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W-B Police make arrest in connection with South River Street murder

• *Police arrest New York man during a drug raid on Madison Street last Friday and charged him with the shooting death of 27-year-old Frenchie Denise Guidroz on October 6.*

By **JOHN-ERIK KOSLOSKY**
Beacon News Editor

Wilkes-Barre police arrested a New York City man Friday in connection with the the October 6 shooting death of Frenchie Denise Guidroz outside a home at 391 South River Street.

Police arrested Terry Serrant, 18, and five others during a drug raid at 112 Madison Street, only a few houses away from the home of Guidroz's mother, Linda. More than two dozen police officers and other municipal officials stormed the row house

on Friday afternoon, taking down the rear door with a battering ram after the occupants refused to answer the officers' knocking.

Police discovered several packets of cocaine with a street value of about \$10,000, as well as a loaded Glock semiautomatic pistol, items of drug

paraphernalia and \$3,300 cash. Serrant was also arrested on suspicion of several drug offenses. The other suspects arrested in

the drug raid are Stephanie

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Students to rally for Psychology professor

• *A student-organized rally will be held on Thursday to support the tenure for Dr. Holiday Adair.*

By **JOHN-ERIK KOSLOSKY**
Beacon News Editor

Students were preparing Wednesday night for a Thursday morning rally to

support a Psychology professor in her application for tenure at the University.

Senior Theresa Havel was busy putting together signs to support Dr. Holiday Adair during Havel's duty at the Pickering Hall reception desk. Havel organized the rally and also circulated a petition among Wilkes students.

Havel said she was tipped by a teacher Dr. Adair was not receiving the support and recommendation for tenure by the Psychology Department.

"That came as a shock to me because she's one of the greatest teachers I've had in my life," Havel said.

She praised Adair for spending time with students outside of class, helping them with other projects and problems, academic or personal.

"She has gone

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Colonels continue win streak



Photo by Meghan LaVigna

Tim Burlew puts the finishing touches on a follow-up during the Colonels 99-71 defeat of FDU-Madison on Saturday.



Breiseth receives award from Interfaith Council

By JASON DONGAS
Special to the Beacon

Recently, our esteemed President of Wilkes University, Dr. Christopher N. Breiseth, received a prestigious award given by the Interfaith Council of Wyoming Valley.

This organization was created by leaders of Protestant, Catholic, and Jewish faiths, to strengthen interfaith relations and address social problems within the region.

The presentation ceremony took place during a luncheon held at the East Mountain Inn,

on Monday, November 20. Nearly 400 of the areas religious, civic and political leaders attended the luncheon, including members of the Wilkes faculty. Among the Wilkes faculty attending was Professor Tom Bigler of the Communications Department who presented the award to President Breiseth after delivering a very heartfelt speech about the recipient's life and accomplishments.

For any of us not familiar with the President's background, his academic credentials are inspiring. Dr. Breiseth graduated from the University of California with highest hon-

ors. From there he went on to study at Oxford and received his Ph.D. in History from Cornell University. He also was a post-doctoral Danforth Fellow in Black Studies at the University of Chicago.

Receiving one of the highest humanitarian awards in the area is quite an honor for Breiseth, who has been a member of the community for twelve years. He moved to Wilkes-Barre in 1984 to become President of Wilkes College and since then has dedicated his life to Wilkes and the community surrounding it.

Among the President's many community leadership

roles have been serving as chair of the board of the Earth Conservancy, past-chair of the board for the Osterhout Free Library, and mentor for the Leadership Wilkes-Barre program.

Leadership is a defining trait of President Breiseth—both at Wilkes and in the community. As Professor Bigler best put it in his speech, "The demands of his office as President of Wilkes University leave him precious little time for his true profession, which is teaching." Many of the students at Wilkes who have taken his African-American Experience class know that

Dr. Breiseth is fundamentally a teacher.

In addition to being an outstanding educator and scholar, President Breiseth has distinguished himself as a leader in the community. The Interfaith Council singled out his many regional contributions in their award. Inscribed on the plaque presented to President Breiseth was the phrase, "For the High Ideals of Human Dignity, Compassion, and Friendship Among All Peoples."

The Wilkes community congratulates President Christopher Breiseth on his richly deserved recognition.

Students work with U.S. Marines in "Toys for Tots" program

- Students are volunteering their time to help the less fortunate for the holidays

By STEPHANIE D. MOYER
Special to the Beacon

The Christmas season is here once again. While most are shopping, some are making Christmas just a little more special for kids.

The United States Marine Corps and the Wilkes University International Association

of Business Communicators have teamed up to provide toys for needy children this Christmas.

The Toys for Tots campaign will run until December 18, 1995. Toy donations can be dropped off in the Arnaud C. Marts Center, Stark Learning Center lobby, The School of Business, Society, and Public Policy, and Weckesser Hall, on the Wilkes University campus. Monetary donations will also be accepted.

For many years the Marine Corps has teamed up with different associations to help give less fortunate children a good Christmas.

"This is an excellent opportunity for the community to show support for all of its members," said former Marine and current Wilkes University student Stan Solarzyk.

For many less fortunate families, Christmas isn't an enjoyable holiday. There are no presents under the tree, and sometimes just having a tree is a gift. In the past three Toys for Tots campaign has been tremendously successful in providing toys for area children. When the IABC joined the drive for toys in 1994, there was a large turnout. Dr. Jane Elmes-Crahall, instructor of communications and advisor to the

IABC at Wilkes University said,

"There is a real need for the toy drive," Crahall said. "There are literally hundreds of families who have been helped by Toys for Tots."

Giving a toy doesn't take much time and takes even less effort. Games, bears, furry rabbits, trucks and dolls, and toys of any other kind are gladly accepted. So please bring your new unwrapped toy to any of the drop off locations and help a child in need. The best part of giving a gift is that you know you've touched a child's life forever.

The Beacon is looking for staff writers for the Spring Semester. Interested students can call ext. 2962

SG holds 1980's theme dance

WILKES-BARRE — "New Kids on the Block," "The Karate Kid," "Skidz and Jams," "Madonna," and "PAC-MAN" are just some of the things that helped make the 1980's a decade for Wilkes University students to remember.

So memorable the Wilkes University Student Government turned back time on November 17, 1995, for an 80's theme dance, making Rumours, Wilkes' non-alcoholic club the number one place to be on campus.

Nearly 150 people attended the dance making it one of Wilkes' most successful dance at Rumours in recent years. Marc Fontinell and Theresa

Kramer, Student Government representatives who chaired the event couldn't have been more pleased.

Fontinell announced at the November 29 meeting of Student Government board that a \$217.00 profit was raised. The funds will be used to help defray the cost of future Rumours events such as dances, and Monday night football. A portion may also be allocated to a local charity.

Kramer and Fontinell expressed their sincere thanks to all students who came and to those who volunteered time.

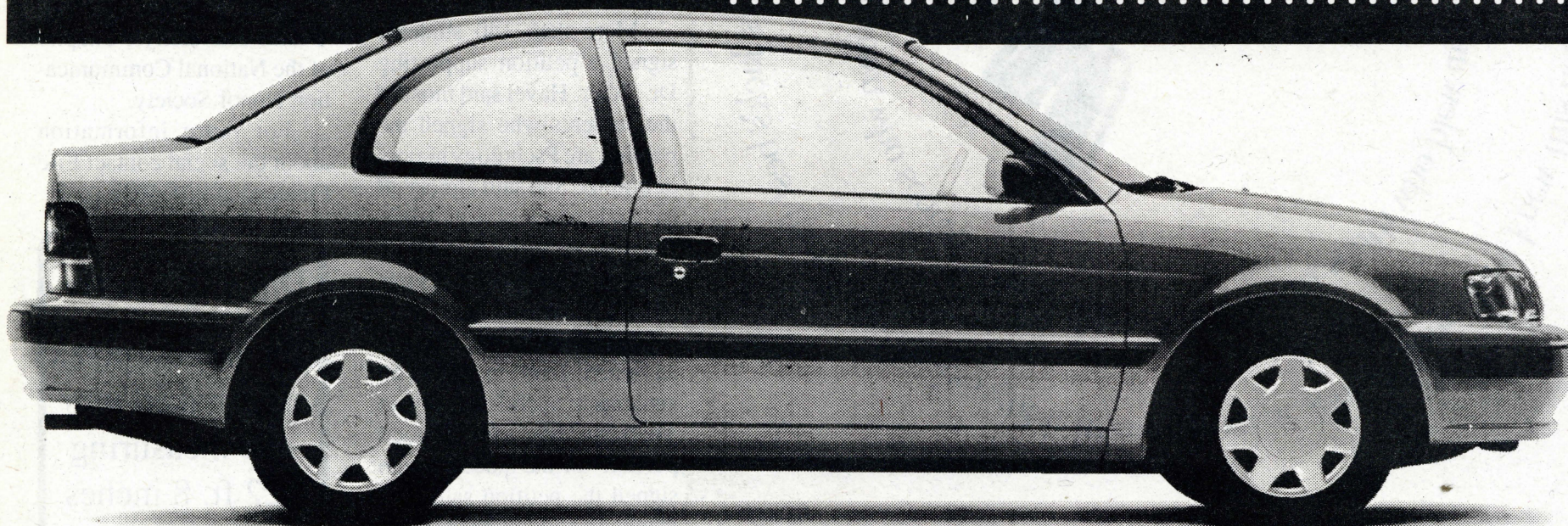
"I was really impressed that students took the initiative to attend a student run event on a

Friday night," Fontinell said,

"I hope that Student Government will continue to see such student involvement as we head into the Spring semester."



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A few simple thoughts

In this week's editorial, I'm not going to talk about a current problem that I can try and solve in a half a page of print. Instead, if you all don't mind, I think I would just like to babble.

Tonight is not only the last Beacon night of the semester, but it is also a farewell to John-Erik Koslosky. For the last three semesters John-Erik has been an essential part of the Beacon staff. He's not only been our key news editor but also the main source of laughter at the Beacon on Wednesday nights.

While most of you read your textbooks, watch television or b.s. with friends, the Beacon staff faithfully assembles in Hollenback Hall every Wednesday to produce an effective paper. But with the help of John-Erik, the Beacon is not just all work, but also many laughs. On many occasions we have stayed until 3 a.m. (not by our choice) and mainly discussed life. Although this is our job, we also find the time to enjoy it all and get a chuckle out of what each Wednesday brings.

Now don't get me wrong. I think I speak on behalf of the staff when I say that we have looked forward to this vacation for quite a while. The holiday season for us, well me anyway, is like an energizer for the upcoming semester. While most of you look at us as a small college newspaper, with not much to do, you'd honestly have to come here on Wednesday nights to see the real work behind the Beacon.

On that note, I'd like to sign off for the semester with a few tips on kindness. When you're walking on the street and you hear the salvation army bells, throw some extra change in the bucket. If you see an old lady who needs help crossing the street, don't walk away, give her your arm. And if you have a younger sibling, don't ignore them this holiday season but show them that you care. Be safe! Think smart! Have fun!

A special note of thanks

Dear President Breiseth:

On behalf of the Luzerne/Wyoming Counties Bureau for the Aging and the Charles T. Adams Senior Center, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you and your staff for providing our senior center with student volunteers.

Several students, Sharon Hughs, Keith Fisher, John Gueivro, Jen Cutler and Carrie Bohenick, who were arranged through the capable efforts of Amy Mazur, have been teaching computer classes to our senior citizens at the Charles T. Adams Senior Center, Wilkes-Barre.

From all accounts that I have heard, these students are congenial, patient and excellent teachers. Our seniors look forward to each and every class conducted by them. They are truly an asset to our senior center community.

I would also like to recognize Amy Mazur, who arranged this wonderful project over night. I only spoke to Amy once and she had the concept, the people and the program started. For this I am truly grateful.

Once again, thank you and if Wilkes University is producing the caliber of students that we have seen, our community and world will be a much better place.

Sincerely,
Linda L. Kohut, Director
Senior Center Services

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Idle Chatter

with Michael Butchko

"But in our world of plenty, we can spread a smile of joy; throw your arms around the world, at Christmastime."

Our musical theme marks the eleventh anniversary of Band Aid's "Do They Know It's Christmas?", which can only mean one thing. We have arrived, friends and neighbors, at the final Beacon for this semester, which, in turn, means the final column for this semester. Those of us with one semester left are now feeling that sense of urgency, as next spring is the only obstacle between us and life. Such depressing thoughts are not allowed during this festive season, as this "column about nothing," as it has been lovingly called, looks at the holiday positives.

First, I think, we need to look at the campus around us and ask a fundamental question: are you better off now than you were when you first came here? Much has been said in recent weeks about the quality of things around here, by students and professors alike, and very little has been positive. Some have even cloaked their remarks in the guise of constructive criticism, to soften the blow. But the people on this campus who have tried to make a difference are, frankly, growing extremely tired of arm-chair quarterbacks criticizing the players. If you, faculty or student, want to make a change, get involved! If you feel you are too busy, take a long, hard look in your own backyard, to make sure you are doing the best you can in your many activities. If you just like to complain, please remember that everything is cyclical; and any complaints you sow, ye shall surely reap.

Secondly, much has been made of our involvement in Bosnia, and what a horrible thing that could become. Again, the Chatter feels the need to speak up for those of us of Eastern European heritage. The U.S. is quick to get involved in other humanitarian missions (i.e. Somalia, Haiti, etc.) when descendants of those nations cry against the atrocities being committed there. Well, speaking as a descendant-neighbor of the former Yugoslavia, hasn't there been enough death? We have ignored **this** holocaust for too damn long, and although we can do nothing to revive the dead, we can help enforce peace. Yet we are worried about one U.S. casualty in the face of millions of Serb, Croat, and Muslim deaths. I guess humanity doesn't include Eastern Europe; or, for that matter, unpopular causes.

Finally, it's time for another Chatter farewell. In this case, a farewell and adieu. We at *The Beacon* are sad to see the imminent departure of John-Erik, our beloved News Editor and court jester. The Zenmaster and el Presidente have had the pleasure of broadcasting many a game with Kosmo, and appreciating his somewhat twisted sense of humor. To Kosmo, then, from the Chatter: a pancake and sausage breakfast, an "Unholy Alliance" T-shirt for you and the Royal Rooster, and a signed original copy of Leo Tolstoy's *War: What Is It Good For?* Farewell and adieu...

That's all for now, dear reader. Spread smiles this holiday season; as gifts, they happen to be priceless. Have a good holiday, a peaceful and joyous New Year, and we'll chat again next semester.

Upcoming Campus Events for December 7 - January 1

December 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Faculty recital, CPA, 8 pm •Men's B-ball - Susquehanna, 7:30 pm (A)
December 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Twinge concert, CPA, 8 pm •CLASSES END @ 5 pm •Wrestling - Naval Academy, 7 pm (H) •Men's B-ball - Lehman College Tourney (A) thru Dec. 9 •Final Exam Christmas Jam - Rumours, 9 pm - 2 am
December 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Reading Day •Women's B-ball - Susquehanna, 2 pm (A) •Wrestling - Central Connecticut/ Harvard, 12 pm (H)
December 10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Orchestra Concert, CPA, 3 pm •Reading Day
December 11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •FINAL EXAMS BEGIN @ 8 am •"Food for Thought," Volunteer Services & Campus Interfaith Office, 10 am - 3 pm thru Dec. 15
December 15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •The Nutcracker Ballet, CPA, 8 pm
December 16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •The Nutcracker Ballet, CPA, 2 pm & 8 pm
December 17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •The Nutcracker Ballet, CPA, 2 pm •Hanukkah begins @ sundown
December 19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Final Exam End 4:30 pm •Fall Semester Ends
December 20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Residence Halls close @ noon
December 21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Nat'l Homeless Memorial Day
December 23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •SHARE - St. Mary's Church
December 24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Christmas Eve
December 25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Christmas Day
December 26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Kwaanza
December 29	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Wilkes Open Wrestling Tournament (H) thru Sat. 30
January 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •New Years' Day •Residence Halls open @ noon for intercession

See you all again January 25!
Have a safe holiday season
and a Happy New Year!!!

Cruel death, broken dreams, shattered lives

By STEPHANIE D.
MOYER

Special to the Beacon

A long cruel death, broken dreams, and shattered lives, these are the accomplishments of AIDS. Lives are ruined and with no cure in sight there is little hope once the HIV virus has been contracted.

The most important thing but the least known is how AIDS can be acquired. Many people believe that HIV is contracted in some very misinformed ways. Getting AIDS from a bathroom facility, from touching someone, or from shaking hands is somewhat ridiculous. There have been no proven cases of AIDS being acquired in any of these ways.

As a certified volunteer Red Cross instructor for CPR and community first aid and safety, I find there are too many misconceptions about AIDS. People are afraid to help others who are in desperate need, even if there is no blood in sight. Some of my trainees are even afraid to use the resuscitation manikins because of fear. They do not believe that chlorine can kill the HIV virus.

There are a lot of problems stemming from all of the misconceptions. Some people believe that a condom makes them invincible, some believe they can get AIDS from using an infected persons bathroom facilities and some think they can get it through a persons sweat. Not knowing the truth is

causing chaos.

The fact is, that the only way other than sexual intercourse that you can contract the AIDS virus is to have blood to blood contact with an HIV positive person. Fighting is one form of contact. If you punch someone who is HIV positive and their blood contacts you after your knuckle is cut, you could be in danger. Body piercing, body tattooing (that are not performed by professionals), and taking drugs by needle can also expose you to the virus.

Some more examples of blood to blood contact include: Using a person's dental floss (if they used it while it was still on the roll), and using someone's pierced earrings. It is important to know however, that the HIV virus (on outside objects) can be killed using chlorine. Chlorine also kills full blown AIDS, but researchers have not yet been able to find a way to subject the bloodstream and all organs to chlorine treatment.

Knowing the ways AIDS can be transmitted can help ease the panic. The American Red Cross offers informative seminars on HIV, AIDS and universal precautions. These seminars are free of charge and anyone is welcome to attend. If you would like more information please contact Mark Innocenzi, the Director of HIV and AIDS education at 823-7161.

Guest Commentary

• Amy Mazur - Wilkes University, Community Service Coordinator

I, along with Mary Hession, Director of Campus Interfaith, just returned from Kingston, Jamaica. You might think of a beach and lots of sun when I say Jamaica, but that's not that we saw.

We visited soup kitchens, nursing homes, a leprosy colony, an orphanage, hospitals, homes for abandoned children and went street feeding one night. The trip was an awakening experience. We saw naked babies with no clothes, covered with flies, men and women so weak with starvation, they couldn't lift their heads, and people who were just waiting to die. I could see the suffering in their eyes.

I do service work every day but once I talked to these people it hit me in an entirely different way. I realized how fortunate I am to live in this country and have the things I have. I think everyone should experience what Mary and I experienced. Nobody realizes what they have until it's gone.

Now that the holidays are approaching, people tend to be more concerned about the underprivileged...who cares for them the other 11 months out of the year? Remember those who are suffering, starving, and less fortunate than you not only at Christmas but throughout the whole year.

Volunteer at the soup kitchen, donate food to a food drive, visit someone in a nursing home...it only takes a few minutes out of your life to make a difference in the life of someone else.

Five thoughts worth thinking ...

• *The best way to cheer yourself up is to try to cheer somebody else up.*

-Mark Twain

• *Love means to love that which is unlovable, or it is no virtue at all: forgiving means to pardon that which is unpardonable, or it is no virtue at all.*

-G.K. Chesterton

• *Contentment does not come to those whose means are great, but to those whose needs are few.*

-Manly Hall

• *The greatest truths are the simplest; and so are the greatest men.*

-A.W. Hare

• *Little faith will bring your soul to heaven; great faith will bring heaven to your soul.*

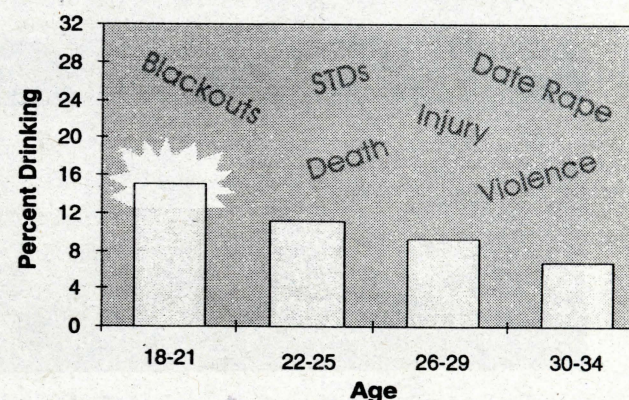
-Charles H. Spurgeon

Heavy Drinking . . . Is It Really Worth It?

You may think heavy drinking is an acceptable part of the college experience. But have you considered the consequences? When you drink, you run the risk of doing something you'll regret later. When you're under the influence of alcohol, you're more likely to expose yourself to a sexually transmitted disease (STD) by having unprotected sex. You could get yourself into a situation you may not be able to handle—or get out of. Falling grades and dropping out become a reality because college students who drink the most get the lowest grades.

All students need to ask, "Is it really worth taking the kind of risk that could negatively affect the rest of my life?" For free materials and other resource information on alcohol and illicit drugs, call the National Clearinghouse for Alcohol and Drug Information at 1-800-729-6686.

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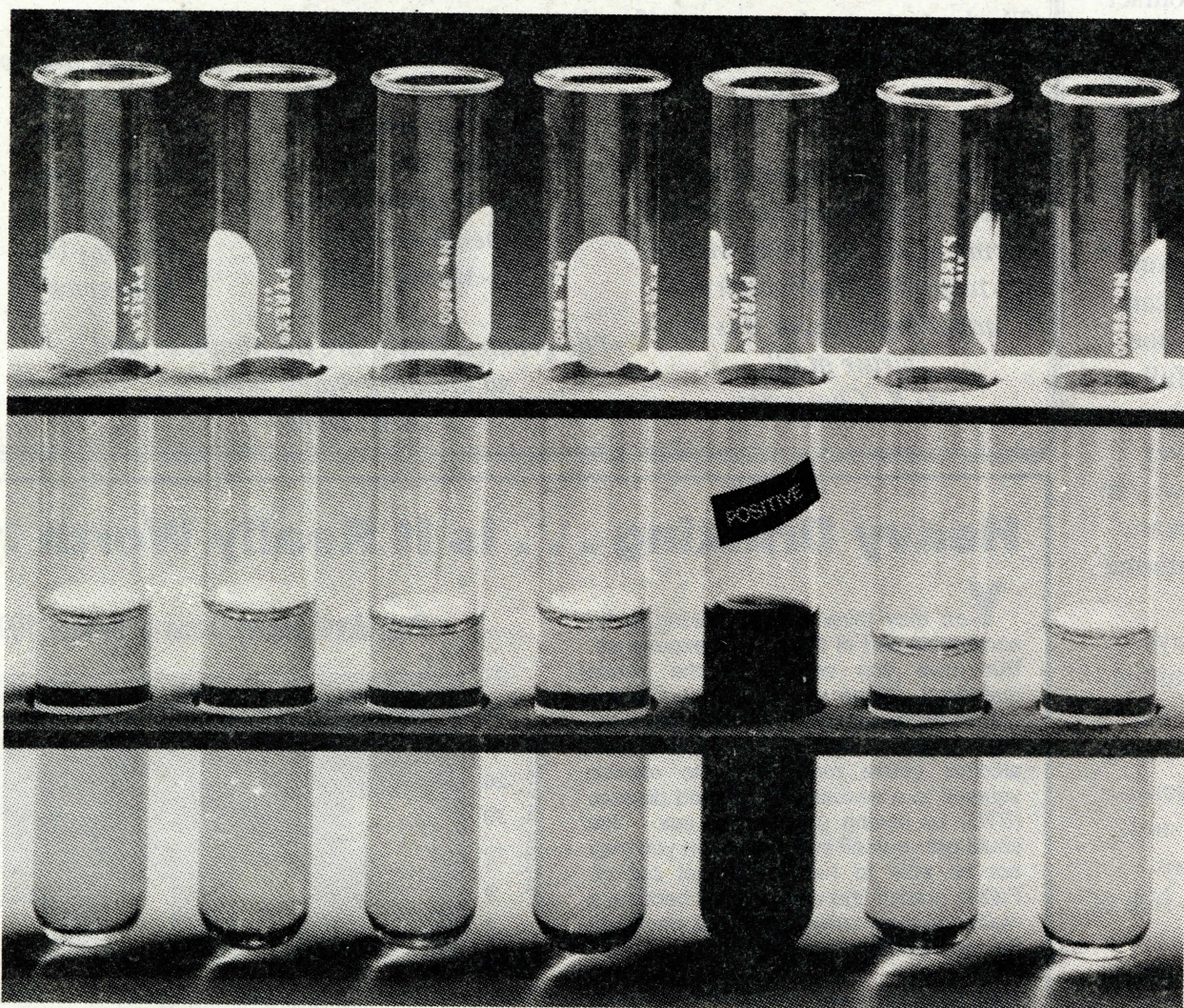
This scholarship was established by the members of the 1996 Senior Class and friends of Tony Marseco. Tony touched the lives of many individuals on the Wilkes campus and this scholarship will help future students benefit from a Wilkes education.

Any one interested in making a gift to the Anthony D. Marseco scholarship, may call Maureen at 831-4311.

Below is a listing of those who have already contributed to the scholarship.

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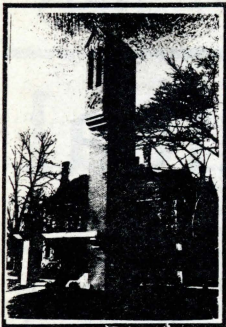
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Morissette mesmerizes Marts

By **CHRISTINE GAYDOS**
Beacon Copy Editor

At only 21 years of age, Alanis Morissette has the ability to tap into emotions few people twice her age can.

She uses her extraordinary voice to express these common experiences and share them with her listeners. It is this trait that allows Morissette to stand out from the others in the music world.

A native of Ottawa, Canada, Morissette was a child actress on *Nickelodeon's* "You Can't Do That on Television."

Having been a song writer since age 9, she then became a teen-age dance-pop star before moving to Los Angeles to be "herself." Since then, she has shed the artificial pop role and brought fierce emotion into her creations.

In just seven weeks, her al-

bum, "Jagged Little Pill," shot from no. 117 to no. 7 on *Billboard's* top-selling album chart.

Morissette was also offered to take the place of Sinead O'Connor on the Lollapalooza Tour, but was forced to decline because of a previous commitment to tour the U.S. and Europe.

Morissette fearlessly exposes herself in each of her songs, tackling such issues as sexuality and religion.

Her power to be both intense in her performance and intimate in expression was evident this past Tuesday night at Wilkes University's Marts Center. The use of both outrageous stage lights and scattered candles made a fine example of her unique style.

Looking like "a weird mix between Jim Morrison and Janis Joplin" Morissette surprised the crowd by performing three songs that do not appear on her most

recent album.

The crowd of 2500 were determined to hold on for the ride.

Morissette was on stage for an hour and a half with only a few short breaks to quench her potent voice. Her performance of "You Oughta Know" was anxiously awaited. After singing the first line, the crowd continued without her while they sang through the second verse.

Morissette's contagious energy spread as she sang "Wake Up," a song encouraging motivation, "Hand in My Pocket," a self-affirmation anthem, and "Perfect," which focuses on intense parental pressure.

Morissette wrapped it up with an emotional rendition of the mysterious bonus track found at the end of the album that left quite a few concert-goers with tears in their eyes and a lump in their throat.

Morissette has an unbelievable ability to get in touch with and successfully express those univer-

sal emotions shared by many independent females who feel challenged by today's world, particularly in attempting to maintain strength when dealing with issues such as spirituality and relation-

ships.

She provides a strong voice of encouragement that undoubtedly touched many of her fans this past Tuesday night.



Alanis Morissette

Photo Courtesy of Kate Garner

Loud Lucy already making noise

By **RANDI HERSHMAN**
Beacon Features Editor

Christian Lane walked up the stairs of the Arnaud C. Marts Center, smiled and gave a friendly wave.

Christian has been dabbling with music since he was three years old, banging away on a drumset given to him by his father. It was after an early viewing of *The Buddy Holly Story*, that Christian realized his true calling was in music.

He was eight years old when he took his first chances with song writing, either writing complete songs or just jotting down lyrics in between classes. It was only a few years later that he found his future within a childhood friend, Tommy Furar.

"Most of the other guys were



Photo by: Randi Hershman

Tommy Furar (Base), Christian Lane (Guitars, vocals) Mark Doyle (Drums)

"I'm very lucky to have such selfless people in the band, we treat songs like songs, there is no showing off, it's what works best for the song."

-Christian Lane lead singer of Loud Lucy

loud mouths. He and I could talk about music." Christian said.

In the fall of 1991, Christian and Tommy moved to Chicago and later met their drummer, Mark Doyle. The three of them have been inseparable ever since.

Their latest album, *Breathe*, consists of twelve original songs written by Christian. "People say I have a gift. Sure I have a gift that allows me to write songs but, the real gift is being able to give them away," Christian explains.

Breathe concentrates on the confusion about love and time and the time that is wasted doing idle things. Christian explains that their music is passionate and honest and steers away from being "dark." The band centers more on being positive.

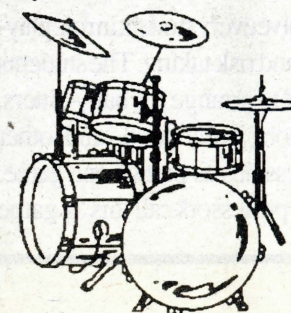
"I'm very lucky to have such selfless people in the band," he

smiles and rests his arms on the table, "we treat songs like songs, there is no showing off, it's only what works best for the song."

He appears honest, open minded and very real. It is this same attitude that makes the band overflow with appreciation and dedication.

"Everyone is confused when they are young. It's best for you not to be afraid to be different, and to be who you are."

Loud Lucy will continue touring with Alanis Morissette until January.



"Conducting" class after sabbatical

By JASON DONGAS
Special to the Beacon

Currently, there is some dispute over the value of sabbatical leaves for faculty.

On one side, there are people who believed sabbaticals are just paid vacations. And, on the other side there are people who believe sabbaticals are exactly what the doctor ordered.

The focus of this article, Dr. Vasu Choudhry, associate professor of electrical engineering at Wilkes, put it best by saying, "Sabbaticals help you reset your mental batteries by breaking the monotony of teaching the same things over and over."

After serving as faculty associate to the Vice President for Academic Affairs for two and one-half years, Dr. Choudhry took her sab-

batical in the spring of 1995.

For four months she served as consultant for Harris Semiconductors in Mountaintop, PA, which is a rapidly growing semiconductor business.

During her sabbatical, Dr. Choudhry's job included doing research on silicone chips used for the ignition of different engine cylinders in cars.

She planned for her experience with Harris Semiconductors to last two months, but it took four months. This was because she had to get familiar with the computer systems used by Harris.

Her work included installing the system, getting the bugs out of it, and becoming familiar with this version of process stimulation, Virtual Silicone Water Fabrication.

When asked what affect she thought the sabbatical had on her students at Wilkes, Dr. Choudhry had a pleasantly surprising answer.

She said, "While I was doing my research with Harris Semiconductors, two of my students were included in the process." They were Maria Rebello and Jamie Prats.

Because of Dr. Choudhry's connection with Harris Semiconductors, Maria Rebello also got an internship with the firm.

Another benefit of the sabbatical is that Dr. Choudhry's co-worker from Harris will be team-teaching classes with her at Wilkes next semester.

Dr. Choudhry states that an opportunity such as this one is excellent for both the faculty member and her students.

"In a fast changing field like elec-

trical engineering you have to be in touch with the latest technology. This technology is then very beneficial to the students who are planning careers in this field."

Another benefit to her students is the fact that she teaches a class in microelectronic fabrication, which gives Wilkes students advanced exposure to runs at the plant.

The end result of all of Dr. Choudhry's hard work was that she successfully completed her mission with Harris Semiconductors. She suggested alternative technology for increasing switching speeds of the circuits used for the ignition of cylinders in automobiles.

When asked if there were any disadvantages about her sabbati-

cal, she emphatically stated, "No." Then added, "I only wish I could have traveled to do some work because a change of scenery is good too."

As the last part of a four-part series on Wilkes faculty sabbaticals, it is clear that Dr. Vasu Choudhry, Dr. Sam Merrill, Dr. Ann Batory and Professor Gay Meyers proved that such leaves are a chance for professors to accomplish goals they have set for themselves and gain more knowledge in their fields of expertise.

The end result for Wilkes is that sabbaticals convey fresh knowledge from the professors to their students. We can all benefit from their experiences.

No Way, Baby

By STAN SOLARCZYK
and ROWESWIENTISKY
Special to the Beacon

Two Wilkes University professors are making an impact on area teenagers in a unique program called "No Way Baby."

Bridget Zielinski and Deborah Zbegner, both assistant professors of nursing, are teaching local junior high school students what it is like to be a parent.

"Baby" dolls donated by the March of Dimes Birth Defects Foundation are programmed to cry at regular intervals and need to be "fed" just like real babies. This gave Hazelton Area Junior High students real insight into what it is like to be a parent.

"I don't want the responsibility," was a typical response of the students as they returned the crying dolls.

Zielinski and Zbegner also involve every student in role playing and risk taking. The students need to arrange for baby-sitters, doctors, baby food, and other necessities as part of one game. The professors call this "a game

of growth and development" for teenagers.

These programs have had an impact on school students and school administrators. The students learn about the reality of parenthood and the administrators learn an interesting way to teach life issues to the students.

"We don't discuss contraception. We don't get into how babies are made. Our whole focus is why you don't want to become a parent a young age," Zielinski stated.

Zielinski and Zbegner see a real future in this type of education.

"Our focus is on parental responsibility and how parenthood interferes with adolescent growth and development," Zbegner said.

The school district in the Hazelton area is very pleased with the results so far and other school districts are asking how they can get a program started.

Every Thursday, from September through the end of January, Zbegner and Zielinski devote their days to 300 seventh graders. In return both the teachers and the students learn from each other.

Roughly 6 students out of each class receive "sole responsibility for the safety and care of their baby for a 24 hr period," according to Zbegner.

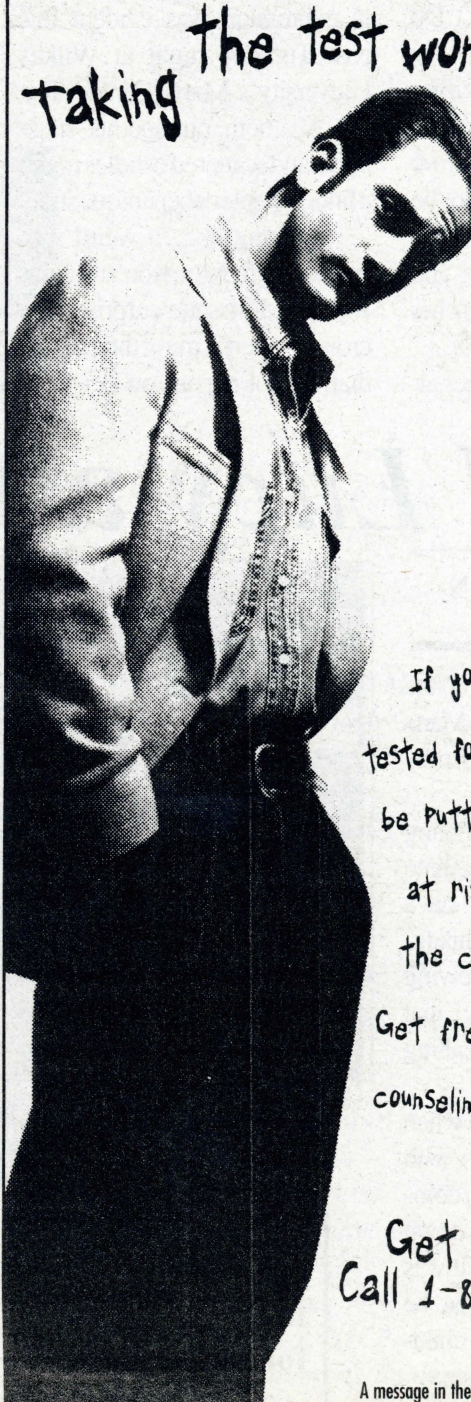
The rest of the class received an egg with the "Wilkes University" logo stamped on it, so the students can not replace it.

This program was set up after an eighth grader became pregnant and the school district came to the conclusion that sex education per se is not working, given the fact that the rate of teenage pregnancies in Luzerne County has doubled since 1990.

What really counts is that students are learning the reality of being a parent and may be learning to change their behavior so the game does not become real life.

Megan, a student at Hazelton states, "I'm rarely home, so I had to take the baby everywhere with me... If you have a baby at my age, it wouldn't have a good life."

For further information about the No Way, Baby program contact the Wilkes Nursing Dept. at 831-4086.

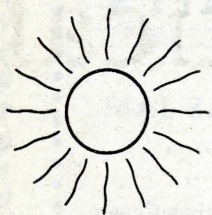


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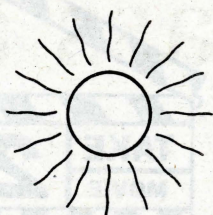
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Pisces (Feb. 19 - Mar. 19) — The attention is on you right now, so watch yourself. Don't make those important decisions without thinking clearly. Your moods swings are frequent so watch out!

Aries (Mar. 20 - Apr. 19) — Don't take everything so personally. Think about what you really want for yourself and go after it. Your future is finally within your own control.

Taurus (Apr. 20 - May 20) — Much too much is happening right now. Slow down and ease your way through things. Someone you meet could change your life forever. Keep your eyes open.

Gemini (May 21 - June 20) — Things are right where you want them and need them to be. Great friends, descent grades and talent that you didn't know you had. Use it to your advantage and go for it.

Cancer (June 21 - July 22) — Something new is about to happen and you can feel it. You are in control now, so weigh your choices carefully. Don't hesitate to help a friend who desperately needs your shoulder.

Leo (July 23 - Aug. 22) — Try to get your work done first and squeeze your friends in later. It will pay off in the end. Make sure that you get enough sleep. Your energy may be dwindling.

Virgo (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22) — Be sure that you still want what you have worked so hard for, before you commit. Reach out to friends across the miles and start making plans for the holiday.

Libra (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22) — History may repeat itself so beware of the signs. Your interests and emotions seem to be riding the same roller coaster. Be prepared for some outbursts. You seem to be lucky in love.

Scorpio (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21) — You are a magnet to the social scene, but remember you've worked too hard to give up now. Don't analyze things, just do it. This is the best time to open your eyes to love.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21) — Your opinion on people and things has changed drastically. But you don't let it bother you. You're a good judge of character and know what is best for you. Give your loved one an extra hug.

Capricorn (Dec. 22 - Jan. 20) — Things seem to be reversing themselves and you have no control over them. It's OK, change is good. You can't lose, don't let confusion control you. Keep an open mind.

Something to think about...

"Goodbye may seem forever, farewell is like the end, but in my hearts the memory and there you'll always be." -The Fox and the Hound



"A woman needs a man like a fish needs a bicycle." -Gloria Steinem

"Leave everything a little better than you found it." -H. Jackson Brown

"And eventually Mr. Miserable did something that he had never done before in his life, he smiled."
Roger Hangreaves

"Friendship is far more tragic than love. It lasts longer." -Oscar Wilde

"Risk the truth with those you love and give them the gift you would want for yourself." -Stephen C. Paul

"And you learn that you really can endure, that you really are strong, and you really do have worth." -Veronica A. Shoffstall

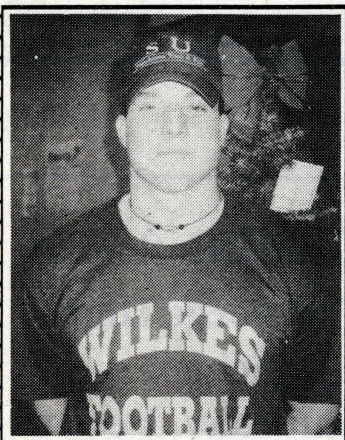
"And it is still true, no matter how old you are, when you go out into the world, it is better to hold hands and stick together." -Robert Fulghum



See you next year...

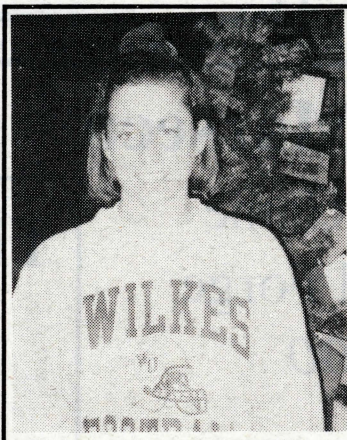
Roving Reporter With Meghan LaVigna

What's your favorite holiday activity?



David Michaels

"Getting back together with friends that you haven't been with for a long time."



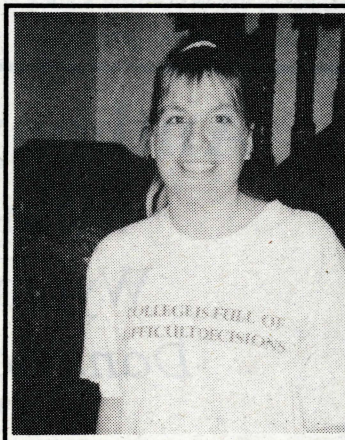
Missy Bernhard

"Watching the Christmas story with friends."



Nicole Sisson

"Giving and receiving presents."



Chrissie Krystopa

"Partying with friends on New Years eve."



Marisa Rae

"Opening the stocking Xmass morning and seeing how big of a lump of coal I got this year."



Movie Review

with
James R. Cronauer
“KIDS”



“Kids” is the not-so-new docu-drama portraying one graphic and brutal day in the life of a group of teenagers in Manhattan. In a nutshell, these teenagers are a group of pot smoking, beer chugging, sexually irresponsible, foul-mouthed, arguments for birth control.

From the first scene, when the camera lingers on two characters kissing enough to swallow each other’s heads, it’s easy to tell the film might get a bit graphic...and it does.

Telly starts his day off by taking an undisclosed female character’s virginity. As a matter of fact, he also has plans for another girl (his friend’s younger sister) that same evening. In my opinion, it’s much safer to start your day off with cereal.

Little does Telly know that in one shot he has passed the HIV virus on to Jennie who hasn’t had sex with anyone but him. She spends the rest of the day trying to locate him.

As Telly’s busy lifestyle catches up with him, throughout the film, we’re introduced to an array of characters including Casper. In addition to being Telly’s sidekick, he is always too high to remember that he is not the “friendly ghost”, literally!

Larry Clark’s direction gives the film a documentary feel, leaving the audience members to feel like voyeurs, secretly observing other people’s lives. The cast, all unknowns, are first rate. They never acknowledge the camera. The dialogue delivery suggests genuine conversation rather than sound bites. The script, written in a three week period by 19 year old Harmony Korine, is excellent.

“Kids” is not without its problems. First, the final line of dialogue is a complete Hollywood cliché coming from a film outside of the system. At the end of the film, Casper, completely naked and suffering from an extreme hangover, wakes up and says, “Jesus Christ, What Happened?”—credit roll. This line of dialogue suggests redemption and the characters in the film are far from it, even at the conclusion of the film. Perhaps it could have been more effective if the film makers just left the last line out and let the imagery communicate to the audience.

Second, most films dealing with controversial social issues tend to be attributed to a particular portion of society. “Kids” focuses on the poor, urban children lacking authority figures. In fact, just about every film ever made dealing with HIV and AIDS has portrayed the stereotypical victims. Unfortunately, this has caused audiences to distance themselves from such subject matters. Film makers should fulfill their social responsibility in such cases, rather than making films that tell their audiences, “This only happens to those people.”

Third, depending on your perspective, this film requires the audience to put forth an intellectual effort, which is not the reason most people attend films.

“Kids” seems to be about kids, but only at face value. I’m sure most of us know an adult (or two) who happened to take the self-destructive path, unaware of what they do. It was extremely interesting to see a film that equates self-destructive behaviors with those of kids.

In total, “Kids” is a powerful film that grabs you, pulls you under, and doesn’t let you go until the final frame. Gripping, horrifying, and, at times, hilarious, it has all the essential elements of an expertly produced docu-drama.

“Kids” has never shown in any theaters of the Wyoming Valley and probably never will. Keep an eye out for the video release. Until next year, happy movie-going.

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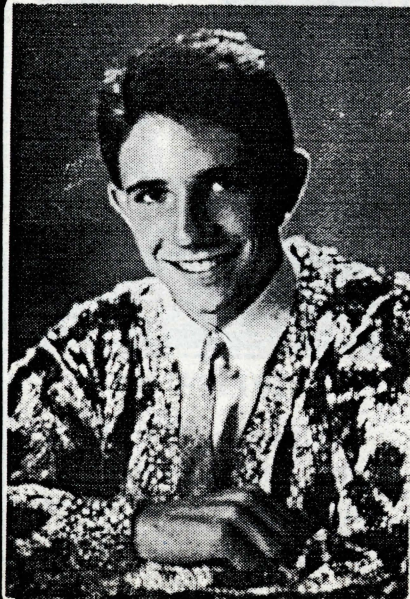
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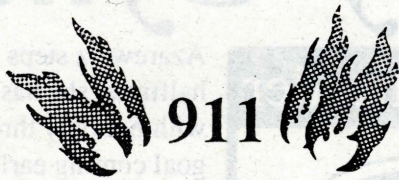
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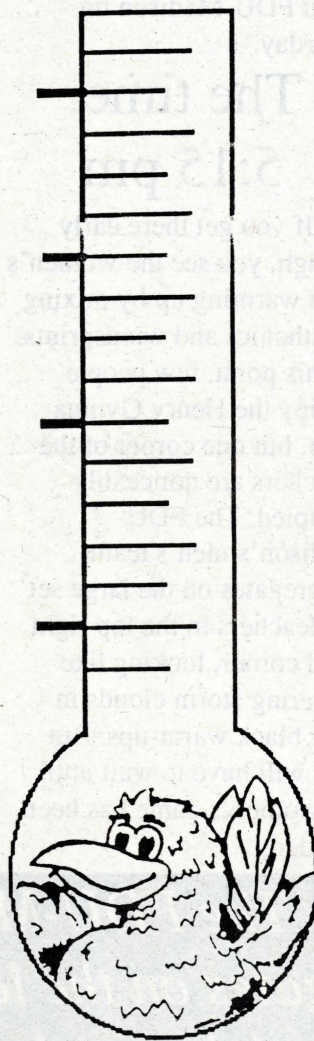


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One of the joys of winter: doubleheader basketball nights inside the Henry Gymnasium

By **MICHAEL BUTCHKO**
Beacon Sports Editor

• *Editor's Note:*
This past Saturday, the men's and women's basketball teams combined for their first night of doubleheader basketball. The following two-part article details the games and the atmosphere which accompanies this winter tradition.

The Pennsylvania state basketball finals are known as "championship weekend" and colloquially as "the delight of hoop junkies." With eight games in two days, the best teams gather to determine state supremacy.

For college basketball junkies, Wilkes offers basketball doubleheaders: women's games, normally starting at 6 pm, followed by the men's games, with an approximate start time of 8 pm. There are five doubleheaders this season, including an afternoon set on Saturday, February 10. The first one happened this past weekend, as both teams

faced FDU-Madison on Saturday.

The time:
5:15 pm

If you get there early enough, you see the women's team warming up by mixing calisthenics and windsprints. At this point, few people occupy the Henry Gymnasium, but one corner of the bleachers are noticeably occupied. The FDU-Madison's men's team congregates on the large set of bleachers in the top right hand corner, looking like gathering storm clouds in their black warm-ups. But they will have to wait until the women's game has been decided.

Doubleheader



Hoops

around the perimeter of the floor. The lay-up drills are run to various musical artists from Melissa Etheridge to Dexy's Midnight Runners. Finally, a horn sounds and both teams retreat to their benches to begin.

The first few minutes are

Azarewicz steps it up. By halftime, she has 22 points, with her only three-point field goal coming early in the game. As a team, the Lady Colonels are shooting 51.4%. The lead is only four, however, as the Jersey Devils have shot 53% for the half.

The time:
6:40 pm

In the second half, Azarewicz has lost her hot hand, and the Lady Colonels look elsewhere for points. Sophomore Becky Baker is the answer, as her inside play maintains the lead. With 8:19 remaining, Baker again scores, and is fouled by Jen Annuzzi of FDU-Madison.

on, however, for a 80-72 win.

Both Becky Baker and Lee Ann Azarewicz had a double-double, or double digits in two statistical categories. Lee Ann had 22 points and 11 rebounds, while Becky had 22 points and 13 boards. Jaime Land shook off early foul trouble to score 11 points in 19 minutes. The Lady Colonels improved to 2-2 on the year, and 1-1 in the MAC.

The time:
7:39 pm

The story is only half over. Now that the Lady Colonels have won their MAC home opener, it's up to the men's team to equal the feat. The scoreboard is cleared, and for just a moment, the floor is bare. Act II is about to begin.

The FDU-Madison's men's team congregates on the large set of bleachers in the top right-hand corner, looking like gathering storm clouds in their black warm-ups. But they will have to wait until the women's game has been decided.

The time:
5:40 pm

Close your eyes for one second and it sounds like you're at a football game. The entrance music for the Lady Colonels begins with a band routine, as the team runs

relatively uneventful, save for Lee Ann Azarewicz's opening three point basket, a sign of things to come. But with 14:24 left in the first half, senior guard Jaime Land is charged with her third personal foul. The score is now 14-10.

With Land on the bench,

It's Annuzzi's third foul and Baker's made free throw gives Wilkes a 64-58 lead.

At the five minute mark, the Lady Colonels have a 76-60 lead. But FDU-Madison does not go quietly, cutting the lead to 10 and forcing Coach Karen Haag to call time-out. Wilkes does hang

**Women's
score from
Monday
night:
William
Paterson 81
Wilkes Uni-
versity 65**

Colonels' Scoreboard for the Week: Winter Sports' 1995-96 Results; Win- ter Recess Schedules and Broadcasts

WRESTLING

November:

Saturday (18th):
72.5 points at
Bloomsburg Team
Tournament

December:

Saturday (2nd):
31-9 Loss to Kutztown

Friday (8th):
@ Home vs. Naval
Academy 7:00 pm

Saturday (9th):
@ Home vs. Central
Connecticut/Harvard
12:00 pm

Friday (29th):
Wilkes Open TBA

Saturday (30th):
Wilkes Open TBA

January:

Saturday (6th):
@ Home vs. Hofstra
2:00 pm

Saturday (13th):
@ Home vs. Millersville

7:00 pm

Saturday (20th):
at Boston University 4:00pm

Sunday (21st):
at Boston College
12:00 pm

Wednesday (24th):
@ Home vs.
Cheyney St. 7:30

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

November:

Saturday (18th):
87-43 Win over Oberlin
at Johns Hopkins Tournament

Sunday (19th):
76-69 Loss to Johns Hopkins
at Johns Hopkins Tournament

Tuesday (28th):
83-70 Loss to Lycoming 7:00
pm *

December:

Saturday (2nd):
80-72 Win over

FDU-Madison *

Monday (4th):
81-65 Loss to William
Paterson

Saturday (9th):
at Susquehanna 2:00 pm

January:

Monday - Friday (1 - 5):
Bahamas Trip - 3 games

Wednesday (10th):
@ Home vs. King's
6:00 pm *

Saturday (13th):
at Drew 1:00 pm *

Wednesday (17th):
@ Home vs. Delaware
Valley 7:00 pm *

Thursday (18th):
@ Home vs. Marywood 7:00
pm

Saturday (20th):
at Scranton 6:00 pm *

Tuesday (23rd):
@ Home vs. Lycoming
6:00 pm *

MEN'S

BASKETBALL

November:

Friday (17th):
92-68 Win over Washington
(MD.) College
at Widener Tourney

Saturday (18th):
72-63 Win over Widener
at Widener Tourney

Tuesday (21st):
84-69 Win over New Paltz St.

Tuesday (28th):
110-69 Win over Practical
Bible College

December:

Saturday (2nd):
99-71 Win over FDU-Madi-
son *

Thursday (7th):
at Susquehanna 7:30 pm

Friday (8th):
at Lehman College (NY)
Tourney 6:00 pm

Saturday (9th):

at Lehman College (NY)
Tourney 1:00 pm/3:00 pm

January:

Saturday (6th):
Wilkes Colonel Classic
@ Home vs. Marywood
8:00 pm

Sunday (7th):
Wilkes Colonel Classic
@ Home vs. St. John
Fisher or Salisbury St.
1:00 pm/3:00 pm

Wednesday (10th):
@ Home vs. King's
8:00 pm *

Saturday (13th):
at Drew 3:00 pm *

Tuesday (16th):
@ Home vs. Delaware
Valley 8:00 pm *

Saturday (20th):
at Scranton 8:00 pm *

Tuesday (23rd):
@ Home vs. Lycoming
8:00 pm *

* MAC Freedom League
Games

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Recess 1995-96
Broadcast Schedule:**

**Saturday, January 6: Wilkes Colonel Classic (MEN) vs.
Marywood; pre-game at 7:45**

**Sunday, January 7: Wilkes Colonel Classic (MEN) vs. To Be
Determined; Time TBA**

**Wednesday, January 10: Women and men vs. King's, double-
header; pre-game at 5:50**

Tuesday, January 16: Men vs. Delaware Valley, pre-game at 7:45

**Wednesday, January 17: Women vs. Delaware Valley, pre-game
at 6:45**

**Thursday, January 18th: Women vs. Marywood, pre-game at
6:45**

**Tuesday, January 23: Women and men vs. Lycoming, double-
header; pre-game at 5:50**

Despite a sluggish start, men's team earns Wilkes a doubleheader sweep

By MICHAEL BUTCHKO
Beacon Sports Editor

• *Editor's Note:*
The following is the second part of an article chronicling this past Saturday's basketball action. Part one appears on page 10.

Attendance at the Henry Gymnasium increased throughout the women's game, and by 7:30, the crowd is substantial. The first hint that the men are ready is the rhythmic clapping that emanates from the athletic office area, and resonates throughout the gym.

Much like their female counterparts, the men's team enters in style. The Alan Parson's Project provides an instrumental introduction, the same one the Chicago Bulls used during their championship seasons. Fifteen minutes later, as Craig Mack is kickin' the "Flava in Your Ear," the crowd is primed for the game.

Strangely enough, the Colonels are not. Although the team is still impressive at half speed, the FDU-Madison Jersey Devils are undaunted. The young squad, led by junior Jon Hicinbothom, jumps out to a 9-2 lead in the first 2:31. A rule change in college basketball allows for 20 second time-out, and Coach Jerry Rickrode signals for one trailing 9-2.

As Wilkes breaks the huddle, senior guard Chris

Parker nods toward fellow senior guard Dave Macedo. The next offensive set, Parker fires

Doubleheader



up a three-point shot in the left corner, make sit, and is fouled. His made free throw cuts the lead to 9-6.

FDU-Madison answers with a deuce, but then the Colonels employ their press. It's a one-two-two press, which looks to trap the corners and the base line to create turnovers. Before the

scored two points to give the Colonels their first double digit lead. The defense shut out the Devils for periods of four and six minutes. At half-time, Wilkes led 47-31, with 20 points from Chris Parker.

The second half opened better for Wilkes, as senior Jason Turner established his low post presence. After a quiet first half, Turner would finish with 17 points. Matt Labuda added 16 points, while Chris Parker's 10 second-half points gave him 30 for the night.

Wilkes was able to parley their 16 point halftime lead into a 28-point margin of victory, 99-71. The Colonels improved to 5-0 on the season, and 1-0 in the Middle Atlantic Conference Freedom League. They will next play at Susquehanna on Thursday, December 7, at 7:30 pm.

Following the Susquehanna game, the team heads to the Lehman, New York Tournament

Over the nine and one-half minute span, Wilkes outscored FDU-Madison, 27-4. The score was 33-15, in favor of the top-ranked Colonels.

press was on, the score was 11-6 in favor of the Jersey Devils.

The next 9:30 was a blur of FDU-Madison turnovers, Colonel fast-break points, and countless cheers from the invigorated crowd. Over the nine and one-half minute span, Wilkes outscored FDU-Madison, 27-4. The score was 33-15, in favor of the top-ranked Colonels.

The run was a team effort at both ends. Junior Dave Clancy

on Friday, December 8 at 6 pm. On Saturday, December 9, the Colonels play in either the consolation or championship game, at 1 or 3 pm, respectively.

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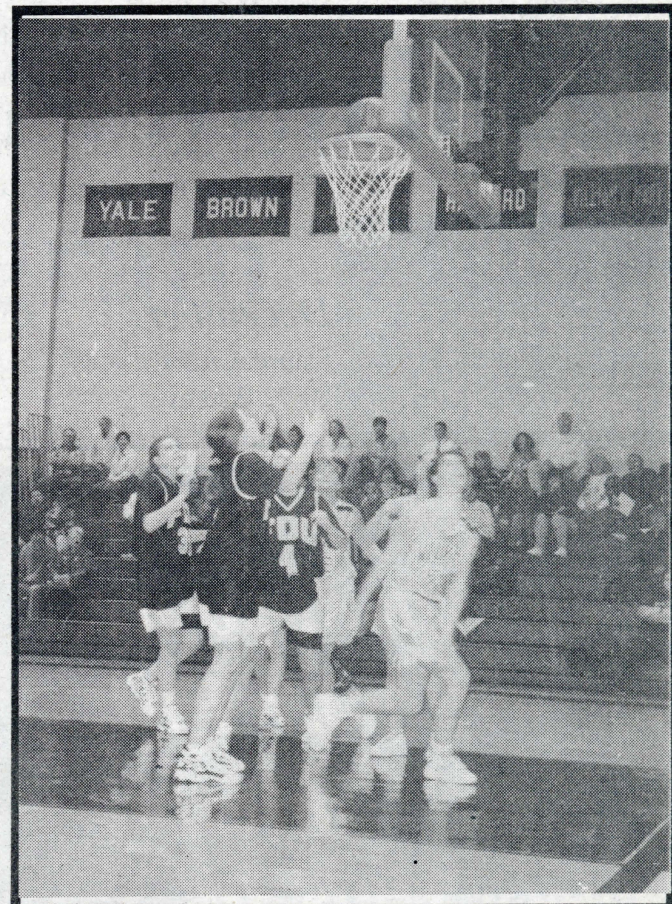
Off and Running



Senior Chris Parker scores two points on a Colonels fast break. Parker had 30 points in the Wilkes win.

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Yes...and it counts!



Sophomore Becky Baker goes strong, makes the hoop, and draws the foul. Her 22 points and 13 boards helped the team to victory, 80-72. Full coverage on page 10.

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