

# The BEACON

THE NEWS OF TODAY REPORTED BY THE JOURNALISTS OF TOMORROW

## V-Week Promotional Campaign Creates Campus Stir

BY GABE LeDONNE  
Beacon News Editor

For the past couple of years, the "Vagina Monologues" have been a major event performed at Wilkes to promote the "feminine spirit" and raise awareness about women's issues, particularly domestic violence and rape.

However, the advertising ploys for the play and the larger week-long event, "V-Week," have stirred many members of the local community. Posters asking provocative questions such as "What does your vagina look like?" and "What would your vagina wear?" have created strong opinion, among many at Wilkes. The posters are designed to promote discussion by allowing people to respond to the questions by writing on the otherwise blank poster-sized sheets.

Some Wilkes students have responded to the poster questions by writing or drawing obscenities or making jokes of the work.

At Wednesday's Student Government meeting, several representatives raised concerns about the advertising choices of the V-Week organizers.

Freshman Class President, Kelly Leach, disapproved of the organizers' tactics at the SG discussion, saying, "It was

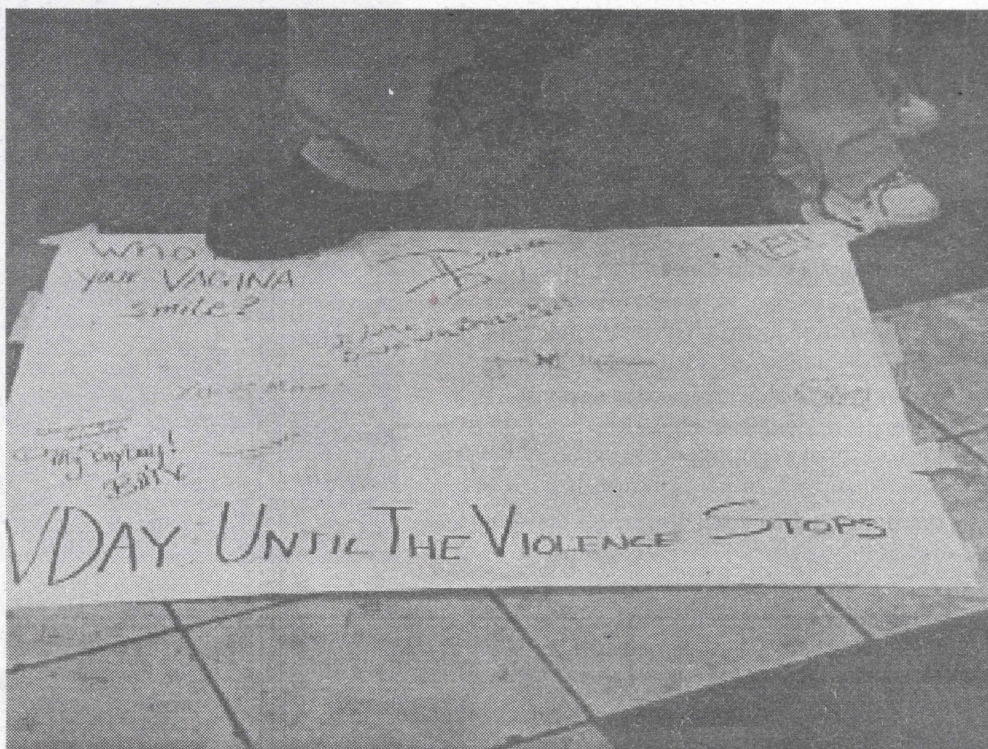
a really bad idea. It's embarrassing when parents and students come on campus and they all see that everywhere." She added, "It's not what Wilkes represents."

Liz Roveda, sophomore class president, who also works as student tour guide, agreed, saying, "It was tough when there were prospective students coming in. You had to explain to them why they were doing what they were doing." She added, "I think some people were appalled."

Leach and Roveda's sentiments have been supported by several within the Wilkes community who felt the advertising tactics were inappropriate.

Monica Cardenas, a junior English and communication studies major, felt that the posters went a little too far. "I think most of the decorations were a great way to create a buzz on campus; however, I am concerned that some of the banners gave some people the wrong idea about what the monologues are all about." Cardenas added that one of her biggest fears is that the posters will dissuade people coming to the play because "a lot of people feel that the posters are in poor taste."

In addition to the posters, many felt that the "graffiti" chalk drawings on the front sidewalk were also inappropriate.



The Beacon/Mick Jenkins

This poster, which asks "What makes your vagina smile?" is one of the many that have raised eyebrows around campus. The poster seen above faced the physical disapproval of some students.

The sidewalk featured the titles, "Vagina Friendly Zone" and "Rape Free Zone." Shortly after the graffiti was created,

Stir  
continued on page 5



The Beacon/Kristin Hake

Three Communications Studies majors recently took first place in the "Stay! Invent the Future" marketing contest sponsored by Penn's Northeast. The students created an oversized brochure and designed a website promoting the area. From left to right: Jim Cummings, contest judge and president of Penn's Northeast; Anna Cervenak, judge and director of external affairs for Verizon; Jennifer Marks, a sophomore communication studies major from Forty Fort; Melissa Jurgenson, a junior communication studies major from Long Island, NY; Gabrielle Lamb, a junior communication studies major from Kingston; Dr. Andrea Frantz, Wilkes University Assistant Professor of Communication Studies from Dallas; Alissa Antosh, judge and editorial services manager for Wilkes University.

## Writing Center Goes Online

BY DENNIS FERENCHICK  
Beacon Editorial Board Chair

After a year and a half of planning and preparation, the Wilkes University Writing Center has added a new component to its service.

Launched recently, the Online Writing Center (OWC) will allow members of the Wilkes community to take advantage of the center's services from the comfort of their living quarters.

Traditionally, the Writing Center has offered its services to faculty members, staff members, and students who need help with a piece of writing they might be working on. In the past, however, acquiring this assistance required physically

showing up to the center itself. With the conception of the OWC this is no longer necessary.

"The OWC provides a way for students to submit their papers without having to come to the Writing Center," said Senior Laura Osborn, Online Writing Center Coordinator. "Half of Wilkes students are commuters, and as a commuter I know how difficult scheduling can be. This way, students who work, commute, or otherwise, can send their papers to the OWC, and devote the time to their paper when it is convenient for them to do so."

According to Dr. Janet Starnier, Director of the Writing

Center, the OWC will also expand the center's hours, which are currently 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Tuesday-Thursday.

"One of the things we wish to do [with the OWC] is have assistants available in the evenings and on the weekends," said Starnier. "We have a handful of people who have volunteered to do this kind of consulting and a coordinator [Laura Osborn] who will gather all the submissions

Online  
continued on page 2

### Index:

News.....	1-5
Editorial.....	6-7
Features.....	8-10
Arts & Entertainment.....	11-14
Sports.....	15-19
Calendar.....	20



## SG Happenings

The Running Club was approved as a club, passing with a vote of 24-0-2.

There was open discussion about the "Vagina Monologues" advertising methods. Dean Allen announced that he would have a meeting with the event organizers later today.

As part of Tri-council, Jason Leach discussed options for increasing voter registration among the student body. Ideas included incorporating voter registration drives with other student events.

CC President Lindsey Wotanis discussed the possibility of using car boots

to enforce parking in campus lots instead of towing the vehicles through an outside company.

OCC President Kyla Campbell announced that there will be a hoagie sale, which will be running within the next two weeks.

## Online Continued from page 1

and then parcel them out to the various consultants.

"One of our major goals is to make it more convenient for the students. We hope that this will provide them with an alternative to coming physically to the Writing Center, though we don't want to discourage anyone from doing that. We're more than happy to have students come in for face-to-face conferences."

In order to submit a piece of writing to the OWC, a student must first fill out an online submission form. After completing the form, the student can then attach his or her paper in the designated box. A response can be expected within 48 hours.

According to Dr. Starnier, the idea of the form is not only to gather information on the student's paper, but also to get the student thinking about his or her writing.

"I'm hoping that through the process of filling out the submission form itself, there will be a sort of awareness of the writing project that the student might not otherwise experience when he or she comes into the center," explained Starnier.



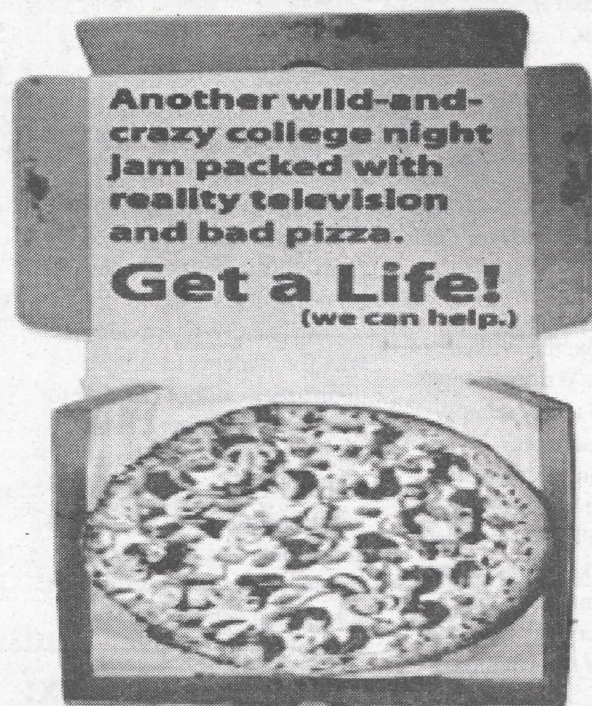
The Beacon/Kristin Hake

Students will now be able to submit their writing assignments online for consultation.

"If the student is having to answer questions about the paper, which is the way we have the form set-up, and think about

the paper as the submission is taking place, my assumption is that the process will lead to some thinking about the writing as well."

### introducing our online edition



**Calendar.** Find something to do. See what's going down on and off campus.

**Cash for College.** Sure, college life costs money. We'll even help you find scholarships.

**Headlines.** Isn't it about time you brought something to the conversation.

**Daily Horoscope.** That's right, we know what the future holds.

**Movie Listings.** Go watch the latest suspense thriller before someone ruins the ending for you.

**Weather.** Now that you're going out... Umbrella? Coat? Flood gear?

[www.wilkesbeacon.com](http://www.wilkesbeacon.com)

## The Beacon

Box 111

Wilkes University  
192 South Franklin St.  
Hollenback Hall  
Wilkes-Barre, PA 18766  
(570) 408-5903

E-mail:

wilkesbeacon@hotmail.com

### Staff

#### Managing Editor

Marcus Sowcik

#### Editorial Board Chair

Dennis Ferenchick

#### Asst. Opinion Editor

Amanda Darbenzio

#### News Editor

Gabe LeDonne

#### Asst. News Editor

Joseph DeAngelis

#### Asst. News Editor

Gabrielle Lamb

#### Features Editor

Bridget Giunta

#### Asst. Features Editor

Kristen Bradigan

#### A&E Editor

Jessica Skutack

#### Asst. A&E Editor

Raphael Cooper

#### Sports Editor

Kevin Sickle

#### Asst. Sports Editor

J.J. Hanson

#### Photo/Graphics Editor

Kristin Hake

#### Asst. Photo/Graphics

Editor

Mick Jenkins

#### Online Editor

Mike Burke

#### Advertising and Business

Manager

Dave Grasso

#### Faculty Advisor

Andrea Breemer Frantz

### Background Info

\* Established in 1944

\* Member of the Pennsylvania Newspaper Association

\* Printed on Thursdays, with the exception of holidays

\* 1,500 papers distributed weekly



# News Briefs

Courtesy of the Associated Press

## Airman sentenced in theft of Porsche belonging to Nicholas Cage

HILLSBORO, Mo. (AP)—An airman stationed at Scott Air Force Base in Illinois has been sentenced to five years in prison for stealing a 1989 Porsche 911 belonging to actor Nicolas Cage.

Michael Gramling, 20, of the St. Louis suburb Arnold, pleaded guilty last year. He was sentenced Monday in Jefferson County Circuit Court.

In January 2002, Missouri Water Patrol divers found the \$100,000 car at Lake of the Ozarks, submerged in 12 feet of water. It had been stolen a month earlier from a parking lot in Arnold while in a transport trailer on its way from California to Pennsylvania.

Another defendant, Scott Air Force Base airman Robert Clerkin, 21, was previously tried on stealing charges in a military court and sentenced to six months in the stockade. His sentence also includes a rank reduction, forfeiture in pay and a letter of reprimand.

## Poll finds few Americans favor war unless U.N. approves

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Most Americans approve of President George W. Bush's Iraq policy but they don't want a war without United Nations backing, according to a poll by the *Los Angeles Times*.

Sixty-five percent of those polled agreed that the United States should take military action only with support of the U.N. Security Council, while just 30 percent said the United States should act without it, the poll released Tuesday showed.

Just over half of those polled said they would approve of a U.S. invasion if "some allies such as Great Britain" took part.

Nearly three-fourths said they would support U.S. military action against Iraq if weapons inspectors find evidence that Iraq has "failed to dispose of its weapons of mass destruction."

If the president does order a U.S. ground attack, 57 percent of those polled would support his decision, while 38 percent would oppose it. Fifty-five percent said they trust Bush to make the right decision about going to war.

In a December poll, the *Times* found 58 percent supported a ground attack on Iraq. In a *Times* poll in August, 64 percent said they would support a ground attack. Last January, the *Times* and other polls found support for military action at more than 70 percent.

Overall, the president scored well in the current poll on his handling of the Iraq crisis. Nearly three-fifths of those polled approved while nearly three-fourths approved of his response to the threat of terrorism.

But Bush's overall job-rating approval plummeted to 56 percent, down 7 points since December and the lowest *Times* poll figure in his presidency.

The poll of 1,385 adults nationwide was taken from January 30 through February 2. It had a margin of error of plus or minus three percentage points.

## Woman found dead at record producer Phil Spector's mansion; Spector arrested in shooting

ALHAMBRA, Calif. (AP)—Acclaimed music producer Phil Spector was arrested for investigation of murder after police found a woman shot to death at his castle-like mansion, authorities said.

Spector, 62, whose "wall of sound" technique transformed 1960s pop music, was freed Monday night after posting \$1 million bond. He had been arrested before dawn after the body of 40-year-old Lana Clarkson was found, Los Angeles County sheriff's Deputy Richard Westin said.

Clarkson's lawyer, Roderick Lindblom, confirmed Tuesday that she was the actress who starred in the 1985 movie "Barbarian Queen" and had minor roles in "Fast Times at Ridgemont High," "Scarface" and "Blind Date." She also appeared in numerous commercials and television shows.

Authorities wouldn't comment on her relationship with Spector.

Los Angeles County sheriff's Lt. Daniel Rosenberg said Clarkson was found in the foyer of the mansion, which is 15 miles northeast of Los Angeles. He said deputies found the weapon used in the slaying but declined to say where in the house it was located.

The call reporting that shots had been fired came from inside the residence, Rosenberg said. Authorities towed away a black Mercedes-Benz.

"I heard the boom, boom, boom. It was about three or four shots," neighbor Terrie Arias told Los Angeles television station KNBC. "I just ignored them because I never thought it was a shooting."

# Making a Case: Powell Presents Tapes, Satellite Photos to Show Iraq Is Deceiving U.N.

Courtesy of the Associated Press

Secretary of State Colin Powell, relying on a stream of U.S. intelligence, urged the U.N. Security Council today to move against Saddam Hussein because Iraq has failed to disarm, harbors terrorists and hides behind a "web of lies."

His presentation in the packed council chamber included satellite photographs, intercepted conversations between senior Iraqi officers and statements from informants that could make or break support for going to war to disarm Iraq. Russia, France, China and other council members skeptical of the need for a military confrontation now said they would review the evidence and demand answers from Baghdad. But they endorsed continued weapons inspections and diplomatic efforts to avert war.

France and Germany went further, calling for strengthening the inspections regime that was already toughened up in November under a Security Council resolution crafted by Washington and adopted by an unanimous council.

Iraqi: Attempt to Justify Aggression

Three months after Iraq pledged that it would disarm, Powell presented his evidence to a high-level audience of foreign ministers and ambassadors in an appearance that was televised live to an anxious world. While he spoke, Iraqi TV carried a day-old interview with Saddam.

Iraqi officials dismissed Powell's case as a collection of "stunts" and "special effects" that relied on "unknown sources" and were aimed at undermining the work of the inspectors.

"What we heard today was for the general public and mainly the uninformed, in order to influence their opinion and to commit aggression on Iraq," Lt. Gen. Amir al-Saadi, an adviser to Saddam, said in Baghdad.

The overwhelming majority of the Security Council believe Iraq must do more to cooperate with inspectors and disarm. But of the 15 council members, only the United States and Britain have voiced support for forcibly disarming Saddam — though Spain and Bulgaria are also expected to take part in any coalition against Iraq.

U.S. Gauging Reaction

The Bush administration's next step is to decide whether council members are willing to support a new U.N. resolution specifically authorizing force against Iraq.

President Bush has said that the United States — with or without its allies — will forcibly disarm Iraq if it does not immediately comply with U.N. resolutions. But winning U.N. approval would mean the United States could share the costs of war and rebuilding in Iraq and would be operating with the support of the interna-

tional community.

A senior White House official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the next 24 to 36 hours will be critical as Powell gauges reaction. The key is France, one administration official said. If President Jacques Chirac insists on vetoing such a resolution, Bush won't seek one.

But if Powell determines a resolution can be adopted, the next step would be to determine what it might take to get consensus on the measure. One option is adopting a deadline by which Saddam would have to comply, though officials said it was too soon to put that issue on the table.

For many at the United Nations, a visit to Baghdad this weekend by the chief weapons inspectors, followed by their next reports to the council on Feb. 14, will be critical for any decision on war.

Britain, America's closest ally, prefers a second resolution but would join forces with the United States against Saddam without one.

British Foreign Secretary Jack Straw said Powell made a "most powerful" case today. Saddam is "gambling that we will lose our nerve rather than enforce our will," Straw said.

Al Qaeda Ties and Chemical Labs?

In an 80-minute presentation, Powell claimed that Saddam has had a relationship with al Qaeda dating back to 1996 and was now allowing followers of a senior associate of Osama bin Laden to roam freely around the Iraqi capital.

Powell said satellite images such as this one show Iraqi defiance of disarmament resolutions. (ABCNEWS.com)

Saddam, in an interview broadcast Tuesday in London, forcefully denied that his government has weapons of mass destruction or a relationship with al Qaeda.

In his presentation, Powell asserted that Iraq bulldozed land around a chemical complex in 2002 in order "to conceal chemical weapons evidence" and hid mobile biological weapons labs on at least 18 flatbed trucks.

Powell played audiotapes of what he described as intercepted phone conversations between Iraqi military officers. One was a purported discussion about hiding prohibited vehicles from weapons inspectors. Another dealt with removing a reference to nerve agents from written instructions.

The chief weapons inspectors, Hans Blix and Mohamed ElBaradei, told council members at a private lunch after the presentation that they would study the details of Powell's report, diplomats said.



## VITA Program Assists with Tax Returns

BY GABRIELLE LAMB  
Beacon Assistant News Editor

The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program (VITA), in conjunction with the Internal Revenue Service and the Pennsylvania Department of Revenue, is currently offering free tax service to senior citizens and lower-income individuals.

The service is held every Saturday in February from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Breiseth Hall room 108.

Approximately fifteen junior accounting majors, who work on a volunteer basis, perform the service. They prepare basic federal and state income tax returns for their clients, while applying the skills they have learned in the accounting program.

Ms. Cynthia Chisarick, Associate Professor of Accounting, has served as the faculty coordinator since its inception in 1984. She said the students' time and effort is the key to making VITA a success.

"Student participation in VITA is totally voluntary. Every year they enthusiastically embrace the program and look

forward to the experience," said Chisarick. "Strong student support and dedication have been key elements in the long-term success of the Wilkes VITA site since I started it in 1984."

According to Chisarick, the clients who benefit from this service are so grateful to the tax assistance program that they return annually.

"The clients regularly express their appreciation to the students," noted Chisarick.

Tara Smith, a junior business major, who got involved in the program through one of her accounting courses, is one of the four student coordinators this year. Her main job is to greet the people and make them feel comfortable, while preparing some tax returns.

"Since this is my first experience, I do not know if the same people come every year," said Smith. "But the people I have spoken with said they have been (at VITA) in the past."

Smith is currently experiencing

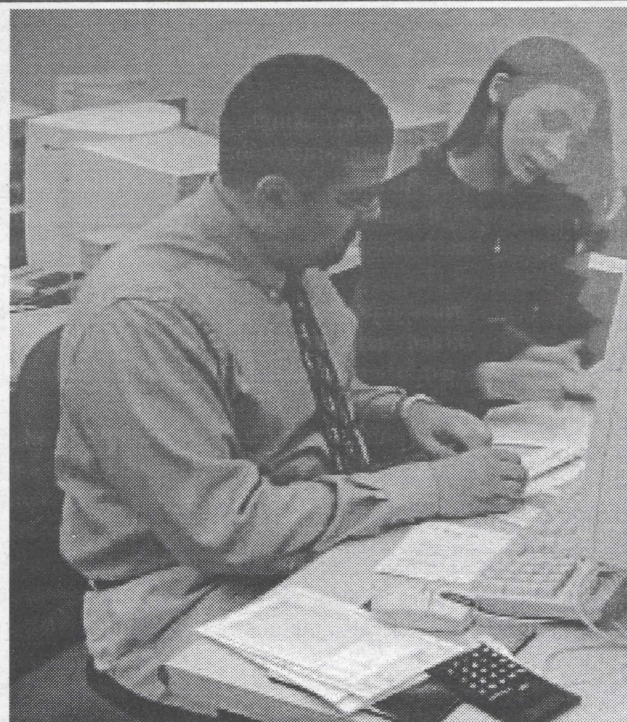
firsthand what it is like to the help the people who need it most. The experience has been incredibly positive for her so far.

"It's a good program because it gives students a chance to do some hands on work while helping out less fortunate people who can't afford to pay to have their taxes done," said Smith.

Because many of the people the service benefits are lower-income, Smith feels even better about her decision to help.

"It is good to see their faces when they find out they are getting a refund," said Smith. "You really see how much the people appreciate VITA, which makes you feel good."

Since the service started this year on Saturday, February 1, the students have already prepared nearly 20 income tax returns, both federal and state,



The Beacon/Kristin Hake

Wilkes students carefully prepare their client's tax returns and look forward to preparing plenty more before the program ends this month.

## Wilkes Students Lend Helping Hand to V.I.S.I.O.N.

BY JEFF GELLER  
Beacon Correspondent

Wilkes University will open its doors this week to temporarily house and offer hot meals to less fortunate individuals of the Wilkes-Barre community.

Wilkes students will have a chance to volunteer with the Luzerne County Chapter of V.I.S.I.O.N., which stands for Volunteers In Service In Our Neighborhoods, as homeless men associated with the program are housed in the basement of Conyngham Hall.

According to Parris Ward, the shelter coordinator, V.I.S.I.O.N. is a non-profit traveling shelter for men. From week to week those men associated with V.I.S.I.O.N. stay in different churches, schools, and other charitable organizations who have agreed to sponsor them. Not only does V.I.S.I.O.N. help

find a warm bed for the homeless, but the program also helps set up employment and transportation. The V.I.S.I.O.N. program is designed to help everyone in need as long

V.I.S.I.O.N.  
continued on page 5

INSPIRED BY HOT RODS, SUVs AND DARWIN.



GET THE FEELING. TOYOTA.  
toyota.com

Starting at \$15,155. Model Shown \$18,095.



Seats five, has 53 cubic feet of cargo space, and is available with 180 hp and a 6-speed manual shift. Even evolution can't fully explain it.

©2002 TOYOTA MOTOR SALES, U.S.A., INC. BUCKLE UP! DO IT FOR THOSE WHO LOVE YOU. \*MSRP INCLUDES DELIVERY, PROCESSING AND HANDLING FEE. EXCLUDES TAX, TITLE, LICENSE, OPTIONS AND REGIONALLY REQUIRED EQUIPMENT. ACTUAL DEALER PRICE MAY VARY.



# Final Four Candidates Announced in Dual Dean Search

BY GABE LeDONNE  
Beacon News Editor

Last week, The Dean Search Committee submitted its recommendations for the newly approved CASPS split.

The committee, made up of four faculty members, one administrative representative, one staff representative, and two student representatives, offered two possible candidates for each open Dean position within the two newly created schools of Science and Arts and Humanities.

The candidates for the position of Dean of the School of Arts and Humanities include: Dr. Darin Fields, Chairperson for Humanities and Dr. Thomas Baldino, Professor of Political Science. Candidates for the position of Dean of the School of Science include: Dr. Dale Bruns, Professor of Geoenvironmental Science and Engineering, and Dr. Ming Lew, Associate Professor of Math and Computer Science.

In January, the Board of Trustees approved the proposal to move ahead with the splitting of CASPS.

Provost, Dr. Marvene Loeschke, who first proposed the split of the current CASPS, explained the process for searching for the deans.

"Immediately after we were given the O.K., we started the internal search for our two deans."

Loeschke clarified her reasoning behind looking to fill the positions internally. "I did this for two reasons. One, I believe that there is an incredible amount of leadership in this faculty...and I knew that we could find some very good candidates from right here. Secondly, it's much more

cost effective to do an internal search."

The provost explained that an external search can cost upwards of \$100 thousand. "Often a university, I think mistakenly, feels as though they must do an external search, rather than come up with an internal candidate, having spent all that money. I'd rather not spend all that."

Dr. Mike Garr, Associate Professor of Sociology and Anthropology, heads the search committee and commented on the selection process that the committee went through. "The issue in a selection process like this where the candidates are internal to the institution is one of 'fit.' The process is a consideration of the candidates' administrative experience, vision, and leadership style, among other issues, with what was expected as listed in the job description."

Those who did "fit" the criteria, Baldino, Bruns, Fields, and Lew, will be subject to a long day of interviews in the upcoming weeks. Each candidate will be interviewed by the Deans' Search Committee, the Faculty Affairs Committee, the provost, chairs, faculty/staff, and students. The student interviews are open to all students, and will be held in Weckesser Hall, 1st floor, at 4 p.m.

Lew will be the first candidate interviewed on February 7. He commented that his application for dean was largely based on prior affiliations with administrative positions.

"My experience last year as Chair of the Faculty Affairs Council and this year's experience as Faculty Associate to the Provost has sparked an interest in academic administration. I believe I have developed a good working relationship

with the administrative staff that is built on mutual trust and respect. I would love the opportunity to build on that. I am also intrigued by the opportunity to help shape the future of the College of Science and Engineering."

On February 10, Bruns will interview and conclude the search process for the committee for the School of Science. Bruns explained that although the two new dean positions will be different from the current CASPS position occupied by Dean Bonnie Bedford, it will be "nonetheless difficult."

"Immediately after we were given the O.K., we started the internal search for our two deans."

- Maravene Loeschke  
Provost

"The new Dean of the College of Sciences and Engineering will need to provide leadership that places Wilkes in a renewed education and technology role on a community basis in NE Pennsylvania, along with building a critical regional (and national) academic reputation. In contrast to the "internal" focus needed under the CASPS structure, the new college structure will require an 'outward' looking leadership strategy," Bruns explained.

The interviews for a new Dean of the School of Arts and Humanities will launch February 12 with Fields' interview. He touched on the fact that a large reason for submitting his application came from those around him.

"The constituents of the institution (students, faculty, staff, and administration) are communicating and working positively together. These factors create a climate that makes a difficult job like being a dean potentially more productive and more

appealing."

He added, "Many close friends and colleagues felt that now was the right time for me. I sat on the fence for most of the fall as this process unfolded. During that time I was often approached and encouraged to seek out the position. That encouragement from others made me look inside myself to see if I felt I was ready. I value deeply the work I have done as a faculty member and as chairperson of the humanities, but I do feel ready for a new challenge."

Rounding out the interviews will be the final slot

designated for Baldino February 13.

Baldino recently reflected on his approach if he were in the position

of dean. "I would want to assure myself that the departments and programs within the college are as vibrant and healthy as they can be. I believe it's important to build any new programs on a strong foundation. Thus, once I am assured that a solid foundation exists, I expect to facilitate the development of new, interdisciplinary majors, such as the new media program. I happen to think that Wilkes' tradition as an excellent liberal arts college makes it possible to create interesting majors or concentrations with the many professional programs the University now has."

Once the interviews are complete, the provost suggested that a final decision should be made by her, and approved by the president, "hopefully, by the end of February." Once the decision is made, the two new deans will work closely with Dean Bedford transitioning into their positions, formally taking their posts on June 1.

## V.I.S.I.O.N. Continued from page 4

the men agree to the "zero tolerance" substance abuse policy.

"With the weather being the way it is this week, it's a good thing to be here," said Ward. "On Monday we had 35 men here and today we got 5 more, and with the weather continuing to drop to colder temperatures we expect the numbers to rise." Ward also mentioned that the cold weather has brought in more men and put a strain on the program financially.

This semi-annual event has been coming to Wilkes University for over ten years. According to Gail Minichiello, Coordinator of Community Service, there are a number of ways students can participate. "One way of participating is to donate your dinner meal on your meal plan card. Another way would be to just come down and serve the meal or just talk with the men about their experience," Minichiello said.

According to Ward, "There is nothing better to these men than an open ear or someone willing to take the time to sit down and talk."

On Tuesday a mix of twenty Air Force ROTC cadets, along with representatives from student government served meals to the homeless men.

Josh Behler, freshman cadet Fourth Class, felt that the experience opened his eyes. "I enjoyed this experience; I never realized there was such a need for an organization. The reason I did this was because I felt I needed to understand people before I am ready to lead, and this will help me to understand people," said Behler.

Some of the organizations participating with V.I.S.I.O.N. this week include Air Force ROTC, Student Government, Pre-Professional Society, Commuter Council, and Arnolds Air Force Society.

Minichiello emphasized that in conjunction with these organizations, students have the opportunity to get involved and make a difference.

"While these organizations are going to be there, it's always beneficial to have more people come down and volunteer," said Minichiello.

## Stir Continued from page 1

facilities removed the drawings; V-Week organizers quickly replaced the drawings, only to have it washed off again.

However, event organizers Amanda Leigh Brozana, junior communication studies major, and Susan Gilroy, junior education major, defend their decision to use the posters. "It's just another body part. People are exposed to it daily," Gilroy said. "Most people that are uncomfortable either have one, or are dating something with one. And all of them came from one. They're scared to come out of their little box and think about these kinds of things."

Brozana commented, "Most of those questions were based from her (Eve Ensler's) own questions to her subjects, to see how they reacted and what monologues she got out of them. We wanted to see what kind of monologues we could get from Wilkes campus."

Despite their reasons, some within the student body don't agree with the organizers' position, and at Student Government's

meeting, Dean Mark Allen announced that he and Director of Student Affairs, Donna Thorton, would be meeting with the V-week organizers today to discuss their methods. "Normally, before people put posters up, they show them to either me or my secretary to find out if they can hang them." However, Thorton pointed out that the V-Day posters were never approved to be hung.

Although Thorton has the authority to remove the signs, she chose not to yet because "I know that it's a sensitive issue...with what they're doing." Thorton reasoned that she will make her decision after today's meeting.

But Brozana said, "There was no demand to us made by any administrator within the university. If someone had a problem, they could have easily come to us...no one has." She also pointed out, "This has been done on other campuses, and has worked very, very well."



# The Final Frontier: Humankind Advances Through Space Exploration

After 23 years, and 28 missions, the space shuttle Columbia exploded over Texas on Saturday--taking seven lives with her. And once again, our world stopped, our hearts sank, and our lives changed forever.

As we've been bombarded with the images and stories of the accident, and remembrances from the people who knew the astronauts, we empathize with the families, coworkers, and friends. And we feel a sense of personal loss as both a nation and a race.

But as many of us pause to mourn, we wonder what it is exactly we are trying to do--what were we trying to accomplish that was worth the lives of those seven people, and the heartache of those who cared for them? Is risk in the name of science, technology, or human advancement, really worth it?

Absolutely.

The history of our quest for knowledge and advancement has never been without risk.

From Columbus' loss of the ship, Santa Maria, to Magellan's mutiny and death during his attempt to circumnavigate the globe, to the innumerable failed attempts of flight prior to the Wright Brothers' success in 1903, stretching the bounds of human condition and knowledge has always come with risk and loss.

The space program, of course, is no stranger to tragic failure, either. In 1967, the Apollo 1 mission lost three astronauts in a training fire. Nineteen years later, the Challenger mission took seven. And now this week...

It seems as though every generation is reminded of the dangers of exploration. But what is important to remember is that despite these reminders, we still move on--and eventually we succeed. The Apollo missions carried on, and took us to the moon. The space program continued after Challenger, and it has given us new insights into the world beyond.

But what is the importance of the space program today? To some, the zenith of the space program was accomplished on July 20, 1969 when Armstrong, Aldrin, and Collins

landed Apollo 11's Eagle on the Sea of Tranquility. We won the race to the moon, and that was that.

But so much has happened since then. In the over 100 shuttle missions since 1981, they've given us information on meteorology, allowing us to track and predict weather, and thus saving lives here on Earth by being able to know where a hurricane will hit land in time to evacuate. From those missions, scientists have also gathered invaluable information about atmospheric conditions like ozone levels, and have conducted experiments on air pollution, tectonic activity, tropical rainfall,

space craft. You just don't need people there. In fact, people become a hindrance to whatever you want to do in space."

Roland's incredibly dense opinion characterizes those who fail to realize the true significance of space. Man, the race, has an unquenchable thirst for knowledge and experience, and many of the unanswered questions lie in space. As Florida's Senator Bill Nelson, who flew on the last shuttle mission before the Challenger tragedy, said, "It's very much a part of our character as a people. It used to be that our frontier was westward, but now our frontier is upward."

As long as there have been people brave enough to look beyond the horizons, to search for something new, there has been a critic behind them trying to tear them down. But time and again, the critics have been silenced (albeit temporarily) by success. One of the best cases of this was in 1962, when President John F. Kennedy directly addressed those who didn't see the importance of space travel, or lunar landing.

"But why, some say, the moon? Why choose this as our goal? And they may well ask why climb the highest mountain? Why, 35 years ago, fly the Atlantic? Why does Rice play Texas? We choose to go to the moon. We choose to go to the moon in this decade and do the other things, not because they are easy, but because they are hard, because that goal will serve to organize and measure the best of our energies and skills, because that challenge is one that we are willing to accept, one we are unwilling to postpone, and one which we intend to win, and the others, too."

--President John F. Kennedy, Houston, Texas, September 12, 1962.

For more information on the Shuttle tragedy, visit:  
[www.cnn.com](http://www.cnn.com)

## Shuttle Tribute Beacon Editorial

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

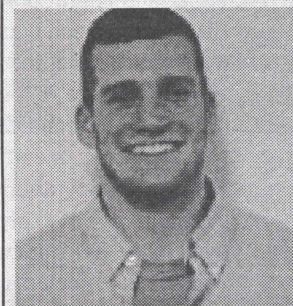
and countless other experiments that directly affect us here on earth.

The STS-107 crew of Columbia were themselves returning after having conducted 80 scientific experiments all with goal of continuing to better understand everything around us.

In short, the modern-day space program has furthered our knowledge about our planet, our universe, and ourselves.

Despite these important contributions to our knowledge pool, some still think that space travel has flown its course. In an NBC News interview, Prof. Alex Roland from Duke University said, "Anything that you want to do in space...you can do better, more efficiently, more effectively, and more cheaply with an automated

# Vagina Monologues Not Presenting Clear Image



BY J.J. HANSON  
Beacon Assistant Sports Editor

The 'Vagina Monologues' are here again and how my conservative soul is beaming with excitement. There is nothing I enjoy more than having the word "vagina" force-fed to me every time I step foot on campus.

This weekend the Monologues are coming to Wilkes, but I don't believe that the student body is receiving the correct message from the ardent advertising campaign.

I truly believe that what the "Vagina Monologues" stand for is a noble purpose, but I am distraught by the means by which this message has been delivered. Clearly the ad campaign that has been plastered throughout the Wilkes campus has backfired.

While walking through Breiseth Hall, I came across a sign that tastefully asked, "What does your Vagina look like?" Well my less mature brothers in arms had a field day with this one. How did they match this tasteless display of sexual expression? Well, they drew more extreme examples of sexual expression. My personal favorite was the depiction of a young lady performing oral sex for a gentleman who seemed to be quite pleased.

A common argument among feminists is that men should not objectify the female body. We shouldn't stare at naked women in magazines and movies. Instead we should objectify the Vagina in the name of rape, and violence against woman? Perhaps I am taking your message out of context, but this seems a bit hypocritical to me.

Rape is a terrible and disgusting thing to which no person should be subjected, but that does not justify glorifying it in a vain attempt to heighten

awareness. I have seen first-hand how "rape hysteria" can get out of hand. I have been witness to young men being accused of gang rape. In a case such as this there are no innocents. One is guilty until proven innocent, and if cleared of the accusation, the label of 'rapist' does not easily vanish.

In the case of the young men accused of gang rape, everybody turned their backs because everyone assumed they were guilty. Friends disappeared, coaches retreated, and administration aimed to crucify.

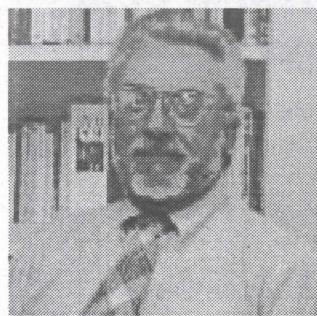
In the end the group of young men were cleared and received a formal apology from the investigating officers for the ordeal they had been put through. But, for those young men the ordeal was a harrowing experience. This may not be a common occurrence, but it happened here and four men's lives were almost destroyed as a result.

I joke and poke fun at the topic of the "Vagina Monologues" because that is my style, but it is a serious subject. Those responsible for bringing the performance here are to be commended, but should rethink their advertising campaign because the overzealous presentation is discrediting the message and turning many people off.

When I heard of the "Vagina Monologues" as a sophomore I was interested to see what it was. As a senior I see the advertisements and think, "What is this trash?" I hope you change your advertisements because you are making a mockery of a dangerous and scary subject for everyone involved.



# I Don't Know It All



BY JACK GRIER  
Visiting Assistant Professor of English

I don't know it all, and that is a pretty good reason for trying to learn as much as I possibly can.

The dual natured question that presents itself to a student on a college campus is, "What is it that I am supposed to be here for, and what is it that I am supposed to become?" There is such a short period of time - four to five years - (it only seems that there is never enough time to get that paper done or study for the test) when one truly has an opportunity to expand one's mind and create the openness of a mind that allows ideas to germinate and grow.

The three areas where growth occurs in all college students either by active pursuit or by happenstance are social awareness, mastering the knowledge needed to be successful in one's chosen field and broadening one's intellectual concepts.

When a student becomes a part of a college community, that student is taking on a responsibility for himself or herself as well as for all of society to develop and become as much as one can. The experiences of cliques of the past in high school or the confining attitudes that one acquires from growing up in a small geographical community or in a controlling family need to be remembered but not adhered to as operating systems when one enters college. The time has come to have the bud of one's mind turn into a beautiful blossom for its own sake and for the sake of others.

In college, one encounters new and revolutionary ideas which force each student to grapple with thoughts that usually have not been encountered in the safety of one's first eighteen years of life. Long held beliefs and values are questioned and reaffirmed or discarded, as each is understood in view of new evidence. What once was absolute and indisputable becomes questioned and examined and refined. And this is as it should be.

The purpose of college is to provide the critical environment where each student's mind can best grow and incorporate what needs to be learned by that particular individual. Learning means growth in the ability to comprehend new discoveries and

to discriminate and choose between competing philosophies and sets of facts. Learning means growth in more than just the field of expertise the student is mastering.

While in college, the student faces the difficulty of simultaneously sifting through all the academia to which he or she is exposed and determining what is worth incorporating and what should be discarded--for each student a very important individual decision--and still finding time to relax, develop friendships and enjoy the experience of growing up. Becoming well-rounded is one of the fundamentally important parts of the college years.

It is extremely important at this stage in life that each of us learns to interact with and becomes accepting of various different groups of individuals. This is when life-long attitudes are formed that shape our dealings with and acceptance of other human beings. Do we learn tolerance and diversity or do we form closed--often inaccurate--opinions of others? Do we learn to deal with others whom we have not grown up next door to and do we learn to foster an appreciation of their race, ethnicity, religion or other difference, which may at first seem to isolate us from each other? Do we learn that others do

not view all aspects of life the same as we do and that there are many viewpoints with which we may not have been previously familiar but from which we can learn?

Similarly, we grow by mastering our chosen field. Once each of us has decided what it is we wish to do with our lives professionally, we dedicate ourselves to mastering that particular area and learning as much about it as we possibly can by being instructed verbally in class and spending what may seem like forever reading and researching and using different media to facilitate our growth. By becoming individual experts, each of us becomes able to aid others in a particular area or in a unique way since no one can be all things to all people. We all learn to find a niche where each of us can be successful and happy and we keep refining that area our entire lives.

Of equal importance, I believe, is learning about and understanding to some degree those many areas where we are not expert. If we become so myopic that we individually believe our particular area of specialization is the most important one or the only one worthy of intellectual curiosity and study, then we belittle our fellow human traveler and set ourselves up for a

precipitous fall. We can all, however, develop ancillary areas of interest. Hobbies and the pursuit of personal interests expand our minds and introduce us to friends not found in our major field of study.

I don't know it all, and I can't do it all, and I am so thankful that there is someone who can help me when I need help. I am neither a doctor nor a nurse but there have been times when I have needed both. I am neither a plumber nor a mason but my leaky pipes and crumbling chimney have needed the expertise of both. I am neither a soldier nor a politician but, at times, each has helped preserve my freedom to write this article. I am neither a mathematician nor a scientist but each has aided my understanding of life and the universe.

I don't know it all and I now know I never will, but as long as I can breathe and think, I will keep trying to grow in my understanding of others by meeting them and interacting with them; I will keep trying to become more knowledgeable in my chosen field, and I will try to broaden my awareness of all areas of life in general--primarily by reading/discovery--because once I was a college student and I thought I knew it all. I was wrong.

## Unity: The Importance of a Singular Physical Space of Wilkes



BY BILL ANDROCKITIS, JR.  
Beacon Staff Writer

Wilkes University is nearing its 70th birthday, and as such, the students and faculty should take this opportunity to reflect on both the good and bad qualities of the institution.

I, for one, believe that the good far outweighs the bad; just look at the educational opportunities that are afforded to all Wilkes students, from a wide array of classes and majors, to many extracurricular activities. Wilkes really is the big name school with a small, community-oriented campus.

Wilkes students can attest, however, that not all is hunky-dory. Space is a critical issue at Wilkes, from the never-ending

parking issues to where to house more students. As class sizes continue to grow with an influx of students, the need for more parking and more student housing also increases.

Wilkes is also blessed with some open space; specifically the Greenway. It provides an excellent location for special events, and is just as great for spur of the moment events like football games and sunbathing (when the weather is warmer, of course).

Wilkes had the foresight to take the area between the two largest learning buildings and set it aside. But as they say, hindsight is 20-20. The Greenway as it stands now is little more than a chunk of open land. Grass takes up 90 percent of the ground space, with narrow sidewalks and minimal landscaping filling it out.

The Greenway now also has another problem: water runoff--or the lack thereof. After a steady rain or when the snow melts, the Greenway becomes a mud bog, more suitable for growing rice than for holding special events. Year

after year the grass has to be replanted after it is torn up through the winter.

In the best case scenario, a bulldozer should be brought in, and just remove everything from one side to the other. Remove the waterlogged sod, remove narrow sidewalks, and remove the walkways outside of the library that don't lead anywhere.

A new drainage system is essential to move water off of the Greenway so that it dries quicker, and can be used instead of avoided. Wider walkways would also help a great deal, instead of having to pass people by walking in the mud or grass.

Better landscaping would improve the area greatly, and help with water drainage. Add to that some more seating, and the Greenway would be an even greater asset to the Wilkes community, one which can be not only more aesthetically pleasing, but more functional as well.

And that is what Wilkes needs: something to better tie its community together. The Wilkes

University of today is a bunch of buildings in Wilkes-Barre that comprise a school. With a little planning and work, the campus can be much more unified.

Many times throughout the fall semester, I heard students asking where certain buildings are. Perhaps they have no sense of direction, but I believe that it has to do more with the lack of a unified appearance to the campus.

That doesn't mean we should knock down all of our older structures and build clones of a big box with classrooms. Part of Wilkes's uniqueness on campus now is its collection of historic buildings.

Instead, greater planning should be done in order to incorporate the buildings into the campus. A standard type of sign or marker to designate the building as a Wilkes property is a good start. Whether it be a plaque on the building itself or a free standing sign in front of it, all Wilkes buildings should receive the same.

There are also many smaller

things that can be done to make the campus look more unified. Take for instance the sidewalks across campus. On the Greenway alone there are several different widths and styles of walkways. Seems kind of silly, but people notice, at least subconsciously. Rather than using whatever material is cheapest and available at the moment, greater planning of layout and design should be taken from large construction like buildings, to smaller things like widths and styles of sidewalks.

Wilkes University is an amazing institution, with a long and interesting history. As it nears its 70th year in existence, we need to take the steps to ensure its success for another 70 years, being careful to fix the small problems as well as the larger ones along the way.



# CASPS Split Complete, Dean Searches Commence

## *School of Science Dean candidates interview this week*

In January, the Wilkes University Board of Trustees approved the proposal submitted by Provost Maravene Loeschke that would split the current College of Arts, Sciences and Professional Studies into two separate entities. The titles of the two new schools will be the School of Arts and Humanities and the School of Sciences.

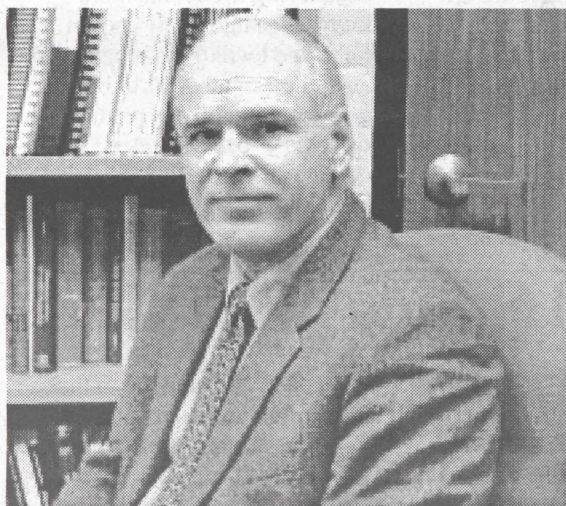
In its commitment to educate the Wilkes community as fully as possible about each candidate, this week *The Beacon* will feature the two Dean candidates for the College of Science, Dr. Ming Lew and Dr. Dale Bruns. In next week's issue *The Beacon* will feature the remaining two Dean candidates for the College of Arts and Humanities.

Dr. Ming Lew's interview will take place on Friday, February 7, and Dr. Dale Bruns' interview will take place on Monday, February 10.

All information courtesy of <http://course.wilkes.edu/2Deans/Documents/science/>.

### DR. MINGLEW:

The decision of the University to split the College of Arts, Sciences, and Professional Studies into the College of Arts and the College of Sciences signals the next



Dr. Dale Bruns

phase in the reorganization of Wilkes University, and further clarifies and defines the role this institution is to have within the region. The opportunity to be involved with accomplishing the shared vision as articulated by the President is the motivating factor for my interest in applying for the position of Dean of the College of Sciences.

The Dean of the College of Sciences serves as the academic administrator for the college. In this role, the "good" dean must represent the college, provide a clear vision, where the decisions are made in an inclusive, logical, and timely manner, and always keep the interests of both the faculty and administration in mind while decisions are being made. An effective dean must also provide the planning, support, and allocation of resources in order for the college to fulfill its mission to the best of its ability.

I believe my previous work and professional experience working as director of the Advanced Placement Summer Institute, chair of the Faculty Affairs

Council, and my current position as Faculty Associate to the Provost has helped me develop some of the leadership skills necessary to be an effective dean.

As the chief administrator of the college, the Dean is responsible for monitoring department budgets, allocating funds, and overseeing the facilities of the College. My experience as director of the Advanced Placement Summer Institute has exposed me to some of these responsibilities on a smaller scale. The Advanced Placement Summer Institute is a weeklong course for high school teachers who teach advanced placement courses, allowing three graduate credits towards a Master's Degree in Education. As director for the 2000 Summer Institute, I was responsible and accountable for all portions of the Institute. This included the hiring of course instructors and faculty consultants, maintaining the Institute budget, organizing and arranging housing and classroom space, acquiring textbooks and technological support, and overseeing the entire week's activities. Additional responsibilities included the review of course instructors (by course observation and student evaluations), and ensuring the quality of instruction in the Institute. The 2000 Institute was very successful, with over 100 teachers in attendance, and generating in excess of \$100,000 in revenue.

As the chief academic officer of the college, the Dean must articulate a clear vision, and make decisions that support the achievement of that vision. In order to get the support of the college in the decisions, the Dean must generate an environment of collaboration, inclusion, and openness in order to make these informed and reasonable decisions. Only then can the college truly work towards its mission.

As chair of the Faculty Affairs Council, I aspired to create this environment among the faculty. In addition to setting the agenda and presiding at committee meetings, I developed a set of annual goals and objectives for the FAC. This was particularly useful as it helped guide the committee in its annual work. The FAC chair is also responsible for setting the agenda and presiding over general faculty meetings. Because faculty meetings are business meetings, and the time allocated for such meetings is limited, business must be completed efficiently. Streamlining the way the faculty conducts its business included the use of email and attached PDF documents to ensure the faculty remained updated on current issues. Looking back at my time as FAC Chair, I believe my biggest contributions to the faculty was to pave the way for an open line of communication between all constituencies of the university, and to develop an inclusive, collaborative

environment that promotes the free exchange of ideas.

The Dean will also be responsible for making recommendations to the administration that affect the constituencies of the college. This includes personnel and policy recommendations. In my current role of Faculty Associate to the Provost, I am assigned two major projects that directly affect the faculty. The first is chairing the Handbook Revision Committee, which is charged with completing a comprehensive review and editing of the Faculty Handbook, to be presented to the faculty for approval. The committee's goal is to have an approved revision of the Faculty Handbook by January 2004. Of particular importance to the committee is the need to clarify issues regarding faculty personnel issues, including faculty appointments, tenure, and promotion procedures. My experience with this committee has given me insight into the necessary balance between the needs of the administration and the needs of the faculty, and the necessity to continuously evaluate and refine these needs. The second project assigned to me involves the review of current compensation practices for full-time faculty. My review has included an analysis of regional and national data from both AAUP and CUPA, and numerous discussions with both faculty members and administrators to help me understand and clarify our compensation philosophy. This project has emphasized the importance of developing a strategy for compensation, and utilizing the expertise of members of the institution to help develop this strategy.

The style of leadership that comes most naturally to me is a proactive, rather than a reactive one, with a focus on building relationships, fostering growth and progress, and working in a collaborative fashion to achieve common goals. I believe it necessary to delegate work to faculty who have expertise and strength in specific areas, and seek the collective wisdom of the college in helping to make tough decisions. I have made the decision-making process as inclusive as possible so that the individuals or groups who are affected by these decisions have the opportunity to participate and let their voices be heard. Since many of the decisions have a direct impact on the student body, it is critical that the student body be represented in discussions when appropriate. My previous experience as a faculty advisor to Student Government assures me that there are students who truly care about Wilkes, and want to see it thrive and grow just as much as the faculty, administration, and the Board.

I believe I possess the qualities and skills to lead the College of Sciences, and can add to the value of the college through a leadership style that values openness, collaboration, enthusiasm, flexibility, and humor. The bottom line is that everyone is

on the team, and we are all working towards a common goal: To provide the best possible education for our students, and at the same time, create an atmosphere where everyone is involved and contributing to the mission. This cannot be accomplished by only one person, nor should there be an



Dr. Ming Lew

expectation that an individual can fix every problem. I look forward to the opportunity to discuss my qualifications and to address the needs of the College of Sciences.

### DR. DALE BRUNS:

I would like to apply for the position of Dean of the College of Science and Engineering. I have enclosed a copy of my resume along with a philosophy of leadership statement. Also, as part of this letter of intent, I have included a vision statement and goals for the new college. I am optimistic about the future of Wilkes University, and I value the participatory approach to strategic planning initiated by Dr. Gilmour and his management team. I sense a renewed enthusiasm from scientists and engineers at Wilkes due in large part to Dr. Loeschke's efforts to articulate, advocate, and facilitate a new academic structure - one appropriately aligned to realize the academic excellence and student enrollment goals of the strategic plan.

I would welcome the opportunity to be part of the Provost's management team of academic deans and chairs under the new college structure. Dr. Loeschke has stated clearly her goal of teamwork and shared leadership; the benefits of her efforts have been in evidence during her short tenure at Wilkes. Although I believe that I have the required experience and management skills to contribute to this team effort, I would like to grow in this capacity and would welcome new mentoring and leadership training opportunities in the position of Dean.

From 1991 to 1999, I served as Chair, and later as Co-Chair (1999-2002 with Dr. Halsor), of the GeoEnvironmental Sciences and Engineering (GSE) Department at Wilkes. These positions have afforded me opportunities to pursue academic goals

### Deans

continued on page 9





### Adam Navarro-Jusino

**Hometown:** Lewisburg, PA  
**Major/Year:** International Studies/Sophomore  
**Q: What was your favorite concert?**  
 A: Nas  
**Q: Who is your role model in life?**  
 A: Christopher Carleton  
**Q: If you could be one person for a day, who would you be and why?**  
 A: J-Lo, because she's got some junk in her trunk!  
**Q: What are you doing tonight?**  
 A: Engaging in the evening's festivities!  
**Q: What's in your cd player right now?**  
 A: The G.O.D.S.O.N.



### John Paul Prego

**Hometown:** Willow Grove, PA  
**Major/Year:** Mechanical Engineering/Junior  
**Q: What was your favorite concert?**  
 A: It is probably a tie between Creed and Good Charlotte.  
**Q: Who is your role model in life?**  
 A: My dad  
**Q: If you could be another person for a day, who would you be and why?**  
 A: The President, just to see what it would be like.  
**Q: What are you doing tonight?**  
 A: Probably some studying and then going to a bar.  
**Q: What's in your cd player right now?**  
 A: Breaking Benjamin

### Lindsey Schlott

**Hometown:** Warwick, NY  
**Major/Year:** Elementary Ed & Psychology/Sophomore  
**Q: What was your favorite concert?**  
 A: Zootopia  
**Q: Who is your role model in life?**  
 A: Carrie Bradshaw  
**Q: If you could be one person for a day, who would you be and why?**  
 A: Jennifer Aniston--be married to Brad Pitt.  
**Q: What are you doing tonight?**  
 A: Watching The Bachelorette.  
**Q: What's in your cd player right now?**  
 A: A mix cd I made over break.



## Deans Continued from page 8

after my previous experience as a scientist for an R&D engineering firm at a U.S. DOE national laboratory (see below). Under my leadership, the department has expanded both its academic and research programs in several ways to the mutual benefit of Wilkes, our students and faculty, and the regional community.

First, we took full responsibility for the environmental engineering program and further developed our environmental curriculum in both science and engineering sub-disciplines. To achieve this, we recruited and hired three new environmental engineering faculty, showcased GIS and faculty grants in student recruitment, and achieved full ABET accreditation for the first time in the department's history. During the ABET accreditation visit to campus, our reviewer made special note of our interdisciplinary approach and successful team efforts in the GSE Department.

Second, under my leadership as Chair or Co-Chair, GSE Department faculty wrote a number of federally funded research proposals to DOD and EPA that resulted in more than \$4.5M over the last ten years. This research effort includes over \$650K in overhead, lab fees, and research support to Wilkes University. Also, budgeted line items in these grants for software, hardware, and instrumentation allowed us to enhance our laboratories for student "hands-on" experience and to start our "hi-tech" Center for GIS and Remote Sensing in the GSE Department. These technologies have now been incorporated into our environmental curriculum. Overall, our students have benefited by working directly on team-oriented research projects, using cutting edge technologies for senior capstone projects, and working in professionally equipped laboratories for their coursework.

And third, to implement our collective research efforts, the department moved quickly to hire or train 11 additional staff members in the department for technical teams to conduct these interdisciplinary projects. In numerous cases, we recruited our own students and later hired them as full-time consultants for several years. Most have moved on to successful careers in the environmental field based on their

relevant work experiences in our GSE research program. In the context of leadership efforts noted above, and from the perspective of "leadership by example" (see Leadership Statement below), I would like to highlight the following personal accomplishments over the last 10 years:

- PI for a DOD research grant (via Earth Conservancy) based on GIS and three other geospatial technologies for watershed research; \$1.5M from 1993-1997, with Dr. Halsor as Co-PI
- Started and directed the original GIS and Remote Sensing Center (now the Center for GIS), highlighted in our ABET application and used for "open houses" to recruit students (1994-2003)
- Wrote proposals & directing six other successfully funded GIS watershed research projects as PI:
  - \$657K internal agency peer review or "sole source" - Army Corps and EPA
  - \$338K external regional or national peer review - USDA, EPA EMPACT, Dept. of Interior
  - Participated in National Academy of Sciences subcommittee for global environmental databases
  - Received a national "Hammer Award" for use of GIS to address environmental problems
  - Team member on UN and FWS International expeditions to China and Chile (biosphere reserves)
  - Peer review consultant - 2 years, at a DOE national lab for Lockheed-Martin and Bechtel-ID for GIS watershed research; and for other EPA/NSF, DOE, and EPA watershed program reviews
  - Nine peer reviewed GIS research presentations at national

high school students

• Faculty advisor on various senior projects, especially as related to my research specialties

• Numerous newspaper articles on my GIS research, with reference to Wilkes and our students

Before Wilkes, I spent seven years at the Department of Energy's (DOE) Idaho National Engineering Laboratory (INEL) where I lead interdisciplinary technical teams in a range of research projects (often to remote wilderness areas). I was also a national environmental research park facilitator for organizing and directing "data fusion" efforts and technical workshops among seven DOE national labs, including Oak Ridge, Los Alamos, Fermi, and Hanford. In addition to this management experience in R&D, I had excellent mentoring in leadership at the national lab and this experience strongly influenced my approach to leadership - as detailed separately.

When I left INEL in 1991, I had turned down other job opportunities and came instead to Wilkes University as a Professor and Department Chair. My reasons for doing this were threefold. First, I was impressed with the Wilkes' emphasis on student centered learning - including the use of team research (e.g., senior projects) in undergraduate education and curriculum. Second, the positive teamwork and interdisciplinary mix of expertise within both the GSE Department and the School of Science and Engineering aptly reflected my positive experiences at the large national labs, but in a small academic setting where individuals can make a difference.

And three, the unique history and environmental setting of northeastern PA seemed a model place where a small progressive university, with strong technical programs and applied research, could

make unique, significant contributions to the ecological well-being and economic vitality of the region.

Thank you for considering my application. Please refer to my resume and essays for details. I welcome input and discussion on any of my perspectives and experiences relative to how I might contribute to leadership at Wilkes and the implementation of the new college.

## Dean Searches

Dr. Ming Lew's interview will take place on Friday, February 7, and Dr. Dale Bruns' interview will take place on Monday, February 10.

All information courtesy of <http://course.wilkes.edu/2Deans/Documents/science/>.

conferences (1997 to present)

• Taught courses in ecotoxicology, hydrology, waste management, introduction to environmental science and engineering, global environment (non-majors), environmental data analysis, and GIS

• Student advising; placing students in various internships & three in national programs (EPA and U.S. FWS); taking students to conferences & industry trade fairs; GIS talks to



# Early Detection Key in Gynecological Health

## *Women's health night offered February 10*

BY MONICA CARDENAS  
Beacon Staff Writer

Each year, more than 4.5 million women ages 18 to 50 report at least one

Condoms and spermicide are the best way to prevent STD's besides abstinence." Monday, February 10, Health Services

confidential and free of charge. Call Health Services at 408-4530 to make an appointment. For more information on women's health, visit [www.4woman.gov](http://www.4woman.gov).

It is imperative that women, especially those that are sexually active, receive a yearly exam in order to detect any disease.

chronic gynecological condition.

According to the US Department of Health and Human Services, HHS, "younger women are particularly at risk for reproductive health problems associated with sexually transmitted diseases. Two-thirds of all STD cases occur among individuals younger than 25 years."

The best way to prevent these kinds of health problems is a yearly gynecological exam. Diane O'Brien, Director of Health Services, CRNP, at Wilkes University stressed how important yearly check-ups are for college-aged women.

"Pap smears are probably one of the best diagnostic ways to pick up a disease. They are an absolute must," said O'Brien.

She added, "Women are often asymptomatic when they have STDs or cervical cancer." Due to this fact, it is imperative that women, especially those that are sexually active, receive a yearly exam in order to detect any disease.

While Pap smears are often dreaded, the HHS confirms that "while painless for most women, a Pap test can cause discomfort for some women." A Pap test is performed during a pelvic exam and allows the doctor to take a few cells from the cervix for testing.

Pap smears check the cells of the cervix for STDs and cell changes, which could be a sign of cancer. Routine exams help identify any changes early on so that treatment is given promptly.

More specifically, human papillomavirus (HPV), also referred to as genital warts, may lead to more serious problems. "It is important that HPV is caught early because it is precancerous," said O'Brien. She went on to explain that an HPV patient may need up to three exams a year until the virus has been treated completely.

In addition to a Pap smear, breast exams are also important. It is recommended that women perform a self-exam monthly. The HHS notes, "When breast cancer is found early, a woman has more treatment choices and a good chance of a complete recovery. It is therefore important that breast cancer be detected as early as possible."

In order to receive a clean bill of health each year, O'Brien said, "[Sexually active women must] always use protection.

will host Women's Health Night. This event offers Pap smears, breast exams, STD testing, counseling and more. Also, it is

**Wilkes will host a Women's Health Night - February 10**

For more information on women's health, visit:  
[www.4women.gov](http://www.4women.gov)

## STUDENTS WELCOME



## Sherman Hills Apartments

*The Best Looking Affordable Apartments In Wilkes-Barre*

*Now accepting applications for 1 & 2 bedroom apartments*

**Centrally Located**  
**Public transportation**  
**Carpeting**  
**Air Conditioning**  
**On Site Social Service Coordinator.**

**Laundry Facilities**  
**24-Hour Maintenance Service**  
**Frost Free Refrigerator**  
**Garbage Disposal**  
**Stove**

300 Parkview Circle  
Wilkes-Barre, Pa. 18702  
Monday - Friday · 8A.M. to 5P.M.

**CHECK US OUT TODAY !!!!**

**570-823-5124**

**EHO**



## La Esperanza: A Mexican Delight

BY ALLISON FENNEL  
and AMANDA WATSON  
*Beacon Correspondents*

Sick of always dining out at the various chain restaurants around town? If you are looking for a unique, authentic dining experience, La Esperanza is the perfect place for all Mexican food lovers.

Whenever Mexican food comes to mind most will think of heading out to the local Taco Bell. If this is your idea of delicious Mexican food, La Esperanza is not the place for you.

This new authentic Mexican restaurant is located on 39-40 E Northampton Street. The business is open Monday through Thursday from noon to 5 and the weekend hours vary.

### The Setting

Walking into the restaurant brought back memories of Amanda's trip to Mexico. It is a small space with eight round tables, a juke box in the corner, a small soda fridge,

and a great deal of Mexican decor around the room. The entire effect gives the customer a feel for the authenticity of the Mexican experience.

Once we sat down a waiter handed us the menus. The first thing we noticed was that our drinks came directly from Mexico and were located in the small soda fridge. Being used to fountain soda, we were not prepared for a small glass of Papaya juice.

### The Menu

After selecting our drinks we looked over the small selection of food and realized that they didn't have an exceptionally diverse selection. Some of the items on the menu included: tacos, fried tacos, enchiladas, and quesadillas. All items had the option to include meat or chicken, and for all vegetarians they gave the option of cheese or potato. If you are really hungry, they have entrees that include a side of beans or rice. To top off your meal they also offer authentic Mexican desserts.

Alison ordered two cheese quesadillas and thought that the portions were small, but did enjoy the meal. She expected the quesadillas to be huge because of past experiences at Mexican restaurants. But she thought it was very good because it was crispy and they used authentic cheese straight from Mexico. It had a different, unique flavor



The Beacon/Ryan Klemish

La Esperanza offers good food and quality customer service.

that made the quesadillas tasty. Also the price was very reasonable for college students because one cheese quesadilla was only \$1.50 and if you wanted meat, it was only \$1.75.

On the other hand, Amanda ordered a cheese enchilada and thought that it was not the best Mexican food she ever tasted. She thought it tasted like it was already frozen and they just warmed it up, she didn't think they took time in actually making it.

But overall we thought that the prices

were reasonable, the food was adequate, and our service was good. For example, in one entree you receive four enchiladas and the price is only \$5.00, which is still cheap. Other meals ranged from \$1.50 to \$7.00, which for college students, is a cheap, tasty meal and right around the corner from our campus.

Out of five stars we both give this restaurant a three.

## La Esperanza

39-40 East Northampton Street  
Monday-Thursday - noon to 5:00 p.m.  
Weekend Hours Vary

## Vagina Monologues: Dramatic Reading to Raise Awareness of Women's Issues

BY LAURA BRODY  
*Beacon Staff Writer*

Fact: One in three women are sexually assaulted in their lifetimes.

Fact: One in five are raped.

Fact: Twenty-five percent of married women are raped by their husbands during

their marriage. In 17 states that is legal.

Fact: The average rapist rapes 18 times before he is caught.

These are just a few of the startling facts about violence towards women.

In an effort to raise awareness about sexual and physical assaults against women "The Vagina Monologues" will be

held in the Grand Ballroom of the Henry Student Center on Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday at 2:00 p.m. of this week.

The Vagina Monologues is an award-winning play written by Eve Ensler. It was first performed on February 14, 1998. It is a part of a larger social and activist movement called V-Day. V-Day works to end

violence against women and girls by heightening awareness of various perceptions and facts about women's sexuality. In five years it has raised \$14 million, which has gone to opening safe houses in Africa and schools in Afghanistan and Pakistan along with donations to local groups.

The Vagina Monologues will be performed by female Wilkes students, faculty, and friends and one male. The performance consists of a collection of monologues that the cast stands up and delivers about vaginas.

"Women get the chance to be on stage and vent," said Susan Gilroy, junior, Elementary Special Ed major, Women's Studies minor and organizer of V-Day.

The topics addressed include lesbianism, anger, rape, little known facts, hair, orgasms, birth, smell, appearance, burka,

rape camps in Bosnia and more.

This year two cast members have scripted their own monologues with the topic "What the world would be like without violence against women and girls?"

The Vagina Monologues not only raises awareness about assault against women but also gives women a new perspective about their vaginas.

"I wasn't crazy about saying vagina aloud last year, but I got to get up there and say something about myself in a whole different way. It's socially acceptable for men to talk about their penises but somehow saying 'vagina' is considered immoral. Vagina is not a dirty word. It's a body part and women shouldn't be afraid to talk about it," said Amanda Brozana, Junior, Communication Studies major, Women's Studies minor and organizer of V-Day.



The Beacon/Ryan Klemish

Wilkes students raise awareness about domestic violence in the Henry Student Center.

## "Vagina Monologues"

The award-winning play written by Eve Ensler  
Henry Student Center, Grand Ballroom  
Friday and Saturday - 7:30 p.m.  
Sunday - 2 p.m.



# Grotto Pizza

the legendary taste

## BEST PIZZA

## BEST DEALS

### CHECK OUT OUR DELIVERY COMBOS

The best pizza in town is now the best deal for delivery or takeout!

**#1**  
1 Regular 12" Pizza and Breadsticks  
\$7.99\*

**#2**  
1 Large 16" Pizza with Breadsticks  
\$9.99\*

**#3**  
2 Regular 12" Pizzas  
\$9.99\*

**#4**  
2 Large 16" Pizzas  
\$12.99\*

**#5**  
The Family Party Pack  
1 Large 16" Pizza,  
1 Large Order (16) Wings and  
1 Order of Mozzarella Sticks  
\$18.95\*

Available all day and everyday  
(delivery or takeout)

We deliver to Wilkes University  
Grotto Pizza  
Gateway Center, Edwardsville  
**331-FAST (3278)**

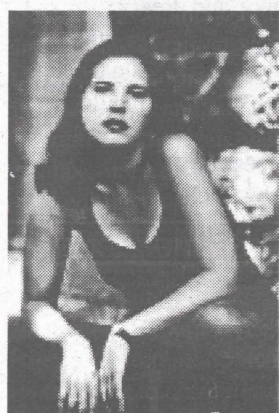
\* Does not include tax, gratuity, or delivery charge.



## Noted Novelists and Pennsylvania State Poet Part of University Lecture Series

COURTESY OF MARKETING  
COMMUNICATIONS

Wilkes University's Humanities Division will sponsor public readings and book signings by three visiting writers this

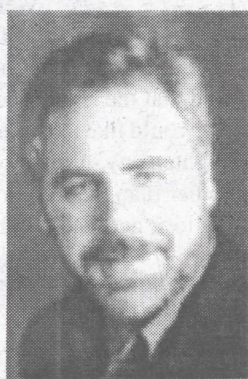


Beth Saulnier

spring including Samuel Hazo, Pennsylvania's state poet. The events are made possible by the University's Allan Hamilton Dickson Visiting Writers Endowment. Leading off the series on February 10th at 7 p.m. is Robert Mooney, author of *Father of the Man*, the story of a World War II veteran who becomes obsessed by the loss of his son who is missing in action in Vietnam. Published last October by Random House, *Father of the Man* is Mooney's powerful and haunting debut novel that takes place in 1982 in a closely-knit community of Irish-Americans living in Binghamton, New York. Mooney has been nominated for a Pushcart Prize and has published short fiction in many journals and magazines. He also serves as director of the creative writing

program at Washington College in Maryland.

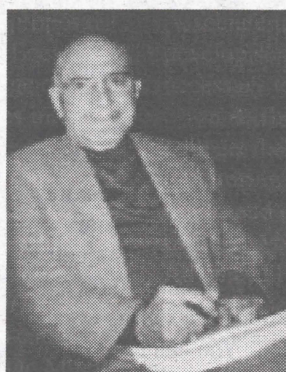
Following Mooney is poet Samuel Hazo who will read from his work and new collection, *Just Once: New and Previous*



Robert Mooney

Work, on March 12th at 7 p.m. Dr. Hazo is the distinguished author of more than thirty books, including poetry, fiction and essays. He is the McNulty Distinguished Professor Emeritus at Duquesne University and Director of the International Poetry Forum and also holds an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters from Wilkes. Dr. Hazo's 1972 collection of poetry, *Once for the Last Bandit*, was a National Book Award finalist. Former Governor Robert Casey named Hazo Pennsylvania's first State Poet in 1993, a position he still holds.

Rounding out the series is mystery novelist and journalist Beth Saulnier, who will visit Wilkes on April 10th at 7 p.m. Saulnier, who describes herself as "a mystery writer, reporter, editor and dog lover," has written five mysteries and will read from her latest, titled *Ecstasy*. A 1990



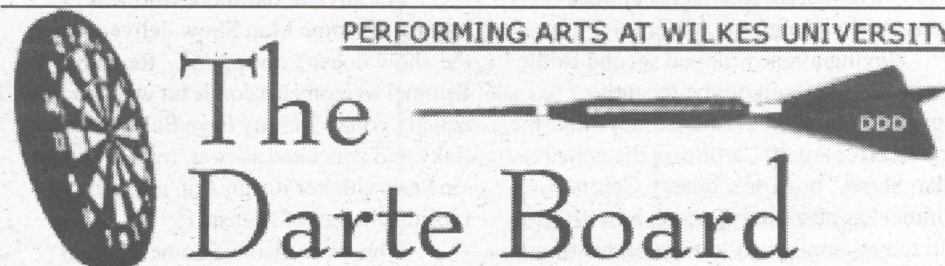
Samuel Hazo

graduate of Vassar College, Saulnier is currently the associate editor of the Cornell University alumni magazine and the film critic for *The Ithaca Journal*. Saulnier will also serve as a plenary

speaker at Wilkes University's annual Tom Bigler high school journalism conference on April 12th.

The readings are free and open to the public and will be held in Kirby Hall, 202 South River Street in Wilkes-Barre. Book copies will be available for purchase and signing on the day of each event. For more information, call 570-408-4530.

### PERFORMING ARTS AT WILKES UNIVERSITY



**Performance Hour**  
Wednesday, Feb. 12  
noon

**Musical Theater**  
Guys and Dolls  
Friday/Saturday, Feb. 14/15  
8 p.m.  
Sunday, Feb. 16  
2 p.m.

**MENC Workshop Arts Integration**  
Baroque Dance Workshop  
Saturday, Feb. 8  
8 a.m. - 3 p.m.

**NU Arts**  
New and Unusual Arts  
Tuesday, Feb. 18  
8 p.m.



**Futuristic Innovative Graphics Inc.**  
**Your #1 screen printer for**  
**Winter Weekend 2003**

**1 Free Commemorative Winter Weekend Shirt**  
**for every 10 shirts you order.**

**Call or stop by for a quote!**

**Located in**  
**Downtown Wilkes-Barre**

**115 South Main Street**  
**Wilkes-Barre, Pa. 18701**

**570-823-9272**

**HOME OF THE**

**LOWEST**

**★ NEW RELEASE PRICES!**

music ★ magazines ★ posters ★ books ★ gift items  
★ candy ★ red bull ★ incense ★ and more!

*Joe Wardone's*  
**Gallery Of Sound**

NEW LARGER LOCATION  
Provincial Tower  
South Main St  
Monday-Friday 10am - 7pm  
Saturday 10am - 6pm  
Sunday Noon - 5pm  
826-8898

11 locations all over NEPA  
www.galleryofsound.com



# Mixing-Up Late Night: The Jimmy Kimmel Show

BY JILLIAN FORD  
Beacon Staff Writer

Johnny had Ed. Conan has Andy. And Adam has Jimmy. But at some point for every show's host, even their comic foils have to fly the nighttime nest and find a niche of their own.

While Ed McMahon ended up hawking mail-order contests and working a talent show, and Andy Richter having his own sitcom, Jimmy Kimmel has flown the coup to his very own late night talk show, "Jimmy Kimmel Live," which airs weeknights at 12 midnight on ABC.

Having already played second fiddle to laconic Ben Stein on the recently departed "Win Ben Stein's Money" and the more acerbic Adam Carolla on the gonzo "Man Show," both on Comedy Central, Kimmel has absolutely proven himself to be solo talent, enough so to take on hosting a late night talk show on the Mouse network, one of the few networks that hasn't had that kind of programming in anyone's recent memory. So the event was something worth checking out.

Observing a recent episode, the show set the pace by beginning with Kimmel trying to make an entrance in a theater somewhere in Hollywood and a voice-over from Super Dave Osborne, who's sounding rather foggy nowadays. The overall setup reminded me more of a syndicated talk

show, not too far from that of Rosie's or Caroline Rhea's, but without the daytime ambience, thankfully.

Kimmel's show also includes a weekly celebrity guest host, most of whom take more airtime away from the host than they should. The show also welcomes some celebrity guests such as Jerry O'Connell and a Comedy Central comedian showing his speciality variation on a staring contest called "gay chicken." You can use your imaginations on that one.

For anyone out there who was hoping for some Man Show deliverance, the show doesn't disappoint. Recently, Kimmel welcomed a comic bit with the equally gonzo Tammy Faye Baker-Messner, flaky and pancaked as ever, regaling viewers with her insights on a trip to a Florida chapter of Mensa.

The show also welcomes special musical guests. Recently Unwritten Law appeared, although oddly, they were not mentioned in the beginning credits. Even a special appearance by Vince Vaughn with Kimmel's "Uncle Frank" at a movie premier kept viewers guessing until the very end of the show.

Despite all of the production and coordination that seems patched together in a hurry for Kimmel's show (the effects of the live format), the show is a welcome spin to late night programming.

## This Week in Entertainment History

**February 6, 1981** - Former Beatles, Paul McCartney, Ringo Starr and George Harrison teamed to record a musical tribute to John Lennon. The result was "All Those Years Ago", which spent three weeks at #2 on the pop music charts. The song was recorded on Harrison's Dark Horse label.

**February 7, 1940** - Walt Disney's animation, *Pinocchio*, premiered at the Center Theatre in Manhattan, New York. The showing was the second feature-length film for Disney, following *Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs*. One critic called the show, "The happiest event since the war."

**February 8, 1985** - On CBS-TV, *The Dukes of Hazzard* ended its 6-1/2 year run. The series earned the title of using more stunt men than any other television series. The show would use up to eight cars per episode when the crash sequences got difficult. The theme song, "The Dukes of Hazzard (Good Ol' Boys)", was performed by Waylon Jennings.

**February 9, 1998** - Novelist Barbara Chase-Riboud dropped her \$10 million copyright infringement lawsuit that alleged Steven Spielberg's Dreamworks SKG studio stole her ideas for the movie *Amistad*. Chase-Riboud said she and her lawyers reviewed Dreamworks' files and other documents and "concluded neither Steven Spielberg nor Dreamworks did anything improper."

**February 10, 1956** - Elvis Presley recorded "Heartbreak Hotel" for RCA Records in Nashville, Tennessee. The record was awarded two gold records, one for each side. The hit song gracing the other side was "I Was the One."

**February 11, 1968** - In New York, the new 20,000 seat Madison Square Garden officially opened, making it the fourth arena to be named Madison Square Garden. The arena for sports and entertainment opened with a gala hosted by Bob Hope and Bing Crosby.

**February 12, 1994** - Two thieves stole one of the world's most famous paintings, *The Scream* by Edvard Munch, in Oslo.

\* Information provided courtesy of [www.uselessknowledge.com](http://www.uselessknowledge.com) \*



BY MELISSA GALLUP  
Beacon Staff Writer

## Tasty Tidbits

Well, it is cold, rainy, snowy, and dreary outside. There is not much to do but curl up with your favorite blanket and try to stay warm. On these chilly winter days, I find that the right food can make even the most depressing day more tolerable. Today, I would like to share with you my personal favorite comfort food. This food can brighten any of my days, or compliment my best. My favorite comfort food is none other than the infamous concoction we know as chocolate. So, if you are sad or feeling low, get your pep back with some of these recipes.

### Chocolate Popcorn

Recipe courtesy Paula Deen

1/2 cup sugar  
1/2 cup light corn syrup  
1/2 stick butter  
2 tablespoons cocoa  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
8 cups popcorn

Over medium heat, using a four quart pot, combine the sugar, corn syrup, butter, cocoa, and salt and bring to a boil. Once the mixture is well mixed, add the popped corn. Cook and stir until popcorn is coated, approximately two minutes. Cool mixture and shape into three-inch balls.

### Brownie Sundaes

Recipe courtesy Ina Garten

3/4 cups heavy cream  
12 ounces semisweet chocolate chips  
1 1/2 teaspoons instant coffee or espresso powder  
6 brownies  
1 quart vanilla ice cream

Melt the heavy cream, chocolate chips, and instant coffee in a bowl over simmering water until smooth, stirring occasionally. Place a brownie on each plate, top with a scoop of ice cream, and serve with warm chocolate sauce.

### Peppermint Hot Chocolate

Recipe courtesy Jackie Riley

1 1/2 cups heavy cream  
1 1/2 cups milk  
1/4 cup sugar  
1/8 teaspoon salt  
6 ounces bittersweet chocolate, chopped  
3 drops peppermint oil  
Sweetened whipped cream, for garnish  
Chocolate shavings, for garnish

In a saucepan, combine the cream, milk, sugar, and salt and heat over medium-low heat. When the cream mixture just begins to steam, add the chopped chocolate, and stir, until melted. Stir in the peppermint oil. Divide the hot chocolate among mugs and top with whipped cream and chocolate shavings.

For more tasty recipes, visit:  
[www.wilkesbeacon.com](http://www.wilkesbeacon.com)



## Wilkes Grapplers Continue Tough Schedule

### Colonels post two wins in last three matches

BY WILL MIDGETT  
Beacon Staff Writer

The Wilkes wrestling team competed in three matches on Saturday in two different locations.

First the team traveled to Lycoming College for the MAC Duals. Once there, the Colonels took on Elizabethtown and Messiah. Wilkes squashed Elizabethtown

46-12 but then fell to Messiah 27-13.

After the disappointing loss to Messiah, Wilkes packed up and headed to Hackettstown, New Jersey to face Centenary College. Wilkes was able to beat the host team 35-15.

Elizabethtown didn't pose much of a threat to Wilkes as it gave up four forfeits. Wilkes won its first three matches and

earned a key pin at 147 from junior captain, Bryan Wech. "Being a captain makes me want to set an example for the rest of the team," said Wech.

The team captain later suffered an injury default against Centenary when he caught an elbow in the eye. He had to forfeit that match because the doctors didn't want the cut to get any bigger, but he

was able to wrestle on Wednesday against the College of New Jersey.

Junior co-captain Jed Starnier and junior Jon Neyerlin came away with big victories for the Colonels. Both wrestlers pinned their opponents, Starnier at 157 and Neyerlin at 184. Wilkes also received forfeits at 125, 174, 197, and 285.

Wilkes was only able to win three matches against a tough Messiah squad. Freshman Sean Davies won a 5-2 decision at 165 and sophomore Rex Harris scored a huge 13-2 major decision at 174. The team also received a forfeit at 285.

Over the weekend, Harris improved his record to an impressive 27-3. Although he has been one of the most productive wrestlers for Wilkes this season, he still feels that he hasn't wrestled to his full potential. "Once I do that," he explains, "It'll be a show."

As a current theme for the Wilkes grapplers, they faced a team hurting from forfeits. Centenary gave up four matches at 149, 157, 165, and 197. Wilkes also won two big matches at 133 and 285. Junior John Muscarella (133) earned a 16-0 technical fall and senior Cory Fleisher pinned his opponent in 3:18.

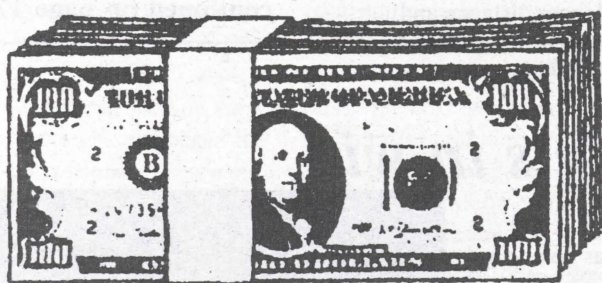
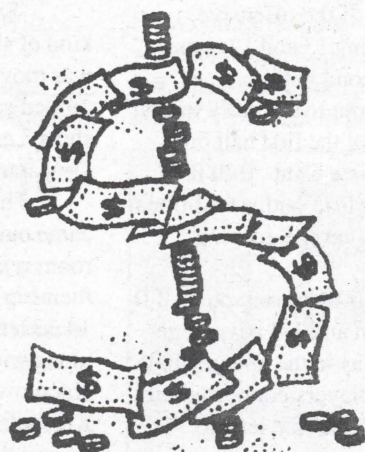
With the MAC Championships looming in the distance, Wilkes still has some tough competition to face in the next two weeks. Wilkes will travel to Ithaca College on Saturday, February 8. The following weekend, the Colonels will face Scranton and Lycoming at Gettysburg College.

## Become a Lifesaver!

Donate Plasma  
that is needed for  
millions of people  
each year...

IBPI

Interstate Blood & Plasma, Inc.  
41 S. Main St.  
Wilkes Barre, PA

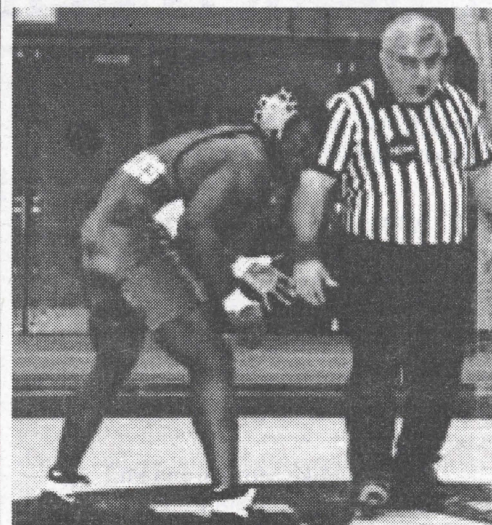


It's Safe  
and Convenient  
Donate  
Today!!!!!!

Help Save Lives!  
Donate Plasma  
823-4119

EARN AN EXTRA \$5

Bring this coupon in today!!!



The Beacon/Mick Jenkins

Fritz Delva gets set to begin a match while the referee looks on.

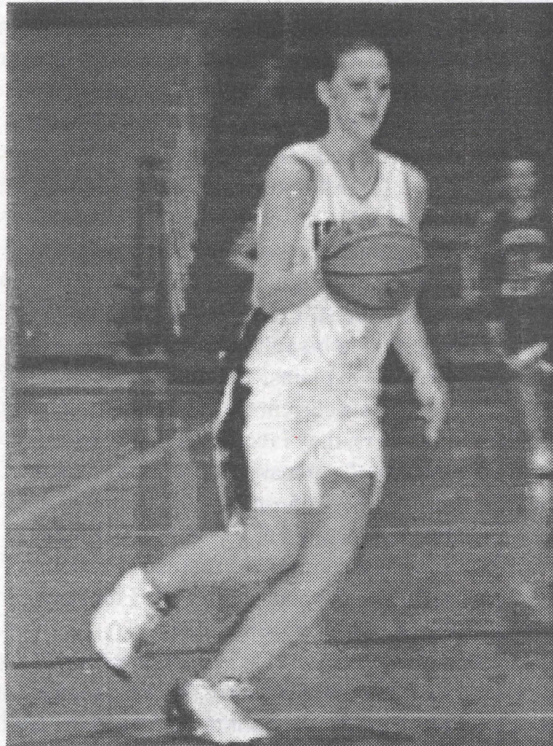


# Lady Colonels Catch Fire Late, Burn FDU

BY KEVIN SICKLE  
Beacon Sports Editor

Following last Wednesday's 10-point loss to rival King's College, some may have thought that the Wilkes University Lady Colonels would be out of gas as they headed into Saturday's contest with FDU-Florham, a team primed for an upset that would dampen Wilkes' playoff chances.

After 20 minutes of action on



The Beacon/Mick Jenkins

Andrea DeMaranville pushes the ball upcourt during Saturday's game against FDU.

Saturday, it looked as though those critics were right, as the Lady Colonels shot a dismal twenty-four percent from the floor in the first half.

New half, new ballgame.

Despite the lackluster shooting in the first half and lethargic play on both ends of the court, Wilkes had a two-point lead heading into the break. The Lady Colonels then went on a 15-2 run to start the second half, en route to a 73-60 victory at the Marts Center. With the win, the Lady Colonels improved to 12-6 overall and 4-4 in the Freedom Conference. FDU fell to 7-10 overall and 1-7 in the conference.

Senior Whitney Bull and sophomore Andrea DeMaranville provided much of the offensive explosion, tallying 13 and 12 respectively in the second half.

FDU got out to the early lead at the 18:20 mark of the first half on a basket by Veronica Cant. Bull then gave Wilkes the lead with a traditional three-point play on the ensuing possession.

The Devils then went on an 8-0 run to give them an 11-4 advantage with 14:52 to play in the opening half. Four different players connected on field goals to spread the lead to seven.

Wilkes began to chip away at the lead but would get no closer than two points until the final two minutes of the half. Bull made a pair of free throws to tie the game at 28-28 with

1:40 remaining. Freshman Andrea Kacprowicz then gave the Lady Colonels their first lead since the 18:08 mark. Following an FDU free throw, DeMaranville answered with one of her own to give Wilkes the 31-29 advantage at intermission.

"We got some shots; we just didn't get any to drop," commented head coach Jim Reed about his team's 7 for 29 shooting performance in the first half.

"Everything was kind of slow. Nobody was moving, and we missed some wide open shots," explained DeMaranville.

The Lady Colonels came out of the locker room ready to play, and showed it, using their big run to stretch the lead to 15 with 14:33 left. Bull scored five points to go along with four by DeMaranville, with Kacprowicz and sophomore Danielle Kresock both hitting from downtown during the run that provided the cushion.

The lead got to 20 on two separate occasions mid-way through the second half, and with 2:33 left to play, Wilkes enjoyed a 22-point advantage. Kresock again connected from distance and



The Beacon/Mick Jenkins

Sarah Kopko drives the lane for two on Pamela Sagehorn.

DeMaranville scored six points to give the Lady Colonels their biggest lead of the contest.

FDU did anything but lay down as they went on a 9-0 run late in the game, but the deficit was too much to overcome. Lauralee Janoski scored on two consecutive possessions and Kathryn Pearson completed a three-point play to make the

**Lady Colonels**  
continued on page 17

## Colonels Fend-off Pesky Devils Plisko and Morgan combine for 47 points in win

BY DENNIS FERENCHICK  
Beacon Editorial Board Chair

Making his third career start at point guard, junior Dave Plisko poured in a game-high 25 points and dished out six assists to help Wilkes University overcome a poor shooting performance and beat FDU-Florham 78-66 on Saturday afternoon at the Marts Center.

Juniors Mike Morgan and Phil Bonczewski added 22 and 13 points respectively for the Colonels who improved to 14-4 overall and 5-3 in the Freedom Conference.

Senior Brian McCauley also scored a game-high 25 points and sophomore Justin Barrows-Trewitt added 20 for the Devils who fell to 7-11 overall and 1-7 in conference play.

Wilkes shot just 36.7 percent from the field in the game, after coming off a blistering 60 percent shooting performance in a 77-64 victory over cross-town rival King's College. However, the Colonels managed to enter the locker room with a slim 36-33 lead, thanks to a 17-point first-half

performance from a red-hot Plisko.

Continuing to adjust to his new role, the Hanover native scored 10 points just six minutes into the contest, and buried his third straight three-pointer in a span of two minutes to give Wilkes a 20-9 lead with 12:40 remaining in the first.

"I felt good out there," said Plisko, who was 7 for 12, including 3 for 6 from behind the arc in the first half. "In warm-ups I was hitting my shot, and I just got a little rhythm going. As soon as you hit your first shot it's a little easier to get going, and I just took the ball to the hole and my shots just fell for me pretty much."

After playing only four minutes in the first half due to foul trouble, Morgan ignited the Colonels at the start of the second by quickly burying two threes and hitting a free throw to increase the lead to 10 with 17:15 left to play.

"I didn't play much in the first half, so I just treated it [the second half] like it was a new game," said Morgan, who scored 21 of his 22 points after half-time. "I wasn't tired at all, so I used

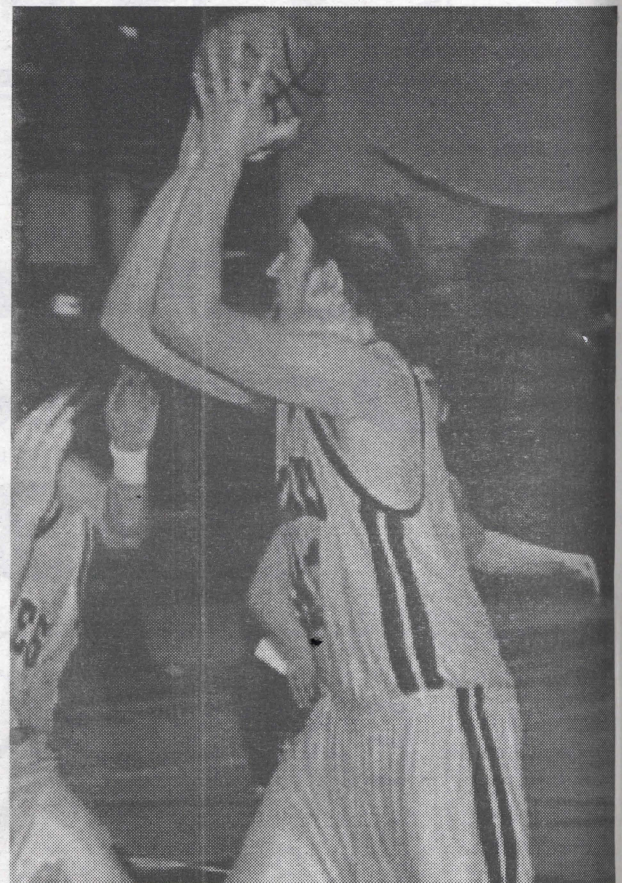
that to my advantage. I had fresh legs, and I was able to get my own shots off."

Wilkes led by as many as 14 points in the second half, but FDU would make a late run, cutting the lead to 64-60 on a Jamaal Ford three-pointer with 3:30 left in the game. However, Plisko immediately found an open Morgan who answered with a three of his own to give Wilkes a seven-point lead and kill the Devils' comeback bid.

"The goal at the beginning of the second half was to get Michael some shots, and we got him some good looks," said head coach Jerry Rickrode. "I thought a big play was when they hit a three and he answered right back with a three."

Morgan finished the game 6 for 13 from the field, including 5 of 12 from three-point range. Plisko ended up 8 for 16 from the floor, **Colonels**

continued on page 17



The Beacon/Mick Jenkins

Phil Bonczewski looks to pass during Saturday's game.



## Bleich: Future Pin-nacle

BY J.J. HANSON  
Beacon Assistant Sports Editor

What's new in the Marts Center wrestling room that has Wilkes wrestling fans buzzing? It's not a "what;" it's a "who."

Wilkes-Barre native Eric Bleich, the freshman star wrestling for Wilkes at the 197 mark, is demonstrating enormous potential this year to represent Wilkes University on the national level and continue the tradition of excellence that the Colonels wrestling program has historically displayed.

Bleich began wrestling in 9th grade for Hanover Area. Coming in to Wilkes as a freshman, Bleich set a humble goal for himself, "My goal was just to have a winning record." Eric blew his humble goal out of the water while making the transition into the college level and is now set on

winning his way to nationals.

Assistant coach Jon Laudenslager said Bleich is such a good wrestler because he has, "Desire to be good. He's got a great work ethic. He is constantly learning...doing the steps necessary to improve himself." It is this work effort that has made him a formidable opponent for all who have the misfortune to face him.

In the move to the college level, Bleich has had to wrestle at a higher weight and therefore change his strategy. When on the mat Bleich goes for the, "double leg take down, hard, fast, and strong. Snap his head to get him into position, and blast him with a double." This is a technique that few opponents have been able to withstand.

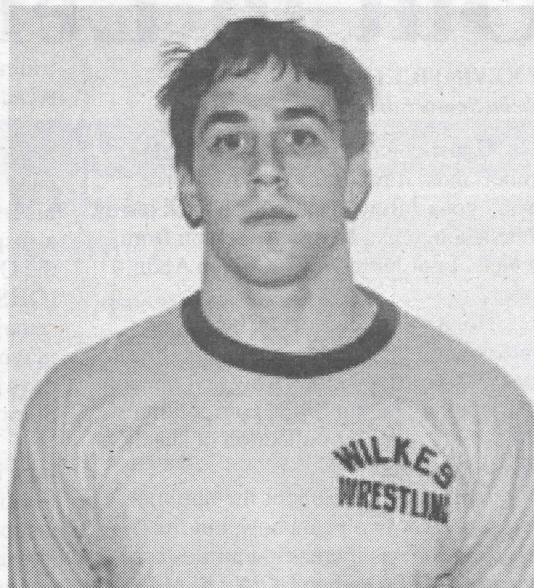
Despite his initial success at Wilkes, there is one opponent the future all-American has had difficulty defeating.

Bleich said of his battle, "My toughest

opponent, I think, has been myself. I wrestled some pretty tough kids, but had the capabilities of beating them. Being a freshman, I underestimated myself and I let them take advantage of that."

Bleich shows a sense of heart and desire on and off the mat that is contagious to those who are in his presence. In an era in which people so often are willing to pass their problems onto someone else, Bleich is eager to take on a challenge, stare it in the face, and strike it down.

This feeling came out in his assistant coach's remarks on Bleich's future, "He wants to go to the limit. He is committed; he has the desire that he wants to be a national champ/All-American. He doesn't want to wait until he is a senior. He wants to get it done now."



The Beacon/Mick Jenkins

Freshman Eric Bleich has made an impact for the Colonels this season.

## Lady Colonels Continued from page 16

score 73-58. Another bucket by Ashley Flaherty decreased the margin to 13, but it proved to be the game's final points as Wilkes was able to run out the clock, making the final score 73-60.

The Lady Colonels got a pair of double-doubles from Bull (24 points and 12 rebounds) and DeMaranville (23 points and 10 boards) in the victory. Freshman Sarah Kopko scored eight points in her first game back after missing three games due to injury.

FDU put three players in double figures. Pearson finished with 14, Janoski tossed in 13, and Flaherty contributed 10 in the losing effort.

"As players, we have to pick up each other's slack," commented Kopko about the team's second half corrections. "That's part of being a team."

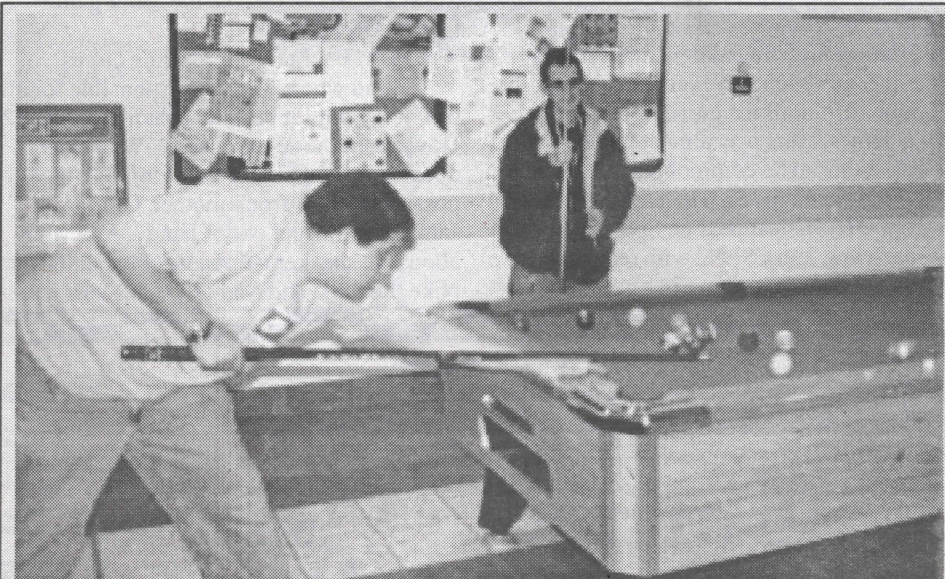
"I think we hustled a lot more,"

DeMaranville concluded. "Everyone was on their toes and we started making shots."

"I knew [DeMaranville] was on the verge," commented Reed of his sophomore sensation. "We needed her to step up and have a big game, and she did."

With so many players out due to injury, Reed also had to rely on some key performances from his bench players. "[Freshman] Nadine Taylor gave us some strong minutes," Reed said. "It doesn't show up with a bunch of stats, but her contribution was really valuable to us winning the game."

The Lady Colonels will be on the road on for the next two games, traveling to Drew on Saturday and then to Lebanon Valley for a non-conference game on Monday. They will then return home to square off against DeSales on Wednesday.



The Beacon/Eddie Youssef

Wilkes recently held a pool tournament in the Student Center. Students were able to show off their shark capabilities for prizes.

## Colonels Continued from page 16

from the floor, hitting four from behind the arc. Bonczewski added 11 boards for the Colonels, who out rebounded the Devils 40 to 33.

"I thought we went after the basketball really nicely in the second half on the boards," explained Rickrode. "At the half they were up on us by four rebounds and we ended up out-rebounding them by seven. So, the second we out-rebounded them by 11, which I thought was really big

because we did not shoot the ball well."

"There were a lot of fouls in the game, and we're starting to shoot the line a little better which is a positive," added Rickrode. "And as I said, it doesn't matter how you played four weeks ago, it's how you're playing right now. We've juggled some things and the guys have responded well to it, and we're playing the best that we've played at this point."

## Spring Break 2003

Cancun, Acapulco, Jamaica,  
Bahamas and Florida.

Groups save up to \$120 per room!

STS @ 1-800-648-4849

[www.ststravel.com](http://www.ststravel.com)

www.musicalenergi.com

**cash for your compact discs**

also buying & selling:  
DVDs • VHS  
VIDEO GAMES  
RECORDS  
TAPES

**MUSICAL ENERGI**

59 north main street • wilkes-barre • 829-2929

best selection POSTERS! jewelry  
best prices incense cool gifts



# Out in Leftfield: LeBron James

BY KEVIN SICKLE  
Beacon Sports Editor

"I just got all kinds of crap in there. Timberlands, Jordans, adidas, Air Force Ones. I got a Julius Erving throwback jersey, a Pete Maravich, a Kenny Anderson from the Nets. I got Jerry West, Kareem Abdul-Jabbar."

No, it's not your local Champs or FootLocker manager describing his stock room. It's prep basketball's biggest phenom, LeBron James, telling ESPN.com columnist Tom Friend about his collection of sneakers and sports attire.

James has been under the national microscope for two years now, but the magnification has increased tenfold since December of 2002 when *ESPN The Magazine* put him on the cover of its "NEXT" issue. The magazine's most popular issue of the year showcases the best up-and-coming talent that the sports world has to offer, and editors chose James as their number one star.

The kid is phenomenal, but when was the last time you saw a high school basketball game on national television? How about pay-per-view? Never? You're not the only one. Up until the current reign of "King James," this was almost unheard of. Now, it seems to be commonplace.

James and his St. Vincent - St. Mary (Akron, OH) Irish appear on SportsCenter, pay-per-view, and ESPN2 with regularity. From his 360-degree dunk in a game to the

triumph over then top-ranked Oak Hill Academy, James has been in the national spotlight wherever he goes.

What started with a sneaker company sending free sneakers to James and his Irish teammates has now culminated in a suspension for the superstar. On Friday, the Ohio High School Athletic Association (OHSAA) declared James ineligible for the remainder of the regular season and playoffs - a decision that stood for just five days before being temporarily blocked by Summit County Judge James Williams.

The penalty that stands as of press time is that James must miss two games, the result of his acceptance of two jerseys from a sporting goods store in the Athens area in exchange for posing for pictures to be put on the store walls - a clear violation of the status of amateur.

In addition the decision is retroactive, meaning that the game James missed over the weekend counts as one of the two games he must miss. The real kicker, however, comes in the fact that St. Vincent - St. Mary gets to choose the other game that James will miss.

It's becoming a three-ring circus.

And who exactly is responsible for all of this? Could it be head coach Dru Joyce? How about the school itself? What role does the media play in all of this? Is it possible that LeBron's mother, Gloria James, let this get out of hand? And what about the sneaker companies like Adidas, Nike, Reebok, and And1?

The answer is all of the above.

For starters, the sneaker companies attracted attention to this kid by sending James and his teammates free sneakers and other merchandise - allowing James to capitalize monetarily on his athletic fame (a clear violation of amateur status).

Joyce revamped his team's schedule this season to allow LeBron's skills to be showcased around the country. The Irish have traveled to California, North Carolina, and Pennsylvania already this season, and they will be playing in a tournament in New Jersey this coming weekend. Did Joyce have the best interests of LeBron and his teammates in mind, or was he out to advance himself, both professionally and financially?

St. Vincent - St. Mary allowed Joyce to deviate from the standard schedule they had played for years. In addition to that, they hiked ticket prices because of the following LeBron was gathering. But that's not monetarily capitalizing on athletic fame...

What about Gloria James, the loving mother of LeBron? From all vantage points, it looks like she has raised a good young man. After all, he maintains a 3.5 grade point average and is respected by teachers and peers. Sure, she didn't have the \$50,000 to buy that shiny new Hummer that LeBron drives, but she borrowed the money so that her boy could have a car to drive. She had no idea it would bring even more attention to LeBron...

Lastly, we come to the media, most notably ESPN. As mentioned, LeBron graced the cover of their most popular issue of the year. His team has made national television appearances twice on ESPN2. They plaster his highlights on SportsCenter and have dozens of articles about him on ESPN.com. But it couldn't be them...

There are so many things to point to that show LeBron has been spoiled rotten and put on a pedestal that we reserve for only the greatest of the great. Pretty lofty standards for an 18-year-old.

SportsNation has pushed this kid too far, and he is paying the price. You can't blame a guy for taking advantage of his situation, accepting gifts that are thrown his way. He's just a senior in high school, and look at all of the media attention surrounding him. No one should have to put up with cameras following him everywhere he goes, not even being able to eat lunch without fanfare.

I saw it coming. You saw it coming. Everyone saw it coming. LeBron could have lived a normal life. He could have gone to class, maintained that 3.5, gone out with all the good-looking girls, and guided his team to the state championship. But that simple life is gone. He now has to glare into television cameras day in and day out and answer to allegations that he is accepting more free goods. He's not going to get a quality college education and will probably never truly experience the thrill of playing college hoops, and that's a shame.

## Tommy's Pizza Corner

283-0545



### SOUPS AND SALADS

Grilled Chicken Salad	\$4.95
Tuna Salad Platter	\$4.95
Lettuce, Tomatoes, Onions, Mushrooms, Green Peppers, Cheese and Tuna	
Tossed Salad	\$3.75
Side Salad	\$2.50
Lettuce, Tomatoes, Onions, Mushrooms, Green Peppers and Cheese	
Antipasto	\$4.95
Lettuce, Tomatoes, Onions, Mushrooms, Green Peppers, Ham, Cheese, Cappelletti and Salami Add 25¢ to go	

Soup Of The Day Bowl \$1.95  
French Onion Crock \$2.95

QUARTS OF HOMEMADE SOUP \$4.50  
WHEN AVAILABLE

YOUR CHOICE OF DRESSINGS  
Golden Italian,  
Sweet and Sour, French,  
Oil and Vinegar,  
Creamy Italian, Ranch,  
Raspberry Vinaigrette and  
Light Italian (Fat Free)  
Bleu Cheese add 50¢

### SANDWICHES

Your Choice  
With Draft Soda \$3.50  
Without Soda \$2.95

Meatball Parmigiana  
Tuna With Lettuce And Tomato  
Hot Ham And Cheese  
Chicken Parmigiana  
Veal Parmigiana



TOMMY POCKET Serves 2-3  
Ham, Cappelletti, Salami, Sweet Peppers, Cheese,  
Onions, Lettuce, Tomato and Spices \$7.95

French Fries	\$2.25
Cheese Fries	\$2.75
Garlic Bread - 3 Pieces	\$2.25
With Cheese	\$3.00
Fresh Fried Potato Chips	\$1.75

Chicken  
Fingers  
And Fries  
\$5.50  
Choice Of  
Wing Sauces

STROMBOLI  
SMALL \$6.50  
(Serves 1-2)  
MEDIUM \$9.75  
(Serves 2-3)  
LARGE \$11.75  
(Serves 3-4)

REGULAR Ham, Cheese,  
Mushrooms, Onions, Pepperni,  
Peppers, Sausage, Special Seasonings.  
BROCCOLI Broccoli, Cheese,  
Mushrooms, Onions, Special  
Seasonings.  
TUNA Tuna, Cheese, Mushrooms,  
Onions, Special Seasonings.  
TACO Beef, Cheese, Salsa, Lettuce,  
Tomato, Onion, Special Seasoning.

CALZONES  
With Select Cheeses and Seasonings  
\$5.25  
With Select Cheeses, Seasonings,  
Broccoli and Mushrooms  
\$6.25  
Extra Sauce 60¢

NEW CHEESESTEAK BOLI  
SMALL \$7.50 MEDIUM \$10.75 LARGE \$13.25  
Sweet Peppers, Mushrooms, Onions and Special Seasoning.

### PIZZA

SMALL ROUND - 6 CUTS \$6.50  
LARGE ROUND - 8 CUTS \$7.95  
FRIED SICILIAN Cut \$1.10  
Round Pizza is Available in  
Regular and Wheat Crust  
Double Crust Add 75¢  
THE WORKS Small \$13.15  
Large \$16.35  
Sicilian Cut \$2.05

### TOPPINGS

Top Your Pizza With:  
EXTRA CHEESE, HAM, FRESH GARLIC,  
FRESH TOMATOES, MUSHROOMS,  
PEPPERONI, HOT PEPPERS, SWEET  
PEPPERS, SAUSAGE, ONIONS, EXTRA  
SAUCE, ANCHOVIES, BLACK OLIVES,  
BACON AND PINEAPPLE.  
SMALL \$1.50 Per Topping  
LARGE \$1.75 Per Topping  
SICILIAN 20¢ Per Topping

### SPECIALTY PIZZA

SICILIAN STYLE VEGGIE PIZZA 8 Cuts \$10.75 16 cuts \$16.75  
Sicilian Style White Pizza with Broccoli, Onions, Mushrooms, Cheese, Green Peppers and Seasonings  
ROUND VEGGIE PIZZA Small \$9.25 Large \$10.75  
Round Style White Pizza with Broccoli, Onions, Mushrooms, Cheese, Green Peppers and Seasonings  
BROCCOLI PIZZA Small/8 Cuts \$9.25 Large/16 Cuts \$16.75  
Sicilian Style with Cheese, Broccoli, Onions and Seasonings  
ROUND BROCCOLI PIZZA Small/6 Cuts \$8.75 Large/8 Cuts \$11.25  
Round Style with Cheese, Broccoli, Onions and Seasonings  
WHITE PIZZA Small/8 Cuts \$9.00 Large/16 Cuts \$17.50  
Sicilian Style with Cheese, Onions and Seasonings  
ROUND WHITE PIZZA Small/6 Cuts \$7.95 Large/8 Cuts \$9.75  
Round Style with Cheese, Onions and Seasonings  
ROUND TACO PIZZA Small \$8.75 Large \$11.75  
Thin Crust with Salsa, Ground Beef, Lettuce and Tomatoes  
SICILIAN STYLE TACO PIZZA 8 Cuts \$9.50 16 cuts \$16.75  
Salsa, Onion, Ground Beef, Lettuce and Tomatoes

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

### PASTA

Manicotti with Cheese Filling \$6.75  
Spaghetti and Meatballs \$6.50  
Spaghetti and Veal Parmigiana \$7.25  
Spaghetti and Chicken Parmigiana \$7.25  
Stuffed Shells with Cheese Filling \$6.75  
All Pasta Dinners include Salad and Garlic Bread.  
All Items Available for Take-out - Add 25¢

## TOMMY'S FAMOUS WINGS

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

Our Wings are Delivered Fresh Daily  
Your Choice of Sauces:

Hot, Mild, Sweet And Sour, BBQ, Cajun,  
Butter and Garlic, Old Bay, Honey Mustard  
Extra Bleu Cheese 50¢ • Extra Celery 50¢  
Add 25¢ to go

### HOAGIES

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

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

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



## Colonel Clipboard

### On Tap

**Saturday**

*Women's Basketball* at  
Drew, 1 p.m.

*Men's Basketball* at  
Drew, 3 p.m.

*Wrestling* at  
Ithaca, 7 p.m.

**Monday**

*Women's Basketball* at  
Lebanon Valley, 7 p.m.

**Wednesday**

*Women's Basketball* VS.  
DeSales, 6 p.m.

*Men's Basketball* VS.  
DeSales, 8 p.m.

For more sports information,  
visit: [www.wilkesbeacon.com](http://www.wilkesbeacon.com)

### Cake-Walk

**Wrestling**

**Wilkes 35 Centenary 15**

#### Results

125

Ramos (C) dec. Mayer, 9-6

133

Muscarella (W) tech. fall,  
Gaeta, 16-0

141

Brucato (C) inj. def. Wech, 16-4

149

Starner (W) forfeit

157

Johnson (W) forfeit

184

Yutko (W) forfeit

174

Curtin (C) dec. Davies, 3-1 SD

184

Kubieck (C) dec. Delva, 5-4

197

Bleich (W) forfeit

285

Fleisher (W) pin Haubois, 3-1

### In Review

**Saturday**

*Men's Basketball*  
Wilkes 78, FDU-Florham 66

*Women's Basketball*  
Wilkes 73, FDU-Florham 60

**Wrestling**

*MAC Duals*  
Wilkes 46, Elizabethtown 12;  
Messiah 27, Wilkes 13

Wilkes 35, Centenary 15

**Wednesday**

*Men's Basketball*  
Lycoming 67, Wilkes 66

*Women's Basketball*  
Lycoming 65, Wilkes 45

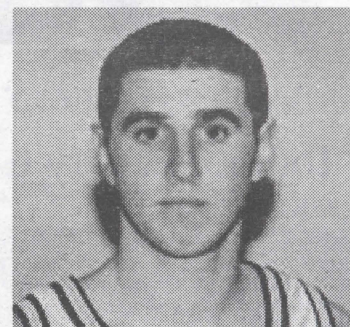
**Wrestling**

College of New Jersey 31,  
Wilkes 15

For more sports information,  
visit: [www.wilkesbeacon.com](http://www.wilkesbeacon.com)

### Athlete of the Week

#### Dave Plisko, Basketball



The junior, who made his first career start at point guard against St. Mary's (MD), lead the Colonels to three straight victories, including an 84-78 win over the Seahawks on January 27 and a 77-64 win over cross-town rival King's College on January 29 at the Marts Center.

Against the Monarchs, he scored a game-high 23 points, grabbed five rebounds, dished out five assists, and had three steals.

Plisko, who averaged 22.6 points and 5.6 assists during the three-game winning streak, poured in 25 points and handed out six assists in a 78-66 victory over FDU-Florham on Saturday.

Plisko, a graduate of Hanover Area High School, hails from Sugar Notch, PA.

### Numbers Of the Week

56.3

Field goal percentage of senior Alex Hairston - a Colonels team-high

77.1

Free throw percentage of freshman Sarah Kopko - a Lady Colonels team-high

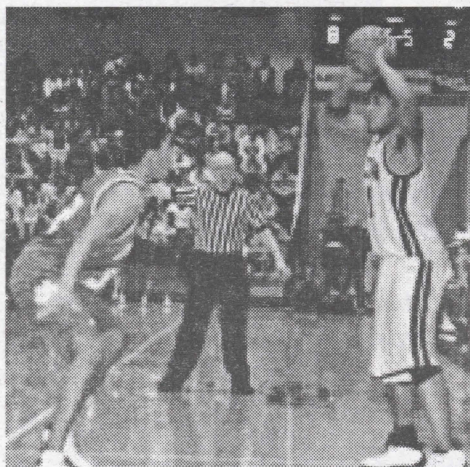
9

Number of days until the start of the Colonels baseball season, when they travel Neumann College for a doubleheader

### Beacon's Best Bet

**Wednesday- Men's Basketball VS. DeSales, 8 p.m.**

Tied for the final playoff spot in the Freedom Conference, the Colonels are in a must win situation against the Bulldogs.



The Beacon/Kristin Hake

## Spring Break 2003

Travel With STS Americas #1  
Student Tour Operator  
Jamaica, Cancun, Acapulco,  
Bahamas, or Florida

Sell Trips and Earn Cash Travel Free  
Information/Reservations

1-800-648-4849 or [www.ststravel.com](http://www.ststravel.com)

## Resident Assistant Positions Available



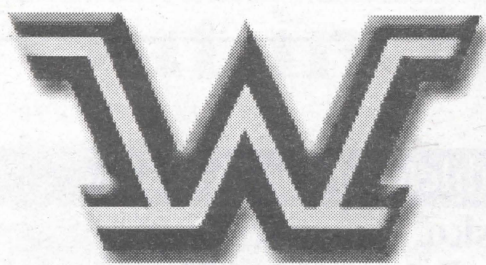
Do you want to get more involved in campus life?  
Become an RA!

- You need to have at least a semester's experience living in the
- residence halls and have been involved in some aspect of the campus community.
- A 2.0 GPA is also required.

Applications are now available in the Residence Life Office (1<sup>st</sup> floor of Sturdevant Hall). They are due Wednesday, February 12<sup>th</sup>.

Questions can be directed to Gretchen 4354 or [yeninasg@wilkes.edu](mailto:yeninasg@wilkes.edu)





# Campus Calendar

## Today, February 6

*Jabali Afrika:*  
9 p.m., Henry Student Center Ballroom

*V-Week Bake Sale:*  
11 - 1 p.m., Henry Student Center

*Chinese Auction:*  
11 - 1 p.m., Henry Student Center

*Winter Weekend Team Leader Meeting:*  
11 a.m., SG Office

*Discussion: Women in the Military:*  
7 p.m., Breiseth 211

## Friday, February 7

*Movie Night:*  
7 p.m., Cinemark Theatre

*Vagina Monologues:*  
7:30 p.m., Henry Student Center Ballroom

*Chinese Auction:*  
11 - 1 p.m., Henry Student Center

## Saturday, February 8

*Vagina Monologues Pre-Show:*  
6:30 p.m., Henry Student Center Ballroom

*Vagina Monologues:*  
7:30 p.m., Henry Student Center Ballroom

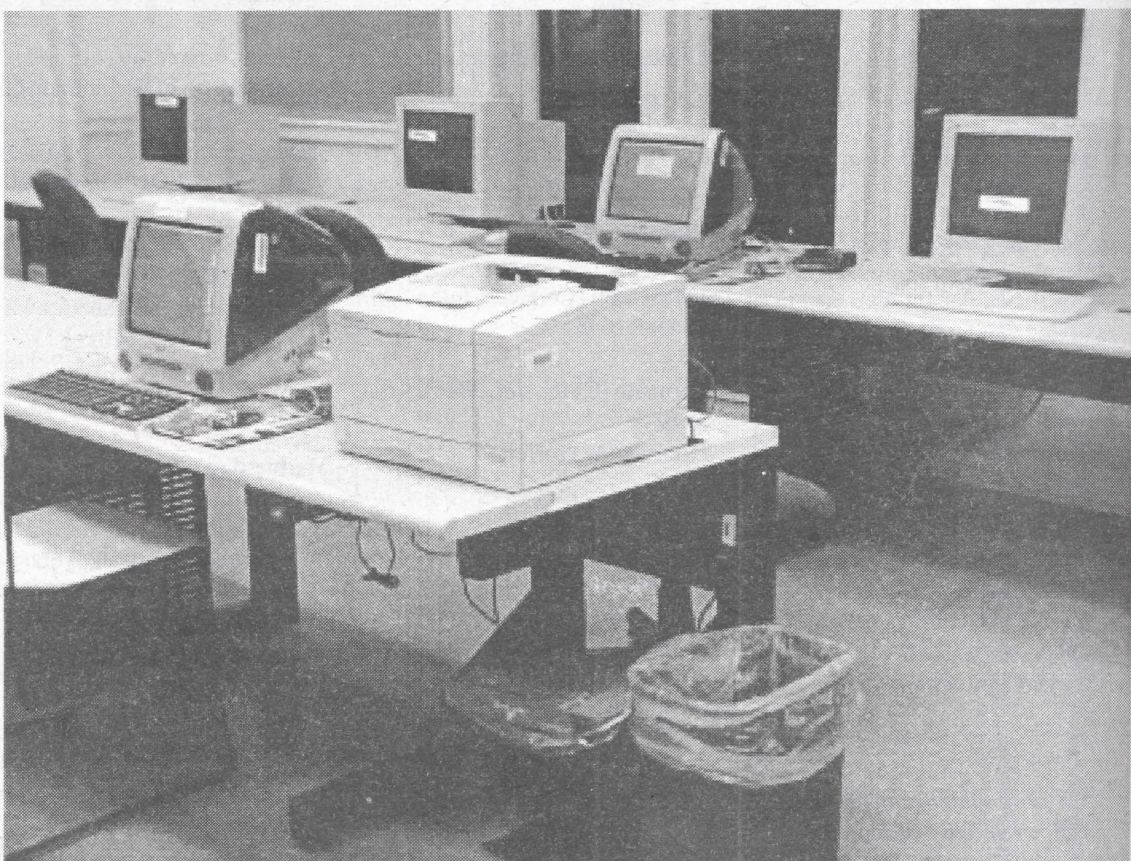
*MENC Workshop:*  
8 a.m. - 3 p.m., Location TBA

*Free Iceskating:*  
Midnight - 2 a.m., Icebox, Route 315

*Women's Basketball at Drew:*  
1:30 p.m.,

*Men's Basketball at Drew:*  
3:30 p.m.,

*Wrestling at Ithaca:*  
7 p.m.,



The Beacon/Kristin Hake

Wilkes University recently opened a 24-hour computer lab for students in Bedford Hall.

## Sunday, February 9

*Bingo:*  
8:00 p.m., Henry Student Center

*Sniper, the play:*  
11:00 a.m., Henry Student Center

*Alternative Spring Break Spaghetti Dinner:*  
4:30 - 7:00 p.m., St. Stephen's Episcopal Church

*Vagina Monologues:*  
2 p.m., Henry Student Center Ballroom

## Monday, February 10

*Women's Basketball at Lebanon Valley:*  
7:00 p.m.,

*Robert Mooney:*  
7 p.m., Kirby Hall

## Tuesday, February 11

*Auditions for Reading Railroad:*  
3 p.m., TV Studio

## Wednesday, February 12

*Penguins Game:*  
7:05 p.m., First Union Center

*Women's Basketball vs. DeSales:*  
6 p.m., Marts Gym

*Men's Basketball vs. DeSales:*  
8 p.m., Marts Gym

## Wilkes-Barre Weekly Weather



TODAY  
31/20



FRIDAY  
34/24



SATURDAY  
37/30



SUNDAY  
37/31



MONDAY  
44/25



TUESDAY  
36/15



WEDNESDAY  
28/14

*The Beacon* welcomes notices of events...publicize, it's free!

Post your event by visiting [www.wilkesbeacon.com](http://www.wilkesbeacon.com) or email [wilkesbeacon@hotmail.com](mailto:wilkesbeacon@hotmail.com)