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Here comes Homecoming

BY AMEE MEHTA
Beacon Staff Writer

Homecoming. This is a major part of every college campus' social life. It is a time when students get to relax, have a good time, and meet up with friends. According to sophomore Jeanette Bell, it is about "getting to see all of my friends." Homecoming is also a time when alumni come back and get together with classmates and other friends.

"It was the best dance I ever went to, and I hope that this year's is just as good." - sophomore Jason Leach reflected on last year's dance

This weekend is full of homecoming activities here at Wilkes. The activities will begin tonight with the pep rally at 8 p.m. The rally will be held on the Admissions Field between the Chase Hall and Kirby Hall. At the pep rally, the sports teams will be introduced and the three male and three female finalists for homecoming court will be announced.

Then, on Friday, the annual homecoming dance will be held at Genetti's. The dance starts at 6 p.m. and will continue until midnight. Wilkes University will be providing shuttle service to and from the dance.

The festivities continue on Saturday with the Alumni mini-fair. At 1 p.m. The football team will take on Delaware Valley at home. During the half-time of the game, the homecoming king and queen will be announced. There is also a women's tennis match at noon against Lycoming, field hockey takes on Delaware Valley at 1 p.m. at home, soccer is home against William Paterson at 4 p.m.

Among the festivities planned for Wilkes University's Homecoming Weekend 2000, October 6-8, is a tribute to President Christopher N. Breiseth at this, his last Homecoming. Alumni and friends will gather at the newly created Colonel's Corner at Ralston Field on Saturday, October 7, from 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m. to honor Breiseth for his 16-plus years of leadership.

Earlier this year, Breiseth announced his plans to retire at the end of this academic year. Sponsored by the Alumni Association and Athletic Department, the celebration will include, games, music, food, and a free ticket to a Comedy Special featuring alumnus Dave Russo at the Woodland's Inn and Resort from 7-8 p.m. Saturday. Admission is \$5 for adults. Children 10 and under will be admitted free. Admission for the Comedy Special is \$5 for those not attending the tribute.

Russo, Wilkes Class of 1993, won the 2000 Boston Comedy Festival and was named "Boston's Best Comedian."

As only being a freshman, Casey McClafferty put it, "This weekend is going to be a lot of fun!"

Field hockey team upends favored Lady Royals in convincing fashion

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Who will take their place as the 2000 Homecoming King and Queen? Find out Saturday during halftime of the game.

Animal House

BY MEG STEVENS
Beacon Staff Writer

Have you ever been to the Jungle? If not it sounds like Wilkes student are bringing the jungle to Wilkes-Barre. The Homecoming 2000 theme will soon be evident by the decorations across campus outside the residence halls.

Several Resident Assistants have commented that their residents seem really excited about the Dorm Decoration Contest that will take place this weekend. Every year during Homecoming, Wilkes alumni tour campus and judge the decorations outside the halls. They will begin judging the dorms at 9am.

The judging criteria used to select the winning halls includes creativity, incorporation of the theme, Wilkes spirit, originality, detail, and effort.

Every residence hall can participate in the contest including each floor in Evans, apartments, and mansions. A change from last year is that Evans will be judged from the inside. Residents can thus decorate the common areas in addition to the windows. The first prize house or apartment will be awarded \$150. The first prize Evans floor will win \$125. A prize of \$75 will be awarded to the second place

house/ apartment/ or floor. Then the third place floor will win \$50. With such a generous first prize you can't afford not to participate. Prizes were sponsored by the Alumni Association and Student Government. Stu-



dent Government will also reimburse each hall for up to \$25 of decoration supplies. Receipts can be turned in to Greg Collins, SG Treasurer, or Margie on the Student Activities Office on the second floor of the Student Union. Each receipt must accompany a note containing your name, hall, social security number, and box number. Banners from each hall will be judged at the Pep Rally Thursday night. The winning banner will receive \$50.



Members of the Nesbitt School of Pharmacy's Class of 2004 are shown taking the official "Oath of a Pharmacist" during their Professional Initiation Ceremony in Wilkes University's Rite Aid Auditorium.

Pharmacy holds White Coat Ceremony

In preparation for their field experiences in area pharmacies, students from the Nesbitt School of Pharmacy Class of 2004 recently completed the Professional Initiation Ceremony, among an audience of families and friends in Wilkes University's Rite Aid Auditorium.

The pharmacy students took the official "Oath of a Pharma-



cist," signed the "Code of Ethics," and received their white lab coats. Following a welcome by Dr. Bernard W. Graham, dean of the Nesbitt School of Pharmacy, a keynote address was delivered by Steve L. Sheaffer, Pharm.D. FASHP.

Sheaffer is director of Pharmacy at Mercy Fitzgerald Hospital and president-elect of the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists.

President of MCSC speaks out

Jermaine Hinkle, President of the Multicultural Coalition took time out of his hectic schedule to comment on what he feels about this club and its cause on campus.

*What to you is important about having a club like this at Wilkes University?

"I believe everyone is unique in their own way and each individual is different. To get an understanding of each other, it is great to have a club like this.

*What type of response do the students give to this club? "We receive a great deal of positive feedback. Students respond to this coalition by giving their support. This club is not just for minorities; it is for everyone. The biggest goal is to stress to all students that everyone strives for the same things in life, regardless of age, sex, religion, and race.

*How does the advisor Gina Morrison influence the students in the club?

"Gina is the mother off the club. She sets a great example. She is definatley has a understanding off diversity. She also sets a positive example that diversity is a key to culture. Also, she is available for the support and to counsel the students when they need help."

MULTICULTURAL WEEK
Monday October 2- Living in the Dominican Republic. A bilingual presentation about the DR by International Studies Major Lisa Ruguggiero.

Tuesday October 3- Wilkes goes to China. Anthropologist Jim Merryman reports on a summer trip to Northern China to set up an exchange program with Heilongjing U.

Wednesday October 4- The Metamorphosis Performance Co. Interactive Theatre performance will perform "Strange Like Me examines

the assumptions we make about people who are different."

Thursday October 5- The Many Colours of Malaysia. This presentation will look at the treasures of Malaysia.

Friday October 6- Spirit of the Dance will be held at the Kirby Center to witness the footsteps of the dance style from the U.K.

Please come out and show your support to all of those that are involved in this coalition for students by the students.

Multicultural Awareness Week is a week full of info and options sponsored by the Multicultural Student Coalition of Wilkes University. For additional information please phone 408-4731 or visit the web site at www.wilkes.edu/Multicultural/Events.

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Liquid X

Gamma Hydroxy Butyrate (GHB), is quickly becoming a favorite drug for clubgoers. Nicknamed "Liquid Ecstasy," it is also becoming the favorite drug of date rapists.

It's a lesson in drug prevention and medical professionals want teens and young adults to learn: GHB spells trouble.

Recent reports of people requiring hospital treatment after ingesting GHB, known as Liquid Ecstasy, show the emergence of the drug locally. They also back up national numbers indicating use of the controlled substance is increasing with dangerous results.

The number of GHB-related cases seen in emergency rooms across the country jumped from 300 in 1995 to more than 3,000 in 1999.

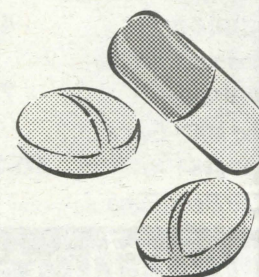
GHB - General Information

- Ingested orally in liquid form or as powder dissolved in liquid

- Was legal in the U.S. and used as a sedative and to treat alcohol withdrawal but has been since banned

- It is highly dangerous, and fatal to mix GHB with alcohol or other drugs

- Symptoms that may occur with high dosages or overdose include vomiting, dizziness, seizure, irregular breathing, slowed heart rate and a coma-like state



Ted Kross, nurse manager at Geisinger's emergency department commented on the possible dangers to the drug, "You could stop breathing. Or you could stop breathing. Or there's a multiple of problems that could have."

Career Services Workshop

Career Service workshops on successful job searching, resume writing, interviewing, and if you are a senior, setting up a credentials file. ALL majors are welcome. Anyone interested in gaining the competitive edge when applying for position for full-time, part-time, co-op, or internships should attend.

Workshops: 3:30-4:30
Dates:

11-Oct-2000
12-Oct-2000
23-Oct-2000
24-Oct-2000

At: Career Services, Max Roth Center, 215 S. Franklin St. (corner of South and South Franklin Streets, across from the library.)

To register call: 408-4060 or e-mail careers@wilkes.edu

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Free Jazz at Wilkes

Renowned jazz saxophonist, Frank Foster, will open this year's Jazz at Wilkes series of internationally acclaimed artists. Foster will perform with his Non-Electric Company Quintet on Tuesday, October 10, at 8 p.m. in the Dorothy Dickson Darte Center for the Performing Arts.

This year's series is being offered to the community free of charge. Tickets are required, and reservations for seating may be made by calling the University Box Office at (570) 408-4540.

A two-time Grammy Award winner, Frank Foster is celebrating

more than 55 years as a performer. In 1955, he resigned as leader of the world famous Count Basie Orchestra to work as a freelance musician.

A prolific performing and recording artist, Foster returned to the Basie Orchestra as its leader in June, 1986, to celebrate its 50th anniversary.

Foster will be joined by Earl May on acoustic bass, pianist Daniel Mixon, drummer David Gibson, and trumpeter Derrick Gardner. The Non-Electric Company performs in such venues as Sweet Basil and the Iridium jazz clubs in New York.

Get off that couch, and get Registered to vote

BY JOHN BROODY
Beacon Staff Writer

Looking for power and influence? Two simple acts and then you have power. First, you register to vote by October 10th, and then you vote on November 7th.

The stakes are high. If you want elected officials to take your interests seriously, then you need to vote. In about a month, you can elect the President of the United States, one of Pennsylvania's U.S. Senators, five State row officers, and all of the local representatives to U.S. Congress and Pennsylvania House of Representatives.

Registering to vote is easy to do, but you must do it fast. You can register to vote here in Luzerne County if you are a citizen of the U.S., a resident of Luzerne County for at least one month, and at least 18 years of age. Voter registration forms are available at the

Student Union information desk or contact Dr. Jane Elmes-Crahall in Capin 204. Remember you need to register by October 10th.

Once you are registered, you do not even have to walk far to vote on November 7th. The polling place is likely to be right on campus. Many of you have seen debates on television and know who the candidates are. Now all that's left for you to do is to act on that information. Your vote counts. In the 1960's election the vote between Kennedy and Nixon was so close that Nixon would have defeated Kennedy if one vote changed in each district in the country.

Do not let someone else vote for you. Register, get informed and vote. For further information contact Luzerne County voter registration office at 825-1715 or the local League of Women Voters at 675-3429.

Study abroad fair

The study abroad fair is to be held Tuesday, October 10, 2000 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. It will be held in the Stark Lobby and refreshments will be served.

Wilkes University students who are interested in spending a semester, a year, or a summer studying in a foreign country are invited to explore the great selection of programs available through the Study Abroad Office. All study abroad applicants are also encouraged to apply for the Peking Chef Scholarship for International Understanding.

The scholarship, in the sum of \$650 is awarded yearly to a student (Pennsylvania residents receive first preference) who meets the following criteria:

- participation in an academic study abroad program for a summer, a semester, or a year (all other applications for the scholarship will be considered on individual and on availability of funds basis)
- 2.5 GPA or higher;
- submission of a thoughtful essay (about 500 words) on the ben-

efits the applicant hopes to derive from the study abroad experience;

- proof of acceptance into a study abroad program by the specified due date.

- submission of the 500 word essay (as described above) to the Study Abroad coordinator, by March 31, and/or October 31, for the committee review.

Essays of applicants who meet the above stated criteria will be evaluated by a faculty committee, and the finalist is chosen on the basis of the student's expressed need and the most effective use of the study abroad grant.

Students who wish to use financial aid to help meet the educational costs associated with study abroad should meet with the Director of Financial Aid to review applicable procedures.

All recipients of the Peking Chef Scholarship for International Understanding are recognized at the annual Student Awards Ceremony following their study abroad experience.

In addition to the above grant, the Institute of International Education, through the National Security Education Program (NSEP), provides study abroad scholarships for U.S. undergraduate students. Under the program, scholarship assistance will be available for overseas study in regions of the world outside of Western Europe and Canada.

The NSEP scholarship awards are for a minimum of one academic term however, sophomores and upper class students are encouraged to submit applications for a full academic year. Students who have never studied abroad before are especially encouraged to apply.

The Study Abroad Office has an extensive library of brochures, catalogues and flyers, and provides general information on study abroad opportunities and programs throughout the world.

For further information, contact Dr. Walter Karpnich, Study Abroad Coordinator, Ext. 4524, or stop by in COB, room 204.

Note from SG to clubs

Student Government announces that the deadline for applying for club start-up funds has been extended to Friday, October 6th by 5 o'clock.

The reason for this is that many organizations have not provided the necessary information required by Student Government. Clubs who have not turned in anything yet can still apply.

Student Government asks that if your club has already handed in your cards that a copy of the club's constitution also be submitted. This is a mandatory requirement, even if there were no changes since last year. If you cannot locate a copy of it, please contact Greg Colling at collingj@wilkes.edu immediately.

Finally, for students interested in starting a new club, start-up funds will be available throughout the year. Upon the approval of a new constitution, new clubs will receive the same start-up funds as existing clubs. This is only available to new clubs.

Security note

Please be aware that in order to reach the Security desk with a general question, such as an extension number, you should call ext.4567.

The 4999 extension is for emergency use only. Calling this extension with general questions backs up the system, delaying the answering of other incoming calls.

Security thanks you for your cooperation.

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Sociology Club Faces Extinction?

The institution that is known as the Sociology Club is in danger of going "off the screen" for lack of members and student leaders to give it substance and direction. The once vibrant Sociology Club which has been in existence for almost as long as the University itself, and which made the headlines of the Beacon and local newspaper for its service to the community in recent years, is in a state of anomie. The failure of last year's president to hold regular



Is this the future of the sociology club?

meetings and elections seems to have precipitated the crisis.

In an effort to revive the Sociology Club, faculty advisor Dr. John H. Natzke has called a **mandatory, emergency meeting of all Sociology majors for next Thursday, October 12 at 12 noon in Cob 312.** The Sociology Club is open to all students who share our cherished traditions and sense of identity.

What's the point ??

"At least we will still be friends" HA is what I have to say about that. When it comes to realtionships I will be the first to admit that I am a difficult person to date(well this is what some people have said, I on the other hand disagree) but when that statement is made when all is said and done nothing bursts my bubble more than that.

How can you remain friends with someone that you gave your heart to and then they just all of a sudden decide that they no longer want it. The only thing that I do when I am at the end of a relationship is to be the bigger person, suck it up, get over it, and move on. As the saying goes "one persons pain is another person pleasure." And nothing kills your ex more than see you happy and succeeding in life.

My favorite thing about seeing someone I was in some type of relationship with round town when he is with his new flame. He gets all nervous, says "Hi" and walks away. But this concept to me is just

so funny. Why can't people be civil and act normal instead of acting faced? People who are faced and act fake need to grow up and face reality.

I think I have a understand of this because I have learned that things happend for a reason wether they are good or bad.

But I think this one is even better. When they (he and her) are holding hands or even in a lip-lock and I walk by they pull away from each other, look all confused, and walk away. WHY?!?!

My response to these behaviors is if you are happy I am happy, if you are miserabel, I am still happy. What it all boils down to is **I DO NOT CARE WHAT YOU DO!!**

The point of relationships is to gain knowledge on life and what it offers you. When life hands you cookies you do not always have milk to go along with it.

There is just sometimes when relationships seem to be everlasting with your ex. You try to explain to them that you want nothing to do

with them. But you are just fooling yourself, because when you face up to the reality you know that you want to really be with that person. That sucks!!

There is also too much energy exerted into a realtionship espically in the beginning. I think that individuals want to prove something to people when they first start to date. In my opinion you should just be yourself because when the truth eventually comes out you are not going to know what to say. Espically when then say "You lied". Techincally you probabably did not lie you just did not confess to the person what they wanted to hear at a specific time.

Being in love, caring relationships even though they may not work out are the greatest things in the world. You need to look at realtionships for what they even through all the tears,arguments,and heartache.

You will see that you are able to live by yourself and be happy. Be independent and you will be cheering all the time.

I have spent a lot of time with my friends dealing with breakups



Jill Stankoski

and also by myself trying to sort all of the issues going on in my life.

There are many reasons to why people get into relationships and that is to experience memories. Without memories, you are essentially nothing. Whether they are good or bad memories you will have these images to reflect back at as you look upon you present and future realtionships.

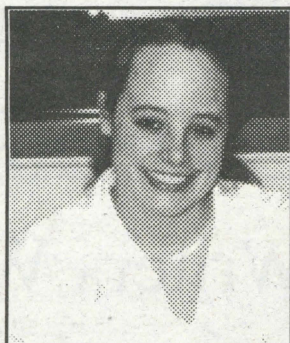
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with Tara Barrie

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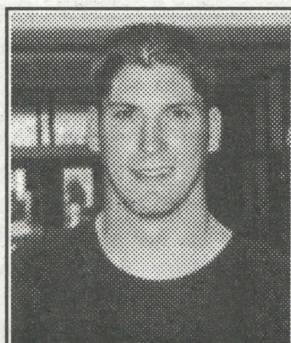
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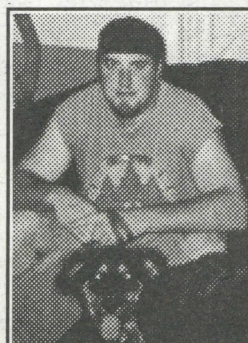
Meg Stevens-
Senior
"French and Indians
vs. the English"



-Amanda Brozana
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"Oh my god, I don't
have the slightest idea"



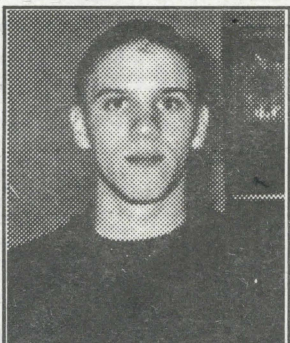
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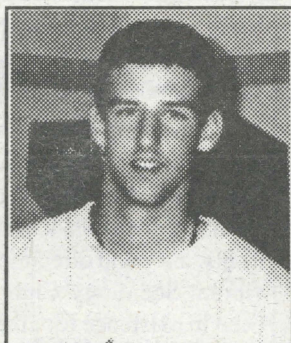
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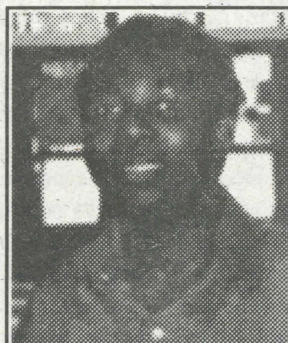
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Sophomore
"French and Indians
vs. The U.S."



-Don Shappell
Freshman
"British and the
French, right?"



-Jason Kotsko
Sophomore
"Oh, it was definitely
the French and the
Indians"



-Obed Addo
Senior
"French and Indians?"

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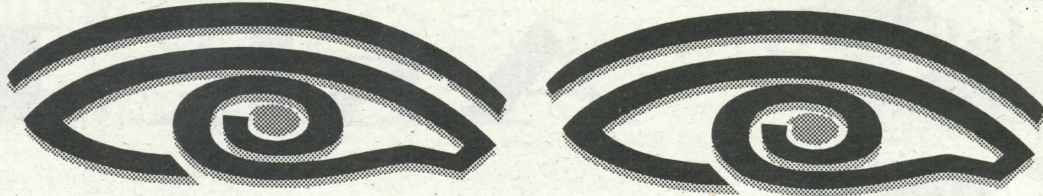
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Through our eyes



Have you ever tried to accomplish anything on campus that involved personnel and get something but crap on your shoe? Welcome to Wilkes! While we're on the subject of crap, we would just like to say that stepping in a pile of dog-doo that was left on one of the sidewalks on campus is not our idea of a good time. If you are going to walk your dog around campus, please pick up the poop.

But we digress...anyway...Are you one of the many people who has experienced technical difficulties with your meal card? Have you ever been called "ignorant" by your biology teacher? Have you ever tried to deal with any of the offices in Passan Hall? Have you ever tried to get information from the information desk" only to find out that the person you need information from is out to lunch

and should have been back 30 minutes ago? Did you ever get whiplash on the shuttle? Were you ever late for class because the shuttle doesn't run on its "10-15 minute schedule?" Have you ever gone to the helpdesk...errr...help desk looking for help?

Chris was experiencing technical difficulties with his meal card since the beginning of freshman year (which was the fall of 1999), so we went to food services on the third floor of the SUB for help (the obvious place to go, right?) Well, they said there wasn't anything they could do for us, and told us to go to the help desk. The help desk told us that they couldn't do anything either and that we should go to the information desk. The person we were supposed to see was out for lunch and should have been back a half-hour ago. When the person came back 45 minutes later, we were told that there was nothing

they could do except to re-encode the card, which they did. So we went to the SUB and tried again. For the hundredth time, when the card was swiped, the screen said "NO MORE MEALS OF THIS TYPE." Back up to the third floor...enter: the man in charge, who will be known from now on as Mr. X. We made ourselves very clear to Mr. X...we wanted the card fixed, and it was not OUR problem. Mr. X got someone on the phone and proceeded to explain how he had "two IRATE students in his office." We were sent back to the information desk with instructions that they should re-encode the card with a different suffix. Needless to say, after all this running around because no one knows where you are supposed to go, the card works now. Why he

by: Ann Marie and Chris

didn't just tell us that in the first place, is beyond us.

As for being called "ignorant" by a teacher, that's just wrong. It's totally unacceptable and unprofessional for a professor or teacher of any kind to address their students in a derogatory way. Students pay the faculty's salary, and having them treat any of their students or colleagues in any way other than in a courteous manner will not be tolerated.

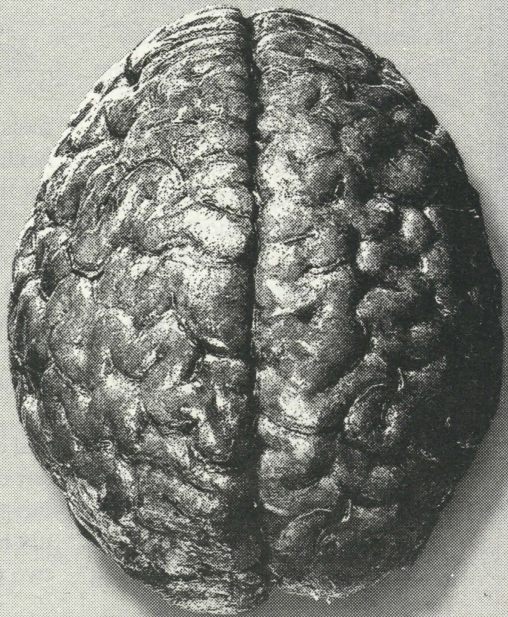
If you have business to attend to in Passan Hall, you better be able to make the trip up and down three flights of stairs at least 5 times. Because, like the cafeteria, if you need to see someone, they will, undoubtedly, send you to see someone else, who will send you to see someone else, who will send you back to see the person you went to see in the first place,

who will tell you that they can't help you. GRRRRRRRRRR!

Have you ever had to wait in front of the Darte Center in the pouring rain for the shuttle for what seemed like hours? We did...and we would like to know if anyone knows what happened to the supposed "10-15 minute shuttle intervals?" Feel free to email us and let us know. While we're on the topic of the shuttle...did you ever notice how some of the drivers seem to have a lead foot, especially when turning corners?

Now that you've had the chance to see things through our eyes, concerning crap on campus, we would like to know, "How does that make you feel?" You can email us at millerab@wilkes.edu and let us know. Until next week, try not to step in anything...

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October 11th is National Coming Out Day

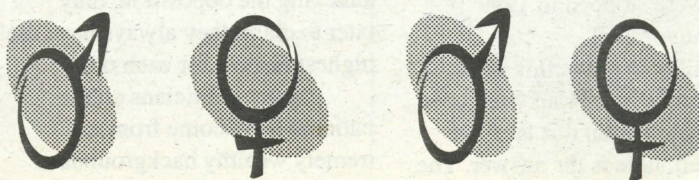
It is a day for people identifying as lesbian, gay, bisexual, or transgendered to show their pride. Wilkes is holding an event in the SUB Ballroom beginning at 7:30pm to celebrate this day. There will be free snacks and beverages.

At approximately 8pm we will show the film "The Truth About Jane". At the conclusion of this film stick around and watch the "Rocky Horror Picture Show". Everyone is welcome to attend. We encourage not just LGBT persons to attend, but friends and supporters as well.

Please come and show your support.

For further information call Donna at

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The purpose of this column is to help students gain a unprofessional aspect on life based on experiences by their fellow college student and also a means of entertainment!!

Question: How do I ask my parents for money since I am a poor college student. We all know that I need money for the "cup." But I need to know a way that my parents cannot tell me no for some extra cash?

Ronnie says: Well, first of all I understand that every college student is strapped for cash since I am THE college student. I have found myself in that predicament many times and what I usually do is throw a party. But unfortunately many of you do not have the typical college pad like I do and that is your problem. But back to getting cash from the folks well that is a fairly easy task. Tell them that there is 3 more books that your History teacher told the class that they need to get and well that is like what \$150.00.

Simple, and then you can just explain to them later when they ask for the receipt that you lost it.

Question: I have a problem and it is that I tend to miss a lot of classes. What are some excuses that I can tell my professors that will make it seem like I am concerned

about my unexcused absences?

Ronnie says: Well, first of all I am going to tell you the truth from past experiences GO to your classes. You are paying mass quantities of cash and it is best that you attend them. I know what you are thinking. "I am paying all this money, I should miss as many classes as I want." Well, that is true but to get a quality education you should really go to class to live up to your educational capabilities. Well, as for the excuses do not tell you proff that you were hung over. That just will not fly. They know that we are college students who enjoy to party but there are those students that even though they still have blood shot eyes and still reak of a certain type of beverage can make it to class. My best excuse to tell a proff is no excuse, be honest they will respect you more for that. Also make sure that you get the assignments and that you friends were not shooting their mouths off before class saying how inebriated you were the night before. Trust me that will not make matters any better.

Question: Why is there a really bad odor on the corner of South Franklin St. and Ross St?

Ronnie says: To be honest with you I am going to say I have no freaking clue but it is quite stinky.

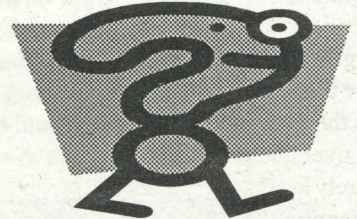
As I am making my way from campus down that way I have tried to investigate that. That is what I call investigative

reporting to satisfy my readers.

I was looking around and the only thing that was to suffice my sense of smell was all the beer bottles and I am thinking maybe fermentation is taking place and there are bodily fluids from people from consuming too much their beverage of the evening. So not to place the blame on those select students who have the habit of leaving parties with their cups maybe throw them out in the garbage bins leaving instead of throwing them in the bushes. Maybe since it is close to Halloween there is a bunch of decomposing bodies in those old homes that are vacant. While I am on this topic they should definatley have some more lighting on the street because there are some weird people here surrounding the Wilkes U campus.

Well my fellow readers that is all the questions that had submitted for this week so if you would like to have a question you want answered please feel more than free to contact me at Beacon@wilkes.edu and address it specifically to Ronnie.

Thanks and have a great and safe Homecoming Weekend.



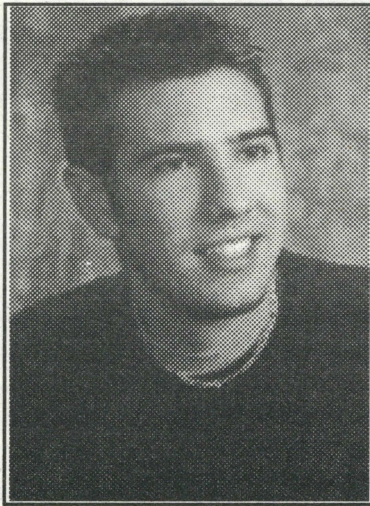
Trying to get in the Ring

DAVE GRASSO
Beacon News Editor

above describes the 535 members of the United States Congress. The same group that perpetually cranks out hundreds upon thousands of new laws designed to keep the rest of us in line. This is one of the main reasons why many people do not bother to vote. I constantly hear, "the problem with our government is that people do not vote." Well do you blame them? Sometimes there is no one running that you feel you would like to endorse. At times politicians seem to be talking out of both sides of their mouths. They say to one group what they want to hear, then they say to another group what they want to hear. Many times politicians cleverly avoid answering questions with any definite answer that they will be held accountable to later.

At times their advertisements and campaigns range from childish games and bickering to attacking the opposition, only later to claim they always have the highest respect for each other.

Many politicians on the national level come from extremely wealthy backgrounds or



have powerful connections that the ordinary citizen just cannot compete against. It seems like the most important part of a politician's run for office is gathering the money they need to run their high budget campaigns. There are many individuals that have the will and the knowledge to help our country improve, but just cannot find the money or connections necessary to do it.

One such example is Ralph Nader, the Green Party presidential candidate. Although he may not be well known, Mr. Nader has been around for decades fighting for causes that affects the American citizen and consumer. As a

people-consumer advocate, he has done more good for the American people than most politicians. Mr. Nader points out that the Republican and Democratic parties have the same primary goal; and this is for the political and economic advancement of their own party. The good of the American people has become secondary.

Nader's political philosophies encompass the thought provoking concept that if we spent as much energy and money on keeping peace in the world as we do on building colossal military machines, munitions factories, and waging war, the U.S. would no longer be losing anymore young lives on the battlefields. Nader also questions why we have had ten years of economic growth, but the majority of workers are making less today, in inflated-adjusted dollars than they made in 1979. Yet it still seems as though big business and big government has come out on the plus side of this adjustment. Nader has observed our government sitting on their hands while the HMOs are destabilizing themselves by their own greed, by manhandling the medical professionals, and by their abuses of the consumer. He



feels some type of universal healthcare system is needed badly for the American people.

By his past record, I believe that Mr. Nader would fight with both fists for what he believes in. He would not promise to fight, take one swing, and go back to the corner as most politicians do.

It is too bad, but Mr. Nader and other citizens like him, will not even get a chance to put on the gloves to fight because they do not have the money or clout of the two big political parties.

Well, the main event is coming up and both big political parties will win economically and politically whichever party candidate wins the fight. This leaves me wondering if the "right contender," the one that is not connected to the two political parties will ever be allowed to even get into the ring.

I know many Wilkes students, myself included, have had the experience of trying to work a job while attending school. And I know almost everyone has had some sort of job experience one way or another in your life. Well, I have recently found an interesting job that I would like to let you in on. The following is a description of the "company." Let me know if any of you are interested.

This company has a little more than 500 employees with the following statistics.

- 29 have been arrested for spousal abuse
- 7 have been arrested for fraud
- 19 have bounced a check
- 117 have bankrupted at least two businesses
- 3 have been arrested for assault
- 71 cannot get a credit card due to bad credit
- 14 have been arrested on drug charges
- 8 have been arrested for shoplifting
- 21 are currently defendants in lawsuits
- 84 were stopped in 1999 alone for DUI

Does this sound like this is the company for you? Can you guess what organization this is? Give up? Well, here is the answer. The

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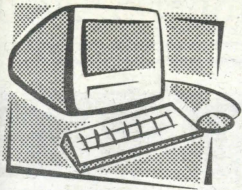
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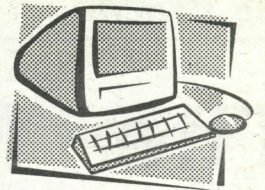
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Technology Bytes With Brian Trosko



I left off last week's column with the question of whether a creator of an idea has some sort of innate right of ownership of his creation. This is a rather difficult issue, if only because of the sheer amounts of money that depend on its resolution, but I'm forced to conclude that the answer to that question is, "No."

Let's say that I woke up this morning and said out loud, "I feel like having a peanut butter and chocolate sandwich for breakfast." What, if anything, would it mean for me to say I owned that idea? It would be a meaningless claim.

Putting aside the possibility that someone else on earth would ever want to eat a PB&C sandwich for breakfast, how can I own an idea? How can I control what other people do with that idea? Whether the idea is something as trivial as a sandwich or as complex as the CSS algorithm isn't really relevant here because the issue isn't the idea; it's the claim of ownership and control over the idea.

As a purely legalistic argument, I need to mention that in our system of government, rights are not bestowed by the government, or the Constitution for that matter. Rights are inherent in man by the simple virtue of his existence; we have the

right to free speech, the right to not be tortured or murdered, and so forth, not because words are written to grant us those rights but because they are inherent. By means of the Constitution, the government is given very specific powers which it is supposedly forbidden to step beyond.

One of these powers is the power to pass laws "To promote the progress of science and useful arts, by securing for limited times to authors and inventors the exclusive right to their respective writings and discoveries." The people who wrote this recognized that the financial incentive is a powerful one, and that science and the arts would flourish in an atmosphere in which the artists and scientists could benefit, financially, from their works. The aim of granting this power wasn't to enable scientists and artists to get rich by giving them unlimited monopolies over their own ideas; it was to benefit all of us, by fostering an environment in which people would be stimulated to create.

This is important for a whole bunch of reasons. Among the most obvious is the fact that if the government needs to pass laws to give you something, in this case control

and ownership of your ideas, then it can't possibly be a right. I have the right to free speech in the utter absence of any laws granting me it,



but without the mass of copyright law on the books, I simply have no control over my ideas once published in a tangible form. Even with the laws on the books, I have only as much control as the law allows me; the control that I do have isn't innate, but is a purely artificial control granted to me by the artifice of law.

Equally important is the bit of that phrase that reads "for a limited time." It was expected that in this

limited time, the creator could receive a degree of financial compensation for his work, and then the work would enter into the public domain, so people could benefit from it without having to cough up whatever fee the creator felt like charging.

But there's a problem with current copyright law: it's broken. I know it's broken, and so do you, and so do the 20 million people who use Napster. There are laws which have their origin in a time in which publishing was expensive, distribution was difficult, but that's no longer the case. And since that time, those laws have been expanded to give the rights holder controls that the people who wrote the Constitution never envisaged.

Imagine that you invent a vaccine that cures AIDS. You can file a patent on that vaccine, and you'll make millions. If anyone wants to make your AIDS vaccine, they need to buy a license from you. But after a mere 7 years, that patent expires, and since you needed to publicize your formula to get the patent, **anyone** can now use it to make their own vaccine.

But in contrast, the song "Happy Birthday," which was copyrighted in 1935, will enjoy protec-

tion until the year 2021 - a full 75 years after its writer died.

Sure, society needs an AIDS vaccine more than it needs Happy Birthday, but there's still a fundamental absurdity lurking in the fact that laws intended to provide incentive for creators end up protecting the interests not of creators, but of the publishers of the creations.

Some people even say that those who download copyrighted songs via Napster are thieves. But a song is not a tangible thing. As a matter of fact, there is a very hard economic line drawn between rival goods, which are tangible things like cars and diamond rings, and non-rival goods like songs, and comparisons between the two are doomed simply because they're not comparable. If I download a Metallica song, what exactly have I stolen? Metallica still has the song. I guess I've stolen Ulrich's control over that song. Well, I haven't stolen it, because I certainly don't have the control he had, but I've deprived him of it. But then what have I deprived him of? A control he never had, except that a law granted it to him.

Well, that's simple. Laws aren't morality. Laws are attempts to codify morality, to achieve a specific end. The specific end of copyright law was to promote the progress of the arts.

The laws in question no longer do that. They are inexcusably complicated laws which inhibit creativity and the open exchange of ideas instead of stimulating them, all to the benefit of wealthy but amoral organizations RIAA. I'm not saying that artists don't deserve compensation; I'm saying that protecting an artist's work until 75 years after that artist dies doesn't have a thing to do with compensating him. The copyright laws as they stand in this nation have been obsolete and rendered irrelevant by technology. They are *bad laws*.

Like all bad laws, they do not deserve our obedience, but instead deserve to be flouted and disobeyed at every opportunity.

APPLICATION FOR THE BEACON

We are accepting applications for: staff writers, copy editors, and staff photographers positions for the fall of 2000 academic year.
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1. Have you previously served on *The Beacon* staff?

If so, in what capacity?

2. What do you feel you can offer *The Beacon*?

3. What changes would you like to implement to improve *The Beacon*?

4. Previous or related experience in position for which you are applying.

5. What other qualities make you a strong candidate for the position?

e-mail us with any ideas that you might have....

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The Main Event

With Crazy Bob

Today we salute you Aldo the Italian barbershop guy. Without you, I'd still have those unsightly hairs on the back of my neck, and would have no idea what the neighborhood kids are up to. I may be there for three hours at a time but a good haircut is worth waiting for. It is you, Aldo that eases my tension with the vibrating massage and hot towel. By appointment only, you chisel every follicle of my being with the best darn haircut this side of the Susquehanna. Thank you, Aldo the Italian barbershop guy (Sartorio & Sons, 824-2325). You are a real American hero.

Speaking of America, this year marks the first presidential election in which I may legally cast my vote. I'm very excited about this experience: it will be the first time where I can choose America's leader and I can't wait to sit home and not do anything about it. I take great pride in being not only a totally irresponsible citizen, but also a complete and utter waste of time for the entire community. I really don't want to help. I tried to register last month but was sadly rejected. You know how they tell you that every vote counts, and that even one vote can make a difference? Well, the old wench asked me my name and I said "Crazy Bob." She said "I'm sorry sir, your vote doesn't count, and leave my cactus alone." So that was the end

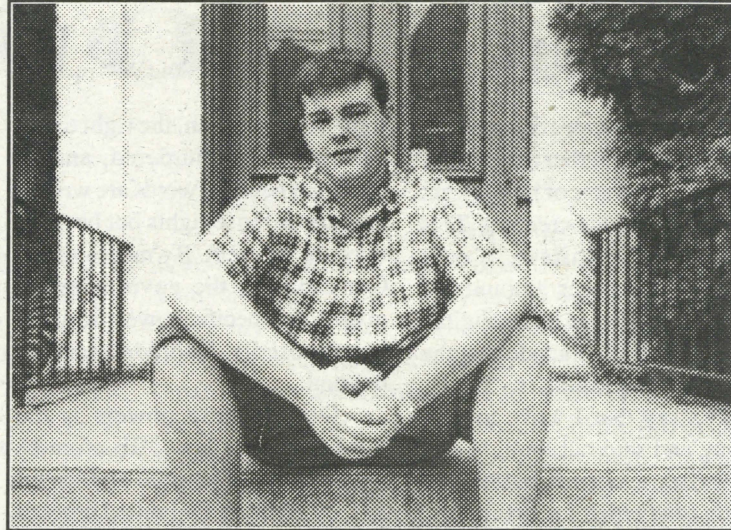
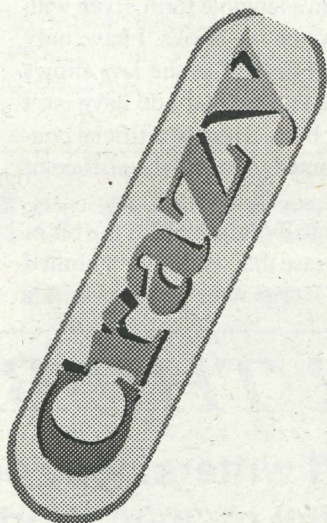
of that. Close, but no cigar.

I, Crazy Bob III, fully encourage all young voters not to participate in this year's presidential election. Your votes don't count. Nobody cares what you think. The government is like those teachers that patronize idiots who can't shut up. It's all a giant façade set forth by the U.S. Government to distract you from the mysterious disappearance of American Gladiators. Besides, I never liked the electoral system anyway. It's all politics.

We need to take a commercial break. "Every car, every day, everywhere in the USA, our name is on the line, at Jiffy Lube...Beefy, spicy, need a little excitement? Snap into a Slim Jim-Eat me!...95.7, 97.9, Wilkes-Barre, Scranton, Hazleton, a Citadel Communications station with Howard Stern in the morning and forty-minute rock blocks all afternoon, the BEARROCKS!"

On the boats and on the planes, they're coming to America. Neil Diamond would be rolling over in his grave if he saw the rude actions of an Indian couple at Subway last Sunday. After we had locked the doors and barreled the hatches, there was a loud knock on the front door. It was a short little Indian man and his wife. I recognized the man from a few hours before. I told him we were closed but he insisted on talking to me. He claimed

that he gave my coworker a twenty instead of a ten and wanted his change. After consulting my fellow Sandwich Artist I assured the man that he only gave us a ten. Then he and his wife gave me a short speech on how they were tired from their trip from Vermont (she was dressed a little warm for Vermont) but they knew they gave us a twenty. The wife gave me an added bonus when she told me that in India, they don't lie and cheat like us Americans. Don't get me wrong; most of my Indian friends are from India. But what are you doing in America if we lie and cheat so much? This is Bob's country! As Harrison Ford would say, "Get off of my plane!" I'm going home. *Enjoy the thing.*



From the Bench

With John Heck

There is something going wrong around here, because the only things that I hear anymore while sitting on these Wilkes benches are complaints. I know you are probably thinking to yourself, "what the hell is he going to talk about this week?" but Wilkes University is going through some tough times right now. Most of my readers know exactly what I am talking about, but for those of you who are new to the masterful ramblings which take place on the Wilkes wood, allow me to explain.

Over the years Wilkes University has changed dramatically and while the administration would argue that it has changed for the better, the majority of the student body would disagree. This fact can be supported by my recent conversations with some of the more esteemed Wilkes University alumni, and the most common feeling that came up was, "I am glad I graduated when I did."

Now let's take "Homecoming" as an example, since it is probably the thing on everybody's mind at this point in the week. In the past, Wilkes University has allowed its students the right to "tailgate" at all of the home football games. This was a great way to get people out to see the games, I mean it was a win/win situation. You could go and see Wilkes University football legends like "Tank" take to the gridiron, and get drunk at the same time. I ask you, does life get any better than that?

Finally, last year Wilkes University said that "tailgating" would not be permitted at any of the regular season games, except for the "Homecoming" game. This disappointed some, but it just gave everybody more of a reason to look forward to Homecoming, simply because they had more of an incentive to attend.

Like I said earlier, there is something going wrong around here, because this year tailgating has been totally banned. For what reason? Maybe Wilkes wants to have a few less "athletic supporters" than they have had in the past but it doesn't bother me as much as some of the alumni. Apparently, they have decided to boycott the game. These are not the feelings that I would like going around among a healthy portion of the alumni.

Now I have spent countless hours of careful pondering on this subject and the answer is still a little hazy to me, but I have come to one conclusion. The people that are most affected by these administrative decisions don't get involved. All they do is complain about how things "suck" after the decisions have been made, which is a lot like crying over spilled milk. Well instead of complaining about it, do something about it. The University wants to hear students voice their opinions. As a matter of fact, they praise students who do because they know that those are the ones who care about Wilkes.

So, my advice to you is to get involved if there is an issue that affects you. Whether you write a letter to one of the Deans about how you feel or you attend the next Student Government meeting and tell them how you feel, things can and over time will change. Remember, not only will you enjoy watching the results of things that you try hard to achieve, but the future generations of Wilkes University students will appreciate your effort.

FREE* MOVIES

On Friday** for \$2 down YOU can go to the Cinemark theatre and see one of the many movies playing.

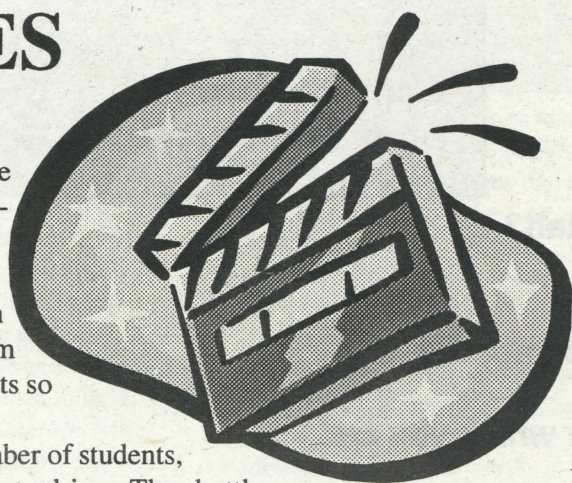
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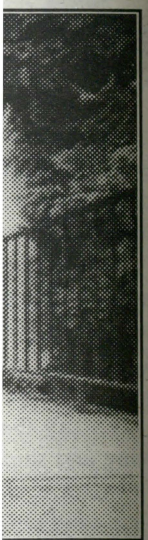
Come and sign up at the SUB information desk Wednesday nights from 5-6 or Thursday from 11-1. There are a limited number of shuttle tickets so first come first served.

Transportation is provided for a limited number of students, but tickets are available to those who would like to drive. The shuttle will leave the SUB at 6:30 and will meet any students driving at 7:00 at the theatre. The movies should be done at approximately 10:15 to be back at the university by 10:45.

**This is available on the following Dates: 9/15, 9/29, 10/20, 10/27, 11/3, 11/10, 11/17, and 12/1.

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For the Movies... with Kevin Walsh

Remember the Titans

This movie was based on a true story, pertaining to the real life struggle of the integration of schools during the late 1960's and early 1970's. The movie stars Denzel Washington as Coach

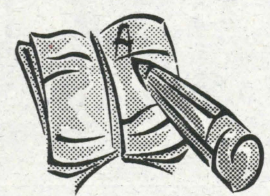


Herman Boone. Coach Boone is a man of value and strength and when he is brought in to fill the coaching position at TC Williams High School in Alexandria Virginia he goes all out. The character that Denzel plays is that of a man with a simple

goal, he comes to win. In his struggle to integrate his football team, a special relationship builds between the two different races. With

this bond, the team takes to the gridiron and makes every effort to play their hearts out. The students are also put through tests both on and off the field and have come to understand that working, as a team is their best game time plan.

Manuscript Meeting
Thursday, October 12, 2000
Noon
Kirby Hall 1st Floor
Accepting Submissions
The Manuscript is a literary magazine of articles and photographs by Wilkes University students by Wilkes University students.

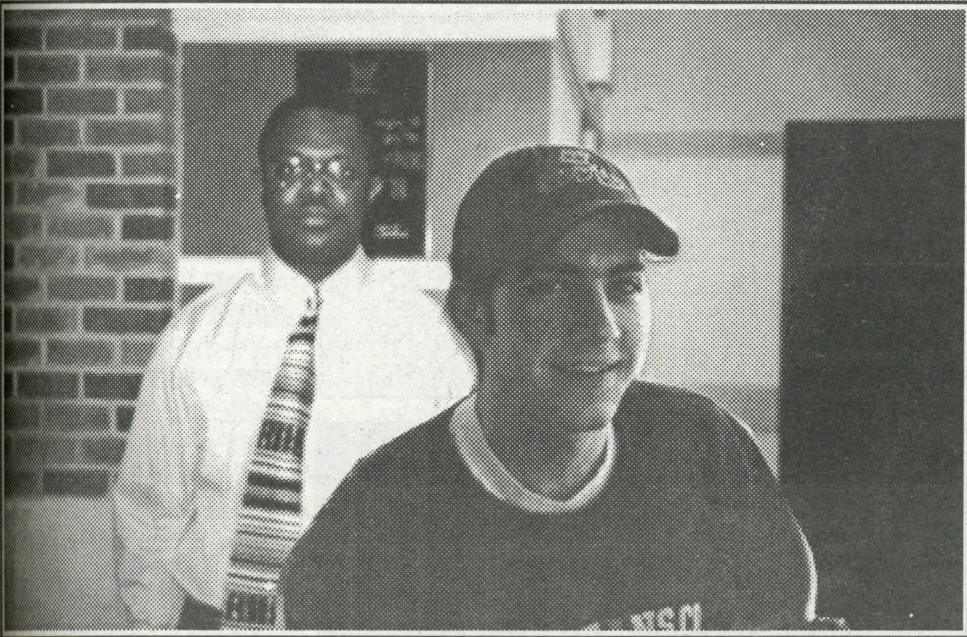


Multicultural Student
Coalition Meeting
Thursday, October 12, 2000

11:00 a.m.
2nd Floor of the Union
Savitz T.V. Lounge
~ Diversity is so Sweet!~



Picture of the week...



Paul Cola and Jacky Nkoba

"Hanging out in the Union"

This just goes to show that great friendships can be made at Wilkes

This picture was submitted by John Heck a Features writer for The Beacon and does not reflect the opinion of The Beacon.

Eye of the Future With Madame Ecstasy



Aquarius (Jan20- Feb18) Although you are eager to move fast, remember that slow and steady wins the race, so be careful or you might just stumble and fall.

Pisces (Feb19-Mar20) Don't let sweet talking people influence your decisions, the outcome may be worse than you think.

Aries (Mar21-Apr19) Travelling is ill advised this weekend as complications may arise, your best bet is to have people over to your place instead.

Taurus (Apr20-May20) My crystal balls are a little hazy this week but what I can say is that you need to sit down with your partner and discuss your relationship or it won't last much longer.

Gemini (May21-June20) Don't be fooled by "fake" people, they are only out for themselves and hurting your feelings is of little care to them.

Cancer (June21-July22) Take care of business first, if you decide to put things off till later they probably won't get done.

Leo (July23-Aug22) All things considered you are better off than most, even though you have been strapped for cash lately, keep your head up and go donate plasma.

Virgo (Aug23-Sept22) People have been getting very annoying lately even your best friends have changed in one way or another, just be strong and independent and you'll get through it.

Libra (Sept23-Oct23) Congratulations, according to my crystal balls things have been going well for you lately, this upward trend will continue as long as you think before you act

Scorpio (Oct24-Nov21) Don't tell secrets, no matter who you are trying to impress, talking about subjects at the expensed of others is not a flattering trait.

Sagittarius (Nov22-Dec21) I see that you have been doing pretty well recently, not that I would stress it, but try and limit your extracurricular activities till your work is done

Capricorn (Dec22-Jan19) Don't be so anal, you just need to relax and be open to new experiences, there is never a better time than the present.



Beacon staff writer receives scholarship

Matt Reitnour, a Wilkes University Communications senior from Zionsville, Pa., is the 2000-2001 recipient of the John J. Chwalek Scholarship, the first student to receive the award since Mr. Chwalek passed away earlier this year.

Wilkes alumna and last year's recipient, Lara Lukesh, from Forty Fort, presented Reitnour with the award at a special ceremony during halftime of the Colonels' opening home football game. Chwalek's son, Joseph, and President Christopher N. Breiseth recounted John Chwalek's love and commitment to Wilkes University to a capacity crowd at Ralston Field.

Mr. Chwalek was an active recruiting officer for both Wilkes and Wyoming Seminary. His love of football equalled his love of academic achievement. It was this passion that drove him to establish the annual award.

Mr. Chwalek founded the nationally recognized Downtown Wilkes-Barre Touchdown Club, which presents the Outstanding Division III football player with a Heisman Trophy-like statue known as the Melberger Award. The organization also awards the outstanding Division III football team with the John J. Chwalek National

Championship Trophy, in honor of its founder.

Nominated by Dr. Jane Elmes-Crahall, of Larksville, associate professor of Communications, Reitnour was selected because of his strong academic record, involvement in student life, campus and community leadership, motivation, and potential for success.

"Matt is one of the most impressive leaders on campus," said Elmes-Crahall. "Faculty and students alike value his contributions."

Reitnour is an active participant in Wilkes University's student radio station, WCLH, The Thomas P. Shelburne Telecommunications Center, Sports Information Office, as well as a member of the Board of Directors of Zebra Communications, the student-run public relations agency.

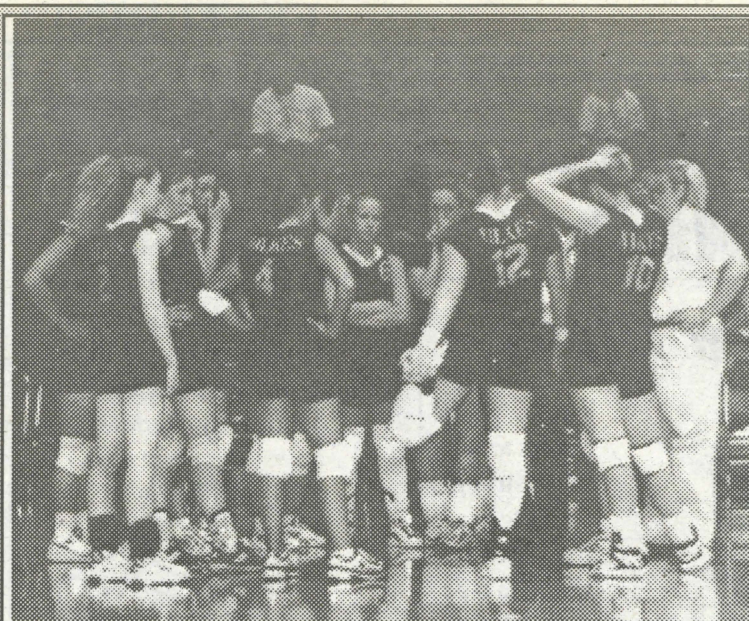
The John J. Chwalek Scholarship was created in 1990 and stands as a living testament to Mr. Chwalek's belief in higher education. His entire professional career, 54 years, was spent serving Wilkes University and its precursors Wilkes College and Bucknell University Junior College.

Corey Yanoshak, *Beacon* Sports Editor, has awarded his prized writer with a pair of W-B/S Penguins tickets.



(Standing, Left to Right) - Mike Frantz, of Dallas, Pa., dean of Enrollment Services; Carol Maculloch, of Hunlock Creek, director of Annual Giving; Lara Lukesh, of Forty Fort, 1999-2000 John J. Chwalek Scholarship recipient; Joseph Chwalek, of Clark Summit, Wilkes Class of 1977; Matt Reitnour, of Zionsville, Pa., 2000-2001 John J. Chwalek Scholarship recipient; and Dr. Christopher N. Breiseth, of Wilkes-Barre, Wilkes University president.

Write sports for
The Beacon



Volleyball exacts revenge

By CASEY O'BRIEN
Beacon Staff Writer

In the span of only three days Wilkes University's Lady Volleyball team had to confront three daunting opponents. On Saturday the Lady Colonels traveled to Reading, Pennsylvania to face Albright College and Dickinson College. Following these two matches, Mike Grandchamp's girls met College Misericordia for the second time this year.

The Lady Colonels topped Albright College 3-2, with scores of 15-11, 15-17, 15-17, 15-2, and 15-12. The thrill of success ended when the volleyball team fell to Dickinson College 3-0, losing games of 15-9, 15-6 and 15-4. Between the two matches sophomore Shannon Smurl led the team with 17 kills and 15 blocks. Fellow sophomore Lisa Day finished with 15 kills and nine digs, and freshman Kelly Svecz added 12 kills and 13 digs. Junior Mandy Kehler contributed 13 kills, 12 digs and five blocks to the team's arsenal while fellow junior Stef Henninger supported with 51 assists and 11 digs for Lady Colo-

nels.

On Monday the volleyball team gained retribution for the early season loss to College Misericordia by overcoming the Lady Cougars 3-2 with games of 15-12, 12-15, 15-13 and 15-13. Mandy Kehler gave the largest charge as she knocked down a match-high 21 kills to go along with 12 digs. Lisa Day delivered 12 kills and Stef Henninger added 46 assists and 12 service points. Kelly Svecz combined her 12 digs and 17 points with fellow freshmen Amber Brennan's 13 digs and seven points to complete the assault.

Staying focused during a string of three matches isn't easy. "We put all our effort and concentration into having fun," freshman Kelly Svecz remarked. "Winning or losing was kept in the back of our minds." This positive attitude fueled the Lady Colonels to endure the intense three days and improve their record to 5-11.

Grandchamp's ladies travel to Baptist Bible College for a tri-match with Philadelphia College on October 7th at 11:00 a.m.

Sports Schedule

Thursday, October 5

Women's Soccer - Misericordia at Wilkes, 4:00 p.m.

Friday, October 6

Field Hockey - Alvernia at Wilkes, 4:00 p.m.

Saturday, October 7

Field Hockey - Delaware Valley at Wilkes, 11:00 a.m.

Volleyball - Wilkes at Baptist Bible/Philadelphia, 11:00 a.m.

Women's Tennis - Lycoming at Wilkes, 12:00 p.m.

Football - Delaware Valley at Wilkes, 1:00 p.m.

Men's Soccer - Wilkes at Baptist Bible, 2:00 p.m.

Women's Soccer - William Paterson at Wilkes, 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, October 8

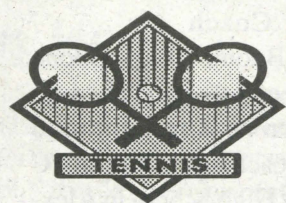
Women's Tennis - Wilkes at Susquehanna, 1:00 p.m.

Tennis with high hopes this weekend

By ED BEDNARZ
Beacon Staff Writer

The tennis season is not yet for the Lady Colonels.

After a grueling week of play against Kings, FDU, Allentown and Lebanon Valley, they still remain optimistic. In trying to capture "Mayor's Cup," Wilkes fell short King's 7-2. Adriana Solorzano registered a win at #1 (6-0)(0-6)(6-0) with a doubles win from L...



They lost the following day FDU with singles victories coming from Mehta (7-5)(7-5) and Nick Ripper (6-3)(6-2). With the three players out of the lineup, they traveled to Allentown only to be shutout 9-0. Wilkes was then beaten 8-1 by a strong Lebanon Valley team with the only victory coming from Mehta (7-5)(6-2).

They are trying to put their record behind them and to finish the season strong.

Coach Jackie Ruane commented, "The girls are working hard in practice. It's frustrating we are not pulling out the wins, but they fight for every point and showing more and more progress."

The Lady Colonels play home Saturday, against Lycoming. At noon, they hope to break through with their first win of the season. Solorzano will be playing Selena Bednarz #2, DeMarco Mehta #4, Angie Cardoso #5, Ripper at #6. Then they head to Susquehanna on Sunday and finish the year home against Moravian Monday at 4:00 p.m.

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Hockey

The Wilkes University Hockey team's 2001 season is set to begin with the 2nd Annual Hockey Tournament, hosted by the New York State Hockey Federation. The team had already secured a spot in the tournament by winning the previous year's title. The team is looking to defend their title and is expected to be a strong contender. The tournament will be held at the Wilkes University Arena and will feature several other top teams from the region.

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Hockey Club opens season

The Wilkes University Roller Hockey team opened their 2000-2001 preseason on October 1st at the 2nd Annual Bearcat Invitational, hosted by the State University of New York at Binghamton. Wilkes had already captured the championship at the inaugural tournament the previous year, and looked to defend their title. The road would not be easy, however. Wilkes would face stronger opponents, as the seven team field featured the University of Vermont, West Point Academy, Bloomsburg University, SUNY Albany, SUNY Binghamton, SUNY Brockport, and the Colonels.

Wilkes knew they had their work cut out for them, but a deeper bench would bolster the team's chances. The added presence of freshmen Ken Huntington, Nick Meadows, Nick Romanowski and junior transfer student Ryan Maisano gave Wilkes' veterans much-needed help as the Colonels prepared to take on Bloomsburg University and West Point Academy in the qualifying round.

The team first took on Bloomsburg University in the qualifying rounds. Bloomsburg had become one of Wilkes' most intense rivals, with Wilkes commanding a 4-0 lifetime head-to-head record. Wilkes shot out to an early 1-0 lead as sophomore forward Russ Silcox converted on a pass from freshman standout Nick Meadows. Bloomsburg quickly took the momentum back with two unanswered

goals, but another goal by Silcox from Meadows knotted the score at two at halftime. In the second half, Wilkes struck early, with Meadows driving home a rebound off a Silcox shot. Senior forwards Dave Peer and Chris Jarzyk then combined on a one-timer to extend the lead to 4-2. A quick Bloomsburg goal was answered by Russ Silcox once again, as he scored his third of the game to complete the hat trick. Sophomore goaltender Mike Burke turned aside 32 shots to preserve the 5-3 win.

Wilkes then prepared to face West Point Academy. They leapt to a 2-0 lead off two goals by captain Chris Jarzyk, assisted by Peer and sophomore defenseman BJ Kosich. West Point quickly answered with a breakaway goal, but Silcox and junior defenseman Rob Hersker netted a pair to give the Colonels a 4-1 lead at the half. The team came out gunning in the second, scoring five unanswered goals. Two late scores by West Point were insignificant in a 9-3 steamrolling of the Cadets, which clinched Wilkes a #1 seed for the playoffs and a first-round bye.

Wilkes quickly established a 2-0 lead off goals by Peer and Jarzyk. Wilkes then focused on defense for the rest of the half, holding West Point to only eight shots. The first half ended with Wilkes still clutching a 2-0 lead. The Cadets finally broke through with a goal with only twelve minutes remaining in the

game, but any momentum they might have had was squashed by Silcox and Meadows, who combined to ice the game, scoring to put Wilkes ahead 3-1 with four minutes remaining. Goaltender Mike Burke made key stops down the stretch as Wilkes held on to win and advance to the tournament finals, where they would again meet their rivals.

Bloomsburg University had fought their way through a tough bracket, beating SUNY Binghamton and SUNY Brockport to advance to the final round. They looked to avenge their earlier loss to the Colonels, but Wilkes would prove to be too powerful. After a few minutes of sloppy play by both sides, Russ Silcox opened the scoring with a blast from the right circle. Nick Meadows once again supplied the assist. Sophomore defenseman Eric Bonacci then put Wilkes ahead 2-0 with a goal. Bloomsburg, however, would not fold, coming back with two goals, one on the power play. Once again Wilkes and Bloomsburg ended the half tied 2-2. The second half started with more stellar defensive play, but at the ten minute mark Dave Peer put home a rebound off a Chris Jarzyk shot to break the tie. Russ Silcox took the ensuing face-off and drove through the Bloomsburg defense to score a breakaway goal and widen the lead to 4-2. Sill reeling, Bloomsburg allowed another costly goal as Silcox scored again off a feed from Rob Hersker to build

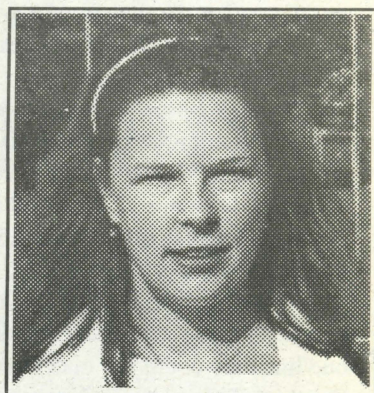
Wilkes' lead to 5-2. A quick Bloomsburg score put the game within reach at 5-3, but just as the door seemed to open for the Huskies, Russ Silcox slammed it shut, taking a pass from BJ Kosich and tucking the puck under a sprawling goaltender. Bloomsburg made the

game look closer than it was, scoring with two ticks left on the clock, but as time expired Wilkes was crowned champions of the second annual Bearcat Invitational with a 6-4 win.

Catch the highlights at: www.wilkesrh.sports-page.net

Women's Tennis coach optimistic

By COREY YANOSHAKE
Beacon Sports Editor



First-year coach Jackie Ruane is excited about her head-coaching opportunity.

Forget about the women's tennis team's 0-7 record. Forget about the fact that they have struggled in the past. What's important right now is that they have a coach who is enthusiastic and knows what she wants to do with the team.

Jackie Ruane was hired as the women's tennis coach before this season and is "very happy with the opportunity." Ruane, from Plains, PA, was a volunteer assistant last season, and has been playing the sport since she was just five years old.

"My mother was my mentor and I've been playing since I was very young, so I know so much about the game," said the Lab Manager for the School of Pharmacy. "When I was younger, I would ride my bike to Kirby Park just to hit with some people and now, here I am, coaching Wilkes."

Ruane knows the challenge ahead, but has been pleased with the play of her team. She will lose two seniors in Angie Cardoso and Ameer Mehta, but has received many calls from interested players for the 2001 season.

"We want to make Wilkes a winning team and it starts with dedication, from the coach and players," said Ruane, who graduated from Mansfield University with a Biology degree. "This is the first year of NCAA competition for some, while for others, it is their last season. The girls are all working very hard, at practice and in the matches."

Ruane has stressed working on her team's strengths and weaknesses in practice, not just hitting the ball, and knows that only the best players will prevail.

"Tennis is such a mental game. The schools are so competitive and only the best will win. That's why it's very important to constantly recruit."

Ruane plans on visiting local high schools and getting back in touch with those who have already contacted her once the Lady Colonels end their season on Monday. The third-year Wilkes' employee is looking for girls who want to give 110%.

"The toughest part is seeing the team work so hard and play hard, but lose. I feel it's important, though, to play your hardest and I don't care if they win then. If they play a good match, but lose, it doesn't matter. We can just improve on that," Ruane added.

While at Mansfield, Ruane was on the women's tennis team that played in a highly-competitive league. Now, she just wants to lay the foundation for her program and get through the last couple of matches.

"Next year should be a little easier because the foundation will be laid down. We can just build from there," said the Coughlin High School grad. "I'm always thinking of what will help Wilkes improve on their record, even in the off-season."

Ruane has accepted the huge responsibility of coaching with great enthusiasm and pride, knowing full-well it will take time to develop her way of doing things.

"There's much more to coaching than meets the eye," said Ruane, whose husband Joe is a 1995 graduate of Wilkes. "You constantly think about it, even when you're asleep. But it's very rewarding and fulfilling."

Field Hockey upsets Scranton, tied for first

By MATT REITNOUR
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The Wilkes University field hockey program has played some big games over the past few seasons. Last season of course, the Blue and Gold were in the ECAC championship game. The team won 1-0 over Lebanon Valley for the MAC title, and Wilkes used a late goal to knock off Susquehanna in the MAC playoffs.

But a lot of that experience from a year ago is gone, and this season the young Lady Colonels got out of the blocks a little slow. But as the season hits the second full month, the Lady Colonels are showing they are not willing to put this year in the books and label it a growing year.

Wilkes beat rival Scranton 4-1 on Tuesday afternoon at Ralston Field to up their record to 4-6 overall, but more importantly, they're now 2-1 in the Freedom Confer-

ence. Scranton sees their record fall to 8-5 overall, 2-1 in the Freedom. Wilkes is now in a three-way tie for third place atop the Freedom with Scranton and Drew University.

The Lady Colonels took a 1-0 lead with 14:58 to play in the opening half when junior Jill Henry scored her seventh goal of the season unassisted. The Lady Royals wasted little time getting the game to 1-1. Just 2:31 after Henry's goal, Scranton's Patti Donaghy scored a controversial goal to even things up. Donaghy took a shot from what appeared to be outside the goal circle. According to the rules, a shot from outside the circle cannot be a goal unless touched first by a player, so Wilkes' defenders Karen Bradley and Danielle Flock allowed the ball to move past them, as did freshman goalkeeper Desiree Podrasky. As the ball went into the net, the official called it a goal, much to the surprise of the Lady Colonels.

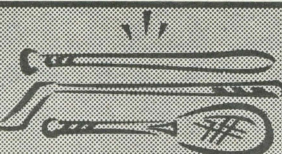
Wilkes didn't let the unusual

goal get them down, and in fact scored again before the half to take the lead for good. Senior Jill Wilson scored her seventh goal of the season, also unassisted, just 5:53 before the halftime.

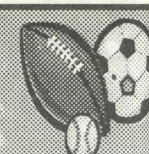
The Lady Colonels got two goals in the games final three minutes to put the game away for good. Ann Marie Roselli scored to make the game 3-1 before junior Kristin Yarrish scored with 26 seconds remaining to give Wilkes the 4-1 win. Jill Henry assisted on both second half goals.

Wilkes outshot Scranton 11-8. Podrasky made five saves in Wilkes' second straight Freedom Conference win. Wilkes beat FDU-Madison on Sept. 23 at Ralston Field by a 3-1 count.

Wilkes will be back in action this weekend as they play Friday afternoon versus Alvernia College at 4 p.m. before hosting Delaware Valley College at 11 a.m. on Saturday during Homecoming.



The Back Page



Football falls to Susquehanna, Del Val coming to town

By COREY YANOSHAKE
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SELINGSGROVE — One player does not determine the outcome of a game. One player's statistics, though impressive on paper, do not guarantee success.

Frank Sheptock's football team found that out yesterday at Susquehanna University, where Wilkes University suffered their first loss of the season, a 35-21 defeat at the hands of the Crusaders, who remain undefeated at 4-0. The Colonels fall to 3-1.

Wilkes matched up with Susquehanna in almost all of the statistical categories, but the one line they could not match was Rashonn Drayton's 136 yards rushing with three touchdowns.

"Just like I told the team, there was no MAC championship being given out here," said Sheptock. "Drayton is such a weapon. He's a Division I player and a great back and their go-to guy."

Wilkes quarterback Jeff Marshman had another solid game throwing the ball, completing 20 passes for 229 yards and three scores, but the Colonels' ground game never was established. Brian Miller, Frank McCabe, and Ryan James all hauled in TD passes as the three top-receivers combined on 18 catches.

"Jeff's in a tough situation," noted Sheptock. "Teams know we're going to throw the ball, so they put eight people on the line and they come at us."

Crusader QB Mike Bowman threw for

Olenak scores three, Rothrock two as women split

Wilkes University scored three times in the first half, and the Lady Colonels defense limited host Marywood University to only four shots on goal, as Wilkes notched a 3-0 women's soccer win. The win improves the Lady Colonels to 7-5 overall, while Marywood falls to 4-7-1 overall.

Julie Olenak got the game-winning goal at the 17:34 mark of the opening half when she scored off an assist from Tina Mooney. Donna Rothrock then tallied back-to-back unassisted goals to give Wilkes a 3-0 lead. Rothrock's first goal came at the 33:04 mark, with her second coming at the 38:59 mark.

Wilkes held a commanding 21-4 shots on goal advantage, and a 9-2 edge in corner kicks. Jennifer Pawleshyn stopped all four shots she faced to pick up the shutout win in goal. Rachele Dennis had 14 saves for the Pacers.

Over the weekend, the women's soccer team dropped a 4-2 Freedom Conference decision at FDU-Madison. The loss drops the Lady Colonels to 2-2 in conference play.

The Devils took a 1-0 halftime lead. But

two touchdowns and 185 yards, completing 50% of his passes for head coach Steve Briggs as Susquehanna totaled 320 yards.

"This is a great win for us. It's terrific," said Briggs. "Our kids came to play."

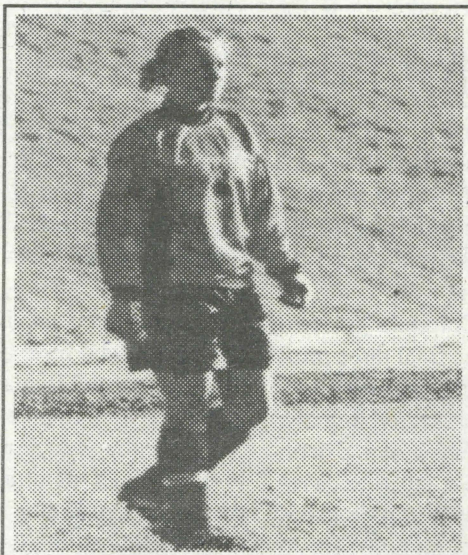
Wilkes turned the ball over five times, including having four passes intercepted. Two of those turnovers, one interception and one fumble, turned into Crusader touchdowns as Briggs capitalized on Wilkes' mistakes to overcome a 14-7 halftime deficit.

"If you're going to win in this league, you've got to take advantage of other team's mistakes," Briggs added.

With Wilkes holding a seven-point lead early in the third, sophomore Dennis Kodack, who excelled defensively all game, picked off Marshman and returned the ball 67 yards to the Wilkes' 12. Drayton then scored his second touchdown of the afternoon on the only play from scrimmage.

Then with the MAC-rivals tied at 21, Kodack's big play was evidenced again as he recovered a fumble on a punt return at the Wilkes' 19. Six plays later saw Bowman connect with tight end John Smith for a seven-yard score that proved to be the game-winner.

"We've been giving teams easy touchdowns or good field position and we told the kids if we didn't beat ourselves, we had an excellent chance to win this game," said Sheptock. "But we didn't win the turnover game and some penalties just sneaked up on us. We have a great defense, but the odds are against you if you give them a short field."



Jen Pawleshyn has been the starter in goal for first-year coach Melissa Elwell.

the Lady Colonels would rally with a pair of goals by Olenak to tie the game at 2-2. Olenak's first goal came off an assist from Holly Shiber, with her second goal coming off a Danielle McDonald assist.

FDU-Madison would score the final two for the victory. FDU-Madison outshot the Lady Colonels 14-10, while Wilkes held a 7-5 corner kicks advantage. Jen Pawleshyn had 10 saves for Wilkes, and Christina Ramos had four stops for the Lady Devils.

Mike DaRe led all tacklers with 12, all solo, while Wilkes' teammate Steve Rogers, a freshman out of Delaware, had eight. Jermaine Richardson and Mark Hendry each had seven.

"We took this one to the ribs, but don't count us out," said DaRe, a sophomore. "Things'll happen, but we've got to be ready. We got beat today. We can't blame anything. We've got to move on from here."

For the Crusaders, Kodack had 10, along with 1.5 sacks, while Bill Heinzelmann had nine.

"Jeff took a hit that shook him up a bit," said Sheptock of Marshman, who had 148 yards in the first half. "But Kodack was such a presence out there and Jeff seemed fine, but his confidence was shaken."

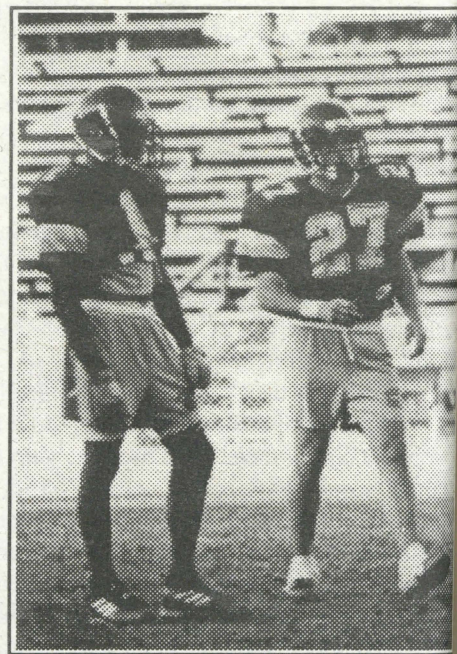
After Susquehanna scored on the opening drive, Wilkes used their typical big-play offense to take a 14-7 lead at the half. Miller caught a 39-yard TD strike, while James pulled in a score from 20 yards out.

With the game knotted at 14, it was McCabe who came through with an 11-yard grab as Wilkes regained the lead, if only for a little.

"We're trying to get the kids to look at the individual opponents," said Sheptock. "We lost our composure a bit, but we'll come back and play hard."

Wilkes will host Delaware Valley College on Homecoming at 1:00 p.m., a week before traveling to Lycoming College in a key Freedom Conference battle.

Sheptock expects a very emotional game,



Co-captains Justin Holmes (1) and Mark Hendry (27) have contributed heavily in the secondary on the Colonels' defense, which was ranked first in the league prior to the loss at Susquehanna.

due to both Homecoming and the Aggies coach Matt DiBernardo.

"Their confidence level is high and we're real cautious," said Sheptock. "And Homecoming is the time when former players and hall-of-famers come back to see the program. We've challenged the players to add to the tradition that the former players helped build."

Men beat King's Mayor's Cup Even at 2

Tony VanScoy headed home a shot with 1:37 remaining in the second overtime period, and Seth Nye came up with several big saves in the extra sessions to lift the Wilkes University Colonels to a 2-1 win over Freedom Conference rival King's College in a men's soccer match on Wednesday afternoon at Ralston Field.

The win improves Wilkes to 5-3-2 overall and 2-0-2 in the conference. King's falls to 4-5 overall and 1-3 in conference play.

With the win, Wilkes University evens the Mayor's Cup Series at two wins for each school.

Nye denied the Monarchs an opportunity to end the game earlier when he came up with two spectacular saves. The first shot off the foot of Jeremy Kozinski forced Nye to dive to his right, and the junior goalkeeper deflected the ball wide. The second opportunity found Kozinski in a one-on-one situation with Nye. This time Nye came out and challenged Kozinski, blocking his attempted shot.

VanScoy then ended his team's sixth overtime game of the year with an outstanding goal. Kyle Mastellar drilled a corner kick to the far left post, and VanScoy came flying in with a diving header that beat King's goaltender Darack Caroway for the game-winner.

Wilkes, which had been 0-3-2 in overtime games prior to the win, took a 1-0 lead at the 26:54 mark of the opening period when Matt Diltz tallied a goal off an assist from Bill Smith. The Monarchs wasted little time tying the contest as Scott Mull scored an unassisted goal at the 30 minute mark.

Wilkes held a 22-14 shots on goal advantage, while King's had a 7-6 edge in corner kicks. Nye finished with six saves in goal for Wilkes, while Caroway had 12 stops for the Monarchs.

