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Sections receiving face lifts: The Mugford Suite and the new Classroom Office Building

Wilkes builds its way into the future

By SUSAN MCCARTY
Beacon Staff Writer

The sounds of payloaders and carpenters may become familiar at Wilkes University before the end of the century.

While some summer students may have been aware of work going on in and around Stark Learning Center, the extent of present and future renovations will change the now-familiar face of the campus

According to Robert Saffian, staff architect, the interior and exterior renovations to Stark Learning Center are just about complete.

In addition to the new courtyard, waiting only for benches, the floors and walls of every corridor in the building are in the process of being

painted and retiled according to individual color-coded designs.

Pharmacy labs, Air and Water Quality labs, the student lounge, and classrooms and labs in the Science and GeoEnvironmental Science departments are being upgraded.

"Computer labs in Stark have been moved from the second to the fourth floor in order to establish a new research lab," Saffian said. "A lot of projects are coming to a head right now."

According to Paul O'Hop, vice-president, Wilkes University is in the midst of a five-year renovation and expansion plan designed to give the campus a more cohesive, attractive and student-

friendly atmosphere, while keeping up with the latest in advancing technology.

O'Hop, who originally agreed to take on the early stages of campus renovation for a period of two-years, has been at it now for 11 years.

"I started this as a favor to Dr. Breiseth — now it's a labor of love," O'Hop said.

One of the future plans includes establishing the Greenway between buildings facing South River Street and those facing South Franklin Street, an area large enough for frisbee games, picnics, and classes to be held. Although this means razing the existing bookstore, which may relocate in center city Wilkes-Barre, there are plans to create an Arboretum, which will give the Greenway a park-like atmosphere.

According to Robert Saffian, staff architect, the Arboretum will include a variety of plants and trees, some of which may be purchased and planted in the name of the donor.

Saffian said antique street light fixtures will be placed around the greenway. The perimeters of the whole block, including South Franklin, South River, South, and East Northampton Streets will also boast the fixtures.

"You'll really get an identity that it's Wilkes when you see those things," Saffian said

O'Hop also described future plans to establish a student quad in the area between South Franklin, South River, and West Ross Streets, after the completion of a new Student Union next

According to Robert to Bedford Hall on West South Street that will house a Dining Hall, Security, and some student iety of plants and trees, club offices.

Saffian said designs on the new two-story, 32,000 square foot structure are scheduled to start in March, 1997, and it should open it's doors in time for the fall semester of 1998. Early estimates call for the building to cost approximately \$5.25 million dollars.

Work on the student quad will begin after the student union building is complete, beginning with the razing of Pickering Hall, which currently houses the dining facilities and student dorms. The work is tentatively scheduled to begin in late 1998, or in 1999.

Because student housing and parking are necessary priorities on a campus with as much See "Future" page 2

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Community Caucuses Gain Attention

By EMILY MIKA Special to the Beacon

Wilkes University presents the "Community Voices Caucuses," to help raise community awareness of many critical issues. Wilkes University has recently been awarded one of only 20 national "Diversity and Democracy" grants, which will allow the entire community to discuss major problems facing our community today.

Bob Armstrong, caucus coordinator and Wilkes University professor, invites you to become part of the solution in a non-partisan and non-political fashion.

Each caucus will be held on the Wilkes University campus in the Arnaud C. Marts Center. Focusing on some of the most pressing issues our society faces, the caucuses will be held as follows:

Caucus #1—Saturday,

September 21 at 10 a.m., "Us Versus Them: Growing a Tolerant and Tolerant Region."

Caucus #2—Saturday, October 19 at 10 a.m., "Making the Intersection of Economic and Human Development Work."

Caucus #3—Saturday, November 2 at 10 a.m., "The Family: Refocusing the Collective Center of our Lives."

University Wilkes faculty and many local community leaders have joined together to create information packets pertaining to each caucus topic. The packets will prepare each guest beforehand and will spark significant feedback.

Wilkes University students, faculty, alumni and community leaders have also produced complementary program "Voices and Choices." which will air on channel harmonious place to live.

16, the Sunday prior to each caucus. Tom Bigler, professor at Wilkes University, Lynn Elko, a Wilkes University alumnus and Jill Garrett, Newswatch 16 anchor, will host the program and use each piece to highlight issues pertinent to the upcoming caucus.

The first program will air Sunday, September 15, at 10:30 a.m. The program begins with a report which looks at the historical and cultural settlement of the Wyoming Valley. The panelists discuss what strategies and obstacles are in the way of progress on issues of race, gender, ethnicity, status, gender, orientation and abilities.

Guests include Reverend Frank Terbune, of Good Shepard Lutheran Church, Kim Biggs, coordinator of Immigrant and Refugee Settlement Services, and John Barnes, Administrator for Penn State Wilkes-Barre. Each will share solutions and ideas for making our community a more

You won't want to miss this unique opportunity to express your own ideas, goals and even fears without feeling intimidated and threatened by the presence of political officials. Whether you are from Wilkes-Barre or another town, your participation is vital for the success of each caucus. Individual experiences are essential for understanding most of society's ills. The caucuses will give you a chance to bring old concerns from your own community and take new ideas back home.

For more information concerning the caucuses please call the information hotline at 831-4223.

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growth potential as Wilkes, laundry facilities, and the cabl there are also plans for expansion in both areas.

"With the demolition of Pickering Hall, there are plans to immediately create new parking areas, which will originally be limited to surface parking, O'Hop said, although tiered parking levels could eventually be added."

In the case of additional housing being needed, plans call for the establishment of new residence halls possibly being created out of existing buildings on the corner of West Ross Street, and on South Franklin, South River, and West South

Saffian said the properties may be designed and developed by independent companies, which will then lease the buildings to Wilkes until the contract permits the university to purchase the property.

The new "Campus Village" residences, some of which may feature courtyards, will include

and fiber optics telephone line already available in Spec buildings and dorms campus.

"Fortinsky Hall has alread been renovated into apartmenname style dorms, said Saffian, an battle we've received complimen 7 p.n on the new idea."

According to O'Hop, th Cour Marts Center, currentl Univ housing the gym, may also b in line for expansion. Additio excit plans may include construction of new squas Harv courts, handball courts, a cor indoor swimming pool, ar Fem additional parking space.

Because the expansion an renovation plans Brita necessarily incrementa newl O'Hop doesn't foresee a arou major inconveniences. Blas

"We'll try and get the wo out when making any change he said. "Look at it this way it's a short time pain for a lo range gain." year.

Emmy winning journalist to speak

By ROXANNE MORVAN AND JERMAINE RICHARDSON

Special to the Beacon

Wilkes University will be welcoming Sanford J. Ungar, Professor and Dean of the American University of Washington, D.C. as featured lecturer on September 19th.

Professor Ungar will speak about his new book, "Fresh Blood: The New American Immigrants," at 2:15 p.m. in Stark Learning Center room 101.

Professor Ungar, a native of Kingston, will be in town to help honor Wilkes Communications Professor Tom Bigler.

Bigler is being honored by the Ethics Institute of Northeastern Pennsylvania for maintaining high ethical standards throughout his 50 year career as a journalist.

Bigler chose Ungar as keynote speaker for this event because, "Sanford's career can be looked upon with envy, he knows people and how to relate to the audience; I'm sure his talk will be enlightening," said Bigler.

Students from the five area colleges are invited to participate in an open forum on ethics that will follow Ungar's lecture.

Ungar has extensive experience in the field of journalism, having run the gamut from managing editor of Foreign Policy Magazine to editorial writer for The Washington Post.

Ungar is the author of five books as well as being an Emmy award winning journalist. Ungar will be available for a book signing immediately following his talk in Stark Learning Center room 101.

For more information, call 831-4773.

Club Day '96 a big blast with students

By EMILY MIKA Special to the Beacon

Club Day '96 brought students from all over campus out and gave them a good idea of just what Wilkes University has to offer.

Students were impressed with this year's Club Day activities. Nearly two dozen of Wilkes University's clubs and organizations set up stands around the campus Bell Tower in hopes of recruiting students, new and old, into their groups.

In addition to the high spirited display tables, free ood, free t-shirts, free candy and free photos, Wilkes University's Planning Board innounced plans to bring inger/songwriter Billy Joel the Wilkes campus.

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Mixed feelings about the innouncement circulated mongst students who mainly

felt it was a good idea, some although were aprehensive about it.

Junior Eric Werner commented, "Seeing how it will be more interview than music I don't really care."

Other activities they have organized include the appearance of the hypnotist, The Astonishing Neal and a Psychic Fair.

Last Thursday also gave clubs the chance to convey other exciting news to the students.

Wilkes University's radio station (WCLH) is celebrating 25th anniversary. According to members of their editorial staff, WCLH hopes to become more visible and involved with the student

Manuscript, an oncampus literary magazine hopes more students will submit their own poetry,



Students sign on with the Wilkes University Programming Board at Club Day '96

fiction, and artwork.

Student Government president Paula van Fossen explains the newly updated

students find jobs and learn tips want to join many activities. I about specific professional fields.

Students seem to be excited about the upcoming school year. Mentorship book. The book Freshman Brad Walter stated, "I is designed to help Wilkes think club day is a great idea. I be the best ever.

want to make the most of college."

All-in-all, the '96-'97 school year is shaping up to

By GREG BURNS

Special to the Beacon

WILKES-BARRE — Which area college band will be named the winner at the All-College Band Blast 1996? The battle of the bands will be held on Thursday, Sept. 12 from 5-7 p.m. on Public Square. The colleges competing in the contest consist of Wilkes University, King's College and Luzerne County Community College.

Last year's champion was BEDFORD, from Wilkes University, which hopes to reseat this year. BEDFORD is an exciting up-beat punk rock band that has appeared in places like: Johnson City, NY and the Bud Light Amphitheater at Harvey's Lake.

The band representing King's College is CIVIL KHAOS, contemporary cover band that plays Pearl Jam, The Violent emmes and The Beastie Boys.

The band representing Luzerne County Community College CHAIR IN THE MOON with their influence from Great Britain. You will hear some new ear pleasing tunes out of this newly formed five piece band. Come join fellow students from round the area to see and hear the 1996 All-College Band Blast on September 12 and also the mixer immediately after he contest at the Ramada Plaza on Public Square where the inner will be announced. Also keep posted on all upcoming College Blast 1996 events and bring your dancing shoes. This ear's contests are expected to be even more exciting than last

College Bands to Rock W-B Student Government Corner

On behalf of all the members of the Wilkes University Student Government, I would like to welcome all of the students back for another school year. This year, Student Government has planned many activities throughout the semester. And to do this, we have teamed up with the Beacon staff to put together articles like these on a weekly basis.

But enough about the basics, the important thing here is what's new on campus. Well, for all the sophomores, juniors and seniors, be sure to get out and vote during the replacement elections this Thursday, September 12. Voting times are from 11 a.m. to 1p.m. in Stark Lobby and from 4:p.m. to 6 p.m. in the cafeferia. As for freshman, elections will be held on Thursday, September 26. Voting times will be similar, but there may be some extended hours. Be sure to get out and vote for your favorite candidates.

Fast approaching however is one of the biggest events of the entire school year, Homecoming Weekend. Take advantage of our Early Bird Special and save \$4 by purchasing your tickets now. But this special won't last forever. On September 23rd, ticket prices will increase from \$14 to \$18 per person for the Homecoming Dinner Dance which will be held Friday October 11th at Genetti's from 6:00 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. The theme for this year's Homecoming is "This is the Time to Remember" by Billy Joel. And speaking of Billy Joel, don't forget Sunday October 20th, the man himself will be performing at Wilkes University.

Well, that's all the news I have for this week. If you have questions about Student Government or its activities, please contact x2910. For those of you who are often on-line, you can e-mail our corresponding secretary, Ann Blasick at ablasick@wilkes1.wilkes.edu, for any questions concerning Homecoming. If there is anything specific you would like to see in this column or you have any ideas, please contact me at wpastew@wilkes1.wilkes.edu. For any other activities or questions contact Student Government President Paula VanFossen, at pvanfos@wilkes1.wilkes.edu. Thank you once again for your time. Come out and vote and remember, "Wilkes University Student Government, Leading the Way."

To do, or not to do

And if not now, when? —The Talmud

"I'll take care of it. I'll get to it as soon as possible. I'll handle it, whenever I get the chance."

These are just a few of the many excuses we make to avoid tackling a project. Whether the project is as mundane as washing your car, as complicated as writing the first draft of your term paper, as dreadful as going to aerobics or even as pleasant as calling home, we tend to put things off until a later date; otherwise known as procrastinating.

Procrastinate, as defined in the Random House Webster's College Dictionary can be defined as 1. to defer action; delay 2. to put off till another day or time; defer; delay.

Listed directly beneath the definition, I wouldn't be surprised if you found the phrase most college students. For instance, every week I know well in advance that my editorial is due by Tuesday at 4 p.m. Yet each weekend comes and goes and it isn't until Tuesday evening that I actually sit down to write it.

But what I begin to realize is that not only have I put off doing my editorial, I haven't yet paid my bills or called home — the anxiety of too much to do continues. Soon, my projects begin to pile up like dirty laundry and all I'm left with is a big mess of complications.

Does this sound familiar to any of you? Think about some of the projects you've been putting off. Can they really wait this long to be attended to? What would make life easier for you other than a new car, a million dollars or possibly a new mate? Try writing out a To Do list each and every morning when you awaken. And when you finish each project, highlight it on your list so you know you can finally put one thing aside. Sometimes it's even helpful to put little reminders on post it pads and hang them around your house or office. When the list stares you in the face each time you use the bathroom, sooner or later you'll be annoyed enough to start that most anticipated project.

Begin to eliminate the phrase "I'll get around to it." Why put yourself under more stress by avoiding projects which will soon need accomplishing? All it takes is a little time and attention on your part to scratch those complications off your list.

Upcoming Campus Events for September 12 - September 19

Any club or organization wishing to publish information in The Beacon, can contact us at x2962 or stop by Hollenback Hall, 2nd floor.

Thursday 12

MSC mtng., 11:15 a.m. Cafeteria Notetaking Workshop 11 a.m.-noon and 6-7 p.m. 3rd floor Conyngham Programming Board mtng., 11:30 a.m. **SLC** 166

Friday 13

W Soccer — King's 4 p.m. (A) "The Birdcage" 7:30 p.m. SLC 101

Saturday 14

F-ball—Widener 1 p.m. (H) Volleyball—Delaware Valley 1 p.m. (A) M Soccer—Dickenson 1 p.m. (A) W Tennis-Moravian 11 a.m. (H)

AIDS Walk 1p.m. Gateway Shopping

Sunday 15

month

Center AIDS Awareness Guest lecture: Mohammed Bilal 7 p.m. Marts Residence Hall Yearbook Photos 6-11 p.m. Alumni House Beginning of National Hispanic Heritage

Monday 16

Tuesday 17

6-7 p.m. 3rd floor Conyngham Community Service Fair 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Chase Hall Amnicola mtng., 11:30 a.m., Hollenback History Club mtng., 11:30 a.m. Capin

Test Taking Workshop 11 a.m.-noon and

M Soccer—William Patterson 7 p.m. (A) Field Hockey—Marywood 4 p.m. (A) W Soccer—Muhlenburg 4 p.m. (H)

Wednesday 18

Campus Interfaith "Talk it Out" 5 p.m. Alumni House SG mtng., 6:30p.m. Marts W Tennis—Susquehanna 3:30 p.m. (A)

Thursday 19

IRHC mtng., 11am COB 106 Ski Club mtng., 11:15 a.m. Marts 117 Programming Board mtng., 11:30 a.m. **SLC 166**

Field Hockey—Albright 4 p.m. (H) "The Milagros Bearfield Wars" 8 p.m. Marts 214







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with Rick Tym

Hello, everyone. Since this is my first column of the year, I'd just like to quickly say hi" to the Wilkes community, which includes all returning students and also the biggest freshman class ever. I'd also like to ask everyone to please bear with me, because not only is this my first column of the year, it's also the first time I've written for The Beacon. When the editor of The Beacon suggested that I pick up a column to fill in some of the white space left behind by graduating senior members of the newspaper staff, I

But there's only one problem with writing a weekly column. Yes, you guessed it: what the hell to write about week after week. I'll be honest. Although there are a few (and believe me, some would say many) conditions at Wilkes which merit complaining, I don't want to just sit here and bitch for a full year. Granted, I might complain some of the time, but I don't want this column to be a list of complaints, week after week.

I know there's a million other topics I could write about, such as politics, economics, the state of the union... whatever. I'm sure the "real world," as many of our professors call it, can offer many interesting topics. But another thing I don't want to do is get up on a soap box and lecture on why you should vote for one person and not the other. Vote for whoever the hell you want to. In my opinion, both Clinton and Dole are idiots, and I don't even know why I bothered to register to vote this year. As far as economics and the state of the union...enough said.

I guess you could say that I really don't know where this column is headed just yet. But I do know one thing. I want people to enjoy it. I'd like to make some of you laugh, some of you angry and a lot of you think. I'd like to be reacted to, whether it be in a positive or a negative manner. If you like what you read, let me know. If I piss you off, let me know. In this age of technology, my e-mail address has got to be around here somewhere. Let me know what you think. A newspaper column can only be as nteractive as its readers.

Well, I've babbled enough for this week. In addition to welcoming everyone back, I'd also like to wish everyone at Wilkes, students and staff alike, luck and success as the new academic vear kicks off. e-mail address: rtym@wilkes.edu

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Volunteer Services & Campus Interfaith

September 17: A community service fair will be held on Chase Lawn from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. A variety of different agencies will be available so you can find out how and when to volunteer.

September 20: International Day of Peace. Meditations on peace will be held at noon at the bell tower.

September 22: Volunteers are needed for the Riverside Rumble Wheelchair Race to help with traffic control. Volunteers will receive a

September 30: Volunteers are needed to help serve food and interact with clients at the VISION Homeless Shelter which will be on campus

Wednesdays: Campus Interfaith's "Talk It Out" will be held at 5 p.m. at the Alumni house. Come for fun, fellowship and dinner.

Mondays: Campus Interfaith sponsors a Christian Scripture Study at 4 p.m. in the basement of the SUB. All are welcome. .

Teach English to Refugees: Volunteers are needed to help refugees learn English. Training is provided.

Bureau for the Aging: Volunteers are needed to help senior citizens learn computer processing skills. Lunch is provided.

Adopt-a-Grandparent: Come spend a little time with someone who could use your cheery smile.

Rainbow Kids: Once a month come spend quality time with children whose families are going through a divorce.

Project MOM: This is a tutoring program to help pregnant teens remain in school. Volunteers are needed to help during after school hours.

GED Classes: Volunteers are needed to prepare adults for GED classes at 53 Blackman St.

American Red Cross: Help is needed with basic office work, filing and typing. SHARE: Refrigerator empty? Join SHARE food co-op. For \$14 receive \$30 worth of fresh meat and vegetables and fruit on the 4th Saturday of the month. Habitat for Humanity: Every Saturday at 9 a.m. volunteers are needed to help build a home for a needy family.

Blindness & Visual Services: Students are needed to work once a week for a few hours, helping a blind person with shopping, reading and opening mail. A car is needed but you will be reimbursed mileage plus \$4.25 an hour.

REACH: The first REACH event for the year is being planned. We are holding a "Game Night" where students can play a variety of board games with the children. Date TBA.

Hotline: Check out all the volunteer opportunities available by calling the Volunteer Hotline at 831-5905.

To learn about these or other volunteer programs, stop by the Campus Interfaith and Volunteer Services office on the third floor of Conyngham or call Mary or Amy at 831-5904.

Flu shot available again this year, at a low cost of \$6.00. Contact Health Services at x4730 to reserve your shot now!

Rendezvous: Backstage and Beyond

Donna and Al, a weird combination.

with Donna Talarico

(Note: The following is the first of a biweekly entertainment column in The Beacon. The column is about Colonel's brushes with the rich, the famous, and the admired. Rendezvous is a bit longer in this issue, just to fill you in on my encounters. In the following issues, I would like to hear about YOUR run-in with a celebrity, political figure or anyone who is wellknown. Let me know! Pictures are a plus, but definitely not a must. E-mail me at tabloids@wilkes.edu. or snail-mail me at Box #1953. I'd love to hear from you! This column can't happen without you!)

It was July 22, 1995. Three friends and I ventured to Hershey, PA to attend the event we'd been anticipating all summer: The Live concert. At this show, we were introduced to the moshpit. As sweat trickled off our sweltering bodies, we were thrust back and forth between total strangers. Mashed between massive amounts of other Live fans, my friends and I were totally absorbed by the scene. All the Live fans were one, as the group presented a spectacular, powerful performance. Nothing else could fill us with such a rush. Nothing else could be more exciting rofessor Tom Big than being part of this screaming, hot and anxious crowd.

...Or could it?

After the show, the departing traffic was horrendous. We opted to wait by our car to let the traffic die down before we left. Then my bladder hinted that I had to relieve myself, so back to

the station we went. A bathroom we found not, but an open gate to the field caught our eye. There he was! Amidst the litter, torn-up clothes, lost shoes and cigarette butts left behind from the mosh-pit was Ed Kowalczyk, the lead singer of Live.

That day began my "obsession" with meeting stars. Ever since my encounter with Ed, I vowed to at least attempt to get backstage at each concert I attended.

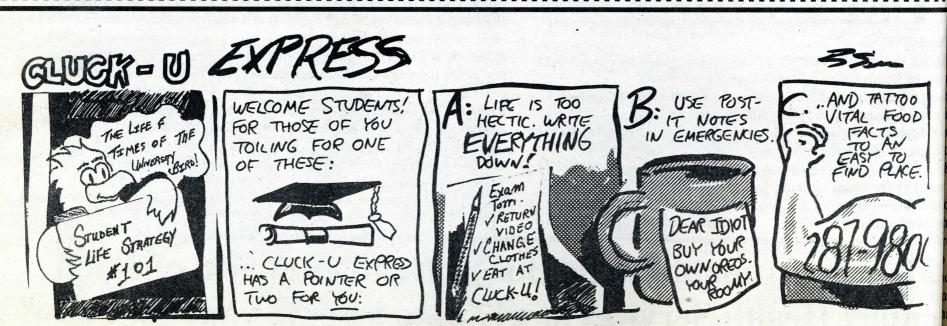
The next lucky group to sign my glossy photograph was Little Texas. Yes, after living in Tulsa, Oklahoma for four years, I have grown to be a country fan. I talked my way backstage when they performed at Montage during the summer of '95. The six country boys were extremely friendly and talkative. Much more so than Ed.

Do I have to mention where I saw the next group? Okay, I won't. I saw Collective Soul at that private college a few blocks away on November 16th. Again, I was in the mosh-pit, which wasn't as rowdy as Live's. This time I floated. This was quite an experience. The chilly November evening did not stop us from waiting for someone famous to walk out of the door after the concert. Around midnight, the band Rust, who opened for Collective Soul made their exit. Of course they stopped to talk to us and sign the scrap paper we found in the bottoms pocket of our heavy ski jackets. At that time, I had never heard of Rust before, but they were down to earth and fun. Now, they are making it pretty big and I frequently play their album, Bar Chord Ritual. Collective Soul bassist, Will Turpin also passed by to scribble his autograph, although he was not as friendly as the opening act.

I never thought I would meet Weird Al Yankovic, let alone at one of his concerts. When I found out he was coming to the Kirby Center in May, I figured he would be a riot in concert, so a friend and I bought tickets. I was right. The concert was absolutely side-splitting and very enjoyable. My friend and I were dancing and singing along with ginning of a care the master of song parody having a grand old time. Of course, our endeavor was to meet Yankovic was successful, although we waited outside the Kirby with about 30 other urnalism that spar fans for well over an hour. Weird Al, along with his nutty band were very pleasurable to speak with. Yankovic was probably the nicest famous person I've encountered. Mind

Friday, August 23 was the last official day of my summer. It was the best day of the summer for me. My pal Jenn took me along to see her all-time favorite group in concert asses that only a manual part of the summer for me. My pal Jenn took me along to see her all-time favorite group in concert asses that only a manual part of the summer for me. My pal Jenn took me along to see her all-time favorite group in concert asses that only a manual part of the summer for me. My pal Jenn took me along to see her all-time favorite group in concert asses that only a manual part of the summer for me. at the Kirby center. You might remember the Nickelodeon re-runs: The Monkees. Okay, so our mothers worshiped them, but they were truly excellent in their revival tour. Of sexperience could course, Jenn had the best seats in the house! Front and center, we danced and sang along to classic hits of their television show. Then, Dave Jones, once the sex symbol of millions of teenage girls, performed a solo song, "Girl." Before the song, he spoke about Marcia Brady. Jenn and I instantly shot up and began doing the Marcia Brady dance. (You know ollege from 1939the one! She had the entire high school gym doing it in "Brady Bunch: The Movie") Davey acknowledged us with a smile, then a chuckle. What happened next is way too good to be true: He invited us on stage to dance with him. So together, Jenn, Davey and I grooved to "Girl." Totally exhilarating! People were cheering for us. It was just absolutely incredible! Just when we thought things were as cool as they could get, a roadie handed us each a backstage pass for the "Meet and Greet" after the show. So we got to hang out with Davey Jones, Peter Tork, and Mickie Dolenz. What a way to end the summer! They were all pretty cool. Davey autographed my backstage sticker, "To Marcia..."

Some of my friends have aptly dubbed me "Lady Luck," saying that I am always in the right place at the right time. Some of my friends just think that I have a pure obsession with the stars and label me as a "groupie." Whatever they call me, I am extremely overwhelmed by my brushes with the rich, the famous and the admired. Whatever it may be, a simple twist of fate or just pure luck, I have made some wonderful, exciting memories. Hopefully, I will have many more rendezvous with celebrities. Who knows, I am a communications major! Maybe one day I will be a famous broadcaster and you will be thrilled to meet me...



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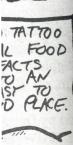
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By KATHLEEN CHMUCKER

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VILKES-BARRE -rofessor Tom Bigler of the mmunications will be onored on September 19 at :45 p.m. the Woodlands for lifetime of contributions to thics. The award will be resented at the annual inner of the Ethics Institute Northeast PA.

Bigler got his feet wet in e field of communications uring his junior year at Hazelton High School as a art time announcer at VAZL radio. This was the eginning of a career in ournalism that spans over 0 years. Bigler brings nowledge and insight to his classes that only a man with his experience could.

After attending Ithaca College from 1939-41, he k a full time job at WKST New Castle, PA. Bigler hen helped to put a new

station on the air in Washington, PA in 1942. In the summer of 1942 Bigler enlisted in the U.S. Army Air

After he served in WWII from 1942-1945 he returned home from the war in time to help shape the new medium of television in this region. He began as Program Director at WHWL (now WNAK), then moved to WILK-TV until it merged with WARM-TV to become WNEP-TV. In 1962 he joined WNEP-TV as its News Director, leaving in 1966 to become the News Director at WBRE-TV. He retired from WBRE in 1986 with the title of Vice President of News President of News and Public

From 1962 until his retirement from WBRE in 1986, Tom Bigler wrote and delivered award-winning editorials. Four generations of residents grew up hearing Bigler use the power of progressive journalism to

speak for those in our communities who have little voice in shaping their own destinies. In 1986 he joined the staff of the Wilkes-Barre "Times Leader" as a daily columnist. In 1987 he resigned from their staff with the commitment to write two columns per week.

Professor Bigler never considered teaching as a profession. In 1986 through the generosity of his friends, an endowed chair was started in his honor in the department of communications. "Teaching," according to Bigler, "is the greatest challenge that I have ever faced. Education is a multifaceted effort, not only do you teach students a craft or trade, but also integrity, social responsibility, and respect for fellow people."

Even after all these years Bigler is still learning from his students. "The students are why I am here every day. They keep me up on what is relevant and current. They

make me push to do better, and think about what I am doing."

Bigler is a man that, according to communications professor Dr. Jane Elmes-Crahall, "looks to the common good and sacrifices individual gain." He is a trusted colleague and friend to

Dr. Bradford Kinney, chair of the Communications Department describes working with Mr. Bigler as a pleasure. "He brings the professional business world life experience to the academic world. His experience in the professional world makes him a valuable resource in teaching what the world is like," says Kinney.

Students who take classes with Bigler come away with a better understanding of the communications field. He teaches his students that the quality of the story is the

most important factor. Kalen Churcher, a senior communications major, feels that, "Bigler offers the students so much more than a book can. He is full of knowledge and willingly gives it to students."

Members of the Wilkes-Barre community have recognized Tom Bigler for his many contributions to the area. He was awarded and honorary Doctorate of the Humanities from King's College in 1983. Ten years later, and 50 years after leaving Ithaca College, at the age of 71 Bigler received a B.A. in Communications.

For over a decade Bigler has been drawing on his 50 years of professional experience in broadcast journalism and a lifetime of civic leadership to teach, advise and inspire his students. His students join members of the community in congratulating him for being honored by the Ethics Institute of Northeast PA.

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WOW!, the only locally oduced educational elevision program for kids, egins its fourth season on unday, September 15, 1996 t7:30 a.m. on WBRE-TV

Hosted by Dr. Diane olachek, WOW! is a hildren's educational ogram aimed at children 6 o 14 years of age. As a motivator of kids' naginations, WOW! gets hildren excited about math, cience, literature and art.

"WOW! is an excellent opportunity for children from the region to participate in adventures in learning and at the same time be a part of a live television shoot," states Dr. Polachek.

Upcoming WOW! episodes include gardening at the Huntsville Nursery which airs on September 15. Airing September 22, is WOW's trip to Universal Studios Florida. And on September 29, WOW! shows you Universal Studio's newest attraction, Terminator 2-3D.

Airing on October 6 is whitewater rafting at Pocono Whitewater Adventures.

Producer/writer Dana Alexander Nolfe, host Dr. Diane Polachek, and Wilkes University production interns Christine Pavalkis and Christine Tondrick return to produce WOW's fourth

If you know a child between the ages of 6 and 14 who would like to be on a future episode of WOW contact Dana Alexander Nolfe at 831-4167.



WOW! at Universal Studios Florida this summer.

Break a record, be part of history The september 12, 1996 Page 9

By CHRISTINE GAYDOS Beacon Features Editor

There has been a new addition to the lounge in Stark Learning Center. The office of Community Services, coordinated by Amy Mazur, has set up a tally board to keep track of all volunteer hours donated by members of the Wilkes University community.

Located just outside of SLC 101, the tally board has two important purposes. The first is to keep passers-by aware of how much community service is done by Wilkes students, faculty and

"You'd be surprised how many hours are done," said Mary Hession, coordinator of Campus Interfaith.

The second purpose of the tally board is to act as an inspiration and constant encouragement to get involved in community service.

"Part of the mission of Wilkes University is service to Northeastern Pennsylvania," read Amy Mazur from the 1995-96 Wilkes University Bulletin.

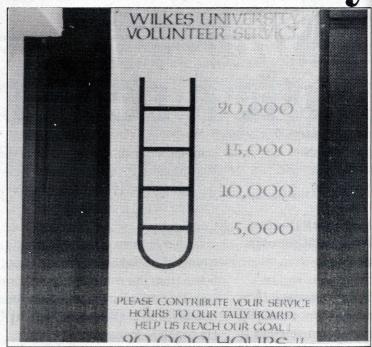
Participation in community service has grown steadily in recent years. Three years ago Mazur set a goal of 15,000 hours of volunteer

goal met, but it was exceeded. The same occurred last year when the tally surpassed the goal of 18,000 hours.

"This year we're setting a goal of 20,000 hours and are hoping to exceed it as well," Mazur said enthusiastically.

Be sure that your community service hours are added to this year's tally. Simply fill out the forms located by the tally board and drop them in the box (also found near the display).

Mazur reminds,"All Wilkes students, faculty and staff are encouraged to add their hours and help reach this year's goal."



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A: California highway patrol officers. Frank "Ponch" Poncherello (Erik Estrada) and Jon Baker (Larry Wilcox) cruised the freeways of California from 1977-1983 on CHIPs. By day, they saved lives and fought crime from the saddles of their motorcycles. In their off hours, they led the lives of swinging yet wholesome bachelors.

insert taken from "Trivia to Go" by Ted Fry.

Did you know that the home of Miss New Jersey is Catlin Hall?!

Don't miss it - this Saturday night, the women of Catlin Hall invite you to come watch the Miss America Pageant as Melanie Bell - Miss New Jersey - competes for the crown. Come join the fun at 8:45 p.m. in the lounge in Catlin Hall. There will be free food and refreshments.

Roving Reporter with Patty Meadus "What did you think of Club Day?"



Kerri Kishel

"I thought it was nice."



Emily Mika

"It gave people a great opportunity to see what's available."



Keith Previc

"I thought it was pretty good better than last year."



Matt Kreder

"It's a great day that showed the students all the different aspects of social life."



Joy Zimmerman

"It's a good idea for student to see what clubs are on campus."

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Family relationships may have lost touch. Try a new approach. There is a good chance for romance towards the end of the week.

Pisces (February 19-March 20)

You'll be a social butterfly this week. Don't lose track of your shoolwork, but open the door to new adventures.

Aries (March 21-April 20)

Although a heavy workload has been bringing you down, managing your time will pay off in the end. A new fun relationship develops in midweek.

Taurus (April 21-May 20)

ndulge in something. You definitely deserve it after all of your ad luck lately. Things are looking up. There is a nice surprise in the near future.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

Give an old flame a second chance. They have changed their ways. A family problem that may be troubling you isn't as serious as you think.

Cancer (June 21-July 22)

Be positive. Things aren't as bad as they seem. Focus on friendships and your own happiness.

Leo (July 23-August 22)

Try not to be one-sided. Your friends' reason for awkwardness something you should consider. Talk your differences out.

Advice from family members is very helpful.

Virgo (August 23-September 22)

Be cautious with old romances. They may seem safe, but they aren't always what they seem. Don't let others tell you that you are wrong. Stand up for yourself.

Libra (September 23-October 22)

Changes in your life could make you happy. Go with the flow. A friend confides in you. Try your best to be on his or her side.

corpio (October 23-November 22)

You have an important decision to make concerning your inture, don't delay. Be patient with relationships in the making.

Sagittarius (November 23-December 21)

Good luck is coming your way. A secret admirer will confess their attraction to you. Examine their validity carefully, then follow your heart.

Capricorn (December 22-January 20)

Let go of the past. Don't underestimate the future. Encourage other people's dreams and lend a sympathetic ear.

College Chef

Macaroni and Cheese with Stuff in It

Macaroni and cheese

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Butter

Canned chicken

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Salsa

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Pots and Pans to clean up-1 saucepan

Well, there isn't much you can't do with macaroni and cheese. Personally, I get sick of it after a while and rarely eat it anymore. But it is nice to have a box on reserve just in case you are really hungry and rushed for time.

Make the mac and cheese by the box instructions. Toss in whatever you want. I've tried all of the above, but don't limit yourself. Be creative. Stir it around with the heat on, then get the additions warm. Hey, it isn't gourmet but you can live on it if you have to

Insert taken from "The College Student's Cookbook" by David Bahr.

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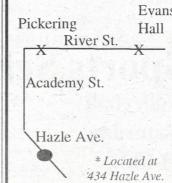
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Volleyball opens season Impresssive performance in tournament



Photo Courtesy of Wilkes Athletic Department

1996 Wilkes Volleyball Captains: Left to Right -- Carrie Wilkes, Head Coach Maria Haslin, Melissa Pammer

By Michael Noone Beacon Sports Editor

The Wilkes University volleyball team opened its 1996 season this past Saturday at the Luzerne County Recreation Tournament at King's College. The Lady Colonels finished second overall in the tournament.

Wilkes defeated Baptist Bible 15-5, 15-11. The Lady Colonels had an impressive win over St. Joseph's of New York, 15-3, 15-4. The only loss of the tournament for Wilkes came at the hands of College Misericordia, 15-8, 13-15, 8-15. The Lady Colonels once again defeated Baptist Bible, 8-15, 15-10, 15-8, to finish the tournament.

Rebecca Baker was

named to the all-tournament team for the Lady Colonels. Baker recorded 22 solo blocks, 21 service points and 25 kills in four games. Baker, a middle blocker, was 15th in the country last year in Division III in blocks per game with 2.36. She set a Wilkes single season record for solo blocks in a season with 147.

Wilkes University volleyball coach Maria Haslin

named juniors Carrie Wilkes and Melissa Pammer captains for the 1996 season. Wilkes, an outside hitter, led the Lady Colonels in digs with 257 in 1995 and was second on the Lady Colonels in service points with 175.

Pammer, a setter, had 54 assists in the Luzerne County Recreation Tournament along with three kills. Pammer was second on the team in assists last season with 188 and was third in service points with

Angie Parrotta, a sophomore outside hitter, led the Lady Colonels with 28 service points and four aces

tournament.

The Lady Colonels split aeal of optimism pair of games this past Wednesday, beating Dickinson 16-14, 15-5, 15-6 and losing to Elizabethtown 15-1, 15-3, 15-11. Pammer had a team-high 44 assists. Baker was a force for the Lady Colonels with 18 kills. 20 digs, and 16 solo blocks. The Lady Colonels are 4-2 of the year.

Wilkes is coached by Maria Haslin who begins her pened their seaso fifth year with a record of 36 air of losses in the wins and 58 losses. Haslin lerockport State T the Lady Colonels to a 12-12 New York. Thi record a year ago.

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Women's Soccer team Banter in the Booth starts the 1996 season

By MICHAEL NOONE Beacon Sports Editor

The Wilkes University women's soccer team enters the 1996 season with a great deal of optimism. The Lady Colonels begin this year with the greatest number of returning letter-winners in school history. The Lady Colonels' head coach Kevin Vrabel looks to combine that experience with a strong recruiting class to make a statement in the Middle Atlantic Conference reedom League.

The Lady Colonels pened their season with a air of losses in the **Brockport State Tournament** in New York. This past Saturday, Wilkes was shutout, 5-0; in the opening ound of the tournament by ost SUNY-Brockport.

The Lady Colonels mproved their play in the consolation game this past unday in a double overtime

loss to College Misericordia. Alexandra King gave Misericordia a 1-0 lead in the first half. The Lady Colonels were able to tie the score later in the first half when sophomore Laurie Labbe recorded the 12th goal of her

The game remained deadlocked until the second overtime when Misericordia knocked in the game-winner on a direct kick. The 2-1 win gave Misericordia a 1-1-1 overall record, while the Lady Colonels fell to 0-2 on the year.

Wilkes all-time leading scorer Meghan Haddad is one of the key players for the Lady Colonels this season. As a freshman Haddad led the Middle Atlantic Conference in goals with 15. Last season Haddad gave up her scoring role and moved to the midfield to help the team.

Labbe took over the scoring role as a freshman last year for Wilkes. Labbe was

named the MAC Freedom League MVP in 1995. This season Labbe will once again be called on to provide the offensive firepower for the Lady Colonels.

Transfer Denise Schembari will have the goaltending responsibility for Wilkes in 1996. Junior Missy Rasnick will back up Schembari. Another key player for the Lady Colonel's defense will be sophomore Kristine Caro, last year's most valuable defensive player for Wilkes.

Vrabel enters his third year as head coach of the Lady Colonels. Last season Vrabel guided Wilkes to its best record in school history at 5-11. As a result, Vrabel was named the Middle Atlantic Conference Freedom League Coach of the Year in 1995.

The Lady Colonels open their MAC Freedom League schedule when they play at King's this Friday at 4 p.m.

Field Hockey team splits first two

STEVE ROTH acon Staff Writer

Despite losing its season ener 3-1 to College sericordia last Thursday, ilkes field hockey coach ddy Malatesta is optimistic at her squad will have a ccessful 1996 campaign.

"It was a tough loss," says lalatesta. "We should be appointed, but we're not ig to base the success of season on one game. It's ng season."

Misericordia, which is ne of the premiere teams in e area, converted three nalty corners into three

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Malatesta. "They (Misericordia) have the best team they've fielded in the eight years I've been here. But I'm not making any excuses. We could have played better. We didn't convert on our scoring chances."

The lone scoring chance the Lady Colonels did convert came from the stick of senior forward Christy Palilonis, whose goal tied the score late in the first half. Palilonis, Tonya Masenheimer and Carrie Chipego are expected to fill the shoes left vacant due to the graduation of Kim Kaskel, Sue Richardson and Steph Hastings. Not an easy task, considering that trio often lit up the scoreboard. But, Malatesta is confident

the players who have to step up their play will do so.

"We're not rebuilding. We have experience and senior leadership in Tonya, Christy, Noell (Brooks, defense), Lee (Meyers, defense) and Tracy (Engle, goalie)."

Speaking of Tracy Engle, the senior goalie suffered a neck sprain that took place during the mad ruckus that occurred in front of the goal prior to the scoring of Misericordia's third goal. Engle is expected to be out for a week. While she is healing, sophomore Pam Truszkowski will be in goal for the Lady Colonels.

The Lady Colonels game against Lebanon Valley was rained out this past Saturday. Wilkes defeated Juniata

with Michael Noone

Many of the so-called NFL experts are picking the Green Bay Packers to win the Super Bowl this season. Packer fans are hoping that this is the year they return to the glory of years past when they dominated the league and the road to the championship ran through the "frozen tundra of Lambeau Field."

All of this pressure to win rests firmly on the arm of Packer quarterback Brett Favre. Favre, last season's NFL MVP, is no stranger to facing pressure. He has been praised for his toughness throughout his career, playing remarkably well despite injuries.

During this past off-season Favre admitted that it wasn't just old-fashioned grit and determination that allowed him to play under such difficult circumstances. Brett Favre was abusing pain killers. He had relied on strong medications to ease the pain that results from being crushed by 300-pound defensive linemen each week during a 16 game regular season schedule, in addition to the pounding inflicted during the playoffs.

Favre's public admission of his abuse of painkillers drew attention to a more pervasive problem in the NFL. As the players in the league become bigger, stronger, and faster, the routine plays each Sunday become increasingly more violent. Reports have been published that suggest each team may have as many as ten players who have a serious addiction to painkillers, in addition to the players who abuse painkillers on an irregular basis

The league must take action to address the problem of painkiller abuse in the NFL. Painkillers dull the body's awareness of pain to the point where players are less aware of the extent to which they are injured, resulting in more serious long-term consequences. Players who abuse painkillers also risk combining different medications with each other or alcohol with deadly consequences. For the future of the game and the athletes who play it, steps must be taken to end the abuse of painkillers in professional football.

Favre displayed great courage by admitting to his substance-abuse problem and seeking rehabilitation. His stellar performances against the Tampa Bay Buccaneers and Philadelphia Eagles in Green Bay's first two games quieted his critics who wondered if he would be able to return to his MVP-level of play this year without the crutch of painkillers.

However, Favre's battle against addiction will get harder as the season progresses. The continual pounding of professional football will have a cumulative effect on Favre's body that will make the temptation to return to painkillers very strong. Anyone who cares about football or their fellow man should cheer for Brett Favre to win this battle.

on Tuesday, 3-1. Lisa Werkheiser scored the first Wilkes goal off of an assist from Chipego. Chipego then scored the game-winner, assisted by Werkheiser. Masenheimer added an insurance goal for Wilkes off an assist from Palilonis. With the win the Lady Colonels

improved to 1-1 on the year. Wilkes' next game is Tuesday at Marywood.

Coach Malatesta is expecting to be in the thick of the Freedom League title race and she feels her team can win their fourth consecutive title. "Our goals remain the same, only the faces change."

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Colonels begin football season against defending MAC champ Widener

By MICHAEL NOONE Beacon Sports Editor

Experience and defense win championships. Wilkes University enters the 1996 football season with 16 returning starters and new head coach Frank Sheptock, the Colonels' defensive coordinator for the past three seasons. Wilkes is currently ranked 25th nationally in the Street and Smith College Football Preseason poll.

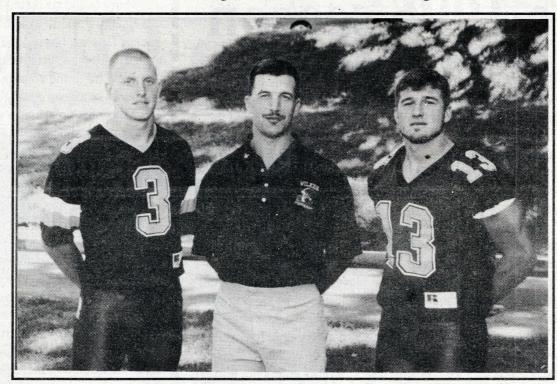
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Colonels look to improve upon

their 5-5 record in 1995. The return of senior quarterback Damon "Boo" Perry will provide the Colonels with experienced leadership on season with a back injury after leading Wilkes to the Division Mike Gundersdorf and two-III national playoffs in 1993 and the Eastern Collegiate Athletic Conference playoffs in 1994. Perry, 23-6-1 as a starter in his career, has thrown for a Wilkes record 4,909 yards and 40 touchdowns in his career.

added luxury of an experienced backup quarterback. Sophomore Neil Rine threw for the third best single yardage total in school history with 2,258 yards last season when he replaced the injured Perry. Rine also set a school record for passing yards in a single season with 363 yards and was ECAC South Rookie of the Week four times.

Perry will be throwing to one of the best receiving



1996 Wilkes Football Captains: Mike Gundersdorf (3),

Photo courtesy of Wilkes Athletic Department
Head Coach Frank Sheptock and Aaron Wilk (13)

offense. Perry missed all of the tandems in the Middle Atlantic after setting a number of Conference. All-American time MAC All-Star Ryan Alston are two experienced wide receivers with big play ability. Ranked fourth in the country last season in both receptions and receiving yards, Gundersdorf needs just 50 catches and 162 yards to set The Colonels also have the Wilkes career records in both categories. The Colonels' three-receiver set will also feature sophomore Brian Manger.

> Junior Augie Mitschke returns for the Colonels at tight end. Mitschke finished third in receptions last season

The one big question mark for the Wilkes offense entering the 1996 season is at tailback. Two year starter Elijah Powell has transferred back to school in his home state of Florida

Wilkes rushing records. Returning players Walter Hall and Dave Michaels each saw time for the Colonels in the backfield last season. A host of newcomers will also compete for playing time at tailback. Senior Wayne Meckley returns for the Colonels at fullback this season.

Wilkes running backs will have the benefit of running behind an experienced offensive line. Two year starters Jason Majiros, Joe Vilcheck and Jason Nocella lead the way for the Colonels. Dave Kish and Joe Ruddy are also expected to start on the line for Wilkes.

During Sheptock's tenure as defensive coordinator, the Colonels have had 26 players named to the MAC Defensive All-Star teams, including 11

first team All-Stars, along with three ECAC All-Star selections and two All-Americans. Wilkes should feature one of the best defenses in the MAC again this season

The defensive line features three returning players for the Colonels. Matt Rodarmel, J.J. Fadden and Layne Rarig provide Wilkes with an experienced front four. Rodarmel brings senior leadership to the middle of the line, while Fadden and Rarig will pressure opposing quarterbacks from their defensive end positions. Last season Fadden recorded a team high 11.5 sacks while Rarig added four sacks of his own. Brandon Carlin and Tom Stavitski will be splitting time at the other position on the defensive line.

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Sinkovich and Jim Poepperling continue a tradition of strong linebac at Wilkes. Frank

Tomaszewski, Chris Shan Harvey Fetterolf and Mar Dotts will be battling for third starting position int Colonels' linebacking con

The Colonels feature experience and depth int secondary, returning all of their starters from last se Fifth year senior Aaron Mike Czencz, Jason We Tulio Santiago and the Defensive Player of the from 1995, John Siekoni give the Colonels a stron defense that is also tough target st against the run. Augie Mitschke willt **joint boo**

at punter for the Colonel being named a third team American last season. A number of players will b competing to replace allleading kicker Joel O"Do Ryan Alston, Mike Czen Tulio Santiago and Rand Yerger are expected to sp time returning punts and kickoffs.

The Colonels begin 1996 season this Saturda when they host the Wide University Pioneers. Wid coached by Bill Cubit, is two-time defending Mid Atlantic Conference char and a preseason favorite win the Commonwealth Community Colle League.

Last season the Pion defeated Wilkes 42-35 in season opener. Kickoff Saturday at 1 p.m. at Ral Field in Edwardsville.

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Wilkes University Colonels vs. Widener University Pioneers Saturday, September 14, 1996-1:00 P.M. Ralston Field, Edwardsville, PA

Series Record: Widener leads 16-7-1

Last Season's Game: Widener defeated Wilkes, 42-35