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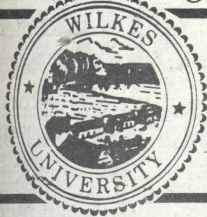
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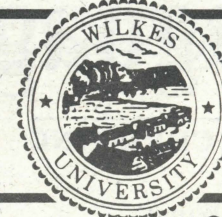
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Penn State's decision leaves area colleges up in arms

By JACK KRAFT, JR.
Beacon Staff Writer

The recent approval of a plan to expand Penn State's branch campuses to institutions carrying four-year degrees has put independent private colleges, including Wilkes University, on the defensive.

The plan, proposed by Graham Spanier, President of Penn State University, allows for the expansion of 11 of its branch campuses, including those in Wilkes-Barre and Hazleton.

The approval paves the way for enormous growth for

Penn State. But, the problem with the expansion, as expressed by numerous officials at private colleges, is that it creates unfair competition between private and state schools.

"Clearly the plan is in Penn State's self-interest, which is fitting. However, it is not necessarily in the best interest of neighboring colleges, or of higher education for future Pennsylvania students," commented Misericordia's President Anderson in a press release.

The main reason it is claimed to be unfair is because state schools, unlike private

institutions, are able to keep their tuitions low with the use of taxpayers' dollars.

Another big concern over the proposed expansion is program duplication. Many people are angry about the fact that taxpayers' money may end up being allocated to creating four-year programs that are already offered at several of the local schools.

"The lower cost [of state schools with duplicate programs] may be a magnet to draw students to those campuses," stated Wilkes University President Dr. Christopher N. Breiseth.

Where would our dollars

better be spent then? Well, a popular suggestion is to simply set the money aside to be available for more student grants and scholarships. This solution, according to some people, would be more tax-efficient and beneficial to college students as a whole.

All of the new worries that have surfaced because of this expansion plan will most likely force Pennsylvania's Governor, Tom Ridge, to appoint a special committee to re-examine the current education system. Independent private college officials have already been pressuring Ridge to explore alternatives for using

our state's money that has been put aside for education.

"One major response is why not PHEAA... a distributor of funds to students? It would be dispensable in a fair way," added Breiseth.

Regardless of how the money is spent, officials at private and state-funded schools all generally agree that there needs to be more cooperation between private and public institutions. This joint effort would surely benefit the students as well as enhance the educational efficiency of the schools that are involved.

Transfer stats result in new recruiting ideas

By AMY CONNELLY
Beacon Staff Writer

A low number of transfer students encourage a new plan to attract more pupils.

Each semester Wilkes usually receives a high number of transfer students. However, this semester Wilkes only received 24. This number includes the four international students who arrived late and the few students who reside on campus.

Transfer numbers in January are never predictable because it is mid-year and students do not usually feel comfortable transferring for the Spring semester. Numbers are usually a bit higher in the

fall.

The transfer student orientation was held on Tuesday, January 14th instead of Sunday, January 12th as

originally planned. This orientation involved matters that needed to be taken care of with the students and was a bit shorter than usual, but still covered the same material.

Some of the topics covered at this

semester's orientation consisted of scheduling, campus layout, books, and financial information.

"Enrollment was not what

we anticipated, but we are going to work very hard to raise numbers and keep them at acceptable levels," said Bruce D. Bunnick.

Due to the low numbers Wilkes has seen this semester, the university has a new plan to attract Fall/Spring transfer students.

"It is similar to freshman recruiting, but transfer students have many different needs," added Bunnick.

The new plan will begin in early February and include mailings and periodic phone calls. It will attempt to answer some of the many different questions that transfer students worry about, like the transferring of their previously earned credits, and others pertaining to Wilkes' curriculum, faculty and facilities.

"We want to make it hard for transfer students not to come to Wilkes!" said Bunnick.

Hopefully Wilkes will see their usual high number of transfer students this upcoming Fall '97 semester.



Photo by David Parfitt

Students rush to their next class.



Language department speaks out on success

By **CHRISTINE TONDRICK**
Beacon Staff Writer

The topic of discussion at a recent faculty meeting has started rumors about a possible reduction of the foreign language department. But, the department is alive and kicking according to university officials.

This past December, Wilkes faculty was asked to consider a proposal by a curriculum committee that called for the discontinuation of six languages with shrinking student enrollment. The faculty decided against this proposal since keeping the classes available requires no

further cost to the university.

According to Dr. Michael Lennon, Dean of Academic Affairs, rumors regarding the possible downsizing of the department are absolutely false.

"The foreign language department has actually increased by 200 percent. Wilkes has reaffirmed its commitment to the department by hiring two instructors, and installing new equipment in the language learning center."

Dr. Walter Karpinich, professor and chair of foreign languages said, Wilkes has invested approximately \$50,000 into the language learning center, upgrading the technology from cassette recorders to computer based

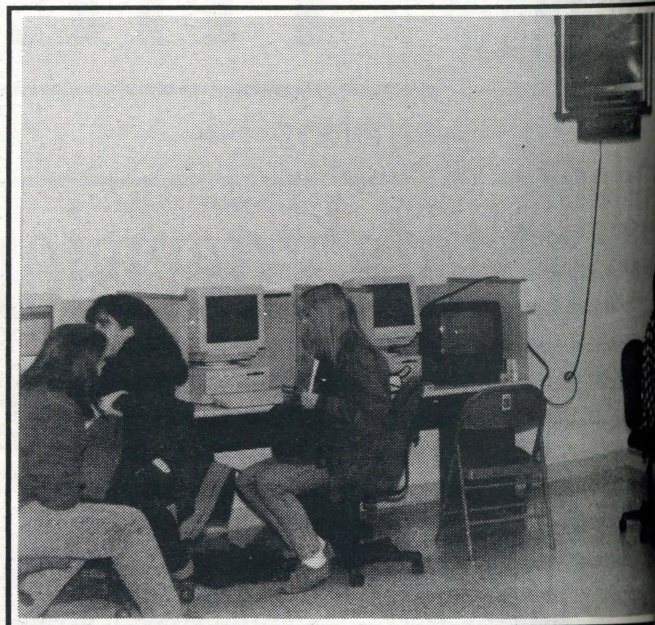
equipment.

"This cost is based on the acquisition of Power Macintosh computers, a laser printer, VCR's and laser disc players," said Karpinich.

The school has received \$300 from a Pennsylvania assistance grant used for new software and video materials.

Karpinich further denounced the rumors, adding that the department is looking to improve satellite reception capability into the learning center, allowing students the opportunity to watch programs transmitted all over the world.

Karpinich is excited about the future of the department and the impacts improvements will have on students taking a



Photos by David P...

Students are taking advantage of the new technologies at the language learning center. Karpinich added, "Speaking a second foreign language will enhance the students' marketability."

Engineering conference held at Wilkes

WILKES-BARRE — Recently, Wilkes University hosted the American Society For Engineering Education (ASEE) Middle Atlantic Section Fall Regional Conference "Re-Engineering Education and Training for a Competitive Global Economy."

The semi-annual conference focused on topics related to the restructuring of the engineering curriculum and how the restructuring translates into industrial employment.

According to Dr. Umid R. Nejib, dean of the school of science and engineering at Wilkes, "the conference brings together Engineering professionals from across the country to share information and innovations in the field. Wilkes' strong commitment to Engineering Education makes the university an ideal venue for such a prestigious event."



Photo courtesy of University Relations

The conference also featured the participation and presentation of several Wilkes Engineering students.

Attending the conference from left to right-- Dr. Mike Penn, Sweet Valley; Tawnya Rabuck, Shavertown; Dr. Vijay Arora, Mountaintop; and Dr. Cliff Mirman, Mountain.

BEYOND CAMPUS THIS WEEK

A worldly view . . .

- After returning to the Kremlin for a reported three hours, Boris Yeltsin remains in poor health following a spell of pneumonia that he suffered from a few weeks back.
- Muslim rebels killed up to 59 people in Hamlet near Algiers as a result of ongoing hostilities.
- Japanese officials continue to concern themselves with an ongoing hostage situation that is moving into its 40th day.

a national look . . .

- Richard Jewell sues *The Atlantic Journal* - Constitution and the college where he once worked as a security guard for his linkage to the bombing at the '96 Summer Olympics.
- Heather Wendorf, one of five teens said to be part of a cult, and accused of killing her parents in their Florida home, was cleared Tuesday.
- Senate democrats work on a balance budget amendment this week that calls for the removal of the Social Security budget.

& a local peek

- Wilkes-Barre Mayor Thomas McGroarty received the okay this week to begin construction on a city theatre.

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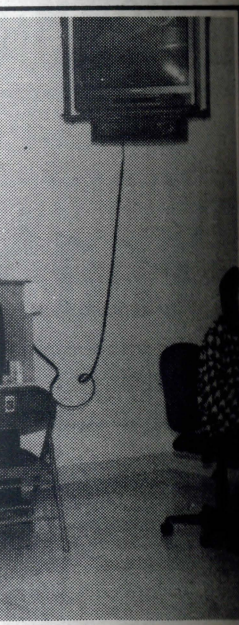
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Scholarship helps more than just students

CHERRY HILL, NJ-- Through a national essay competition known as PROJECT: LEARN MS™ '97, college freshmen, sophomores and juniors can compete for an \$8,000 scholarship award and raise funds to assist those suffering from multiple sclerosis.

Sponsored by the Multiple Sclerosis Association of America, PROJECT: LEARN: MS™ '97 encourages students to write a 500-1000 word essay on multiple sclerosis, its effect on the family, and how society can improve life for the physically challenged. Students are encouraged to raise additional sponsor money to win various prizes.

Known as the most common neurological disorder of young adults, multiple sclerosis affects as many as 500,000 Americans. Symptoms can include blindness, extreme fatigue, tremors, and varying degrees of paralysis.

At present, there is no known cause, cure or prevention for MS. MSAA is a national nonprofit health care agency providing direct patient care programs and services to assist those suffering from MS.

Local inmates get 'straight up' with students

WILKES-BARRE — Recently, students of the Wilkes University Fields of Social Work class were presented with the "Straight Up" program.

The "Straight Up" program, which is sponsored by the Luzerne County Correctional Facility, actively began in April 1996. The concept was developed in November 1995 during a speaking engagement at the Plymouth Rotary Club by Paul O'Malia, Warden Gene Fischel and Lieutenant Al Ottensman.

The goal of the program is to have inmates speak to local schools and inform students on how drugs have affected their personal lives, their

convictions and how incarceration affects day-to-day activities.

To date, the program has been presented to over 11,000 students. The "Straight Up" program was lauded by the Pennsylvania State House of Representatives, in June, by the Speaker of the House Matthew Ryan and State Representative Stanley Jordan. The program has also been praised by the Plymouth Borough Council.

Instrumental in the inmate selection process are Mark Rockavich, Correctional Counselor Supervisor, Dominic Toraldo, Drug and

Alcohol Treatment Specialist, and Ann Marie Kopeck, Drug and Alcohol Treatment Supervisor.

News everyone can use ...

STRATEGIES FOR SURVIVING THE '90s

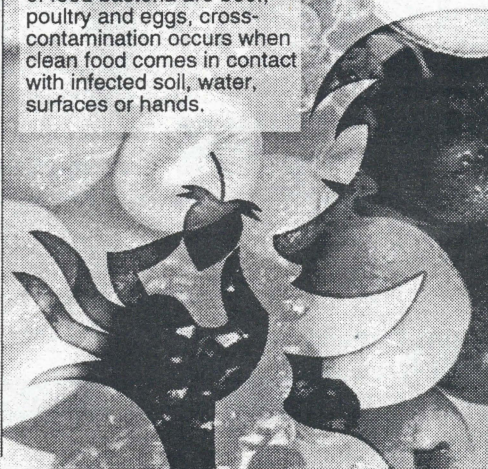
Precautions

- **Wash** all fruits, vegetables thoroughly, especially lettuce.
- **Brush** dirt off melons and squash, then wash them before cutting. Cover, refrigerate cut melons as soon as possible.
- **Buy** produce whole instead of pre-cut in plastic-wrapped packages.
- **Serve** hot foods hot and cold foods cold.
- **Wash** hands thoroughly with soap and water for 20 seconds before handling food or equipment.
- **Use** non-porous cutting boards — glass, plastic, acrylic — and wash with hot, soapy water after each use.

SOURCES: Centers for Disease Control (CDC), Vegetarian Times; research by PAT CARR

Vegetarians and food safety

Although the prime sources of food bacteria are beef, poultry and eggs, cross-contamination occurs when clean food comes in contact with infected soil, water, surfaces or hands.



What to avoid

- **Don't** eat or drink unpasteurized fruit juices or dairy products.
- **Don't** eat produce you cannot wash or peel.
- **Don't** keep prepared food at room temperature for more than an hour.
- **Don't** store leftovers in large, deep containers that cool too slowly when refrigerated.
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For more information:

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Next week: Holiday
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a) Depression is a bunch of symptoms exhibited by weak people.

b) Depression is an unbearable suppression of brain activity that can strike anyone.

Straightening out all the misconceptions, the correct answer is 'b'. It's a concept we should all understand and remember, and here's why. Depression strikes millions of young adults, but only 1 out of 5 ever seeks treatment for it. Too many just drag themselves along or eventually seek relief through suicide. Why not treatment? Partly lack of awareness. Partly the unwarranted negative stigma. This is what needs fixing. This is where we need you to change your attitudes. It's an illness, not a weakness. And it's readily treatable. Spreading the word and making this common knowledge is everybody's assignment.

**UNTREATED
DEPRESSION**

#1 Cause of Suicide

Public Service message from SAVE (Suicide Awareness/Voices of Education)

<http://www.save.org>

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Where will they go?

So what does it take to bring prospective students to Wilkes University? A few new buildings, well-known athletic programs, or maybe the personal touch of a small liberal arts school that is concerned with the well-being and education of its students?

Wilkes can certainly offer these qualities in promoting itself as a University. But Wilkes also heralds one thing that I tell you won't attract many prospective high school seniors or transfer students - a much discussed 16-20% tuition increase to balance the already exceedingly high budget.

Though the final vote relies on the Board of Trustees decision during its February meeting, there has been talk on campus regarding the tuition increase and whether or not the increase will actually take effect.

Who's to be concerned? At this point, everyone should be on their toes. While students and their parents pocketbooks will mostly be affected, faculty is also taking an unfortunate beating. Sugar-coated as "voluntary resignation," faculty has been persuaded to give up their positions if employed for over 15 years or if older than 55. Since money is tight, it seems downsizing all aspects of the University, including eliminating faculty, may be the only plausible answer.

So what happens if enough people don't concede to the faculty buy-out? Where does the money come from? As students, we should expect Wilkes to never be the same again.

Yes, the Fenner Quadrangle is making progress and the Classroom Office Building is up and running. The new Student Union Building may just be out of reach. But none of this means a thing without any money to keep such progress alive.

Over the last few semesters, Wilkes has taken a huge step in making the dreams of years past a reality for the present. But what really has happened is that while we have all become accustomed to the innovative idea of traditional "viewbook" campus life and education, it has all just been a tease. We're all banking on a University that may just be falling apart at its core.

How many times in the last few weeks have you seen high school students, their families and tour guides roaming across campus to visit all that makes up what we know and love as Wilkes University? Did you ever wonder what they're being told to make them want to attend a school that is considering raising tuition by such a large margin? Have they been informed that a number of the faculty they see in passing may not be returning in the fall semester?

As a student at Wilkes University and a sibling of a high school senior who hopes to attend Wilkes University, I'd personally like to know what's going on.

How will these changes affect those students who plan to make a future at Wilkes? Furthermore, what should those who have invested years of their life and thousands of dollars in this institution expect come fall of 1997?

Since I am a senior at Wilkes, luckily these changes will not have an effect on my career. But I can't help but wonder what I would have done or guess what my parents plan to do now that they are faced with this dilemma.

Though Wilkes University is a place to believe in, many enrolled students have already begun to research other options and high school seniors have begun to strike Wilkes from their lists of potential colleges.

Can you honestly blame them?

Letters to the Editor

Letters to the Editor guidelines:

Letters should include your name and phone number. They should be no longer than 250 words and must be signed in order to be printed. Letters will be printed in the order they are received and must be submitted by 4:30 p.m. on the Tuesday prior to publication.

To the Editor:

I am writing in response to the editorial in the January 23rd issue of *The Beacon*. I understand the point that the editor was trying to get across to the Wilkes community, however I would like to clear the name of the *Wilkes Universe* and my own.

I do not believe it was the intention of the *Wilkes Universe* to try and sell the University with a picture of me in a dance costume.

Wilkes University has recently found a tradition that they did not know existed — three girls that attended Wilkes have competed on the Miss America stage, and decided to do an article on it.

I feel disgraced for what the editor of *The Beacon* had to say about the picture the *Wilkes Universe* placed in of me. This picture represents all that I am. I am a dancer. I worked very hard to perform on the Miss America stage, and the picture in the *Wilkes Universe* shows just this. Many people on this campus know that I am a hard working student, but not many know that I am a dancer. I feel I have earned a certain respect from my colleagues and professors, all who say I shouldn't be ashamed of the picture in the article, although it seems that it was the editor's intention to make me feel ashamed of what I do.

I am proud to be Miss New Jersey. I am proud to have danced on the Miss America stage and I am proud of the picture the *Wilkes Universe* decided to use in their article.

Melanie Joyce Bell
Miss New Jersey 1996/97

To the Editor:

I write to shed light on statements made in the January 23rd *Beacon* editorial concerning gender inequality. While I commend your initiative on opining on a most important social issue, I must point out that the conclusions you've drawn about the University magazine are unfair.

As editor of the *Wilkes Universe*, I am immediately responsible for the content of each issue. Though much of the publication is reviewed by the University's senior administration, I made the decision to carry both photographs referenced in your editorial.

To suggest that the University is conspiring to use images which subordinate women to "sell Wilkes University" is not only inaccurate, it is unfounded.

Further, while you evaluate the visual nuances of the publication, you have chosen to ignore the substance of the articles the images accompany. The cover photo supports a story best summarized in a quote by a Sordoni supporter who says, "a gallery tends to take on the personality of its director." The image on the cover was produced to illuminate that message and is reflective of the professional roles, not gender roles of gallery coordinator Nancy Krueger and director Stanley Grand.

The second photo to which you refer is positioned under the headline "Wilkes Women Excel in Scholarship Competition" and accompanies an article which portrays Wilkes pageant contestants past and present as the ambitious, scholarly women they are. The article takes on the very anomaly you suggest: that the events praised for developing self-confidence in their participants also are criticized for their emphasis on physical appearance.

I'm pleased *The Beacon* has chosen to address such substantive issues, however, I'm disappointed in this instance with your approach. Had you offered anyone connected with the magazine an opportunity to respond to your charges, you might have arrived at a different conclusion.

Sincerely,
Vaughn Shinkus
Editor, *Wilkes Universe*

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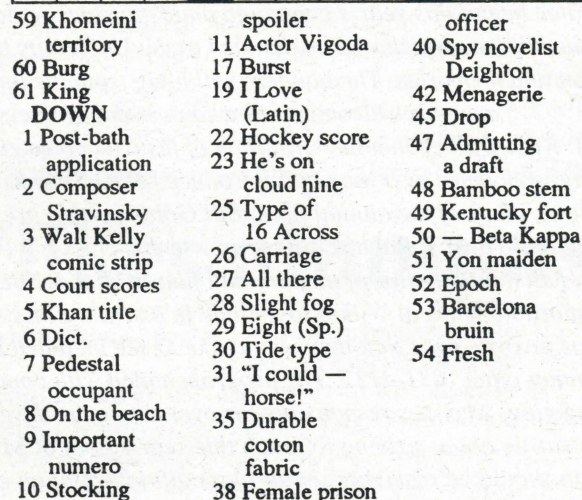
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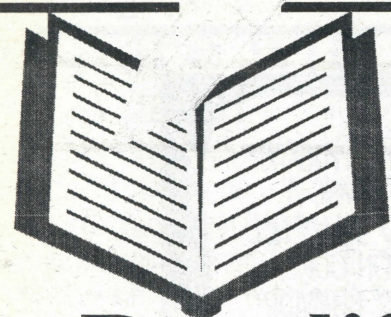
Any comments or questions know where to reach me again, some of you may be getting back into the way of things. Anyone who a topic of discussion the me to bitch about, email mym@wilkes1.wilkes.edu

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What's up at Wilkes?

The Beacon has a new feature. Every week, you'll be able to flip to the Campus Calendar page and find what's happening at Wilkes University. If your club or organization has any information they'd like the campus to know, call us at 831-5903 or stop by Hollenback Hall, 2nd floor.

Be a lifesaver

The first blood drive of the semester will be held on Tuesday, February 11 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Rumours, basement of Marts.

There will be pizza throughout the day and heart lollipops for everyone that donates. The grand prize is a \$50 Valentine dinner at the Woodlands. Please donate! The life you save may be someone you know.

ATTENTION VOLUNTEERS

The AIDS Memorial Quilt will be at the Marts Gym April 10 through April 13. Whenever the quilt is on display, it requires around the clock monitors to safeguard both the quilt and the visitors. We are asking all clubs/organizations and/or individuals to form monitor teams of 10, 15, or 30 people for a two or four hour period. Each team will need to have a captain with whom we will have further contact with. Teams should arrive an hour before their assigned time and will need to check in. If you or anyone in your group is interested in volunteering, call 831-5905 and leave your club name, your name and phone number and someone will be in touch with you.

For any questions or additional information call Amy at 831-5904.

Senior class kicks off

The Senior Class Gift Committee began this year's campaign amidst brightly colored flags decorating the foyer of Weckesser Hall. The flags were symbolic of the banners which will be donated to the University by the Class of 1996-97 as a physical token of thanks for four years of education and memories. The banners will hang from the lamp posts along River Street and throughout campus welcoming all who pass our University.

Thursday's Senior Class Gift Kick-Off began a new tradition of festivity commencing the senior class gift campaign. Claire Fox, the director of annual giving, welcomed everyone and introduced Paul Strunk, vice president for alumni, development and university relations, Sandy Piccone, chair of the annual fund, Bill Goldsworthy, president of the alumni association, and Tania Karpinich and Tawnya Rabuck, this year's senior class gift committee co-chairs.

In addition, Jennie Bullock, assistant director of alumni, and junior Michael Beachem asked seniors to bring negatives or original pictures of their most memorable times at Wilkes to include in a senior class slide show which will be shown during senior week. Any senior with a picture or favorite song that they would like to see included in the slide show should contact Beachem at 831-5043 or Bullock at the alumni office, 831-4132. The program ended with concluding remarks from Caryn Cheyfitz, the assistant director of annual giving, who was responsible for overseeing the development of the senior class gift project.

The gift committee is enthusiastic about striving to reach this year's goal of \$10,000 or 100% participation. If you are a member of the 1996-97 class, you should be receiving senior class gift information either through the mail or from a committee member within the next week. If you do not receive this information, please contact a member of the senior class gift committee or the Annual Giving Office at extension 4311.

When asked about the senior class gift, Michael Noone, a member of the senior class gift committee responded by saying, "this is the least I can give back to the university."

The senior class gift is your opportunity to give back to your school. We thank you in advance for your generosity and dedication to Wilkes.

Last chance Seniors

Class of 1997 senior portrait make-ups will be taken for the yearbook February 11-13. The location is at the Alumni House. Seniors should call 1-800-836-0558 during the week of February 3rd to schedule their appointment. This is the last opportunity to have senior portraits taken for the 1997 yearbook.

For more information contact: Michael Beachem, Amnicola Photography Editor at (717)831-5043, e-mail: beachemt@wilkes1.wilkes.edu or campus box 54.

Winter Weekend announcement

There's a MANDATORY Winter Weekend Captain's meeting Wednesday, February 5 @ 9:30 p.m. in SLC 101

Ally: a campus club for everyone

Homophobia: A problem all too common in today's society. That is why we have created Ally. Ally is an intercollegiate group that is open to all people in college, or of college age, who opposes homophobia. It contains students' staff and faculty from Wilkes, King's, Marywood, Misericordia, University of Scranton, Penn State and L.C.C.C.

Some of Ally's upcoming events include:

- Meeting on Thursday, February 6 @ 8 p.m.
- Valentine's Day Social on Sunday, February 16 @ 7 p.m.
- Fundraisers including a hoagie sale
- Community Service activities
- Community Awareness

The meetings are currently held on the Wilkes University campus; however, we are looking for possible locations on the other campuses.

The social will be held at the Annette Evans Alumni House, at Wilkes University on South River Street. Everyone is welcome and refreshments will be served.

Ally is also in search of faculty and staff from each of the schools to become members of the group.

Come out and support our fight against homophobia. Remember, **EVERYONE** is welcome.

For further information and/or directions to Wilkes University, contact James Harrington @ 1-800-WILKESU ext. 4428 or E-mail: harringt@wilkes1.wilkes.edu or walterbd@wilkes1.wilkes.edu.

This week in History

January 28, 1878: The first commercial telephone exchange opened in New Haven, Conn.

January 31, 1917: Germany, suffering from the effects of the British blockade, declared almost unrestricted submarine warfare.

January 31, 1950: President Truman authorized production of the H-bomb.

January 31, 1958: The first U.S. earth satellite to go into orbit, Explorer I, was launched by the Army from Cape Canaveral, FL, and went on to discover the Van Allen radiation belt.

February 1, 1960: Black college students began sit-ins in Greensboro, N.C., refusing to move from a Woolworth lunch counter when they were denied service.

January 30, 1968: During the "Tet Offensive," Communist troops attacked Saigon and 30 province capitals.

January 27, 1973: Four-party Vietnam peace pacts were signed in Paris.

January 27, 1973: The end of the military draft was announced.

January 30, 1972: Two of the seven defendants in the Watergate break-in trial were convicted.

January 28, 1986: Moments after lift-off, the space shuttle Challenger exploded, killing six astronauts and Christa McAuliffe, a New Hampshire teacher on board.

January 27, 1995: O.J. Simpson's book, "I Want to Tell You," was published, in which he asserted that he was innocent.

January 28, 1995: The U.S. and Vietnam agreed to exchange low-level diplomats and open liaison offices in each other's capital city.

January 29, 1995: U.S. Secretary of Defense William Perry said that Haiti was "safe and secure" and that U.S. troops had put an end to all but occasional incidents of violence.

January 30, 1995: The UN Security Council authorized deployment of 6,000 peacekeepers to train Haiti's police and military and to help prepare for elections.

January 30, 1995: The conflict in Algeria between the military-run government and Muslim fundamentalists seeking to overthrow it reached a new high in bloodshed when a car bomb exploded in Algiers and claimed 42 lives, injuring 300 others.

January 31, 1995: President Clinton invoked emergency powers to extend a \$20 billion loan to help Mexico avert financial collapse.

February 1, 1995: The Senate, 86-10, and the House, 360-74, approved bills making it difficult for Congress to pass laws that required action by the states and cities, but that did not provide federal funds for implementation.

MSC

By CHRISTINE GAY
Beacon Features Editor

"For being quite a bit around here, February is a month worldwide," Morrison, advisor of the "February is Black History Month" campaign, said. Also taking place this month is New Year, the last day of the year, and the beginning of the new millennium.

The MSC is a diverse group of students interested in multiculturalism on the Wilkes University campus. The community at large is encouraged to participate in campus-wide activities which promote better understanding, cultural appreciation, and interracial appreciation.

The MSC has the responsibility of supplying some spectacular activities for Black History Month on campus. Each event is designed to pique your interest and may involve you in a great organization. Morrison said, "We want to get Black History Month on a big way."

The MSC will host Haile Gerima's powerful film, *So Small*, on Sunday, February 2 at the Dart Center. The film will be open to the public.

Sankofa

Village Voice

Wilkes-Barre — Bruce S. Wilkes, a 1974 graduate of Wilkes University and a Wilkes-Barre native, recently published some serious literary criticism for his collection of essays entitled *Are We Not Men?* The collection was named one of the best books of 1996 by the *Village Voice Literary Supplement*.

The New York *Village Voice*, which is an underground newspaper, has been a Greenwich Village institution since the 1960's, served as the pad for anti-war movements, and for what would become the "New Journalism" movement. At its inception, it has been a respected source of commentary on politics, art, and ideas.

Editors of the *Village Voice* praised Spencer's book.

MSC making a memorable month

CHRISTINE GAYDOS
Features Editor

"For being quite a dreary month around here, February is a very busy month worldwide," said Gina Morrison, advisor of the Wilkes MSC. February is Black History Month. Taking place this month is Chinese New Year, the last day of Ramadan and the beginning of Lent."

The MSC is a diverse group of students interested in promoting multiculturalism on the campus of Wilkes University and in the community at large. MSC plans campus-wide activities and programs which promote better ethnic understanding, cultural awareness and interracial appreciation.

The MSC has taken the responsibility of supplying Wilkes with spectacular activities to make Black History Month a great success on campus. Each event is sure peak your interest and may even get you involved in a great organization.

Morrison said, "We really want to get Black History Month going in a big way."

The MSC will host a showing of Haile Gerima's powerful film *Sankofa* on Sunday, February 2 at 3 p.m. in the Dart Center. The film will be free and open to the public.

Sankofa

is an African word meaning "we must go back and reclaim our past so we can move forward; so we can understand why and how we came to be who we are today." The film focuses on the Maafa, the African Holocaust.

Ethiopian-born filmmaker Haile Gerima creates a vastly different perspective than the generally distorted representations of African people presented by Hollywood. This revolutionary film connects enslaved black people with their African past and culture.

The story centers around Mona, a contemporary fashion model, who is possessed by spirits lingering in the Cape Coast Castle in Ghana. These ancestral spirits send her on a

memorable journey to the past where she becomes Shola, a house servant on a sugar plantation who is constantly no blame, instead it examines the situation."



Photo courtesy University Relations
These MSC officers worked hard to prepare Black History Month.

abused by the slave master. Inspired by Nunu, an African-born field hand and Shango, Shola's West Indian lover, Shola seeks her freedom and takes fate into her own hands.

"This is an excellent independent film that can only be described as 'powerful,'" said Morrison. "It casts no blame, instead it examines the situation."

This dramatic one-man show incorporates some of the most compelling of King's speeches with performance material that provides explanatory information about King to the public.

Soyinka and the late Russian poet Joseph Brodsky.

"It's quite a thrill to be in such distinguished company," Spencer said. "I don't think the news has fully hit me yet. I'm still in a state of literary shock."

Spencer grew up in Kingston, attending Wyoming Valley West High School and Wilkes University, where he was an English major and editor of *Manuscript*, the University's literary magazine.

Manuscript issues from 1971 to 1974 contain some of his early work.

Spencer is also a graduate of the Iowa Writers Workshop, where he won the James Michener Award and the Stanford Creative Writing Program where he was a Wallace Stegner Fellow and Jones Lecturer in Creative Writing.

and the Civil Rights Movement.

"Dr. King wanted us to enjoy diversity, not separation," said Morrison. "Black History Month is for everyone to celebrate the contributions of Black Americans."

Funding for these and other MSC events is provided by the money allocated to the group from Student Government.

Student Government went above and beyond expectations with the Lucas presentation. "We are very fortunate that SG helped us bring such a brilliant speaker to the community. They backed us with almost half of the expenses," said Morrison.

Morrison encourages any student interested in multiculturalism to join MSC. Morrison also stated that everyone brings their own unique perspective to the club.

Each difference is respected, valued and celebrated. That is what MSC is about: enjoying the benefits of diversity. This fact is proven by their planned programming this month.

"I anticipate that this month will be successful. We really hope to see a broader population join in," said Morrison.

Any questions about MSC or the activities can be answered by Gina Morrison at the Office of MultiCultural Affairs at extension 4731.

Spencer holds a Master's degree in English from the University of Michigan and a Ph.D. in English from Penn State. Currently, he is director of creative writing at Creighton University in Omaha, Nebraska, and is editor of the Creighton University Press.

Are We Not Men? is published by Arcade and is available at most bookstores. Spencer is also the author of the highly praised 1995 novel, *The Lost Son*, also from Arcade.



Village Voice praises Wilkes alumnus

Wilkes-Barre — Brent Spencer, a 1974 graduate of Wilkes University and a Wyoming Valley native, recently garnered some serious literary attention for his collection of short stories entitled *Are We Not Men?*. The collection was named one of the best books of 1996 by *The Village Voice Literary Supplement*.

The New York-based *Village Voice*, which began as an underground newspaper in Greenwich Village during the 1960's, served as the launching pad for anti-war movement and for what would become known as the "New Journalism." Since its inception, it has always been a respected source of commentary on politics, culture, art and ideas.

Editors of the *Village Voice* praised Spencer's book,

saying, "Spencer effortlessly shifts from the pensive to the hilarious, and the missing link between his characters' blindness and insight makes these well-honed tales ample spaces of possibility."

According to Dr. Patricia Heaman, chairperson of the Wilkes English Department, "Brent had a distinguished career as an English major here at Wilkes. He helped to initiate our reading series by getting poets like Gregory Corso and Robert Bly to the Wilkes campus for readings." Heaman adds, "The faculty who worked with Brent remember him affectionately. We're very proud of his success."

Also included on *The Village Voice Literary Supplement* 1996 list were books by three Nobel Prize winners: Irish poet Seamus Heaney, Nigerian novelist Wole

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What you missed on the Wilkes stage

By Glenda Race
Beacon Copy Editor

Set in a New England private boys' school in the 1940's, *The Browning Version* is a play written by Terence Rattigan about a man, Andrew Crocker-Harris, who has a heart condition, but whose truly debilitating condition is his loss of soul and belief that he cannot change his life.

As noted by light board director Dan Craig, *The Browning Version* is a "very funny play."

It takes place in the Crocker-Harris home the

evening before the presentation of graduation awards and also the evening of the visitation of the Gilberts, Crocker's job replacement.

Eric Baily played the role of Crocker-Harris, a Greek scholar who is about to retire from his job of 18 years but was denied pension.

He has difficulty relating to his students, who like John Taplow, played by Chuck Unice, are full of life.

Taplow gives Crocker a gift of the Browning translation of the Agamemnon. Crocker

noted that once he made a very good translation but he had somehow lost it, "like many things in life."

Crocker-Harris's wife, Millie, played by Marie Sumski, pursues a younger teacher, Frank Hunter, played by David Kochak.

She is a woman married to a man she does not love and pursues men she knows do not love her.

Crocker-Harris knows what his wife is doing because, "she never lies to me."

He gradually becomes aware that he can change his situation and does so

by requesting to speak before Hunter at the awards ceremony. By doing this, he asserts his privilege as an experienced teacher.

After the performance, Wilkes freshman Nick Adler noted that the play was, "very good and short and to the point."

The play was performed in the Dorothy Dickson Darte Center on Thursday, January 23 through Sunday, January 26.

It was directed by Todd Lunquist, a senior Wilkes theater major who noted that the students had

been working on the play for three weeks and during that time he enjoyed, "the overall theater experience and working with friends."

Future events for the Wilkes Music, Theater, and Dance Department include the musical "The Boys from Syracuse" which is derived from Shakespeare's *Comedy of Errors*.

It is a play written by Rodgers and Hart which will be performed February 13-16 and 20-22 in the Dorothy Dickson Darte Center.

Incomparable talent graces Sordoni

Wilkes-Barre —

Over the last fifty years, Louisa Matthiasdottir has developed an original and eloquent voice as a painter working in the traditional genres of landscape, still life and figure painting.

The Sordoni Art Gallery will present "Louisa Matthiasdottir Paintings 1930's - 1990's" from Sunday, January 12 through Sunday, February 23.

Born in Reykjavik, Iceland, in 1917, Matthiasdottir attended commercial art school in Copenhagen for three years, where she studied the basic mechanics of picture-making.

In 1938, she accompanied her father, a well-known doctor, to a conference in Paris and stayed for a year to study with Marcel Gromaire. Gromaire, she explained, "had the good sense to leave his pupils alone."

Matthiasdottir then came to America in 1941

and along with another Icelandic artist, Nina Tryggvadottir, studied at Hans Hofmann's school. It was there that she met her husband, painter, Leland Bell.

The character of Matthiasdottir's work is remarkably straight forward.

Always admirably succinct in her pictorial shorthand, she does exactly what is necessary to fix an image in paint, and nothing more.

In her own words, "The reason I paint is because I want to paint what I see. But to paint what I see I must build from color. I don't do shapes and colors without seeing them in nature. Either it looks like a landscape or it doesn't. After all a painting isn't really a still life or a landscape, it's a mere canvas. It can never be real life. It has to be a painting."

The Sordoni Art Gallery is open daily from noon to 5 p.m. For more information call extension 4325.

80's TRIVIA

with Donna T.

- Music: "All I Need Is a Miracle" was sung by what group?
- Television: Ricky Schroder starred as a rich boy in what sitcom?
- Movies: In what 1988 movie did Danny Devito and Billy Crystal exchange "Murders."
- News: In September of 1981 this woman was confirmed the first female Supreme Court Justice?
- Grab Bag: What national monument did Lee Iacocca help save in 1986.

For answers to these questions, tune in to "Interstate 80: Highway of Hits" Friday at 5 p.m. on 90.7 WCLH-FM, or check out next week's *Beacon*. If you are the impatient type, you may contact Donna at talarids@wilkes.edu.

Answers to last week's questions: "Tears for Fears", "Pee Wee's Playhouse", "88 Miles Per Hour", Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, and "Burger Time"



Trainspotting
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Free !!
Friday,
January 31,
at 7:30 p.m.
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Bring a friend!

Sauteed Chicken Garden Salad

courtesy "The College Student's Cookbook" by David Bag

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| Chicken breast | 1/4 pound boneless |
| Lettuce | 1/3 - 1/2 a head of lettuce, shredded |
| Carrot | 1 large carrot, peeled and sliced |
| Tomato | 1, cut into about 8 slices |
| Green Bell Pepper | 1/4 - 1/2 of a pepper |
| Onion | 1/2 of a small one |
| Garlic | 1 clove, chopped up |
| Butter or margarine | about 1 tablespoon |
| Cheese | shredded, about 1 handful |
| 1 hard-boiled egg | sliced up (optional) |

pots and pans to clean up - 1 frying pan, 1 large bowl

Cut up all vegetables and set aside about 1/2 of the green pepper, 1/2 the onion and all of the garlic. Put these in the frying pan with the butter. Put all of the other veggies in a large mixing bowl. Slice the chicken breast into thin strips.

Turn on the range and heat up the butter and veggies until the butter melts. Add the chicken. Stir around until the chicken starts to get brown marks. Cut open a piece to see if it is white all the way through. If it is, take the chicken out of the pan with a fork and add it to the salad. Don't pour the onions and green peppers you cooked with the chicken in the salad-they were just there to flavor the chicken. Also, remember you just sauteed something, so now you sound like a fancy chef, the kind of cook that knows how to sift flour. Serves two people, or you twice.



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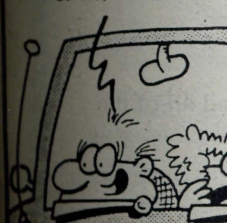
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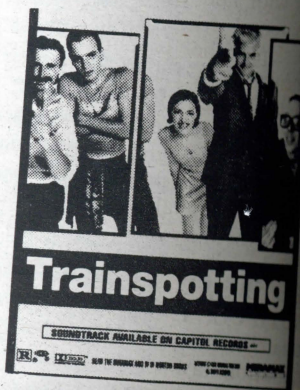
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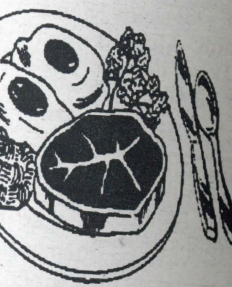
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Soap Updates

MY CHILDREN: At the Erica wondered why Ed wasn't there to see Dimitri. confronted Tanner over the money at Holidays and got a reply. Andy gave Skye a ultimatum: Either have sex with him or he'll tell Dimitri everything. She became aware of Skye's secret. He then handed her the "stolen money" to Holidays. Liza's mystery man is Wait To See: Erica makes a discovery.

OTHER WORLD: Ryan real-Grant's plan involved Vicky Nicky's trip and tried to stop Nick vowed not to give up on Sofia back from Matt. Grant respect to see Cindy and Gabe together. Bobby was shocked he found in the truck. After explosion, Vicky was reunited with Carl stole Rachel's medications. Wait To See: Jake gets news.

THE WORLD TURNS: Hol- overheard Lily propose to and insist on a Valentine's wedding when he'll share his with her. Mark vowed to Jones' death. Tom learned skipped her psychiatrist appointment. When Lucinda begged to save Lily from Diego, he told her that she once thought wasn't good enough for Lily. Kim with chest pains, and was to the hospital. Wait To See: caught in an unexpected con-

THE BOLD AND THE NAUTIFUL: Thorne reassured by telling her he'll hire an immigration lawyer to fight her. Stephanie was stunned Taylor said she wouldn't Ridge because of his still un- feelings for Brooke. Ridge Thorne whom he blamed for in his relationship with Thorne. Thorne and Macy later got an argument, and she told him to Grant worried that Brooke annul the marriage when she out Ridge had come after her. Wait To See: A surprise awaits Thorne.

THE CITY: Tracy realized she seen Danny's missing bracelet which had been a gift from Jocelyn) Carla's hotel room. When Carla Thorne Tony would escort Ally to her dad's funeral, she staged a mis- age to stop him. Ally went with Lorraine was upset Angie and Jacob declined her

surrogacy offer. A shocked Tony found Carla's pregnancy test kit. **Wait To See:** Tess faces a frighten- ing decision.

DAYS OF OUR LIVES: Un- aware that it was Susan in the doctor's office, Marlena believed Kristen had gone into labor. Kristen, meanwhile, confessed all to Father Jansen who refused to give her ab- solution unless she tells John and Marlena she's faking her pregnancy. Kate encouraged Billie to follow up on Hope's suggestion that she and Bo give their love one more chance. Franco arranged a call that cleared him of the murder on the island. Sami believed she was still in high school. **Wait To See:** Kate and Vivian have a showdown.

GENERAL HOSPITAL: Brenda begged Miranda to allow her and Jax to build their own lives together. Katherine told Tony she no longer believes she'll walk again. Lucy discovered the genesis of Kevin's cache of letters which Kevin has begun to decipher. Mac told Felicia he no longer loves Miranda. Tom got a phone call that related to the secreted Spencers. **Wait To See:** Felicia's suspicions grow.

GUIDING LIGHT: Harley (Beth Ehlers) and Mike (Don Stewart) returned for a visit. Annie was nervous about Reva meeting Fran at the Ball. Alan-Michael and Lucy wondered how they'll get out of the tangled Spaulding situation. Reva and Billy, and Dinah and Jean-Luc competed in a tango contest. Michelle got help to rescue those in the capsized boat, but there was no trace of Zachary. Vanessa later shared hopeful news with Zachary, who had sadder news for her. **Wait To See:** Reva has mixed feelings about her future with Josh.

ONE LIFE TO LIVE: Marty and Patrick had their own wedding "ceremony" in which they pledged their love forever. Andy arrested Antonio. R.J. played a video from Carlo implicating Antonio in his murder. Carlotta asked Clint for \$1 million for Antonio's bail. The judge in the custody case ordered a social worker to observe Blair and Todd with Starr. Dorian gave Cord \$15 million and told Blair she'll have to sell the house to pay off the rest. Cord, meanwhile, warned Asa not to press for a fight for control of Buchanan Enterprises. **Wait To See:** Bo may have more upsetting news for Antonio.

SUNSET BEACH: As Ricardo went after the gun Annie held, she accidentally shot Ben. She was ar-



MARCY WALKER,
"LIZA,"
"ALL MY CHILDREN"

rested and put on suicide watch. Meg left her meeting place for "SB" moments before Ben finally appeared. She later switched off her computer for good, just missing Ben's e-mail message giving his true identity. Eddie blackmailed Olivia. Pressured by Olivia and Gregory, Sean picked Annie out of the police lineup. Casey was almost shot. Clyde was duct- taped and thrown into a shower. Jaleen was almost kidnapped. **Wait To See:** Annie's polygraph test produces unexpected results.

THE YOUNG AND THE REST- LESS: Victoria was upset when Cole spent time with his book, and not with her. After a dance with Tony, she told Nick her marriage is boring. A call from an unnamed per- son came in during Phyllis and Danny's wedding reception. Victor was furious about the deal Nick, Jack and Jill made with Dennison and demanded Jack undo it. Neil was crushed when Dru chose to go to Tahiti for her modeling assignment. **Wait To See:** Neil and Olivia find they have much in common.

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Under Our Stars...

Aries (March 21 - April 20) Forget about coasting - you're going to work harder this semester than you ever have before. However, this will keep you out of the trouble you tend to find. Expect a lot of opportunities along with a few upsets in the upcoming weeks.

Taurus (April 21 - May 20) Your love interest may be charming, but they are going to play hard to get. Since your friends are like your family, turn to them when the going gets tough.

Gemini (May 22 - June 21) Enough with these flings. The one for you is staring you in the face. Let them know how much they mean to you, and you may get an awesome surprise in return.

Cancer (June 22 - July 23) If tension has become your middle name, learn to get control of stress. Pick up some candles or bubble bath and learn to relax. You could use it.

Leo (July 24 - August 23) You are shooting to the top of the class, or to the top position on the job. Take it all in stride and try not to let it go to your head. If all goes well, success will continue.

Virgo (August 24 - September 23) More than ever you need to cut back on spending. There is no way you are going anywhere for Spring Break if you don't start cutting corners now. Be frugal.

Libra (September 24 - October 23) You are going to be so involved this semester, you may need an extra calendar to keep it all straight. Be wary of those who are all smiles. Their intentions are no good.

Scorpio (October 24 - November 22) You need to buy a few extra lamps and brighten up your living space before the winter "blahs" really get to you. Adopt an exercise program, too, and you'll be full of energy!

Sagittarius (November 23 - December 21) The best way to spend your free time is with friends. Don't hide what bothers you from them and you will feel 100% better. Without a doubt the pieces of your life are coming together. You're due for some joy.

Capricorn (December 22 - January 20) Meet new people! The crowd you're with now isn't giving you enough breathing room. Rely on your common sense to pull you out of trying situations. Be confident in yourself.

Aquarius (January 21 - February 19) While you're a stickler for details, sometimes you get lost in your work. You're on a roll with your new project, but a new love interest could push you off the track. Be focused, but be ready for fun.

Pisces (February 20 - March 20) Your new freedom is a shock, but you'll pull through. The outlook on your future couldn't be brighter. You are a great friend and lover at the same time. Beware of potential troublemakers, get out of sticky situations before they take over your life.

Top 10 Movies

1. Michael starring John Travolta
2. Jerry Maguire Tom Cruise
3. Scream Drew Barrymore
4. 101 Dalmations Glenn Close
5. One Fine Day George Clooney
6. Evening Star Shirley MacLaine
7. Ghosts of Mississippi James Wood
8. Beavis and Butt-Head Do America
9. Mars Attacks! Jack Nicholson
10. My Fellow Americans Jack Lemmon



Getting through the day...

"Never try to take the manners of another as your own, for the theft will be immediately evident and the thief will appear as ridiculous as a robin with peacock feathers hastily stuck on." - Maya Angelou, *Wouldn't Take Nothing For My Journey Now*

Lady Colonels end four game winning streak, drop last two

By **RICH WILLIAMS**
Beacon Staff Writer

Throughout the last week the Lady Colonels' play has been similar to that of a seesaw: up and down.

Thursday night the Lady Colonels were the ones looking down on their opponent when they defeated Marywood College 88-74 in non-league action.

Rebecca Baker scored a game high 29 points while pulling down 16 boards. Other notables for the Lady Colonels were freshman guard Katie Watkins who dropped 15, including an impressive performance from the charity stripe going nine for 11, and Lee Ann Azarewicz added 13 points and a game high six assists for the Lady Colonels.

As for Marywood, Kerri Ruddy had a team high 16 points while teammate Theresa Hillman threw in 14 for her ball club. Nicole McCormick added 13 points.

The win capped off an impressive four game winning streak for the Lady Colonels.

Unfortunately, that winning streak wouldn't last long. Saturday night Wilkes found themselves at the bottom of the seesaw when they faced the Freedom League's first place team and defending Middle Atlantic Conference champions, the University of Scranton Lady Royals.

Scranton topped the Lady Colonels, 62-42, in front of a nice sized crowd at the Marts Center. The Lady Colonels' offense, which had been rolling as of late, was stymied by a tough defensive-minded

Lady Royals ball club.

Scranton flexed their muscles early, smothering the Lady Colonels' half court game. Wilkes was forced into four shot clock violations in the first half and another two of their possessions ended in bad shots after the lady Royal "D" held them until the last few ticks of the shot clock.

Wilkes didn't fare much better in the second half. The Lady Royals held them scoreless for the first six minutes and they didn't allow the lady Colonels to score a field goal until 9:38 was remaining in the game.

The Lady Colonels' woman in the middle, Rebecca Baker, responded about the team's performance against Scranton, "I think that Scranton played well, we were lacking some of the unity that we're used to

playing with."

Tracy Zaykoski and Lee Ann Azarewicz led the way for the Lady Colonels each scoring 11 points.

As for the Lady Royals, Jen Nish led all players with 14 points and Kelly Halpin chipped in 12 to pace Scranton on the offensive end.

The Lady Royals improved to 13-2 overall and 5-0 in the MAC Freedom League with the win. The Lady Colonels fell to 5-7 overall and 2-2 in the MAC Freedom League.

This past Tuesday the Lady Colonels fell to Lycoming 71-61. Jen Holt's 16 points paced the Lady Warriors. Watkins and Azarewicz each scored 12 points to lead the Lady Colonels.

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Banter in the Booth

with Michael Noone

Awash in the afterglow of an amazingly accurate Super Bowl prediction, this sports columnist turns his attention to college basketball rivalries. Classic confrontations such as Duke versus North Carolina have nothing on the Hope-Calvin game.

The rivalry between Hope and Calvin is unparalleled in Division III. It has been televised live in west Michigan since 1960. The game is so popular among residents of the Great Lakes state that in 1990 WOOD-TV pre-empted the State of the Union address by President Bush to show the game.

Wednesday night's battle between Hope and Calvin was expected to shatter Division III attendance records with a sellout crowd of 11,668 in the brand new Van Andel Arena.

One of the reasons for this rivalry is the close proximity of the schools. Hope is only 27 miles away from Calvin in Holland, Michigan, a town known for its annual tulip festival.

Religious history also plays a part in the rivalry. Both schools are rooted in Dutch Calvinism. A rift in 1857 created the Christian Reformed Church, which founded Calvinism, from the present-day Reformed Church in America, with which Hope is affiliated.

There was considerable ill-will surrounding this separation. Even though the split occurred 140 years ago, some of those same feelings are at the root of the basketball rivalry, which began in 1920.

In reality that was only the first "official" game. On December 7, 1917 a group of disgruntled Calvin students calling themselves "The Rivals" agreed to play a game. They lost 55-8 to the Flying Dutchmen. Things only got worse for the students after the game was over.

The Rivals were denied the right to take final exams, and the seniors were barred from commencement. And you thought the people in Indiana took basketball seriously.

A mere 19 points separate the teams over the first 135 games. Calvin has scored 8,756 points, an average of 65.3 per game. Hope has scored 8,736 points, an average of 65.2 per game. That works out to a difference of just 0.141 points per game.

The low score was a 26-11 Hope win in 1925, the high was a 104-102 Hope win in 1965.

Calvin won the Division III national championship in 1992. Hope was runner-up for the national title last season.

The bitter and hard-fought rivalry between Hope and Calvin makes the 31 year history of Super Bowl blowouts look like a lot of flash and hype without much substance.

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Wilkes' Coach Rickrode achieves 100th win

By MICHAEL NOONE
Beacon Sports Editor

In his five years at Wilkes University, men's basketball coach Jerry Rickrode has transformed the Colonels from perennial cellar-dweller in the Middle Atlantic Conference into one of the premier programs in the nation.

In his first college head coaching position, Rickrode tallied his 100th career win when the Colonels defeated Delaware Valley 84-58. Since then the Colonels have won two more games over Freedom League rivals Scranton and are coming moving Rickrode's career record to 102-24.

In honor of Rickrode's milestone, the coach was presented a framed picture, autographed by his team prior to the Scranton game.

Rickrode reached the 100 win plateau in just 124 games. Rickrode is just the second Wilkes coach to win 100 games. Ron Rainey was the first coach to reach that mark. In his 13 years at Wilkes, Rainey compiled a record of 135-168. Rickrode is on pace to become the all-time winningest coach in Wilkes history in record time.

Rickrode credits his players and assistant coaches for his impressive record. Two of his former assistants have since left the program. Joe Kremmer, his first assistant at Wilkes is now the head coach at New Paltz State in New York, and John Dunn is now an assistant at Adelphi.

This year Rickrode has once again surrounded himself with three quality assistants.

Matt McCaffrey is back for his third year with the team, while former guard

Dave Macedo has joined the staff, along with Bloomsburg University graduate Tony Modrovsky.

In his first year at Wilkes, Rickrode led the Colonels to a 16-9 record and advanced to the MAC playoffs. The Colonels were 20-6 Rickrode's second year, qualified for the MAC playoffs again, just missed a bid to the NCAA tournament and advanced to the ECAC post season tournament.

In his third year, the Wilkes' program made the move to another level. The Colonels went 25-5 and advanced to the Elite Eight of the NCAA tournament.

Last season was the school's best ever in the history of Wilkes basketball. Rickrode led a veteran team to a 28-2 record, a Freedom League and MAC title and another trip to the Elite Eight.

Rickrode has led Wilkes to three consecutive 20 win seasons.

Talented players are crucial for the success of all great coaches and Rickrode has brought a wealth of talent to Wilkes University. A relentless recruiter, Rickrode's ability to bring in quality players has brought the Wilkes basketball program national notoriety.

An advocate of keeping the local talent in the region, Rickrode currently has eight players from Northeastern Pennsylvania and four of them are in the starting lineup.

Last year the Colonels were listed as preseason number one by *Sports Illustrated* and *Street and Smith's* magazine. This year, *Sports Illustrated* ranked the Colonels Number 24, while Dick Vitale had them at 12.

Former standouts Jason

Turner, Matt LaBuda and Chris Parker were named ECAC All-Stars while Turner and LaBuda were named All-Americans by the National Association of Basketball Coaches. Parker also joined Turner and LaBuda on the Columbus Multi-Media Mid-Atlantic Region All-American team in both the 1994-95 and 95-96 seasons. Rickrode has also had nine players named to the MAC and Freedom League All-Star teams.

As of last week, the Colonels were ranked 17th in scoring offense with 87 points per game and 14th in scoring margin at 16.2. The Colonels were 15th in three-point field goals per game at 8.6.

The Colonels return to action at the Marts Center on Wednesday, February 5 at 8 p.m., when they play host to Caldwell College.

Wrestlers drop matches

By MICHAEL NOONE
Beacon Sports Editor

The Wilkes wrestling team saw its record fall to 1-8 by dropping matches to James Madison 25-18, Army 45-7, and Rutgers 37-7 in a tri-match at West Point, New York this past Saturday.

Freshman Don Morgan, 126 pounds, improved his record to 7-11 by winning all three of his matches over the weekend. Morgan won his matches against James Madison 14-4, Army 14-10, and Rutgers 13-5.

At 142 pounds, Jon Laudenslager improved his record to a team best 13-7. He also leads the team in pins with five. Laudenslager beat his James Madison opponent 13-2 and his Rutgers foe 8-2.

Also winning matches over the weekend for the Colonels were 158 pounder Mike Morellino, who pinned his opponent from James Madison. Morellino is now second on the team with four pins. Duane Ritter, 150 pounds, won his match against Army 8-0.

The Colonels have a full schedule this weekend, traveling to Columbia on Friday for a 1 p.m. match. On Saturday Wilkes travels to Franklin & Marshall for a tri-match against Millersville, Franklin & Marshall and Boston College at 2 p.m.

The Colonels return to the Marts Center on Sunday for another tri-match with Seton Hall, Cheyney State and the University of Buffalo at noon.

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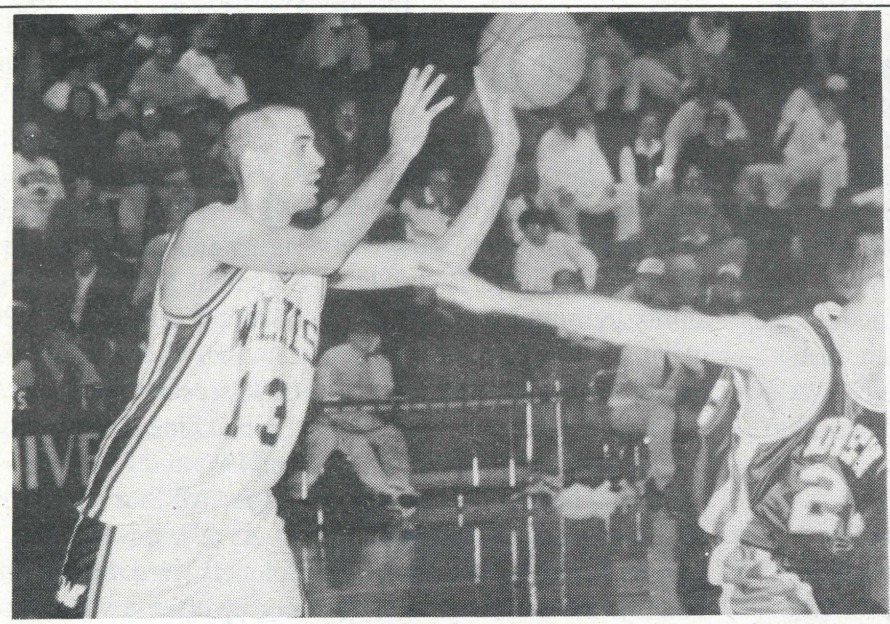
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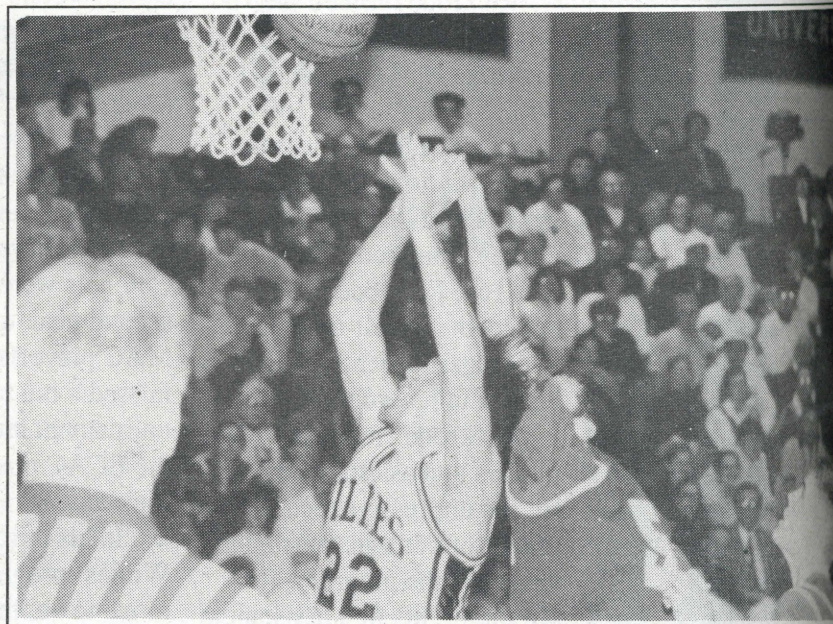
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Colonels victorious in battles with Scranton and Lycoming



Wilkes' Mike Barrouk (13) led the Colonels in scoring against Scranton and Lycoming.



Wilkes' Tim Burlew (22) scored 12 points against Lycoming.

By **DOUG SNYDER**
Beacon Staff Writer

Coming into Saturday's game against the University of Scranton, Wilkes basketball coach Jerry Rickrode listed three keys to winning the game: set up the half court defense, win the rebounding war and stop Scranton star Charlie Nanick. Judging by the final score, 85-68, Wilkes accomplished these goals and then some.

The Colonels came out of the gates slow, and found themselves down 19-11 in the first half. That's when the defense kicked in. After Brian Gryboski drained a pair of three-pointers, Dave Clancy swatted a Scranton lay up, which Wilkes converted into a layup to go ahead 21-19.

Gryboski, who finished with a team high 24 points, kept the Colonels hot. Seth Myers came off the bench to score 10 points during the run. The combination of hot shooting and good rebounding by Gryboski and Tim Burlew gave the Colonels a 40-28 lead at the half. Wilkes came out on fire in the second half, opening up a 20 point lead. The 20

point cushion, which was ignited by nine three-pointers and 14-18 shooting from the foul line, was maintained throughout the second half for the win. Scranton's Charlie Nanick was held in check, scoring a modest 13 points.

This past Tuesday the Colonels squared off against the Lycoming College Warriors in one of the most anticipated Middle Atlantic Conference Freedom League matchups of the year. The Colonels were highly ranked in national polls last season but this year it's the Warriors receiving most of the accolades.

This preseason *The Sporting News* ranked the Warriors as the fifth best team in Division III. The Colonels were left out of those rankings. Dick Vitale ranked Wilkes 12th while Lycoming was ranked 14th. Lycoming was ranked sixth in *Sports Illustrated* while the Colonels were ranked 24th.

The experts who are most qualified to comment on team strengths, the MAC coaches, pegged Wilkes to win the conference for the second consecutive year.

Last season the Colonels and the Warriors played two wars that were decided by a

total of four points. Wilkes won 66-65 at home, and then won at Lycoming, 85-82, to secure the Freedom League title.

The Warriors entered this year's contest with an overall record of 13-2, 5-0 in the Freedom League and ranked first in the Middle Atlantic Region. Wilkes traveled to Williamsport with an overall record of 12-2, 5-0 in the Freedom and tied for second with Alvernia in the Middle Atlantic Region.

Lycoming features four returning starters and 15 letter-winners, including *Sporting News* first team All-America forward Andy Rutherford, who averages 15 points per game.

Wilkes' defensive specialist Mike Barrouk, who leads the team in scoring at 14.6 points per game, drew the responsibility of stopping Rutherford. Other Colonels averaging double figures on the year are Dave Jannuzzi, Brian Gryboski, Jay Williams and Seth Meyers.

The Warriors also have five players in double figures. Along with Rutherford, Tobias Gray, Geoff Boblick, Kevin McFarland and Division II Lock Haven transfer Rasheed Campbell

are in double figures.

The rivalry between the Colonels and the Warriors certainly does not lack intensity. The Warriors bring a certain attitude to their game and the Colonels never back down from anyone.

The game between the Colonels and the Warriors lived up to the hype. The Colonels trailed by as many as eight points early in the first half. Wilkes cut the Lycoming lead to three at halftime.

The Colonels used a 12-4 run with 7:30 remaining to overcome a 57-55 deficit. Lycoming twice pulled within four points over the game's final 3:23, however the Colonels capitalized on Lycoming mistakes to extend their lead.

With 20 seconds remaining Dave Clancy pulled down a clutch rebound for the Colonels that resulted in a Lycoming personal foul and technical foul. The Colonels were able to extend their lead to win 78-67. The impressive win in the very hostile Lamade Gymnasium exemplified the mental toughness of the Colonels. Wilkes improved to 13-2 overall and 6-0 in the Freedom League. The Warriors fell to 13-3 overall

and 5-1 in the Freedom League.

Colonels' next game: Saturday, February 1 @ 2 p.m. vs. FDU-Madison

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