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Proposed Parking Hike Stirs Discussion in SG Meeting

BY GABE LeDONNE
Beacon News Editor

A new proposal from the Office of Financial Management could eventually cost members of the Wilkes University community who park on campus double the current parking price.

The proposed increase would double the cost of parking on campus from the current fee of \$60.00 per semester to \$120.00 per semester over a three to five year period. Those who park in Ralston Field, currently do not pay a parking fee; however, under the proposed increase those commuters would pay \$20.00 per semester beginning next fall in order to continue parking on campus. A \$20.00 fee would also be assessed to those who wish to park on campus during summer sessions.

Word of the possible increase spread across campus quickly after Commuter Council President Lindsay Wotanis and IRHC President Melissa Merok--both of whom have been outspoken on the issue of student parking--learned of the proposed increase and announced it to Student Government at its March 12 meeting.

"Word got out before we wanted it

to. It wasn't like we were trying to hide it, but the process for me is: my staff and I come up with the ideas, we take it to the [President's] Cabinet...to get feedback from my colleagues...and see if they will work, or they won't work so we can then flush it out before we take it public," said Vice President of Finance and Support Operations, Scott Byers.

Byers and his office proposed the increase, as he explained, "because currently parking runs at a deficit. It's subsidized by tuition." Approximately \$82,000 per year is subsidized for the parking program. According to Byers, "We could solve that problem if we double parking."

The bottom line, as Chris Bailey, Director of Public Safety, pointed out, is that currently \$34.00 of every student's tuition goes towards subsidizing parking--so even those who do not have cars on campus pay part of the bill to allow faculty, staff and students to park.



Matthew Yench and Chris Bailey look on, as Scott Byers (right) discusses the reasoning behind his proposed parking increase.

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The proposal, discussed at Monday's Cabinet meeting, is still very much in debate. Not reaching a definitive consensus at the cabinet meeting, Byers and Bailey visited Student Government yesterday to gather feedback from the student representatives.

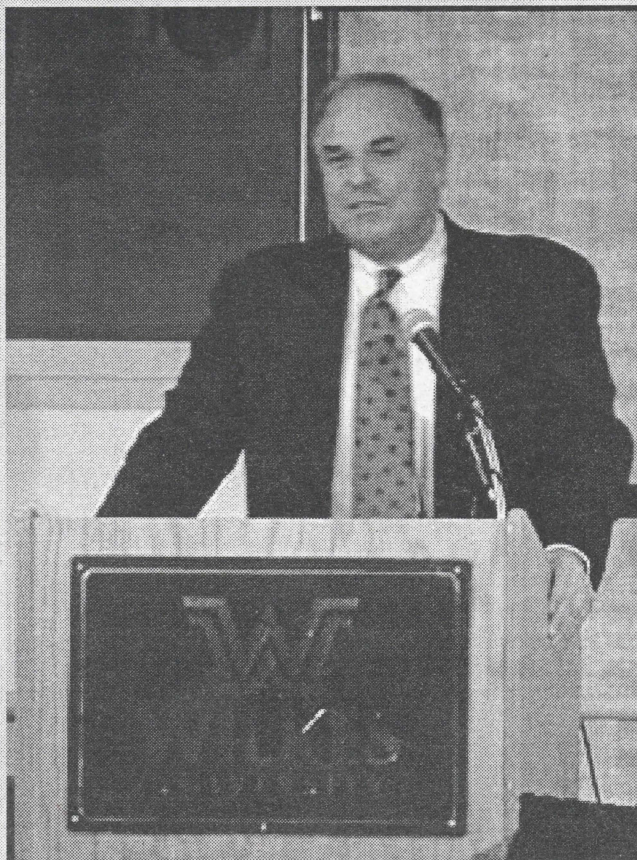
At the meeting several representatives voiced their concerns and raised questions about the proposal.

Jeff Brittain, Programming Board President, commented, "I think there are

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Rendell Speaks at Wilkes

Governor Rendell visited Wilkes on March 17 to discuss the economic future of Wilkes-Barre with local politicians and business leaders. Among those in attendance were Scranton Mayor Chris Douherty, and Congressman Paul Kanjorski.



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Developing a Truer Picture of a Global Society

BY GABE LeDONNE
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Wilkes University administration has initiated a renewed focus on the issue of diversity. Former wrestling coach, Alan Zellner, has been appointed to the newly-created position of Director of Diversity.

Provost Dr. Marvene Loeschke explained what Zellner would be doing in his new post. "He (Zellner) will have four major responsibilities; the most major is getting out in the community and attracting minority students to Wilkes," she said.

The other three responsibilities include creating retention strategies, working with multicultural affairs office for on-campus events and activities, and working with Loeschke with to develop off-campus connections. As she explained, these connections include outside multicultural organizations, as well as other academic institutions.

But why the need for such action? "Wilkes is a predominately white university, and it's always been known that students at a predominately white university...don't get a true picture of the global society, so therefore, it's part of the education process to give students an opportunity to be globally educated," explained Zellner.

"The goal here is basically try to get

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SG Happenings

Student Government met in the Hiscox Meeting Room on March 19. Their discussion included the following:

The Student Alumni Association presented their second reading of their constitution as part of their application for SG recognition. SG recognized them as a club with the passing vote of 25-0-5.

SAM submitted their fund request in the amount of \$2,500 to help pay for a business conference in Florida. SG agreed to give the club \$2,000 with a vote of 24-0-6.

SG announced that an online vote is going on now asking for suggestions as to what to put in the new game room. Online

ballots will be in sent to all student's campus mailboxes this week.

Ticket sales for Spring Fling, originally scheduled to end on Friday, March 21, have been extended until next Thursday, March 27. A security meeting is set for Thursday 3/20/03 at 3pm in the Hiscox Meeting Room.

Raising Health Consciousness at Wilkes

BY KRISTEN BRADIGAN
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Wilkes University's Health Services will be sponsoring a Health & Wellness Fair on Thursday, March 27, 2003 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the Henry Student Center Concourse.

All Wilkes students, faculty, and staff are invited to attend; however, the Health & Wellness Fair is not open to the public. Healthy refreshments will be provided.

Gail Holby, R.N., Wilkes University Health Services, said, "(The purpose of the fair) is to educate and to help the health and wellness of the people. We could check for any abnormalities that anyone may be having and refer them to their family doctor, and the education is to let them be aware of what is out there."

The Health & Wellness Fair will provide many services. Some of those services include cholesterol screenings, blood pressure screenings, sex education,

dental information, stress management, nutrition, smoking cessation, vision screening, and more.

In addition to the other services, Weight Watchers will be participating, and Holby mentioned that if 15 members of Wilkes' family enroll, a Weight Watchers representative would visit campus to run the meetings. In addition, Holby said that a Mary Kay representative will perform makeovers to anyone interested. Holby said that the purpose of a makeover is to enhance self-esteem.

Holby stressed that the fair will cover over-all health and wellness. "We're trying to get as many establishments (local hospitals and various local organizations) involved to check for different health issues," said Holby.

The fair will cover new issues in health and wellness as well.

"We're trying to bring about the new issues in health, like herbal medicine and

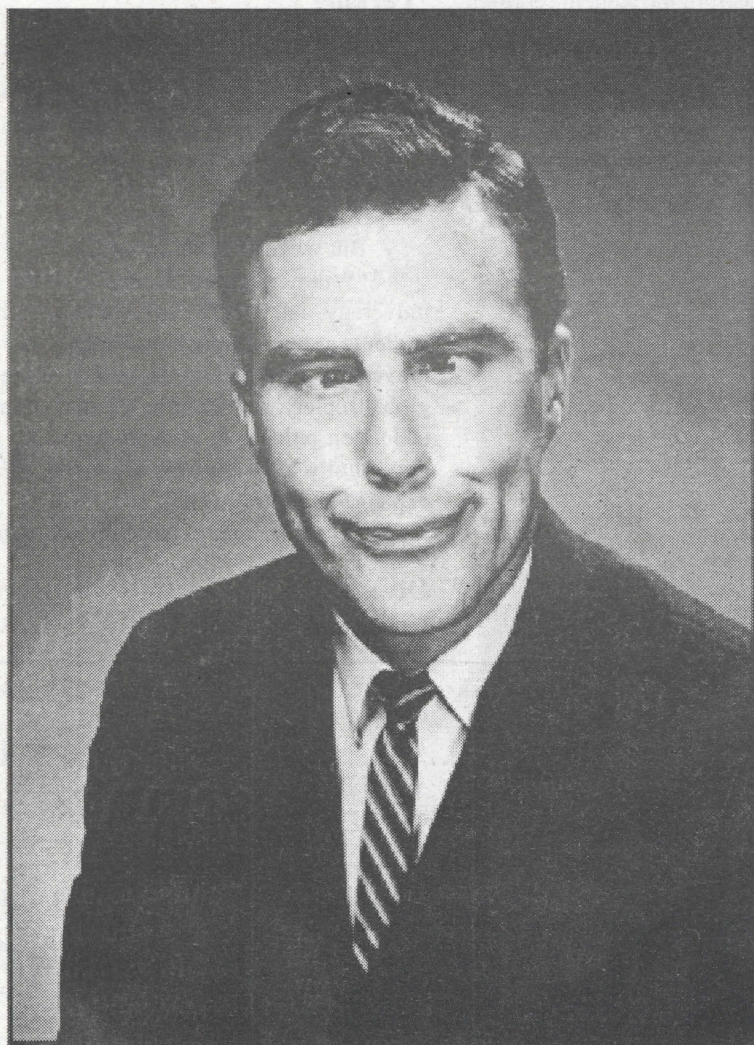
natural medicine to show them (students, faculty, and staff) what's available out there. There's been a lot of interest and questions about other types of health education, so we're trying to address them now," said Holby.

Holby also acknowledged that Wilkes students and organizations will be participating in the Health & Wellness Fair.

"The pharmacy students will have their own table, in which they will be offering over-the-counter medication education, herbal medication, and medication reviews. Also, we're going to be having Community Services covering eating disorders and stress management," said Holby.

Holby encourages all of Wilkes to attend this year's Health & Wellness Fair.

"I just wish that everyone would come and join us; there's always something you could get out of a health fair," said Holby.



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Rendell revises statistics he'll cite in school funding push

HARRISBURG, Pa. (AP)--Gov. Ed Rendell plans to update his stump speech about the need for increased school funding, after a newspaper columnist questioned the accuracy of a statistic the governor has been using to emphasize his point.

In his March 4 budget address, Rendell said, "Today in Pennsylvania, shockingly, 50 percent of our 11th-grade public school students can't pass the state reading test." Rendell has cited the same statistic on several occasions since his speech.

But in a story published Monday, *Philadelphia Daily News* columnist John Baer noted that the 2002 statewide results from the 11th-grade Pennsylvania System of School Assessment reading tests showed only 41 percent scored at the "basic" and "below-basic" levels. That would mean 59 percent scored in the "proficient" or "advanced" categories that state academic standards require.

Rendell's spokesman, Ken Snyder, said Monday that the governor had relied on test scores from 2001, which showed 49 percent scoring in the two substandard categories. "If you include dropouts, the number is around 50 percent," he said. Snyder said Rendell would cite the more current figures in any future speeches.

"At any rate, he believes that 40 percent (basic and below-basic) is horrific and argues in and of itself for increased school funding," he said.

Police in Baton Rouge say recent slaying positively linked to unsolved serial killings

BATON ROUGE, La. (AP)--DNA evidence has linked the slaying of a college student to a serial killer who has murdered four other women in Louisiana, authorities said Tuesday.

Carrie Lynn Yoder, a 26-year-old graduate student at Louisiana State University, was found dead Thursday in a marsh not far from where another victim's body was discovered last summer.

Authorities had already linked the killer to the unsolved murders of Gina Wilson Green, Charlotte Murray Pace and Pam Kinamore, all of the Baton Rouge area, and Trineisha Dene Colomb of Lafayette.

Baton Rouge Police Chief Pat Engle said Tuesday that DNA evidence left on the victims connects all five murders to one man.

Green, 41, was found strangled in her home Sept. 24, 2001. Pace, 22, was found stabbed to death in her home May 31. Kinamore, 44, was abducted from her home July 12; her throat was slit. Colomb, 23, was beaten to death and her body found in rural Lafayette Parish on Nov. 24.

Yoder, who disappeared from her home near campus on March 3, died of asphyxiation, but police have refused to say if she was strangled, suffocated or drowned. A fisherman found her body in the Whiskey Bay area of the Atchafalaya River Basin. Kinamore's body was found in the same area.

On Tuesday, Gov. Mike Foster sought to reassure southern Louisiana residents that a strong effort was under way to find the killer. A task force has been investigating the killings and other unsolved deaths in the area for any connections or clues, and thousands of tips have poured into a task force hot line. "Anything we're asked to do, we'll do," Foster said. "Money won't be an object. Personnel won't be an object."

The appearance by the governor and federal, state and local officials followed a rally two days earlier on the steps of the state Capitol, where family members and friends of the serial killer victims expressed frustration at the seeming lack of progress in the investigation.

Lynne Marino, Kinamore's mother, she said already assumed Yoder's murder was linked her daughter's killer. "That doesn't surprise me. It's the same (pattern), and I felt like if it were a copycat, he wouldn't have that much nerve to dump the body at Whiskey Bay," Marino said. "This is a brazen guy, an in-your-face type of guy."

Letter with smelly potato causes Twin Cities hospital scare

MINNEAPOLIS (AP)--A letter containing a smelly slice of potato, apparently sent to mock some lawmakers' renaming of french fries as "freedom fries," triggered a scare at a Twin Cities hospital Tuesday.

The emergency room at Unity Hospital in Fridley was locked down for 1 and 1/2 hours after a postal worker who apparently came in contact with the envelope came to the emergency room. Hospital workers donned protective suits.

The foul-smelling letter arrived Monday night at the downtown Minneapolis Post Office and was put in an area for rewrapping damaged mail, customer relations coordinator Jim Ahlgren said.

The letter had a Minneapolis postmark and was addressed to a representative "D. Rohrabacker" in Washington, D.C., Ahlgren said.

There is a California Republican congressman named Dana Rohrabacher.

Postal inspectors opened the letter Tuesday and found it contained a slice of potato with a note, "Have a french fry," Ahlgren said. Last week, lawmakers at U.S. House cafeterias put "freedom fries" on the menu to protest French opposition to the Bush administration's Iraq war plans.

Blasts, Air Raid Sirens Heard in Baghdad

HAMZA HENDAWI
AP Writer

Anti-aircraft tracers flashed across the skies of Baghdad and explosions sounded in the city at dawn Thursday as President Bush launched war against Saddam Hussein.

Less than two hours after his deadline to the Iraqi leader expired, Bush gave a televised address saying strikes had begun "to undermine Saddam Hussein's ability to wage war."

"These are opening stages of what will be a broad and concerted campaign," he said.

Bush said Thursday's action was against "targets of military opportunity." He called it the opening salvo in an operation to "disarm Iraq and to free its people."

The strikes used Tomahawk cruise missiles and precision-guided bombs dropped from F-117 Nighthawks, the Air Force's stealth fighter-bombers, military officials said. It was not immediately clear what targets they attacked.

Bush emphasized the war was not against the Iraqi people but their leadership. American messages broadcast on Iraqi airwaves to the population declared, "This is the day you have been waiting for," according to Al-Jazeera TV.

The president on Monday gave Saddam and his sons 48 hours to leave Iraq, a deadline that expired at 8 p.m. Wednesday EST and 4 a.m. Baghdad time. The Iraqi leadership rejected the ultimatum Tuesday.

At about 5:30 a.m., air sirens blared in the Iraqi capital as the military action began, though no airplanes were visible in the sky. A number of strong explosions went off in the city, one raising a ball of fire toward the southern part of the capital.

Frequent sonic booms and the sounds of aircraft could be heard in northern Iraq above the city of Sulaymaniyah in the Kurdish autonomous enclave.

In Baghdad, the fire from the ground and the explosions stopped after about a half-hour, and the capital returned to the hush that reigned over the city as the deadline neared.

The only sound was a mosque's muezzin making the call for the faithful to come to dawn Islamic prayers. A handful of cars sped through the streets as the sun began to rise, but no pedestrians were out.

After the attack, a commentary broadcast on Iraqi satellite TV said, "It's an inferno that awaits them," referring to U.S. and British forces. "Let them try their faltering luck and they shall meet what awaits them."

On Wednesday, hundreds of armed members of Saddam's Baath party and

security forces had taken up positions throughout Baghdad behind sandbags and in foxholes. About half of them left the streets during the night.

There was no sign during the day of regular army troops or armor in or outside Baghdad, where Saddam was widely expected to make his final stand against any invaders.

Al-Shabab--the most watched station in Iraq and owned by Saddam's son Odai--broadcast hours of patriotic songs Wednesday and extensive archive footage of Saddam greeting crowds and firing off a rifle.

At night, the station showed an American movie, "The Guilty," about a lawyer who rapes an employee and hires his estranged son to kill her.

Almost every store was shut in Baghdad during the day. Traffic was light as residents continued to stream out of the capital, heading for the relative safety of the countryside.

In the minutes after the 4 a.m. deadline expired, Iraqi TV replayed footage of a pro-Saddam march earlier in the week, with people brandishing rifles, chanting slogans and carrying pictures of the Iraqi leader.

Since Bush issued his ultimatum, Iraqi officials remained defiant in the face of about 300,000 U.S. and British troops backed by 1,000 warplanes and a fleet of warships - all ready for an attack on Iraq to rid it of weapons of mass destruction that Washington and London say Saddam is concealing.

Members of Iraq's parliament declared their loyalty to Saddam on Wednesday and renewed their confidence in his leadership.

"We are dedicated to martyrdom in defense of Iraq under your leadership," they said in a message to Saddam issued at the end of their session.

Speaker Saadoun Hammadi opened the meeting by saying, "The people of Iraq, with a free and honest will, have spoken decisively and clearly in choosing their mujahid leader Saddam Hussein president of the country."

Bahrain, a small Persian Gulf state allied with the United States, offered Saddam a haven Wednesday, the first such offer to be publicly extended to the Iraqi leader as Arabs scramble to avert war. There was no immediate Iraqi comment on the offer.

On Wednesday, Baghdad residents did last-minute shopping at the food stores that remained open, seemingly resigned that war would come within hours.

"We cry for Baghdad," said civil servant and part-time Baghdad historian Abdel-Jabar al-Tamimi. "Tonight, we shall be awake waiting for the bombs to fall, but we will also remember that God is stronger than oppression. Wars come and go, but Baghdad will remain."

Philosophy Students Search for the "Good Life"

BY STEPHEN KEMBLE
Beacon Staff Writer

Over spring break, a few students from Wilkes University went to Barre, Massachusetts to experience "The Good Life."

Fourteen students from a Philosophy 298 class titled "The Good Life" taught by Linda Paul, Associate Professor of Philosophy, left on February 27 to attend a workshop intended to explore meditative techniques and wisdom teachings of the Buddhist traditions. They returned four days later on March 2.

The trip originally was supposed to cost \$150 a person but the class received generous funds from Bonnie Bedford, Dean of College of Arts, Sciences and Professional Studies, and Mark Allen, Dean of Students. The donations lowered the cost per student to \$55 a piece.

The workshop was led by Mu Soeng; the director of the Barre Center for Buddhist Studies. Soeng was a Zen Buddhist Monk for 11 years in Korea.

The main reason that Paul wanted to take the students on this trip was to help answer the question, "What is the optimal life for human beings?"

"We started out looking at classic

Greek ideas to answer that question...but I felt that it shouldn't be just about intellectual learning. It also needs to be about self experience and to try out ideas instead of just reading about them," said Paul.

Another goal for the trip was to get the students to actually try to put some of the Buddhist practices into use. One of the ways they did that was through meditation. Max Roth, a junior philosophy major, said, "For a lot of us it was the first time we meditated so it was a very new experience." The students focused on meditating for up to three hours during any given day.

The typical day at the Barre Center for Buddhist Studies began at 6:30 in the morning. Students meditated from 7 a.m. until they went to breakfast at 7:30. After breakfast, they participated in some kind of chore for about an hour, and then had a discussion or lecture, usually led by Soeng, until lunch at noon.

In the afternoon the students had some time for themselves during which they could meditate or take a walk until dinner around 5 o'clock. Paul added that, "Some students took time to visit the library which had a wonderful array of Buddhist books." After dinner they had

another discussion from 7 until 9:30 p.m.

Paul commented, "The students put a tremendous amount of energy into all of the things that Soeng and I asked them to do, so I was very pleased with the trip."

The trip proved to be a success to most of the students. "Educationally, I now have a greater understanding of Buddhism and Buddhist ideas so it provided me with a lot of fuel for the class," said Roth.

COMMUNITY NOTIFICATION

FROM THE OFFICE OF
PUBLIC SAFETY

At approximately 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 19, 2003 a suspicious man walked into an office in Stark Learning Center where he attempted to remove a valuable piece of artwork. The employee, who was in the office at the time, gave the following description: Male; Caucasian; approximately 5'11"; 38 to 40 years old; Dark Hair; Long Black Coat; Silver Necklace and Medallion; and Dark Painted Fingernails.

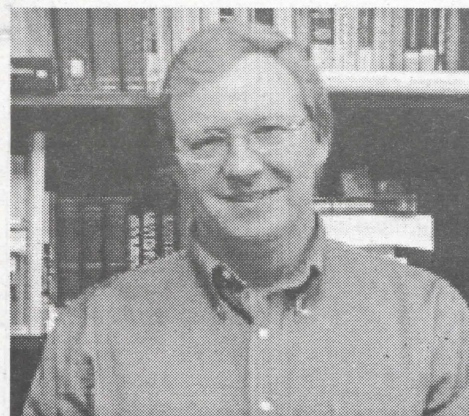
A second incident occurred at approximately 4:30 p.m. involving a man fitting the same description. This incident occurred in the 200 block of South Franklin Street at the residence (not Wilkes property) of a student. The suspect entered the residence and

proceeded to vandalize the walls with a marker.

Members of the campus community are reminded that they should always report unfamiliar and suspicious individuals within your office, room and/or common areas. If such people are seen in these areas you are asked to exercise extreme caution and contact the Public Safety Emergency Line at 408-4999 or ext. 4999.

Anyone with information should contact the Department of Public Safety at 408-4999 or ext. 4999. Callers wishing to maintain their anonymity can call the CARE hotline at 408-CARE (2273) or ext. CARE (2273).

Fields and Bruns Named to New Dean Positions



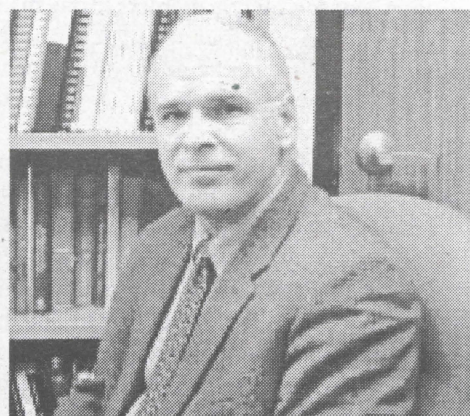
BY GABRIELLE LAMB
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Dr. Marvene Loeschke, Wilkes University Provost, has announced the appointment of two news deans, following the split of CASPS. Dr. Darin Fields has accepted the position of Dean of the College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Science and Dr. Dale Bruns, will assume duties for Dean of the College of Science and Engineering.

Fields assumed the dean position after having served as Chairperson for Humanities. He submitted his application for consideration because of his commitment to the development of Wilkes as a whole.

"First, and foremost I want to help Wilkes continue to become an excellent place to learn. For the nine years I have been at Wilkes I have always felt that its students and faculty are remarkable. Despite enrollment, fiscal, and administrative uncertainties, the faculty, staff and students of Wilkes have never lost sight of what's important about our academic mission," said Fields.

Prior to serving as a Professor of



Geoenvironmental Science and Engineering Bruns spent seven years leading teams in research at the Department of Energy's Idaho National Engineering Laboratory. Bruns says he is ready for the challenge of dean.

"As dean, I would have new challenges and opportunities to grow and develop as a leader. I believe that my collective experiences at Wilkes, and previously at the national lab, will afford me the chance to help bring regional and national recognition to our programs on a team basis," said Bruns.

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."

Fields and Bruns will formally assume their duties as deans of their respective colleges on June 1, 2003.

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Several Hit Jackpot at Casino Night

Bogusko wins grand prize trip to New York

BY JOSEPH DeANGELIS
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When Sarah Bogusko, a junior Wilkes psychology major, woke up on Friday March 14, she would have never thought Student Government would surprise her with the biggest birthday present she ever received.

After the sun went down, Bogusko headed over with a couple of friends to the annual Casino Night. What Bogusko didn't

was made possible by leftover money from the year's budget, according to Albert Sidhom, a junior accounting major and the SG treasurer in charge of the event.

"We had a really, really good turnout," Sidhom said. "What I've heard from a lot of the people who have been here longer than I have was that this is part of the largest crowd they've seen in a while. I think we were looking at about 150, 175 students in this one."

any waiting for period of time for those who didn't pack.

Bogusko was allowed to bring three of her friends along with her, one of whom was Jen Hopkins, a junior psychology major who has been friends with Bogusko since their freshman year. "I was so excited for her because it was her 21st birthday, so you couldn't get a better, more exciting 21st

birthday," Hopkins said. "I spent my whole day getting ready to make plans for Sarah's birthday."

During the trip, the Wilkes students did some sightseeing along with a visit to Madame Tussaud's Wax Museum. The prize also included tickets to see *The Lion King* on Broadway and reservations at the Belvedere Hotel.

It didn't register really until somebody looked at it [the ticket] for me--my friend behind me--and she started to scream.

-Sarah Bogusko
Wilkes University Psychology major

know was that she and her friends were soon going to be in a limousine heading straight for New York City.

"I was shocked," she said after finding out the news that she won the grand prize. "It didn't register really until somebody looked at it [the ticket] for me--my friend behind me--and she started to scream."

The grand prize trip to New York City was just one part of Casino Night, which has been a Wilkes tradition since the mid-90s. Student Government, who annually organize the event, awarded a variety of other major prizes this year including a television set, a DVD player, along with the always popular trip to New York City, which

For one night a year, the ballroom in the Henry Student Center looked and felt like an actual Las Vegas casino-- with the added perk that no one lost their life savings. Casino Night featured all the games required to make a casino-- blackjack tables, roulette, and the big six wheel. Many SG representatives also volunteered to be dealers.

The grand prize trip to New York City is in itself a game for the attendees. "The New York trip was set up so that you came in with your bag, you would have your hand stamped, and you received a ticket that had a stamp on it and that was put in a separate group entirely," said Sidhom. This would avoid



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"Schmooze or Lose"

Entices Etiquette

BY GABRILLE LAMB
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Wilkes University Career Services sponsored a seminar called "Schmooze or Lose" Tuesday, March 18, in the Kirby Salon. The hour-long sessions provided students with tips for how to conduct themselves properly at business interviews, events or lunch dates.

The event started as members of Career Services offered advice about how students can mingle with strangers without feeling self-conscious or uncomfortable.

Carol Bosack, Director of Career Services, provided students with ice breakers and others ways of starting conversations. "Avoid talking about personal things like politics, religious beliefs, or telling dirty jokes," said Bosack. "It puts people on the spot, makes them uncomfortable, and can cause arguments or disagreements. Instead, ask someone what they do, the weather, or vacation plans. It makes for better conversation."

Lisa Mulvey, Career Development Coordinator, gave students some general rules of thumb when meeting colleagues at business events.

"Position yourself in an area that gets the most foot traffic. Stay close to the bar or buffet, but not too close. You don't want to be seen hanging by the bar all night," Mulvey said with a laugh.

Mulvey also informed students how to begin a conversation or end one tactfully.

"Be willing to introduce yourself to people. Search for people who are standing alone, it is easier to approach one person than a group," said Mulvey. "Ten minutes is about right for a conversation. When you feel a natural lull in the conversation, make your exit by saying, 'It was nice meeting you, but please excuse me'," she added.

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Looking beyond the war with Iraq

For the first time in our young lives, the repercussions of military action will directly impact the decisions we make and the ways in which we live. Our government's actions and foreign relations policies will impact what we think, consume, and will dictate how we carry out everyday routines in more direct ways than we have ever before acknowledged.

What is perhaps most important for us to recognize is that though this war may be a swift and successful victory, the aftermath will likely be a long, unpredictable journey of confrontation and instability.

Though polls indicate that more than 70 percent of America agrees with President Bush's decision to wage war against Saddam Hussein and his Iraqi regime, the president's perception of how the world should be and his plans for the near future are questionable and have potential for dire consequences. His immediate plan for the reconstruction of Iraq after the war and his future agenda with other so-called "axis of evil" nations could be costly and devastating, and must be analyzed with close scrutiny. Apathy in this case could cost Americans more than just a close presidential election.

In his speech to the nation earlier this week President Bush took the opportunity to assure the Iraqi people that the United States would take a leading role in helping to re-build. In addition he said, "The United States...will work to advance the liberty and peace in that region. The power and appeal of human liberty is felt in every life and every land, and the greatest power of freedom is to overcome hatred and violence, and turn the creative gifts of men and women to the pursuits of peace. That is the future we choose."

The President's rhetoric in this address, along with that in the State of the Union speech, suggests that America will dictate the future of Iraq—how it will be governed, and how it will be reconstructed. His plan to introduce "liberty" and "freedom" into this Middle Eastern country may sound just, but will not be met without serious challenge.

Since most of the nations that surround Iraq do not approve of a U.S.-led democracy in that country, it is safe to assume they will react. The backlash from toppling Saddam Hussein, reconstructing Iraq, and developing the country into a free nation as Bush desires will most likely include: prolonged military action within the country, a massive amount of monetary investment and provision of supplies, further political turmoil with other leading nations, and the ever-increasing threat of terrorist attacks.

The simple fact that Bush feels he has the power to establish a democratic government that he so desires in Iraq is not only arrogant, but also extremely controversial. Since he and his administration have already acted without the support of the United Nations, and

force against these countries, considering them also part of the "axis" that supports terror.

President Bush offered a glimpse of this stance in his State of the Union address when he noted, "The course of this nation does not depend on the decisions of others. Whatever action is required, whenever action is necessary, I will defend the freedom and security of the American people." Right now what this could mean to the American public is that more money may be spent in the Middle East, more political strife and confrontation is possible with allies and the United Nations, and more violent and deadly military action could ensue.

Concerning the other nations named as part of the "axis of evil" (North Korea and Iran), it is difficult to predict how the Bush administration will handle their pending situations. North Korea is currently building weapons of mass destruction and has shown an utter disregard for U.S. warnings to stop. Iran's resume is quite similar. Both nations completely oppose western ideology. It seems that time is running out, and Bush will have to decide how to handle these situations. Will he go to war with Iran and North Korea, and continue his conquest over nations who do not agree with American philosophy? What will these diplomatic/military conflicts mean to us? How will other leading nations such as Great Britain, France, Germany, Russia and China feel about America's attempt to continuously create democratic nations?

In the days that lie ahead, it is of utmost importance to show respect for and support for our military personnel, our government, and peaceful intentions of others. However, it is our responsibility as American citizens to keep a watchful eye on those we have elected and to question whether their long-range plans reflect what we want as a nation. We must pay close attention to what path America's leaders decide to walk after the war in Iraq. If President Bush's policies continue to indicate plans to take this nation on a crusade towards a "global America," we must understand the repercussions we will face, and assume responsibility if we passively allow it to happen.

War's Aftermath

Beacon Editorial

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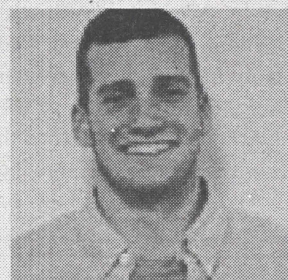
continuously argued that America will stand alone on the world's stage if need be, the American public should at least feel compelled to question this administration's motives and means.

But maybe more importantly we must make sure to observe the actions and plans of our leader after the war in Iraq. As voters, it is our responsibility to fully understand all of the implications of American rule in an area of the world where America is already distrusted. If we don't, Bush could be walking us down the path to our own demise.

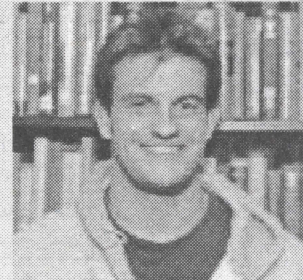
If surrounding countries do decide to rally against a democratic Iraq, we must understand what this means for the future of our country. If, during the reconstruction of Iraq, Middle Eastern nations do revolt, what will the president do? It seems apparent that he will use military

My Dad's Bigger Than Your Dad:

We will go to war and win because that's what we do



BY J.J. HANSON
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BY CHAD ALTIERI
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Due to the lies and betrayal of the French and company, the United Nations is now irrelevant. The French ambassador to the UN lied to U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell's face when he agreed to support the last UN resolution dealing with Iraq. There was an understanding that in signing Resolution 1441, if the Iraqi government were in material breach, France would support the use of force to remove Saddam's regime. The United States has found Iraq in material breach of Resolution 1441, and the UN has now been rendered powerless.

It is true that France benefits more from the UN than the U.S., and now has cut off their nose to spite their face. Because Chirac only cares about the economic reward he gains from oil and money from Iraq, this coalition of international forces is now helpless. The French even went to such lengths as to go into Africa and persuade many nations to go against us in the vote for the resolution. Their blatant disregard for the lives of American people proves that they are not an ally, but an enemy. Now, the U.S. has decided to take matters into its own hands, and get rid of an evil, murderous dictator.

The French are attempting to save face with the commitment of troops in the event of an Iraqi biological or chemical attack. This feeble attempt to jump on the coalition bandwagon is despicable. The line in the sand was drawn, and the French chose money over loyalty. Remember, this is the country we had to save in two world wars. So, to the French, we say, "Thanks, but no thanks." Your opportunity to assist the U.S. has passed. That includes helping rebuild a new government in Iraq.

A new era of United States

foreign policy has now begun. The fears of the French are now becoming reality because of that country's unwillingness to work with the United States. The United States will no longer recognize the legitimacy of the United Nations or its organs, unless we have something to gain.

The first example of this new policy will come at the expense of the International Court of Justice (ICJ). When Saddam, his sons, and his generals are rounded up, they will be tried and convicted before the ICJ. Since the ICJ is an arm of the United Nations, the U.S. government will only recognize it when it is serving a purpose for the people of the U.S. Therefore, no U.S. service people will be subjected to the scrutiny the ICJ provides.

The U.S. is the world's strongest nation. The U.S. has shown again and again that it has supremacy over all the other countries. We have also shown that we can go over the heads of anyone when we feel strongly about something. We are not elitist; we are realists. Our so-called allies haven't supported us, and it's time we throw our weight around. Bush took every possible measure he could have before war, and these so-called allies failed us. In the words of Colin Powell, "The time for diplomacy is over." Now, it is time to go into Iraq, and stop a brutal dictator from continuing his reign of

"Tell the Kid Not to Wear White Socks"



BY CAROL BOSACK
Visiting Assistant Professor of English

Taking advantage of our career development programs, the CAR 101 free elective career development course to be offered this fall to juniors and seniors, and utilizing the individual support that Career Services offers is a wise move during these tough economic times.

You should know, too, that your career development begins the very first day that you enter Wilkes. Employers or graduate schools will be looking at your resume and application and asking, "What has this person been doing during his or her college career that makes them the 'special' person that I want?" Helping you find your way into a career that's right for you and encouraging you develop the communication and workplace skills needed to be successful are what we try to do at Career Services. We hope to help you clarify your values, interests, and

skills, as well as to help you "find a job."

These days, figuring out how to get a job is an actual job in itself, and it is neither quick nor easy. In the days of old, perhaps in your grandpa's college days, when jobs for degreed students outnumbered the number of actual students available for employment, the Career Services Director--then called the Placement Director--or a kindly professor would call a local company, recommend a student for a job, and the company would say, "Great, send 'em right up to see us." Off the happy suit-clad grad would go to get that job! That was that!

Now, much hiring is managed via the web, and recruiters are tech-savvy, super busy people who want 24-hour web fast access to lots of good scanable resumes. Yet, sending cover letters with resumes and making cold call phone contacts is acceptable and actually desired by some small companies. So what employer wants what? What is a job hunter to do? Monstertrak? Collegecentral? Careerbuilder? Hotjobs? When it feels like Coldjobs, Nojobs, and and-Igiveup.dot com should be your bookmarks, you are way past due coming to see us for some support in your job search.

What we tend to do the most for students includes career choice counseling and education; organizing job fairs and on-campus recruiters to bring employers who are "actually hiring" to meet with students; offering individual or group training in job search strategies; assisting with resume writing, interview preparation, and videotaped mock interviews; sharing information about graduate schools; and helping students reach out to mentors who might be supportive in their job searches. Hopefully we give good advice on how to market yourself, because as a potential intern, co-op, or full-time employment candidate, you must have the ability to convince a hiring manager, or perhaps even a large hiring committee, that you are the best person for the position.

"Tell the kid not to wear white socks," was an actual comment that a corporate recruiter told us regarding a student in black

suit who had come in for an on-campus interview. We cringed. Can not bothering to hunt down a pair of black socks for an interview really hurt your chances of being hired? It sure can. "If a guy can't bother to match his socks, iron his shirt, or take out the piercing studs when he is supposed to be

impressing me, I wonder what kind of quality work he'd do for our company," the recruiter said. Stories like that, and there are lots more, lead to us encourage everyone to do a professional mock interview, to meet recruiters by signing up for interviews and information sessions, and to go to our 5 school consortium Employment Fair at the First Union Arena on the 27th in order to practice meeting human resource professionals and tell them about what you can bring to their organizations as a potential candidate for hire.

Programs that may sound like "fluff," for example the "Schmooze or Lose" Business Etiquette 101 training we did on the 19th, really do relate to the real world, and 20 smart students came. More should have, however. Last year a successful local company with really fine management positions met about 200 candidates at PA college job fairs. After two rounds of interviews, one on-campus and one at the business, the top 12 candidates had to attend a cocktail party and dinner with upper management. Only a few of those candidates then got job offers; can you guess which ones and why?

Hunting for jobs is stressful and many students chose to avoid it for as long as they can.

It's hard to deal with the inevitable rejections, but they are part of the process. I can recall my own job search for a full-time professional position as a Wilkes Psych-Soc graduate. After receiving yet another rejection letter, I headed off to my residential counselor job at a social service group home for adults with developmental disabilities. We were preparing the clients' apartments for a state inspection and my biggest intellectual and professional challenge was to make sure that every bathroom was spotless. While taking a break, my can of Ajax in one hand and a toilet scrubber in the other, I sat down on the bathroom floor and quietly sobbed, "Magna cum laude to scrub toilets." Now as I look back from a much wider perspective, I realize how much I learned about psychology and counseling from that job, how doing it led to more professional opportunities, what an honor and a pleasure it was to help people with challenges achieve their goals, and most critically, if I had not paid my entry-level dues in the counseling field, I wouldn't have the great job helping students that I have today.

So come and see us. We hope to help you get things in to perspective, too.

Entering a "Just Because" War Circumvents Justice

BY GARY FERENTINO
Beacon Staff Writer

America is about to declare war with Iraq. There is no longer a question of *if* war will be declared; it is just a matter of when. In fact, by the time this column is printed, the bombing may well have begun.

The real question for me is *why*? Is it because of Iraq's refusal to cooperate with U.N. weapons inspectors, because of Iraq's support of al-Qaida terrorists, or possibly the U.S. obligation to free Iraqi citizens from the oppression they face under a cruel and inhumane dictator? What will the government's spin be next week?

It should be difficult for freedom-loving Americans to tolerate such violations of international peace, especially when America is a key member of the United Nations. Power can and should be a very heavy burden to bear. Knowing when to use it justly demands much

consideration. There is no doubt that Iraq is a potential threat to international peace. But is Iraq such a direct and certain threat to the United States at this time that there is no more time or room for negotiation?

It has been obvious for some time now that we did not have the support of the United Nations to wage war. France and Russia vowed to veto any resolution calling for the use of force. We did not have the support of Germany and what support we have from Great Britain hinges on the political future of Prime Minister Tony Blair. The cards were dealt, yet we refused to play the hand we were given.

I love America. I feel very fortunate to live in the land of opportunity and freedom and I understand that not all countries provide such a comfortable existence for their citizens. I also understand that men who fought and died for the freedoms we enjoy today founded the United

States. I don't have to be reminded of that, yet lately those who support war with Iraq seem to feel that I do.

Let us not confuse the American way with the current administration's policy. It should be Americans who send their troops to war, not politicians or the propaganda that supports them. As an American I was raised to question what is right, to appreciate the choices that I have, and to take responsibility for making those choices. I think it is time that our government demonstrates these same American values.

Americans must be able to distinguish between those events in the international arena that truly challenge our freedoms and those events that merely provide us the opportunity to exert the power we possess as a result of such freedoms. The two are very distinct, and when confused can cause grave consequences for the future of international relations as we know it. Just because we *can*

impose our will through military force, does not mean that it is the right choice to make.

Through its repeated calls for diplomatic negotiation, the United Nations Security Council did its best to stall the eventual invasion of Iraq. But regardless of these attempts, the current administration chooses to use force to oust Saddam Hussein without the support of the United Nations.

I fear for the future of the United States and the rest of the world, not only because of the threats a war with Iraq will bring, but because the very future of international diplomacy as we know it will be fundamentally altered. The United States has an obligation as a member of the United Nations to exhaust all means in an effort to maintain peace.

War with Iraq is ultimately inevitable. However, the United States has done everything in its power to perpetuate hostile

relations with Iraq and alienate our nation from the established protocol of international peace-keeping we initiated after World War II. The fact that American forces are about to start a massive assault on Iraq without consent from the United Nations minimizes the importance of such a world organization.

While America is poised to protect the world from Saddam Hussein, who will protect the rest of the world from the United States? Many Americans are confident that we can win a war with Iraq, and indeed we have the military capacity to do so. But to many that seems to be the primary justification for war--we *can*, so we *should*.

War with Iraq is not a 'just' war, but a 'just because' war that will only perpetuate the cycle of hatred that has emerged as a result of American intervention around the globe.

Service in Appalachia Makes a Difference for One Single Mother

BY ELVIRAILLIANO
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While many students spent their spring break having fun and relaxing, others put their personal needs aside to help others.

This year, seven Wilkes University students: Rajitha Devadoss, Stephanie Dickert, Kelly Leach, Jason McDermott, Elizabeth Miller, Matthew Rosato and Jared Shayka, participated in Wilkes University's alternative spring break 2003.

Held in Pipestem, West Virginia, the purpose of this year's alternative spring break project was to "do some kind of repair construction work, something where we could tangibly see the results," explained Gail Minichiello, Wilkes University's Community Service Coordinator. Working in collaboration with the Appalachian South Folklife Center, the students helped to reconstruct two rooms of a family house in West Virginia.

Rosemary D. Cabanillas, Americorps/VISTA and Community Service Coordinator, went further into detail by explaining, "The Appalachian South Folklife Center likes to assist families that are in situations like this. They referred us to a single mom who was injured on her job and is no longer able to work. She's living on worker's compensation, so for her

to get two of the rooms in her house fixed was out of the question. That's why we helped."

Elizabeth Miller, a participant in this year's spring break event and sophomore Business major at Wilkes University, expressed her personal opinion on this

gether," said Miller.

Minichiello indicated that the walls in the rooms of the house they were repairing were "basically just wallpaper. There was no drywall. There was no insulation, and that is why it would get so cold."

Cabanillas added that, to improve the condition of the house, the team "tore down a lot of wall in the one room and hung up new sheetrock... We spackled everything [the walls], sanded it down and painted."

Both Cabanillas and Minichiello expressed enormous enthusiasm for the experience. Minichiello added that the group's final product was "definitely an improvement" on the woman's home.

"I feel that the greatest aspect of the trip would have to be the sense of group camaraderie," said Matthew Rosato, a sophomore computer science major at Wilkes University and

participant in this year's alternative spring break.

Rajitha Devadoss, a Wilkes sophomore majoring in biology, gave a slightly different opinion. She said, "Besides the team-building (from painting to cooking), it

really was amazing how the work that we did do was able to make a difference for that one individual. Sometimes, that's all it takes: one step at a time, one individual at a time makes the world a better place for everyone."

Although several participants agree that this experience was positive, Miller indicated a negative side as well. "The more we drove around the area, the more I realized that there were so many people that needed help. I wish we could have helped others that were in desperate need of aid," explained Miller.

Rosato also explained, "I had a lot of homework to complete over spring break that required a computer that could not be worked on due to our rustic setting." He added, though, "I did, however, think it was a great experience and would therefore recommend it to other students."

While next year's destination is not yet known, Minichiello encourages students to participate in events such as the alternative spring break. "It's definitely a worthwhile experience. People give a lot but they also get so much back from it, learning and having fun. I encourage students to check (alternative spring break) out at least some time during their years at Wilkes," concluded Minichiello.

Devadoss agreed, "Everyone should have an experience like this that extends beyond the classroom and into the real world."



Wilkes students participate in Alternative Spring Break 2003.

year's project. "Our week of service included indoor construction work, and I had no prior experience. Therefore, everything was new to me from spackling to painting, but it was a great learning experience, because we all worked to-

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Jim Monsuer

Hometown: Wilkes Barre, PA
Title: Public Safety Officer

Q) What were your plans for St. Patrick's Day?

A) Work

Q) What is in your CD player right now?

A) Rock music

Q) What did you do over spring break?

A) Work

Q) If you had the chance to meet one celebrity, who would it be and why?

A) The Yankees baseball team because I have been a big fan for years - since birth.



Clarissa Dudeck

Hometown: Higgins, PA
Year/Major: P1/Pharmacy

Q) What where your plans for St. Patrick's Day?

A) Went to a bar

Q) What is in your CD player right now?

A) Breaking Benjamin, OAR, and Dave Matthews Band

Q) What did you do over spring break?

A) I relaxed and spent time with my family.

Q) If you had the chance to meet one celebrity, who would it be and why?

A) Paul Walker, because he's HOT!



Paola Pardo

Hometown: Kingston, PA
Year/Major: Freshman/International Studies

Q) What where your plans for St. Patrick's Day?

A) Nothing

Q) What is in your CD player right now?

A) J. Lo

Q) What did you do over spring break?

A) I went to New Jersey and then to New York City to fill out papers to go to Spain.

Q) If you had the chance to meet one celebrity, who would it be and why?

A) Princess Diana because she is the kind of person that I would like to be.

P.O.W.E.R. Offers Wilkes Students, Alumni Networking Opportunity

BY MELISSA JERGENSEN
Beacon Staff Writer

What is the most powerful way to build professional relationships and actively foster contacts? According to 2001 survey conducted by the Society of Human Resource Management (SHRM), the answer is: networking.

P.O.W.E.R. (Professionals Organized and Working to Enrich the Region), was one of fourteen projects to receive funding through a statewide competitive funding pool. The primary objective of the young professional group is to retain and attract young people in the region via an organized and managed network involving community and civic participation.

According to Sam McCullough, Secretary of the PA Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED), "Students tell us they want to stay in the Commonwealth, but they're unaware of the opportunities Pennsylvania has to offer. It is important that we link our young people with the Pennsylvania employers who need them. We must show them that Pennsylvania has the exciting job opportunities they seek, with the world-class companies they want to work for, and an unrivaled quality of life.

Pennsylvania is the ideal place to live, work, play and raise a family."

Through the Pennsylvania DCED, "Stay Invent the Future" is an initiative which includes 78 challenge grant projects totaling more than \$4.1 million that have already been funded. The projects were selected after a regional and state review process and are geared toward identifying and strengthening industry clusters, workforce capabilities, educational institutions, anchor firms and lifestyle opportunities.

P.O.W.E.R. is one of four projects that have been selected. Currently, "Stay Invent the Future" is the marketing message the Commonwealth is branding nationally and internationally.

northeast Pennsylvania, but have not established contacts.

P.O.W.E.R. is designed to shape the community by allowing people to plant their roots while marketing the northeast region.

P.O.W.E.R. is open to any student or young professional who desires to build the essential foundation they need to be successful in the region. Membership is held on a rolling basis and is offered at a reduced fee of \$15 to students. Meetings are held after hours where the group gathers to brainstorm ideas. "The organization performs various community service initiatives for the underprivileged," said Amy George, Coordinator of P.O.W.E.R. and 2000 Wilkes Alumnus. The



"The goal of P.O.W.E.R. is to attract and retain talent in the region," said Melissa Gallup, Wilkes University senior communication studies major.

P.O.W.E.R. enables students and young professionals to develop networks. Many people have an interest in working in

group also participates in assorted social events. The next scheduled event is a Bowl-a-thon, March 22 at Stanton Lanes. Participants are required to get sponsors and prizes will be awarded.



Photo Courtesy of Melissa Gallup

P.O.W.E.R. 's(Professionals Organized and Working to Enrich the Region) objective is to retain and attract young people in the region. The group meets regularly to discuss such plans.

Spring in a New Exercise Regimen

BY LIZA CARDAMONE
Beacon Staff Writer

In less than three months, men and women of all ages will be hitting the sandy beaches in hopes of catching some sun, waves, and for some, perhaps even the eye of an admirer.

Having the "bikini body" of your dreams is not always easy. Adults and teenagers may feel depressed when they try on their first bathing suit of the season. They may be frustrated to notice they have gained some "excess baggage" from the lazy days of winter. However, there is no need to panic.

Experts are now touting numerous new exercise facilities and programs available to all those pursuing that perfect "bikini bod."

The YMCA is one of the most popular workout places for men, women, and children. There are an abundance of fitness machines, aerobic classes, and courts for recreational play. The YMCA offers aerobic classes such as butt and gut, spinning, kickboxing, step, cardiovascular classes, pilates, and water aerobic classes.

Water aerobics is one of the most popular and fastest growing ways to work out. This new age aqua aerobics attracts men and women of all ages. Many Wilkes University students use the YMCA as their regular workout area thanks to their free membership. However, for adults it would normally cost \$550 for a year membership and \$75 for a child membership. Men and women have separate fitness facilities, but daily aerobic classes are open to everyone.

Curves for women is the newest hot spot for ladies of all ages. Sorry. No boys allowed. "Curves" offers a comfortable atmosphere for women of all shapes, sizes, and ages. "Curves" also offers a diverse work out routine. Women are required to spend two minutes on each machine and before going on to the next machine they must stop and engage in cardiovascular exercises. The total workout is completed in a half hour.

Barabara Giombetti, a pharmaceutical representative from Moosic, PA, is a regular at Curves. "The environment is enthusiastic and women are encouraged to work to the best of their ability. It only lasts a half hour, which is great. I would encourage it to anyone interested in a comfortable workout facility and noticeable results," Giombetti stated.

Along with the available facilities, there are also new forms of exercises such as Pilates. Pilates is a more relaxed technique used to make you look and feel great. The Winsor Pilates program is designed to tone and sculpt your entire body and help you lose weight at the same time.

Faith Martin, a Freshman secondary education major at Wilkes University, enjoys Pilates and does it regularly. "Pilates is a great way to tone your abs. I do it for about forty five minutes two to three times a week. I have tapes, but I rather take the classes at the YMCA," said Martin.

Pilates focuses on strengthening the body's center. Abdominal workouts are sometimes difficult, and the newest ab machines don't always work. However, pilates is a more comfortable and efficient way to work the ab area. Different breathing techniques are taught to those who do pilates to prevent the body from cramping and help while performing the numerous exercises.

Another new cardiovascular workout,

Playometrics, is helping athletes gain stamina, speed, and endurance, as well as strength training. Playometrics strengthens and tones muscles that aren't normally strengthened in athletic events.

Jeanine Barber, a sophomore English/secondary education major and member of the volleyball team at Wilkes University, is actively involved with a new strengthening and toning program known as Playometrics.

"Playometrics is a jumping and strengthening type of exercise for your legs. Volleyball players use it to increase their vertical jump. For 30 second intervals we perform different jumping exercises. We usually do it for an hour to an hour and a half," stated Barber.

With spring in the air, it is a perfect time to get motivated. Due to our cold and snowy winter, we all have spent too much time indoors. We can all use a walk, run, or few hours at the gym to regain a positive mental perspective. A healthy mind will ensure a road to a healthy body. Working out regularly enhances stamina along with toning and strengthening the body's muscles. With all the workout options available, everyone can find something that fits their schedule and interest.

However, time is ticking. The waves are beginning to roar and the vacations are being booked. There's no better time to shape up than today.

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"Birds in Art" Flies High at Sordoni

BY RAPHAEL COOPER
Beacon Assistant Arts & Entertainment Editor

Stepping through the glass doors of the Sordoni Art Gallery, a magical experience begins with the latest show entitled "Birds in Art," on display from March 10 through May 4.

For the rest of the semester the main room in the gallery is solely dedicated to the graceful depictions and portrayals of the aerial wonders. It is an experience everyone should have, especially as spring dawns. "Birds in Art" has something for everyone--be it the inquisitive child or the most appreciative connoisseur of art or birds. The entire show offers an ideal escape from the uncertainties we currently face as a nation as well as a release to appreciate true freedom and beauty, arguably in their most delicate and desirable art form.

Highlighted in this expo are various paintings, sculptures, and bronzes captivating many different kinds of birds, familiar and foreign. Among the many breathtaking bronzes are Pete Zaluzec's "Avocet" and Tony Angell's "The Sentinels"--an unusual

midnight blue bronze. The intricacies of these works make the works come alive.

Another piece at the Sordoni Art Gallery destined to strike the fancy of art-afficiandos, and especially young kids, is

of colors and interesting use of light, provide a different perspective of the white ibis. In fact, Linda St. Clair writes, "Since the ibis is mostly white, painting them posed a challenge for me. I love to use color- so I

One more noteworthy work at "Birds in Art" is Daniel Smith's, "In Your Face." "In Your Face" is an interesting piece that highlights a yellow-billed oxpecker on the nose of a gnarly cape buffalo. The symbiotic relationship between the two art forms and species provides a new perspective on art and life as we see it.

The most interesting piece of the entire show and one that simply cannot be ignored is the Ulco Glimmerveen creation entitled "Between Dreams," an oil canvas on composition board. The work masters the simplicity of subject matter yet is marked by a complexity of depth and dimension. It seems so real that the true appreciation of it can be taken for granted. But close inspection challenges the viewer to understand its complexity, a bi-polar juxtaposition of a delicate bird in the harshness of stone. Glimmerveen, writes, "I create a world of mystery that invites the viewer beyond the skin of paint. It should touch the heart, recall hidden memories, and mirror one's mind."

Overall "Birds in Art" is an enjoyable, fun, and colorful expo to be appreciated by all.



The Beacon/Jason McDermott

"Birds in Art" will be featured in the Sordoni Art Gallery from March 10 through May 4. The depictions and portrayals include graceful aerial wonders.

Linda St. Clair's "Fine Feathered Friends," a white ibis oil canvas painting. This particular work is just as striking 10 inches away as it is 10 yards. Its beautiful balance

pushed to get as much color in the feathers as possible yet still have the birds read as white. I also used color to shape their graceful bodies and give them dimension."

Movie Review: How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days

BY ALISON FENNELL
Beacon Correspondent

Ever been in a relationship that just abruptly ended? You rack your brain going over every possible scenario of why the "perfect" two-week relationship is suddenly over?

Well, in the movie *How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days* the "dating game" puts the emphasis on "game" and the plot schools audiences all about how to analyze what does and can go wrong in relationships.

The Plot

Bubbly reporter Andy Anderson, played by Kate Hudson, sets out to intentionally make "all the classic mistakes girls tend to do in relationships" with an unsuspecting guy. Her experiment is part of a feature story she plans to write. The unsuspecting guy happens to be womanizer ad agent, Ben Berry, played by Mathew McConaughey, who has his own romantic agenda to deal with.

McConaughey's character is competing with two other women co-workers for a multi-million dollar diamond campaign. His two women co-workers do not want him to get the campaign, so they make a bet with him that requires he woo any woman of his choosing and make her

fall in love with him in ten days.

Throughout the movie Andy does everything possible to make Ben runaway. She even goes so far as to make a family album, in which she plasters pictures of their future wedding, their children and vacations. Her attempts to make him run screaming from the relationship range from the classic "moving in" technique (taking over the bathroom with cosmetics and tampons) to even more creative appeals, like buying them a dog that serves as their first "child" together. Ben, on the other hand, is determined to win the bet, so he puts up with all the kooky obsessive things Anderson throws at him, and keeps up the charade of the dedicated boyfriend, seemingly unafraid of commitment.

The Verdict

This is unlike most romantic comedies, because both the man and woman are out to deceive each other.

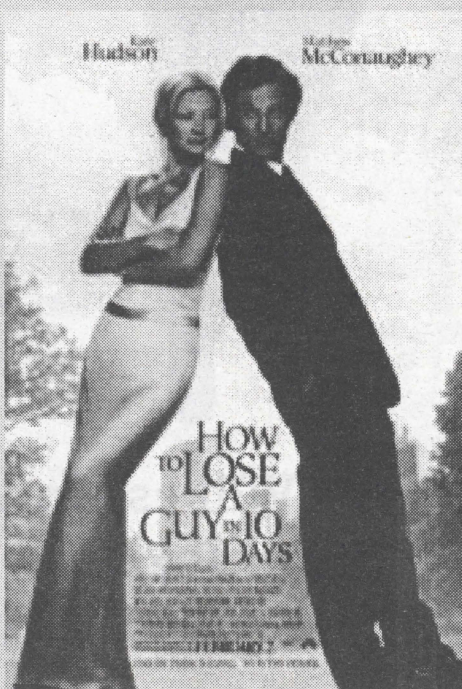
I think this was one of the best romantic comedies I have seen in a long time. It's not the usual, girl meets guy, and they go through relationship trouble then get married and live happily ever after. I laughed throughout this entire movie, and it's not just a "chick flick," either. The first time I saw it, I went with a couple of guys and they thought it was hilarious and not the usual chick flick movie to which they are use to being dragged. But I also saw it again with my mom and sister, who both gave it rave reviews.

Kate Hudson's acting reflected exactly what we've come to expect of her personal-

ity--free spirited, fun, engaging. When she smiles and laughs, you feel as though you've known her for years. McConaughey was also suited for the character he played, though he wasn't as engaging as Hudson when he was alone in a scene. When the two are on camera together, though, the chemistry is outstanding.

The writing sets a quick and lively pace from the opening scene. It offers fun and believable banter, particularly when Andy and Ben are working their hardest to push and pull the relationship in different directions, and the situations keep the audience laughing. Perhaps the only drawback to the film is its end, which audience members can predict with an hour left in the show. There is virtually no other way for the plot to go, based on the characters' development. Some may get to the end and roll their eyes as a result.

No movie is perfect, though, and for a quick escape that offers wonderful entertainment, *How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days* is a great way to slip away from the reality of school deadlines and into the fantasy of Hollywood. I highly recommend this movie and give it 4 and 1/2 out of 5 stars.



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Celebration Week to Celebrate a Triad of Artists

BY JESSICA SKUTACK
Beacon Arts and Entertainment Editor

The Visual and Performing Arts Department is holding a week-long celebration to honor three innovative artists: John Cage, Merce Cunningham, and Robert Rauschenberg. The week, aptly called *Cage/Cunningham/Rauschenberg Celebration Week*, features events that are part of the department's New and Unusual Art series.

The celebration seeks to educate through film and lecture and entertain through performance and exhibition.

John Cage is mostly known as a composer, but he was also a lecturer, performer, author, who influenced many in subsequent generations. In fact, Cage and Merce Cunningham collaborated between 1939 and 1942. Before and after this time Cage was innovative in many ways. He invented the "prepared piano," which was a grand piano with objects placed between its strings to create a percussion orchestra of one.

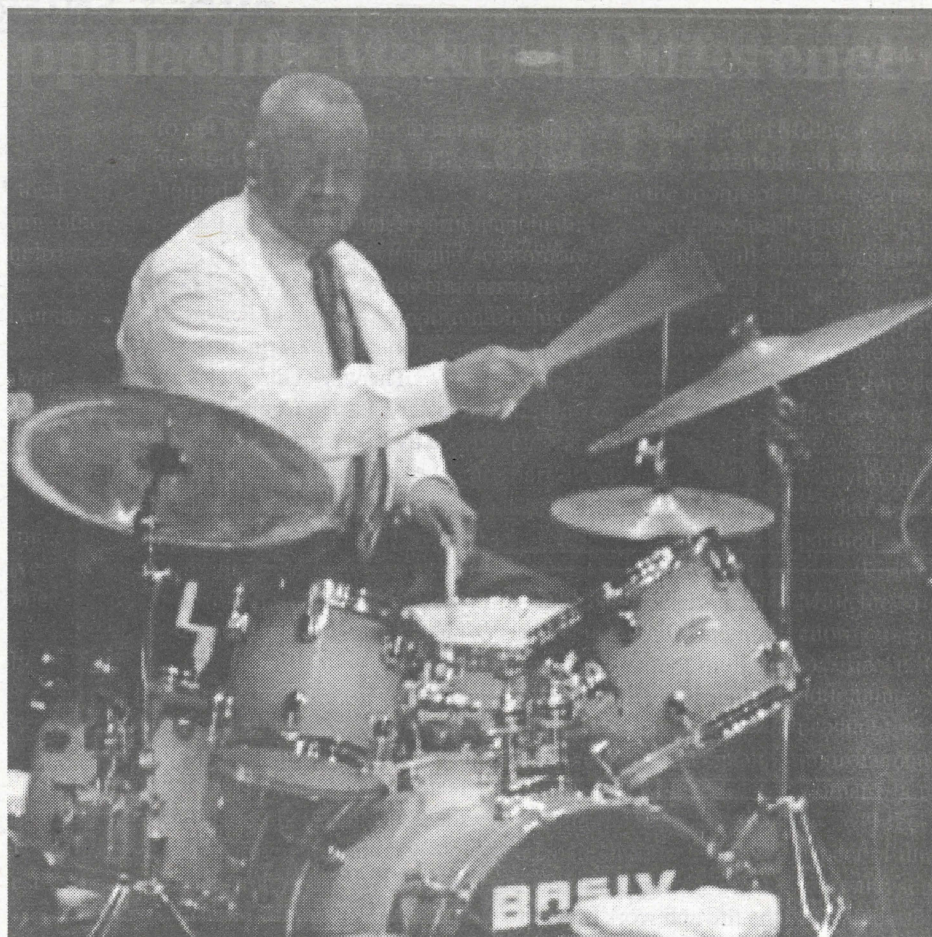
Another innovative notion that he shared with Cunningham was the use of chance when creating musical and dance pieces respectively. Cage would take this to the extreme and carry chance into actual performances, but Cunningham never went that far.

Cunningham is a multi-talented, ambitious choreographer whose philosophy about dance centers around chance, as

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noted above, as well as indeterminacy. Since the beginning of his career he has choreographed over 150 works for his company, two works for the New York City Ballet, and numerous works for both ballet and modern dance companies within the

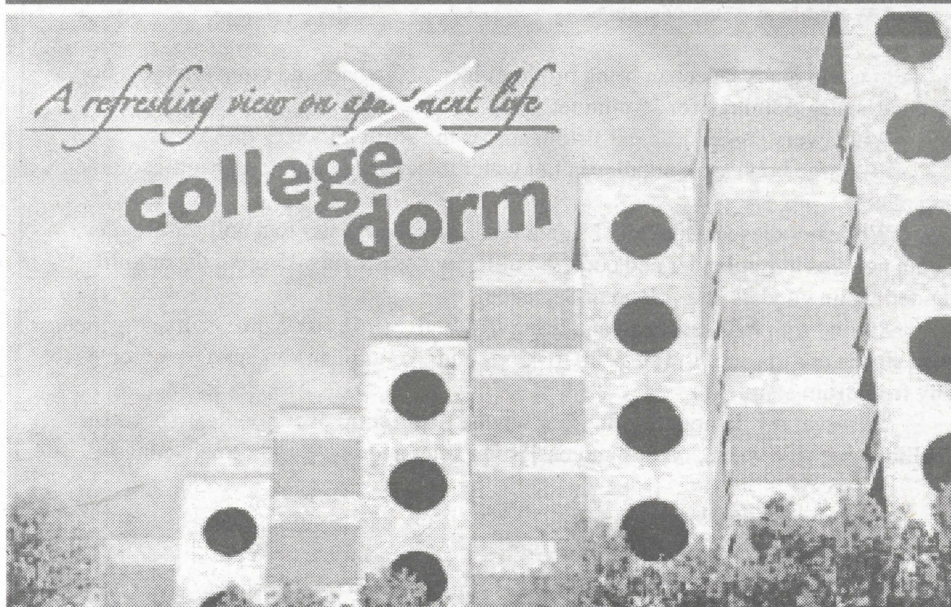
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United States and abroad.

Cunningham's other activities include conducting workshop classes at Merce Cunningham Studios and presenting lectures and workshops spanning the globe. Over the years Cunningham has also collaborated on books that center on his work and various film projects.

Last, but not least is Robert Rauschenberg who is considered by many to be the "Father of Pop Art" and a talented set designer.

According to AskArt.com, "Rauschenberg was known for assemblage, conceptualist methods, printmaking, and willingness to experiment with non-artistic materials—all innovations that anticipated later movements such as Pop Art, Conceptualism, and Minimalism."

Cage/Cunningham/Rauschenberg Week commences on Monday, March 24, with a film entitled *The Collaborators: Cage, Cunningham, and Rauschenberg*.

Tuesday, March 25, Kris Cross will offer a lecture on the life and work of Merce Cunningham.

Wednesday, March 26, Kris Cross will hold a Master Class in Cunningham technique from 4-5:30 p.m. on the main

stage. In addition, Stephen Thomas will shed light on the life and times of John Cage with a lecture at 7 p.m. on the Darte main stage.

Thursday, March 27, a film will be shown on the life of Robert Rauschenberg at 7 p.m. on the Darte main stage.

The week culminates on Friday with a Master Class in Cunningham technique held by Kris Cross from 4-5:30 p.m. Later that evening a Cage and Cunningham Concert will be held.

The Percussion Ensemble will perform Cage's "First Construction (In Metal)" conducted by Dr. Terry Zipay. Stephen Thomas will perform "Dream" and select members of the Percussion Ensemble will perform "Credo in Us" conducted by Stephen Thomas.

Both "Dream"; and "Credo in Us" will feature dance movements by Kris Cross in the Cunningham style and technique.

Following the concert a reception will be held.

All Cage/Cunningham/Rauschenberg Celebration Week events will be held at 7 p.m. on the main stage of the Dorothy Dickson Darte Center and are free and open to the public.



BY MELISSA GALLUP
Beacon Staff Writer

Tasty Tidbits

This week, The Food Network is celebrating the wonderful world of pasta. But don't let the title fool you. This is not your typical list of the traditional pastas. Producers have gathered a vast array of different categories of pastas; everything from pasta soups, to Asian pasta dinners, and even pasta desserts. There is a recipe to satisfy even the pickiest eaters, so if you are tired of the same old dish of spaghetti or mac and cheese, dive into this column to discover new ways to boil up your boring pasta. For even more pasta ideas, log onto www.foodtv.com to check out all of the recipes.

Pho Bo (Hanoi Beef Noodle Soup)

Recipe Courtesy of Gourmet Magazine

6 cups beef broth
1 (1/4-inch thick) slice ginger
2 whole star anise*
1 cinnamon stick
1/2 pound piece boneless beef sirloin, trimmed of any fat
3 ounces dried flat rice noodles*
1/4 cup Asian fish sauce*
1/8 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
1 cup fresh bean sprouts, rinsed and drained
1/8 cup minced scallions
1/4 cup fresh cilantro sprigs, washed and finely chopped
1 small thin fresh red or green Asian chile, sliced very thin
1/2 cup fresh basil leaves
Lime wedges for garnish
*Available at Asian Markets

In a two quart saucepan bring broth, ginger, star anise, and cinnamon to a boil. Reduce heat and simmer for 15 minutes.

With a very sharp knife cut sirloin across the grain into very thin slices.

In a large bowl soak noodles in hot water to cover 15 minutes, or until softened and pliable.

While noodles are soaking, bring a kettle of salted water to a boil for noodles. Drain noodles in a colander and cook in boiling water, stirring 45 seconds, or until tender. Drain noodles in a colander. Set aside.

Strain broth into saucepan and bring to a boil. Stir in fish sauce, salt and pepper. Add sirloin and sprouts and cook 30 to 45 seconds, or until sirloin changes color. Skim any froth from soup.

To serve, divide noodles into four bowls. Ladle soup over noodles. Sprinkle scallion greens, cilantro, chilies and basil over soup and serve with lime wedges

Kasha with Bowties

Recipe courtesy of Michele Urvater

3 cups farfalle or bow tie pasta
1 cup medium roasted buckwheat groats
1 egg, lightly beaten
2 tablespoons vegetable oil
1 onions, thinly sliced
1 tablespoon white wine vinegar and 2 tab water
1 tablespoon sugar
1 3/4 cups chicken broth
Sour cream; minced dill and dill fronds

Bring a large pot of salted water to a boil. Mix kasha with the egg until grains are thoroughly coated. Heat oil in a sauce pan. Add onions and cook until they begin to soften, about two minutes. Add white wine vinegar and water, cover and cook until onions are tender, about eight minutes. Uncover and evaporate liquid over high heat; continue to cook until onions are golden. Meanwhile bring chicken broth to a boil and add pasta to the boiling water. Stir sugar into onions, then add kasha and saute, over low heat until kasha is tender, about five to eight minutes; adjust seasoning. Serve over bow tie pasta and dollop with sour cream and dill.

For more tasty recipes, visit:
www.wilkesbeacon.com

This Week in Entertainment History

March 20, 1986 - Television's Fallon Carrington and Jeff Colby were married on a *Dynasty* spin-off, *The Colbys*.

March 21, 1997 - Jennifer Lopez and Edward James Olmos starred in the film *Selena*, which opened in United States theaters. The film chronicled the rise to fame of the vivacious Tejana singer who had been slain by her fan club manager.

March 22, 1981 - RCA put its Selectra Vision laser disc players on the market, only to have them called "the Edsel of the entertainment field." Costing \$500, with the videodisks running around \$15 each. It failed to catch on with consumers.

March 23, 1971 - *The Concert for Bangladesh* documentary film of the benefit concert premiered in New York City. The film, which starred former Beatle George Harrison, was used as a backdrop for an album, which won the Grammy for Best Album. Other artists involved in the concert were Ravi Shankar, Bob Dylan, Leon Russell, Ringo Starr, Billy Preston, Eric Clapton, and Klaus Voormann.

March 24, 1985 - The Golden Raspberry Awards, a parody of the Oscar Awards were presented. The movie, *Bolero* took home the top honors, for John and Bo Derek; who won for worst director and worst actress, respectively.

March 25, 1913 - The famous Palace Theatre opened in New York City. Ed Wynn was the first performer on the vaudeville bill. Twenty years later, Wynn would be named radio's top entertainer. He later enjoyed popularity on television.

March 26, 1998 - Leonardo DiCaprio, age 23, filed a lawsuit in Los Angeles, California against *Playgirl* magazine.

*Information provided courtesy of www.uselessknowledge.com.

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our college community to reflect the diversity of the United States or Pennsylvania. To get it where it reflects a more realistic atmosphere outside of school," he added.

Currently, the minority population on campus is between 4 and 5%, in contrast to the approximately 14% population in the state.

Zellner will be aided by a newly assembled Diversity Task Force, which is made up of faculty, staff, and a student.

"The Diversity Task Force...has four focuses," Loeschke explained. "The first is to increase the minority population on campus. Second, to increase the number of international students on campus and get our students off campus to do international studies as much as possible."

Loeschke also pointed out that there would be faculty members in each of the new colleges to facilitate international studies. Within the College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Science, Dr. Paola Bianco, Associate Professor of Foreign Languages & Literatures, will lead the charge. Dr. Jamal A. Ghorieshi, Associate Professor of Mechanical Engineering will handle international study within the College of Science and Engineering.

"The third piece we're developing is a diversity series with performing artists and speakers. We'll be having dance performances, musical performances, theater performances, and a lot of other things that will cover all aspects of diversity," Loeschke said.

"The last piece," Loeschke explained, "is integrating issues of diversity into the curriculum--and that's the most difficult, because of all that's involved."

Likely questions associated with this focus will include: How do we look at our curriculum? How do we improve in terms of making sure multicultural issues are woven throughout the curriculum?

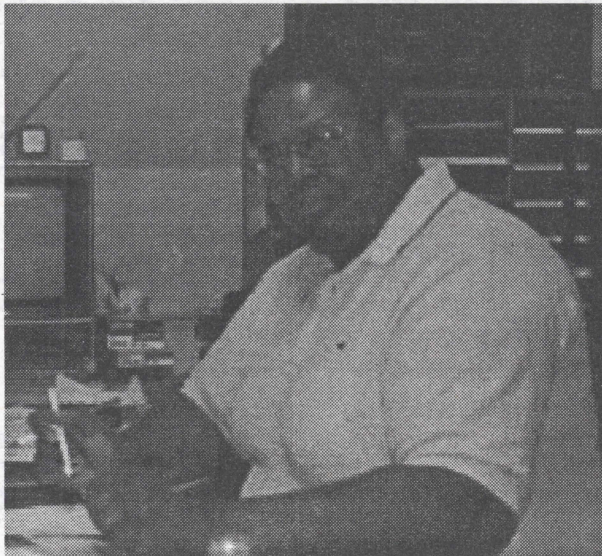
One incentive that Loeschke and Zellner hope will attract more minority students is to show them the money through the Multicultural Service Award, which awards students who demonstrate a positive multicultural asset that they would "bring to campus and reflect it on campus."

Zellner explained the reasoning, saying that many Wilkes University scholarships "are based on merit which are

based on SAT scores. Historically, people of color don't do as well on the SATs as caucasian students so that right there puts them behind the eight ball."

Zellner made the case of a student who graduated second in her class, with a 3.99 GPA, but only scored a 980 on her SATs. From Wilkes, she would have received a \$5,000 scholarship. However, she was offered a \$23,000 scholarship from the University of Miami.

"It's going to have a positive impact," Zellner added. "Right now, anyone who looks at our tuition, room and



The Beacon/Mick Jenkins
Director of Diversity, Allan Zellner

board says, 'Wilkes is expensive....' and the first thing they ask you is, 'Do you have any scholarships?' And to be able to say 'yes'...that in itself will be a positive step."

Currently, the Multicultural Service Award gives approximately \$40,000 per incoming class that may be divided as necessary. However, according to Mike Frantz, Vice President of Enrollment Services, "In order for there to be a significant impact, we'll need at least double the amount of current funds." However, as Frantz points out, the decisive number will be dependent on actual enrollment of minority/multicultural students.

Although the creation of the Director of Diversity position and Task Force are new concepts at Wilkes, Loeschke explained that this focus is not necessarily an addition to the University's policy. She pointed out that Wilkes has always supported diversity.

"We welcome, really welcome, people from all backgrounds. We just haven't been very successful in attracting them," Loeschke said.

The Beacon Looking for a Few Good Leaders

The Beacon is currently accepting applications for leadership positions for the 2003-04 school year. Editorial, assistant editor, photo/graphics, layout, business/advertising, and web management are all positions within the organization that receive scholarship money and provide outstanding leadership experience for students in all majors.

For an application, please e-mail Faculty Advisor, Dr. Andrea Frantz: frantza@wilkes.edu or stop by her office at 305 Capin Hall.

All applications for leadership positions are due by March 28, 2003.

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The luncheon also trained students how to conduct themselves over an interview or business meeting that includes a meal. Topics of discussion included how to properly hold a wine glass, set the table appropriately, and eat while maintaining a conversation.

"Also hold a glass filled with white wine glasses from the long stem. White wine is chilled and your hand will make it warmer if you hold the glass the wrong way," said Mulvey.

Chad Lojewski, 1995 graduate of Wilkes and currently employed by Prudential Securities Inc., attended to give students some final tips on pursuing a career following college.

"Market yourself as bringing something to the table. Not all employers

want to hear that you are always on time. They want to hear what you can do for them," said Lojewski. "Get on the Internet, check out jobs, and tell the employers what you can do for their organization....When looking for a job, don't be afraid to be a little selfish. People need to know about you when you are looking for a career."

Approximately twenty students of all majors attended the business etiquette training. Fran Johanson, senior business major, feels all the workshops Career Services offers have helped her through the past four years. "They (Career Services) have helped me with my resumes, mock interviews, cover letters, anything I have."

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some other alternatives that I think they may have skipped over." Brittain added, "I think there are other things that they can do to raise funds from what's already in place, like actually enforcing the tickets that they pass out."

However, not every SG member disagreed with the proposal. In fact, more than a third of Student Government Representatives supported the measure and agreed that an increase is necessary.

Jason Leach, SG's Vice President supported the measure, "I'm definitely for it. A lot of students are paying for something that they don't use. That \$82,000 could be used for something else." Leach also pointed out that the tuition money that subsidizes the parking program includes

faculty and staff spaces. "Our tuition is partially paying for faculty and staff to park."

Even if this specific proposal doesn't fly with the Wilkes community, Byers hopes some resolution can be located. "The real intent here is to discuss possible solutions; whether it's worthwhile to raise rates...because we don't want to run this at a deficit," he said.

Byers has the final say on whether or not to go ahead with the increase, although he stated that his decision will be made with the feedback from other members of the Cabinet, and students in mind.

Byers said he will most likely make his decision by the end of next week.

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Whitney Bull Honored Today with Jostens Trophy

BY KYLA CAMPBELL
Beacon Staff Writer

When Wilkes University's women's basketball standout Whitney Bull received a phone call from head coach Jim Reed over

spring break, she was caught off guard. Reed informed her that he had some good news, but some bad news.

The bad news? Bull was not named a first-team Freedom Conference all-star for her final collegiate season. The good news? Her athletic ability and academic achievements were enough for her to be named the Division III Women's Basketball Player of the Year.

Every year, the Jostens Trophy is awarded to the Division III Basketball Player of the Year, and both the male recipient, Derek

Reich of the University of Chicago, and Bull are receiving their awards today at the Salem Civic Center during a luncheon sponsored by the Rotary Club of Salem, Virginia. Each winner's institution will receive a \$1,000 donation in his/her name.

The national committee, consisting of college coaches, college administrators, selected members of the media, and former student-athletes, voted on the finalists based on three criteria: basketball ability, academic prowess, and community service.

Bull's basketball abilities have been outstanding and improving with each collegiate season. The Berwick graduate enjoyed a superior senior season for the Lady Colonels, averaging 16.5 points and 13.5 rebounds per game, an increase from her junior year. Her rebounding average set a Wilkes University school record and ranked third among all Division III players this season.

Bull concluded her career with 1,219 points and a school-record 984 rebounds. The six-foot post player had a Freedom Conference leading 19 double-doubles and she was named a first team Verizon Academic All-American. The senior was also named a second team Freedom Conference all-star.

Coming in as a junior transfer student from Elizabethtown College, Bull feels that move helped her earn this prestigious award. "I would not have been able to qualify for this award without help from my coaches, teammates, administration, and fans," said Bull. "The beneficial factors about Wilkes include the coaching styles, the coaches' knowledge of the game, and the level of

motivation brought to the players."

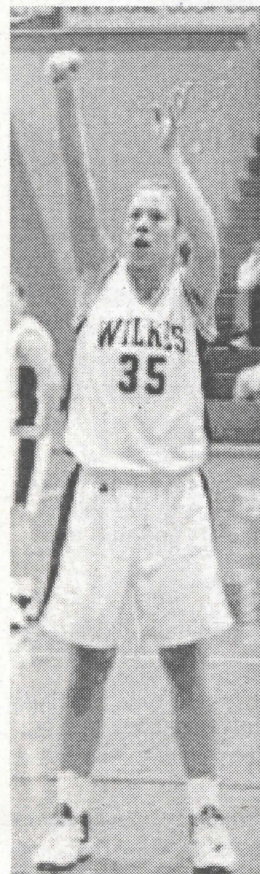
Bull added that the support she receives from her family and the athletic and sports information offices have allowed her to blossom and be successful in her athletic and academic careers.

Bull's academic achievements are equally impressive as her accomplishments on the court. She finished her undergraduate career in just seven

semesters, earning a 4.0 GPA in Business Administration and Dean's List honors each semester. This spring, Bull is enrolled in the MBA program at Wilkes and plans to continue her education at law school. She is a six-time member of the MAC Academic Honor Roll and is a member of the Delta Mu Delta Honor Society.

Not only is Bull a star student athlete, but she is also very active in community

service as a member of the Business and Accounting Clubs. She is involved in SIFE (Students in Free Enterprise), performs volunteer services for the United Way Day of Caring, and as a member of VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistant) Bull prepares tax returns for low-income families and the elderly at no cost. She also sits on the Wilkes SAAC (Student-Athlete Advisory Committee).

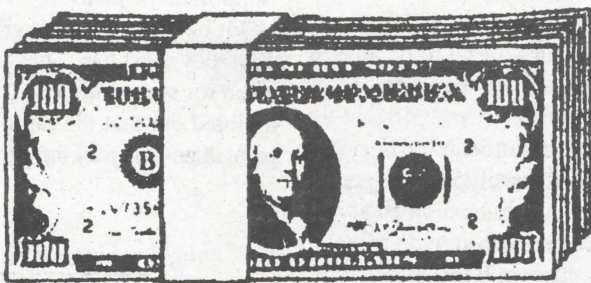
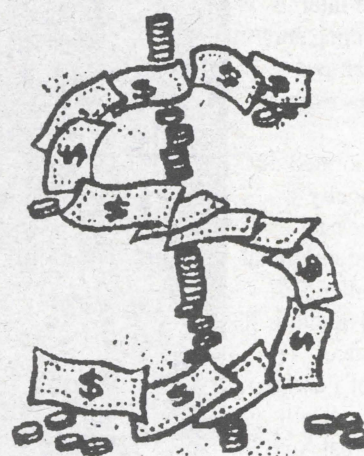


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E-town Defeats Wilkes in Season Lacrosse Opener

BY BRIAN WALTER
Beacon Staff Writer

The Wilkes University women's lacrosse team was defeated 21-8 on Saturday afternoon against Elizabethtown College in its first-ever Middle Atlantic Conference match. The Lady Colonels competed on the club level a season ago.

Wilkes faced an 11-2 deficit at intermission against E-Town. In the final half, Wilkes scored six goals, yet were unable to stop the Blue Jays' attack, as the team tallied 10 second-half goals.

The Currier sisters--senior Maria and freshman Kathryn--had two goals apiece to lead the Lady Colonels offense. Seniors Kyla Campbell, Danielle McDonald, and Sara Ciotoli, along with sophomore Alicia Connor each scored once.

Wilkes used two freshman goalkeepers in the match, with Carissa Lyons stopping seven shots in the first half and Cassie Malone making four stops in the final half.

Although the Lady Colonels lost their

season opener, they still remain optimistic. Campbell felt that overall, the game went well. "The difference in our abilities from last season to this season are very apparent," she said. "As the season continues and we learn how to play off each other,

we'll inevitably see some improvements and get some wins."

Head coach Kristin DiMarzo is also excited about the Lady Colonels' season, yet she recognizes the challenges that the team will face. "This team is really committed to making this program succeed," commented the second-year coach. "Everyday is a new day of learning and performing the best we can individually as well as a team. We just want to be able to hold our own and perform the tasks we have been practicing everyday all season long."

The Lady Colonels will look to do more than hold their own when they take the field again on Monday at Ralston field against Montclair State in a match scheduled to begin at 4 p.m.



The Beacon/Ryan Klemish

The Lady Colonels have been working hard in the off-season.

Muhlenberg's O'Conner too Much For Colonels

BY DENNIS FERENCHICK
Beacon Editorial Board Chair

Junior Chris O'Connor tossed a complete game six-hitter and senior Justin Rubenstein drove in three RBIs as host Muhlenberg College defeated Wilkes University 7-1 on Wednesday afternoon at Cedar Creek Field.

With the victory, the Mules (8-3) got their second straight nine-inning complete from a left-handed pitcher. Sophomore Gregg Burkhardt went the distance on Tuesday.

Junior Mike Spotts had three hits, including a triple and an RBI, and sopho-

more Tyler Trutt was 2 for 4 with one run for the Colonels (4-5) who played their first game since defeating College Misericordia 5-4 on March 7 in Cocoa Beach, Florida.

Wilkes used a total of five pitchers against Muhlenberg, with freshman Mike Toomey picking up the loss in relief. Toomey's record drops to 2-1 on the season.

O'Connor, who improves to 3-0 with the victory, fanned thirteen straight batters after giving up a run in the third and did not give up another hit until one out remained in the ninth.

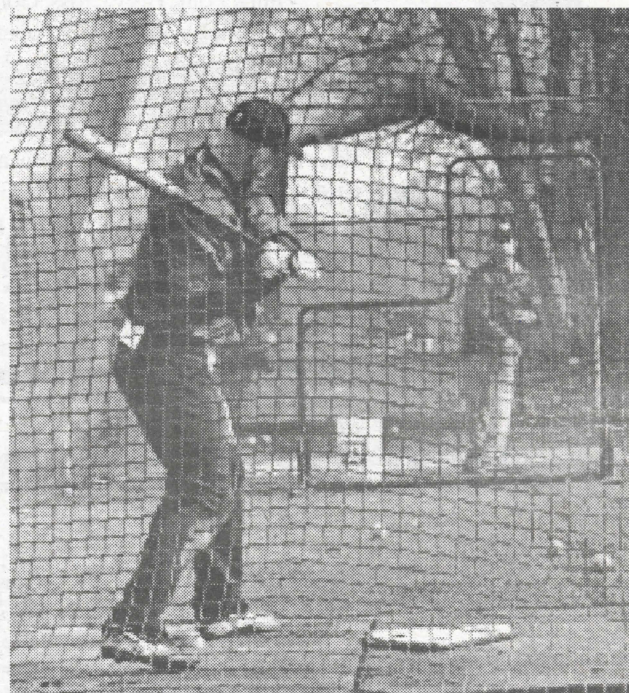
Wilkes will host Freedom Conference

rival DeSales University on Friday afternoon at Artillery Park, its first home game of the season.

The Bulldogs were the Colonels Achilles' heel last season, besting them in all four match-ups.

The men's baseball team has been making good use of their limited time outdoors.

The Beacon/Mick Jenkins



Softball Postponed

Due to poor field conditions, the Wilkes University softball game scheduled for Wednesday versus Scranton was postponed. As of press time, no makeup date had been set.

The Lady Colonels look to get back on the diamond on Saturday when they travel to Allentown to face DeSales University in a double-header slated for 1 p.m.

Colonels Drop 4-3 Decision To Moravian

Courtesy of Sports Information

Moravian College won four of six singles matches to post a 4-3 non-conference men's tennis win over Wilkes University on Sunday afternoon at the Courts at Ralston Field. The win improves the Greyhounds to 3-1 overall, while the Colonels fall to 0-3 overall.

Wilkes took the doubles point by winning two of the three matches. Hassan Shah and Madhan Srinivasan teamed up to fashion an 8-4 triumph over Jason Toedter and Todd Edwards at number-one doubles. Jason Leach and Arvin Narula earned an 8-0 decision over Nick Schuett and Sean Lynch at third doubles for the Colonels.

Srinivasan was a two-time winner for Wilkes after scoring a 6-1, 6-4, win over Dave Kurvink at second singles. Narula was also a double winner. He earned a 6-4, 6-1, decision over Lynch at sixth singles.

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Beacon Bracketology 101

March Madness...the classic armchair coaching extravaganza. Just when the country has reached its limit with winter weather and gloomy economic and political

forecasts, college basketball offers up its best as a bright segue into spring--the NCAA Tournament. In keeping with water-cooler talk and speculation happening all

across the country, members of *The Beacon* staff offer up their Final Four picks and justifications. In so doing, *The Beacon* staff does not condone betting or gambling

of any kind. All speculation offered here is for entertainment purposes only.



Kevin Sickle - Sports Editor

- **Final Four:** Kentucky, Duke, Florida, Louisville

- **Championship:** Kentucky over Louisville

- **Rationale:** When it comes time to sit down and fill out a bracket and select your Final Four teams, you need to look at two things: tournament experience and coaching. Kentucky, Duke, and Louisville have both to the extreme, and Florida, with Coach Billy Donovan, is not far behind.

Kentucky has simply blown away all comers over the past two months. Combine that with the great coaching of Tubby Smith, and they will advance to the championship to face the Louisville Cardinals. Behind Coach Krzyzewski at Duke, Louisville's Rick Pitino is the best tournament coach of our era. He and his talented, yet tarnished squad will make it to the title game.

Speed, defense, and coaching will earn the Kentucky Wildcats the 2003 NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Championship, their second under Smith.



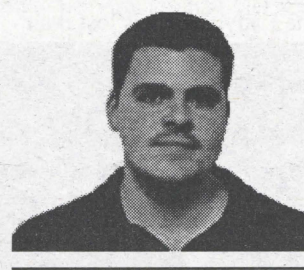
JJ Hanson - Assistant Sports Editor

- **Final Four:** Holy Cross, Gonzaga, Xavier, California

- **Championship:** Xavier over Holy Cross

- **Rationale:** I decided that I would defer my picks to NCAA sports analyst John Lubrano. Lubrano's picks are as follows: From the Midwest, Holy Cross will visit the Final Four because they are Christians and God loves them. Coming in from the West will be Gonzaga. They are Native Americans at that school and are guaranteed a slot due to

years of persecution at the hands of the white men. From the South will be Xavier. The Professor and his Mutants are a lock. California will be the team from the East. These guys are the only West Coast team in the East bracket and are itching to whip some butt. In the championship will be Holy Cross vs. Xavier. The Mutants will beat the God boys.



Dennis Ferencick - Editorial Board Chair

- **Final Four:** Kentucky, Duke, Texas, Louisville

- **Championship:** Texas over Kentucky

- **Rationale:** Don't mess with Texas!!! National player of the year T.J. Ford will lead his teammates on an impressive tournament run, which will conclude with an impressive victory over Kentucky, ending the Wildcats' winning streak at 28.

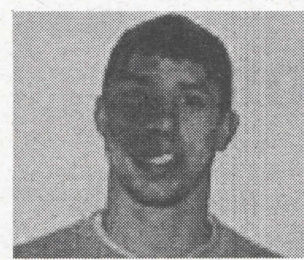


Andrea Frantz - Advisor

- **Final Four:** Kentucky, Kansas, Florida, Louisville

- **Championship:** Kansas over Florida

- **Rationale:** I usually avoid choosing a number one seed to go to the Final Four. Louisville is the closest I get to an upset this year in my Final Four, though, and I'm not sure the rankings in the East give Louisville the credit it deserves. I chose Kansas to win the National Championship, because I think that the West is absolutely the toughest region. If Kansas can get past Duke and Arizona, I think they will deserve the championship.



Marcus Sowcik - Managing Editor

- **Final Four:** Kentucky, Arizona, Maryland, 'Cuse/Louisville

- **Championship:** Arizona/Kentucky over 'Cuse/Louisville

- **Rationale:** Hey, at least I didn't pick Texas.

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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			
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Sicilian Style with Cheese, Onions and Seasonings			
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Round Style with Cheese, Onions and Seasonings			
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Salsa, Onion, Ground Beef, Lettuce and Tomatoes			

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Tommy's Special Sauce and Provolone Cheese	
Sausage	\$5.50
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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	
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On Tap

Friday

Baseball VS.
DeSales, 3:30

Saturday

Baseball at
DeSales, 12 p.m. (DH)
Men's Tennis at
King's, 1 p.m.
Softball at
DeSales, 1 p.m.

Monday

Baseball VS.
Bloomsburg, 3 p.m.
Lacrosse VS.
Montclair State, 4 p.m.

Wednesday, 3/26

Men's Tennis at
Philadelphia Bible, 3:30 p.m.
Lacrosse at
Drew, 4 p.m.
Softball VS.
William Patterson, 3 p.m.

Game, Set, Match

Men's Tennis
Moravian 4, Wilkes 3

SINGLES:

Jason Toedter (M) def. Hassan Shah, 7-5, 6-4; Madhan Srinivasan (W) def. Dave Kurvink, 6-1, 6-4; Todd Edwards (M) def. Peter Nguyen, 6-2, 6-1; Dan Gorman (M) def. Jason Leach, 6-2, 7-5; Nick Schuett (M) def. Matt Ralph, 6-3, 6-1; Arvin Narula (W) def. Sean Lynch, 6-4, 6-1

DOUBLES:

Shah/Srinivasan (W) def. Toedter/Edwards, 8-4; Kurvink/Gorman (M) def. Nguyen/Ralph, 8-1; Leach/Narula (W) def. Schuett/Lynch, 8-0

For more sports information,
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In Review

Friday

Softball
Moravian 9, Wilkes 1
Salisbury St. 10, Wilkes 0

Saturday

Softball
Wilkes 5, Wesley 1
Wilkes 5, Bates 2

Sunday

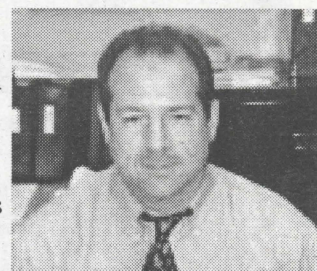
Men's Tennis
Moravian 4, Wilkes 3

Wednesday

Baseball
Muhlenberg 7, Wilkes 1

Coach of the Winter

Jim Reed, Women's Basketball



The second-year head coach has begun to bring the Lady Colonels back into contention in the Freedom Conference. They got off to the best start in school history, 8-0, but late-season injuries dampend their progress as their season concluded with a 12-13 overall record.

Reed's resume consists of a season at the University of Indianapolis in Division II as an assistant men's coach, as well as three seasons as an assistant women's coach at his alma mater, Bucknell University. Since coming to Wilkes, he has coached a Jostens Trophy winner while improving the Lady Colonels' record in each of his first two seasons and recruiting some of the finest talent the tri-state area has to offer.

Numbers Of the Week

63

Number of games yet to be played before determining the NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Champions

15

Number of scoreless innings pitched by senior Ryan Lobb so far this season for the Wilkes baseball team

8

Number of days until the 2003 Wilkes golf season gets underway

Beacon's Best Bet

Friday- Baseball vs DeSales, 3:30 p.m.

The Colonels will look to rebound from a tough loss as they play host to the Bulldogs.

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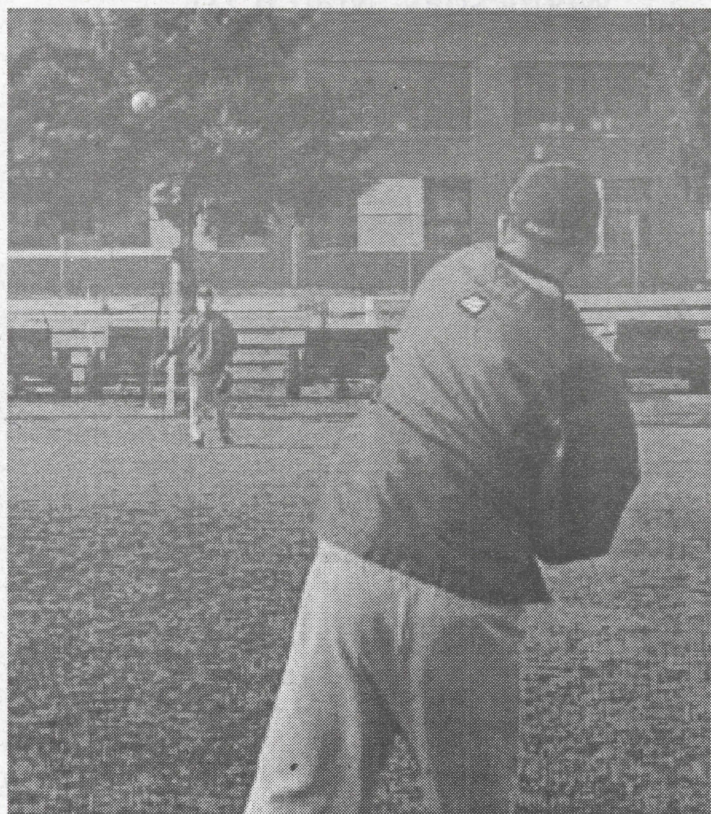
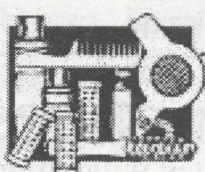
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Weds. and Fri 9-5
Sat. 8-4
Mon., Tues., Thurs., and
Evenings by appointment



The Beacon/Mick Jenkins

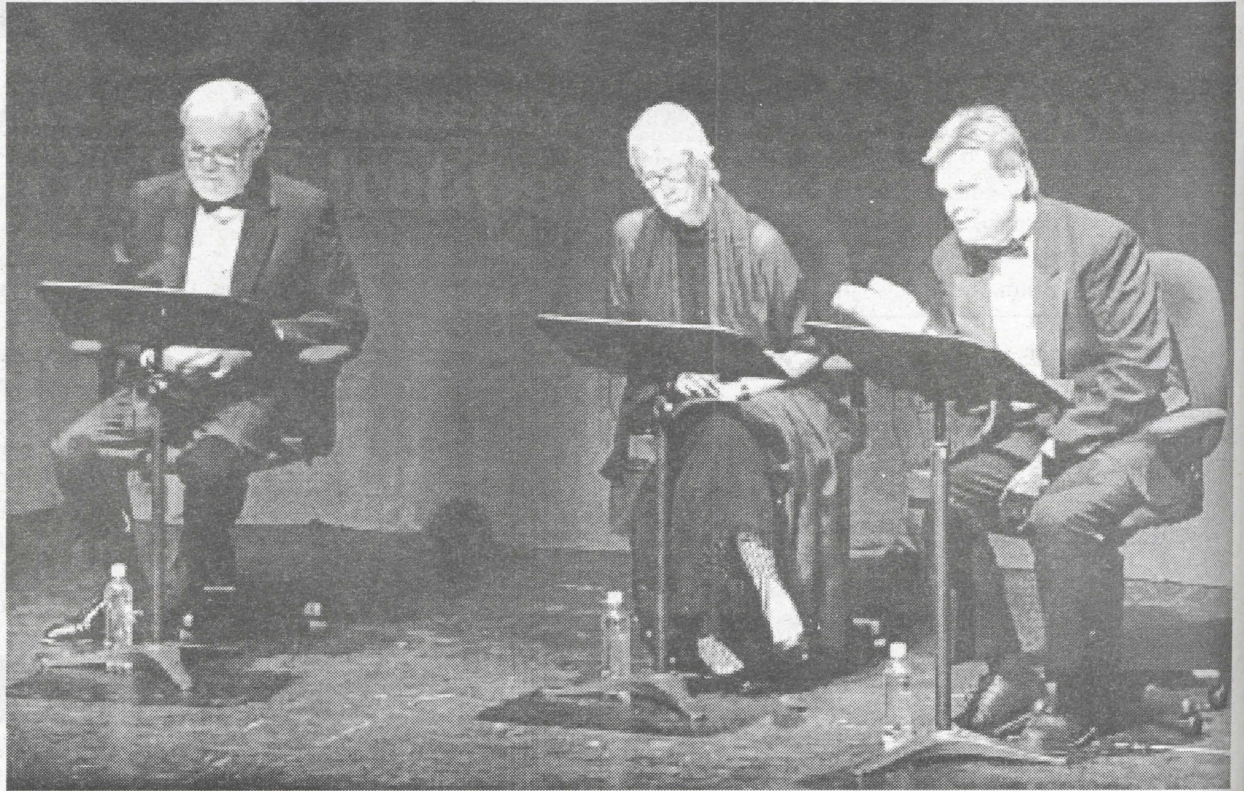
W Campus Calendar

Today, March 20

Criminal Justice Career Day 2003:
11 a.m.- 3 p.m., Sheehy-Farmer Campus
Center, King's College

NEPSHP and PSHP Luncheon:
11:30 a.m.- 1 p.m., SLC 166

Men's Golf Meeting:
11:30 a.m., Marts Gym



The Beacon/Adam Polinger

Friday, March 21

Movie Night:
7 p.m., Cinemark

Student Recital:
7 p.m., DDD Lobby

Baseball vs DeSales:
3 p.m., Ralston Field

Sunday, March 23

Greenwheel:
8 p.m., HSC Ballroom

Monday, March 24

SCSC Meeting:
6 p.m., HSC Ballroom

Women's Lacrosse vs. Montclair State:
4 p.m., Ralston Field

Baseball vs. Bloomsburg:
3 p.m., Artillery Park

NUArts Film:
7 p.m., DDD

Saturday, March 22

International Fashion Show:
7 p.m., HSC Ballroom

Bowl for Kids Sake Bowl-A-Thon:
Stanton Lanes

Softball at DeSales:
1 p.m.,

Baseball at DeSales:
12 p.m.,

Men's Tennis at Kings:
1 p.m.,

Tuesday, March 25

KRZ Basketball Game: The Beacon/Kristin Hake
6 p.m., Marts Gym

NUArts Lecture:
7 p.m., DDD

Wednesday, March 26

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

NUArts Lecture:
7 p.m., DDD

Women's Lacrosse at Drew:
4 p.m.,

Softball vs. William Paterson:
3 p.m., Kirby Park

Men's Tennis at Philadeplia Bible:
3:30 p.m.,

Wilkes-Barre Weekly Weather



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TODAY



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WEDNESDAY

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