26 Math or triangles
- 27 Wife of a rajah
- 28 Basic unit of matter
- 29 Soil below freezing point
- 34 Formation in Boulder, CO
- 36 Double reed woodwind
- 37 Popular winter activity
- 38 Snakelike marine animals
- 40 Seller of sliced meats
- 42 Muscle soother and laxative
- 45 Spy on a phone call
- 48 Foreign origin
- 51 Cloth or design of kilt
- 52 To use once more
- 53 Make dinner at home to save
- 55 Ancient Rome garments
- 58 Research on living tissue
- 59 Bad rumors or gossip
- 60 Hebrew priest of 5th cent. B.C.
- 61 Air pollution
- 62 Pulls, tugs, drags

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Baseball defeats Misericordia 6-4, wins 11th straight

BY DANIEL KAUTZ

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To say that Wilkes University's baseball team is on a roll right now would be an understatement; their 6-4 victory against rival Misericordia last Friday extended their winning streak to eleven straight games. The Colonels (14-4, 2-0) are peaking at a pivotal time in the regular season, as six of their next eight games are against Freedom Conference opponents.

"Our confidence is very high; the only thing is that we must control our confidence and stay level-headed," said junior pitcher/outfielder Tom Buckler. "The teams we face in the next couple weeks are very good

and we need to be at our best for all of them [...] We need to play each and every inning as if it were our last."

"I'd rate our confidence as a team at about an eight right now," added senior Eric Wetzel. "Misericordia could have easily beaten us the two times we played this week, but we were able to pull out the win both times fortunately."

Wilkes had already defeated Misericordia 3-1 earlier in the week on Tuesday, March 24, and their win over the Cougars on Friday would serve to be just as close. The Colonels led by the comfortable score of 6-0 after seven innings, but allowed Misericordia back in the game in the eighth when they exploded for four runs. They were able

to hold on, however, picking up the win and establishing themselves as a potential power in the Freedom Conference this season.

The Colonels' pitching helped set the tone for Wilkes; they received a strong starting performance from freshman Ryan Fetterman (W: 3-1) and impressive relief work from Mike Brennan and Sean Flecknoe who combined to throw two scoreless innings to close out the game. Fetterman went seven innings, giving up three runs (two earned) while striking out two, while Flecknoe recorded his second save of the season. Junior John Florance provided the offense for Wilkes, going 3-4 with three RBI and two runs scored on the day. His three-run home-run in the bottom of the fifth helped extend

the Colonels' lead to 5-0, giving them a bit of breathing room for when Misericordia staged its eventual comeback.

The two teams would remain scoreless after three innings before Wilkes broke through for two runs in the bottom of the fourth. Florance led off the inning with a double and would later score after senior Geoff Miller reached on a throwing error by Misericordia's pitcher, Steve Peet. Miller reached second base on the play and

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Geoff Miller (9) slides into home during the fourth inning on a failed pickoff attempt by Misericordia as Eric Wetzel (2) looks on.

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Lady Colonels split double header with Scranton

*Courtesy of Craig Merriman,
Sports Information Director*

Kristy Ordile and McLisa Bracone each tallied four hits in the first game to lead the Wilkes to a 9-1 win in the first game over Scranton. The Royals would score a run in the bottom of the 10th inning in the second game to win 7-6 as the two teams split a double header.

In the first game, Ordile and Bracone accounted for eight of the team's 13 hits, while Sarah Miller picked up her first home run of the season to snap the Lady Colonels three-game losing skid. Ordile had three singles and a triple, while Bracone scored and drove in a run.

The Lady Colonels jumped out to a 7-0 lead in the first four innings before Scranton got on the board with its lone run in the bottom of the fifth. Wilkes would tack on two more runs in the top of the ninth to all but put away the Royals.

Wilkes got on the board first in the top of the second inning on two hits, includ-

ing Miller's two-run blast to center field, scoring Cori Salter, who reached on a walk. The two runs would be all starter Lindsay Behrenshausen would need, as she picked up her third win of the season after throwing five innings, giving up one run off four hits.

The Lady Colonels busted out for four runs in the next frame thanks to three-straight hits by Gina Stefanelli, Bracone and Keelia Mailander. Mailander's hit would drive in Stefanelli before Bracone would cross home plate on a Scranton error. Saltzer's single to left plated Mailander to give the Lady Colonels a 6-0 advantage.

The top of the fourth saw Ordile triple down the left field line and would later score on a Bracone single to left.

Scranton would pick up three of their five hits in the bottom of the fifth, scoring it's only run, but left the bases loaded as Behrenshausen pitched a groundout to end the threat.

Ordile picked up her fourth hit of the

game, an RBI single to center to score Saltzer, after Kerry Finnerty scored from third on an error.

In the second game, Wilkes jumped out to a 5-0 lead after five innings, but the Royals came back to tie the game in their final two at-bats. Both teams would score a run in the eighth before Scranton would win the game on a walk-off single.

Alyssa Ciesla grounded out to second, but was enough to score Stefanelli, who led off the inning with a single. In the fifth inning, Sarah Elliot and Amanda Holston hit back-to-back one-out singles before Kathy Dalton doubled down the right line to score Elliot. Stefanelli would follow suit with a double to right center scoring both Holston and Dalton. She would go 3-for-5 in the game with two runs batted in and two runs scored.

Scranton erupted for six hits in the sixth inning, two of which were for extra bases, including a leadoff home run. A two-out rally in the seventh that saw the Royals cap-

italize on a Wilkes error as well as back-to-back hits. Three of their 13 hits would come in the seventh inning.

The Lady Colonels would break the tie when Erin Plank, who reached on an error, would come around to score on a base hit by Ordile. Scranton committed two errors in the inning, but Wilkes was unable to capitalize as it left the bases loaded.

Wilkes would have a defensive let down in the bottom of the eighth with two errors that resulted in a game-tying run. The pitching combination of Maureen Pelot and Kaitlyn Kormanik combined to give up just four earned runs in the loss.

In the bottom of the 10th inning, the Royals would get a base hit, scoring the runner from second base. Once the game went into extra innings, the international tie-break rule was in effect where a runner is placed on second base to start the inning.

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As they had done with James for the majority of the season, defenseman Deryk Engelland and center Jeff Taffe wore the alternate captaincies on their jerseys during Wednesday's game. But James's promotion distinguishes the winger from his fellow veterans in that he will be the go-to

guy as the Penguins continue their playoff push.

"I think to have one final voice in the room, one guy going to the referee in those situations, and one leader amongst a bunch of leaders which we have on our team is important to have," Reirden said. "Connor

will be used in that capacity."

And should Captain Connor need to deliver that motivational speech to his team down the road, he doesn't have to look that far for inspiration.

"I'm going to have a tutorial with Gover there in the back room," James said with a

chuckle Wednesday. "He's going to give me some tips."

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would later advance to third on a groundout by sophomore Shane Keister, before eventually scoring on a passed ball at third on an attempted pickoff. Florance's home-run would put them up 5-0 the next inning, and it appeared they would need to simply play on cruise control to get the win. An additional run in the bottom of the sixth added to the impression.

Things changed quickly in the top of the eighth, however. Fetterman allowed a lead-off walk to Misericordia's Cody Hack, before Mike Murphy doubled down the left field line. After an error and sacrifice fly, the Colonels' lead was cut to 6-2. It would shrink to 6-4 a couple of batters later following a Misericordia triple and groundout. Wilkes was able to end the threat soon after.

"I am very happy with our freshman this year," said Buckler. "Ryan Fetterman is outstanding on the mound for us. He won his first conference game Friday and he looks very sharp. Sean Flecknoe came into both conference games for us and picked up two saves in very tight games. Matt Ruch is solid in the box now and playing really well as well. Everyone has just been giving really positive contributions."

The baseball team's next game is tomorrow against Manhattanville in Purchase, New York, at 3:30 P.M.

Number 25 John Florance bats during the Friday March 27 game against Misericordia at Ralston Fields. The Colonels won the game 6-4 and are undefeated in their last 11 games.



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RINKSIDE REPORT



Three join Penguins, more expected in coming weeks

BY MICHAEL CIGNOLI
Beacon Staff Writer

As the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins continue their push to the playoffs, the team's roster is expected to continue expanding.

The club has already signed three players to amateur try-out (ATO) agreements. The Penguins added two Pittsburgh draft picks in Nathan Moon and Robert Bortuzzo last Monday before signing undrafted defenseman Lane Caffaro on Saturday.

"It gives them a little bit of a sneak preview of what they have to look forward to," said Penguins' interim head coach Todd Reirden. "Whether it's next year's rookie camp, or next year's training camp, this prepares them a little bit more for what's expected out of them... It also lets them know that while they've had successful junior careers, it's definitely a step up to play in the American Hockey League."

Moon, a 19-year-old center, joins Wilkes-Barre/Scranton from the Kingston

Frontenacs of the Ontario Hockey League. Pittsburgh's fourth round selection in the 2008 National Hockey League draft, Moon scored 32 goals and added 40 assists in 62 OHL games this season.

Bortuzzo, a 20-year-old defenseman, was Pittsburgh's third-round pick in the 2007 NHL draft. The blueliner appeared in 23 games with the OHL's Kitchener Rangers this season, registering one goal, 16 assists, and 49 penalty minutes.

Caffaro, 25, appeared in 135 games for Union College during his NCAA career. The defenseman registered 23 goals, 56 assists, and 227 penalty minutes while at Union, and led all Union defenseman with 22 points this season.

According to Reirden, the Penguins plan to bring in "pretty much everyone who is eligible that we feel has a future in the organization." In order to be signed, a player must have completed his junior or collegiate season. In other words, the sooner a

player's team gets bounced from the playoffs; the sooner he can be signed to an ATO agreement.

While not everyone who is brought into Wilkes-Barre on an ATO will have the opportunity to get into a game with the Penguins, the players still get the experience of practicing with the team and getting a firsthand view of what the demands of professional hockey are.

"It's great to be around these guys, seeing the pro practices, how intense they are compared to juniors, and what you have to get up here and the level you have to be to get this spot," Moon said.

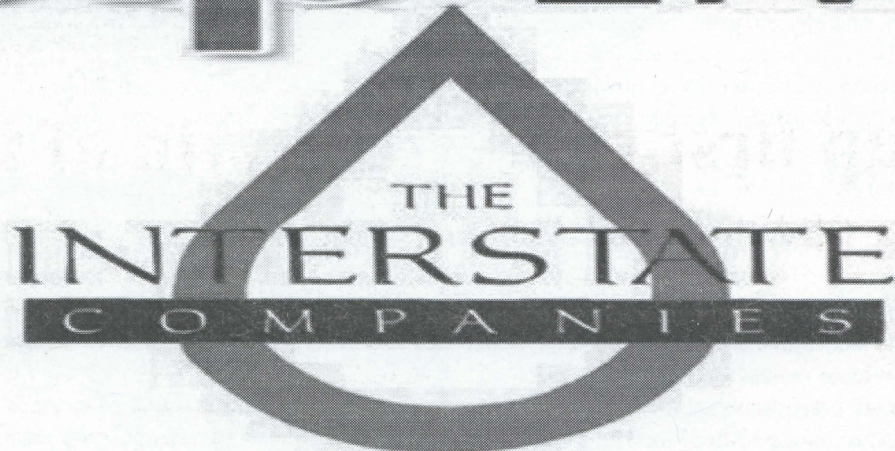
"It seems like a first class organization. They're spoken very highly of by everyone I've talked to. The facility is great, the guys are good, and I'm just happy to be here," Bortuzzo added.

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Colonels tennis remains undefeated

Defeats FDU-Florham

BY RYAN HOLMES

Beacon Correspondent

Blazing fast serves, straight sets, and dominant attitudes propelled the Wilkes men's tennis team to its fifth straight victory of the season against FDU-Florham. The Colonels swept at both doubles and singles, and the loss to Wilkes made the fifth straight on the season for FDU.

Lone senior Kyle Ungvarsky and his doubles partner Chris Cozzillio started off the day for Wilkes with a 9-7 win over Adam Geiger and Joe Li at the No. 1 spot. Shortly after Jeremy Nolt and Evan Katz dominated Nik Sharma and Kevin Ly 8-0 at the No. 2 spot to put the Colonels up 2-0. Wes McCollum and his partner John Rohrbach quickly disposed of Wes Harnett and Andrew Scamporino with an 8-2 victory to sweep the Devils in all three doubles matches.

The early season success has built the confidence within the team and has elevated the men to play at the top of their game. However, by all accounts, the Colonels success has not encouraged over confidence. Even in warm up, it's easy to see that the Wilkes athletes take everything seriously once they step onto the court.

"It's easy to keep a level head and stay grounded," said freshman Evan Katz. "The success hasn't gotten to us just yet. We all realize our talents, but we keep each other in line."

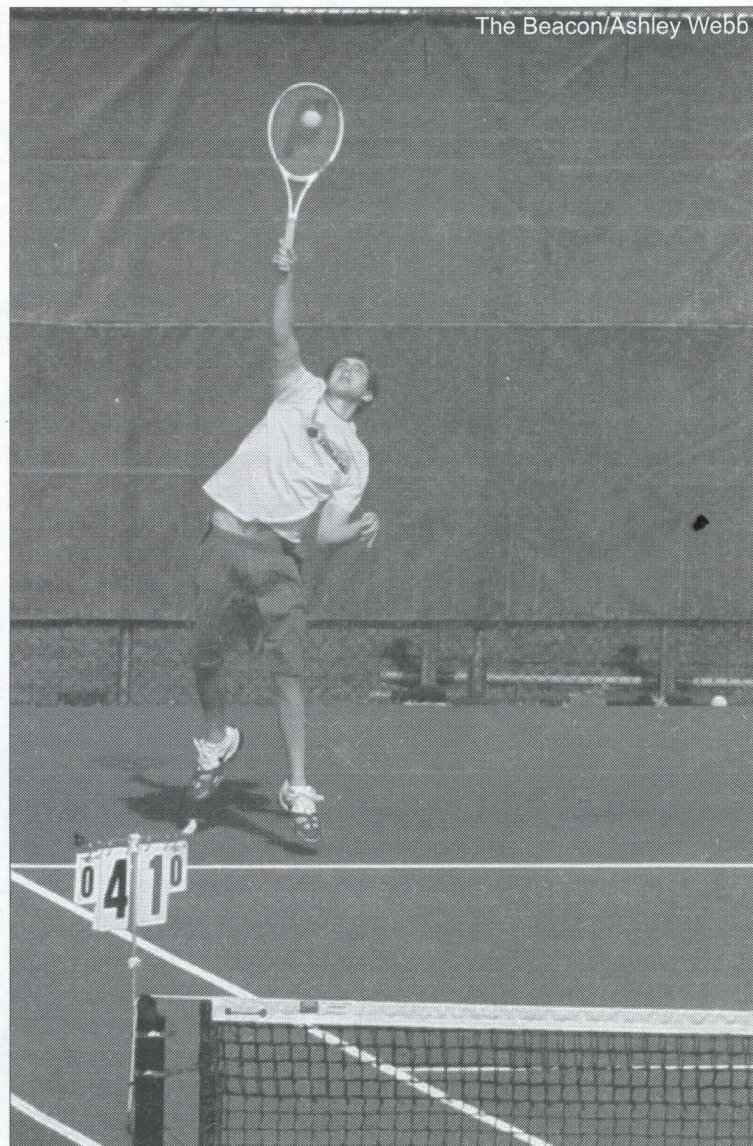
Katz battled the very talented Joe Li in his singles match, overtaking Li in straight sets with a 6-4, 6-2 victory. Jeremy Nolt posted the same scores against FDU - Florham's Adam Geiger at the No. 1 spot. Kyle Ungvarsky and Wes McCollum put up perfect 6-0, 6-0 straight set victories in their singles matches to send Wes Harnett and Kevin Ly to the benches at the No. 3 and No. 5 spots.

Sophomore Jon Rohrbach sent Andrew Scamporino packing in convincing fashion at the No. 6 spot with a 6-0, 6-2 victory. Last, but certainly not least, Chris Cozzillio overcame a "pre-game injury" and made his dominance known by beating Nik Sharma with a 6-1, 6-1 victory. Cozzillio's amazingly fast serves proved to be too much for his opponent who could hardly muster a return.

"We are a very close team and I think the success will continue if we keep playing and battling for each win we get this season," Katz stated.

The 5-0 Colonels travel to St. Davids, Pa. to take on the Eastern University Eagles on Saturday March 28 at 1pm. They return home Sunday March 29 to take on Elizabethtown University at 1pm.

A Colonels tennis player hits the ball during the home match against FDU-Florham. The team has won both their spring matches this season, first defeating Neumann 8-1 on March 14 and the FDU-Florham on Wednesday March 25.



Lacrosse picks up first conference win of the year

Lady Colonels defeat cross town rival King's

Story Courtesy of Craig Merriman,
Sports Information Director

The Wilkes University women's lacrosse team picked up its first MAC win of the year by defeating cross-town rival King's College 19-8 on Wednesday afternoon, snapping the Lady Colonels two game losing streak.

With the win, Wilkes now improves to 5-3 on the season and 1-2 in the conference, while the Lady Monarchs see their record drop to 0-6 on the year and 0-4 in the MAC.

The opening half was one filled with runs with the Lady Colonels taking an early 3-0 lead thanks to two goals by Melissa Polchinski and one tally by Brittney Hodnik. King's would quickly answer by getting back-to-back goals by Candice Russ and Alicia Cox

to cut the margin to 3-2 with 22:12 remaining, before Wilkes would score five straight to make the count 8-2 with just under 16 minutes left in the opening stanza.

King's answered the Wilkes run with four straight goals of its own to cut the lead to just two at 8-6 with 3:38 to go in the opening stanza, before the Lady Colonels gave themselves a cushion with three more scores before the break to take an 11-6 advantage at the intermission.

The second half saw Wilkes step up its defense, surrendering just two goals over the final 30 minutes. The Lady Colonels also kept their strong offense barrage going, finding the net nine more times, headlined by three goals apiece from Polchinski and Hodnik to post the final 19-8 margin.

Polchinski led all scorers, posting seven

more goals and one assist on the afternoon. Hodnik was right behind her with six scores and one helper, Kat Edwards added three goals, while Analicia Jost, Jordan Brown, and Amanda Tilley found the back of the net once each for the Lady Colonels. Allie Zukuft started and made five saves in goal, while Cassie Cronin played the second half and made three stops.

Cox and Russ scored two goals each to pace the Lady Monarchs, while Sierra Coleman, Kari Leach, Christina Glenn, and Taylor Tyne had one score apiece. Chrissy Keenan made 15 saves between the pipes for King's.

Lacrosse Leading Scorers

Brittney Hodnik	- 59
Melissa Polchinski	- 54
Kat Edwards	- 28
Amelia Farnham	- 26
Amanda Tilley	- 26
Jordan Brown	- 19
Analicia Jost	- 15
Rachel Greenlaw	- 7
Stephanie Harkins	- 6

RINKSIDE REPORT

James named 15th captain in Penguins' history



BY MICHAEL CIGNOLI
Beacon Staff Writer

With his team clinging to a 3-2 lead at the second intermission of last Wednesday's game, Connor James pondered if there was anything he should be doing in the locker room to turn things around.

Hours earlier, James was named captain of the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins, a team that saw a three-goal lead vanish in a matter of minutes against the Grand Rapids Griffins.

"I was thinking, 'Is this what I'm supposed to do now, give a big win-one-for-the-Gipper speech?'" James said after Wednesday's game. "But everyone was calm in here, we knew what we had to do. Guys realized that we couldn't do what we did in the second period."

James scrapped the speech idea, and the Penguins pulled it together in the third period to earn a 5-3 victory, which eased the captain after his first day wearing the "C" on his jersey.

"It was a little nerve-racking. I haven't done it since midget. But we've got a great bunch of leaders on this team," James said. "Everyone does a great job. Not really anything changed, except for the sweater."

Previously, James had served as one of the three alternate captains for Wilkes-Barre/Scranton. He took over the captaincy from Dave Gove, who has been sidelined due to injury since November. Interim head coach Todd Reirden said that naming James captain does not necessarily rule Gove out for the year.

"At this point, I really wanted

to have a captain going through these final nine games and then going into the playoffs," Reirden said. "If Dave Gove comes back, he'll be able to have his captaincy back. It's certainly not any slight to him."

Once Reirden decided that a new captain was necessary, James was the obvious choice. The winger is in his third season with the Penguins' organization and has established American Hockey League career highs with 29 assists and 46 points.

"He's the engine that drives our bus in terms of work ethic and passion for the game and desire to get better," the coach said. "He's been here for three years, putting time into this organization. Certainly a guy that was a logical choice."

James's teammates supported the decision.

"It's great. He's been around three years now. Obviously everyone gets along with everybody in the room and when he talks, everyone listens," said winger Chris Minard. "It's great for him."



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Connor James traded in the "A" on his jersey for a "C" last Wednesday when he was named captain of the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins.

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