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Internal structure renovated

By LARA LUKESH
Beacon Staff Writer

By now, most students have noticed the University's restructuring and various departmental changes.

In May 1998, the University Board of Trustees approved a strategic long-range plan designed to focus Wilkes's strengths and improve the quality of education for its students.

Over the 1998-99 academic year, 22 departments at Wilkes will be reorganized into 11 departments. That means only one chair will reside over three and sometimes four disciplines in addition to their own academic field.

The departments to be consolidated are as follows: English, history, philosophy and foreign languages; economics, communications, political science, sociology, anthropology, international studies and public administration; chemistry, biology and health sciences programs; environmental engineering and environmental science; mathematics and computer science; engineering and physics; accounting and business administration; education and psychology; nursing; aerospace studies; music, theatre, dance and art.

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-President Breiseth”

The other major change is the consolidation of three schools, the School of Business, Society and Public Policy, the School of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences and the School of Science and Engineering into one administrative body called the College of Arts, Sciences and Professional Studies.

Dr. Bonnie Bedford, associate professor, English, has been named the dean and Fred Sullivan, associate professor, computer science, named associate dean.

The School of Pharmacy will remain separate. In addition to these changes, the core requirements have been reassessed.

The new general education requirements act as an interdisciplinary curriculum that emphasizes written and oral skills, analytical and critical thinking and the skills necessary to use the latest technologies.

The revised curriculum will be in place for the 2000-2001 academic year.

Wilkes also plans to phase out under enrolled programs over the next three to five years.

These programs include art and fine art, physics, economics, materials engineering and the master of health care administration.

These programs will end only after current students have finished the program. Courses will continue to be offered in these areas to support the overall curriculum.

Even though these majors will not be available, the course work and related studies will continue to be offered so students can still benefit from them as electives.

The University's goal is to focus resources to emphasize its strengths.

“The result of these changes will be a University that is stronger, leaner and better prepared to serve its students.”

“It is important that we take these steps now to position the university for even greater success in the 21st century and hold down the cost of a Wilkes education,” said President Christopher N. Breiseth.

A summary of the strategic plan is available on the Wilkes University website,
<http://www.wilkes.edu>.

Future departments of the
College of Arts, Sciences
and Professional Studies:

- English, history, philosophy and foreign languages
- economics
- communications
- political science
- sociology
- anthropology
- international studies and public administration
- chemistry
- biology and health sciences programs
- environmental engineering and environmental science
- mathematics and computer science
- engineering and physics
- accounting and business administration
- education and psychology
- nursing
- aerospace studies
- music, theatre, dance and art

Numbers continue to grow

By LISA RUGGIERO
Beacon Staff Writer

Enrollment is on the rise. There are 380 first year students enrolled in Wilkes this semester, an increase in comparison to the 362 first year students enrolled last fall.

While enrollment numbers tend to fluctuate, Dr. Michael Frantz, dean of enrollment, is optimistic that this increase will continue. He compares the student body to the stock market in that upward is the ultimate goal.

The admissions department has taken several steps to achieve this end. Staff skills training is offered during the summer months and more time is being

spent on the phone with perspective students.

Frantz stresses that the admissions staff is working hard to enroll new students, but the amiable atmosphere projected by the entire staff, faculty and student body is the key to recruitment.

“While more does not always mean better, we certainly have the facilities to support more students and with more than seventy percent of Wilkes's budget coming from tuition, the more students we have, the more programs we are able to offer students,” said Frantz.

According to Darren Hack, director, residence life, the enrollment enlargement was an enjoyable surprise that compelled him to make some adjustments in

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his plans. Instead of only opening two wings on the first floor of Pickering Hall as he had designed, both the first and second floors had to be semi-occupied. However, Hack does not see this as a problem.

“I think it's great. We have the space, it's simply a matter of management,” said Hack.

“The class size and accommodations were the two

main reasons I chose Wilkes. I love being able to live in an old house and have classes the same size as my classes in high school,” said freshman Danielle Kloss.

Enrollment Stats:

- 21% increase in freshman enrollment from fall 1997 to fall 1998
- 70% of Wilkes's funding comes from tuition

Action = Increase

- admissions staff received skills training
- admissions staff spent more time on the phone with perspective students

What's it to you...

- increased enrollment means the introduction of new programs and improved resource facilities



News



Campaign reaches for \$950,000

By PAULA J. GENTILMAN
Beacon Staff Writer

Volunteer leaders and staff from Wilkes University's annual giving office recently met to map out the 1998-99 annual fund campaign. This year's goal is \$950,000 in support of Wilkes students.

The annual fund campaign chairman is David L. Davis, '75, Kingston, Pa., who along with vice chair Melanie Maslow, Dallas, Pa., will supervise the various independent campaigns that comprise the annual fund. They include community business, phonathon, senior class gift, alumni board, trustee and university council.

Gary H. Williams, '72 and '82, Shavertown, Pa., is chair of the community business campaign, which enlists the help of local businesses to support the annual fund.

Thomas Zukosky, '81, Kingston, is vice chair of this campaign, which begins in the spring of 1999.

The phonathon is chaired by Joseph W. Sekusky, '77, Pittston, Pa.



Photo courtesy of University Realtions
Annual fund kicks off.

Student callers contact approximately 15,000 alumni and friends with a goal of \$185,000.

Jacqueline Willison, '93, Wilkes-Barre, Pa., is vice chair of the alumni phonathon, while Elizabeth Adams, Mountaintop, Pa., secretary to the vice president for academic affairs, is vice-chair of the faculty and staff phonathon.

Marc Eakin, '99, Picture Rocks, Pa., is chair of the senior class gift committee.

Each year, the senior class raises funds to give a gift to the University. Previous gifts range from banners that currently line the

streets of campus to engraved bricks that will be included in the construction of the new \$7.7 million student center.

Chair of the alumni board campaign for this year is Chad A. Lojewski, '95, Forty Fort, Pa.

Marino J. Santarelli, '73, Stroudsburg, Pa., chairs the trustee campaign.

The university council campaign chair is Constance A. Schaefer, '56, Basking Ridge, N.J.

"The annual giving office has dedicated this year's campaign to continuing the support of student financial aid.

"Those who help support the annual fund will support the 2,800 students who are working hard both in and out of the classroom to gain the knowledge and experience necessary to succeed. We are thrilled to be working with such a wonderful group of volunteers who are helping us achieve this goal," said Caryn Cheyfitz, director of annual giving at Wilkes.

Place your vote!

WILKES-BARRE—Attention concerned students and faculty. Now is your chance to make a difference. The non-partisan League of Women Voters of Pennsylvania (LWVPA) will be holding a voter registration drive entitled "Vote Your Future" on Thursday, October 1, from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. on the Fenner Quadrangle (greenway) behind the Stark Learning Center.

"Vote Your Future" is a campaign by the League of Women Voters of Pennsylvania designed to reach out to young people and help to decrease apathy surrounding politics and public policy.

"College students are vital to our nation. They have the energy and vision to lead their communities and the nation into the 21st century.

"It is time for students to let the officials know that they have something to say. Voting is every citizen's responsibility, including college students," said Jane Elmes-Crahall, director election services, LWVPA.

In addition to the Wilkes University campus, King's College, College Misericordia, Luzerne County Community College and Penn State Main Campus will also be hosting "Vote Your Future" voter registration drives on October 1.

For more information contact Jane Elmes-Crahall at 717-408-4160 or e-mail her at elmesra@wilkes1.wilkes.edu. You can also e-mail Deena Guadagno at guadagdm@wilkes1.wilkes.edu.

ATTENTION ALL STUDENTS:

The Beacon is currently looking for writers to write about news related issues on campus. We are also looking for any newsworthy story ideas that pertain to the Wilkes community. If you are interested please call *The Beacon* office at x5903 or stop in for our general staff meeting on Tuesdays at 11:30 a.m. You can also e-mail us at:

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Student services gets a new name, Passan Hall

WILKES-BARRE—Wilkes University has formally named its student services building in honor of the late Marjorie Moskowitz Passan.

Members of the Passan family, invited guests, Wilkes students and officials, marked the occasion with a brief ceremony and plaque unveiling outside of the building, located at 263-267 South Franklin Street.

"It is fitting that this building is named for Marjorie Passan, a woman who embraced life and new beginnings. Passan Hall plays an important role in the lives of Wilkes students working toward their new beginnings," said Dr. Christopher N. Breiseth, president, Wilkes University.

A Pittston native, Passan also lived in Wilkes-Barre and New York City. She co-founded Valley Distributing and Storage Company of Laflin in 1954, serving as company secretary and treasurer for more than twenty years.

The John J. and Marjorie M. Passan Foundation recently gave the university the first in a series of gifts that will total \$250,000 in commemoration of Passan.

The foundation, formed in 1996, supports Wilkes-Barre area organizations that work for

the benefit of humanity.

The three-story brick apartment house was constructed in 1925 and purchased by Wilkes in 1993.

Renovations in 1994 included adding an elevator and making the building handicapped accessible. Air conditioning/heating systems

and new floor coverings were also added.

The 10,000 square-foot building houses the student services office which contains the financial management office, the registrar's office and the financial aid office. Passan Hall is listed on the National Register of Historical Places.

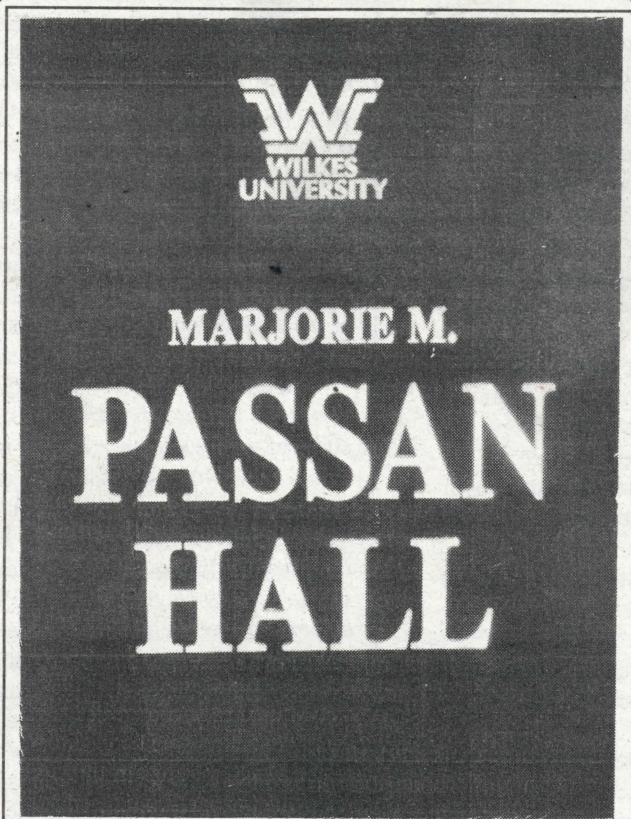


Photo by J. J. Fadden

The newly named Passan Hall.

Free performance, that's funny!

By **ALYSSA KASLAVAGE**
Beacon News Editor

"Comedy Night" will be held on Sunday, September 27 at 7:30 p.m. at *Rumours*. This will be a free performance sponsored by the programming board. John Bizarre, Spanky and Hood will perform their comedy routines.

"Over the summer, some of the programming board members went to a seminar on events to hold on campus; that was the birthplace for this idea.

"We viewed many tapes from all different types of comedians and felt that these comedians were the funniest," said Helen Dempsey, vice president, programming board.

John Bizarre has appeared on many television networks including A&E, MTV, Showtime and FOX performing his routine. On stage, his "bizarre" slant on life and a cappella guitar performance always rocks the house.

Bizarre is now living in Hollywood. He is pursuing more and more television and feature film work. Bizarre never forgets his first love...live performances.

Since 1988, Bizarre has showcased for the East Coast, New England, Great Lakes, Far West and Pacific regions of the National Association for Campus Activities.

Spanky first appeared on stage in 1985. In 1989, he was invited to

compete on the nationally syndicated *Star Search*, where he went on to set the record for most appearances by a comedian that season, making it all the way to the \$100,000 Grand Finals.

Since the late '80s, he has made more than 34 television appearances, including "*Comic Strip Live*," "*Comedy on the Road*," "*Evening at the Improv*," HBO, "*ER*," "*Profiler*" and "*The Jenny McCarthy Show*."

Hood was born in Iran and raised in the United States. In his comedy, Hood shares life experiences that poignantly and humorously speak to issues of diversity and multiculturalism.

Hood attended the University of Pennsylvania and in his senior year won the Cert's National College Comedians Competition.

He spent the next three years using stand-up comedy to put himself through graduate school at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Then, to his mother's disappointment, he decided to forsake his expensive degree and pursue comedy full time.

He has since become a regular at comedy clubs up and down the east coast and a favorite at local colleges and universities. He has opened for Chris Rock, Drew Carey and a host of other nationally recognized acts.

"We decided to do a comedy night because we have never done anything like this before. It will offer variety for the students," said Dempsey.

Police blotter...



Here are some incidents that occurred right here in Wilkes-Barre:

- On September 17, 1998, a theft occurred at 7:32 a.m. on 137 St. Clair Street. An unknown person(s) removed a black 1995 Toyota pick-up truck from the above location. The vehicle was later recovered by the Wilkes-Barre police department in the Pine Ridge area.
- On September 17, 1998, criminal mischief occurred between 12:01 a.m. and 6:50 a.m. between Thompson and John Streets. An unknown person(s) smashed a window on the victim's 1995 Neon.
- On September 20, 1998, criminal mischief occurred between 4:15 a.m. and 7 a.m. on 76 Carey Avenue. An unknown person(s) smashed a window on the victims storm door.
- On September 20, 1998, a burglary occurred between the hours of 10 p.m. and 12:05 a.m. at 352 North Main Street. The suspect entered the residence through an unlocked door. Once inside, \$200 was removed from the victim's wallet.



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Fellow Christians, I realize this is a "hard message," but the truth must be told in a hope that it will stop our churches and America from backsliding into both spiritual and physical oblivion. The "hard message" I now bring to you is from documented Biblical and church history records.

Our Lord Jesus gave us parables which teach against any attempt to continue Old Covenant doctrines or attempt to combine or include them in the doctrines of the New Covenant. Apostle Paul wrote an entire letter rebuking those who would attempt to do so in Galacia. We, therefore, know that-along with other New Covenant scripture guidance-that any attempt to do a combination is a "no-no" of the highest order.

These Biblical instructions were strictly adhered to so far as history records-until after the state church was established in 325 A.D. Then, under the "doctrine of infallibility" was exercised by the apostles-or even Christ himself.

In fact, several Old Covenant doctrines were included with church doctrine which was in direct opposition with this Biblical doctrine. Several have continued in our latter day church:

A. tithing or taxing.

B. the burdens of more and more extravagant meeting places, and the exorbitant incomes of many of the church leaders who claim to be "servants of God" but whose "fruits" clearly show they are servants of men, mammon, or their bellies.

C. the inclusion of completely pagan festivals, such as Christmas and Easter, that after the "whitewashing" of the "infallibility brush" became a part of church doctrine.

D. several other church doctrines from the dark ages continue to blemish the holiness of our church today but, my space is limited.

Martin Luther and untold thousands sacrificed greatly-even unto death-to break their bonds with total apostasy, but we now have fulfilled the Proverb "a dog returns to its vomit" and "a sow that is washed returns to her wallowing in the mud."

Will man never learn-God withholds the power of the Holy Spirit when man tries to substitute Its power with the power of money. We must make the choice-is our faith in mammon or in God! I will now close with what Apostle Paul declared to the Galatians. "If anybody is preaching to you gospel other than what you accepted (from Paul) let him be eternally condemned!"

What you and/or your church do with this truth which has been illuminated to me, I may never know, but I do know one thing which is another quote of Apostle Paul. With this writing, "I am guilty of no man's blood for I have told you the whole will of God as He has revealed it to me." May God's mercy and grace continue so that we can make the final harvest the greatest of all. Let us all pray fervently for the Master of the Harvest to send more workers.

Your brother in Christ and Friend,
Raymont Senn
Pleasant Grove, AL

Examining the Issues with Matthew Sowcik

So let's get this started. I asked *The Beacon* if I might write an editorial each week, modeling it after the great, Rich Quigley's editorials. Although, I might never be able to shake Wilkes University off of its proverbial feet like Mr. Quigley did, I will still try to stir up some stuff around campus.

I am writing this column out of respect for one of my truly best friends, because it seems he ran into a situation that plagues many of us at Wilkes today.

My first column deals with just one of the many problems that seem to pester the Wilkes-Barre law enforcement. About two weeks ago, one of the local off campus houses decided to have a get together and invited some of the students here at Wilkes.

To make a long story short the Wilkes-Barre police arrived and, as rumor has it, they left after three hours, while handing out numerous citations. In the end, they caused more of a problem than any party ever would have. Now I am definitely not an advocate for underage drinking and the truth of the matter is the law is the law.

However, the following day I stood outside as one of our outstanding citizens from the "crack deli" threw a rock through the window of my neighbor's house. The same night as the party happened, a couple of my roommates were at home only to find that a cop car was parked outside of our house for an hour. After they left, they continued to drive by our house every half an hour.

The ironic part about this situation, is when my roommates and I were robbed this summer it took the cops two hours to get to our house, so we could report what was missing. I just seem to have trouble understanding the priorities of the law enforcement office. First, they say let's make this a college town but it offers no where to go and nothing to do on Saturday night. Second, their priorities of busting students before worrying about crime and more serious offenders, is ridiculous.

Although I do believe I am starting to understand, it's not the people, like the individual who threw the stone through the window next door, that are getting in our way or in the city of Wilkes-Barre's way. It's students like all of us that are actually getting in the way of the criminals and places like the "crack deli." I take it upon myself to apologize, for all of us, and to the criminals and to the law enforcement office of Wilkes-Barre.

If you have any questions, comments or suggestions you can e-mail me at: sowcikmj@wilkes.edu

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Editorial

Ken Starr, who's he?

In case you didn't notice, Ken Starr's report on the activities of President Clinton was sent to Congress last week. I'm sure everyone realized this because it was the topic of conversation on every channel's six o'clock news.

Clinton's testimony to the grand jury was also released and broadcast on every channel. I realize that the media and legislators feel that this is an important topic and four months ago I may have agreed. At this point I am so sick of hearing about Ken Starr and Monica Lewinsky, I turn the channel every time someone mentions their names.

It is bad enough that we have spent millions of dollars investigating the President's sexual tendencies, but now we are broadcasting the details on public airways that travel into the living rooms of American families. Children watch those televisions and are subjected to the details of Clinton's affair with a much younger employee. I don't have children, but if I did I would be a little upset if I walked into the room at lunchtime and found them watching Clinton testifying about whether or not he touched Lewinsky's breast.

Over the weekend I was talking with some of my family members about the Clinton situation. While we were talking someone said that because he is a role model this type of behavior is not acceptable and he should be impeached or resign.

If that is the case are we going to start firing professional athletes or celebrities who do drugs, rape women or have sex with thousands of fans. It seems to me that we overlook the human imperfections of not only athletes but our neighbors, athletes, friends and even parents. However, we won't forgive Clinton.

Many chastise him for lying in the first place. If you cheated on your spouse and were questioned in front of millions after telling he/she you didn't cheat, would you tell the whole truth and nothing but the truth. If you would lie in that situation does that automatically mean that you lie about everything and cannot be trusted.

I am not saying that what Clinton did is ethical or even acceptable, but I ask you to look at yourself and remember that everyone, public figure or not, is human.

Coming Soon!!!

Need advice? We know someone that can help you. E-mail your questions or problems to "Inner Peace with Ani" at: inner_peace@hotmail.com

Welcome to the web: A new "Beacon"

with John Bruett

I would like to start by welcoming all of the students and faculty back for another year. This summer *The Beacon* took a new, computerized, form. It is now possible to read *The Beacon* on the World Wide Web. This new form is a technological advancement from the print age to the electronic age. You can find *The Beacon* at:

<http://wilkes1.wilkes.edu/~beacon>.

A quick background on how I got the new web page started...

Last year *The Beacon* staff put an ad in the paper for the positions that they needed filled for this year. One of the positions was Web Page Design Manager. I had created my own web page and I thought that I had a pretty good shot at getting the position, so I applied.

After the application process was done I found out that I received the job, this was great. However, there was only one problem, I was starting from scratch. Now don't get me wrong this didn't bother me it's just easier to have something to start with. Lynn Elko, advisor, had a basic start that was created in a page editor, so we have started with this model.

A web page is simply a document that has been computerized with the help of a programming language called HTML or hypertext markup language. HTML is the number one web page design language used today.

There is another language called Java which is also a major language in web based programming. As I mentioned before, you can also write a page in what is known as an editor. These editors are very simply point-click and cut-and-copy programs where you need to know very little HTML. These are helpful for a quick throw-together page. I do believe that I am biased in my opinion of editors only because I took the time to learn and write my first page in straight HTML.

I hope that you enjoy the new form of *The Beacon*. As the year continues there will be upgrades to the page and the page itself will change in style and form. So I ask you to enjoy the page and send us e-mail with comments and suggestions that will help us improve. Remember that this is for you our readers and we want to make it as user friendly as possible. Enjoy the year and continue to enjoy *The Beacon*.

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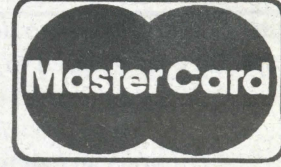
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Schedule of Events



Thursday, September 24

- Inter-Residence Hall Council, SUB basement, 11 a.m.
- Programming Board Meeting, COB 106, 11:30 a.m.
- Weight Management Group Meeting, Health Services Waiting Room, 12 p.m.
- Student AIDS Awareness Committee Meeting, 12 p.m., COB 209
- Rainbow Kids Day, St. Mary's/St. Nicholas School, 2:15 p.m.-3:30 p.m.

Friday, September 25

- Football fan bus to FDU, Marts Center, 4:30 p.m.
- Sleep Under the Stars, Greenway 8:30 p.m.

Saturday, September 26

- SHARE Food Co-op, St. Mary's, 8:30 a.m.

Sunday, September 27

- Comedy Night, Rumours, 7:30 p.m.

Monday, September 28

Tuesday, September 29

- Blood Drive, Marts Center, 10 a.m.- 4 p.m.
- Off-Campus Council Meeting, SUB Basement, 11 a.m.
- Amnicola General Meeting, Chase Hall, 11:15 a.m.
- Commuter Council Meeting, SUB Basement, 12:15 p.m.
- Circle K Meeting, Alumni House, 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday, September 30

- Yom Kippur
- Roundtable Discussion on Inclusion, Marts 214, 3:30- 4:30 p.m.
- "Talk it Out," Alumni House, 5 - 6 p.m.
- Student Government Meeting, Marts 214, 6:30 p.m.
- Scripture Study, Alumni House, 6:30 -7:30 p.m.
- Martial Arts Club Meeting, Wrestling Room, 6:45 p.m.

If your club or organization would like to have your meetings or special events added to our weekly calendar,

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or you can call us at 408-5903.

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Upcoming Events and Announcements

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Friday night football game against FDU leaves from the Marts Center at 4:30 p.m. It's **FREE!** Come out and support the Colonels to victory!

Shuttle Bus

Student Government is sponsoring a shuttle bus for all home football games. The shuttle will leave from DDD, COB and Marts and will transport students to Ralston field from 11 a.m.-5 p.m.

Rumours

- Open every Sunday-Thursday, 8 p.m.-11 p.m. and Tuesday and Thursday from 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
- If you are interested in holding meetings or events in *Rumours* contact Tara Barrie at 408-5280.

Homecoming

Date: October 30 and 31
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Special thanks to all those who volunteered at the seventh annual Riverside Rumble on Sunday!!

Information compiled by Jeff Reichl.

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ALLY to hold first meeting of semester

Wilkes University will host the first meeting for the fall 1998 semester of ALLY Intercollegiate. ALLY is an organization for gay, lesbian and bisexual students and their supporters.

Students from Wilkes University, King's College, the University of Scranton, Marywood University, College Misericordia, Luzerne County Community College and Penn State Hazleton participate in this intercollegiate organization.

The meeting will be held in the Annette Evans Alumni House at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, October 1. All students are invited to attend.

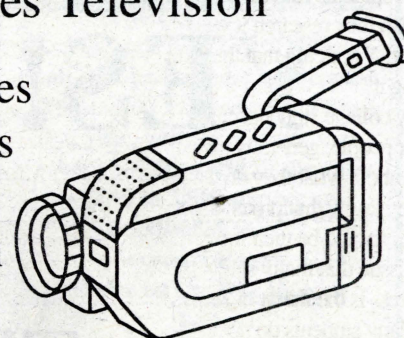
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Spotlight: Hepatitis B, is it worth the risk?

By LAUREN CASTELLI
Beacon Copy Editor

With the end of September here, classes are fully under way at Wilkes. Cheerful faces are all over campus. Passing each other around campus, many wonder what others students are thinking.

One thought which may cross our minds, is if any of our fellow students have contracted one of the most serious viruses since AIDS—Hepatitis B.

Hepatitis B is one of the most infectious viruses to hit the American population.

Almost 300,000 Americans have been infected by this virus. Not only is this disease serious, it is also highly contagious.

Hepatitis B is a viral disease that attacks the liver. This in turn will cause jaundice, permanent liver damage, even death. Hepatitis B is a virus which can be contracted by blood and body secretions.

Due to the unseemingly high number of Americans who are having unprotected sex, this

disease has spread among the population, especially to teenagers and people in their twenties.

The spread of Hepatitis B is not limited to unprotected sex.

It can also be contracted by sharing contaminated needles, repeatedly sharing toiletries with an infected person or coming into contact with cuts and scrapes of an infected person.

Other ways the virus can be transmitted is by intravenous drug use, possibly tattooing and body piercing.

Students should concern themselves with the severity of Hepatitis B. It is a virus that enters the blood stream and directly attacks the liver cells.

If it attacks the liver with a high enough severity, death may be the conclusion.

There is no cure for Hepatitis B. However, there is a method of prevention. A vaccine is available for any willing individual and is being administered to students through the health services department at Wilkes.

The vaccination is given in a series of three doses through an

injection given in the arm. The first shot is administered and there may be mild side effects.

It is imperative for all students to understand the severity of this disease and how prevention can save their lives.

Colleges and universities all over the country are beginning to strongly recommend and/or require students to have this vaccination.

"I have begun to notice that students are coming into the university having already received their Hepatitis B shots," said Diane O'Brien, director, health services.

This is a sign that students and parents are becoming more aware of the virus.

Some Wilkes students have voiced their opinions about this topic and have come to a consensus.

"I think the vaccination should be mandatory. Once you have it, you have it for life," said Matt Minielly, senior, business administration major.

"Students should be aware of the vaccination because it could help save their lives," said Kerianne Giest, junior, business

administration major.

Remember there is a way to prevent this disease from taking control of your life. It is up to you to decide whether it is worth it or not.

If anyone has any concerns about Hepatitis B please contact health services at ext. 4730.

(All information in this article was provided by health services and the American Social Health Association (ASHA).)

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Headache help hits health services

WILKES-BARRE—Wilkes University's health services department, in conjunction with the National Headache Foundation, announces the formation of a new headache support group. This organization is free and open to the public. The first meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 5, from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m., in room 214 of the Arnaud C. Marts Sports and Conference Center, South Franklin Street, Wilkes-Barre.

Currently, 45 million Americans seek medical help for headache pain. Headache sufferers can experience pains that range from mild to totally debilitating. In severe cases, headaches can last years and can cause a person to become bedridden.

The support group will provide an environment of understanding in for persons who suffer from severe, chronic, headache pain and their families. They can meet and discuss common problems, receive empathy from fellow sufferers and learn more about managing and coping with their condition.

Registration is required. For more information, contact Betsy Pack, R.N., Wilkes University health services department, (717) 408-4730.

Sexual assault: Don't be a victim

By KAREN COOK
Beacon Editor in Chief

College is an experience period in which you are supposed to be having the time of your life. However, dating and partying can be a scary aspect in itself. There are a lot of things to worry about from sexual assault to sexually transmitted diseases (STD's) and even becoming pregnant.

Getting information about such topics can be just as intimidating. Where can students find information and how can they research it without their "friends" noticing that they are researching it?

Many college students care about what other people, generally their peers, say about what they do. Even though they know that protecting themselves should be their top priority.

One issue that many students don't address is the threat of sexual assault. Many students do not even know what sexual assault is, let alone how to deal with it.

Sexual assault occurs when an individual is forced into sexual contact against his/her will. It can take on many different names, some are rape,

incest, sexual violence or date rape.

Sexual assault can be violent involving weapons or psychological pressure. It can happen to any man or woman anytime of the day or night.

Anyone who believes they have been sexually assaulted should seek medical attention as soon as possible. There is a possibility of injury both externally and internally.

Anyone who has been abused physically should seek medical attention immediately. Visiting a local emergency room soon after an incident. This can not only determine who the perpetrator was but can help in early detection of disease and physical impairments.

The staff at emergency rooms or medical centers are trained to help the victim with both physical and emotional care. Not only will they give the patient a pelvic exam, they will be able to answer questions on sexually transmitted diseases and pregnancy.

In some medical facilities it is policy to contact the police in sexual assault cases. However, the victim does not have to press charges or even talk to the police unless they so choose.

Medical facilities can also direct the victim to counselors who can

provide psychological assistance to them.

The initial physical exam should never be the last exam. It is important to make and keep follow up appointments. Many sexually transmitted diseases do not show up right away and it is crucial to the individual's health to continue with follow-up exams.

Although avoidance of sexual assault is not always possible it is something that everyone should strive to achieve. Before going out on a date there are some issues for you to consider to help avoid problematic situations.

Pointers for both men and women.

First, it is important for everyone to know their limits. Before going out on a date it is important to know what situations you may feel uncomfortable with, before engaging in them fully. When dating, try choosing someone who will respect the choices which you have made for yourself.

Secondly, communicate your feelings clearly and directly to your date. If you feel something, but do not communicate your feelings, it will be hard for your partner to understand what is going on.

Remember too that, vulnerability to rape increases dramatically when using alcohol or drugs.

When dating, it is important to avoid the consumption of alcohol and the use of drugs. At college this can be difficult because most dates occur at parties.

Be sensible, go with a group of trusted friends and don't leave with someone you don't know or trust.

Most importantly, understand that rape can and does happen anywhere, anytime and to anyone. Be aware of your surroundings and take steps to avoid uneasy situations.

No one deserves or asks to be sexually assaulted. If you are a victim of sexual assault, you are entitled to quality medical care and the support of a sexual assault counselor.

For more information or if you have any questions, contact the Victims Resource Center's 24-hour hotline, in Wilkes-Barre, at 823-0765, in Hazleton 454-7200 or in Tunkhannock at 836-5544.

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The following services are provided free of charge by the Victims Resource Center.

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•Information about the criminal justice system
•Advocacy for victims rights

•Accompaniments to court and all police and medical proceedings

•Emotional support

•A full range of services for sexual assault victims

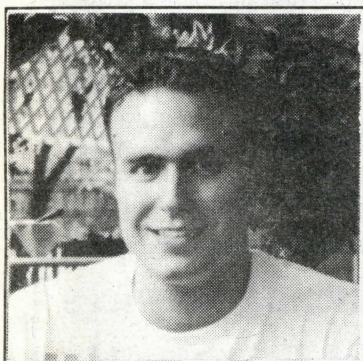
•Support groups for sexual assault victims

•All service are confidential and free of charge

•Service is provided to male and female adults, adolescents, children and families.

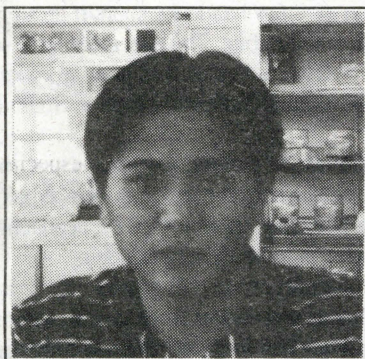
LifeStyles Around CampusLife

Roving Reporter Should Clinton be impeached? Why?



Rich Quigley-
"Yes, I respect his honesty about the situation, but the effect it has had on our economy and our presidents credibility is just staggering."

Saen Nguyen-
"Yes, because he disgraced the country and every other country looked down on us because of what he did."



Elaine Fournier-
"No, because Al Gore would not make a good president."

Loan Do- "No, because he is running the country well and this little blemish does not effect him."



Rupal Kalariya- "Yes, because he is supposed to be a role model and he should have known that he would be in public."

Roving photos and reporting by Derek Bleiler

Stangline named acting director

By PAULA GENTILEMAN
Beacon Staff Writer

WILKES-BARRE—Gustav J. Stangline, Moscow, Pa., has recently been named acting director of information services, at Wilkes University.

His duties consist of directing the administrative and instructional computing activities, as well as the data communication and data networking services on campus.

Stangline previously held the position as academic computing coordinator.

In addition, Stangline is currently an adjunct professor at

Marywood University and had also served in that capacity at both the University of Scranton and Wilkes University.

From 1971 to 1988, Stangline was an associate professor of computer information systems, accounting and management at Lackawanna Junior College, Scranton, Pa.

He served as chairman of the computer information systems and mathematics department for seven years.

A member of the National Honor Society in Economics and the National Honor Society in Business, Stangline has presented professional papers on the topics of computer

laboratory layout and administration. He also presented a paper on personal computer security and computer networking at several national conferences.

Stangline holds a bachelor of science degree in accounting and management from the University of Scranton and a master of science degree in computer information systems from Marywood University.

Stangline is a commander in the United States Naval Reserve and a life-long member of the Naval Enlisted Reserve Association. In 1978, he was selected as the National Sailor of the Year by the Naval Enlisted Reserve Association and the Chief of Naval Reserve. He received his commission in 1980.

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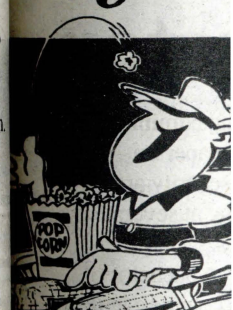
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Critic's Corner with Dan Lavelle "Rush Hour"

Hello fellow movie viewers. During the past year, I've been told that a lot of people read my article. So, I imagine some of my readers are big fans of action films, just like myself. When you go to your local tape store, I'm sure you have a tough time deciding if you want to see a Bruce Lee or Arnold Schwarzenegger flick. Personally, I'm a pretty big fan of Jackie Chan and he did not let me down with his newest film, "Rush Hour."

In the film, Chan plays a detective from Hong Kong, who comes to America to help find a girl who has been kidnapped. His partner is Chris Tucker, who plays a wise-cracking Los Angeles detective.

I must admit this is an interesting combination.

Will the two different personalities be able to get along without driving each other crazy?

Chan continues to prove he is one of the masters' of action flicks. Like his other films, expect original stunt work, great fight scenes and a few well placed jokes. The man seems to have a knack for good movies. I'm already looking forward to his next project.

Tucker is an up and coming actor. In the short time he has been in the film business, he has already made a name for himself. In "Rush Hour," he is able to create a successful blend of comedy to his action character. I wouldn't be surprised if he gets a role in a major blockbuster someday.

I'm giving this film **THREE AND A HALF STARS**. Check it out when you get a chance. It's a good blend of action and comedy. I guarantee Chan and Tucker won't let you down.



ALIGNING THE PLANETS WITH MADAME ZELDA

Taurus (April 20 - May 20) Be careful not to over react this week. You'll have a tendency to misunderstand people's meanings.

Gemini (May 21 - June 21) You've been working hard lately and your feeling like you'll never receive your reward. Your payoff comes soon through financial gains.

Cancer (June 22 - July 22) This week you'll reach a new level with a loved one and make some serious plans for the future.

Leo (July 22 - August 22) You'll find a long awaited happy medium with issues related to family and close friends this week.

Virgo (August 23 - September 22) This week spotlights your personal goals and interests. Focus on the things you want from life.

Libra (September 23 - October 23) This weekend favors new beginnings. Arrange for new experiences and lots of fun.

Scorpio (October 24 - November 21) The early bird gets the worm this week, despite a huge mix up with your social plans, you'll have fun.

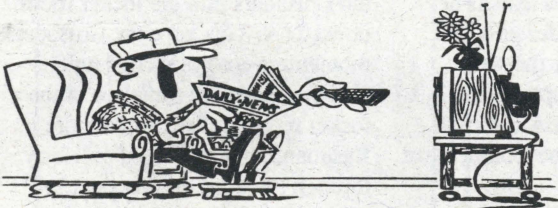
Sagittarius (November 22 - December 21) Unconventional moves aren't in your favor this week, stick to your daily routines.

Capricorn (December 22 - January 19) Next week will begin on a good note, especially where romance and social interests are concerned.

Aquarius (January 20 - February 18) It will be a good weekend for travel, go visit some friends you haven't seen in a while.

Pisces (February 19 - March 20) Concentrate on one thing at a time next week, too many irons in the fire leave you extremely disorganized.

Aries (March 21 - April 19) A partner you have been having trouble with will get back on the same wavelength soon, stay hopeful!



T.V. Timeout with Derek Bleiler

Can't wait for hockey season- "eha".

For Philadelphia sports fans hockey season could not be here at a better time. Everyone is ready for something to cheer about and it looks like the Philadelphia Flyers are going to be the team that gives the city of Philly that something.

The Flyers have signed their three big name players, Rod Brindamour, Jon LaClair, and Eric Lindross, to contract extensions. It looks like this could be the year that the Flyers could win the coveted Stanley Cup.

The Philadelphia hockey fans are definitely ready for the squad to win the cup, especially after the Flyers minor league team, the Phantoms, won the American Hockey League trophy, the Calder Cup.

Another reason the fans of Philly are ready for a winning season is because of the three other professional sport teams in Philadelphia.

Even though the Philadelphia Eagles are only three games into their season, the fans can't wait for it to end. After starting off 0-3, with tough teams coming up in the schedule, the Eagles will be lucky if they win two games. It looks like they are trying to lose their games and the lack of offense would make any fan of football want to crawl in a hole and wait until the season was over before they came out.

The Phillies were giving the playoff run a serious shot, until they decided not to show up to the stadium and began a downward spiral that they have yet to come out of. Many Philadelphia fans thought that it could be a repeat of the 1993 season where the Phillies went to the world series, but now most are happy that the season is over.

Finally the Philadelphia 76ers, well there is not much to say about them. Basketball fans have not had a reason to cheer for them since the 1987 season which was the last time they made the playoffs. The only thing we can hope for is that the lock out continues because if the 76ers can not play games, then they can not lose games.

The fans of Philly are ready to celebrate a championship season. It is very overdue, but the 1998 Philadelphia Flyers may be the team to give the city the championship that they are waiting for.

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Sports

Shootout shoots down Colonel

By **ROBERT MORCOM, JR.**
Beacon Staff Writer

The Wilkes football team put together a very impressive first half, but was unable to stop the Crusaders of Susquehanna in the second. Susquehanna scored 33 second-half points to come from behind and upend the Colonels 42-40.

Susquehanna came out of the locker room and got on the scoreboard in a hurry as Andy Berwager connected with Tim Boblick for an 18 yard score. This score was Boblick's first collegiate reception. However, the Crusaders score seemed to get the Colonels fired up as they scored 21 unanswered points.

First, senior quarterback Neil Rine hit Larry "Fuzzy" Zellar out of the backfield with a 16 yard scoring strike. Freshman Matt Diltz put the point after attempt through the uprights to give Wilkes a 7-6 lead.

On the next drive, Rine wasted no time as he hit Jason Phillips on the second play for a 60 yard score. This put the Colonels up 13-6 as Diltz failed to convert the point after attempt.

Wilkes' defense proved itself

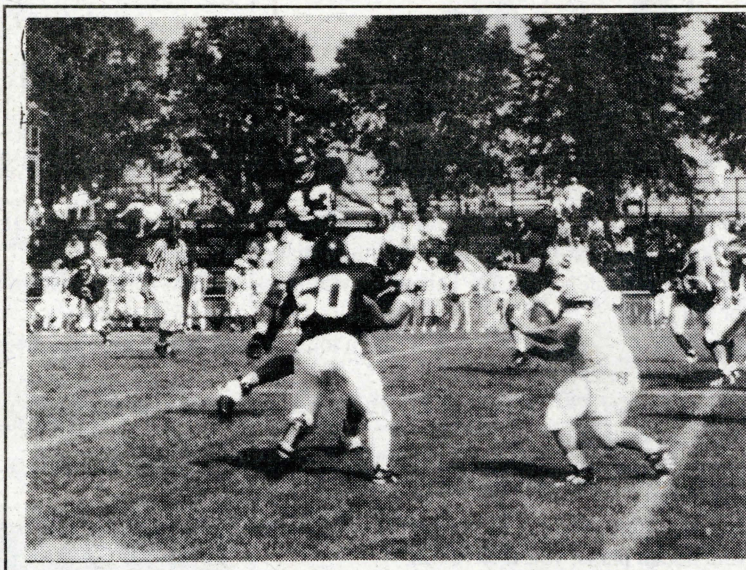


Photo by Shawn Perrine

Chris "Stump" Shannon (43) and Andy Snyder (50) attack the Susquehanna offense with raw aggression.

many times in the first half allowing the offense to go to work, and go to work they did.

To start the second quarter, Pottsville product Scott Schoffner added to the Wilkes lead as he picked off a Crusader pass and took it 54 yards for the score.

Rine then completed the 2-yard conversion pass to Floyd Allen to increase the Colonel lead to 21-6.

Both defenses then battled tough, holding each teams offenses in check. Late in the second quarter Susquehanna's kicker, Scott Miles, nailed a 36 yard field goal to send the Crusaders into the locker room down 21-9. This gave the Crusaders momentum for the second half.

Susquehanna came out of the locker room on fire. Sophomore Rashonn Drayton scored mid-way through the third quarter on a 1-

yard scamper.

Scott Miles then missed another point after attempt, his second of the game. On their very next drive, Jose Delgado ran 27 yards for the score and Miles nailed the extra point to put the Crusaders up 22-21.

Wilkes came right back as Rine hit freshman phenom Brian Miller on a 35-yard pass. The touchdown was set up by a great kick return by Michael Hankins.

Susquehanna then responded as Boblick scored his second touchdown of the game on a 42-yard pass from Berwager. The Wilkes defense held its ground again as they prevented the Crusaders from getting the two point conversion, leaving the score at 28-27 in favor of Susquehanna.

The fourth quarter started out as a struggle for both offenses, but Susquehanna proved to be too tough, as they marched all the way down to the 1 yard line, where Matt Wichlinski took it in to increase their lead, 35-27.

Wilkes matched the Susquehanna drive, as they drove the ball to the one and gave the ball to Zeller, for his second score of the day. The two-point conversion was broken up, so the score stayed 35-33.

Wichlinski then took the endzone again on a 17-yard run and Miles PAT was good. With the score 42-33, Wilkes had a rally and rally they did. Rine added to another one of his passing days as he hit sophomore Ryan James on a 28-yard scoring strike with just 1:20 remaining in the contest. The Diltz kick was good and the Colonels were only down by two, 42-40. Susquehanna then bled the clock to conceal their second straight win on the road in Wilkes-Barre as they trounced King's last week.

The Crusaders capitalized the numerous Wilkes penalties that took place during key moments in the game. The Colonels committed nine penalties that cost them 99 yards.

The offense was again superb this week, but Susquehanna just came away with this one due to their tremendous offensive output and their ability to work as a team.

Catch the Colonels in action this Friday night at Fairleigh Dickinson University of Madison as they take on the Jersey Devils. Gametime is 7:30 p.m.

Soccer falls short against Lyco

By **JOHN MURPHY**
Beacon Staff Writer

On Saturday, September 19, the men's varsity soccer team traveled to Lycoming College for their first Middle American Conference Freedom League matchup of the season.

In their previous match the Colonels traveled to New Jersey to take on the William Paterson Pioneers. The Colonels suffered a disappointing 4-3 loss against the Pioneers. This game was a highly contested shoot-out that the Colonels fell just short of winning.

The Colonels first goal in the Lycoming game came with 38:51 remaining in the half. The Colonels converted a corner kick as Heath Niederer sent the ball home with the assist going to Dave Reinert.

Lycoming tied the game up with 31:33 left in the half with a goal coming from Adrian Temple. With only 20 minutes left in the half, the Colonels were penalized with an intentional handball on a shot that would have gone in the goal. This resulted in a red card that

left Wilkes a man down for the rest of the game. On the resulting penalty kick, Lycoming scored. This placed them one goal up on the Colonels.

Junior Tim Seymour came around and gave Wilkes the equalizing goal on a kick that came off of a soft pass from Lucas Markelon with 19:30 remaining in the half.

Lycoming managed one more tally in the first half to take a one goal lead over the Colonels.

The Warriors continued exactly where they left off when play resumed. Their dominance of the second half earned them two more goals that remained unanswered by Wilkes. The Warriors left the field with a 5-2 victory over their league rival.

Hockey club ready to Roll

By **DAVID DECICCO**
Special to the Beacon

During their freshman and sophomore years here at Wilkes, many students from the Diaz Hall section of Pickering found themselves interested in playing roller hockey. They began with a small group of people and one goalie.

As they continued to play, they found many more people interested in playing and the group flourished. At the end of two full years, the group contained a roster of over 30 people. This number exceeded the wildest dreams of the founders.

On September 9, 1998, juniors David Peer and Chris Jarzyk took their proposed constitution and guidelines for a roller hockey club and presented the proposal to Wilkes student government for the first time.

One week later, the two parties met again to discuss the possibilities of the club and the roller hockey club was born.

"When I first started school

here, Dave (Peer) and I played floor hockey with about 15 students. After they graduated, we thought why not continue this and take the next level," Jarzyk said.

The basis of the roller hockey club is to hopefully represent Wilkes in intercollegiate hockey," said Peer.

There are over a dozen teams in New York, Pennsylvania and New Jersey that have roller hockey clubs and teams. Jarzyk and Peer aim to have the Wilkes club included among these other universities' clubs.

"It is our hope that we can play these teams and give Wilkes more recognition," said Peer.

After two years of thinking and planning by several student athletes, the roller hockey club is now in full swing.

Dan Longshore, an active year participant, is currently working on obtaining a roller hockey web page. Jason Waterbury, currently participating in his second year with the group, is gathering information on intercollegiate play.

Rum Hundra

By **MICHAEL SCHEIDT**
Beacon Staff Writer

Many great athletes from around the world gathered to compete right here in Wilkes-Barre.

Nearly 150 of the wheelchair racers participated in the Seven Allied Services International Wheelchair Race, commonly known as the "River Race." The racers represent seven countries and a part of a purse worth \$10,000.

"Now that the race is on an international level, competition has really increased and it will be interesting to see if an athlete can recapture the 'Riverside Rumble' title," said Kelly Martin, race director.

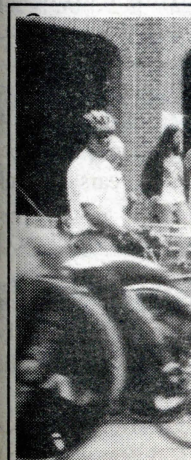
One racer, Miguel, a resident of Wilkes-Barre, was the only racer in the field to take the opportunity to train on a daily basis. The racers have only one chance to win this course in previous "Rumble" events. Most even seen the sights of Wilkes-Barre prior to this world championship event.

The race spanned Wilkes-Barre and started in front of the Stark Learning Center. The majority of the race took place on the north side of Market Street Bridge. The final sprint that encompassed the entire length of Kirby Street ended at Market Street Bridge.

Each racer, in one way or another, is considered handicapped. The racers are paraplegic, having no lower trunk or legs, or quadriplegic, having no upper trunk and lower limbs.

However, these racers

Some of the



Rumble rides by campus

Hundreds participate in international event

By MICHAEL SCHREIBER
Beacon Staff Writer

Many great athletes and sports fans from around the world gathered to compete this weekend right here in Wilkes-Barre.

Nearly 150 of the worlds top wheelchair racers participated Sunday in the *Seventh Annual Allied Services International 10k Wheelchair Race*, commonly known as the "Riverside Rumble." The racers represented 25 states seven countries and competed for part of a purse worth \$45,000.

"Now that the race has taken on an international flair, competition has really heated up. It will be interesting to see if a U.S. athlete can recapture the title as "Riverside Rumble" champion," said Kelly Martin, race director.

One racer, Miguel Such, is a resident of Wilkes-Barre and was the only racer in the field that had the opportunity to train on the 10k course on a daily basis. Many of the racers have only competed on this course in previous "Riverside Rumble" events. Most have never even seen the sights of Wilkes-Barre prior to this world championship event.

The race spanned the streets of Wilkes-Barre and started directly in front of the Stark Learning Center. The majority of the race took place on the north side of the Market Street Bridge including a final sprint that encompassed the entire length of Kirby Park and the Market Street Bridge.

Each racer, in one way or another, is considered physically handicapped. The racers are either paraplegic, having no use of their lower trunk or legs, or quadriplegic, having no use of their upper trunk and lower body.

However, these racers are

capable athletes. Their training is just as intense as competitive runners for the same distance. Some racers feel they work harder than any other athletes.

Jesse Walsh, 13, from Hunnington, New York, said, "I do five miles... everyday. But I do other things too."

Walsh has trained with a coach for over a year and this year's rumble was his first race.

Ben Harder, 18, part of a group of eight from the University of Illinois, also explained his training.

"We're in the weight room, and we also go on the track and the road, for speed and distance," said Harder.

The group Harder came with included former world record holders in the 100, 200 and 400 meter wheelchair races. As the event becomes increasingly popular locally and worldwide, the community has become more supportive. Over 900 volunteers helped prepare the race, direct traffic and perform other tasks that could not be accomplished without the help of the local community.

"We've had increased involvement from every angle: churches, schools, business and individuals.

"[Our mission] is to focus awareness athletes with disabilities, as well as provide a safe way for them to compete," said Martin.

Based on the number of volunteers, this mission has accomplished its goal. Nine hundred people donated their Sunday morning to the race and were put to work controlling traffic or cheering on the racers.

"Allied Services puts on a

great weekend. It is one of the only wheelchair races in the country.

There is good volunteers, good accommodations, and great prize money. We're really well taken care of," explained a racing veteran with the Illinois group.

Jennifer Howitt, 16, from California, agreed, "This is my favorite race. It is well organized, its a nice course and the whole day is fun."

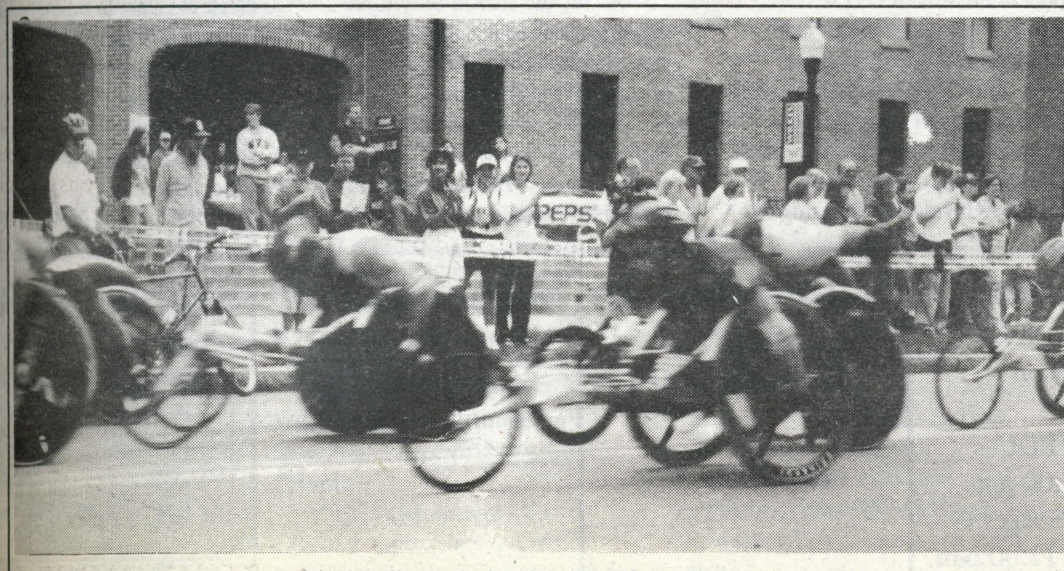
The volunteers also felt that the experience was special. "It was neat to be a part of such a big community event," said Angela Collins, a Wilkes junior and one of a number of Wilkes students who volunteered. "It was nice to know that we were appreciated, and it made for a fun morning for everyone."

Last weekends race will be featured in a half-hour special Friday, September 25, at 10:30 p.m. on FOX TV, as well as on ESPN at a time and date that has yet to be announced.

Catch the
Wilkes football
team live on
90.7 WCLH
this Friday
night against
FDU-Madison.

Some of the worlds finest wheelchair racers roll past the Stark Learning Center as fans and supporters cheer them on to the finish line.

Photo by John Murphy



That's what I say

with SCOTT VEITH



In a promotional event familiar to both regional businesses and sports memorabilia collectors, a local businessman lures in a sports superstar to sign autographs and greet adoring fans. Then, as things are planned in his twisted business mind, this event attracts more people to their establishment and, for reasons only known to the business world, persuades them to purchase merchandise that they could otherwise live without. Most sports fans completely disregard the company or establishment that is sponsoring the public appearance and head straight for the face they have seen on their beloved television time and time again.

This is the exact event that *Champion Fordland* is participating in this week at Lackawanna County Stadium. They are bringing in NASCAR superstars Jeremy Mayfield, Dale Jarrett and Rusty Wallace to meet, greet and socialize with the NASCAR friendly population of Northeastern Pennsylvania.

As avid sports fans and memorabilia collectors, a friend and I attended the appearance of the least recognizable of the three stars, Jeremy Mayfield. Although we'd both been through the routine of standing on line for an autograph and a picture with popular athletes, I believe a first time visitor to these bizarre extravaganzas would be completely lost. If the sight of 1000 autograph hungry NASCAR fans doesn't scare the newcomers away, a 20 minute wait in a line full of conversations about transmissions and drunken motorhome trips to the far reaches of the NASCAR world would definitely present an intimidating situation.

The two of us found ourselves in the heart of a line that included droves of diehard race fans, dozens of shirts featuring the most popular NASCAR personalities, hundreds of hats with gasoline advertisements embossed on them, a handful of lawn chairs with numbers on them to show loyalty to favorite drivers and at least 50 overworked and underpaid white men that have seen neither a razor nor a dentist in my lifetime.

As if this were not enough, the line was also infested with autograph hounds that were there for the sole purpose of obtaining a recognizable figure's autograph, only to find the highest bidder for this item. The average autograph collector that waits in this line is familiar with a math to which most sport fans have not yet been introduced.

He somehow calculates the 20 dollars he spent on an authentic diecast replica of the drivers car he purchased to get autographed, the 20 miles he drove to the stadium, the 20 minutes he waited on line, the 20 people he pissed off with his stupid comments while waiting on line, the 20 miles he drove back from the stadium, and the 20 people who told him to go to hell when he tried to sell them the autographed car to be equal to the 30 dollars that some poor soul actually paid him for the car. Little does he know that the buyer was really paying to get the annoying autograph "salesman" out of his face.

The three obvious possibilities that could take place during this transaction are, 1.) the time, money, and traveling expenses that went into the whole excursion is actually worth no more than 30 dollars, 2.) the individual feels privileged to have had the opportunity to meet a NASCAR superstar, and the time and money is just part of the price to pay for meeting such an individual, or 3.) he's a moron, and he needs a new hobby, a new life, and a mental examination.

Two of the sporting world's most intimidating and peculiar groups, NASCAR fans and autograph fans, should never be in the same place at the same time. And, for no reason and under no circumstance should a NASCAR fan and an autograph collector be the same person. This combination could lead to permanent ex-communication from the human race.

Contrary to the picture you've conjured up in your mind, and what appears to be popular belief, people do exist that enjoy NASCAR, collect autographs, and actually lead respectable lives. Although these people are few and far between, they are out there, and I am one of them.

As long as the interest in these two subjects grows no larger than a simple hobby or a relaxing Sunday afternoon event with a few friends, the fan/collector is safe. If, for some reason, the individuals interest in the two subjects grows into an infatuation, the individual should know that their life will soon transpire into an unfamiliar existence that includes mass quantities of alcohol, countless hours of waiting in line, and no more visits to the dentist or barber.

Sports

Coach Vrabel's girls set to improve

By MATT REITNOUR
Beacon Staff Writer

The Wilkes University Lady Colonel soccer team has a 2-5 record overall, 0-2 in the Middle American Conference Freedom League. Also, 12 of the 19 players on their roster are either freshmen or sophomores. On paper, this may not seem impressive but, as sports fans know, soccer is played on fields, not paper.

Granted the club has only won twice in this young season and hopes were high for fifth year coach Kevin Vrabel and his players.

Vrabel is ready for the winning streak to begin. "The way we lose, this team is going to explode," said Vrabel.

The way the blue and gold have been losing does not equate to easy pills for Vrabel to swallow. In all five of the teams' losses so far, the deficit has only been by one goal each game.

On September 19 the Lady Colonels dropped a tough 1-0 game to Middle Atlantic Conference Freedom League power Drew University. On September 22, Wilkes allowed Susquehanna back in the game after taking a two goal lead and

lost 3-2. Losing games like this could ruin a teams desire to play, but Vrabel said his club is hungry for a win and their attitudes will be rewarded soon.

"This season the girls show up and expect to win games. That attitude is great and we will not end this season with a losing record," said Vrabel.

Some of the young Lady Colonels that have helped the club toward a winning record is freshman Larissa Giza, who leads the club with five goals so far and 11 total points. Jillian Klicka has seven points while Division I transfer Kim Vance has been leading the team at sweeper, a new position for her.

In fact Vrabel has changed some of the clubs formations and has people out of positions, but effort on the field makes up for perceived inexperience. While the roster is filled with underclassmen, Vrabel said his club can play soccer.

Although the athletes that have been performing for Vrabel are underclassmen, they have impressed the coach.

"We have a lot of freshmen and sophomores playing, but they play like juniors and seniors," said Vrabel. "They play hard and

experienced, and there is a total tribute to the club on the field."

The 2-5 record of the Lady Colonels "doesn't bother the squad all that much" said Vrabel. The team uses the acronym NATO or Not Attached To Outcome.

Vrabel said his club follows this motto and they know that if they do things right over the next 11 games, they can very easily finish 13-5. They get the chance to get the ball rolling the right way on September 24 hosting a good Eastern College team from the Pennsylvania Athletic Conference. Then, they return to their Freedom League grind with a road game versus Lycoming College on September 26.

"We are extremely positive," said Vrabel. "A record of 2-5 has never looked so good."

Although their record indicates differently, this team is ready to compete for a possible league or conference championship.

Lady Colonel Kicks

The team has suffered five losses by a single goal. These five losses set a school record. Vrabel is also very pleased with his teams goals for/goals against statistics. Wilkes has allowed 11 goals while scoring 11 goals themselves.

Helping the team out

defensively has been sophomore Donna Rothrock in goal.

After an impressive performance in the 1-0 loss to Drew University on Saturday, look for Darby Wolfe to take the reigns in goal. This will allow for Rothrock to get out and run the field, where last year she scored six goals and one assist.

After seven games last season, the Lady Colonels were 0-7 overall and had been outscored by a margin of 20 goals.



Photo by Shawn Perrine

Lady Colonel senior Christine Caro defends her territory against Drew.

Womens tennis drops two straight

By GREG COLLINS
Beacon Staff Writer

The Wilkes tennis team lost two matches to Middle Atlantic Conference opponents this week, falling 8-1 to King's on Saturday and 9-0 to Albright on Tuesday.

Saturday's match against downtown rival King's looked difficult before it even started. The Monarchs won last year's meeting 8-0 and came into the match with a three game winning streak. However, the Lady Colonels managed to show some of their potential that the team is excited

about and kept a few of the individual matches close.

On family day at Ralston Field, top-seeded Colonel, Vildana Harba, played hard but committed a number of unforced errors. Kristen Marchak, the King's one-seed, took advantage of Harba's mistakes and played consistently on her way to a 6-2, 6-3 win.

Also in singles play, the two-seed, Jozica Vodlan, fell to the Lady Monarchs' Carolyn Lambert in straight sets, 6-2, 6-2.

On the third court, King's Carmel Kalzavich defeated Lori DeMarco, 6-0, 6-1. Wilkes' number four player, Amee Mehta,

played through an ankle injury, losing to her opponent 6-1, 6-0.

Lady Colonels Cathy Donlin and Angie Cardoso also dropped their singles matches in straight sets.

Wilkes picked up its lone win of the match in doubles, by default. Despite the scoreboard reading, the Lady Colonels had many bright spots in the match.

"King's was a tough team," said head coach Bill Van Der Sluys, after agreeing that the team showed signs of improvement.

The match on Tuesday was a different story, as the Lady Colonels traveled to Reading to

take on Albright, which seemed to be a winnable match.

Albright entered the contest with a 1-5 record, but only three players made the trip for the Lady Colonels, forcing them to forfeit five matches automatically.

Lacking any enthusiasm with the team match already decided, the Lady Colonels fell 9-0.

As for the reason only three players attended the match, Van Der Sluys said, "It was a mixture of injuries [and] exams."

A more complete lineup is expected for this week's matches as they take on Fairleigh Dickinson University-Madison on Saturday

and Scranton next Tuesday, all at Ralston Field.

The Lady Colonels continue their season this afternoon against Lebanon Valley College at Ralston Field.

The team plays six more regular season games in their fall schedule. Five of these games take place at the Ralston Field. Be sure to catch the team in action before the season concludes.

Following these games, the Lady Colonels hope to participate in the MAC championship meets that take place between October 17 and October 24.

September 24	September 25	September 26	September 28	September 29	September 30
*Tennis @ Lebanon Valley 4:00 p.m.	*Football @ FDU-Madison 7:30 p.m. *Women's Soccer vs. Eastern 4:00 p.m.	*Field Hockey vs. FDU-Madison 1:00 p.m. *Tennis vs. FDU-Madison 1:00 p.m. *Women's Soccer @ Lycoming 12:00 p.m.	*Field Hockey @ Bloomsburg 4:00 p.m.	*Volleyball @ Allentown 7:00 p.m. *Tennis vs. Scranton 3:30 p.m.	*Men's Soccer vs. FDU-Madison 4:00 p.m.



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