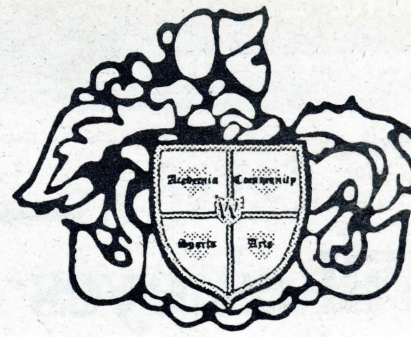


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## Students gather for O.J. verdict

• *More than 100 students filled the Stark Learning Center lobby to find out the verdict of the most publicized murder trials in our nation's history.*

By JOY ZIMMERMAN  
Special to the Beacon

Stark Lobby was swamped with at least 100 people, yet it was strangely silent. The doors to the smoker's lounge were propped open with chairs, yet not one person was complain-

ing about the smoke drifting out. Almost all movement stopped. Even the security guards sat motionless at their desk. It was almost 1:00 pm, and the O.J. Simpson trial jury was about to deliver their verdict.

On June 12, 1994, Simpson's ex-wife, Nicole Brown Simpson and her friend Ronald Goldman were found butchered outside Brown's home. Later that month, Orenthal James Simpson, former Heisman Trophy winner, sports commentator and actor, was charged with both murders. Since that time, few Americans have been able to avoid the trial. Many people became faithful trial followers, glued to CNN and reading ev-

ery news article available concerning the murder trial.

Even those who did not care to hear every bit of testimony, were still faced with updates between regularly scheduled television shows, and sections of each newscast, both national and local highlighting the days' events in the Los Angeles County Courtroom.

Judging by the media circus many felt the trial had become, the delivery of the jury's verdict was expected to attract a greater number of viewers than any other event in the history of television.

On the Wilkes campus, as well as many places in the nation, all activity stopped. Most classes scheduled for 1pm were near-empty.

Stark Lobby, however, couldn't have held many more students. The noise was almost deafening as people waited impatiently through what seemed like an endless string of commercials which undoubtedly cost hundreds of thousands of dollars. Heated debates over Simpson's guilt or innocence ensued. "I have been listening to people debating about riots [that might break out] and comparing this trial to Rodney King. The only similarity is that they both dealt with black men," remarked junior Sonya Ormsby.

The CBS news introduction appeared on both televisions. A loud cheer arose from the crowd that would finally hear what it had been waiting an entire year to hear.

Judge Lance Ito entered the courtroom, and the chant of "Ito, Ito, Ito" rang through Stark Lobby. People applauded when both Simpson and the jury were let into the courtroom. Some noise erupted when the envelope containing the verdict was handed to the jury forewoman to which the Stark Lobby crowd responded with a scolding "shhh." A long silence followed while the forewoman looked over the verdict forms, and the crowd became restless. Some people yelled tasteless jokes, the worst probably being a remark that Simpson looks almost white.

A small group of people coming in through one door immediately stopped and

joined the waiting crowd. One woman crossed her fingers in hopes that the jury would reach the verdict that she supported.

Finally, the agonizing wait ended as the forewoman read the words, "We the jury...find the defendant Orenthal James Simpson not guilty..." A tremendous cheer rose from the crowd. Three men stood on a couch, shouted, and raised their hands in victory. Some shook their heads in disgust. Money changed hands around the lobby as people paid off their bets. Two men gave each other a high five. "Our justice system is a joke," yelled junior Jason Catlin.

The verdict having been read, about half the people in Stark Lobby packed up their books and bags and left, their curiosity finally satisfied. They could go on with their lives as usual.

At 1:40 pm CBS news announced that Simpson had been released from jail. Only about 10 people left in Stark Lobby listened.

Once the initial excitement subsided, people had time to reflect on the trial as a whole. Many students felt it was a waste of time and money. Many students also felt he did commit the crime, but there was enough reasonable doubt left by the trial to warrant an acquittal. "I was relieved because you can't convict someone when there are so many questions," said sophomore Emily Mika, "But I feel bad for the victim's families."

### Lady Colonels win three, improve to 9-2



Photo by Eric Morinello

Stephanie Hastings shoots for goal against Susquehanna on Tuesday. Story on page 8



# News

## Wilkes eyes "one-card system"

By JOHN-ERIK  
KOSLOSKY  
Beacon News Editor

Workers are now filling in holes left after fiber optic cables were installed on campus over the past few weeks.

The university is installing the fiber optic cables to provide its buildings with cable television, telephone service, long-distance telephone service as well as various computer datalinks. Fiber optic cables allow for the transmission of information by light impulses along hair-thin glass fibers.

Along with the aforementioned functions, the fiber optic cables will allow Wilkes to develop what university officials refer to as a "one-card system" for students

on campus.

The "one-card system" will not only require students to use their Wilkes identification cards in all current capacities, such as the cafeteria, library, S.U.B. and campus parking lots, but students will also need to use their identification cards to enter dormitories and other facilities at Wilkes.

"We are heading that way slowly, but surely," said Paul O'Hop, vice president for business affairs and auxiliary enterprises.

O'Hop said he believes this will cut down on vandalism in dormitories. He said if a student's identification number is in the computer as having been the last one to open a door, he is less likely to prop the door open so other student could come in.

"The greatest focus is upon

the enhancement of security," O'Hop said.

He said identification cards will also eventually allow students to use vending machines and photocopying machines on campus without depositing cash.

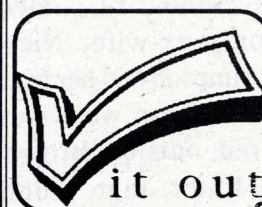
He said within the academic year, all campus buildings will be serviced with fiber optic cables with the exception of Barre Hall and McClintock Hall. To provide these buildings with the service, the university would be required to run the fiber optic cables onto utility poles. Because Wilkes does not own the properties bordering Barre and McClintock Halls, they would not be able to run the cables underground as they have done and plan to do with the rest of campus.

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## CNN's Stuart Varney to address financial forum

**WILKES-BARRE** — The Department of Accounting will present a leadership forum in accounting and finance on Saturday, October 14, to discuss "Shareholder Value: Accountability and Communication."

Keynote speaker Stuart Varney will discuss significant changes taking place in today's global economy and how they affect shareholder value.

Varney is CNN's senior business news correspondent and anchor of "Business Day" and "Your Money." Prior to working with CNN, he was program director and host for a two-hour morning business show in San Francisco.

Following Varney's lecture and question/answer period, there will be a panel discussion featuring seven prominent businessmen from diverse business arenas.

Issues critical to success in the global business environment will be analyzed, including risk management, total quality management, economic globalization and competition between states for international business. The forum will provide guidance and enlightenment in an economic era that has brought recent multi-million dollar mergers, such as Disney and Capital Cities/ABC, and First Fidelity Bank and First Union Bank.

Registration for the forum will be held from 8:15 to 8:45 am, on Saturday, October 14, in the new classroom/office building. The forum will run from 8:45 to 11:45 am, with a 20-minute coffee break.

Cost is \$60 for Wilkes alumni, \$35 for alumni that have graduated in the past five years, and \$75 for the general public.

For more information or to pre-register, call Wilkes University Department of Accounting at (717) 831-4725 or 1-800-Wilkes-U, ext. 4725.



# Editorial—

Enjoying the rain this week? If so, you'll be happy to know that according to The Weather Channel there is much more to come in the next few days. With the remnants of tropical storm Opal travelling up the coast, the rain should raise the water table, thereby reducing the severity of the drought.

So you ask, why is this important and why should I care? Well, if you were a big supporter of the traditional Homecoming bonfire, you would definitely care because this year's bonfire was cancelled due to the drought emergency. With the water supply so low, Student Government, who sponsors the annual Thursday night bonfire, was informed by the Edwardsville fire department that they would not provide them with the water supply needed to put out the fire, if S.G. did in fact hold the festivities. And with no other choice, S.G. did away with the bonfire.

Now here is where you Homecoming buffs should get excited. Instead of totally eliminating the plans for Thursday, October 12, S.G. has been willing to shift plans around a little bit and implement a Pep Rally/Barbecue affair. No, this may not sound exciting yet, but what I didn't mention was all the fun you'll miss if you don't attend. Along with the announcement of Homecoming King and Queen nominations and tunes from the Wilkes University pep band, S.G. is providing hotdogs and hamburgers free of charge to everyone. If that's not enough, you should join the banner contest to be judged that night and win a prize of up to \$100. Announced the following day during halftime of the football game, prizes of \$100, \$75, \$50 will be given out to the three best banners.

So...are you still complaining about the elimination of the bonfire, because obviously there is no reason to keep whining. And, if you happen to be one of those people who don't care one way or the other, than at least show some school spirit and come out for the festivities at 9pm Thursday night. One missed episode of "ER" won't kill you.

## Go Wilkes Colonels!



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### Editor's Notes:

- Don't miss the **Blood Drive** on October 10, from 10 am to 4 pm in Rumours -- **the life you save may be your own...**
- Last day to buy Homecoming tickets is this Friday, Oct. 6 10-1 in SLC lobby and 4:30-6:30 in the cafe. Hurry before its too late.

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## Idle chatter with Michael Butchko

"Where have you gone, Joe DiMaggio, a nation turns its lonely eyes to you, woo woo woo."

You know it can't be too serious if the "woo"s are included. Originally, the Chatter was going to speak of sports and nothing more. Instead, another issue surfaces and blocks out the ray of brightness like an eclipse, but it cannot be ignored.

O.J. is not guilty. This is no longer opinion. A jury of twelve persons decided on Monday that Simpson was not guilty, and they shared this news with the world the next day. Now, it is left to the ages to decide if our whereabouts at the time of the decision will be forever burned into our memories, like the Challenger explosion in 1986. For my part, I was sitting on the third floor of Chase Hall with Cindy, Tammy, and Matt; all of were fixated on the screen before us. My initial reaction was one of relief that the proceedings were complete, as no appeals need to be filed. The Chatter was also content with one message: that racist police in a backwards city can no longer treat dissimilar races as guilty first, and innocent later. As for the family of the victims, especially Ron Goldman's father: Sir, if ever it is revealed that someone else committed the crime, you have a great deal of apologizing to do for your tirades. In the end, however, for all of us who tried to distance ourselves, we were compelled to watch this sickening play. And now the curtain has closed.

In much happier news, the Chatter would like to focus like a laser beam upon the world of sports. It's that wonderful time, dear reader, when football is hitting its stride as baseball enters the postseason, and all of this happening when hockey is ready to begin. In this busy spirit the Chatter will rapidly touch on a multitude of topics for your reading pleasure.

Sports Issue 1: The Mariners-Angels one game play-off on Monday. Baseball has returned with a vengeance, all you pessimists, and you are missing a thrilling October. In an Indians-Dodgers World Series, the Chatter likes Cleveland in six. A brief caveat: beware the Yankees of October, for they are always dangerous.

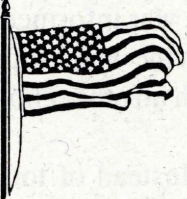
Sports Issue 2: Hey, did Penn State score yet? Or can Notre Dame stop a biddy league football team? What a glorious autumn it is, when the two most obnoxious groups of fans may be quieted so that the truly big boys of college football (Nebraska, Florida State, USC, Ohio St., Colorado, and Michigan) can take center stage. As for Notre Dame and PSU, they will be reduced to bragging about their legendary programs, their patsie-laden schedules, and their wonderful recruiting classes which never pan out. But there's always next year, right? Since you asked about this year, both Colorado and Ohio State will finish undefeated, with the Buffaloes winning the national title. And because this column does take requests, there will be a mention of Colorado every week for the rest of this semester. We got to keep the 'Heads happy, 'cause that's what they dig the most. Enough *Pulp Fiction* dialogue.

Both time and space are in demand, so we'll have to wrap it up. But keep those suggestions coming, even if you're too incensed to share it. Remember, the opinions expressed in this column are hardly ever accurate, and should always be taken with a mineful of salt. Translation: lighten up.

That's all for now. We'll chat again next week.

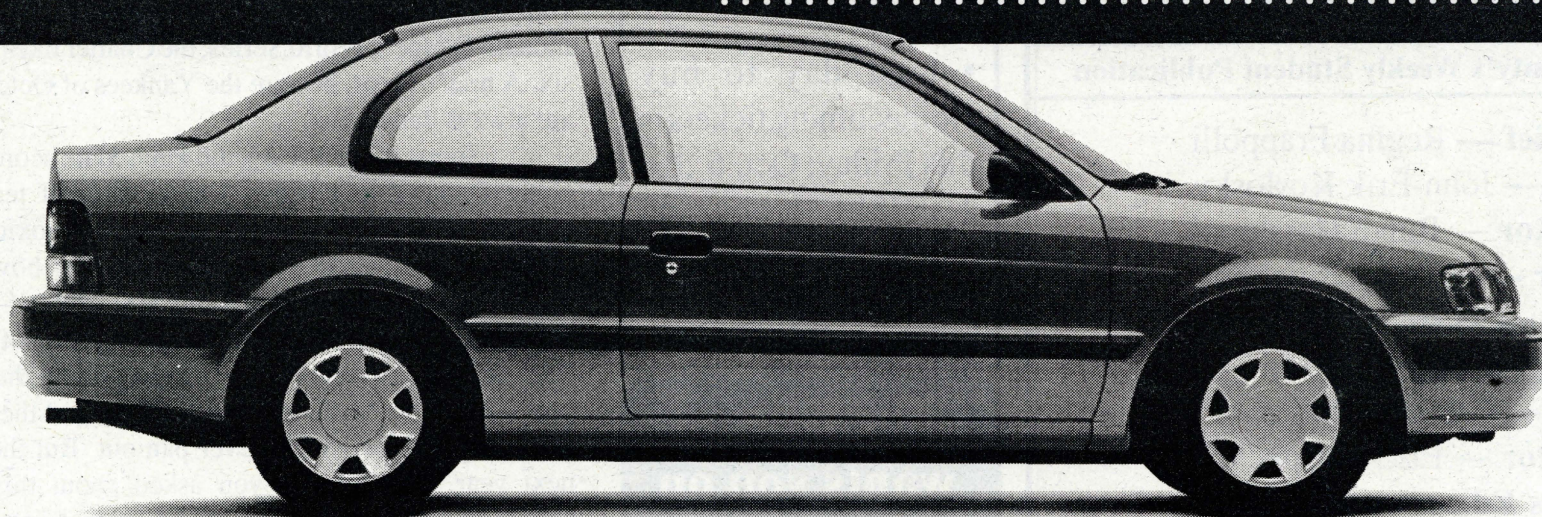


# October 6-12

Friday 6	Saturday 7	Sunday 8	Monday 9	Tuesday 10	Wednesday 11	Thursday 12
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• "Batman Forever" 7:30pm, CPA</li> <li>• Last day to buy Homecoming tickets</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Football-Juniata, 1:30pm (A)</li> <li>• Volleyball-Baptist Bible, 11:00am (A)</li> <li>• Men's Soccer-Susquehanna, 12:30pm (A)</li> <li>• Field Hockey-Del. Valley 1pm (A)</li> <li>• Habitat for Humanity, 9am</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Crop Walk- 1:30 p m , Ralston Field</li> <li>• W i l k e s CARES Annual Craftshow - 11 a m - 4 p m , Marts Center</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Columbus Day (observed)</li> </ul> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Blood Drive- 10 a m - 4 p m , Rumours</li> <li>• Study Abroad Fair-11am-1pm, SLC lobby</li> <li>• C.C. mtng- 11:45am, SLC 204</li> <li>• Amnicola mtng- noon, Hollenback</li> <li>• Field Hockey-Bloomsburg, 4pm (H)</li> <li>• Men's Soccer-Scranton, 4pm (H)</li> <li>• Women's Tennis-Moravian, 3pm (A)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• S.G. mtng- 6:30pm</li> <li>• Women's Soccer-Scranton, 4pm (H)</li> <li>• Campus Inter-faith Talk It Out- 5pm, SUB basement</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• HOMECOMING KING AND QUEEN ELECTIONS</li> <li>• HOMECOMING PEP RALLY/BONFIRE-9:30pm, behind COB</li> <li>• Volleyball-King's, 7pm (A)</li> <li>• Field Hockey-Misericordia, 4pm (H)</li> </ul>

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# Features

## For the Love of Learning

By STAN SOLARCZYK  
Special to the Beacon

learning that gets her through daily 80-mile commutes from Susquehanna County to Wilkes University and 16 hour days on campus.

A full-time student at Wilkes with double majors in Political Science and Sociology, and with a grade point average of 3.68, Plutino was recently awarded the

first Sarah C. Ford Adult Learner Scholarship for exemplifying academic achievement and personal commitment to life-long learning.

Like so many adult students on area college campuses, Amy Plutino's journey to higher education is inspiring. She is a single parent with four children, who moved from Chicago to Susquehanna, PA to build a better life for her family. She worked in radio for eight years in the Binghamton, NY area before enrolling at Wilkes as a full time student in 1993.

"Blue collar jobs are disappearing. I knew I had to combine my creative interests with reality," explains Plutino about her decision to go to Wilkes.

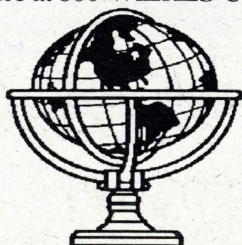
She encourages other adults who have been out of school for sometime to consider college. "Go to college. Do something you love. A job should be something

you want to do and look forward to. And, there is plenty of room for change in college. My interests have evolved while at Wilkes," Plutino admits. "I thought I knew everything before I came here," she adds with a smile.

Originally, she selected political science as a major with law school as a possible career goal. Then, she says, "I began my minor in psychology, but fell in love with sociology-with understanding how public policies affect women and children, especially those in poverty." She is now considering a career in the area of political or social advocacy for women and children.

The scholarship awarded to Amy was set up by Dr. Jane Elmes-Crahall, a faculty member at Wilkes University, in memory of her maternal grandmother. The scholarship is awarded annually to an outstanding adult learner in any field of study who is enrolled as a full time student at Wilkes and meets the selection criteria.

For further information about the Sarah C. Ford Adult Learner Scholarship, contact the Wilkes University Financial Aid Office at 800-WILKES-U.



**"Go to college. Do something you love. A job should be something you want to do and look forward to..."**

## Movie Review

With  
James R. Cronauer  
**Showgirls**



Riding on the coattails of *Basic Instinct*, screenwriter Joe Eszterhas and director Paul Verhoeven bring us their latest collaboration — *Showgirls*.

This movie mess starts on the side of a busy highway where Nomi Malone flags down a ride from a guy who later takes off with her luggage. In the midst of her panic, she meets Molly, who offers her a place to live until she can find a job.

Nomi finds employment at a low-class strip club, taking customer service too far under her sleazy employers' orders.

Her desire to be a dancer leads her to an audition for a chorus line spot in a tasteless production at a ritzy Vegas hotel. After being humiliated by the sexist and perverted director, she gets the job.

For the duration of the film, Nomi is taken advantage of by everyone except Molly, who remains a true friend. Quite frankly, Molly, who gets brutally gang raped in a prolonged scene carelessly thrown in, is the only likable character in the film.

The argument can be made however, that the subject matter mirrors the reality of what goes on in these types of shows.

*Showgirls* is 130 minutes of run-of-the-mill cliché dialogue, forgettable acting and sloppy, irresponsible writing and directing. The writer/director team proves, as they did in *Basic Instinct*, that with plenty of hype and absolutely no talent, there is still money to be made in Hollywood.

*Showgirls* is rated NC-17 for excessive adult language, violence, nudity, explicit fondling and one prolonged brutal rape scene. Do yourself a favor. Avoid this film.



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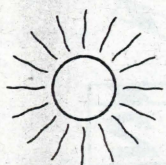
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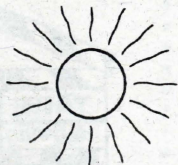
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# Word on Campus



## Sunflower's Stars



**Aquarius (Jan 21-Feb 19)** A weekend of rest and recreation was just what you needed. Reorganize, and get ready for the next few weeks. The party is over, time to study.

**Pisces (Feb 20-Mar 20)** Things are more in focus for you. Your new found security is obvious to everyone and pays off academically as well as socially.

**Aries (Mar 21-April 20)** Its time to settle down and take the first step toward happiness. You know what you want and what you need. Follow your heart.

**Taurus (April 21-May 21)** Romance is top priority now, but don't neglect work. That special someone will respect your independence and cherish your time together.

**Gemini (May 22-June 21)** Adventure and excitement are key. Don't spend another night at home in front of the T.V. Life is too short, live it up.

**Cancer (June 22-July 23)** Be aware that someone may not have your best interests in mind. Watch yourself. No one can take care of you better than you.

**Leo (July 24-Aug 23)** Keeping in touch with a loved

one far away always lifts your spirit. Keep your heart healthy and things will fall into place. You deserve it.

**Virgo (Aug 24-Sept 23)** Don't wait for someone to bring you flowers, buy them for yourself, you'll feel better. You are in control, take advantage of it. Make yourself happy...you'll be surprised that you can.

**Libra (Sept 24-Oct 23)** Space may be your only option now. If it's real, it will last. Taking time to get to know yourself will make a world of difference.

**Scorpio (Oct 24-Nov 22)** Everyone loves a challenge, but don't make yourself completely unavailable. Leave the mystery...smile, you'll see how many people smile back.

**Sagittarius (Nov 23-Dec 21)** Your support and positive feedback have not gone unnoticed. Romance is looking good. Don't throw in the towel with friends, everything takes time.

**Capricorn (Dec 22-Jan 20)** There is something in your heart that is yearning to be set free. Time is your only enemy. Come to terms with your inner self and you'll find your smile again.

## Something to think about...

"The best man for a man and the best man for a woman are not the same." -Jose Ortega Gasset

"Make someone's day by paying the toll for the person in the car behind you." -H. Jackson Brown Jr.

"Love is a candle in the darkness, by its light we shall find our way." -Joan Walsh Alglund

"Look for companions who are willing to search for themselves." -Stephen C. Paul

"A friend is someone who dislikes the same people that you dislike." -Anonymous

"Tell me who admires and loves you, and I will tell you who you are." -Charles Saint-Beuve

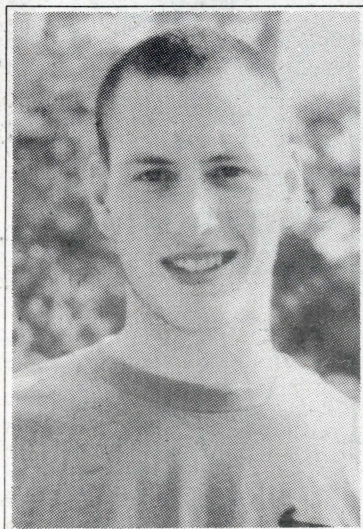
"And the song from beginning to end, I found in the heart of a friend." -Henry Wordsworth Longfellow



## Robbing Reporter

with Meghan LaVigna

## How do you relieve college stress?



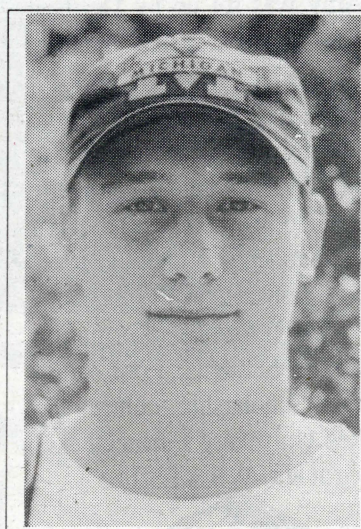
**Dave Clancy**  
"Exercise."



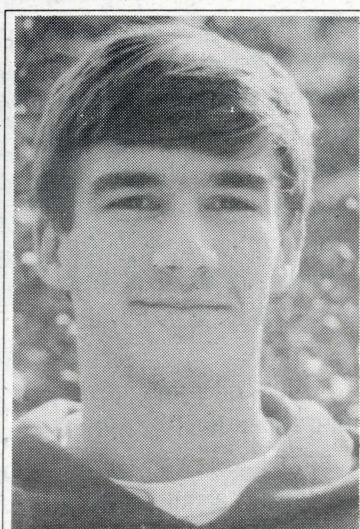
**Kris Fish**  
"Kick back, and watch 'Friends'."



**Michelle Miller**  
"Complain to somebody."



**Larry Trakes**  
"Drink."



**Jim Calciano**  
"Sleep."



# Colonels' Scoreboard for the Week

**Field Hockey**  
(9-2 overall, 2-0 conference)

**Results:**

Thursday (28th):  
3-0 Win over Scranton

Saturday (30th):  
5-0 Win over Cedar Crest

Tuesday (3rd):  
1-0 OT Win over Susquehanna

**Upcoming Schedule:**

Saturday (7th):  
at Delaware Valley 12:00  
MAC Freedom League Game

Tuesday (10th):  
Bloomsburg @ Home 4:00

**Men's Soccer**  
(3-7-1 overall, 0-1 conference)

**Results:**

Saturday (30th):  
1-1 Tie with Lebanon Valley

Tuesday (3rd):  
7-0 Loss to Elizabethtown

**Upcoming Schedule:**

Thursday (5th):  
Misericordia @ Home 4:00

Saturday (7th):  
at Susquehanna 12:30

Tuesday (10th):  
Scranton @ Home 4:00  
MAC Freedom League Game

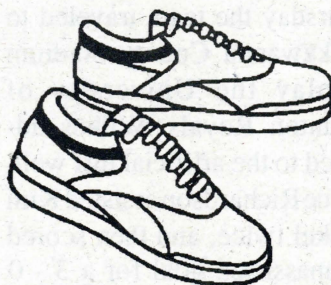
**Volleyball**  
(9-5 overall, 0-1 conference)

**Results:**

Saturday (30th):  
3-2 Win over Albright (14-16, 15-10, 3-15, 15-3, 15-8)

**Upcoming Schedule:**  
Thursday (5th):  
Moravian @ Home 7:00

Saturday (7th):  
at Baptist Bible 11:00 am



**Women's Tennis**  
(0-7 overall, 0-4 conference)

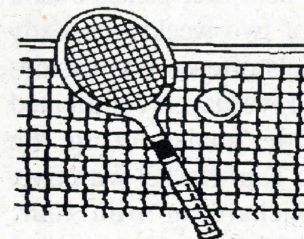
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Saturday (30th):  
9-0 Loss to Lebanon Valley

Tuesday (3rd):  
8-1 Loss to Marywood

**Upcoming Schedule:**  
Tuesday (10th):  
at Moravian 3:30



**Women's Soccer**  
(3-7 overall, 1-1 conference)

**Results:**

Saturday (30th):  
3-0 Win over FDU-Madison

Tuesday (3rd):  
4-3 Loss to Delaware Valley

**Upcoming Schedule:**  
Thursday (5th):  
at Centenary 4:00

Wednesday (11th):  
Scranton @ Home 4:00



## Albright deals Wilkes third loss

By **MIKE NOONE**  
*Beacon Staff Writer*

This past Saturday Wilkes lost 10-7 to Albright in a very sloppy game characterized by turnovers and penalties by both teams. Both teams played poorly; however, Albright made the key play necessary for them to win the game. Wilkes was dealt their first home loss of the year to make their record a disappointing 1-3. The Albright Lions to 3-1.

The key play of the game occurred early in the fourth quarter. Albright was behind 7-3 and faced a fourth-and-goal from the Wilkes 3-yard line. Rather than going for the field goal, Albright coach Kevin Kiessel went for the go-ahead score. Quarterback Brian Snyder hit wide receiver Chris McPherson along the right side of the end zone for the 3-yard

touchdown. Snyder has now thrown for over 200 yards in a school record of nine consecutive games. Dennis Unger added the point after to make the score

a broken hand.

Prior to the game winning play, the Colonels and the Lions had played rather evenly and rather poorly. The Colo-

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**Albright College**  
**Wilkes University**

**10**  
**7**

10-7 in favor of the Lions. Touchdowns capped off an 82-yard, 14 play drive by Albright.

The Albright win is even more impressive when you consider that they entered the game without the services of All-American wide receiver Ryan Ditze. Ditze is one of the premier receivers in Division III football with 37 catches for 358 yards and four touchdowns this season. Ditze will be out for at least one more week with

injured with 16 penalties for 155 yards including 30 yards of penalties on one play in the second quarter that led to a 19-yard field goal by Unger.

Albright did not exactly play a mistake free game either. The Lions also hurt themselves by committing four turnovers.

Wilkes had its best scoring opportunity when, with 1:41 remaining in the half, the Colo-

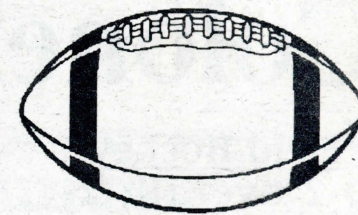
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# Sports



## Field hockey shutout streak at six

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The hottest team on campus keeps getting hotter.

The Wilkes University field hockey team has won six consecutive games, including Tuesday's 1-0 overtime win over visiting Susquehanna. The squad also has a streak of six consecutive shutouts with the streak beginning after the September 17th overtime loss to William Smith. Juniata, King's, Scranton, FDU- Madison, Cedar Crest, and Susquehanna all failed to score against Wilkes, with the Lady Colonels netting 17 goals over the streak.

The season had a shaky beginning, with the team falling to Lebanon Valley. Since their opening game loss, the Colonels have won nine of ten, earning an overall record of 9 - 2. Head coach Addy Malatesta attributes the team's success to "team hockey, which allows individual talent to show through." The streak is no fluke, she believes, because "we've played extremely well."

Pollsters seem to agree, and

they've ranked the team 16th in the nation in NCAA Division III field hockey. Within their eastern region, the squad is ranked fourth behind William Smith, Cortland, and Ithaca.

The shutout streak began quietly enough, with Sue Richardson's goal beating Juniata 1-0 on September 19th. In the next four games over a span of two weeks, the Lady Colonels offense was unstoppable. Five players contributed multiple goals during the streak: Kim Kaskel with five, Sue Richardson with four, Steph Hastings with three, and Theresa Havel and Tonya Masenheimer with two goals.

A complete team also has a stellar defense, and this squad's defense is the reason for the scoreless streak. The goaltending duties have been shared between Tracy Engle and Pan Truszkowski, with both seeing equal playing time during the streak. Engle suffered an injury at the end of the St. Lawrence game, and Truszkowski became the starter. Engle has returned in

goal, but Truszkowski is ready if needed.

Coach Malatesta like the luxury of two skilled keepers. "Each brings a type of talent to this team," she said, and the relationship between the two is "team-oriented."

In this last week alone, the Lady Colonels are 3 - 0. Last Thursday the team traveled to Lackawanna County Stadium to play the University of Scranton Royals. Wilkes adjusted to the artificial turf well, as Sue Richardson assisted Kim Kaskel twice, and then scored an unassisted goal for a 3 - 0 win. With the victory, the Lady Colonels improved to 3 - 0 in the MAC Freedom League.

On Saturday, the Lady Colonels journeyed to Allentown to play Cedar Crest College. Kim Kaskel and Sue Richardson scored in the first half to give Wilkes a 2 - 0 lead. The flood gates opened in the final 35 minutes, as Wilkes tallied goals by Tonya Masenheimer, Theresa Havel and Carrie Chipeco. Both Tracy Engle and Pam Truszkowski saw time in goal, with four



Sophomore Carrie Chipeco battles a Susquehanna player for possession during Tuesday's game.

photo by Eric Morinello

saves and one save, respectively.

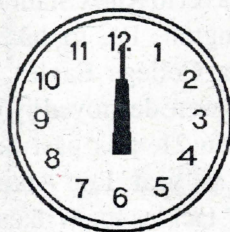
The streak was in jeopardy on Tuesday against a ranked Susquehanna. Neither team scored during regulation, but Steph Hastings broke the tie at 10:31 of the first overtime. She was assisted by Kim Kaskel. The Lady Colonels defense held

Susquehanna to only one shot in goal during the second half and overtime.

The team plays at Delaware Valley on Saturday before returning home for its last five games, including Tuesday's game against Bloomsburg and Thursday's game against Misericordia.

## Move over, Cal Ripken, Jr. —

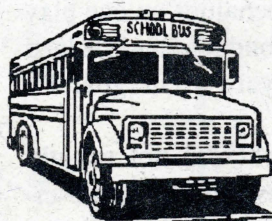
### Quick and useful facts about the six-game scoreless streak



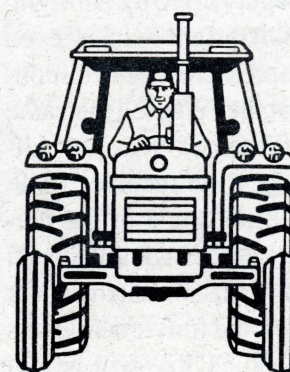
(All statistics are through Saturday's game at Delaware Valley.)

**Time of the streak:**  
from September 19-  
October 7

- 17.75 days
- 427 hours
- One change of seasons



**Stops:**  
Edwardsville -- New Jersey -- Edwardsville --  
Moosic -- Allentown --  
Edwardsville



**Average Margin  
of Victory**

# 2.98

goals per game