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University Lays Groundwork to Purchase New Shuttles



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The Wilkes shuttles, pictured above, may be replaced in the fall 2004 semester, due to typical wear and tear of older vehicles.

BY GABRIELLE LAMB
Beacon News Editor

University officials may be investing in new shuttles for the fall semester and have begun to lay the groundwork for such a plan.

The shuttles, which were new in 1998

and have accumulated approximately 100,000 miles, have recently shown wear and tear that is typical for older vehicles. Because they serve as primary public transportation for University commuters,

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Tenants Rights Discussions to Aid Off-campus Students

BY KRISTIN KILE
Beacon Staff Writer

Murder, crime and absentee landlords. These are all unfortunate realities of Wilkes-Barre, and a concern for the Wilkes students who live in off-campus apartments. These recent events in the community have sparked a cause for concern for the safety of students who live off campus.

Now a group of students along with the Downtown Residents' Association (DRA) are attempting to better educate students, by sponsoring a session on tenants rights Tuesday, April 20 at 6:30 p.m. in Marts 214.

Donna Talarico, a junior communication studies major, is one of the stu-

dents organizing the event. "Our hope for this project is that people who attend leave feeling better prepared to rent their first apartment or return home to their apartment more educated on their rights," said Talarico.

A number of community members will be on hand to answer questions and distribute information pertaining to tenants rights. Kieran Casey from Borland and Borland will be speaking along with other key community members. These individuals will stress such issues as signing leases and what renters should be aware of.

"When a student gets an apartment,

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Exceeding Expectations: Controlling Admissions

BY GABE LeDONNE
Beacon Managing Editor

The following is the second in a series entitled "Exceeding Expectations." The series will examine Wilkes University's response to the higher than expected number of new and returning students planning to enroll in the fall.

Last week, Part I of the series looked at the situation from the perspective of on-campus housing. This week, Part II evaluates how the Wilkes Admissions Office has responded to institutional goals and adjusted strategies and policies; next week Part III will examine how response at Wilkes to increased enrollment and housing demand compares with other colleges and universities.

Wilkes University is currently ending its second full year under the Strategic Long-Range Plan (SLRP) that set out in part "to increase the enrollment of students from 2,500 full-time equivalent (FTE) students to 4,000 FTE students" by 2010, according to a January 31, 2002 article in *The Beacon*.

However, for the second year in a row, admissions applications have exceeded even SLRP's expectations. The overflow of applications pouring into Chase Hall this year has caused some substantial changes in Wilkes' admissions practices.

"Over the last month to six weeks, as our applications continue to come in above the accepted levels, we've established a waiting list for freshmen. It's the first time we've ever had to do that," explained Michael Frantz, Vice President of Enrollment Services at Wilkes.

50 prospective students are currently on that waiting list; their acceptance depends on how many of the 2,040 already accepted students choose to submit their deposit and reserve their spot on campus.

Frantz stated that Wilkes received 2,600 applications

from prospective freshman students for the 2004-05 year--up from the 2,350 applications received last year in the first year of the SLRP, and significantly higher than the approximately 1,900 applicants in the year prior to plan's implementation.

Using the yield rate of 26-31% typical of Wilkes enrollment, this fall's freshman class could top 600 students, but will most likely hover just below that number.

Frantz explained that with the incoming freshman class looking to equal, if not surpass, last year's record class of over 500 first-year students, the waiting list gives the university some added control over the growing numbers.

"We're holding some applicants and telling them that while they're admissible candidates...until we see where we stand with the students who are planning to attend, we cannot admit them at this point. They will have to wait until May first."

May 1 is the national decision deadline date, a date that until this year Wilkes has not enforced, having instead employed a "rolling admission" policy. Rolling admission is actually standard practice for many colleges, because the enrollment goals for most schools are rarely reached by May 1. Thus, students could traditionally still apply for fall admission sometimes as late as August and expect to attend. Historically, this has also been true for Wilkes University. But this year, too many students are waiting in the wings for admission to allow for that kind of flexibility.

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SG Happenings

Notes from the Student Government Meeting on April 14, 2004.



SG members discussed the change of presidency from Selena Bednarz, to unopposed candidate T. Mick Jenkins. For full coverage on the change of presidency, see page 5.

Biology Club submitted a fund request and will have its second reading next week when a decision will be rendered.

SIFE Club also submitted a fund request and will have its second reading next week when a decision will be rendered.

The 2004-2005 SG budget was discussed and will be finalized at next week's meeting.

The game room decision will also be finalized at next week's meeting.

SG meets every Wednesday at 6pm in the Hiscox Meeting Room, 1st Floor of the Henry Student Center. Meetings are open to the public.

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and especially with a roommate or two, they need to know what they are doing, and need to do it right. Things like leases and renters' insurance may be hard to understand, but they should not just be signed; they need to be read. Extra costs, fees, rules someone didn't know about, etc, can all come from not knowing what one is getting into. Once a lease is signed, it's binding, so know what the terms are," said Talarico.

Security deposits are also usually required before moving in. This fee covers the cost if you do damage to the apartment. "Security deposits really will be taken if the place is trashed. So, be careful, or take up some seminars at Home Depot," joked Talarico.

Sally McGuire from the DRA and other members of the association will also be presenting. The DRA was established in 2001 as a part of the Diamond City Partnership. McGuire said, "The DRA's purpose is to provide the downtown residents a forum for ideas

and to serve as a vehicle for implementation of those ideas to develop the quality of life for all downtown Wilkes-Barre residents."

The DRA is made up of mostly volunteers and concerned community members. The group has regularly scheduled meetings at which members discuss

issues in the community. McGuire said they developed a partial priority list that they go by at their first meeting. They are to enhance the safety and cleanliness of the downtown, enhance the dialogue between college students and residents, and enhance the beautification

of the downtown. These ideas and others will be discussed by the DRA at the tenant's rights session.

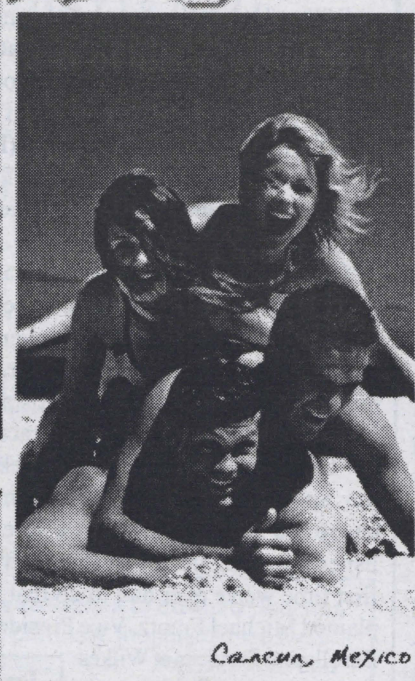
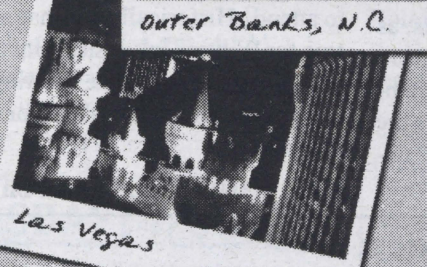
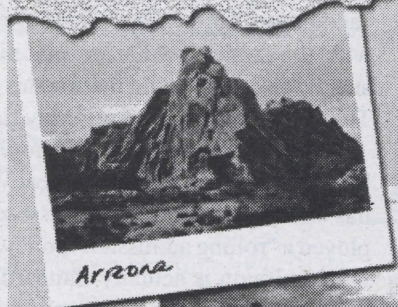
There are many details to look over when renting an apartment such as the specifics of the lease, the surrounding neighborhood, and safety. The groups sponsoring the session hope that students will be able to walk away having learned more about renting and to be able to go about it the right way.

When a student gets an apartment, and especially with a roommate or two, they need to know what they are doing and need to do it right.

Donna Talarico

Communication Studies student

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News Briefs

Courtesy of the Associated Press

Funeral home gets bodies mixed up for services

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP)—A relative told Tracey Meeks that her deceased mother looked darker when she visited her at the funeral home. The relatives of another deceased woman complained during her funeral in West Tennessee that the body in the casket didn't look right.

Both families were on the mark. The funeral home had made a grave mistake, accidentally switching the bodies. M.J. Edwards Funeral Home officials informed Meeks on Wednesday they had mistakenly buried Parker somewhere in West Tennessee on Tuesday.

"I joked, saying, 'what could be the problem, you buried the wrong body?'" Meeks said. "He turned to me and said, 'exactly.'"

Funeral homes are required to attach tags to the deceased person's ankle, he said, which list the person's name, Social Security number, date of birth and death. A funeral home found guilty of mixing up bodies could lose its license, be fined up to \$1,000 or receive a letter of reprimand.

Police follow trail of pennies to alleged burglars

VERONA, Pa. (AP)—A trail of pennies led police right to two suspects accused of robbing a private club.

Police arrested a man and a teenage girl found at a home in Verona, after they followed a pile of pennies leading away from a Moose Club early Wednesday morning, Verona police Chief Guy Truby said.

Outside the home, police said they found a claw hammer and a 3-pound sledgehammer they believe was used to smash open cash registers and a vending machine at the club. Police also said they found computer equipment stolen from another business and cash, liquor, and candy stolen from the club.

Cat survives monthlong trip in crate shipped from China to Tampa

TAMPA, Fla. (AP)—A business owner opening a shipment of 400 bird cages sent from China got an additional order he didn't expect—a severely undernourished cat.

The female cat, named China by animal service staff members, tips the scale at just over 3 pounds after being trapped in the container for the nearly monthlong trip.

The traveling feline apparently began her journey at a factory in China where workers started loading the parrot cages into a 40-foot metal container the first week of March, Goldberg said. The container arrived by boat in Los Angeles on April 1 and then traveled by rail to Tampa.

Goldberg's brother-in-law e-mailed the factory in China where the cages originated to see whether they knew anything about a missing cat.

"You gave us a very big surprise today," wrote Ms. Ivy of Dayang Co. in China. "We are very happy to know our cat still alive. Would you please tell us more information about our cat? Is it a yellow or gray one? Because we have two cats, but they disappeared one month ago ... Please raise it, or you can give it to the animal asylum."

Dunlap woman fights to keep her monkeys

DUNLAP, Ind. (AP)—A woman who keeps 12 monkeys as pets in her home must ask county officials for a kennel permit so she can continue to live in her subdivision.

Darlene Rucker was scheduled to go before the Elkhart County Board of Zoning Appeals on Thursday after officials received an anonymous complaint concerning the animals.

She said the primates, which she dresses in clothes and diapers, live with her in her house. She does not want the kennel permit, but will ask for it so she can keep what she considers her family.

County laws do not classify primates as domesticated animals or exotic pets, said Larry Harrell, the county zoning administrator. He said the county has recommended that Rucker find a place with a few more acres.

Rucker said she does not want to move, even though she has had offers from property owners who enjoy being around her pets.

Kerry hopes to reverse trend and get young voters to polls

BY MIKE GLOVER
Associated Press Writer

PITTSBURGH (AP)—Democrat John Kerry, with rockers Jon Bon Jovi and blink-182 in tow, is courting the college crowd that typically shuns the voting booth, hoping unease about the Iraq war and jobs propels millions of 18-to-24-year-olds to the polls in November.

"We need you to become involved in this race as never before," the presumptive Democratic nominee implored a noisy crowd of more than 5,000 at the University of Pittsburgh Friday.

The rally was Kerry's fifth college appearance in a week and reflected the campaign's sense that a new activism is brewing on campuses nationwide, fueled by opposition to the war, concerns about postgraduate jobs and Republican-led efforts to curtail gay rights and change long-standing environmental rules.

Kerry dedicates his speeches to those issues, as well as college tuition and public service, while bringing along familiar musicians and sports legends. The Boston band Guster played at one event; famed Pittsburgh Steelers running back Franco Harris and Bon Jovi joined Kerry on Friday.

The candidate recently held a conference call with college newspaper editors and the campaign has established voter registration booths on more than 40 campuses. Based on recent history, however, any presidential candidate faces a daunting task in wooing students.

Apathy toward the political process has grown in the past three decades among young voters. In the 2000 election, one of the closest in history, just 29 percent of eligible voters ages 18-24-about 8.4 million—cast a ballot for president. Overall, 55 percent of all eligible voters participated.

By contrast, slightly more than 45 percent of 21-to-24-year-olds voted in November 1968 when a military draft was sending young men to war in Southeast Asia.

"The thing about this generation is, we're not stupid, we're just lazy," said Greg Heller-LaBelle, 21, the editor in chief of *The Pitt News* at the University of Pittsburgh. "If you could vote online, I think you'd see that number skyrocket."

Young people don't vote in large numbers because they are largely ignored by

politicians, said Courtney Hickson, 22, editor in chief of the University of Connecticut's *Daily Campus*.

"I think they want to be courted," Hickson said. "You can't court an 18- to 25-year-old in the same way you court a 30-year-old or a 40-year-old. We have very different ideas, we have very different tastes than the generations that are ahead of us."

The key to motivating young people who aren't politically active may be as simple as asking what they think, Heller-LaBelle said. Raised on the Internet, instant messages and cell phones, they respond to personal communication rather than mass media, he said.

"The thing to do if you are a candidate? Walk through a cafeteria. Don't do a big rally," Heller-LaBelle said. "We've got four cafeterias on campus. Walk through them, shake some hands with some students and just ask them what they think about stuff."

Of the two candidates, the four-term Massachusetts Democratic senator may have a better chance with young voters than President Bush.

Among those ages 18-25, Kerry led Bush, 50 percent to 35 percent, according to an early March poll by Ipsos-Public Affairs for The Associated Press and Newsweek.com. Independent candidate Ralph Nader had 13 percent.

Exit polls in 2000 showed that Democrat Al Gore and Bush split the vote of those 18-to-29, but Gore prevailed among first-time voters, 52 percent to 43 percent.

Concern about Bush's handling of the Iraq war looms large on college campuses. At several of his appearances, Kerry has been questioned about the possibility of reinstating the draft to fill the military ranks, a step he opposes. The query harkens to an era Kerry knows well—the Vietnam period.

Kerry enlisted in the Navy and served from 1966-70, was decorated for his war efforts and returned home to help lead the opposition to the Southeast Asian conflict. The draft helped fuel that anti-war movement some 40 years ago.

Leigha Smith, an 18-year-old student from Florida, said Kerry's criticism of the Iraq war caught her attention. Although he voted for the congressional resolution to authorize force, Kerry has been outspoken in faulting Bush's policies.

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replacing the vehicles is something that needs to be addressed, according to Michael Malkemes, Manager of Campus Safety.

In an attempt to gain rider feedback, a survey assessing shuttle use and service has been distributed and results will be given to Commuter Council once completed. At this printing, approximately 100 surveys have reportedly been completed and returned.

Anticipating change, Malkemes acknowledges that his office has conducted preliminary research and contacted vendors in order to get rough estimates and options for new vehicles, said Malkemes.

"The very first step, which I

have completed to this point, is a capital budget worksheet. What that does is I contact a vendor who has given me ballpark figures and information. I present that to my Vice President, Scott Byers, and that's where he says, 'Yeah, we can do this.' He will sign off on it that it's OK. From there, we develop the RFP, which is the request for proposal that has the specifics of when we send it out to vendors. [We tell them] here is what we have to have: we have to have 22 passengers; we have to have air conditioning; whatever it may be," explained Malkemes.

Malkemes noted that the process for purchasing a custom-built shuttle like the ones Wilkes

currently owns is involved and competitive. "It's very specific in what the vendors have got to give us a price on, and that will go out to maybe three, four vendors, and they will come back with pricing. We will evaluate the pricing. We will evaluate the shuttle they are bidding on and see which is the best way to go."

Malkemes is hoping to find out by mid-May whether or not the university will invest in new shuttles because of the time constraints associated with ordering the right shuttle. At this point a ballpark figure of \$45,000-50,000 per shuttle has been established.

"These are built to order. There is a 90-day lead time so we

want to have the word probably within the next month whether we are or are not going to purchase. I can tell you that the school's administration does realize that we desperately need new shuttles. The ones we're currently running, there are maintenance issues, [but] none of them are safety related. Anything that is safety related is addressed immediately and if there is any doubt, the shuttle is taken out of service. But there are repairs and things that are consistent with vehicles whether it is a shuttle or a car. We agree with the students that is it time to replace them," said Malkemes.

Recent maintenance issues for the shuttles include a serpentine belt problem, which occurred approximately a month ago. In an event such as this, generally a 15 passenger van will be used as a temporary replacement.

"Fortunately it was 5:00 in the afternoon on a Friday, and it broke down right in the rear of the student center so we were able to get another vehicle and replace it right away. We had someone come in Saturday and we changed the belt and as a precautionary measure, we went ahead and replaced the belt on the other shuttle also," Malkemes said.

Malkemes feels ordering two new shuttles would be the most economic, based on the age of

the current vehicles.

"It has been my position that if we only replaced one, the bad side to that is number one, we are going to have high maintenance cost on the one remaining. And our second concern is if we do have break downs, which is likely as vehicles get older, it means our service is going to fall. And we don't want that to happen," said Malkemes.

The survey is to get feedback on rider satisfaction. It outlines the current schedule, which is from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. running continuously; from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. leaving Ralston and the Student Center every 15 minutes during the hour; and from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. the shuttle runs based on rider volume. Each shuttle is stationed at Ralston Field and the Student Center. The survey also contains a "rider profile," asking participants what time of day they ride. Service is rated as well as punctuality, which has a scale of one through five.

Malkemes said that the surveys will be collected and reviewed beginning today, for overall rider satisfaction as well as in connection to whether or not the university will invest in new shuttles for the fall. By mid-May, a final decision will be made by the university whether or not to buy for the fall semester.

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"All of the accepted applicants that we have right now have been told that they have until May first--as is their right--to make a decision. But if they do not submit their deposit by that time, we cannot guarantee their position, their financial aid, and/or their housing contract," Frantz said.

These admissions policy changes have already taken effect for the incoming 2004 freshman class, and have already begun impacting both students and those in admissions who work with the new policies on a daily basis.

Melanie O. Mickelson, Director of Admission, notes that the new policies have significantly changed her job over the past few months.

"While it's great that Wilkes' popularity is forcing us to create a wait list for admission, it's also making us re-examine every aspect of the admissions process that much more," she said.

Mickelson, who has been in admissions for 11 years, says that the wait list policy is "an entirely new experience" for her.

"I'm definitely still learning all the ins and outs of having a wait list of students. It's tough to disappoint someone who would likely have been admitted if he had applied three months ago," Mickelson said.

But Mickelson fully backs the new wait list, considering it a necessity for the school to prevent the university from becoming overcrowded, "which would really change the Wilkes experience," she said.

Similarly, Mickelson says that the enforcement of the May 1 deadline is also necessary for the university to maintain its quality of services to the Wilkes community. Classroom capacity, parking, and even lines at the cafeteria are all tangible areas in which current students and faculty will see evidence of the Wilkes growth. Wilkes administrators--and especially those in admissions and financial aid--of mindful of the challenges that naturally come with more bodies. While the SLRP dictates such growth as a goal designed to stabilize university finances, many current students chose Wilkes because of its small size that guarantees personal service. A small school may allow for flexibility in deadlines and rules, simply because it can.

"I was just asked this morning [April 16] if we could extend the deadline for a student who has not yet filed for financial aid. As much as I feel for this student, who now needs to make a decision without knowing how much Wilkes will cost her, I had

to say that we could not allow an extension of the deposit deadline. I'm not used to telling students that, because I do believe that a student should be fully informed of financial aid before reaching a decision," Mickelson commented.

Mickelson also points out that such occurrences are preventable because the admissions office "has all along been informing students, both in verbal and written communication, of the necessity of filing for financial aid."

Freshman applicants are not the only ones faced with the challenges that come from such change; transfer students are also in a similar situation.

"We're not guaranteeing housing to new transfer students," Frantz stated, citing that typically, about a quarter of transfer students request on-campus housing.

"It's a little like tough love," Mickelson explained. "Some of the things I have to tell students aren't pretty, but it is for the greater good, so that the incoming Wilkes student doesn't have an unpleasant experience due to overcrowded and/or unavailable classes and dorm space. We are, I believe, acting in the best interest of the University and its students."

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- ◆ Parents are encouraged to inspect the premises.

SG Presidential Candidate Remains Unopposed

T. Mick Jenkins will hold the position in the Fall 2004 semester

BY JOSEPH DeANGELIS
Beacon Layout Artist

For T. Mick Jenkins, the current senior class president, the worries of campaigning against another of his peers for 2004-05 SG president are non-existent. Jenkins will not be launching a formal campaign because no one has dared to challenge him for the seat.

"It's nice because I don't have to worry about campaigning as much," Jenkins said, who has campaigned for class president in the past and he claims it's one of the reasons he enjoys running for office. Jenkins will return to Wilkes for his fifth year to complete a double major in biology and psychology.

All Jenkins has to do now is sit back and wait for the votes to come in. He has been involved in SG activities throughout most of school career going as far back as junior high. "I was just a born leader," he said.

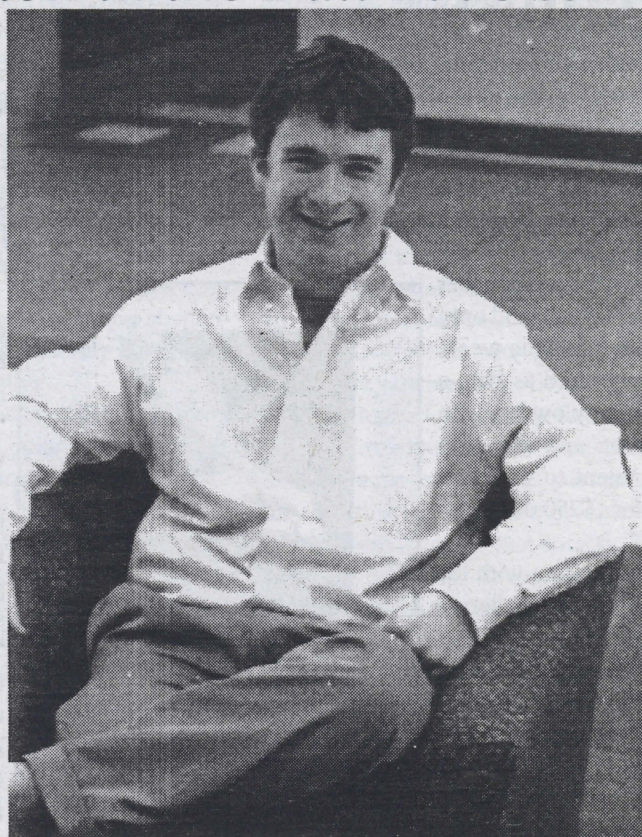
Jenkins will take the spot currently held by SG President Selena Bednarz, who will be graduating in May. Although these

shoes may seem big to fill, Bednarz has no reservations about Jenkins in his new position.

"Mick has proven that is strong leader throughout his four years on Student Government," said Bednarz. "He has been president of his class for several years, and has organized many fundraisers and events, especially this past year as senior class president. There are many responsibilities involved, and he tackled each one in stride."

Jenkins plans to run SG in a similar fashion to Bednarz. "I think Selena ran everything very well and she did a really good job," he said. Jenkins plan to keep the same school traditions in tact, like the spring fling and the block party, and has a plan to boost attendance at these events by increasing publicity.

Currently, Jenkins is working with the SG to improve senior week. One of the ideas he proposed is to have a "flea market" where students can sell stuff they have laying around their apartments or dorms.



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T. Mick Jenkins will serve as the Student Government president in the fall of 2004



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The Apprentice Offers America a Real Education in Business

"You're fired!"

These are the famous last words 15 contestants have heard on NBC's hit reality show, *The Apprentice*. The series has featured 16 business men and women clawing their way to the top in order to work for the one and only Donald Trump. This week, America watched as Bill, a cigar company owner, won the position and chose to take his talent to Chicago, working for a \$250,000 a year salary.

The fascination with the show has left us wondering what about this reality show is truly real. What can it offer the rest of the country and the business men and women in it? Here are some themes this show has exhibited that may be of value:

Character may count for more than performance and experience.

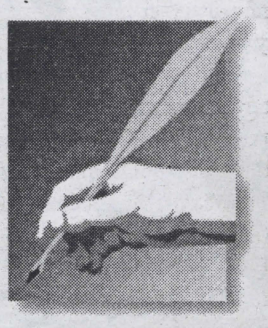
Many contestants on *The Apprentice*, were fired not for their lack of leadership during a task, but rather for their personal character-in and out of the dreaded Board Room.

In week five, restaurant owner Kristi was fired when she found herself up against tell-it-like-it-is Heidi and the controversial Omarosa. Although Trump felt she had the potential to be a good leader and a strong player, he admitted his decision was made after he felt Kristi did not adequately defend herself in the Board Room against negative comments asserted by Omarosa. Although Kristi felt petty name-calling would look unprofessional, and that is why she stayed away from it, Trump admitted that not standing up for herself is what did her in.

Some viewers questioned this call, especially since Omarosa, who was in charge of the team's finances, could

not account for over \$100. However, it was clear the better debaters and persuaders went back to the suite, and Kristi's silence sent her down to the street.

Bottom line: The ability to



Beacon Editorial

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persuade is needed in any business setting, especially when defending your character.

Some of the best education isn't very formal.

Take a country boy with a high school diploma and pair him with 15 men and women with impressive degrees from institutions like Harvard, and the future looks bleak. However, Troy McClain was impressive in his own right, defeating many of these same individuals in the Board Room.

This forward-thinking mortgage lender and minor player in the real estate market (he owns seven properties), made it all the way to week 12 based solely on his "street smarts" from Boise, Idaho. In the end, America's favorite country boy was fired, but only after he was chosen over 215,000 contestants nationwide for the show, and 11 other contestants with marketing and con-

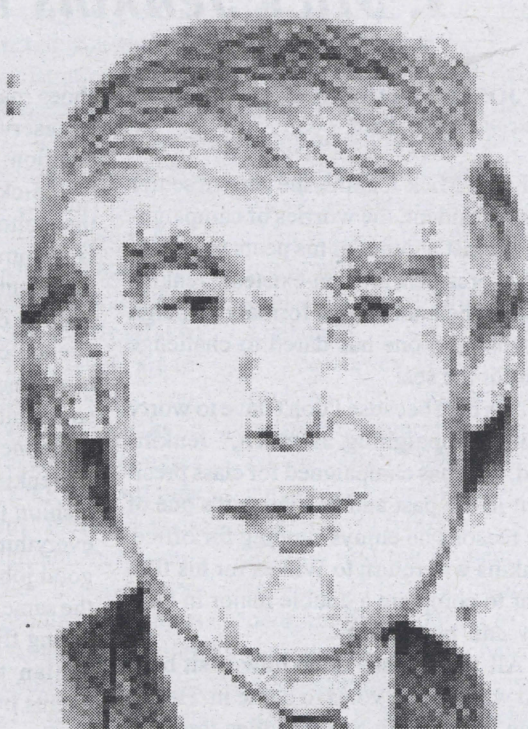
sultant experience. The fact that he made it on a high school education alone is impressive. The fact that he outsmarted eleven college graduates and elite professionals is absolutely outstanding.

Bottom line: College is good; street smarts is better. Put the two together and the world is yours.

Donald Trump is the true winner.

Yes, Bill won the show and a job, but the real winner here is Donald Trump. For 12 weeks his products and name have been splashed all over America. Trump Ice, his own brand of water, was the only water the contestants drank. His beautiful hotels, casinos, and golf courses have received the best advertising any one could ever dream of. And even his famous phrase, "You're Fired!" is fashionable, being sold on t-shirts, hats, and other memorabilia. He has been a regular on the *Today Show*, he appeared on *Saturday Night Live*, and he made the news regularly for 12 weeks during this show. Is it a coincidence that this all happened shortly after his casino in Atlantic City, the Taj Mahal, was reportedly in substantial debt? No. Throughout the show, contestants were asked to promote and market many of Trump's products, but in the end, the show itself was the biggest marketing tool Trump used.

Bottom line: America is Trump's apprentice and now he wins big. See it for yourself in the fall as The Apprentice part 2 debuts.



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Does Abstinence Make the Heart Grow Fonder?

BY DR. MIKE GARR

Sociology/Anthropology Associate Professor

A recent CDC report on smoking bemoans the fact that 20% of Americans still smoke the evil weed. The CDC obviously will not sit still until every American abstains from smoking. Because that's the way we do it in America. If there is a problem, the solution is to abstain from it. Abstaining from sex is the solution to AIDS and STDs. Abstaining from alcohol or drugs is the only treatment for alcohol and drug problems.

Why is abstinence such an attractive American social policy? For one thing it's simple. Simply lump all users and abusers into one tidy, neat category. Take smoking. Clearly there is a lot about which to celebrate. The number of smokers is down. But more importantly, the number of cigarettes smoked per smoker is down. Gone are the days of the 2-3 pack-a-day smoking habits. Economic policies have been quite successful in reducing both the number of smokers and the amount smoked.

Also, rolled up in that neat, tidy cat-

egory are different types of smokers: cigarette smokers, cigar smokers, and pipe smokers. Using the 2001 Household Drug Abuse Survey that randomly sampled 40,000 Americans, I found no significant differences in the self-rated health status (which research shows is highly correlated to physical health status) between non-smokers and cigar and pipe smokers. In fact cigar smokers had a better, albeit non-significant, health status than non-smokers. Cigar and pipe smokers generally do not directly inhale the smoke produced by the tobacco and thus is a safer way of smoking than inhalation. Cigarette smokers had significantly worse health status than other types of smokers and non-smokers.

Another reason that Americans like abstinence is its positive moral connotation. Abstinence requires strong moral convictions. This view probably stems from our Puritan tradition where simply thinking about "sins of the flesh" would deny salvation.

Speaking of sins of the flesh, recent

reports also show that American teenagers are having less sex and using condoms more if they had sexual intercourse. This has resulted in less teenage pregnancy. Nevertheless, Americans would still rather have our children be abstinent. Meanwhile another study reports that the rate of STDs is the same for teens who took a pledge to abstain from sex and those who had sex. In fact, condom use was greater among non-abstainers than "abstainers." Clearly abstinence is difficult to achieve.

These issues lead to troubling aspects of American social policies that promote abstinence. First, most abstinence policies miss the point of the "problem" of teenage sex and drug use. What all abstinence policies miss is that these behaviors are "fun." No other alternative is provided to substitute for the fun from which young people need to abstain. Without alternatives for the fun provided by these behaviors, social policies seeking reduction and abstinence are doomed to fail.

Second, alternative policy consider-

ations, like harm reduction approaches, get ignored. Alcoholics Anonymous, a group promoting abstinence as treatment, has a saying its members often use in working the 12-step program: "Progress, not perfection." This is good advice for abstinence policies. It is unrealistic to use abstinence as a goal for social policy. It is much better to find ways to reduce problematic behavior or find safer ways of engaging in those behaviors. Perfection almost always sets you up for failure.

Finally, abstinence policies miss a basic sociological point. The famous sociologist, Emile Durkheim, argued that crime and deviance is "normal," meaning that all societies have some typical level of crime or deviance for that society. Elimination of crime and deviance, he argues, is dangerous since in order to eliminate crime and deviance would require a highly oppressive society. Also, crime and deviance can lead to important innovations that help society to progress. Abstinence thus would create more problems than it solves.

Wilkes Student Athletes Pursue Total College Experience

BY ADELENE MALATESTA

Athletics Administration Director

The topic of my first article for *The Beacon* dealt with identifying the three building blocks that are necessary to support a "quality" Division III intercollegiate athletics program. The central theme, of that piece, was to suggest that there is a strong level of commitment required from the members of the coaching staff, the University and the student-athletes. It requires a sustained effort from all constituencies to meet the challenges before us, to insure that we achieve our goals, and have the athletics program be recognized as "an integral part of the overall educational experience" at Wilkes.

Often times the student-athletes are notable because of the final statistics and team standings at the end of each playing season. Allow me to take this opportunity to change the focus from the athletic arena, where a winning or losing season is often the measure of an athlete's success. In Division III, the emphasis is placed on the "student" athlete and the great pride each individual takes in representing their institution. Our representation from the three hundred plus Wilkes

student-athletes does not stop short, of setting goals in the classroom, volunteering to participate in charity events, performing community service and serving as proactive leaders on campus. In fact, the students involved in the fourteen sports teams have garnered conference, regional and national recognition for their academic accomplishments and service to the community.

The student-athletes who will graduate in the class of 2004, along with their teammates, have a four year "report card" that we can be proud of. The Josten's Trophy is awarded to the Division III Player of the Year in basketball, who best exemplifies the motto "Service Above Self." Wilkes University is the only institution in the nation that has produced two Josten's Trophy winners, one in men's basketball in 2001 and one in women's basketball in 2003.

In the fall of 2003, a member of the football team was the recipient of the prestigious Melberger Award that brought national recognition to Wilkes with the third National Player of the Year honor. The Middle Atlantic Corporation has recognized a male and a female student-athlete from Wilkes as the Scholar-Athlete of the

Year at the annual Sportsmanship Awards Luncheon. The selection guidelines for the MAC award are outstanding academic achievement, athletics excellence and service and leadership.

In the last four years Wilkes has had 37 student-athletes named Academic All American by national coaching associations, and six College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA) Academic All Americans. The Freedom Academic All-conference team, an honor earned in the sophomore, junior and senior year, is given to student-athletes with a 3.2 grade point average and above. Through this year's winter sport season, there have been 163 student-athletes representing Wilkes on the Academic All-conference teams. From the spring semester of 2003 through the fall semester, there were 114 student-athletes maintaining a 3.0 grade point average or above.

Each year Wilkes selects a male and female student-athlete for the ECAC Robbins Scholar-Athlete Award. And at the close of each school year, the athletics department honors the male and female scholar-athlete award recipients at the Extracurricular/Leadership Awards Luncheon.

The list of community service and volunteer work throughout the academic years continues to grow, as coaches and student-athletes become more involved with campus and community organizations. The Student Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) sponsored a canned food drive this winter to benefit the local soup kitchens. The athletic department is a member of the Adopt-a-Highway program, an event that involves coaches and student-athletes getting together for spring clean-up. A number of teams and coaches volunteer their time and talent at the McGlynn Learning Center, in the after school program. The women's lacrosse team recently gave of their time with a Habitat for Humanity building project. The men's basketball team and the cheerleading squad have paired to host a basketball event to benefit cystic fibrosis.

The giving of both time and talent has helped to define the student-athlete at Wilkes. The senior leadership of the class of 2004 will be missed. There is an assurance from their teammates to continue to strive for excellence on the playing fields, in the classroom, and in the community.

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Point/Counterpoint

What is the Best Way to Develop a Summer Tan?



BY KERRI PARRINELLO
Beacon Layout Artist

The tanning season is once again nearly upon us. The summer sun will soon be shining down and many people choose to prepare for the sun's harsh rays by spending countless hours in a tanning booth. However, we must consider what tanning option keeps us most protected before we begin to tan. Should we depend on the old-fashioned sun for our tan or take advantage of the convenience offered by a tanning bed? Or perhaps

tanning, regardless of the method, should be the least of our concerns. What is your opinion?

Kerri Parrinello

As a health risk, tanning is probably one of the safest activities one could partake in. Skin cancer is just one of those less-than-essential worries that people have today. Just like with anything else that could impact one's health, tanning comes with risks that we have to accept.

AIDS, heart attacks, and obesity kill more often than skin cancer, so a few hours out in the sun or in a tanning bed are nothing to be overly concerned about.

Thankfully, most types of skin cancer when caught early enough, can be cured. Lung cancer is almost always incurable, but many smokers ignore the numbers and slowly kill them-

selves with each drag.

Countless people die each year from liver ailments (resultant from years of slowly drinking themselves into oblivion), but that doesn't stop anyone I know from picking up a beer bottle or downing a few Jello-shots.

The chances of dying from STDs, heart attacks, and more severe self-inflicted forms of cancer are greater than one's chances of contracting terminal skin cancer, so folks, grab the baby oil and meet me on the roof of Evans Hall, because my last health worry is that my skin will someday become my own worst enemy.

Ginger Eslick

Finally, after what seemed to be such a long, dreary winter we were given a few beautiful, sunny days in recent weeks. Each year,

when the sun first begins come out, I immediately begin looking forward to summer. And along with summer comes tanning, at least for most of us.

I cannot wait to lie in a warm, relaxing tanning bed while at the same time preparing myself for the harsh rays of the summer sun. Tanning beds, when used properly, allow you to regulate the amount of exposure your skin gets. Because of this you are less likely to burn, and therefore less likely to develop skin cancer.

On the other hand, the sun is entirely unpredictable. You cannot regulate your exposure as well as you can in a tanning booth. When I was a sophomore in high school, I spent a few hours trying to get an ultimate tan for the upcoming prom. After what I felt was an adequate



BY GINGER ESICK
Beacon Op-Ed Editor

amount of time to tan, I went inside feeling satisfied that I was on my way to reaching that perfect tan. Wrong. What I was doing was making my chances to develop skin cancer much higher than they already were.

I developed a severe case of sun poisoning.

Since that time, I have chosen to get my tan from a regulated tanning booth. Since that time I have not experienced any more sun poisoning.

Deadlines Are Meant to be Broken



BY J.W. DAVIES
Beacon Columnist

As another fine summer approaches the questions most Americans find themselves pondering are: should the United States pull its military forces out of Iraq and will the Iraqi people be fully prepared to govern themselves?

The answers to these questions, if President Bush is the one to provide them, are fairly simple: "We must stay the course." Okay, certainly no job should be left unfinished, but what exactly is the "course?" And on June 30, are we sure the "course" will have been run and stayed and completed?

It appears that President Bush

sees the American effort in Iraq as a success and he is more than ready to return power to the still wet Iraqi government. It would be easy to claim that the upcoming election has a strong influence over the President's decision to adhere to his late June deadline, but the terrifying incident in Fallujah and the rising number of American casualties in the first few weeks of April may have also swayed the public into believing that pulling out at the end of June is for the best.

It is important; however, to remember that we are receiving these stories from the American news media and that they are American stories of the war in Iraq. Most Americans, without blinking an eye, could rattle off the number of dead American soldiers and give a detailed reason as to why our troops should come back home. Yet, when asked to discuss the current state of the Iraqi people and their struggling new government, the average American is

left in a stutter.

President Bush was actually (and surprisingly) partially right when he said, "We must stay the course," but the length and breadth of our "course" is indeterminate. June 30 is only two months away and unless the sky over Iraq suddenly opens up and rains little droplets of peace and understanding, this war will be far from over. American deaths are inevitable, and when the United States was preparing to go into this war a great percentage of the population was willing to accept that. Although that percentage is now dwindling, the fact is that we are no longer preparing to go to war. It is too late. Now the American public and its President must accept the idea of commitment. We must re-commit to the original goals of freeing and securing Iraq.

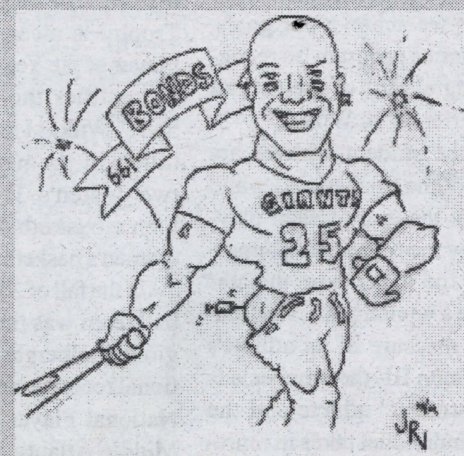
Although these are rather lofty goals, we built our own boat and now we must sail it.

This does not mean that American soldiers should die. It does mean, however, that they should stay. The struggle in Iraq has surpassed rooting out terrorists and has entered the realm of settling social, political, spiritual and philosophical differences. As Sunni and Shiite factions battle for power,

American forces must take on the role of mediator. And if the President chooses to commit to his campaign driven deadline instead of committing to the "course" of peace, the blood of an Iraqi civil war will be on his hands.

Nickle For Your Thoughts

by Jason Nickle



"Shooting" for the Stars

Quick Quiz



Some Wilkes University students were chosen at random to answer a few Wilkes-related questions to test their knowledge of the school they attend. Below, you will find their answers to three questions: (A) What was the name of Wilkes University when it was founded? (B) What is the full name of Wilkes University's President? (C) Where is the President's office located?



Dave Holman
sophomore history/education major

- (A) "Bucknell Junior College, or something?"
- (B) "I don't know... uh Bill uh.."
- (C) "River Street?"



Amber Gelsleichter
sophomore nursing major

- (A) "Wilkes-Barre Academy?"
- (B) "I have no clue."
- (C) "On campus."



Justin Lacomis
sophomore history/education major

- (A) "Bucknell Junior College."
- (B) "Gilmour... I don't know the first name."
- (C) "I don't know."



Erica Hardiman
junior pharmacy major (P1)

- (A) "Bucknell Community College."
- (B) "Joseph T. Allen"
- (C) "I don't know."



Tom Dougal
freshman chemistry major

- (A) "Lehigh University."
- (B) "Dean something Richards."
- (C) "The SUB."



Becky Goodman
sophomore English major,
(the only student to get all three right!)

- (A) "Wasn't it Bucknell Junior College?"
- (B) "Isn't it Joseph something Tim Gilmour? E?"
- (C) "Weckesser."

Affirmative Action Sparks Local Conversation

Michigan case inspires seminar

BY JAMIE BABBITT
Beacon Asst. Features Editor

Affirmative action is defined by *Webster's Dictionary* as, "a policy or a program that seeks to redress past discrimination through active measures to ensure equal opportunity, as in education and employment." Although affirmative action appears to be a step in the right direction, many people misconstrue it to be in itself a form of discrimination.

This issue recently arose in Michigan. According to an Associated Press report, a group of people began petitioning to end affirmative action in public universities and agencies because there were several instances in which admissions programs used race to help determine a prospective student's acceptance to the institution.

Recently, regional diversity leaders initiated a seminar aimed at dispelling myths and educating the public about affirmative action. Andita Parker-Lloyd, Coordinator of Multicultural Affairs and the Chair of Programming Committee for Northeastern Pennsylvania Diversity Education Consortium (NEPDEC) along with other members of NEPDEC, felt there was a lot of misinformation out there about affirmative action. So they organized and sponsored a seminar, titled "The Truth About Affirmative Action." The seminar took place on Tuesday, April 13 at Luzerne County Community College in Nanticoke, PA.

Keith Boykin, graduate of Harvard Law School and former Special Assistant to President Bill Clinton, offered his expert perspective to the seminar.

Parker-Lloyd acknowledged that the Michigan case was just one spark to get the conversation going about affirmative action. "[In the Michigan case] there were some instances where race was given points to determine admissions to college. For example, you get two points for getting a 1000 on the SATs and you got three points for being black, Latino, etc. If I'm not mistaken, it was the University of Michigan that was doing this and this resulted in the suit going to the Supreme Court," said Andita Parker-

Lloyd.

According to Parker-Lloyd, the purpose of the seminar was to "explain exactly what the ruling means and how it affects us all at difference universities, from the student to the staff to the administration."

She also wanted people "to learn exactly what affirmative action is and how it affects all of us, not just people of color."

Arthur Breese, Director of NEPDEC, said, "I hope that when participants are made aware of the facts that they will utilize their critical thinking skills and arrive at a different outcome."

Breese defines affirmative action as "an active effort to improve the educational/employment opportunities of minorities... [meaning] women, African Americans, Hispanic/Latinos, Native Americans, and Asian Americans."

Parker-Lloyd believes that affirmative action is an important policy because it adds diversity to all areas of life. "You can't get a job nowadays and walk into an environment that's going to be people that look exactly like you, think exactly like you, and who were raised exactly like you... So you need to be around as many diverse people as possible," she said.

According to Parker-Lloyd, people who are not exposed to any diversity will encounter problems when they enter the workforce and are faced with all different types of people. She believes that they will feel uncomfortable and isolated in those situations, which they otherwise would not feel if they experienced a diverse college setting.

Although Parker-Lloyd would have liked to see better attendance at the seminar by admissions and human resources professionals, she believes that it was a success. "The workshop was a success in the sense that those who participated were given a multitude of things to think about, and Keith Boykin gave us some exercises that made us realize that being an employer and admissions director to make these decisions is not easy," she concluded.

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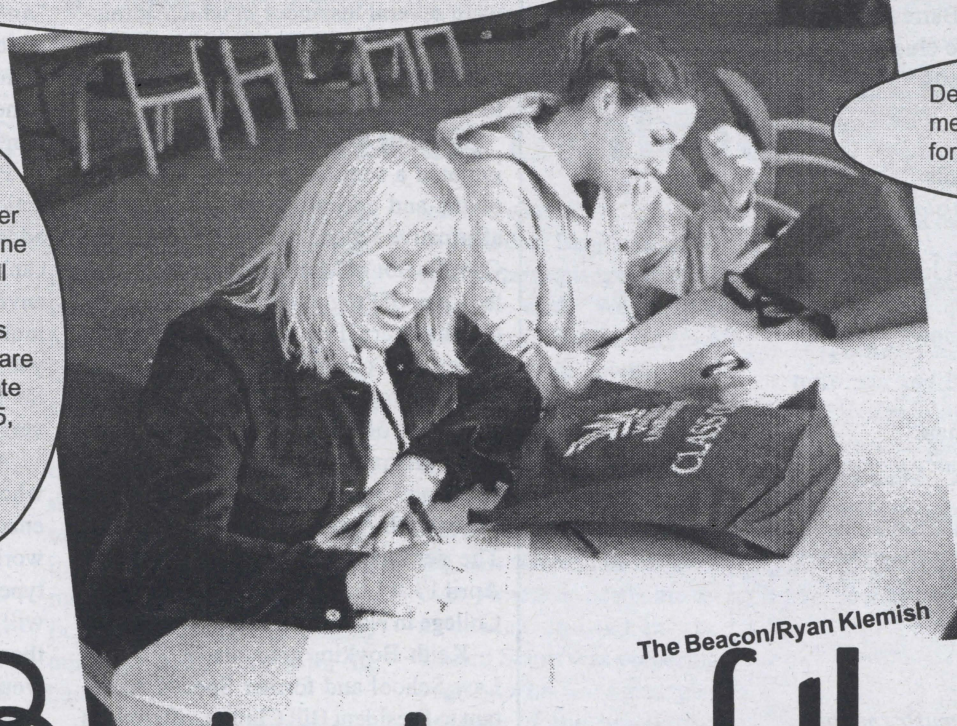
Graduate student, Matt Diltz, completes pre-graduation paperwork at last week's Senior Salute, in the Henry Student Center Ballroom.



The Beacon/Ryan Klemish

Deana Sabol, graduating senior pre-med major, pictured above, browses for college rings during Senior Salute.

Julie Keller and Corrine Stewart fill out exit surveys as they prepare to graduate on May 15, 2004.



The Beacon/Ryan Klemish

The Beginning of the End:

BY LINDSEY WOTANIS
Beacon Features Editor

This article is the first in a two part series that examines all that goes into graduation. This week's article looks at all of the behind the scenes preparation the Wilkes staff goes through to prepare for the ceremony. Next week's article will focus on the graduates, their thoughts on Wilkes University, and what lies ahead.

Walking across the stage at graduation is the easy part for the Wilkes University students. The actual pomp and circumstance is occasion for faculty and staff to reminisce and celebrate alongside students they have known for the past four years. But for weeks before, many staff members put enormous work into preparing for the "big day."

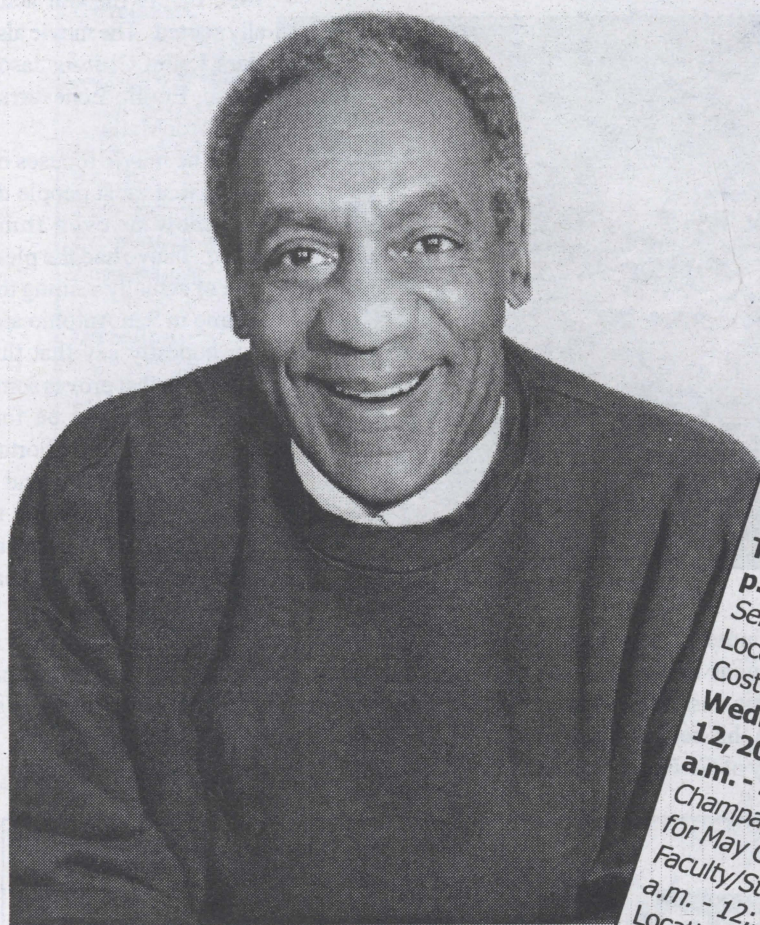
Barbara King, Associate Dean of Student Affairs, has been working on graduation preparations for as long as she can remember. It is a time of year that she

looks forward to, although it is filled with long hours of work and frequent frustrations.

Senior Salute, held last Wednesday and Thursday, was the first phase for the graduating seniors. Developed five years ago to aid in the clearance process, Senior Salute was held in the ballroom. It is a "one stop shop" filled with several stations at which students do everything from pick up caps and gowns to file paperwork and complete department clearances. From filling out exit surveys about

their experiences at Wilkes University to answering questions about whether they will pledge to the senior class gift, students walk through their last "checklists" at Wilkes during Senior Salute.

Dean King sits at the entrance of the ballroom on the day of the Senior Salute, and has the opportunity to see all of the graduates as they prepare. "People are generally pretty excited. I think that is when graduation becomes a reality," said King.



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Bill Cosby, actor/comedian and star of *The Cosby Show*, will be the distinguished keynoter at the May 2004 Commencement

Graduation Events Scheduled

Thursday, April 22, 2004 @ 11:00 a.m.
2004 Extracurricular/Leadership Awards Luncheon

Location: Henry Student Center Ballroom, by invitation only

Saturday, May 8, 2004 @ 6:00 p.m.
2004 Academic Awards Ceremony

Location: Henry Student Center Ballroom, by invitation only

Monday, May 10, 2004, 3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Annual Senior Class Picnic for Graduates

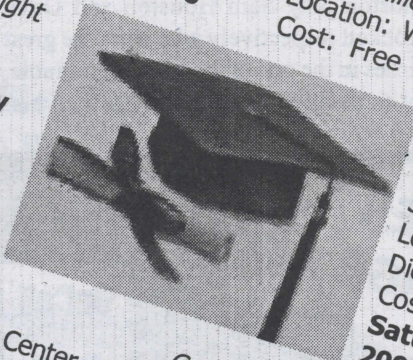
Location: Fenner Quadrangle
Cost: Free

Tuesday, May 11, 2004, 9:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.
Senior Alumni Night

Location: TBA
Cost: Free

Wednesday, May 12, 2004, 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Champagne Brunch for May Graduates & Faculty/Staff 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Location: Henry Student Center Ballroom
Cost: Free - Admittance by Ticket Only



Ceremony
Location: Fenner Quadrangle
Cost: Free

Thursday, May 13, 2004, 6:00 p.m. - 12 a.m.
President's Dinner Dance

Location: Woodlands Inn and Resort
Cost: Free to Graduate, \$48 for guests

Friday, May 14, 2004 @ 1:00 p.m.
Commencement Rehearsal for all 2004 graduates

Location: Henry Gymnasium, Arnaud C. Marts Sports and Conference Center

Friday, May 14, 2004, 4:00 p.m. - 6 p.m.
President's Reception for Graduates and Families

Location: Weckesser Hall
Cost: Free

Friday, May 14, 2004 @ 6:15 p.m.
Baccalaureate Service

Location: Dorothy Dickson Darte Center
Cost: Free

Saturday, May 15, 2004 @ 11:00 a.m.
Commencement

Preparation for Graduation

But for the Wilkes University staff, graduation actually becomes a reality six months prior to the ceremony. Judy Wienckoski, Administrative Assistant in the Student Affairs office, starts near the end of the fall semester to prepare for the event. Wienckoski is in charge of tickets, certificates, letters, post cards, mailings, order tents, chairs, water, the stage, caps and gowns for the students and platform party among many other things. She has a hand in all parts of the event.

Though much of the preparation is completed well before the big day, some of the smaller details must wait until the last minute.

"There are always last minute things to be done . . . the logistics are pretty much in place the day before Commencement," said Wienckoski.

Wienckoski admits that time before Commencement can be hectic, but she enjoys the work that goes into putting the ceremony together for the graduates.

"There is so much to do and never enough time to do it, but it's also exciting. You can feel the energy, as we get closer to that 'big day,'" concluded Wienckoski.

Susan Hritzak feels a similar energy as Commencement nears. Hritzak is the Registrar, and plays a vital role in determining who actually gets to cross the stage. She is in charge of auditing the students to be sure they have enough credits to graduate, order the diplomas, then "check, check and recheck them three times before they

make it to the stage," noted Hritzak.

Preparations for graduations are ongoing in Hritzak's office, since there are three ceremonies per year, but each time, she feels the excitement in the air.

"I hand each diploma to the President as each student crosses the stage to receive them. . . I truly enjoy seeing the happiness on the faces of the graduates and the pride on the faces of the family members as each one crosses the stage to receive their diploma," said Hritzak.

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Movie Review: *The Alamo*

BY ALISON SHERRY
Beacon Staff Writer

Okay, be honest. Somehow, some way, we are all suckers for historical films. "Gone with the Wind," *Pearl Harbor*, and *Gods and Generals*, are all epic stories based on historical events that received critical acclaim at the box office.

Following in the great historical film tradition is now *The Alamo*. Of all the things you learn in school, you often do not learn very much about the historical Alamo in San Antonio, Texas and its significance to the United States. Directed by John Lee Hancock, the story of *The Alamo* clears up any historical questions viewers may have, and the film showcases some excellent acting as well.

The opening scenes in the movie

depict the remaining Alamo and then moves into how the historic spot came to be, well, historic. After the opening shots, the story moves in almost in a chrono-

tory.

The Americans may have almost lost the battle at the Alamo, but they ended up defeating Santa Ana's troops in only

other war movie, for that matter. *The Alamo* seems to show war from more realistic points of view and it is also very interesting to see just how life was like in

1836 before the war actually started. The movie also stars Laura Clifton, Jason Patric, Emilio Echevarria, and Jordi Malla.

The movie focuses on an era that most people do not know or even think about. I have had the pleasure of actually visiting the Alamo in San Antonio and can honestly say that this is a movie that proves some things should not be forgotten. Quaid and Thorton are made believable and it wouldn't be impossible to see them walking home as Oscar nominees next year for their performances. If

you like historical movies, *The Alamo* is definitely a must-see for anyone. This movie is rated PG-13 and receives 4 Ws.

Movie Rating: 4 Flying W's



Courtesy of www.thealamo.com

logical order. Dennis Quaid and Billy Bob Thorton play Sam Houston and Davy Crockett respectively who were the great heroes in the one of the most memorable, not to mention the *shortest* battle in his-

eighteen minutes. Time becomes an essential element to the story on the big screen in this case, and viewers will be amazed. In this sense, it is definitely no carbon-copy of *Gods and Generals* or any






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 2 c. fruit cut into pieces
 2 tsp. lemon juice
 1 c. plain yogurt
 2 egg whites

Directions:

1. Combine sugar and orange juice in a saucepan.
2. Heat and stir until sugar is dissolved.
3. Set aside to cool.
4. Whirl fruit and lemon juice in blender until fruit is pulp.
5. Add yogurt, blending well.
6. With motor running, add cooled orange juice mixture.
7. Pour into a 9-inch square, flat pan and place in freezer for two hours or until mixture is frozen into a slush. Break up mixture and put in mixer bowl.
8. Beat until smooth, adding eggs one at a time. Continue beating until light and fluffy.
9. Return to pan or freezer-proof dessert containers and freeze until firm, about one hour.
10. For very juicy fruit, such as raspberries or frozen fruit, the orange juice may be decreased in proportion to the amount of juice.
11. Increase the lemon juice by 1 teaspoon for each 1/8 cup the orange juice is decreased.

Yields 6 Servings

Time: 10 minutes preparation, 3 hours freezing.



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Dorm Room Dining

BY LORI GRAUSAM
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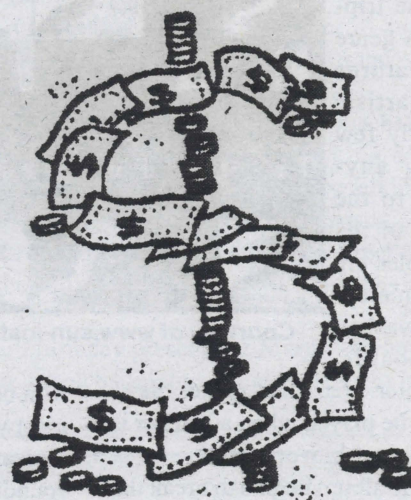
Every week you will find a new recipe that is simple enough to make in your dorm room, yet scrumptious enough to satisfy any tastebud. So get out your pots and pans and start cooking!

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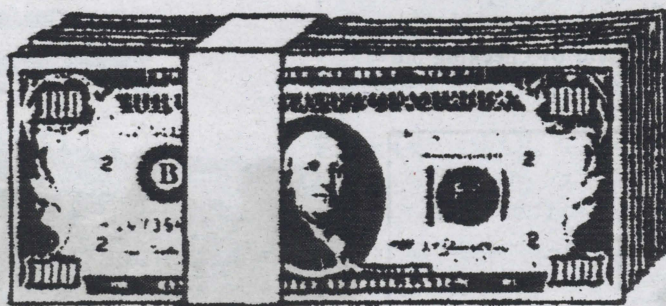
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CD Review: Death in Vegas The Contino Sessions

BY MATTHEW JONES
Beacon Columnists

When released in 1999, this unconventional trip-hop offering from duo of Richard Fearless and Tim Holmes won fairly substantial critical praise without, somehow, really ever getting much air-play or even selling all that well.

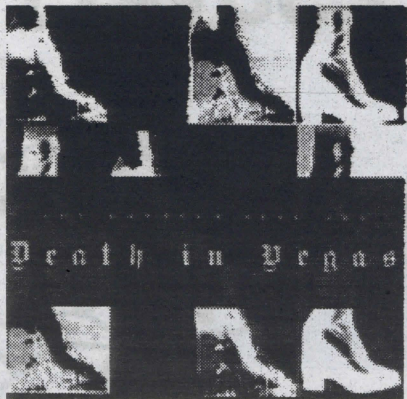
It's a wonder *The Contino Sessions* never worked better since it really displayed a unique voice in the trip-hop field, a genre that features countless artists but painfully few who bring anything new to the table. All of the genre's staples are present: narcoleptic beats, washed out keyboards, and that esoteric haze that makes the album beg to be played when a listener is, well, "indulging" him or herself.

Where the album begins to break that mold, though, is in the artists' choice of guest vocalists. Instead of choosing some sultry chanteuse to sex up the mix, DIV goes out and gets Iggy Pop to sing on a track. His presence, along with more live instrumentation rather than pure loops, launches this album, at times, into outer orbit. Iggy's track "Aisha" sounds

ridiculously uncharacteristic of this type of music (or any for that matter), with its faux-metal guitars, straight up dance drum work, chugging bass line and Pop's creepy-yet-funny vocals about a serial killer who proclaims at the beginning of the song, "We only just met/And I think you ought to know/I'm a murderer." It's a knockout cut that's as fun as anything put out in the market today.

Later, Primal Scream's Bobby Gillespie uses his slurred, opium den tenor to add cryptic ramblings along with the sleazy grooves of "Soul Auctioneer." It's not a huge departure for Gillespie but his performance is certainly believable. Scattered throughout the album are some killer instrumentals that continue to set the album apart for most others. The plodding, stretched tension of "Dirge" revolves around a building two-chord guitar line that becomes increasingly drenched in effects before sounding like a chainsaw played through a Hammond organ. And the space-is-the-place sendoff of "Flying" actually breaks the gothic tone of the album with some major key melodies.

Fans of rock-tinged trip hop or even just pure alternative music would be doing themselves a favor by checking out this one.



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This Week in History...

The week of April 19 through 25 in retrospect:

- 19th-Artist Paloma Picasso was born (1949)
- 20th-Hot Springs National Park was established by an act of the U.S. Congress. It was the first national park in the U.S.. (1832)
- 21st-The U.S. Congress established the U.S. Mint in Denver, CO., (1862)
- 22nd-"Wild Thing" by the British band the Troggs was released in the U.S., (1966)
- 23rd-The Coca-Cola Company announced that it was changing its 99-year-old secret formula. New Coke was not successful, which resulted in the resumption of selling the original version, (1985)
- 24th-The IBM Personal Computer was introduced, (1981)
- 25th-Actress Renee Zellweger was born (1969)

'Funky, Reggae-infused' ZOX to perform at Wilkes

Press Release

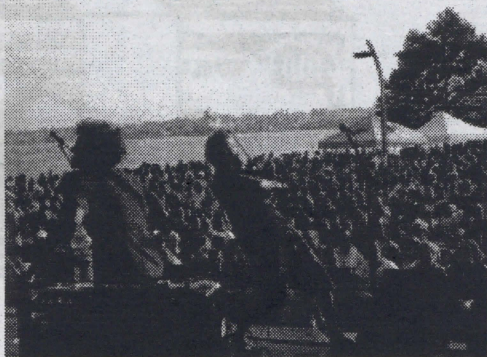
ZOX, from Providence, RI, will be continuing their non-stop tour in support of the CD *Take Me Home*, with a pace unparalleled by most independent bands. Their hectic schedule has taken them up and down the East Coast, to the Midwest, Southeast and beyond over the past six months.

sounds I've heard all year," extols Los Angeles' *Scratch Magazine*, "They blew me away."

The band has opened for such national acts as Rusted Root, Dispatch, Guster, Goldfinger, Common, The Starting Line, Further Seems Forever, and The Sugar Hill Gang, and performed to sold out crowds at notable venues such as Paradise in Boston, Lupo's in Providence, and Higher Ground in Burlington. In addition, ZOX has won numerous northeast regional band battles, including WBRU 95.5's 2003 Annual Rock

Hunt, besting the field of 200 bands. Touted as "a band on the verge" in *Relix* magazine, ZOX was further described as "...a sophisticated quartet that delivers a vibrant, thinking man's brand of hook-laden and funky pop-rock...The simplicity that runs through the band's upbeat, rhythmic songs is offset by sterling violin work. This is energetic, good-time music...Expect big things from these guys."

Indeed, *Take Me Home*, named by the *Providence Journal* as "one of the best local releases of the year," has charted on more than 50 college radio stations around the country and received regular play on several commercial stations, including Boston's WBCN and Providence's WBRU. A half dozen tunes from the album were also featured on MTV shows *The Real World* and *Road Rules*.



Courtesy of www.zoxband.com

The band will be performing at Wilkes University this Saturday, April 24, 2004. This show is free, all ages, and is open to the public. The show begins at noon.

Since its inception in the basement of a Brown University dorm in 1999, ZOX has developed a sound that is fresh, fun, and far from conventional. The quartet successfully laces the searing melodies of conservatory-trained violinist Spencer Swain into high-energy reggae-infused rock.

"ZOX has one of the most unique

Live Music Review:**Wilkes University Flute Ensemble**BY MONICA
CARDENAS

Asst. Beacon A&E Editor

English author Aldous Huxley once said, "After silence, that which comes nearest to expressing the inexpressible is music." And a recent Wilkes flute performance worked to express just that.

The Department of Visual and Performing Arts (VPA) presented a Wilkes University Flute Ensemble concert on Saturday, April 17. The concert took place at 1 p.m. in the Dorothy Dickson Darte Center lobby.

The program consisted of five separate performances, including "Trio" by FJ Haydn and "Dances for Three Flutes" by Franz Schubert. Performers for this piece were Sarah Murphy, Lee Wygant and Emily Bly. None of the flutists play the instrument as their primary, but the performance was excellent nonetheless.

Following was "Terzetto for Three Flutes" (Franz Anton Hoffmeister), and "Quartet, op. 27, No. I" (H. Soussman). Each was playful and bright, complement-

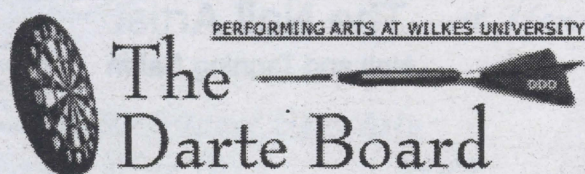


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ing the beautiful spring weather nicely.

Finally, all performers-Maura Rinehimer, Nikole Herman, Emily Bly, Catherine Rosenberg, Aimee Shorten, Lee Wygant, Sarah Murphy, and Joyce Soskacame together for "Concerto for Five Flutes in G Major, op. 15" by Joseph Bodin de Boismortier. The eight flutists completed the concert flawlessly for a considerably large crowd of music enthusiasts.

The Department of Visual and Performing Arts will sponsor several upcoming events, including the Civic Band, today at 8 p.m. in the Darte Center. Watch the Darte Board for more details.

BY BRIDGET GIUNTA
Beacon Staff Writer**Monday, April 19**

Civic Band Concert
Dorothy Dickson Darte Center for the Performing Arts
8 p.m.
Free Admission

Wednesday, April 21

VPA Faculty Recital
Darte Center Lobby
7:30 p.m.
Free Admission
Becki Simon Brown, flute and George Sprengelmeyer, guitar.

Saturday, April 24

University Student Dance Concert
Dorothy Dickson Darte Center for the Performing Arts
8 p.m.
Free Admission

Urban Legends

The following Urban Legend is courtesy of: <http://www.snopes.com/humor/mediagoofs/>



Claim: A 'Dear Abby' advice column was pulled because it included a letter taken from an episode of *The Simpsons*.

Status: True.

The bogus biographical bug bit advice columnist "Dear Abby" in March 2004, when Universal Press Syndicate pulled her March 15 column after a newspaper editor who read it in advance noticed that one of the letters she had answered sounded a bit too familiar. (Despite Universal Press Syndicate's having rescinded the column, a few newspapers chose to run

it anyway.)

In a column entitled "Wife meets perfect match after husband strikes out," Abby proffered advice to a woman who signed her letter "Stuck in a Love Triangle." Mrs. "Stuck" described herself as a 34-year-old woman with three children who had been married for 10 years to Gene, her greedy, selfish, inconsiderate and rude husband. So inconsiderate was Gene that his birthday present to his wife was a bowling ball - one drilled to fit his own fingers, with his name embossed on it.

But "Stuck" decided to spite her selfish husband by keeping the ball and learning how to bowl, leading to her meeting Franco, a man who was kind, considerate and loving at the local lanes. One thing led to another, and they fell in love.

Abby's solution was for "Stuck" to admit her infidelity to her husband.

Stuck's dilemma may sound familiar to some readers. It was taken directly from the plot of a first-season episode of the animated TV series *The Simpsons* which first aired March 18, 1990.

Synopsized by TV Guide: "Homer's birthday present 'for Marge' is a bowling ball, prompting Marge to teach him a lesson by taking up the sport - and maybe also a handsome instructor."

WILKES UNIVERSITY
PROGRAMMING BOARD'S

**APRIL
ENTERTAINMENT EVENTS CALENDAR**

4/24 BLOCK PARTY: Starting at Noon.

\$5 tickets for food will be provided for Wilkes students with ID

**Food tickets will be available 12-6:30pm during Block Party on the Greenway

Food Stands:

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Heraldo's Pizza
Perogies

Musical Entertainment:

12pm: Lessen One
1:45pm: Crush
3:30pm: Zox
5:00pm: Virginia Coalition

Games:

Mechanical Bull
Giant Slide
Moon Jump
Bungi Run
Trampoline

Winning Week for Colonels Baseball

Courtesy of Sports Information

Wilkes University split a Freedom Conference baseball doubleheader at FDU-Florham on Saturday, winning the opener 7-5 before dropping an 18-9 decision in the nightcap. The win gives the Colonels a 2-1 series win over the Devils after copping the first game of the three-game series 17-13 on Friday.

Wilkes sees its overall record move to 19-10-1 overall and its conference mark advance to 5-7. The Devils are now 17-6 overall and 7-3 in conference play.

Kevin Kenschak improved his pitching record to 3-1 by winning game one for Wilkes. Kenschak went five innings and allowed four unearned runs and three hits, while also striking out six. Mike Quinn picked up his fourth save of the season by working the final frame. Mike Corvey suffered the loss to drop to 5-2.

Steve Imdorf led the Wilkes offensive attack with two hits, including a solo homer in the third inning. Matt Midkiff added a double for the Colonels. Mike Del Vecchio had two doubles and drove in a pair of runs for FDU-Florham.

In the nightcap, FDU-Florham overcame a 9-4 deficit by scoring ten runs in

the fourth inning to notch the win. Chris Jones pitched four innings in relief to improve his record on the hill to 3-0. He allowed only five hits and one run. Justin Popovich was tagged with the loss for Wilkes.

Shawn Eickhorst had three hits, including a pair of doubles, and drove in five runs for the Devils. Joe Franzese and Tom Calistri added two hits apiece. Franzese drove in four runs, while Calistri had three runs batted in. Kyle McCarthy chipped in with a single and triple.

Dave Evans cracked a pair of doubles and drove in three runs to pace Wilkes at the plate. Midkiff contributed two hits and two runs batted in, while both Imdorf and Matt LoPresto had two hits.

On Monday afternoon, the Colonels pushed across three runs in the first inning on their way to an 8-1 non-conference baseball win over Marywood University in a game called after seven and

one-half innings due to inclement weather. The victory improves the Colonels to 17-9-1 overall, while the Pacers slip to 11-10-1.



The Beacon Archives
The Colonels moved their record to 19-10-1 by splitting a double header on Saturday

Wilkes took advantage of a pair of Marywood errors in the first inning to assume command. Matt Midkiff reached on an error in the infield with one out. After moving to second on a groundout by Dave Evans, Midkiff gave the Colonels a 1-0 lead when he scored on a single by Charles Hampton. Mike Spotts followed with a double to put runners on second and third. Matt LoPresto then hit a

ground ball that was misplayed, allowing both Hampton and Spotts to score and extend the lead to 3-0.

The Colonels would extend their lead by scoring five times in the fifth frame. Dave Morgan singled, Derek Sheruda walked and Tyler Trutt singled to load the bases with no outs. Midkiff was hit by a pitch to force home Morgan and make

it 4-0. Evans followed with a fly ball to right-center field that was dropped, allowing Sheruda to score and push the lead to 5-0.

Hampton cracked his second rbi-single of the contest to plate Trutt and give Wilkes a 6-0 lead. One out later, LoPresto singled to score Midkiff and make it 7-0. Steve Imdorf drove home the final run of the inning with a sacrifice fly that scored Evans to extend the lead to 8-0.

Marywood would get their lone run of the contest in the sixth inning. Mike Piercy doubled and Chris Lewis singled to put runners on first and third. Piercy would score when a throw to first base attempting to pick-off Lewis sailed into right field.

Jared Ferrell picked up the pitching win for Wilkes to improve to 2-1 on the hill. Ferrell pitched five and one-third innings and allowed six hits and one run, while striking out six. Justin Popovich tossed the final two and two-thirds innings and surrendered only one hit, while fanning two.

Hampton was the lone two-time hitter for Wilkes with a pair of singles and two runs batted in. Ryan Federico had three hits, including two doubles, while Lewis had a pair of singles for Marywood.

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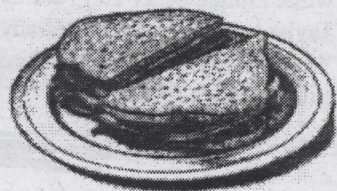
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Colonels Rebound from Loss to DeSales to Beat Drew

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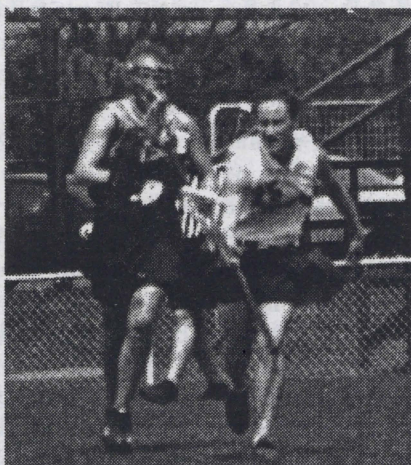
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together today," said Malone. "It makes my job a lot easier when the offense put pressure on their defense."

On Saturday, Wilkes showed some offensive production, but still had a tough time on defense against Elizabethtown. Elizabethtown held a 36-16 shots advantage, which put a strain on Wilkes' defense and allowed for the opponents' offense to control the ball.

Danielle McDonald led the way for the Lady Colonels with three goals and Currier scored two goals as well. Jennifer Compton, Lyndsay Asinelli, and Janna Ward all pitched in



The Beacon/Nick Zmijewski
Danielle McDonald, #25, fights for possession

with a goal apiece. Compton and Asinelli both recorded an assist as well. Cassie Malone also made 11 saves in goal.

Wilkes will be looking for its first win on Monday when the Lady Colonels face non-conference for Misericordia.



The Beacon/Nick Zmijewski

"We are a really young team and a lot of our players don't have too much experience," says Malone. "We have been working really hard and every game we are coming closer and closer to a victory."

Lady Colonels Softball Has Impressive Week

Courtesy of Sports Information

Wilkes University swept a Freedom Conference softball doubleheader from visiting Drew University on Sunday afternoon at Kirby Park. In game one, the Lady Colonels notched a 2-0 victory. Wilkes then scored a 5-4 win in nine innings in the nightcap.

The twinbill sweep improves the Lady Colonels to 12-13 overall and 6-1 in the Freedom Conference. Drew sees its record fall to 19-13 overall and 5-7 in conference play.

In the opener, Wilkes pitcher Laurie Agresti tossed her third straight shutout to key the win. Agresti allowed only three hits and struck out 14. Drew hurler Alison Robbins surrendered only four hits and struck out four.

Wilkes got the only run it would need in the first inning. Katie Orr led off with a triple and scored on a ground out by Andrea Dominick to make it 1-0. The Lady Colonels would push across an insurance run in the sixth. Dominick led off with a walk and stole second base. After moving to third on a ground out by Alexis Petite, Dominick scored on a single by Jan Nunemacher.

Orr had two hits for Wilkes, while Nunemacher and Nadine Taylor had one hit each. Brittany Westcott and Shanna Peras had a double each for Drew.

In game two, Wilkes rallied from a 4-2 deficit in the seventh inning to force extra innings. Petite started the seventh with a single. Nunemacher then stepped to the plate and cracked a two-run homer to tie the game at 4-4.

The Lady Colonels would push across the game-winning run in the bottom of the ninth inning. Nunemacher led off with

two wild pitches to give the Rangers a 1-0 lead.

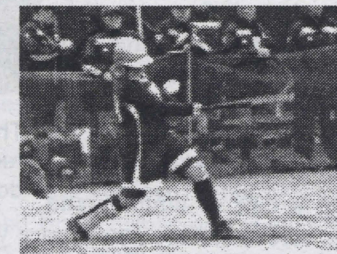
Wilkes tied the game at 1-1 in the second when Petite drilled a solo homer. But, Drew would answer with two runs in the third to take a 3-1 lead. Westcott reached on two-base error with one out. Peras followed with a single to plate Westcott and make it 2-1. Singles by Deb Waz and Ali Grill loaded the bases. Kristin Valle then drove home Peras with a single to give the Rangers a two-run lead.

Wilkes scored a single run in the third inning. Pheiff started the inning with a triple and came around to score on a single by Taylor to cut the lead to 3-2.

Drew countered with a run in the seventh to take a 4-2 lead and set the stage for the Lady Colonels comeback. Kristen Mignoli singled with one out and moved to second on a ground out by Mahon. Westcott then lined a single to score Mignoli.

Wilkes pitcher Jen Trate picked up the victory after going all nine innings. Dayna Yorks, who came on to replace Drew starting pitcher Michelle Orloski to begin the eighth inning, was tagged with the loss.

Petite led Wilkes offensively with three hits. Taylor, Henry and Pheiff contributed two hits each. Valley had four hits for the Rangers in game two. Westcott and Peras chipped in with three hits each.



The Beacon Archives
Wilkes Softball swept a doubleheader on Saturday.

a walk and moved to second on a sacrifice bunt by Julie Henry. Jen Trate then grounded into a fielder's choice that eliminated Nunemacher at third for the second out of the inning. But, Kristi Burke drew a walk to move Trate to second. After Becky Plebani was inserted for Trate as a pinch-runner, Shelley Pheiff singled to score Plebani with the winning run.

Drew, which stranded 18 runners in the contest, got on the board with a single run in the first. Colleen Mahon reached on a two-base error and scored after

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CURRENT STANDINGS (4/14/04)

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

BASEBALL

FDU-Florham	6	1	0	15	4	0
Delaware Val.	7	3	0	14	8	0
King's	5	3	0	10	10	1
DeSales	6	5	0	12	9	0
Wilkes	3	6	0	17	9	1
Scranton	2	7	0	3	18	0
Drew	1	5	0	9	14	1

SOFTBALL

King's	6	0	0	22	4	0
Wilkes	2	0	0	8	12	0
Scranton	3	1	0	12	7	0
DeSales	6	2	0	10	8	0
Drew	3	3	0	17	9	0
Lycoming	4	4	0	10	10	0
FDU-Florham	1	7	0	9	11	0
Delaware Val.	1	9	0	6	20	0

WOMEN'S LACROSSE

Scranton	7	0	0	8	4	0
Drew	7	1	0	10	2	0
Widener	6	1	0	8	3	0
Messiah	5	2	0	9	5	0
Susquehanna	4	2	0	4	7	0
King's	3	4	0	5	4	0
Elizabethtown	3	4	0	3	8	0
FDU-Florham	2	5	0	4	8	0
Lycoming	1	6	0	3	7	0
Moravian	1	6	0	2	8	0
Wilkes	0	8	0	0	10	0

MEN'S TENNIS

Drew	6-0	9-5
Scranton	4-2	6-6
Wilkes	3-2	6-2
FDU-Florham	3-2	8-5
King's	1-4	3-10
Lycoming	1-4	1-6
DeSales	0-5	2-8

Laurie Agresti Softball



Laurie Agresti, freshman pitcher, allowed only a second inning single to Jennine Mara to pick up the win in the first game of a double header on Friday afternoon against DeSales University. She struck out 13 hitters while allowing only three walks.

On Saturday, Agresti threw a one-hit shutout to lead the Lady Colonels to a 12-0 Freedom Conference win over Delaware Valley College in six innings. On Sunday, Agresti pitched her third straight shutout.

WEEKLY RECAP

BASEBALL

(4/12) Wilkes 8 Marywood 1
(4/16) Wilkes 17 FDU-Florham 13
(4/17) Wilkes 7 FDU-Florham 5
FDU-Florham 18 Wilkes 9

WOMEN'S LACROSSE

(4/12) Moravian 13 Wilkes 12 (ot)
(4/17) Elizabethtown 20 Wilkes 8

SOFTBALL

(4/16) Wilkes 2 DeSales 0
DeSales 4 Wilkes 0
(4/17) Wilkes 12 Delaware Valley 0

GOLF

Wilkes 322 Misericordia 354
(at Wilkes-Barre Municipal Golf Club, Par 72)

MEN'S TENNIS

(4/15) Wilkes 6 Scranton 1
(4/16) Wilkes 4 DeSales 3

NUMBERS OF THE WEEK

- 5 Number of hits allowed by Laurie Agresti in three complete games
- 41 Number of runs scored by the Colonel baseball team in four games
- 76 Number shot by Dom Castrignano for a round of golf
- 7 Number of goals scored by Danielle McDonald in two games for women's lacrosse

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Colonels Rebound from Loss to DeSales to Beat Drew

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Women's Lacrosse Making Strides

BY WILL MIDGETT
Beacon Asst. Sports Editor

The Wilkes women's lacrosse team struggled last week with two losses at



TheBeacon/Nick Zmijewski
Lacrosse took on Moravian and Elizabethtown last week

home. On Tuesday, the Lady Colonels lost a heartbreaking 13-12 overtime game to Moravian, and on Saturday a 20-8 loss to Elizabethtown.

The loss to Elizabethtown dropped Wilkes' overall record to 0-11 and 0-9 in the conference. While Wilkes has yet to record a win, the women have been improving noticeably, and their offense is becoming more competitive.

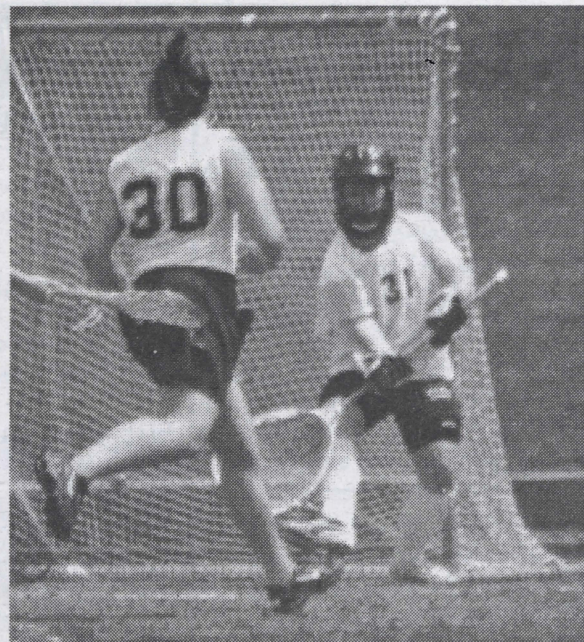
On Tuesday, in their second overtime game of the season, both Maria Currier and Danielle McDonald scored four goals for the Lady Colonels. Moravian scored to goals right off the bat to start the game before Wilkes could answer with a goal of their own. Currier scored the first goal for the Lady Colonels, and after that it was a tug of war between the two teams.

At the start of the second half, Moravian had the lead at 7-6. Wilkes scored three quick goals to take the lead

at 9-7, two of them from free position shots by Popo Bryant and Maria Currier. With 1:48 left in the game, Moravian had retaken the lead at 12-11 when Currier scored her last goal, forcing the game into overtime. Moravian won the game with: 38 seconds left in the overtime period when Jess Cordani scored her sixth and final goal. Moravian held a 32-30 shots advantage over Wilkes, and Wilkes goal-keeper Cassie Malone racked up 13 saves.

"Our offense really came

Lacrosse Continued
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TheBeacon/Nick Zmijewski
Pam Carey, #30, and Cassie Malone, #31, during last weeks game.



Campus Calendar

MONDAY(4/19)

Women's Lacrosse vs. Misericordia @ 4PM

Civic Band Concert @ DDD 8 PM

TUESDAY(4/20)

Red Cross Blood Drive @ HSC Ballroom, 2nd floor 10 AM

Golf @ Albright College 1 PM

Softball @ FDU-Florham 3 PM

Baseball vs. Muhlenberg 3:30 PM

Men's Tennis @ PSU-Berks 3:30 PM

WEDNESDAY(4/21)

Golf @ University of Scranton 1 PM

Softball vs. Scranton (DH) 3PM

Baseball @ Misericordia 3:30 PM

Men's Tennis vs. Susquehanna 3:30 PM

VPA Faculty Recital @ DDD Lobby 7:30 PM

THURSDAY(4/22)

2004 Extracurricular/Leadership Awards Luncheon @ HSC Ballroom 11 AM

Men's Tennis @ Keystone 3:30 PM

Softball vs. Lebanon Valley (DH) 3:30 PM

Women's Lacrosse @ Lycoming 4 PM

Reach Family Mentoring Program @

HSC Multicultural Room 6 PM

FRIDAY(4/23)

Baseball @ Drew 3:30 PM

Movie & Discussion- King Gimp @

HSC Ballroom 7 PM

SATURDAY(4/24)

Men's Tennis @ MAC Championships,

Bethlehem, PA - All day(& 4/25)

Golf @ MAC Championship, Shawnee

Country Club, 8 AM(&4/25)

Block Party @ Chase Lawn 12 PM

Baseball vs. Drew (DH) 1 PM

Softball vs. King's (DH) 1 PM

University Students Dance Concert @ DDD 8 PM

SUNDAY(4/25)

Walk America/ March of Dimes @ Kriby

Park 9 AM

Softball @ E-town (DH) 1 PM

Chorus Concert @ First Presbyterian

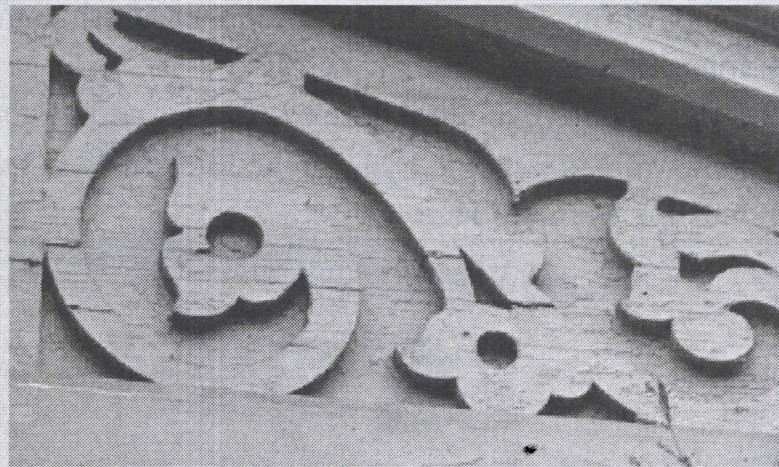
Church, Wilkes-Barre 3 PM

Amy Chua - Lecture @ DDD 7:30 PM

Congratulations to Zac Wilson

who correctly identified last week's "Find This Picture" first. As Wilson pointed out, last week's picture was the Max Roth Center facing South Street. Wilson will receive a \$10 cash prize courtesy of the Wilkes University Programming Board.

Find this Picture on Campus and... WIN CASH!



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