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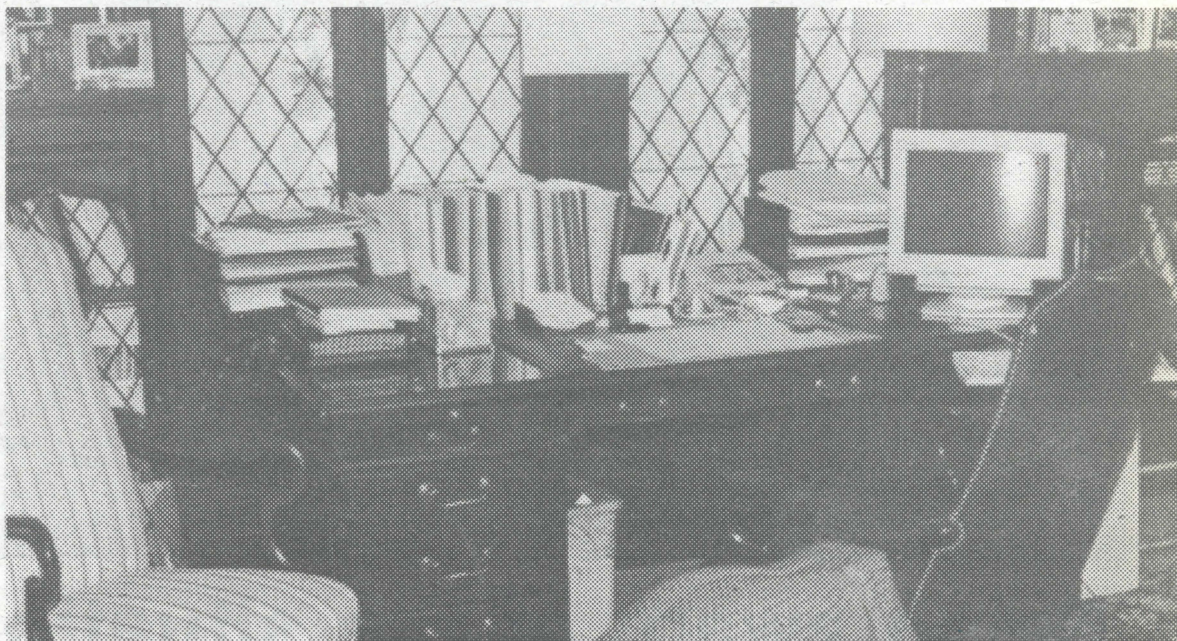
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And the President is...

The Presidential Search Committee met again on November 1, a lengthy session that was most productive and moved us ahead another significant step in our mission to attract an outstanding individual to the presidency of Wilkes. I am also pleased to report that we remain on schedule. The primary purpose of this meeting was to select a small group of candidates for reference checking by telephone. We are excited about the quality of the pool of 82 candidates, and selecting a smaller number for further consideration was a difficult task. At our next meeting on November 14, we will select approximately eight leading candidates, who will be invited to off-campus interviews in mid-December with the committee. These decisions will follow the reports of telephone reference checking being conducted by members of the committee. These telephone interviews with persons who have been associated with the candidates are designed to help us learn as much as possible about the candidates related to the needs of Wilkes University. I continue to be grateful for the conscientious and effective work of the members of the search committee and look forward to providing you with an update on our work later this month.



Who will fill this chair?

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BY AMEE MEHTA

Beacon Staff Writer

On Tuesday, November 7, 2000 the United States of America held its presidential elections. It is now over a week later and no decision has yet been reached on the winner.

"This is an outrage. We are based on a democracy and the people's vote should not be contested," says freshman Melanie Lewis – a Bush supporter. The problem with the elections is that the state of Florida has not yet reached a decision on which candidate won the state. The original

count showed Bush ahead and the recount the same. However, the Democrats felt that discarded ballots should have been counted. "If the original vote and the recount showed the same thing, how many times are you going to recount the same pieces of paper?" asks Susie Butler, a P3 student who is indifferent to the outcome of the election.

Due to this controversy, lawsuits have been brought up regarding the situation. The courts have determined that Florida is going to have a hand recount with the results due by 2 p.m. Wednesday (yesterday). "Politics has no place in the

courtroom. It is a decision by the people," says Lara Pryor – a Bush supporter.

Sophomore Laura Hoffman, a Gore supporter, said, "I am sick of it. The decision should be reached as soon as possible." Many others that I spoke to felt the same way about the election. Junior Crystal Lee, a Gore supporter, said, "If I was either of them I would not want to have the presidency. What is going to happen is the first mistake that will be harped upon and the president humiliated."

The current vote count shows that Bush is ahead in Florida by 300 votes.

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SUBMITTED ANNOYNOUSLY

"Since it is so ridiculous that the cafeteria has gone from giving us little food, to giving us less, we need to revolt. From now on, until we receive proper nutrition, do not take your trays up. Leave them on the table. Perhaps this act will show the employers of this new "no food in the cafeteria" strategy that without proper nutrition, we will not have the strength to return our trays.

If theft is the real problem in the cafeteria, as they claim (cafeteria management), I have

a novel idea...punish the offenders. Another good idea would be to charge us less for the less food that we are getting. Either way, how are we supposed to be good students and healthy people if we are constantly hungry and malnourished?

Furthermore, maybe the theft of food is the result of getting so little food to begin with. As a closing note, remember, do not take your trays up until this new policy is reversed."

BY KEVIN SIEGEL, JEFF BRITTAIN, ANDY BOMGARDNER, AND FRANK ALEXANDER

Due to the recent restrictions placed on food allowance in the cafeteria, we are asking all students, faculty, and staff to boycott the cafeteria this Friday, November 17th. It is our hope that with this action, Metz will realize that we will not stand to have costs go up, while quality and quantity go down. Here are a few recent examples:

- One student asked for a side of potato slices on Tuesday. He received a measly 4 slices, which was not enough to cover the bottom of the small bowls used for ice cream.

- Another student had to go to the office and complain that his "all you

can eat" selection was insufficient. Upon further investigation, the amount allotted to him was barely enough to fill his fork.

- A weigh station has been installed in front of the slush puppy area. Now students must weigh their sides on the scale to make sure it is not over the "maximum weight" for that size plate.

This is not a joke. If we all make a serious effort, Metz will realize our dissatisfaction with our meal service. So remember, this Friday, November 17, it's time to order out!!



Wilkes University's Student AIDS Awareness Committee (Seated, Left to Right) Rosemary Cabanillas, president; Wesley Konsavage, vice-president. (Standing, Left to Right) Kelly Drews, treasurer; Kevin Siegel, secretary; Debra Chapman, advisor; Kelly Bogansky, secretary.

Being aware of the situation

To commemorate World AIDS Day 2000, observed annually on December 1, Wilkes University's Student AIDS Awareness Committee has planned several events to address the challenges of this epidemic, which continues to spread throughout every region of the world. All events are free and open to the public.

"Since there's a high rate of HIV transmission on college campuses, I think it's important that my peers know how to be safe about it," said Rosemary Cabanillas, president of the Student AIDS Awareness Committee and a junior Sociology and Psychology major from Kinnelon, N.J. "If we could change at least one person's behavior, they can pass that knowledge onto others. We're doing this for our friends."

On Tuesday, November 28, the Wilkes University Theatre Demonstration Project, HIV and AIDS: Choices and Consequences, will be performed from 7:30-8:30 p.m. in the Student Union Ballroom, 84 West South Street.

Through four structured improvisations, the real-life, honest dialogue between the characters confronts issues of condom negotiation, intimacy pressures, myths about HIV testing and ways to contract it, and social implications for young people.

Lecturer and stand-up comedian Maria Falzone will present "Sex Rules!" on Wednesday, November 29, at 8 p.m. in the Ballroom.

Through audience participation, students learn how to better communicate and how to negotiate safer sex, the proper way to use condoms, and how to respect themselves. Two events are planned for Thursday, November 30 - Living with HIV: How You Can Help, and a World AIDS Day Vigil.

Dawn Rebarchak, the mother of the Chris Robinson, a Mountaintop resident who contracted HIV through a blood transfusion and passed away earlier this year. Rebarchak will bring



her national lecture to Wilkes's TV Lounge at 7 p.m. and discuss what it's like to live with someone living with HIV.

An outdoor vigil will be held at 8:15 p.m. on Thursday at the South Street entrance of the Student Union. A time of prayer and reflection, Wilkes students speakers will show how the community can be supportive and helpful to those afflicted with HIV/AIDS.



On Friday, December 1, World AIDS Day, representatives from area agencies will set up information tables in the Student Union Lobby from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Professionals from Planned Parenthood, Wyoming Valley AIDS Council, Pennsylvania Department of Health, and the Wyoming Valley Chapter of the American Red Cross will participate.

Wilkes students will set up an information table Tuesday-Friday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. They will hand out AIDS pins, pamphlets about body piercing, tattoos, condoms, and partying, and safe sex packets which will include three condoms with instructions on how to use them, and a list of organizations who provide testing and counseling. For more information, contact Debra Chapman at (570) 408-4753.

Events sponsored by the Wilkes Students Aids Awareness Committee, Wilkes Programing Board, Wilkes University Student Government, Area Health Center, and the Ramada Hotel.

All events offered are free of charge and open to the public.

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Alcohol Policy: know the rules

Students of legal age are permitted the use of alcohol within the confines of their room, or the rooms of other students of legal age. Within the residence halls, alcohol use is not permitted by anyone in common areas (i.e. lounges, hallways, studies, kitchens, etc.). The University prohibits any size keg or beer ball (full, partially full, or empty), open punch bowls, or any common source from which alcoholic beverages may be served. The possession or consumption of grain alcohol is prohibited.

Those students of legal age may possess only reasonable quantities of alcohol for their own personal use. Students twenty-one years of age or older may bring a maximum of one case of beer (not to exceed a case of 12 oz. or 16 oz. containers), or one gallon of wine, or one case of wine coolers, or one fifth of distilled alcohol into college owned housing. However, a room or living unit (i.e. apartment) may not have a quantity of alcohol in excess of the limit listed above. An excess of the established limit would be considered a large quantity, and reason for disciplinary action. Decisions of this nature will be the judgment of the Residence Life Judicial Board.

The University recognizes the legal ability of those who are twenty-one years of age and over to consume alcohol. However, possessing alcoholic beverages in one's room allows underage roommates and guests access to a substance which is illegal for them to have. This also places legal age students in the role of providing alcohol to a minor, which is a more serious offense. Residents will be

held responsible for any violations of this nature that occur in their room.

Amnesty

A member of the Wilkes University community who fears direct or immediate threat to the health or safety of an alcohol or drug impaired individual should alert the Student Affairs on-call person, a Resident Assistant, Security or professional medical assistance. **For his or her part in aiding the impaired individual, he or she will not be subject to formal University discipline for the occasion on which he/she gave assistance.** This refers to isolated incidents only and does not excuse or protect those who flagrantly or repeatedly violate this policy.

Those who receive medical attention in these circumstances due to abuse of alcohol or illegal drugs will be immune from University disciplinary action concerning abuse for the initial offense. They will, however, be referred to the Counseling Center. The counselor will determine if further treatment is necessary. Failure to comply with the evaluation or treatment recommendations will result in full disciplinary action for the original violation.

Editor's note: A University of Michigan engineering student died Monday after celebrating his 21st birthday with 20 shots. His life could possibly have been saved if he was given medical attention as soon as he passed out. If you notice someone may be in need of medical attention, act. You may be saving someone's life.

Through our eyes



by: Annmarie and Chris

Bite the sacred apple (of Sodom), suck the poison, and enjoy the taste. There... we thought that we'd have a better chance of having the entire quote from the end of last week's article printed if we put it at the beginning. Now that we have that all cleared up, and last week's article is fading from memory, we "mental giants" can get back to dedicating ourselves to bringing the quality journalism that you all have come to know and love.

Well, its getting to be that time of the school year again...the fall semester is coming to a close. And we all know what that means. Just about everyone is walking around thinking "ok, if I skip breakfast, and lunch, and then take 5 minutes to stop in the café and grab a hot dog, get 1 to 2 hours of sleep, and do a lot of praying that God will throw another hour or two into the day, I just might get all of my projects

and papers done by the time they are due." Sound familiar? We sure as hell think so. While walking to class together one afternoon, both of us heard at least two different people mention something to their friends about being "so stressed out" because they had lots to get done before the end of the semester. Which by the way, is creeping up on us like a snake waiting to sink its teeth into the tender flesh of its unsuspecting prey.

As one of "the beautiful people" simply put it, "This time of year puts people under so much stress, that they want to go up into the clock tower and shoot at people." Now, we both know that drastic times call for drastic measures, but if at all possible, do try to avoid taking this course of action. It may not look so good to have "student turned criminally insane and took the lives of several college

students" show up on a job application.

Without caving too much into tiresome and stupid cliches, we offer some advice to help get all of you slaves to your word processors in this, your hour of need. Spend "copious" amounts of time working on getting those assignments completed, but make sure that you take a break from it now and then, because if you don't then you've got a pretty good chance of being visited by the nice men in white coats. Another important thing to keep in mind when trying to stay sane in an insane place is to make sure that you "duermes bien," or more commonly known as "sleep well." Even if you are accustomed to those measly one to two hour "power sleeps" it's a good idea to try and squeeze a few more hours in there. We both know that all of you out there who are reading this are thinking, "remember who you are talking to here....a bunch of

college students...duh! We function the best when we've become a pack of roaming sleepless zombies, made to look like human beings!" Something else we think is worth mentioning in this list of end-of-the-semester college survival list, is to make an effort to not put everything off until the last minute, or otherwise known as (and here's the mental giantess in us again) procrastination. Set aside a certain amount of time and have a goal of how much you want to get done in that time. Completing a section or a few pages of a paper in a set amount of time has been shown to be much more productive than trying to get the entire thing done the night before its due.

We know that there are people out there who do work well under stressful conditions and they can get everything done on time by doing most of it or even all of it the night before its due. However,

the authors (yours truly) are not among those people who are able to do this, which is what prompted this article, so take it or leave it

Ok, we hope that those of you who chose to read this article found some of the things in here useful, informative, or at the very least a little bit amusing. If you have any praise or hate mail, or anything else you'd like to let us know, then send it to us at millerab@wilkes.edu. As one of the most controversial people in the world simply said, "We are the nobodies, we want to be somebody."

Response to "The Facts of Teaching."

By: Christina Bigais

I am writing in response to Cassie Sutton's article on "The facts of teaching." To start, I'm really quite glad to hear that her major is History and not English, because her article lacked structure, punctuation, and most of all, grammar. If someone wants to attack an issue, she must understand that she will not be taken seriously if she can't manage to form her opinion in an educated way. But, I digress. The real reason for this submission is to completely refute her opinion. I am pursuing a Secondary Education certification. I have been exposed to the workings of a typical high school for quite some time, and I am well aware of the challenges involved in teaching.

Concerning her first issue, that of the misjudgment adults have about teenagers, I must refute her opinion. She starts by saying that

there is no reason for this judgement, then contradicts her own statement by complaining about the difficulties she has just in keeping her class quiet. If kids are yelling obscenities, they are making that negative impression for themselves. Though many kids are not like this, and are, as Sutton says, "absolutely brilliant scholar[s]," on a whole, this judgement is not that misguided. It is a teacher's duty to aid her students in abandoning their bad attitudes and making better impressions on their own. Our concern should not be in what people think of them as teens, but what they will think of them by the time they graduate. Teachers have a hand in the outcome of their students' lives, and they need to take that responsibility with open arms. I, for one, am going to do whatever

it takes to reach the kids whose bad attitudes have caused them to add to the population of "terrible teens."

Sutton says, "teaching is something that only the strong can survive." It's not a matter of being strong. It's a matter of being smart. When students are misbehaving, a teacher's goal should not be to "make it through the day," but instead to outsmart the kids into actually learning. Very few people actually enjoy school, so they must find some way to make the day more interesting. A teacher needs to provide that interest. It's not a hard job. Those three months off are a blast. Paid vacations are nothing to sniffle about. Oh, and reading a new text is just as easy as reading a good novel, and when you love to teach, you dive right in, as you would with any good book. Sutton also says that many people

criticize teachers saying, "those that cannot do, teach." Perhaps she needs to check her references, because now the quote is quite different and really popular, and it's "those that can do, teach." This means that people now recognize the value of a good teacher, but there just aren't that many to go around. Hey, even someone who still wants to say, "those that can't do, teach" might have the right idea. If you can't do, but you think you'd make a good teacher, then by all means, teach! Give it your all! We need you!

Send Cassie to my classroom. I think she has a few things to learn.

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Weighing your sides

By: Meg Stevens

On Tuesday at lunch there was more than the usual sounds of conversation in the cafeteria. Apparently, the Metz cafeteria management decided to enforce the fine print of their contract. The cafeteria cashiers shrugged their shoulders and explained that they now have to weigh every side. Weigh your side?

POOF - out of thin air there appeared a weighing station. How convenient. Just like lab. Well, why did they suddenly begin to weigh our sides? The management most likely wants to run an efficient operation with limited waste which means more profits.

Rupal Kalariya, the chair of the Food Committee for Student Government has met

with Dave Paul, the cafeteria manager, on several occasions. Unfortunately she admits that she has "not seen any improvements that he promised." Why does the Food Committee Chair feel that the cafeteria management is not cooperative with students? "Economic reasons like making profits," commented Rupal, "are coming before the needs and wants of the students."

Another student brings up an important point. Sarah Becker asks, "Should we be mad at the cafeteria or the people who signed the contract? It is ridiculous. Who signs a ten year contract with a company that does not satisfy the students."

Debbie Brandt was particularly disturbed that the cafeteria

was being so wasteful of food during Hunger and Homelessness Week. If the sides went over the allowed weight, the food was taken off the students tray to be discarded. "Every 3.6 seconds someone dies of Hunger, 24,000 a day, and all the food wasting could be used to feed people," Debbie stated.

Jeff Brittain added, "They are not so much wasting food as much as they are wasting our time." A cafeteria cashier worryingly noted, "Can you imagine how long the lines will be if I weigh every students side?" And several students all were complaining, "Can you imagine how long we will have to wait if they weigh every side!"

Immediately upon hearing complaints from students, Dean Mark Allen invited Dave Paul, representing Metz, and John Pesta, representing the university,

to the Wednesday night Student Government meeting. The university also directed Metz to stop weighing the sides because students were not given appropriate notice of this change.

This move by the university does not prevent Metz from declaring that in January we will all need to acquaint ourselves with the weighing scales. If this issue is to be solved, students need to make their voices heard.

Only by coming together and making a stand can we really change things. If students aren't actively protesting, how will the university be able to advocate for us?

If students are truly unhappy with the situation, we need to do something about it. If you have an opinion about

the cafeteria and want to be heard, there are several options. You can call the Office of Student Affairs or the Student Government Office (x2910). You can attend Food Committee meetings. You can fill out a Food Survey in the cafeteria. Most importantly, you must do something.

Several students are proposing that students protest by not eating in the cafeteria for lunch and dinner tomorrow on November 17th. Look for more news of student plans to band together to make change happen.

Check your email. Keep your eyes and ears open. And don't lose your motivation to see the situation improve. Weigh your side? Perhaps the students should force the cafeteria to weigh our side. Our side of the story needs to be heard by Metz and by the university.

Wilkes is watching our weight

By: Jason Waterbury

O.K Kiddies, its my turn to put my "two cents" into The Beacon. Well, I guess its 4 cents if you count the south-end article I wrote last year. Anyways, unlike every other article I have read in the beacon, I actually know what I am gonna write about. Yes, this article actually has a purpose.

Wilkes University has a problem. This problem - the cafeteria. **FOOD**, yes one of the major essentials in any college student's life (behind beer and studying for many). Some of us, that would be fellow seniors, some juniors, and maybe some 3rd year sophomores, remember Pickering. God, was that a mess or what?

When we were given this beautiful new student union building we were promised better food. Students accepted the trade-off of

better food for the all-you-can-eat style of Pickering. It took some adjusting for many, but last year we adjusted.

Many students take some extra food because they know that once they go through the cash register, this is the only food they can have without paying more, so yes there is usually some extra food on your plate afterwards. But this is what most of choose to do without the old Pickering style.

Well now there is a new "weighing system". Most of us will agree that this is ridiculous. We are paying the same amount for food as we were during the beginning of the year and now we are getting less food. What is wrong with this picture?? If you have not been to the café lately, here are some examples:

-One student asked for a side of potato slices on Tuesday. He received 4 slices, which was not

enough to cover the bottom of the small bowls of ice cream.

-Another student had to go to the office and complain that his "All you can eat" selection was insufficient. Upon further investigation, the amount allotted to him was barely enough to fill his fork.

-A weigh station has been installed in front of the slush puppy area. Now students must weigh their food on the scale to make sure it is not over the "maximum weight" for that size plate.

So what can we do about this mess? Well there is an organized boycott of the café that will be on November 17, 2000. So if you disagree with the café's new system, just don't go there on Friday.

Also, if you are looking for ideas of where you can get food -

support the girl's soccer team and buy lots of stuff tonight from Philly's Finest, stockpile if you want for tomorrow.

Who knows if any of this will actually change anything, but at the very least it's a way of sending Metz a message of displeasure with the service that they are providing.

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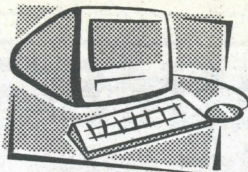
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The fact that the election process in this country is pretty FUBAR is now readily apparent to anyone who hasn't been living under the sink and trimming his toenails with his teeth. I'm writing this on Sunday night, and by the time you read it on Thursday we still won't know who the next President is.

And it's not just because it's a close election. It's not just because people who have voted in 13 presidential elections suddenly became confused and thought they were supposed to cast a separate vote for the vice-president, too. It's not just because there were shuttle buses running back and forth between the polls, the nursing homes, and the bathrooms.

It's because the whole arrangement of plurality voting sucks. If we'd have used a superior method of voting, then John McCain would currently be President, and CNN could get back to reporting important stuff like how Britney Spears is having Jennifer Aniston's baby or something.

You remember John McCain, right? Senator from Arizona, war hero, POW, right? He was the most popular man in American politics no more than several months ago. His approval rating in a nationwide Gallup poll was 66%, way higher than Gore or Bush, and then *poof!* He was out of the race 9 days later,

because he lost a winner-take-all primary in California. See, exit polls showed that the voters felt that Bush was more likely to beat Gore in the election than McCain was, even though those same voters said that they'd vote for Gore over Bush, and for McCain over Gore! In math, if a is greater than b and b is greater than c, that means that a is greater than c. But it doesn't work like that in voting.

Again, evidence aplenty that we need a new voting system. Plurality voting is sufficiently screwed up that not only can the best (read: the most popular) lose the race, but the guy whom most people dislike can actually win. Jesse Ventura managed to win a governorship with a meager 37% of the vote. That's right; the guy who almost two-thirds of the voters *hated* won the election. Now, I like Jesse. I respect and agree with many of his political opinions. But hey, if two-thirds of the voters don't want you for the office, you probably shouldn't be there.

One alternative is called "approval voting." In this scheme, you get to give a vote for each guy you'd like to see win. Like Gore, and Nader? Then you vote for both of them. You don't have to make a choice between wasting your vote on an apparent dark horse and voting for the lesser of two evils; you could do both, and the guy with the

most votes would still win. Or if there are five people running and you really wanna screw one of them, just vote for the other four. The advantage of this system becomes readily apparent if you think back to the '91 governor's race in Louisiana, which pitted known racist David Duke against the indicted suspect Ed Edwards and against the incumbent Buddy Roemer. Bumper stickers urged folks to "Vote for the crook - it's important." Now, Edwards went on to defeat Duke by a huge 61-39 margin, but it's almost a sure thing that Roemer, who was neither a criminal nor a former head of the Ku Klux Klan, would have won under the approval system.

Another alternative is called the Borda count. It's already familiar to anyone who follows college football, because it's the way college football are ranked. Let's say there are three candidates. You give your first choice 3 points, your second choice 2, and your third choice 1. Whichever guy gets the highest point total wins.

Let's look at a presidential election with Gore, Bradley, Bush, and McCain all contending. Now let's say I like Bush best, McCain second, Bradley third, and Gore at the bottom. But then Boshka likes Gore best, Bradley second, McCain third, and Bush dead last. Now, going by who we really want in the office, this should be a four-way tie; our pref-

erences deadlock each other. A Borda vote would allow that kind of discernment, but a plurality vote doesn't. Under the current system, Gore and Bush tie for *first*, and the other two, who we both kinda liked, walk home. In actual practice, dead ties would be avoided by runoffs and primaries, but voters would have far more selective power. Yes, this could mean that the second choice of 80% of the population wins over the guy who is the first choice of 20% of the population; that's a *good* thing, isn't it?

Using exit poll numbers from February of this year, McCain would be our new President if we'd have used a Borda vote. And judging from the number of people I know who voted for Gore or Bush who would have voted for McCain had he been an option, just about everyone could have lived with that.

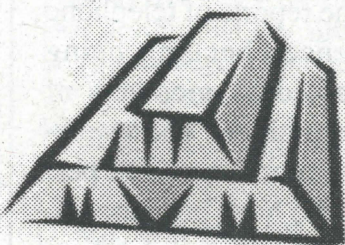
Then there's my favorite option: binding none-of-the-above. In this, it's just like an election today, only there's a "None of the above" option on the ballot. If "None of the above" wins the most votes, then the election is invalid, and there has to be a new one with...new candidates.

I love that. Sure, it'd be a circus, but I'd be at the polls every single freakin' time.

Where's The G.O.L.D.? (Graduates Of the Last Decade)



Name: Daniel Guy
Class: Class of 1999
Degree: Bachelor of Science
Concentration: Computer Information Systems
Company: Half.com
Position: Software Engineer
Location: Philadelphia, PA



"My responsibilities include researching and implementing new technologies, tuning our current applications, and extending functionally to suit the needs of our users." Daniel Guy

Submitted by Erica Trowbridge '00
GOLD Coordinator, Alumni Relations

Concert Review -

Busta Rhymes makes Wilkes say "Woo-Hah!"

By John Bosha

This past Saturday, Busta Rhymes performed in Wilkes's Marts Center with opening acts The Collective and The Spooks. The Collective kicked the concert off with their own style of hip-hop covering songs like Prince's "When Doves Cry" and Bob Marley's "No Woman, No Cry". Then came The Spooks, a band that surprised this author. Having seen many a concert with weak opening bands, the Spooks were a welcome surprise and absolutely rocked the gym with their hit "Things I've Seen".

Finally, Busta Rhymes and the Flipmode Squad took the stage to the cheering of the near-sellout crowd. After over an hour

of Busta's patented high-intensity music featuring some of his hits like "Woo-Hah! Got You All in Check" and "Dangerous", Busta finished his show by simply talking to his fans in the crowd about politics and singing "Fire It Up".

All in all, the show was awesome. The DJ from the Spooks dropped rhythms like I have yet to see in my life, but then again, true hip-hop DJs don't come to Wilkes-Barre that often. Busta's stage presence and hilarious comments between songs made the show that much better. Congratulations to Programming Board on a great concert!

The Sports Scoop

with
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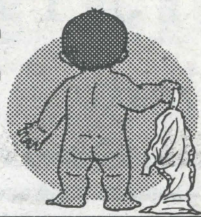
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The Main Event

With Crazy Bob



"That's why I'm crazy, crazy like Sunday morning." Welcome to the Main Event, the only column in the Beacon recommended by four out of five dentists. I'm Crazy Bob and I'm hung like a horse. I hope everyone enjoyed Busta Rhymes as much as I did. The only disappointment was that Mr. Rhymes didn't perform his hit single "Gangsta's Paradise."

There's always next year. There's nothing worse than an annoying couple. Are you ever stuck hanging out with a couple that is either really gross, or really disgusting, or really disgusting and gross? Don't you just want to kick them in the face? I'd love to do that, especially if it's a really ugly couple that can't keep their hands off each other. I know it's mating season and all but that doesn't mean you buck-toothed yokels should just run around copulating all over the place. I prefer to keep my vomit at a minimum, thank you. It's bad enough that I have to live in PA with you troglodytes and slack-jawed morons but the fact that you're interbreeding is terrifying. There's a little too much chlorine in the gene pool if you ask me.

There's a squirrel in the tree outside my window as I'm writing this. Whoa! Did you see that?

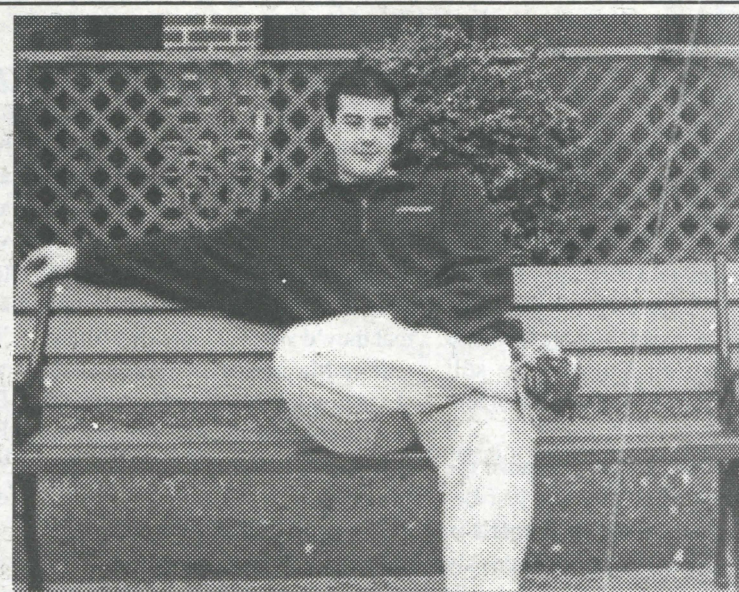
That was awesome. Man it must be cool to be a squirrel. Look at him running around and hanging upside down and being a squirrel. That's the life. I want to be a squirrel. Let's write a cool song about the squirrel. Are you ready? Let's go baby. "Through cable wires and city traffic they make like trees and leave. They got fur and tiny claws and we just got long-sleeves. The nights are chilly in downtown Philly-they're quick as the day is long. But this rodent's more alive than I as I sing this squirrel song."

I'd like to be five years old again. Remember Donkey Kong for Atari where the monkey ran up the stairs and hopped the barrels to get the girl? The best part of being five was that on weekends you just sat around playing with action figures where good guys killed bad guys, the way it should be. You could wear sweatpants everyday if you so desired. You had your GI Jo's killing one another with tanks, guns, and helicopters. You always had that one rich kid in the neighborhood who had all the He-Man castles so you'd have to be nice to him and not beat him up when his mom was around. Those were the days. Girls were girls and men were men. Mr. we could use a man

like Herbert Hoover again.

Today's youngsters just don't have what it takes. They all wear clothes from the GAP for Kids and have nonviolent non-gender biased toys. The toys are furry with batteries and don't fight anybody. The new GI Jo is on steroids and Godzilla '98 is from France. What are we coming to? We've taken away the true meaning of childhood. I bet today's kids will refuse to eat turkey on Thanksgiving like good little animal rights activists. They don't understand how the people are trying to poison their minds. They don't have teddy bears; they have stuffed aliens dressed like doctors that come with Halloween safety tips. This is the end of innocence. If I ever have kids (which is impossible since I don't have a uterus) I'm just going to stuff their stockings with cigarettes and condoms to get it over with.

Now that we've established the fact that I'm nuts I'm going to leave you with this special Thanksgiving message before the break. Ghostbusters was nowhere near as scary as Gremlins when I was five. I'm still on this. By the power of Greyskull, go nuts.



From the Bench

With John Heck

I have so much to say this week, but not nearly enough space to write it all down in. I guess I am just going to have to pick one of the topics and go off on it and save the other ones for a rainy bench day. Speaking of bad weather, its going to get harder and harder for me to view the green once the snow comes, but don't worry I'll figure something out. So with that said, let's move on with the show.

The topic for this week's greenway forum is a concept that originated long before any of us were born. It's a concept as well as a good quality in a person, but it seems to me as though it's going out of style. If you haven't guessed by now, the concept that I am talking about is respect. I don't mean respect in the sense of what colors your gang wears, but more along the lines of common courtesy.

As a youngster I was always taught to respect others, as you would want them to respect you, which is more or less the "golden rule." I have tried to give my best effort to live up to those words but nobody is perfect, and from time to time we all slip up. A lot of things can be shrugged off when there is just a moderate slip up, but lately people have been going the extra mile to be uncourteous. I think anybody who has had the banisters on the front steps of their house ripped off can agree with me on this one. Even if you haven't lost a banister or two, I am sure you can thin think of something along those lines.

I have always tried to pride myself on having or finding some type of solution to problems such as this one. But even after hours of pondering on one of the most comfortable seats at Wilkes this is one of those things that still has me wondering. Maybe it's just one of those things that will come in time, but who wants to wait.

I guess the only thing I have to offer is simply treat other people and other peoples belongings like it's your own and everyone will be happy. Why should somebody else have to clean up a mess that they didn't make, it's really not fair to them. These words can be applied in a lot of different situations, so they are certainly worth remembering.

Well I know that the article is a little bit short this week, but if you look at it like an essay question it's ok. Teachers always say that it doesn't matter how short it is, as long as you get your point across, and I think I made a good stab at this one. So, to sum it all up, just think before you do something stupid, it may seem really fun to do at the time, but think about how it would be if somebody did the same thing to you it may not seem so fun then.

The Presidential Search Progress Report #5

To: Wilkes University Trustees, Campus Community and Friends From: Melanie Lumia, Chair, Presidential Search Committee Date November 10, 2000

The Presidential Search Committee met again on November 1, a lengthy session that was most productive and moved us ahead another significant step in our mission to attract an outstanding individual to the presidency of Wilkes.

I am also pleased to report that we remain on schedule.

The primary purpose of this meeting was to select a small group of candidates for reference checking by telephone.

We are excited about the quality of the pool of 82 candidates, and selecting a smaller number for further consideration was a difficult task.

At our next meeting on November 14, we will select approximately eight leading candidates, who will be invited to off-campus interviews in mid-December with the committee.

These decisions will fol-

low the reports of telephone reference checking being conducted by members of the committee. These telephone interviews with persons who have been associated with the candidates are designed to help us learn as much as possible about the candidates related to the needs of Wilkes University.

I continue to be grateful for the conscientious and effective work of the members of the search committee and look forward to providing you with an update on our work later this month.

An Alternative Dining Experience

BY MEG STEVENS
Beacon Staff Writer

With the cafeteria rationing our portion sizes beginning on Tuesday, students immediately became agitated. After all many students feel the portions they were receiving was not adequate. But let's imagine for a moment that we did not have the money to buy a meal plan or even one meal.

Imagine what it would really be like to go hungry.

This week is Hunger and Homelessness Week, and fortunately Wilkes students are taking steps to help resolve the real issues of hunger and homelessness. All week approximately 25 homeless men have been living in the basement of Conyngham Hall. Their cots line the rooms that used to serve as meeting rooms for student organizations like the Inter-Residence Hall Council and Circle K.

Now these rooms are warmed with male conversation and the smells of dinner being served. Students gave up over 180 meals to donate their dinners to the homeless men. The cafeteria prepares trays of food each night, and students transport the food over to the basement of Conyngham where the men eagerly wait for a warm dinner.

Student organizations volunteering to serve dinner include the Nursing Student Organization, the Inter-Residence Hall Council, Circle K, Campus Interfaith, Air Force ROTC, Student Government, and others. Once dinner is served many students stay and give these men a precious gift—conversation. To look them in the eye and ask them how their day was, to exchange names, to find out where they are from, or

to simply tell them about your life here on campus is better than desert to them.

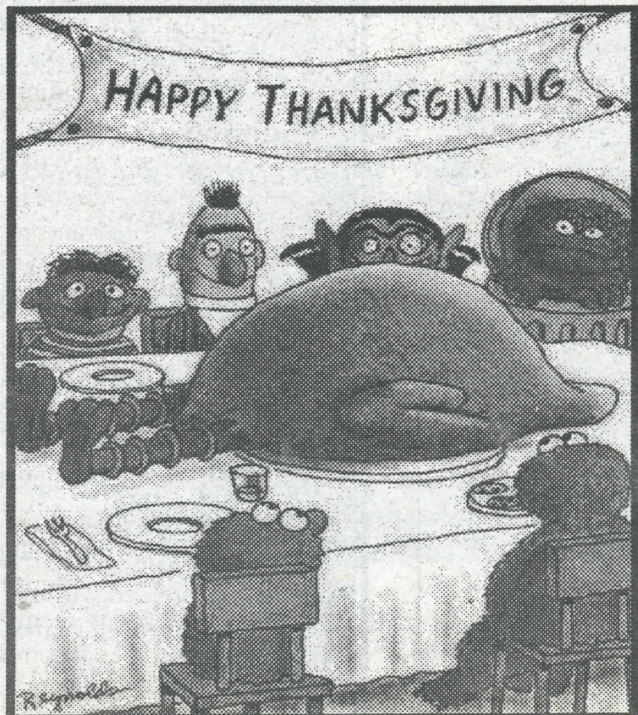
Many of these men are such true examples of what it is to be thankful for everything you receive. They gobbled up the scary cafeteria stew like it was steak and shrimp. Some expressed that they didn't even deserve a fine meal like the mystery stew. They were simply grateful for every morsel that filled their stomachs.

When students sat down beside them, they were completely delighted inquiring, "So you're going to sit here and rap with us." One man was delighted to meet a student who shared the same uncommon first name with him. Overall, the men were very kind and easy to talk to once you got started.

Any student who had the opportunity to serve and talk with these men took away a keen sense of gratitude. How often do we think about the hungry and homeless people across the globe or even in our own neighborhood? Can you imagine being so grateful for a meal that you confuse the cafeteria food as being "better than anything you could get in a restaurant," as one man said.

As Thanksgiving approaches, let us remember to be thankful for all the blessings in our lives. How wonderful is it that we are able to get a college education! Although we all can be experts at voicing our complaints, let us also become experts at saying "Thank You."

As a homeless man opened the door for the students leaving for the night, he said, "Thank you so very much." A student who had learned a lot from the group of men turned around to say, "No. Thank you."



(Left to Right) Dr. Diane Polachek, chairperson, Department of Education and Psychology; Dr. Barbara Bellucci, assistant professor of Education and director of Student Teaching; Dr. Joseph Bellucci; Dr. Christopher N. Breiseth, president, Wilkes University; Kathy Moran, interim director, Graduate Teacher Education; and Dr. James Rodechko, vice president of Academic Affairs.

Dr. Joseph Bellucci Honored for Dedication to Higher

Dr. Joseph Bellucci, director of Wilkes University's Regional Computer Resource Center and Graduate Teacher Education program, was recently honored at a special luncheon hosted by his staff in the school's Student Union Ballroom.

Bellucci, who will retire in the Summer of 2001, was recognized for his 33 years of dedication and his innovative and visionary approach to education. Bellucci, a resident of Conyngham, PA., has been instrumental in creating the Wilkes Off-Campus Graduate Teacher Education Program, which has grown from one site at the Bethlehem Area School District to 26 off-campus sites throughout Pennsylvania.

"Because of Joe's ingenuity and entrepreneurial spirit, we can help so many teachers in Pennsylvania gain the knowledge needed to help the students of northeastern and central Pennsylvania," said Kathy Moran, interim director.

"Wilkes will always be indebted to Joe, not only for the very successful off-campus graduate program, but also because he has secured more than \$15 million dollars in grand funding for the University, including Title III and ITEC."

The Title III grant included money that was used to develop both the Academic Learning Center and the Office of Institutional Research at Wilkes. The first Off-

Campus Classroom Technology Program in Bethlehem was a direct outgrowth of the ITEC grant which Bellucci directed at Wilkes, beginning in 1984.

Graduate computer classes free to Pennsylvania teachers through ITEC funding were the seed courses Bellucci used to develop the new Master of Science degree in Education Classroom Technology.

Since he began teaching at Wilkes in 1967, Bellucci has served as professor of Education and Psychology, chairman of the Education Department for five years, director of Graduate Teacher Education, and as a member of numerous faculty committees.

Spring 2001 Internships

NOW is the time to begin considering the possibility of pursuing an academic internship for the Spring semester. Internships offer the opportunity to build your resume, explore career interests, and develop professional contracts and skills.

Talk to your advisor about arranging an internship into your schedule and stop by the Cooperative Education Office (or call 408-4645) for further details on available opportunities and a program description. You do obtain free electives and in some majors, departmental credits while in the program.

How to make a decision

Responsibilities are an important part of life. Some people though refuse to realize this. I understand that people are trying to get an education at good ole Wilkes, but when you take on a position you have to assume responsibility.

For example, look at the people that work at *The Beacon*. Everyone here is really busy trying to graduate (except the News Editor), but yet they are big enough to take on a role that will represent the whole university.

I will admit though that I do not even want to come to the office on some nights but I know that if I do not I will let down my fellow co-workers. I feel that working at *The Beacon* is a job that will prepare you for "the real world."

Another example of responsibility is the position of Chief Executive of the United States. If you look at what has been happening at the world at face you will see that they are acting like a bunch of kids trying to figure out who is going to be the captain of the kickball team.



Jill Stankoski

Please for the love of God, lets just get this over with and get out the "lame duck" president out of office.

I do have one gripe though with the election process and NO it is not that of the electoral college because the last time that they made a major decision was 112 years ago. The problem I have with the election

is the people that are running. They all say that they are running to help the American people and trying to mak society a better place.

That is a bunch of **BULL** because all they want to do is get into office so they can do what they want and get their names in some history book that students are "suppose" to read. You and I both know that we will never read those books and therefore their names and the purpose that they stood for will mean absolutely nothing.

If you look throughout the years you will see that at one time in history people did at one time care about the United States. Now I am not saying that there is not a small percentage of people that do not care because there is, but the last time that we had a good president was Roosevelt.

He was a president that was voted into office because the citizens knew that he was doing a great job of securing the American people. That is what matters.

People back in the day did not care about how much cocaine you were doing or how many

DUI's you had. All that mattered was if you as president were going to serve the people as needed.

As for finding a new president of Wilkes University good luck because filling the shoes of President Breseith is a job in it self. Many will try but I am not sure if they will ever be able to do it.

President Breseith was a president that cared about the students and what was most important for them to be able to succeed in life and for them to be able to build a successfu future.

When making a decision in life you need to make that decision that will benefit everyone not just yourself.

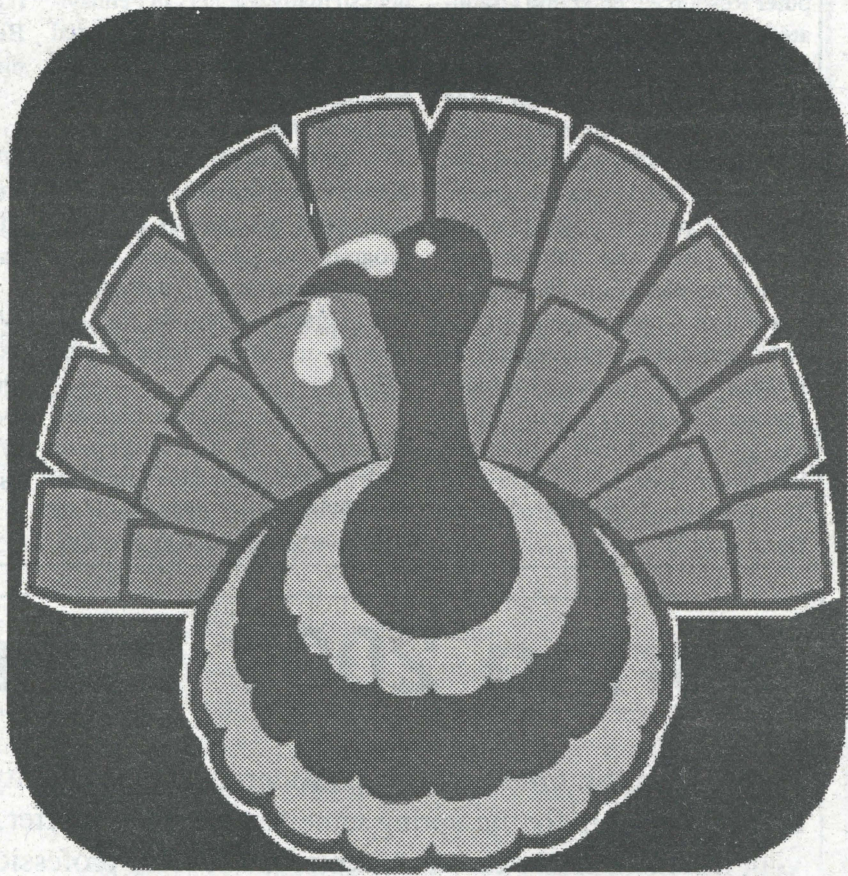
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with: Tara Barrie

"What is your opinion of Thanksgiving?"



"I wish people would eat more ham!!!!"

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For the Movies... with Brian Trosko "Charlie's Angels"

Every once in a while you see some film survey or another rank the greatest films of all time. The one that has a knack for coming in at number one is "Citizen Kane".

And I used to agree. But not any more. "Charlie's Angels" is the best movie ever made.

Why? Well, the first three reasons that come to mind are Cameron Diaz, Cameron Diaz, and Cameron Diaz. Then there's the girl from "E.T." and some other girl, too. I guess one of the other two produced something, but I don't think I caught all the credits. And it's got Bill Murray in it, and if you can name a Bill Murray movie that sucks, I will personally buy you a beer.

Except for "Razor's Edge". A WWI veteran? What the hell was Bill thinking?

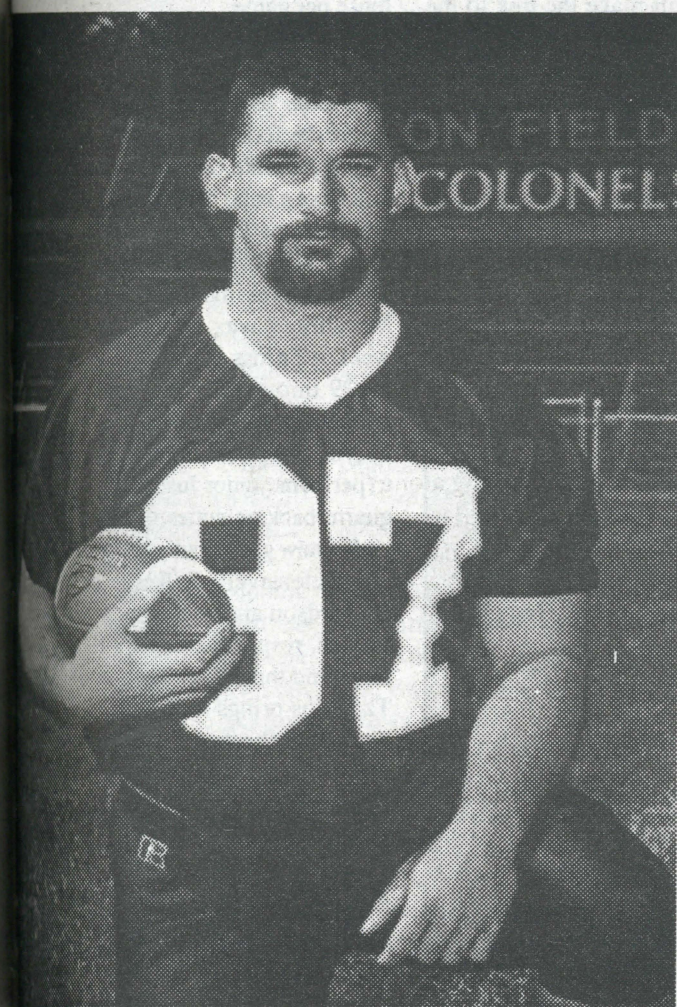
Know how I know this is a good movie? Ebert hates it. He waddled his corpulent tuckus over to his keyboard and mashed his meaty palms down on it long enough to write "It's an all-girl series of mindless action scenes." And then gave it *one and a half stars!* Geeze, Rog, what could make for a better movie? You want plot?

Well, it's got one, I guess. There's these couple of bad folks who want to do some bad things, and Cameron Diaz and the other two have to stop them. But once you absorb that wealth of information, there's also a bunch of mindless action scenes which over-use the hell out of

bullet-time, and feature the Angels generally doing impossible things and kicking the living heck out of a really creepy Crispin Glover. So that's okay.

But it's a feast for the senses. Sure, it takes not taking itself seriously far too seriously. But that's a lot better than MI:2, or even MI:1, both of which took taking themselves seriously far too seriously. And it's got some cool car chases, lots of stuff blowing up, a soundtrack that features Spandau Ballet, Marvin Gaye, and Fatboy Slim, and Cameron Diaz wiggling her ass at the camera for at least ten minutes or so.

Best. Movie. Ever.



We love you Bader!

Picture of the Week

Eye of the Future With Madame Ecstasy



Aquarius (Jan20-Feb18)

Don't get lazy at just the wrong moment. You may have plenty of energy but choose to let things slide by without doing anything, concrete. You're in a position to do good things as long as you don't slack off.

Pisces (Feb19-Mar20)

Use your creative qualities to the best of your ability you may just impress yourself with what you are capable of. This will also be a good time for you to take some of your energy and put it to work on other ventures

Aries (Mar21-Apr19)

My crystal balls tell me that whatever you want, you can have, provided that you approach it in the right way. Don't be pushy with your requests

Taurus (Apr20-May20)

You may have some hidden resentment that must be worked out of your system before you can set up the circumstances for the ideal relationship. Take care of business now and go get what you want.

Gemini (May21-June20)

Focus on upgrading the level on which you operate. Although it seems good now, be careful with whom you associate with, however petty it may sound. Just think about where you're going.

Cancer (June21-July22)

Go after challenges with determination and persistence. You'll be stimulated by any activity that seems out of reach. You may need to spend time alone setting new schedules in motion, but it will be time well spent.

Leo (July23-Aug22)

Pay attention to your instincts about a situation that relates to those people whom you care about, but don't get too involved or you will find yourself having to take sides. Keep a low profile until personal matters blow over.

Virgo (Aug23-Sep22)

Don't let anything prevent you from becoming involved. You may have profound experiences in whatever it is that you choose to do, not to mention the fact that you can meet new people that may one day become your friends.

Libra (Sep23-Oct23)

A great opportunity with an old lover is at your feet. Be sure you bend down to pick it up. Your good sense of what this person needs and wants will enable you to make sensitive changes to a delicate situation.

Scorpio (Oct24-Nov21)

The people around you may be under a great deal of stress at the present moment. Although help and support may just seem like a good gesture it will be repaid to you in abundance.

Sagittarius (Nov22-Dec21)

All in all my crystal balls tell me that things will be going very well for you this week. Take the next few days to catch up on everything and next week you can just relax with nothing to do.

Capricorn (Dec22-Jan19)

You may feel that you're at a critical juncture in a partnership situation. Try to be objective and avoid overreacting to the comments of others. This week ease of living is in your cards so take advantage of it.

Hit the Showers with Seth Nye

By Brian Walter & Marcus Sowcik

MS: Marcus Sowcik, BW: Brian Walter, SN: Seth Nye

MS: In one sentence, recap this season.

SN: We started off poorly, but the team came around and we finished strong.

BW: What's with soccer players and the crazy haircuts — are you guys trying to top one another?

SN: We are all trying to fashion ourselves after Kyle Mastellar.

MS: What does the number 1.21 mean to you?

SN: **It means a great defensive job.** An excellent job by "Pete the enforcer," Bill Smith and others. The defenders and midfielders played great and helped me out.

BW: What CD is in your CD player right now?

SN: Blink 182. Their best song is *Dammit*.

MS: How do you prepare yourself for a penalty shot?

SN: I usually take a drink of water and tap the goal posts to waste time. Other than that I usually smile at the guy taking the shot. Sometimes I even wink at them. **I just have to be confident that I will block the shot.**

BW: If you could give yourself any nickname what would it be and why?

SN: "Bill Smith." He is the single coolest guy I have ever met.

MS: What do you consider to be the hardest shot to save?

SN: Upper 90 shots in the far post.

BW: If you could kill off any character on "Friends" who would it be and why?

SN: Any of the guys so I could see the girls more often.

MS: A goal is scored against Wilkes, is it the team's fault or your fault?

SN: Definitely my fault. If I were to place blame on anyone else I would just be making excuses, **and that wouldn't help me get better.**

BW: Do you trash talk during the game and what do you say?

SN: I don't really trash talk. If someone says something to me and it's an intense game, I will say something back, but that's about it.

MS: What's your favorite soccer moment of all time?

SN: The game when Kyle Mastellar got kicked in the groin twice in one game. It was the funniest thing I have ever seen.

BW: Does being a soccer player help get chicks?

SN: **All soccer players tend to have a knack with the ladies.**

MS: Who was your childhood hero?

SN: Any GI-Joe character. I had the pillow cover and everything.

MS: What are your expectations for next season?

SN: **Anything less than the NCAA playoffs would be a disappointment.**

BW: What has been your favorite night at the Soccer House?

SN: Every night at the Soccer House is memorable.

MS: Why is soccer more popular overseas than in the U.S.?

SN: Soccer has a longer history over there. Plus, sports like baseball and basketball aren't as big; soccer is their main sport.

BW: If you could change any rule in the game of soccer, what would it be?

SN: No shoot-outs. I think the teams should have to play until someone wins.

MS: What are your opinions of coach Wingert?

SN: A great guy who considers academics to be more important than sports. I also appreciate when he has the team over for dinner.

BW: What are your plans for Thanksgiving break?

SN: I'm going down to Washington D.C. to see my step-brother. I also plan to play some paintball.

MS: What does it take to be a goalie?

SN: I would have to say **hard work, leadership and confidence.**

Open Floor Statement:

Does it look like I have I.D.?

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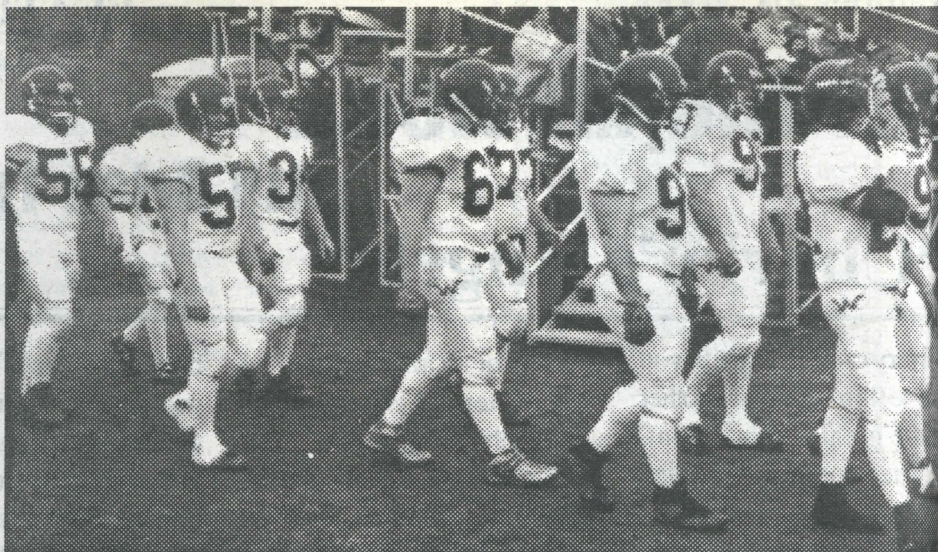


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Loss to King's can't even hold back Wilkes

By COREY YANOSHAKE

Beacon Sports Editor

Even after losing to King's College to finish their season 5-5, the Wilkes University football team still has a chance to go out as champions when they travel to Muhlenberg College in the ECAC Southwest championship game on Saturday at 12 noon.

"We either come out as champions or end with a losing season," commented Jermaine Richardson, the team's leading tackler. "If that doesn't motivate you, nothing will."

The Colonels will make the trek to the Allentown-area for a one-game championship playoff. Wilkes will be defending last year's ECAC championship when they beat FDU-Madison at home.

"We definitely hope to finish with a championship," added Brian Bader, one three starting seniors on defense. "We've got the opportunity to put this football program on the right track for the future."

Muhlenberg brings an 8-2 record into the playoff, finishing second in the Centennial Conference at 5-2. The only team Wilkes and

the Mules have each played against is Moravian, who defeated the Colonels at Ralston Field 28-21. In contrast, Muhlenberg handed the Greyhounds a 45-20 loss last weekend.

"We have a good idea of how we match up and we know what we need to take away," said head coach Frank Sheptock.

The Mules have been averaging 400 yards of offense per game, compared to Wilkes' 277. The Colonel defense, though, sparked by six Freedom Conference all-stars, are ranked atop the league in nearly every category, allowing just 222 yards of total offense per game.

"On turf, the mistakes are magnified and big plays happen real quick," added Sheptock. "But the turf shouldn't play a major factor. It could help us in some ways."

With Mike Lorady healthy, the Colonels will have a solid backfield with Steve Rogers and Seamus Geddis. Frank McCabe, Ryan James, and Brian Miller will man the outside line and are looking for more action as Jeff Marshman was sacked 12 times in last weekend's loss, limited to eight completions on 29 throws. But Marshman's status is in doubt as he suffered a leg injury in last week's Mayor's Cup loss. If the sophomore isn't able to perform, junior Justin Carl will handle the quarterbacking duties, offering Sheptock and staff a new gameplan without the regular QB.

Defensively, Wilkes is led by Jermaine Richardson and Mike DaRe, with 74 and 71 tackles, respectively. Mark Hendry adds six stops and three interceptions, while Demetri Tzovolos brings 43 tackles as all four were named to the first-team. Brian Bader and Dustin Bernatovich join Richardson and Tzovolos on the defensive line, which has racked up 16.5 sacks on the year.

"The seniors are happy to have another game and the younger guys didn't expect to play, but now that they've been playing, they want to keep playing," noted Sheptock.

"We consider ourselves lucky, with all that we've been through and the adversity we've faced. Now we have an opportunity to defend last year's championship. And right now, that's our total purpose -- fight like hell to defend our title."

Freedom League Football Stars

First Team

Defense:

Jermaine Richardson

Demetri Tzovolos

Mark Hendry

Mike DaRe

Offense:

Jeff Marshman

Frank McCabe

Ryan James

Matt Berger

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Men's hoops with high hopes

By MATTREITNOUR
Beacon Staff Writer

For the first time in five seasons, the Wilkes University basketball team will not raise a Middle Atlantic Conference Freedom League championship banner into the rafters of the Marts Center.

But no one is really worried about that now. In fact, many people believe this team might have a realistic chance to raise a national championship banner high above the Marts Center floor when it is all said and done in March.

The 1999-2000 Wilkes University men's basketball team was inducted with the injury bug last season. Wilkes lost senior guard Dave Jannuzzi on Dec. 1, 1999 when he broke his foot in a game against Delaware Valley. Jannuzzi's backup, John Boylan ended up missing seven games with a knee injury in the second semester. Other Colonels like big man Joe Stein were lost for the year with shoulder problems. But now, the Blue and Gold are healthy again and Wilkes will again look to be a major player in the Middle Atlantic Region.

Jannuzzi was granted a fifth year by the NCAA in February, so the pre-season All-American will again lead the Colonels on the floor when they open their 2000-01 campaign this weekend with the Holiday Inn/Wilkes University Tip-Off Tournament. Jannuzzi was the leading-scorer last season before going down with the foot injury in game number four. He is presence on the floor, not only because of his playing ability, but according to head coach Jerry Rickrode, because Jannuzzi is an extension of the head coach on the floor.



Beacon file photo

Three years ago, in 1998, coach Jerry Rickrode took his men's basketball team to the NCAA Division III Final Four tournament in Virginia. Early talk has that possibility for this year.

He has done so much for the Wilkes University basketball program," Rickrode said of his senior captain. "When he is on the floor, he has this calming influence on the rest of the guys. I think at times last year we needed that calming influence and we didn't have it."

Jannuzzi was averaging 19.2 points per game when he went down last year. Last season, Rickrode used a back court-by-committee approach which allowed three younger players playing time which can be used as experience heading into this year. Boylan, a junior from Wilkes-Barre, averaged 9.9 points per game last year before the knee injury had him in and out of the lineup for the stretch run. Sophomore Roman McLaughlin started six games last season in his freshman season, while junior Greg Barrouk played in 23 games, averaging 7.5 points per night.

One of the newcomers is junior transfer Tom Stambaugh. Stambaugh led the Lackawanna Junior College Falcons to the NJACC Division II National Championships with an overall record of 27-5. The 6-5 swing man has seen a lot of time at the two-guard through the early part of the season, and brings things into the gym which have been missing over the past couple of years according to Rickrode. Freshman Dave Plisko scored over 22 points a game last season in his senior year at nearby Hanover Area High School, and joins Wilkes as another weapon in an already dangerous arsenal.

In all, Wilkes returns 11 letterwinners from a team that went 16-9 and lost in the first round of the MAC playoffs to Albright. The experience which Rickrode has to work with has made this season outlook very bright.

"We have a lot of guys back that have started and gotten minutes in the past," Rickrode said. "We still have five newcomers, so it might take a little time to get the guys to mesh together, but so far through practice they have looked pretty good on the floor."

In the front court the Colonels will have five big bodies to rotate. Juniors Ron McIntyre, Wes Kovach and Kevin Walsh will control the paint, while Brad Sechler and Alex Hairston will play in the post area as well. McIntyre is coming off a year where he was named to the Freedom League's second team, averaging 12.4 points per game, while pulling down six boards a night and leading the team with a 61 percent field goal percentage. Walsh averaged 7.9 ppg last year, while Sechler was second on the team with 33 three-pointers. Kovach averaged 5.4 points per night while Hairston saw time in 22 games in his rookie season a year ago. Back to the squad this year is sophomore Joe Stein, who injured his shoulder during semester break workouts and missed the entire second half of the season. The 6-7 sophomore will add more size to an already large group.

"Our size inside will be a big advantage for us this season," Rickrode said. Wilkes is picked to finish first in the Freedom Conference, receiving seven of eight first place votes in the recently released coach's poll. The Colonels play a tough schedule starting this weekend and running all the way until mid-February. Wilkes plays Bethany, Cabrini College and Marymount in the first semester, all schools which are picked to win their respective leagues this year. Add in two Freedom Conference games against King's and Scranton, and Wilkes will get tested early. But that's the way the coach likes it.

"We have some really good tests, non-conference," Rickrode said of his early season competition. "Our guys have the mind set that they can beat anybody, so I would rather play good teams non-conference than soft teams non-conference just to pad our schedule."

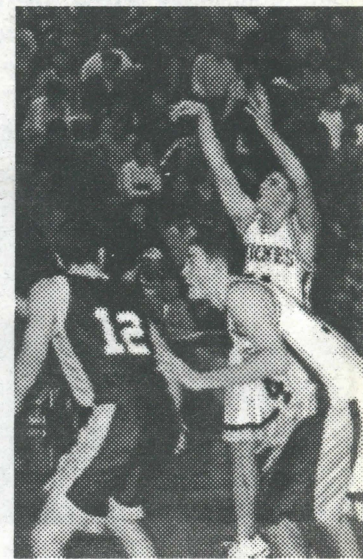
This marks the first season there will be no cross-over MAC playoffs in February. Traditionally, the MAC playoffs matched teams from the Freedom against the Commonwealth in order to find an overall champ for the automatic bid to the NCAA tournament. This year that will not be the case as the top four teams from each conference will now battle, with an "AQ" going to the eventual winner of the Freedom and Commonwealth conferences. Rickrode isn't a huge fan of the new plan. He liked the old system better.

"To be honest with you I really liked the overall MAC tournament," he said. "It was real exciting and you got to play teams that you might not get to play otherwise."

Rickrode believes this Freedom Conference is one of the most balanced in his nine years at Wilkes. This year's league schedule is shaping up to be an exciting one, a season where anybody can beat anybody else on any given evening.

"Every team is this league is deep," he said. "There are no gimmies, you better come play every night. I think the winner of the automatic bid as Freedom champ will be very battle-tested when the tournament begins."

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Fine showing on conference All-Star team

By MATTREITNOUR
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The season may not be over yet for Wilkes, but the Colonels were able to start looking at some of their post-season honors early this week when the Freedom League announced their 2000 All-Star team. The league's coaches voted on the teams, and this year 10 Colonels were able to gain post-season recognition.

Freshman linebacker/running back Steve Rogers was named the Freedom League's Rookie of the Year after playing both ways for the final four games of the season. Rogers was selected to the league's second defensive unit after making 44 tackles on the year. At running back, the freshman gained 301 yards and one rushing touchdown.

The Colonels defense, which finished the season as the league's top unit, was well-represented on the Freedom League's first squad. Defensive ends Demetri Tzovolos and Jermaine Richardson were named to the first team d-line, while junior Mark Hendry was honored for his play at the safety spot. Richardson finished the regular season with a team high 74 tackles, and a team high 29 for a loss. Tzovolos was named to his second straight first team with 43 tackles, including seven for a loss and five pass break-ups. Hendry ended the 2000 campaign with 60 stops and three interceptions.

Joining Hendry, Richardson and Tzovolos on the first unit defense was sophomore linebacker Mike DaRe. DaRe, who started every game in 2000, was second on the team with 71 tackles, five sacks and three forced fumbles. DaRe knows the honor that goes along with post-season recognition, but he also knows that there are some other players on the Wilkes defense who should be there with him.

"Just to be a part of the defense we had this year and to be recognized around the league is real nice," he said. "The coaches decide on these teams, so it is a real honor to be known around the league by other coaches and teams. It was good to see a lot of our guys get honored too, but thought we should have had a few more names on the first and second team seeing as to how we dominated defensively."

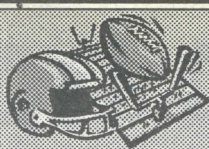
Joining Rogers on the second defense was junior cornerback Mike Verton, who transferred prior to the start of this season and had 43 tackles, six pass break-ups and three picks. Offensively, Wilkes' quarterback Jeff Marshman was honored to the first team by the league's coaches. Marshman completed 53.9 percent of his passes in his sophomore campaign and set the school record with 21 touchdown passes in 2000. Marshman threw for 1,967 yards and is currently ranked fourth on the all-time Colonel passing list. A pair of senior receivers were recognized as well. Senior tight end Frank McCabe was named first team after hauling in 42 balls for 592 yards and four scores, while senior wide receiver Ryan James was also named to the first team after making 34 catches and a team high six touchdowns. Junior offensive lineman Matt Berger was also named to the first unit after a second team selection last year.

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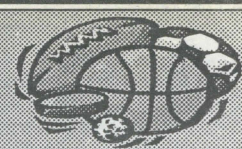
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Colonels fall at King's

Monarchs shutout Wilkes, hold 4-2 lead in Mayor's Cup Series.

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It is now official.

The annual Wilkes University/King's College football game can now officially be considered a rivalry.

King's coach Rich Mannello said before the game that the annual MAC Freedom Conference match-up, although closely-related by distance, is not technically a rivalry until both teams win a game.

The 6-4 Monarchs set out to do just that on a blustery Saturday afternoon when the Colonels of Frank Sheptock came to Robert Betzler Fields, but had a lot more at stake than just a win for the sake of the city.

With their 20-0 win over the 5-5 Colonels, King's will go down in the record books as the first football team with a winning record since the program began in 1993. Last season, Mannello guided his team to a 5-5 record, losing in the exact situation as his team won in this year, finishing with a school-best six wins. An ECAC playoff berth has been achieved as the Monarchs also secure the second-place position in the Freedom Conference, behind only Lycoming College.

"We had to learn how to win. We knew it was a long process to get to this point, but this team always stayed focused," said Mannello. "We're still not there yet, but we're getting closer."

The backyard battle offered few surprises for both coaches. Damon Saxon continued his streak of 100-yard games, finishing the regular season with over 100 yards in every one of his 10 games, totaling 1,744 yards in his senior season. The Wilkes defense, although allowing 273 yards and two touchdowns, convinced Mannello and Saxon

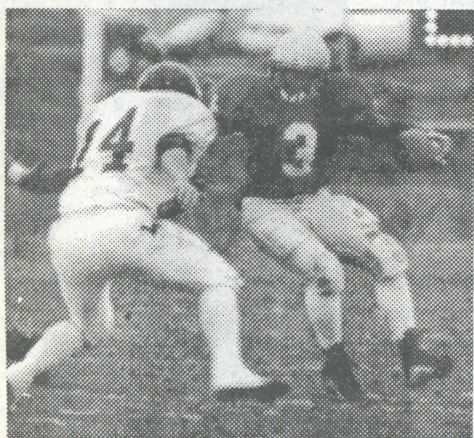


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Damon Saxon (3), who ran for over 100 yards against Wilkes, was named the Freedom League's MVP, is pursued by Mike DaRe (14), who was also named to the Freedom's first-team.



Photo by Adam Polinger

Jeff Marshman (16) running was a familiar sight last Saturday as Wilkes gained only 120 yards of offense.

that they are the best defense in the league. Sophomore Monarch ends Steve Wilson and Ruben Doster provided plenty for Sheptock and his offense to deal with as King's recorded 12 sacks on the afternoon.

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"I talked about it all week how they would control the tempo of the game and you saw that out there," said Sheptock of Wilson and Doster. "They were a better team out there today and we have to learn from it."

Tom Pierantozzi tossed a 33-yard touchdown pass to Jim Pio for the first half's only points as King's held a 7-0 lead going into the second half of play. But Sean Frasier would put the Colonels' backs to the wall when he evaded the Wilkes' kickoff team for an 87-yard TD return to open the half.

"A big problem we've had was our first drive in the second half and Frasier just set the momentum for us with his return," added Mannello. "Our defense was relentless and we used our speed up front to have a tremendous day."

Wilkes was held to just 120 yards of total offense, falling victim to sacks once again. Mike Lorady and Steve Rogers carried for 117 yards on 18 carries, but the King's defense stepped up to take away 79 yards from Marshman on sacks.

"We knew coming in that we'd have trouble up front and Jeff took the brunt of it," Sheptock noted. "He showed tremendous resiliency because they were getting to him all game. Eventually they just put four guys

against our six and covered the field with seven guys, leaving Jeff no one to throw to when he did get time."

After the second-half kickoff return, Wilkes was forced to throw the ball with the wind at their backs, because in the final quarter, they would need to face the wind in order to score. But Marshman was limited to just eight completions on 29 attempts for 80 yards. Frasier, Jacob Blomgren, Sterling Wynn, and Jeff Cemelli all played key factors in the Monarchs' secondary. Cemelli is still recovering from a broken leg in week two, but still managed four tackles and a pass break-up.

"That kid gave up a scholarship to be part of building something and he made a decision to come back instead of red-shirting. He wanted to prove that he could come back," praised Mannello.

Saxon also scored his 21st touchdown of the season on a 14-yard run late in the third quarter, one carry after gaining 100 yards on the day. The senior finished with 38 rushes for 153 yards. As Saxon was thrilled with the win, Sheptock, too was pleased with how his defense handled the speedy tailback.

"He didn't get that big, momentum-swinging run to break our backs and I'm pleased with our effort on defense. We did some very good things on defense," said Sheptock.

Saxon added, "This is the best feeling in my life. We're going to go down in history. This is the best defensive front we've played against, but my o-line said to be patient and they got the holes there. Something had to give and I guess it wasn't us."

After a near interception when Demetri Tzovolos batted down a Pierantozzi pass, King's took a timeout to ready for the fourth-and-five play from the Wilkes' 33. Pio then got a step on the defense and hauled in the Pierantozzi throw for the score to break the

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zero barrier. Pierantozzi went looking for Pio again on their next possession, but Marshman stepped in front of the pass in the end zone to survive the scare. Wilkes then looked to tie the score when Marshman hit Brian Miller for what appeared to be a 34-yard TD strike, but the score was negated due to illegal motion.

"It's just the little things. Jeff wasn't in rhythm early on and when he did get in on one we encountered other problems," added Sheptock. "We knew the match-up coming in. They didn't do anything special except execute real well, while we struggled on the o-line."

The teams combined for 217 yards in the first half with King's totaling 134 on 95 yards passing. Saxon then took over, gaining over 100 yards in the second half, in which Mannello attempted just two passes.

"You can't stop them, you won't move them," said Mannello of the Wilkes' defensive line. "We knew we just had to keep chipping away and try to steal one."

Jermaine Richardson and Mike DaRe led all tacklers with 13 for Sheptock. The pair combined for five tackles for losses, while Mike Verton added eight stops. Wilson and Doster had nine and five tackles, respectively. Doster a sophomore and Richardson, a senior, were named the Players of the Game for their work on their respective defensive lines.

Sports Schedule

Friday, November 17

Holiday Inn Tip-Off Tournament (at Wilkes)

6:00 p.m. - Richard Stockton vs. Worcester State

8:00 p.m. - Wilkes University vs. Bethany College (WV)

Hunter College Tip-Off Tournament

7:30 p.m. - Wilkes University vs. Rhode Island College

Saturday, November 18

Wrestling - Wilkes at Elizabethtown/York, 12:00 p.m.

Holiday Inn Tip-Off Tournament (at Wilkes)

1:00 p.m. - Consolation Game

3:00 p.m. - Championship Game

Hunter College Tip-Off Tournament

1:00 p.m. - Consolation Game

3:00 p.m. - Championship Game

ECAC Southwest Football Championship Game

12:00 p.m. - Wilkes University at Muhlenberg College