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## Scholar, Teacher, and Administrator: Dr. Lennon to Retire *Students sorry to see professor leave full-time teaching*

BY GINGERESLICK  
Beacon Correspondent

Students describe him as a "great teacher" and "excellent explainer." Many people have said that the influence he has had on them is so great it is difficult to put it all into words.

Dr. J. Michael Lennon, Professor of English, began his career at Wilkes University in January of 1992 as the Vice President of Academic Affairs. He served in this position for nine years. Three years ago Lennon returned to his first love: teaching English courses. This May will end Lennon's full-time career at Wilkes; however, he will still be seen on campus teaching part-time.

Lennon's accomplishments at Wilkes are great, although he is reticent to give himself too much credit for what he has done. He describes himself as leading a divided life, always trying to marry his love for literature with what he has done as an administrator.

Lennon's most memorable role at Wilkes was working to create the pharmacy program. "This was a major coup for Wilkes and it happened on my watch," said Lennon. Twenty five million dollars had to be borrowed, deans and department chairs had to be hired, the curriculum had to be approved by the faculty, and the program had to be sold to the Board of Trustees.

"This was really a big deal, and it was the first doctorate to be offered in Northeastern Pennsylvania," Lennon explained. Lennon is quick to credit others who helped with the program. He said that

the late Dean Umid Nejjib should get the most credit, but others, such as Dean of the Nesbitt School of Pharmacy Dr. Bernie Graham, and Dr. Arthur Kibbe, Chairperson/Professor of Pharmaceutical Studies, had a lot to do with making the program a success.

"I have worked very hard on personnel issues, and I am very proud of the work I did there, for example hiring people like Dean Graham, who is the Dean of Pharmacy," commented Lennon. Lennon acknowledges that he can't take credit for being the sole person to do the hiring, but he says that he did have his hand in who was hired.

Lennon also helped create the Shelburne Telecommunications Center. He was involved with many areas of the studio such as fundraising, and convincing others to see that the studio would be a valuable asset to Wilkes. He considers the studio to be "a great success."

Lennon has been involved with other areas of Wilkes University, not just the hiring of deans and faculty members. In addition to his role as an administrator, Lennon has also tackled the challenge of being a well-respected English professor.

"From the time I was an undergraduate I knew I was going to be an English major and I knew that I wanted to teach English," stated Lennon.

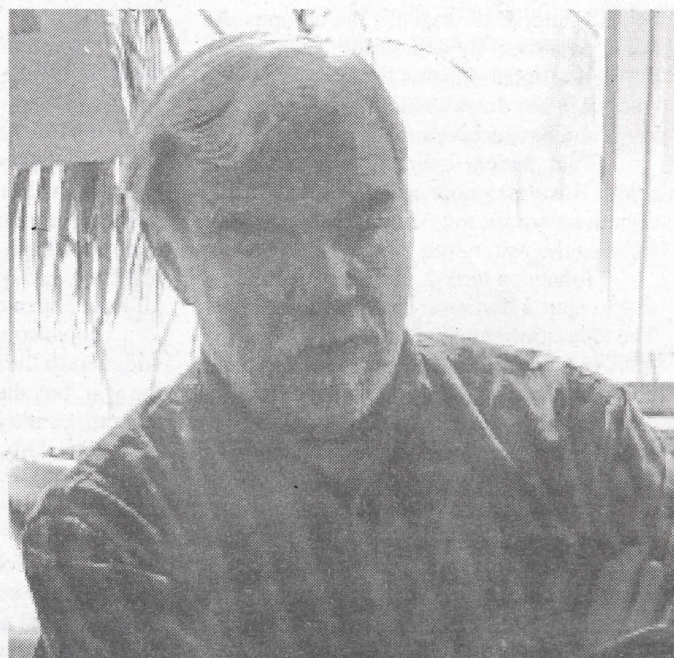
Lennon's passion was driven by his great love of the magic of literature. He sees literature as enjoyable and as an explainer of life. "I have always felt that fiction, even though it is made up, really gives us greater insight into reality, especially contemporary

reality," he said.

Prior to his career at Wilkes, Lennon was an administrator at the University of Illinois for twenty years. He has also worked as a publisher of a magazine, a manager of a public radio station and a public television station, and he has created two documentaries for PBS. One documentary was about James Jones, who wrote the novel *From Here To Eternity*, and the other documentary was about Abraham Lincoln.

Lennon's primary interest is in American Literature. His principle focus has been on the work of Norman Mailer. Mailer is and American

author who, like Lennon has his hands in many baskets. Mailer writes fiction, non-fiction, has been described as a journalist and a historian. Lennon describes Mailer as, "an explainer of American life." Mailer has covered many great events over the last fifty years such as, men landing on the moon, Mohammed Ali winning the heavy-weight box championship, and the women's liberation movement.



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Dr. J. Michael Lennon, Professor of English, will retire after 11 years at Wilkes.

Lennon describes himself as Mailer's "archivist, one of his literary executors." Lennon has written five books on Mailer.

Lennon's final class that he is teaching as a full-time professor at Wilkes is a Norman Mailer seminar. "We are working on an edition of his letters that he wrote in

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## Rocking the Vote at Wilkes

BY STEVE KEMBLE  
Beacon Staff Writer

On April 3, at nine o'clock in Barre Hall, there was a voters registration program presented to students from around the campus.

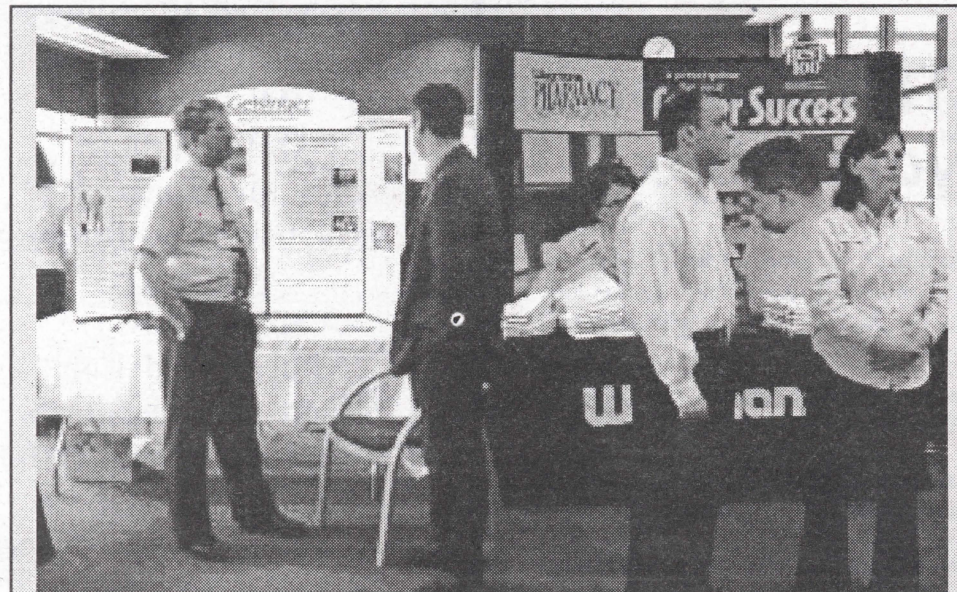
Jim Harrington, Lecturer for Department of Visual and Performing Arts, presented the program. The main goal of the program was to encourage students to vote, and registration forms were provided to the Resident Assistants after the program was over. There were between 30 and 40 students who attended.

The beginning of the program was used to talk about some issues concerning new voters and voters who aren't from the Wilkes-Barre area. The registration deadline is April 20 for the primary elections, and students were told that there

are various parties for which they can register. However, Harrington noted, "You can't vote in the primary elections if you register as an independent," said Harrington.

For those who do not live in the Wilkes-Barre area during the election, which takes place on May 20, students can still register to vote by using a Wilkes address

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Many pharmacy students learned about their future profession at the Pharmacy Fair, held Tuesday in the Student Union Ballroom.

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# Campus Efforts Aim to Support Troops

BY JON DAVIES  
Beacon Correspondent

One roll of toilet paper... 89 cents.  
One pack of bubble gum... 65 cents.  
Sparing these trivial grocery store items to support American troops overseas... priceless.

For the past week Wilkes students and faculty may have noticed collection boxes scattered throughout the campus. As many pass them by wondering, "Who is asking for donations this time?" there is a student in her dorm sorting through the few items she has received that day.

That student is Francine Johanson, a senior Business major at Wilkes. The donations are for the American troops fighting the war in Iraq.

Johanson took it upon herself one day to start a donation drive for the troops. The idea came from her mother, who is involved in a similar drive with the SPCA in the Poconos. Johanson is working in conjunction with the Red Cross, who will be making sure the troops receive the donations.

"Francine is a very active student. She decided to do this out of the goodness of her heart," said Gretchen Yeninas, Director of Residence life at Wilkes.

Johanson has placed collection boxes in Residence Life, Stark Learning Center and Breiseth Hall, as well as the Dorothy Dixon Darte Center and well as in most of the residence halls. As for what items Johanson is asking people to donate, there is a very long list including assorted hard candies, sweetened drink mixes, any toiletry items, sunscreen, sunglasses, batteries and

books, to name a few.

"We're not asking for money," Johanson said. "Most of the things on the list can be found at the dollar store."

Johanson, however, does not expect people to run out to the grocery store and fill up their carts with the listed items.

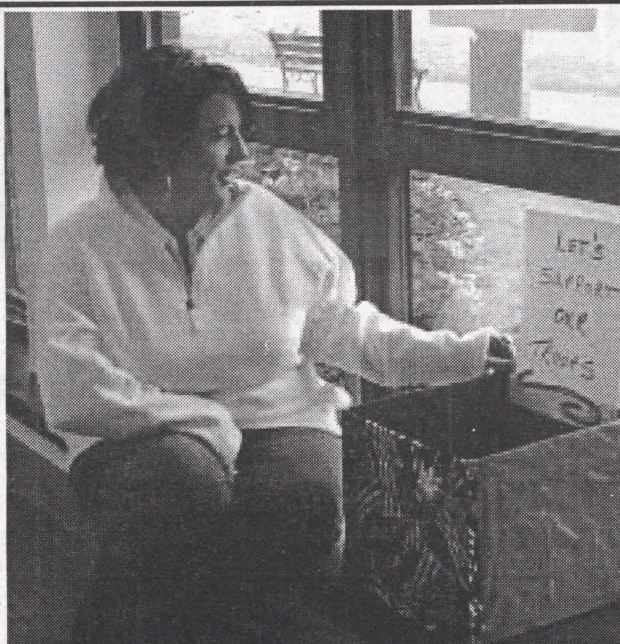
"If you only donate one thing, you've helped," Johanson said.

To this point the collection has been a meager success. Although Johanson has received a couple of donations from friends, relatives, and a few students, "It hasn't been overwhelming," she said.

Johanson admits to becoming addicted to the television news coverage of the war, but she says, "I try not to watch; sometimes it's just too depressing."

The daily reports of more American troops dying in battle is where Johanson gets her inspiration to continue with her efforts to help. With the war closing in on its 20th day, Johanson feels that it is about time to show some respect for our men and women in the armed forces. For Johanson, that is what this donation drive is all about: "Patriotism, support, and respect."

Despite the current lack of donations, Johanson remains optimistic that Wilkes students and members of the community will come through and show their support. She also wants to remind people how young many of the soldiers are, and that no



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Francine Johanson is hoping students give to the troops overseas, fighting for Iraqi freedom.

matter how you feel about the war there is still something you can do to help those who do not have a choice in the matter.

Like Francine Johanson, the members of the Commuter Council have also put together a collection drive for the troops overseas.

Council President Lindsey Wotanis, whose cousin is serving in Iraq, has asked students to donate candy, toiletries, and even letters.

Wotanis said, "I think it would be nice for them to hear from college students, since many of the students are very close in age."

Donations collected by the council will be mailed directly to Wotanis's cousin.

"He will then distribute the items to

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# News Briefs

Courtesy of the Associated Press

Scholarships, trips, cars await freed POW when she returns to U.S.

W.Va. (AP)-When rescued POW Jessica Lynch finally comes home, she'll get more than just a party. College scholarships, a trip to Hawaii, new cars and cash are just some of the gifts waiting for her.

"Everybody has been wonderful," said Wirt County Assessor Debbie Hennen, who has coordinated fund-raisers for Lynch since March 23, when her 507th Maintenance Company convoy was ambushed in southern Iraq.

Last week's news that the 19-year-old private from tiny Palestine, W.Va., was rescued from an Iraqi hospital in a daring raid by American commandos brought even more donations.

As of Tuesday, an account opened for Lynch contained more than \$4,000. Various fund-raisers, from car washes to pig roasts, have raised another \$4,900. A local Wal-Mart has pledged another \$1,000.

A Parkersburg man has made T-shirts for Hennen to sell that say, "Welcome home Jessi, the pride of Wirt County and the world."

Lynch, who is in a military hospital in Germany recuperating from a head wound, a spine injury and broken bones, could be flown to the United States next week.

Lynch joined the Army to earn money to attend college so she can become a kindergarten teacher. Now, she will have her pick of schools.

Gov. Bob Wise has guaranteed a full scholarship for Lynch to attend any state school she chooses. Marshall and West Virginia universities have also offered scholarships, as have Liberty College in Lynchburg, Va., and Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge, La.

A Parkersburg Toyota dealership has offered to give Lynch a new car, any color she wants. At least three other dealerships have made similar offers.

Lynch's dream to visit Hawaii prompted the *Maui News*, a sister newspaper of the *Parkersburg News and Sentinel*, to offer Lynch, her parents, brother and sister an all-expenses-paid trip to the islands. The Parkersburg paper also sought help from Yeager Airport in Charleston.

## Third case of suspected SARS reported in N.J.

TRENTON, N.J. (AP)-A third case of the mysterious flu-like illness that has spread from Asia to North America and killed at least 101 people has been reported in New Jersey.

State health officials said Tuesday that a 36-year-old woman from southern New Jersey is hospitalized in stable condition with a possible case of Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS).

The woman went to a hospital in Pennsylvania on March 31 after she experienced coughing, muscle soreness and other symptoms associated with SARS. She was still hospitalized in stable condition Tuesday.

The symptoms arose after she returned from a trip to Asia, officials said. Tests to determine if she has SARS were sent to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. A 36-year-old woman had the state's first suspected case of the illness. She recovered and was released from the hospital on March 17.

The second suspected case involved a 30-year-old woman and was reported on March 30. She was never hospitalized and is recovering.

Both of those women also recently traveled to Asia. The World Health Organization has recommended that all but essential travel to Hong Kong and the Guangdong Province of China be postponed.

## Nudists' dilemma: to stay gated or go guerrilla?

ISSAQUAH, Wash. (AP) - None of Allan Arnold's neighbors batted an eye when he took out his garbage one recent sunny morning, wearing nothing but gold-rimmed glasses and his shoes.

He lives in Forestia, a remote, gated nudist park in this east Seattle suburb, where no one sees anyone's birthday suit by accident.

"We do our best not to get in people's faces," Sharon Anderson, Arnold's wife and a longtime resident of Forestia, told the *Seattle Post-Intelligencer* for a story Monday.

Members of the Body Freedom Cooperative have a different take on the subject.

They feel nudists should be able to do their thing in public places and plan to flout anti-nudity rules in a push for clothing-optional beaches at local parks.

"We're pushing the envelope in what I think is a good way," said Mark Storey, a founding member of Body Freedom.

So far, the group has staged one public prank. Storey and two others went skinny-dipping at Luther Burbank Park on Mercer Island, site of the King County park system headquarters, to signal their "commitment to bringing clothing-free opportunities on public lands closer to the people of the cities."

More stunts are expected. There's talk of a "mass nude photo shoot" at the Washington Park Arboretum in Seattle this spring and random in-the-buff neighborhood clean-ups.

# As Saddam's regime crumbles, his portraits topple, too

NASIRIYAH, Iraq (AP)-He made an icon out of himself over the years, systematically imposing his face on murals, statues, endless portraits across the land he ruled. Now, as Saddam Hussein's regime crumbles, the Iraqi president's images are falling, too.

The instigators are twofold: U.S. military forces and, at times, Iraqis themselves. Sometimes they do it together.

"Every time we tear down a picture of Saddam, they cheer," said Peter McAleer, the commander of Echo Company of the 15th U.S. Marine Expeditionary Unit. The 15th is helping to hold

Nasiriyah, a key cross-roads for supplies and military personnel heading north to Baghdad.

Just a few days ago in Nasiriyah, a huge statue of Saddam gazed down upon motorists entering town. Now, after a two-week battle won by invading U.S.-led forces, the enormous concrete pedestal stands empty.

Everywhere in this city, U.S. Marines are pulling down images of Saddam, with residents often joining in. Across Iraq, it's the same story: Sweeps across the landscape by the U.S.-led coalition are followed by attacks on his unrelentingly ubiquitous face.

U.S. forces have used guns and spray paint, hatchets and fresh coats of latex and even explosives. In one case, it took only a simple renaming: American forces did that last week when they took over Saddam International Airport.

In the port of Umm Qasr, just across the border from Kuwait, tiled portraits of Saddam are coming down piecemeal-apparently at the hands of Iraqis-and the main picture welcoming drivers to town has been painted over.

Elsewhere in southern Iraq, Marines have hauled down metal Saddam billboards by rigging winch chains to them and pulling.

In the north, in Kurdish-controlled Qadir Karam, just abandoned by Iraqi forces, a picture of Saddam waving heartily to his people has a red "X" scrawled through it. And on Monday, in

downtown Baghdad, U.S. forces felled a statue of Saddam in his beret, leaving it lying in a concrete gutter, face down like an inebriated college student.

Such efforts are not simply exuberance, military planners say. They're part of good strategy.

"Any picture or effigy of Saddam Hussein we have viewed as a legitimate target in order to achieve a psychological effect, basically to encourage the local people that this figure of their oppression is no longer the great strength he was," Col. Chris Vernon, spokesman for British forces, said Tuesday in Kuwait City.

Saddam has encouraged, even ordered his legend-building over the years and made sure nothing got in the way. Insulting the president, for example, has

If you can decapitate the head and the brains of any organization, you're 90 percent of the way there.

- Col. Chris Vernon  
Spokesman for British Forces

been a capital offense in Iraq.

But he has also denied he is the engineer of his own myth.

Speaking to Kuwaiti reporters in 1983, when his personality cult was already in full swing, Saddam insisted the cult wasn't of his own making - proving, he asserted, that it was for real.

"If the case we are talking about were not truly genuine, people would not tolerate it for more than six months at most, after which it would be thrown overboard," he said at the time.

Today, by all indications, it is being thrown overboard.

"You use your military means to achieve a psychological effect," said Vernon, the British spokesman. "If you can decapitate the head and the brains of any organization, you're 90 percent of the way there."

# HS Journalists to Visit Wilkes for 3rd Annual Conference

**JOSEPH DeANGELIS**  
Beacon Assistant News Editor

This Friday the next Sam Donaldson or Peter Jennings, or the future generation's Ellen Goodman may be as close as the Grand Ballroom of the Henry Student Center.

The third annual Tom Bigler High School Journalism Conference, sponsored by the Wilkes University Communication Studies department, will welcome regional high school students to campus to investigate the possibilities in modern communication professions.

But this year there are going to be a few changes to the structure of the conference. As has been true of previous years, the conference will again welcome a variety of media professionals in print, broadcast, public relations, and design to offer plenary sessions to the visiting students. However, an important addition to the conference structure includes hands-on workshops in which the high school students from across the local area will now be able to participate.

Dr. Andrea Frantz, coordinator of the Journalism Conference and Assistant Professor of Communication Studies, added the hands-on workshops to the list of plenary sessions-which already included

thirteen media experts-to guarantee the participating 220 high school students from 20 area high schools an opportunity to actually experiment.

Some of the new hands-on workshops offered for participants include: The Art of Radio Broadcasting in which students will see how a radio show works; Making TV News in the Shelburne Telecommunications Studio, where students will practice in front of and behind the cameras; a mock press conference, in which Media Relations Manager, Mark Davis, will lead students in a simulation of a local health crisis; and a public relations session that encourages participants to help develop a new public identity for a semi-pro sports team.

Lindsey Wotainis, a sophomore Communications Studies major is the student coordinator for the conference and has put in countless hours of work in its organization. She has high hopes for this year's conference. "I think it's going to go really well," she said. "We have a lot of interesting speakers and we have hands-on sessions, which I think are going to go well." She also believes that students will enjoy working hands-on.

This year's keynote speaker is Ms. Linda Thurman, President of Digital Window Media Inc. and is a visiting communications professor at Wilkes. Thurman came to Wilkes from Los Angeles, CA in January to serve as the Bigler Chair for the semester. Her area of expertise is integrated media and how technology affects media messages.

In her keynote address Friday she plans to look forward into the future of mass communications. "The topic that I have chosen is called 'And Now... Reporting from the Holodeck.' So it's about the future of news and how technology is going to create even more realistic news gathering and delivery of news. Right now we're seeing that with the war with Iraq [with] embedded reporters,"

Thurman said. "Eventually we will be actually be able to see, smell, and feel what's going on."

"However, this new kind of technology does have its limits for the viewers," Thurman

reassured. "The other part of it is we will have more control over the media that comes into our lives because we'll have more of an ability to filter and control what we get."

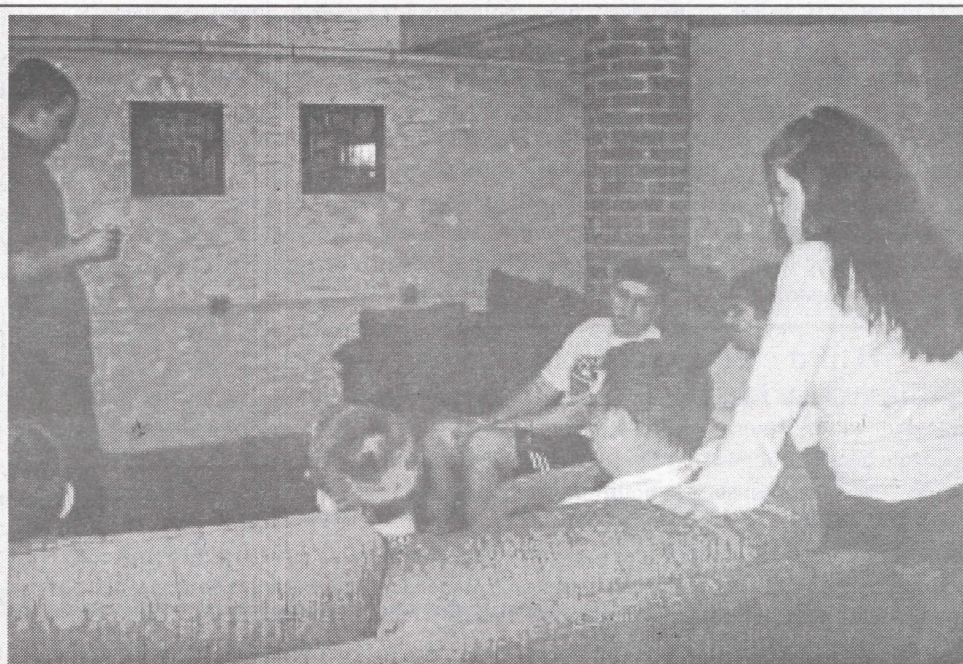
Thurman will be speaking in the HSC Ballroom at 9:00 to start off the day. Throughout the day, students will also attend plenary sessions with media practitioners such as Beth Saulnier, freelance journalist and novelist; Dave Pingalore, sports anchor for WNEP-TV; Clare Parkhurst, Owner of Blacksheep Advertising; and Bill Bova, Vice President for PCN Cable Network. The day will wrap up with awards for the annual high school newspaper contest which was judged this year by Frantz, Jim Gittens, editor of the *Citizens' Voice*, and Joe Butkiewicz, editor of the *Times Leader*.

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## Commuter Lounge Now Open

Students are enjoying the newly opened commuter lounge. The grand opening was held on April 3, and the lounge is open to all students.

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and also requesting an absentee ballot.

Another main focus of the program was educating students about the mayoral election. Students voiced some of their concerns such as "parking," "nothing to do," "safety issues," and "the downtown area," all of which the mayor has and had an impact on.

"I live downtown across the street from the big hole that was supposed to be movie theatres," said Harrington. "Everyday I walk past it and it's stressing and embarrassing."

There will be a debate for all of the candidates running for mayor held here at Wilkes. The debate will be held on Thursday, April 24th in room 101 at the Stark Learning Center.

All students are encouraged to attend the debate and will be allowed to ask questions.

Harrington also addressed that probably the next most important election was for

county commissioner. He said there would be a debate for all ten of those candidates about a week after the mayoral debate.

Harrington stressed the fact that a neighbor to Wilkes University is running for county commissioner by the name of Todd Vonderheid. "He has lots of energy and lots of experience and wants to see things get done right around this area," said Harrington.

Drew Amoroso, a freshman English major, voiced some of his opinions at the program as well. "It doesn't take long to do it (register to vote), five minutes to fill out a form and ten minutes to vote. A small thing like that can have a big impact."

"A few people this size could have a huge impact, I mean ten people could swing an election like this," added Amoroso.

# Recent Wilkes Alum Dies in Car Accident

BY LINDSEY WOTANIS  
Beacon Staff Writer

Lisa (Murnin) Tomillo graduated from Wilkes University in May of 2001, excited to set out on her life's journey. On April 1, her journey was cut tragically short.

Tomillo, 23, died Tuesday, April 1, from injuries sustained in an automobile accident.

Tomillo, formerly of Clarks Summit, graduated from Wilkes University in 2001 with a degree in English and

Secondary Education. While at Wilkes, Tomillo held the position of Commuter Council President during her senior year. Upon graduation, Tomillo was employed as a 10th grade teacher for the Pleasant Valley School District. She married Ronald J. Tomillo on August 10, 2002, residing in East Stroudsburg.

Those who knew Tomillo felt the tremendous gravity of this tragic loss. Jessica Alferio, a 2002 Wilkes graduate, was a best friend to Tomillo. Alferio described Tomillo as a selfless, energetic woman with a positive attitude towards life.

"She [Tomillo] always said that everything happened for a reason. She always put everyone first and always thought of herself last. She really had a heart of gold," said Alferio.

Alferio recalled some of her most treasured memories with Tomillo, stating that, in retrospect, it will be the little things

that she'll cherish most.

"I remember eating BLTs and drinking cherry cokes in the Student Union [with Tomillo] and discussing everything from the previous night's Student Government meeting to what types of houses we were going to own when we grew up," remembered Alferio.

Dean Barbara King was also stunned by the tragic loss. King is the advisor for the Commuter Council, and had the opportunity to work closely with Tomillo, getting to know her very well. King described Tomillo as a steadfast individual, always willing to defend her views. In her time as Commuter Council President, Tomillo began to reorganize the student parking process.

"I knew Lisa since the beginning of her freshman year at Wilkes. It was always obvious she would be working her way up to a leadership position. She had

boundless energy, and always saw the best in everyone," said King.

Not only was Tomillo an excellent leader, but also an excellent student. Dr. Darin Fields, chairperson of the Humanities Department at Wilkes and advisor/teacher to Tomillo, was deeply saddened by Tomillo's passing. With tears welling in his eyes, Dr. Fields recalled memories of a young woman who was uncertain of herself

at the start of her college career, but who was transformed into a driven, passionate woman and student.

"Lisa was a prime example of the reason for Wilkes' existence. She wasn't the type of student who just got through college. She transformed, as a person and as a student. What I cherish about the memory of Lisa is where she began and where she ended up. It was as if she started with her light off but once she was able turn that light on, suddenly she was a presence. She is not going to be easily forgotten," said Fields.

During her brief stay at Wilkes, and

her much too short time in our world, Tomillo was able to touch the lives of many, leaving many to wonder what she might have accomplished had she not been stolen away so soon-too soon.

But as Ralph Waldo Emerson stated: "It is not the length of life, but the depth of life." Those who knew Tomillo would agree that although her life was shortened by tragedy, the depth of her life was immeasurable.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Lisa Tomillo Scholarship Fund, c/o the Pleasant Valley School District, Route 209, Brodheadsville, 18322.



Lisa (Murnin) Tomillo

## Surveying the Situation

*Facilities seeks input from custodial consultants*

BY STEVE KEMBLE  
Beacon Staff Writer

On Wednesday, March 26, consultants visited Wilkes University to assess the residence halls and kick off the ten-year plan initiated by facilities management.

The group of consultants were with a company called Core Management, a custodial service and consulting organization. They examined the overall function and allocation of resources and did an evaluation of the space and how it corresponds with custodial responsibilities.

"They were looking to drive down the cleaning necessities that we need in regards to the management of personnel, equipment, and supplies and resources," said John Burke, Director of Facilities and Capital Planning.

It was the first phase of the initial facilities survey with the second phase to begin this week. The consultants will then look at all of the plumbing functions, electrical functions, structural issues and aesthetics.

The survey done two weeks ago was just the beginning. "Core was doing a functionality survey, not a quality survey, which will come in next with the facilities piece in regards to aesthetics and maintenance," said Burke.

"It was basically a comprehensive survey which will enable us to get our arms around the overall functions from the custodial side," said Burke. Burke is looking to hear back from Core in the next few weeks with the results.

What will come out of the results from the first survey is that the housekeepers will have specialized schedules that derive from those studies, and facilities will be able to apply the proper number of personnel to the appropriate space.

Referring to the next survey, Burke

was unable to pinpoint any specific problems that the residence halls have, but he said, "I know I have mechanical issues, cleanliness issues, and structural issues, but not to what degree." The organizations that are being brought in will give specifics needed to go about and correct the problems.

He said, "It's easy to go around and say this building needs spruced up; well in what way? Is it better to renovate, upgrade, or build a new building? These surveys will give us a road map of what to do in the future."

Gretchen Yeninas, director of Residence Life, did have some insight to what some of the focus would be from the maintenance aspect. "They are going to redo a few roofs on the buildings to prevent leaks and continue working on some plumbing projects in various bathrooms around the campus this summer," said Yeninas.

These surveys and the work that will come from them are very necessary according to Yeninas and Burke. "Some of the halls have started deteriorating and its time to start looking at what needs to be done to get them fixed and get a priority list made up for which needs the most improvements," said Yeninas.

Students also seem to have a concern about their living quarters on campus.

Timothy Millard, a senior Communication Studies major and resident of Slocumb Hall, said, "They definitely need to look at the aesthetics of the rooms. Take my room for example; it has worn, dirty brown carpet and drab white paint on the walls."

Along with the carpet and walls, Millard thinks it would be a good idea to check the windows, too, because when he was a freshman his window was "single paneled and very drafty."

"When students return in the fall they should definitely be able to see some changes that have taken effect," said Burke




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the men and women in his unit," said Wotanis.

Collection boxes for the Commuter Council's drive can be found in the new

commuter lounge in the lower level of Conyngham Hall. As for the expected amount of donations Wotanis said, "I don't expect a huge number, but just enough to send a few decent sized boxes."

# Fog of War: In the Heat of Battle Anything Goes

In the fog of war many things people would consider appalling during a time of peace fall by the wayside in the name of security.

That fog was evidenced in an article written by British journalist Mark Franchetti called "Slaughter at the Bridge of Death" March 31. In the article, Franchetti reported on the civilian dead he encountered on the road leading out of the southern town of Nasiriya.

Franchetti wrote: "Some 5 vehicles, including a minivan and a couple of trucks, blocked the road. They were riddled with bullet holes. Some had caught fire and turned into piles of black twisted metal. Others were still burning. Amid the wreckage counted 12 dead civilians, lying in the road or in nearby patches. All had been trying to save this southern town overnight, probably for fear of being killed by US helicopter attacks and heavy artillery. Their mistake had been to flee over a ridge that is crucial to the coalition's supply lines and to run into a group of shell-shocked young American Marines with orders to shoot anything that moved." Some of the dead included Iraqi children. Franchetti went on to quote American soldiers who told him at they had orders to fire because of threats of suicide car bombings in the area. Despite the outcome, the threat seemed to indicate "kill or be killed."

Over the past three weeks Americans have read and seen reports such as Franchetti's that clearly indicate civilians are dying in Iraq. How can we as civilized human beings rationalize the slaughter of innocent human beings?

War changes our sense of wrong and right. Even on the home front our perception of what is going on in Iraq is far different from what our perception would have been a year ago. War, by its very nature desensitizes us. This is the only way those fighting can rationalize their actions and survive. It is also the only way those of us here at home can rationalize accepting the death that inevitably occurs.

An unnamed US Army colonel from the 3rd Infantry Division wrote an e-mail to FOX political commentator Bill O'Reilly that was later reprinted in the April 7 edition of *The Daily*

*News*. In the e-mail, the colonel clearly articulates the mindset that soldiers must maintain in order to ensure success on the battlefield.

The e-mail read in part: "We have probably killed close to 10,000 Iraqi soldiers. We are continually sniped at and receive periodic mortar fire. Bottom line, they shoot—they die. Every American soldier is getting a chance to engage and kill the enemy."

"Iraq has these maniacs, death squad guys called Saddam Fedayeen, DGS forces, IIS and Baath party forces that we spend most of our day killing. They continuously make suicidal charges at our tanks, Bradley fighting vehicles, and checkpoints. We are happy to send them to hell. You would not believe the carnage, imagine body parts about knee

fact is that those deaths—both Iraqi and American—are deaths of human beings, people who had families who will miss them. For the most part, though, we have to think in numbers, rather than about the very real lives lost, in order to do what we have to do. It's part of the fog of war; it's part of what we have to do to shift and adjust to the reality that is war.

When it comes down to it, most polls indicate that the majority of the American people support the war in Iraq. All of those who support the military action must justify the actions of those in combat. The phrase that can often be heard is, "better them than us." This is all part of the fog of war. We stand and look at the conflict from a position that a year ago we would have thought inhumane, uncivilized, or even barbaric. So when U.S. Marines destroy a van full of women and innocent children, we shrug our shoulders and say, "They [passengers in the car] should have stopped."

Our soldiers have been sent over to Iraq to do a job. It isn't their job to ask why. They just take orders and follow them. It is truly the only way they can probably deal with what they have to do. They also put themselves at grave risk, and learn quickly that they can't trust anyone. That trust can mean death. It is heart-breaking to think what goes through their minds. The only friendly faces are those of the coalition. So, unloading on a van full of Iraqis appears to be justified because those people could have had weapons of their own, even though under normal circumstances, the very idea of killing women and children would likely sicken most of us.

At home, many Americans look at the war as if it were a video game. We see hundreds of people dying, and it is justified because of our frame of reference. It is good to see our troops advance, even though it comes at the expense and lives of real people. The video game example is a way for us to rationalize war.

War, although evil, is necessary in certain situations. But we accept the nastiness and evil of war because it's how we have to look at it. We watch the war on television and the fog descends. We should take it seriously. This takes thought about what is really happening. People are dying daily. And American or Iraqi, a life is a life. Lives are to be taken seriously.

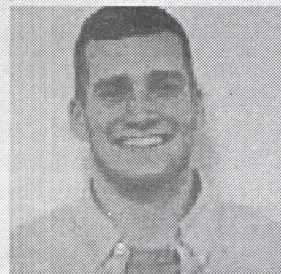
## Taking Life Seriously Beacon Editorial

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deep, with hundreds of Iraqi vehicles burning, occupants inside. We fill up trucks with body parts daily. The plan is going exactly as scripted. The news is full of sh--. We have almost total control. Don't know how much longer the division can keep up this pace, but we are prepared to do it."

The soldier who wrote the e-mail to O'Reilly clearly illustrates that trusting to "normality" in war can get you killed. In the heat of battle, it is clear that the U.S. soldiers can't trust the Iraqi people. The car bombs will attest to that. In war, greater good must supercede some of the tragedies of battle. It is clear that US objectives are being met. We are dominating the war. According to government reports, the United States has sustained relatively few casualties, particularly in comparison with those reported on the Iraqi side. But the

# Practicing the Fine Art of Forgiveness



BY J.J. HANSON  
Beacon Assistant Sports Editor

In a world of sin and disorder, it is somewhat difficult to be a good person 100% of the time.

Add four years of college and it is utterly impossible. Many of us often say that when somebody screws up, tough cookies. But when the roles are reversed, and we are the ones doing the hurting, all of a sudden we expect the other party to be forgiving and completely understanding.

Every person has a separate degree of tolerance towards being hurt. Some people don't give a second thought to the fact that someone has wronged them. While, others hold grudges that deteriorate an otherwise successful relationship. Be it a friend, partner, coworker, or family member, many times in our lives our lapses in judgement end up hurting those we care about. The only prayer we have is that they have the decency to forgive. So, the question is how long must one be forced to repent for a past indiscretion? Or, better yet, what is "forgiveness?"

Webster's defines forgiveness as: "to cease to feel resentment against." Well, by Webster's definition I (J.J.) have a lot of forgiving to do, because I hold a lot of resentments, as do most people. I (Amanda) do not feel as though I hold any resentment toward anyone or anything in my life. Don't get me wrong, I've had my moments of extreme anger, but I don't hold a grudge. I take the good with the bad and accept all that comes my way as a learning experience.

Now we essentially understand what forgiveness means. But exactly how do we go about achieving it?

Some folks might follow the old Christian method of repentance. Tell them you're sorry, say a couple of Hail Mary's, and poof! You're absolved. Unfortunately, what is good enough for the big fella (God) isn't good enough for the majority of us mortals here on earth. It seems that the process of forgiveness is somewhat more complex than a Saturday afternoon



BY AMANDA DARBENZIO  
Beacon Assistant Opinion Editor

confession.

There are those who go for the all out self-loathing, groveling and begging for acquittal from the person they hurt. You let someone know that you are upset with them and then you continue to rub it in their face, reiterating what they did that was so bad to piss you off in the first place. What is the point?

There are different beliefs on forgiveness. I (J.J.) am somewhat forgiving but have a hard time letting go of emotion. I release my bitterness through blatantly sarcastic comments that sometimes are rude and way out of line. I have seen the error of my ways, since I now know what it is like to be on the receiving end of those venomous comments. The most difficult thing is to take them lying down; one really doesn't have a choice since one knows they deserve everything they get. But, there comes a time when one has to suck it up.

I (Amanda) have a very long fuse; it takes a great deal to invoke anger in me. I will think about my feelings and why I am upset with that person and why I allowed myself to become upset. I don't wait to tell the person that I am upset because I don't want to remain upset. I'll let the individual know I'm upset and give them my feelings on the situation and that's that. I refuse to waste energy on negative feelings for a long period of time.

So the next time someone crosses your path, think before you give him or her the silent treatment or react in an infuriated manor. Put yourself in their shoes and see what they have to offer. Remember what it's like to have someone angry with you. None of us are perfect and we all make mistakes, at the end of the day we are all sorry for our shortcomings, and all we can ask for is humble forgiveness.

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# Lennon

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the '60s, and we are going to publish it as a book," he said. Students are involved in primary literary research in order to help Lennon get the book published. "This has been a great way to finish up my teaching career, to get students really involved in assembling that book of letters," he explained.

"I like what I teach. I love literature, and I try to convey that enthusiasm to other people to get them excited about it as well," remarked Lennon with sincerity. "It is nice to see a student get excited about a work of literature, a play, a novel. The work sometimes stimulates their imagination, gives them a new way of looking at life and lets them break out of solitary confinement of their own perspective and lets them see the world through other people's eyes. That is really exciting. There is nothing like it as far as a job is concerned."

Wilkes students have also been touched by Lennon's enthusiasm for literature and life. "He has taught me more than anyone I've ever known, not just in the classroom, but outside of it as well," remarked Monica Cardenas, Junior English and Communications Studies major. "His teaching style is very animated; he captures your attention immediately. You just can't help but to pay attention to what he is saying. I've known Dr. Lennon since I have been here, and it seems to me that he is always available. I can go to him with anything, and I know he will be there," added Cardenas.

Madi Bobb, senior English and Philosophy major said, "He is just the ultimate professor. That is even an understatement. When it comes to literature that is his specialty. My advice to present and future students is to take a class with Dr. Lennon."

Peter Baldo, freshman Musical Theatre and Communication Studies major, described Lennon as, "a very good explainer. He will nail the idea he wants you to have quickly and easily. He is as efficient as possible. He doesn't say anything is black and white; he stretches you to think as an individual."

The students at Wilkes have meant a great deal to Lennon. When Lennon was Vice President for Academic Affairs, he taught one course a year, which enabled him to get to know students better. He now sees students he has had in the past as freshman or sophomores getting ready to graduate. "When we (professors) get together we talk about our students. There is a great deal of pride that Wilkes faculty members have in their students," commented Lennon.

Lennon has many accomplishments to be proud of and numerous students who look to him as a role model and a leader. Still, he remains modest when talking about the work he has done and the lives he has touched.

While he will still be teaching classes part-time in the fall, his students will miss the professor who was once "always available" as Cardenas stated. Lennon has given both faculty and students something that ordinary teachers cannot; he has given them knowledge, enthusiasm, and a lifetime of memories that they will carry with them through Wilkes and beyond.

# Alum Grier Assumes Active Role on the Other Side of the Desk

BY MELISSA JURGENSON  
Beacon Correspondent

It's a long way from teaching junior high schoolers...

Visiting Assistant Professor of English, Jack Grier has been teaching at Wilkes since the fall of 2001. Prior to his leap into the world of higher education, however, he taught grades seven through twelve for 31 years in

Easton, P.A., where he was also the Department Chair.

Grier's relationship with Wilkes University extends beyond his current appointment, though. He received his Master's degree at Wilkes, and his current colleagues were his teachers while working on the advanced degree. "I find them very professional," stated Grier.

While teaching in Easton, Grier

happened to be in the Wilkes Barre area one day and decided to drop by. During that visit, Chairperson of the Division and Associate Professor of English Dr. Darin Fields offered Grier one class to teach which eventually grew into teaching a handful of classes.

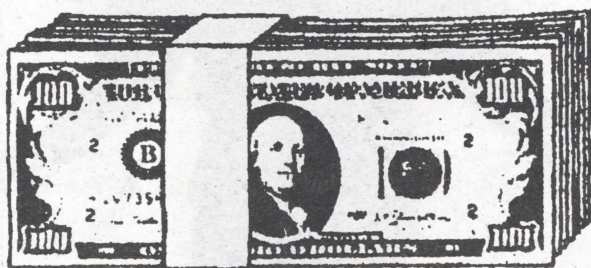
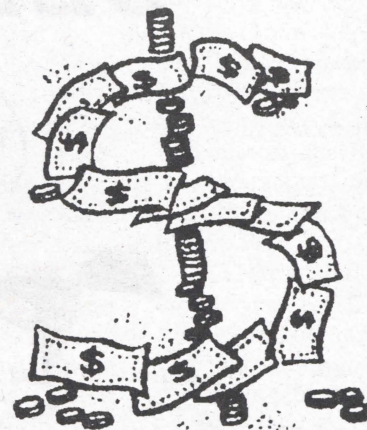
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### Annetta Clemens

**Hometown:** Souderton, PA

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**Q) What is in your CD player right now?**

A) Jack Johnson

**Q) What would be your dream vacation?**

A) Micronesia (a small island in the Pacific Ocean)

**Q) What did you do over the snow day?**

A) Slept all day

**Q) Coke or Pepsi?**

A) Coke

**Q) What is your favorite TV show?**

A) Trigger Happy

**Q) What is your favorite restaurant?**

A) Denny's

**Q) What are your plans for Easter break?**

A) Going to my Aunt's house and seeing relatives



### Mike Brown

**Hometown:** West Pittston, PA

**Year/Major:** Junior/Biology

**Q) What is in your CD player right now?**

A) Breaking Benjamin

**Q) What would be your dream vacation?**

A) Anywhere out of the Wyoming Valley

**Q) What did you do over the snow day?**

A) Slept and watched a movie

**Q) Coke or Pepsi?**

A) Coke

**Q) What is your favorite TV show?**

A) The Simpsons

**Q) What is your favorite restaurant?**

A) Outback

**Q) What are your plans for Easter break?**

A) Sleep, drink, and grade labs



### Geraldine Ojeil

**Hometown:** Allentown, P.A.

**Year/Major:** Freshman/International Studies and AFROTC

**Q) What is in your CD player right now?**

A) Elvis

**Q) What would be your dream vacation?**

A) An island with water and sand

**Q) What did you do over the snow day?**

A) I watched four movies and ate a lot.

**Q) Coke or Pepsi?**

A) Pepsi

**Q) What is your favorite TV show?**

A) Lewis and Clark

**Q) What is your favorite restaurant?**

A) Taste of Italy

**Q) What are your plans for Easter break?**

A) Write a Political Science paper, go to church, and eat Arabic food.



## Pearsall Film Collection at Wilkes: Another Best Kept Secret

BY LIZA CARDAMONE  
Beacon Correspondent

Located in a small, secluded room on the lower level of Wilkes University's Farley Library is another of Wilkes University's best kept secrets: a massive collection of films.

The film library, known as "The Pearsall Collection," is an intriguing set of 16 millimeter feature films. The films are set aside in a special area known as the Media Projection Room. Within the collection, there are a wide variety of well-known, popular films, which can be viewed by students and faculty in the video viewing room nestled in the lower level of Farley Library or in a classroom situation.

Ten years ago, Mr. Pearsall donated films that were featured between the late 1930s and 1960s to Wilkes University. The collection includes classic films such as *Gone with the Wind*, *Miracle on 34th Street*, and *Oklahoma*, to name only a few. According to those familiar with the history, Mr. Pearsall took pride in his collection and used his livingroom as a set up for viewing the films. He would invite his friends over to watch them on a daily basis.

Brian Sacolic, Co-director

of Farley Library, stated, "If film appreciation or film history was taught at the University, this collection could be very useful. Right now the films are not being put to use."

Although the library welcomes people to look and borrow the films for educational

use, there are some important copyright issues that are of major concern. If there were to be a group of students interested in participating with a film club, these films would be of great value. However, the films are copyrighted and cannot be shown to the public for free. Therefore, the films can only be viewed in a classroom situation. "Teachers don't take advantage of the films, which is a shame," Sacolic went on to say.

For those faculty and students who have tried viewing the films, many have found it a challenge. The projectors the films run on are very hard to come by and make viewing the films an ordeal.

Heidi Selecky, Co-director

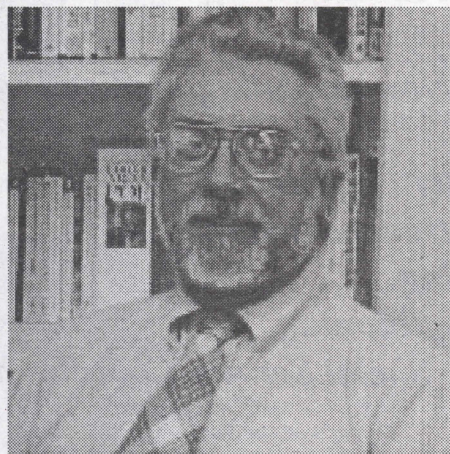


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The Pearsall Film collection

and Acquisitions Librarian at Farley Library, said, "Over time, the films have become brittle, which makes the quality and clarity of the film somewhat damaged. Also, everyone who handles or uses the films must be more careful." Some of the films are over 70 years old and of great value; therefore, they need to be handled with care.

Although the films are not of a particular use to the University, they are a wonderful keepsake and a valuable collection to possess. The library has recognized it's worth and potential to better educate the students; therefore, there is a hope for the films to be cataloged in the near future.

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these things in real life not just in the classroom" that the learning is evident.

Grier also enjoys that Wilkes is an environment that is tolerant of different ethnic and religious beliefs. "We don't all have to be the same or like the same thing," said Grier.

Grier is currently the advisor for the Wilkes Greens Club. Its main focus is dealing with political and environmental issues. The group participates in voter

registration drives as well as recently cleaning up Kirby Park.

As a student, some of Grier's fondest memories about Wilkes are the classes he has taken and the professors he has had. He especially remembered Dr. Stanley Gutin's American Poetry which he took back in the 1980s, as well as Professor of English Dr. J. Michael Lennon and Dean and Associate Professor of English, Dr. Bonnie Bedford.

Grier stated, "There is diversity among the student population. It's pleasurable to have students come from different locales."

He also expressed that he loves watching people progress and grow. "To watch someone learning is something I'd like to remember," said Grier. He noted that you can't see the results of a student learning right away. It's when a student "experiences

One day that particularly stands out for the former Wilkes student-turned teacher was the day he graduated, when Dean Bonnie Bedford stood up and gave him a bouquet of roses in honor of his accomplishments.

Grier believes that there is a reason to life. "We can lift ourselves out of ignorance." Once you have been exposed to things you become knowledgeable which is when ignorance is conquered. "We learn every month, everyday, every year, and when one grade of schooling is over we move on to the next. People create their own limitations that aren't really there."

Grier reflects, "We are free to be who we already are." He said that we are simply growing and developing what we already are. If we try to find our destination we will miss the journey along the way. It's all about enjoying things the way they are happening instead of waiting ten to forty years until they happen.

# Movie Review: *Phone Booth*

BY JESSICA SKUTACK  
Beacon Arts & Entertainment Editor

"A phone rings somewhere, you don't know who's on the line...but somebody has to answer to it."

Welcome to Joel Schumacher's latest creation, *Phone Booth*, that has grossed a cool \$15 million since its debut.

The movie features a star-studded cast with Colin Farrell, Keifer Sutherland, Forest Whitaker, and Katie Holmes playing major roles.



Katie Holmes in *Phone Booth*

The whole premise of *Phone Booth* eerily echoes the recent sniper shootings, except this sniper's victims are not randomly picked. In a way the sniper plays a morality policeman or even God. He selects his victims carefully by picking from the proverbial bottom of the barrel.

Enter Stu Shepard, a sleazy publicist, who serves to give all PR professionals a bad name. He lies, manipulates, and does whatever it takes to get to the top, but he will soon pay for his sins.

After ditching his intern, whom he treats like a peon, the fun really begins. Shepard stops in a phone booth to make a call to Pam (Katie Holmes), a small-town girl looking to make it as an actress in New York City, and after finishing the conversation receives a call from a mysterious man who knows way too much.

Shepard now becomes a hostage and remains one for the rest of the movie. The caller dictates what Shepard can do, to whom, and when. The police get involved when the caller/sniper shoots someone in the middle of the street.

From here on *Phone Booth* turns into the classic battle between good and evil. The cops are trying to avoid anymore deaths and catch the bad guy, while

Shepard is trying to save himself and those who are most important to him.

The film gets a bit boring once Shepard becomes a hostage because there is no change of scenery and there are not many new plot developments. However, the characterization and slapstick humor make the movie more tolerable and moves along faster.

*Phone Booth* ends in a classic cliffhanger and leaves room for the possibility of a sequel (who would have guessed?).

Overall, the movie was a typical, middle-of-the-road, action movie and if you have a free night I would recommend checking it out.

Colin Farrell plays Stu Shepard in the action-packed thriller.



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# This Week in Wilkes Entertainment



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Second Yellow performed on Saturday in the Student Union Ballroom, opening for Dave Pitenger Band.



The Beacon/Kristin Hake

Vocal major Martha Zabriski (right) performed her senior recital in the DDD this Sunday. Zabriski was accompanied by Dr. Ellen Flint.



The Beacon/Kristin Hake

Wilkes students Jill Hocking, Allisa Bowen, and Crystal Reib enjoyed themselves at Spring Fling, held on April 4 at Genetti's. The theme of the evening was "Luau," and over 180 students attended.



BY MELISSA GALLUP  
Beacon Staff Writer

## Tasty Tidbits

Just when we thought that the worst was over, the snow has returned. Here we are again stuck in Wilkes-Barre with the white fluffy stuff covering the only hope of spring. We all know that we had a terribly bitter winter, but with Mother Nature teasing us with a week of warm sun and blue skies, these past few days seem even colder and harder to tolerate. So until

spring can permanently find its way to us, stay warm with a bowl of piping hot soup. If you are tired of the same old cans of Campbell's try some of these new ideas from *The Food Network*.

### Tortilla Soup

- 2 ears fresh corn, husks removed
- 4 or 5 large garlic cloves, peeled
- 1 small onion (about 3 ounces), peeled, trimmed, and quartered
- 1 small jalapeno pepper, trimmed and seeded
- 2 tablespoons corn oil
- 2 corn tortillas, cut into 1-inch squares
- 2 large ripe tomatoes (1 pound), peeled, seeded, and coarsely chopped
- 2 tablespoons tomato paste
- 2 to 3 teaspoons ground cumin
- 2 quarts chicken stock
- Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper

### Garnish:

- 2 corn tortillas
- 1 ripe avocado
- 1 large chicken breast, cooked, boned, and skinned
- 1/2 cup grated Cheddar
- 1/4 cup chopped fresh cilantro leaves

Using a large knife, carefully scrape the kernels off the corncobs and set aside, reserving the cobs.

Using a food processor fitted with the steel blade, or a large knife, coarsely chop the garlic, onion, jalapeno pepper, and corn kernels. Reserve.

In a large soup pot, heat the oil. Add the squares of tortillas and cook over low heat until they are slightly crisp. Stir in the chopped vegetables and simmer just until the vegetables are coated with the oil. Do not brown.

Add the tomatoes, the tomato paste, and two teaspoons of the cumin and continue to simmer for about ten minutes to maximize the flavor. Slowly pour in the stock, add the corncobs, and cook over low heat until the soup is reduced by one third.

Discard the corn cobs and puree the soup, in batches, in a blender or food processor until smooth. At this point, the soup can be passed through the fine strainer, if desired. Return to a clean pot and season with salt, pepper, and additional cumin to taste.

Prepare the garnish: Preheat the oven or toaster oven to 350 degrees F. Cut the tortillas into thin strips and arrange on a small baking tray. Bake until the strips are crisp, 10 to 15 minutes. Peel and dice the avocado. Cut the chicken into thin strips.

To serve, add the chicken and avocado to the soup and reheat over low heat. Ladle the soup into six to eight warm soup bowls and garnish with the baked tortilla strips, cheddar cheese, and chopped cilantro. Serve immediately.

### Garlic Soup

- 1 quart chicken stock, preferably homemade or half of stock and water
- 1 bay leaf
- Pinch dried sage
- 1/2 teaspoon dried thyme
- 1/2 head of garlic cloves, peeled
- Salt

1 ounce each of freshly grated Parmesan and Swiss cheese

1 egg mixed with 1 egg yolk

1/4 cup good quality olive oil

Freshly ground black pepper

4 toasted bread croutons made of sliced French bread, optional

1 to 2 tablespoons chopped parsley for garnish

Bring stock to a boil in a nonreactive saucepan (do not use aluminum which will react with eggs which come into play later on).

Add bay leaf, sage, thyme and garlic cloves and cook, covered, at a bare simmer for 30 minutes.

Strain broth and discard herbs; pass and press garlic through to liquid and season to taste with salt. In a mixing bowl combine the cheese with egg and yolk, olive oil and pepper to taste. Everything can be done in advance up to this point.

Just before serving, reheat the soup and drizzle a ladleful of hot soup into the egg and oil mixture to temper the eggs. Pour this tempered mixture back into the soup and whisk continuously over low heat until the soup thickens slightly. Take care not to over heat or the eggs will curdle.

Set a piece of French bread crouton in center of soup plate and ladle soup over the top. Garnish with parsley.

# Lacrosse Team Remains Winless

BY BRIAN WALTER  
Beacon Staff Writer

The sensation of a first win still remains elusive for the Wilkes University women's lacrosse team after their efforts fell short Saturday afternoon at the hands of Widener University, 14-3. With the victory, Widener improves to 9-2 overall and 5-1 in the MAC. The Lady Colonels slipped to 0-5 overall and 0-4 in conference play.

The game remained close for much of the first half until the Pioneers broke through with the final five goals and headed into the locker room with an 8-2 lead. Wilkes fought back, but the Pioneers then outscored Wilkes 6-1 in the second stanza.

Therese Augustine led Widener with

four goals and one assist. Lauren Goane added three goals and three assists. Tricia Lynch contributed three goals and two assists, while Beth Bartman had a pair of goals. Alexis Brook and Melanie Fillmyer each scored once for the Pioneers as well.

Junior Jess Hinkel, freshman Lyndsay Asinelli, and senior Maria Currier drove in the Lady Colonels' three goals. Junior Stephanie Dluze added an assist for the Lady Colonels.

The Pioneers, who outshot Wilkes by a 32-15 margin, got nine saves in goal from Erin Patterson. Wilkes freshman goalkeeper Cassie Malone was credited with a team high 12 stops in net.

The Lady Colonels fell to Widener 14-3 in recent action.

The Beacon/  
Mick Jenkins



## DeSales Tops Lady Colonels in Double-header

COURTESY OF SPORTS INFORMATION

DeSales University scored three unearned runs in the bottom half of the seventh inning to top Wilkes University, 4-3, in the second game of a Freedom Conference softball doubleheader on Thursday. The Bulldogs pulled off the sweep with a 9-0 win in six innings in the opener.

DeSales improved its record to 6-2 overall and 2-0 in the Freedom Conference with the two victories. Wilkes fell to 7-8 overall and 3-5 in conference play.

Wilkes held a 3-1 lead entering the bottom of the seventh inning in the nightcap. With one out, Michelle Kott reached on an error to begin the DeSales rally. A single by Rachel Polaha put runners on first and second. Both runners would advance a base when Jenna Rau flew out for the second out of the inning. Valerie

Valach would drive home Kott with a single to cut the lead to 3-2. Danielle Jenson followed with a walk to load the bases. Jackie Fasolka then singled to score both Polaha and Valach to secure the win for the Bulldogs.

In the second game Wilkes went on top 1-0 in the first inning. Andrea Dominick singled and moved to second on a single by Kerry Zellner. After Dominick was retired at third on a fielder's choice by Alexis Petite, Brooke Shreaves singled to score Zellner with the first run of the game.

The Lady Colonels upped their advantage to 2-0 with a run in the fourth. Petite led off the inning with a double. Nicole Pugh, who was inserted as a pinch runner for Petite, moved to third on a single by Shreaves. Melissa Babcock then drew a walk to load the bases with no outs. But, Leora Kleist lined into a double play that eliminated Shreaves at second. Pugh then

scored on a passed ball for the only run of the inning.

DeSales cut the Wilkes lead to 2-1 in the bottom of the fourth. Fasolka led off with a double and scored on a two-out single by Erin Martell.

Wilkes would plate a single run in the top of the seventh to forge ahead 3-1. Dominick singled and moved to second on a wild pitch. After Carly Streznetcky singled to put runners on first and third, Zellner reached on an error, which allowed Dominick to score.

Jenson was the winning pitcher for DeSales. She allowed 11 hits and no earned runs in going the distance. Jen Trate was the tough-luck loser for Wilkes. The freshman gave up eight hits and only one earned run. She also struck out six and walked only one.

Fasolka had three hits, including a

double, for the Bulldogs. Dominick had three hits, including a double, while Shreaves added a pair of hits for Wilkes.

In the opener, Erin Healy limited Wilkes to only three hits to lead DeSales to the win in six innings. Healy struck out four and walked two in tossing the shutout.

The Bulldogs scored twice in the first and three times in the second to jump out to a 5-0 lead. They ended the game due to the eight-run rule when DeSales plated four runs in the sixth inning on a grand-slam by Jenson.

Valach had two hits, including a double, for DeSales. Nicole Letinski, who drove in four runs, and Martell each had two hits as well.

Wilkes was led by Dominick, who had a single and double. Kleist had the only other hit for the Lady Colonels.

## Wilkes Spilts Twinbill with Arcadia Knights

BY DENNIS FERENCHICK  
Beacon Editorial Board Chair

Sophomore Josh Turel had three hits and senior Ryan Palos allowed just two runs and nine hits in five innings as the Wilkes University baseball team defeated Arcadia University 9-3 in the opening game of a non-conference doubleheader on Sunday afternoon at Hostelly Field.

Senior Adam Kowalczyk and sophomore Derek Sheruda added two hits for the Colonels in the opener, while sophomore Tyler Trutt blasted a solo home run.

Junior Eric McGowan picked up the save, giving up just one run on one hit in two innings of relief.

In the nightcap, junior Ryan Windt tossed a complete game five-hitter to lead the Knights to a 5-3 victory over Wilkes.

Ryan Lobb was tagged with the loss for the Colonels. The senior went the distance, striking out six and giving up three hits and five runs.

Junior Steve Leskiw hit a two-run homer and junior Mike Spotts added a solo shot for Wilkes, while Trutt continued his production at the plate with a pair of hits.

The split moves the Colonels' record to 8-12 overall.

With Wednesday's game at Scranton postponed, Wilkes takes on cross-town and conference rival King's College at Artillery Park on Thursday afternoon.

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# Low & Outside

BY DAVID DiMARTINO  
Beacon Staff Writer

Congratulations to the Syracuse Orangemen for capturing their first National Title. I truly believe that the Orangeman forward Hakim Warrick is Gumby...Will people consider me crazy if I tell them that every time I see Otto the Orange, the Syracuse mascot, I want to squeeze him into a cup...Because I am nearing the end of the line here at Wilkes, I am putting together a Top 10 greatest lines from MYSELF article. (Drum Roll) And the winners are...

10. Really, how many Grizzlies are there in Memphis?

9. How about the kids these days? High School standout LeBron James receives a \$50,000 Hummer for his birthday, when most kids his age are still trying to get to second base...

8. I want to be a professional curler, but I refuse to be one of the guys with a broom; how degrading. You stand there sweeping ice like a maniac while some guy screams at you. Why don't you just be a janitor? At least you get all of those keys...

7. The SI Swimsuit issue has been a huge hit with this columnist in the past few years, especially the section with the athletes and their wives. I love to see what

kind of tail an athlete can pull, and in the recent issue I want to give congrats to Javy Lopez, and the racecar guy (his name is irrelevant; he drives race cars). And I want to say "What the Hell are You Thinking?" to NL Rookie of the Year, Albert Pujols, the woman with the horse jockey, the man is four foot nothing (and you know what that means), and Chi-Chi Rodriguez gets a really huge "What the Hell are You Thinking?" Even worse, SI "What the Hell are You Thinking" putting that lady in a swimsuit...

After reviewing the play, the ruling in the stands, stands; the world is officially coming to an end...

6. Congrats goes out to Benito Santiago, who will now get a chance to play in his second World Series, the first was between the Jesus Christ Apostles and the Pontius Pilot Persecutors. Benito got the game seven winning hit when his blooper went over the head of Judas, who was traded to the Persecutors in mid-season...

5. What do you call 32 sweaty guys wearing red goggles, carrying electric drills, files, and bevel knives, with the intention of custom fitting their balls? A locker room on the Pro Bowling Tour. As of right now, Parker John III is the PBA's current points

leader, just in case you were wondering...

4. How great would it be if the Anaheim Angels Rally Monkey was the monkey from the movie *Outbreak*, and went crazy and started scratching-up all of the Angels, especially that David Eckstein guy...

3. Case #400545, Popov v. Hayashi: This is the case of Alex Popov, who temporarily caught Barry Bond's 73rd homerun ball but lost it "after fans piled on top of him during a brief skirmish," (actual quote) who is suing Patrick Hayashi, the man who ended up with the \$2 million estimated Rawlings. This case comes down to two simple answers: Did Popov have possession

before his knee hit the pavement or in this a case of the ground causing a fumble. After reviewing the play, the ruling in the stands, stands; the world is officially coming to an end...

2. Since this is the post-Super Bowl Week, which is following the pre-Super Bowl week, which preceded the pre-Super Bowl Weekend, which preceded the pre-Super Bowl Pre-Game Spectacular, which preceded the Super Bowl regular pre-game show, which preceded the Super Bowl coin toss ceremony, which preceded the Super Bowl, which was interrupted by the Super Bowl Halftime

Extravaganza, which was interrupted by the Fear Factor Playmate Halftime Show, which preceded the end of the Super Bowl, which preceded the post-game ceremony, which was followed by the post-game extravaganza, which was shown on three stations, and then there was actual Super Bowl highlights on ESPN and every other channel, followed by a game breakdown on ESPN which showed the entire game second-by-second, (deep breath) I figured you haven't got enough of the Super Bowl, so this is the post Super Bowl week column of LOW & OUTSIDE...

And the #1 comment comes from my May 1 article of last year, in which I thought I was retiring so I wanted to thank some people, and the line is...This could quite possibly be the last LOW & OUTSIDE of my career so I want to thank some things and some people...The Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost (people are always just thanking the Father and giving the shaft to the Son and the Holy Ghost. I, on the other hand, am a equal opportunity columnist and will give props to all three)...I'm David and I just missed LOW & OUTSIDE.

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## On Tap

### Thursday

Baseball VS.  
King's, 3:30 p.m.  
Lacrosse at  
Scranton, 4 p.m.  
Men's Tennis VS.  
DeSales, 3 p.m.  
Softball at  
King's, 3 p.m.

### Friday

Golf at  
Scranton, 1 p.m.  
Men's Tennis VS.  
FDU-Florham, 3 p.m.

### Saturday

Baseball at  
King's, 1 p.m.  
Lacrosse at  
Susquehanna, 2 p.m.  
Men's Tennis VS.  
Lycoming, 1 p.m.  
Softball VS.  
Lycoming, 1 p.m.

### Sunday

Lacrosse VS.  
Lycoming, 10 a.m.  
Men's Tennis VS.  
East Stroudsburg, 1 p.m.  
Softball VS.  
William Paterson, 1 p.m.

### Monday

Golf at  
Misericordia, 1 p.m.

### Tuesday

Baseball at  
FDU-Florham, 3:30 p.m.

Lacrosse at  
Moravian, 4 p.m.

Men's Tennis at  
Scranton, 4 p.m.

### Wednesday

Baseball VS.  
Susquehanna, 3 p.m.  
Golf VS.  
Lycoming, 1 p.m.  
Softball VS.  
Lycoming, 3 p.m.

## In Review

### Thursday, 4/3

Baseball  
Misericordia 8, Wilkes 4

Men's Tennis  
Elizabethtown 4, Wilkes 3

Softball  
DeSales 9, Wilkes 0 (6 inn.)  
DeSales 4, Wilkes 3

### Friday, 4/4

Lacrosse  
Messiah 21, Wilkes 6

### Saturday, 4/5

Lacrosse  
Widener 14, Wilkes 3

### Sunday, 4/6

Baseball  
Wilkes 9, Arcadia 3  
Arcadia 5, Wilkes 3

## Athlete of the Week

### Andrea Dominick, Softball

The sophomore had an outstanding (although rain-shortened) week, helping the Lady Colonels to earn a split, going 2-2. She laced the game-winning RBI single and scored two runs in an 11-inning win over Delaware Valley on Tuesday and had four hits in a double-header loss to DeSales Thursday. Dominick leads the Lady Colonels in batting average (.436), slugging percentage (.692) and on-base percentage (.452). She has also hit two homeruns, six RBI, and four steals in four attempts this season.

Dominick is from Clifford, PA



## Numbers Of the Week

- 10** Number of days between the Wilkes University golf team's last match and their next scheduled match, Friday, April 11
- 9** Number of scored by the Currier sisters, senior Maria and freshman Kathryn, for the lacrosse team
- 8** Number of homeruns hit to date by the Lady Colonels softball team

## Beacon's Best Bet

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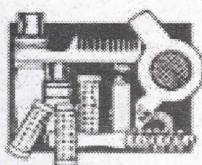
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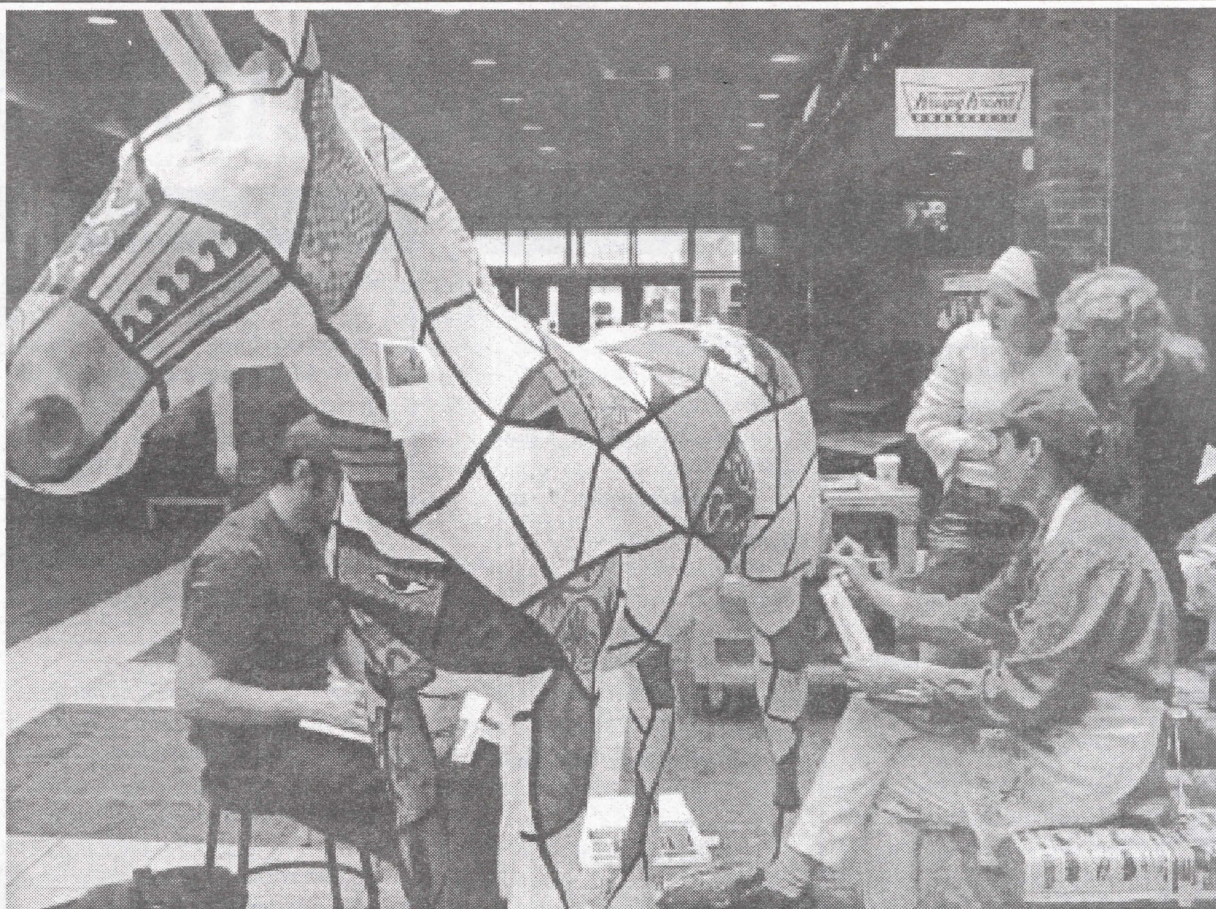
*Women's Lacrosse at Scranton:*  
4 p.m.,

*Softball at King's:*  
3 p.m.,

*Baseball vs. King's:*  
3:30 p.m., Artillery Park

*Men's Tennis vs. DeSales:*  
3 p.m., Ralston Field

*Benefit Screening of Bolwing for Columbine:*  
1 and 7:30 p.m., F.M. Kirby Center



Students work on the Multicultural Mule in the SUB.

The Beacon/Kristin Hake

## Friday, April 11

*Julius Ceasar:*  
8 p.m., DDD Main Stage

*Tennis vs. FDU-Florham:*  
3 p.m., Ralston Field

*Golf at Scranton:*  
1 p.m., Glenmaura National Golf Club

## Saturday, April 12

*Julius Ceasar:*  
8 p.m., DDD Main Stage

*Benefit Screening of Stevie:*  
6 p.m., F.M. Kirby Center

*Softball vs. Lycoming:*  
1 p.m., Kirby Park

*Baseball at King's:*  
1 p.m.,

*Men's Tennis vs. Lycoming:*  
1 p.m., Ralston Field

*Women's Lacrosse at Susquehanna:*  
7 p.m., HSC Ballroom

## Sunday, April 13

*Julius Ceasar:*  
2 p.m., DDD Main Stage

*Childrens Easter Egg Hunt:*  
12:30 p.m., McGlynn Learning Center

*Men's Tennis vs. East Stroudsburg:*  
1 p.m., Ralston Field

*Softball vs. William Paterson:*  
1 p.m., Kirby Park

*Women's Lacrosse vs. Lycoming :*  
10 a.m., Ralston Field

*Baseball at Marywood:*  
1 p.m.,

## Monday, April 14

*Golf at Misericordia:*  
1 p.m., Huntsville Country Club

## Tuesday, April 15

*Percussion Ensemble Concert:*  
8 p.m., DDD

*Women's Lacrosse at Moravian:*  
4 p.m.,

*Baseball at FDU-Florham:*  
3:30 p.m.,

*Men's Tennis at Scranton:*  
4 p.m.,

## Wednesday, April 16

*Civic Band Concert:*  
8 p.m., DDD

*Softball vs. Susquehanna:*  
3 p.m., Kirby Park

*Golf at Lycoming:*  
1 p.m.,

*Baseball vs. Susquehanna:*  
3:30 p.m.,

*Classes End:*  
10 p.m.

## Wilkes-Barre Weekly Weather



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62/44



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