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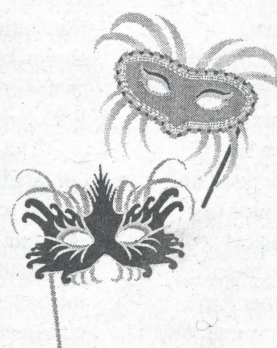


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1998 Homecoming Court

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Alumni

Friday, October 30
11:00 a.m.-Annual Homecoming Golf
Tournament, Irem Temple Country
Club
Saturday, October 31
9:00-11:00 a.m.-Friday Night Frolic
11:00 a.m.-Return to the Haunted Hill
Celebration, Munson Fieldhouse
5:00 p.m.-The Fifth Quarter, The
Woodlands Inn & Resort
Sunday November 1
Alumni are welcome to tour campus,
visit the Sordani Art Gallery from
12:00-5:00 p.m. or meet informally at
the Alumni House from 9:00 a.m.-
12:00 p.m.

Students

Thursday, October 29
8:00 p.m.-Pep Rally, Chase Lawn
Announcement of three finalists for
King and Queen
Friday, October 30
6:00 p.m.-Homecoming Dinner
Dance, Genetti's Banquet Hall,
dinner begins at 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, October 31
11:00 a.m.-Men's Soccer vs.
Lebanon Valley
1:00 p.m.-Football vs. Delaware
Valley
Half-time Show



News



Senatorial candidates present their view

By LORA CAMERON-LANDIS
Beacon Staff Writer

On October 25, between 2:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m., in the Dorothy Dickson Darte Center, Senatorial candidates Arlen Specter (Republican-Philadelphia), Bill Lloyd (Democrat-Somerset), Jack Iannantuono (Libertarian-Schnecksville) and Dean Snyder (Constitutional-York) debated Senator Specter's voting record.

Moderator Keith Martin of local station WBRE asked the candidates about many issues.

Some issues include the privatization of Social Security, interstate commerce, payment of United Nations back dues, campaign reform, job loss to foreign countries, access to health care, foreign policy in Bosnia/Herzegovina, Year 2000 Compliance directives (Y2K) and the United States' role in avoiding world economic depression.

Nearly all the candidates' replies referred to Senator Specter's voting record or opinions before stating their own positions.

Arlen Specter, the incumbent, said, "I think my record speaks for itself."

A key issue which seemed to plague the debate was that of United States sovereignty, on account of the presence of two third-party candidates, Iannantuono and Snyder.

Iannantuono, a financial broker by profession, repeatedly emphasized his belief in the ability of the free market and capitalism, when applied to social problems as well as foreign and domestic policy, to solve the problems America is facing today.

Snyder, expounded on the use of Christian biblical morality and the responsibility of the family for education, welfare and social reform.

Also, that is the capabilities of the free-market system to bring down health care costs.

Senator Specter, for his part, felt that the United States government had a responsibility to its citizens to fund education, help provide incentives for companies to keep jobs local and bring new jobs to Pennsylvania.

Lloyd agreed with Specter in that the federal government had a role to play in supporting its citizens, but claimed that Specter's voting record was contrary to what he said he supported at the debate.

Audience questions indicated a growing concern amongst citizens about job loss to foreign countries.

Lloyd suggested penalizing companies which moved American jobs out of the country, while Senator Specter felt that if trade laws were enforced, the

problem would solve itself.

Both Iannantuono and Snyder championed the free-market system as the solution to less jobs and corporations moving overseas.

"If I am elected, I will be a voice of the average people and the most independent senator we've had in a long time."

-Bill Lloyd, Senatorial Candidate

Another concern was access to health care which is becoming extremely expensive for more and more Americans.

Lloyd thought a tax credit for people who must buy their own insurance would be valuable to many Pennsylvanians.

Iannantuono accused Lloyd of socialism and repeated his claim that the capitalistic economy would bring down prices.

Specter cited his record of starting health care programs for children, which Snyder criticized as too costly to taxpayers.

None of the candidates

seemed particularly concerned about the impending Y2K problem except Snyder.

Specter was of the opinion that while it was a large problem, it would be easily handled by the federal government.

Lloyd noted the need for outreach among small businesses which might not be able to access the technological help that larger companies control.

Iannantuono said he didn't understand the question, but thought in general that everyone should manage their own problems with technology.

Snyder claimed that Russia was blatantly ignoring its own Y2K problem and that very shortly their missile defense system would begin firing missiles when their computers went haywire.

In the end, Specter stood by his record.

"Unemployment has dropped from 7.8 percent to 4.4 percent," he remarked and vowed to continue his hard work for Pennsylvania.

Lloyd, running on a comparatively small campaign budget, promised, "If I am elected, I will be a voice of the average people and the most independent Senator we've had in a long time."

Iannantuono decried the role of the federal government

once more.

"In my adult life, I've seen the government over-reach its powers into things best dealt on a local level," said Iannantuono.

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For more information on candidates and their positions on other topics, Project Vote Smart has published questionnaires to the candidates and their records, if any, at <http://www.smart.org>.

Alumni give back to Wilkes

WILKES-BARRE--Did you think you might want to work in Philadelphia after graduation? Is taking an internship helpful in finding a job? What branch of law is a good specialization? Would a graduate degree be helpful in a specific job field?

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Anytime is a good time to work with a mentor. The program is not limited to seniors. The alumni office houses a list of alumni who have expressed an interest in being a mentor to a Wilkes student. The list is organized by specialization, including: business, medicine, law, education, government, law enforcement and many more. These alumni represent all areas of the nation and can provide

valuable advice and encouragement with regard to their profession or geographical region. In addition, alumni chapters provide an immediate connection to major cities where alumni can provide social and professional connections for new Wilkes graduates.

The process is a simple one, contact the Alumni Office with regard to your interest in the program. The staff will act as intermediaries to set up introductions and the student and alumnus can work from there. It can be as simple and brief as a telephone call or involve a meeting with the alumnus. In one

instance, the alumnus served as a guide through several career changes by the Wilkes graduate.

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- one Black & Decker three combination wrenches
- one electrical cord
- one set of multi-leads



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Spotlight: Karen Oxenreiter, '79

Wilkes graduate succeeding in Pittsburgh

By LARA LUKESH
Beacon Staff Writer

From Wilkes's WCLH radio station to Pittsburgh's NBC affiliate, WPIX-TV, Karen (Klucitas) Oxenreiter '79, has built upon her Wilkes experience and excelled in the field of broadcast journalism.

Oxenreiter, an English major with concentrations in literature, writing and communications, began her journey into broadcasting right here at WCLH.

She started off as an on-air personality with an easy-listening radio show on Sunday mornings. She was later named news director.

"I had never really considered radio until one of my professors suggested that I check it out.

"Once I got involved with the radio station, I realized I wanted to go into broadcast journalism. WCLH gave me the hands-on field experience I needed to prepare for my career after Wilkes," said Oxenreiter.

While reflecting on her Wilkes memories, Oxenreiter laughed when she recalled the

old wire machine and the distracting noise levels produced by WCLH's outdated equipment.

"You can't imagine how different it is now with everything digitized and everyone typing on computers. You don't have that constant racket like before with the clacking typewriters and everything, but we had a blast," said Oxenreiter.

After graduation, Oxenreiter accepted a job at the WBRE all news radio station as a receptionist and waited for an on-air position to open. Committed to pursuing a career in broadcasting, Oxenreiter spent several hours after her shift reading news copy to prepare to audition.

"I got everyone to critique my reel-to-reel reading copy. I had them help me with my technique, especially with projecting my voice," said Oxenreiter.

After about two months as a receptionist, Oxenreiter had the opportunity to audition for a radio position. She got the job, which lasted approximately six months. She had a one hour, on-



Photo courtesy of Karen Oxenreiter

Karen Oxenreiter and her family reside in Pittsburgh.

air shift that gave her a first taste of "on the road" reporting by covering events at the Luzerne County Courthouse.

Through this experience, Oxenreiter decided that she wanted to move into television broadcasting. She knew that she would need to have more reporting experience for TV.

She accepted a job at WILK radio which provided a better

opportunity for gaining reporting experience. While working for WILK Monday through Friday, a weekend position became available at WNEP-TV 16, the local ABC television affiliate.

After two years as a reporter for Channel 16, Oxenreiter was promoted to co-anchor. She also taught a 200 level broadcast writing course at Wilkes while co-anchoring at WNEP.

"Actually, it's funny. A student I taught ended up in Pittsburgh while I was working in Moosic. He's now in Miami, and he called me once to offer me a job at his station down there. That was pretty weird," said Oxenreiter.

Oxenreiter now works part-time at Pittsburgh's WPIX-TV, an NBC affiliate, covering the three C's as she refers to it: crime, courts and cops.

This top notch career woman is also a devoted mother of three. Her oldest son, Alby III, is in second grade, daughter, Abigail, is in kindergarten, and her youngest son, Oliver, is three and a half. Her husband, Alby

Oxenreiter-is also in the TV business as a producer at FOX-TV. The two met while working at WNEP-TV 16, married and moved to Pittsburgh. Although Oxenreiter is still dedicated to her career, her family clearly comes first.

"I knew someday I might want to have one child, but I was always so career-oriented. Your whole outlook on life completely changes when you have a family though. My job is still very important to me, but I approach it differently now," said Oxenreiter.

When asked what made her Wilkes experience so valuable, Oxenreiter answered, "The education. The atmosphere at Wilkes is so conducive to learning. I just remember walking into Kirby Hall with all its richness and realizing the importance of learning."

"I also gained a deep appreciation for literature and that's something that I try to instill in my own children. I value that background," added Oxenreiter.

Oxenreiter offered this advice to current Wilkes students: "Absorb books, classroom interactions, hands-on training. Don't waste a second of your time. The competition out there is fierce, and you really have to make the most of your college experience."

Police blotter...



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

• On October 28, 1998, between the hours of 12:00 a.m. and 7:45 a.m., a theft occurred at Rear 56 McCarragher Street. An unknown person(s) removed a cellular phone and charger from the victim's Pontiac Sunbird. The stolen value was \$150.

• On October 22, 1998, between 1:00 a.m. and 1:15 a.m., a theft occurred at Lincoln Plaza. An unknown person(s) removed the following from victim's vehicles:

- two sets of Craftsman metric and standard combination wrenches
- one Black & Decker drill
- three combination wrenches
- one electrical drop cord
- one set of multi-meter leads

-one Fluke 87 multi-meter
The stolen value was \$690.

• On October 27 and 28, 1998, between the hours of 10:30 p.m. and 1:20 a.m., a theft occurred at 317 East South Street.

An unknown person(s) removed two Halloween tombstone displays and one skeleton display from the front of the victim's residence. The stolen value was \$10.

• On October 27 and 28, 1998, between the hours of 9:00 p.m. and 5:25 a.m., criminal mischief occurred at 88 South Franklin Street.

An unknown person(s) smashed the driver's side window and flattened three tires on the victim's 1990 Chevrolet Corsica.

On trial for rape

By LISA RUGGIERO
Beacon Staff Writer

On Wednesday, November 4, the Victim's Resource Center will sponsor its 20th Annual Mock Rape Trial.

The trial will be held at the Luzerne County Courthouse at 7:00 p.m. The event is free and open to the public.

The courthouse seats about 300 people. According to Billie Jo Hack, education specialist, Victim's Resource Center, the seats fill up quickly.

"The purpose is to educate the public and the community about rape and all crimes," said Hack.

A real judge, Thomas Burke Jr., will preside over the trial.

Paul Radick, assistant District Attorney (ADA), will be the prosecutor.

The public defender is yet to

be announced.

This year two Wilkes Resident Assistants (RA's) will be participating in conjunction with the residence life office.

According to Hack, this is one of the first times that a university has donated so much time and effort to the project.

Rick Seipp, senior pharmacy major, will act as the offender.

Seipp is participating because "it is important for Wilkes to give back to the community and to integrate the university into the community."

Heather Tahan, senior, environmental science and education major, will act as the victim.

Tahan is participating because of her leadership position as an RA and because she believes "everyone should be aware of what's involved in a rape trial."

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Opinion

Our *coeur* brings us home

An editorial

Never having been a person for large gatherings, Homecoming was not a priority in my life while at Wilkes. But, as I look back, I wish I had made it one.

At Homecoming, there is a mystical unification of students, faculty, alumni and community, if only for a short time. While short in physical duration, the sense and feeling of it lingers; lingers and grows, burning a sense of pride and inclusion. As I walk across this campus and its ever-changing landscape, I always feel a sense of belonging.

Show me a large school where students - decades apart - still fondly remember professors, deans and presidents. Show me a school where the president cares enough to know your name. Show me a school where the names of campus buildings mean something to the people who walk through their halls.

I have the good fortune to trade tales with graduates from large schools. None have spoken so fondly as I of the depth of concern and honest sincerity with which my professors, staff and administrators helped me through my ever-trying college years.

Yes, it is true, Wilkes may not have voluminous titles in our library. We may not have thousands of computer terminals for all of our students to do research, surf the net or just check e-mail, instead, we have people. People who care about who you are, where you are going and how they can help you get there.

In this technological age, with computers that can process complex equations quicker than the human mind can congest the problem, we often lose sight of what makes us so wonderful - *coeur* or heart.

At Saturday's game, look at the person beside you, in front of you, behind you. Ask yourself what makes that person special? Ask yourself, what does Wilkes have to do with that? I believe you will find the answer is *coeur*. And that is why we all come home.

Each week a member of The Beacon editorial staff writes an editorial representing the opinion of the editorial board. It is not meant to reflect the opinions of the University as a whole.



I can't be "under the table and dreaming" with Matthew Sowcik

Happy Halloween to all. I just want to remind everyone to come out to the pep rally on Thursday (that would be tonight) to get some hot dogs, hamburgers and to support the fall sports. Not to mention I will be the MC for the night along with last years Homecoming King, Mike Rosh.

In this week's article, I wanted to enlighten some of my readers lives and tell some of the history of the holiday, Halloween and how Wilkes as a University is in a way carrying on those traditions.

First the origin of Halloween. Halloween is one of the oldest holidays with origins going back thousands of years. The holiday we know as Halloween has had many influences from many cultures over the centuries. Hundreds of years ago in what are now Great Britain and Northern France, lived the Celts.

The Celts favorite and most important god in their lives was the sun god. The Celts celebrated the new year on November 1 because this was the passing of light and summer into a season of darkness, winter. The Celts believed, that during the winter, the sun god was taken prisoner by the Lord of the Death and Dying and the Prince of Darkness. On October 31, the day before the new year, after the crops were all harvested and stored for the long winter; the cooking fires in the homes would be extinguished.

After all was done for the day, the people would meet in big fields to light bonfires, where they would sacrifice gifts to the gods and dance in a celebration of the last day of the old year. When the morning came the Celtic people would take an ember off of the great fire that they had built. They burned their first fire at home with this ember to cast out bad spirits throughout the winter months.

The November 1 festival was named after the Prince of Darkness, Samhain, and honored both the sun god and Samhain. The festival would last for three days. Many people would parade in costumes made from the skins and heads of their animals. This festival would become the first Halloween.

This seems to be very similar to some of the traditions that Wilkes is doing this year. The Celtic festival would last for three days. Well, let me see the Pep Rally is on Thursday, the dance is on Friday and the football game/tailgating is on Saturday.

The next similarity between the two traditions is the dancing that occurs the night before Halloween. Granted the Celts may have sacrificed animals and may have done some very primitive things during their celebration, but I can tell you from the Homecoming dance last year, there where a lot of individuals who let their primal instincts get the best of them when they hit the dance floor.

Another similarity between the two celebrations is the taking something back to everyday life from these great events. The Celts would take a burn ember that would remind them of the night and protect against evil. This year at Homecoming everyone will have the option of taking a Homecoming flower vase that will hopefully remind them of a great night and will bring a different, but still important piece to your life. The last similarity is sort of a stretch, but bare with me.

The Celts had their gods and high priest to worship and adore. This year Wilkes University will be naming a new King and Queen of the University, and although maybe we do not worship these individuals there is a common bond of respect for them.

I want to end this hoping you learned something, something interesting. Most of all I hope everyone has a great time this weekend, it's going to be a wonderful time. Just one last thing I want you to remember, try and take something from this experience so that you can cast off the evil spirits for the rest of the semester. Also, when I mean take something back to your everyday life, it has to be more than just a hangover!

P.S. I want to thank Holiday On The Net for providing me with my information. The Web Site is Located at : <http://www.holidays.net/halloween/story.htm>



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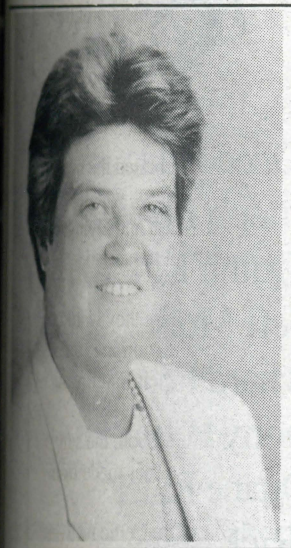
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Alumni share their favorite Homecoming memories



Dr. Ann Williams '74

When I entered Wilkes in 1970, our class brought with us a new decade and a new administration. Wilkes' second president, Dr. Michelini (or Dr. Mike to the students) had just taken office and Dean Ralston, Dean Lampe and Dean Hobrock prepared themselves for the 500 eighteen-year-olds that were descending on campus.

The look of the campus was beginning to change, but little did we know how many changes would occur within the next four years. Miner Hall was the typical "old house" classroom building next to the gym that housed the math department. The Math Club also took up residence, where most of the math knowledge was acquired from heated games of pinochle and pitch. The "before and after class" coffee was purchased at "The Commons" which was located in the center of campus at the present site of the Tower. The "New" Men's Dorm was really new

at the time and the Stark Hall addition and the Sardoni Art Gallery were under construction. The comfort of our campus was interrupted by thousands of gallons of water when hurricane Agnes decided to visit in 1972. The Susquehanna had surpassed the dikes where we sunbathed, tossed Frisbees and had snowball fights and invaded and destroyed our campus. Wilkes didn't cancel classes on the day of "The Flood" but rather left attendance "to the student's discretion." As a summer school student at the time, I discretely decided to "out" that day. As soon as the waters receded, classes resumed and we walked through the campus sliding through the remaining mud. We used emergency generators for lights and finished our semester on the upper floors of Parish Hall (now the Guard building).

We learned a great deal more than psychology 101 that semester. College staff and students became much closer as they worked together to clean the buildings. The pride in our campus began to equal the pride in our college, as Wilkes was ready to welcome back their September '72 class. Our dorms gained washers and dryers and lost "house mothers." Resident Assistants were now in charge, curfews for undergraduates no longer existed and by 1974, the dorms were classified as "open."

To us, alumni were just old people who disturbed a weekend in the fall semester. Believe me, we would use any excuse for a party, so homecoming worked for us. However, we didn't understand why alumni "came back" or why they remained interested in the college. Didn't they have their own life?

The college is now a university, Dr. Breiseth sits in Dr. Mike's chair and Dean Ralston, Lampe and Hobrock have all gone in different directions. I, now, look forward to that weekend in the fall. The fact is that we continue to come back to let you know that we all do have our own lives...thanks to Wilkes.

Dr. Anne Morgan Williams '74

Vice President for Economics and Community Development
Luzerne County Community College

Homecoming!

It was the dawn of time and we didn't have a football field to call our own. Whichever high school stadium was available, we used it and it was filled with fans.

A homecoming parade was organized and moved from campus to public square and back to Chase Hall for a pep rally outside, led by coach George Ralston.

The football team was locked up and not fed for three days to make them meaner.

All buildings were decorated, including the garages which were located where the new quad now stands.

Even with the weight gain and hair loss we can still beat King's!!

Ah, dem were the daze!!

Howard "Skinny" Ennis '55

Wilmington, DE

My favorite Homecoming memory goes back to 1995 and the crowning of Kim Kaskel as Homecoming Queen. Kim had always been an extremely intelligent, attractive and ATHLETIC woman. That is why it was so fitting when she was crowned queen while still wearing her field hockey uniform and proudly displaying her number 25. Her hair was in a ponytail and her uniform was dirty after winning a game that morning. She didn't have time to change into a dress, but her personality is so vibrant, she didn't need one. She truly was a "queen."

Karen Marie Bednarczyk '96

Program Advisor, University of Virginia
Blacksburg, VA

My date and I went to Genetti's dinner dance and had a great time. He was playing in the football game the next day, so we didn't go out after the dance because of his curfew (I hope the football team still has one!!).

The football game the next day was held at Ralston Field. I got up early to prepare myself, along with a group of friends from Evans 4th: J.R. Rupp, Bob Simmons, Barb Hinds and more. We had such a good time in the parking lot that we never made it into the stadium.

That was a homecoming I will never forget. I try to go back every year!

Jennifer Spitzer '94

Teacher, Forest City School District
Forest City, PA

Wow...you should have been there in 1964 when I came to Wilkes as a "local kid from south Wilkes-Barre" BUT also as "one of those transfer students—from Drew University" where I spent my first college year. Wilkes was serene...heck it was close knit. The word was out that Dr. Farley knew every student's name and that he would call out your name if you were "bad." That was bad!

Having lived in an all men's dorm in 1963-64 (we did NOT have anything co-ed in 1963; certainly NOT dorms—let alone dorm rooms!), I lived at home where my parents fed a lot of my "dorm friends" and allowed me to pretend that home was nearly-free "hotel—with excellent food." That sophomore year, for me, my first at Wilkes had some of us write up a very lengthy and very detailed PLAN on how "dormies" and "townies" should, could, and would do many more "Wilkes things" together.

Well, the PLAN wasn't adhered to by all, but those who merged with "others" made so many new friends, had so many new ventures, and enjoyed Wilkes so much more than when they stayed isolated.

Yes, it was memorable to come back to Wilkes each September—always around the Miss America contest and eat pizza at the great pizza spot on Public Square. What was its name?? Truly, I forget...but I'll never forget meeting my dormie friends Roger, Barbara, Ronnie, Connie, Pookie, Jeff, Paul, Pat, Ed, and many others. Oh yes, and Circle K. It was all-male then (BOO!!) but it went from 8 members in 1964 to 75 members when I graduated in 1967. And it was active. Oh yes, I can hear Dr. Farley calling my name out now (that was bad!!) Heck, I was the only 21 year old in that great bunch of service AND social oriented guys who could and would buy beer. It was cool!! But that voice, calling out our name...how did he know it; and couldn't he forget it just one time?? Oh well, we made it work...we had fun while learning and while helping others. Thanks Wilkes for some Golden Years—on and off the football field!!

Barry Miller '67

CEO, Only Buyers America Real Estate
Denver, CO

Reflecting and Connecting

Homecomings past possessed their own uniquely exciting and memorable moments for Wilkes alumni, students and friends. All groups shared together in the planning and execution of many Homecoming activities.

Among my personal reflections remain some particular highlights the reader may find interesting. One of the Homecoming traditions involved the display-decorations of individual dormitories usually emanating from a shared "theme" for the weekend. Along South River Street and South Franklin Street, dormitories stood ablaze with multi-colored lights, banners and crepe paper streamers. One or two of these annual student displays transformed streets and trees to rivers of colors as strong winds and heavy rains sent these student efforts flying in all directions. Indeed many of the trees on the River Common appeared very much a part of the weekend as nature put its own Homecoming performance.

Another memory evokes almost a present immediacy. During football half-time ceremonies several U.S. Air Force jets from Red Rock appeared from the southwest and staged a dramatic "fly-by" compliments of our local congressman. Alumni, students and friends found great entertainment at still another half-time watching several equestrians (all alumni) choreograph their palomino horses through an interesting footwork and dancing accompanied by the Wilkes band.

Homecoming culminated on Saturday evening when 500 plus alumni gathered in the Crystal Ballroom and John Adams room of the Hotel Sterling for an evening of camaraderie and fun. At the same time in the old gymnasium, students celebrated with a Homecoming Dance highlighting their participation in this annual event.

These brief memories are meant to reflect on some events of past Homecomings at Wilkes and to remind students that they are now part of a long and wonderful tradition. Sustain and build on it!

Gordon E. Roberts '60

Plains, PA

HOMECOMING

Schedule of Events

Thursday, October 29

- Inter-Residence Hall Council, SUB basement, 11:00 a.m.
- Programming Board Meeting, COB 106, 11:30 a.m.
- Weight Management Group Meeting, Health Services waiting room, 12:00 p.m.
- Student AIDS Awareness Committee Meeting, COB 209, 12:00 p.m.
- Homecoming Pep Rally, Chase Lawn, 8:00 p.m.

Friday, October 30

- Homecoming Dinner Dance, Genetti's Banquet Hall, 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, October 31

- Halloween
- Homecoming football game, Ralston Field, 1:00 p.m.

Sunday, November 1

Monday, November 2

- Registration begins.

Tuesday, November 3

- Off-Campus Council Meeting, SUB Basement, 11:00 a.m.
- Commuter Council Meeting, SUB Basement, 12:15 p.m.
- Circle K Meeting, Alumni House, 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday, November 4

- "Talk it Out," Alumni House, 5:00-6:00 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.
- Mock Rape Trial, Luzerne County Courthouse, 7:00 p.m.

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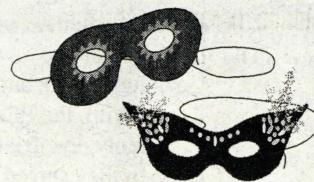


Homecoming Court

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Amy Gutowski
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Lisa McClintock
Nicole Metzger
Erica Michaliga
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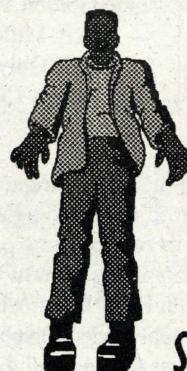
The three finalists for King and Queen will be announced at the Pep Rally, Thursday, October 29, 8:00 p.m.

The Pep Rally will be held on Chase Lawn. In the event of inclement weather the Pep Rally will be held in the Marts Gym.

Come out and show your support!

Student government holds their meetings every Wednesday night @ 6:30 p.m. in Marts 214. The meetings are open to all students, feel free to attend or stop by the student government office located on the third floor of Conyngham Hall.

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Beacon Staff Writer

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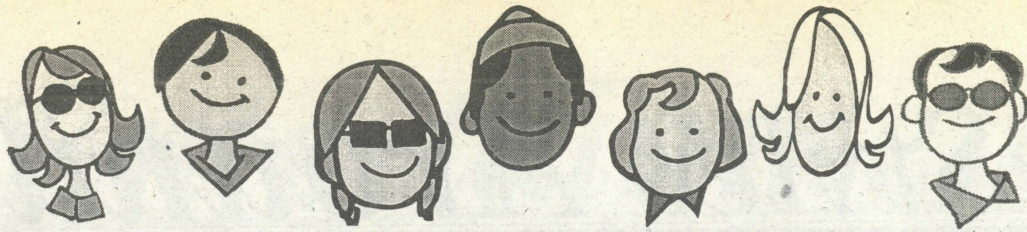
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LifeStyles



Wilkes radio helping to establish your future

By MEL MOYER
Beacon Staff Writer

Many students sign up for organizations and clubs here at Wilkes with the initial idea that it is just to kill time. Students do not realize the extent of where these clubs can take them. Drew Marco (Class of '97) signed up for Wilkes radio early in his freshman year here at Wilkes.

Wilkes radio is formally known as WCLH 90.7 F.M., they run shows throughout the week from 8 a.m. until 2 a.m. Marco was initially a political science major and had no idea of how a station worked.

He was a Disc Jockey (DJ) at first and later moved up to director of music. As the director of music he had to review new CDs, make recommendations and commentary, as well as review and log them into the computer for use.

The other task Marco had to accomplish dealt directly with music companies such as Atlantic, Virgin, Capitol, Metador and MCA.

Marco stated that, "dealing with all of these labels was a great experience and allowed me to meet many people in the business."

As the director of music, Marco also maintained the music library, which is an enormous collection of CDs for DJ use.

During Marco's senior year at Wilkes he took an internship with Mercury Records in New York City. Every Tuesday and Thursday Marco would take a bus

to and from New York after a long day at his office.

While at Mercury he would deal primarily with the task of radio promotions. This task entailed calling up to 150 radio stations, checking if they received the CD's he had mailed out and he would inquire if the radio station was playing them.

His main job dealt with networking in which he conversed with many bands, artists and managers. This allowed Marco to establish a base in the business. These established networks assisted him in acquiring a position at Polygram where he currently works.

The Polygram company is the father of Mercury, Island and A&M record companies. Marco does promotional activity in the Maryland, D.C. and Northern Virginia area.

Marco promotes his companies bands and artist through the use of radio, retail and the press. He also does lifestyle marketing, dealing with promotional sales.

He also set up nights with clubs and concert venues. In short, Marco is the person that acquires all of the business for the bands. He makes a band known.

Without people like Marco bands would falter from lack of publicity. Without Wilkes radio Marco would have never become what he is today.

Another student who has benefited from Wilkes radio is senior DJ Jim Warner. Warner

runs a show on Thursday night from 11 p.m. to 2 a.m. titled "House of the Rising Sun."

Warner show plays blues, jazz, soul and many other genres during the course of the show.

Warner believes that "working at the radio enhanced my public speaking skills, personal skills, and my ability to think quick."

He also said that Wilkes radio can help lead to a career in commercial radio. Warner said that "if a commercial radio had an opening he would take it in a heartbeat."

The best part about Wilkes radio, according to some of the DJ's, is the ability to address so many people, all at once. Warner also acquired a job that was inspired by WCLH. He holds the position of a public relations marketer at a local computer company. In this position he deals primarily with radio, news and press.

Kyle Masteller, Wilkes freshmen, became a DJ when he signed up for the radio on Club Day. Masteller said that, "it was really easy, all I had to do was go to a couple of meetings and take a radio competency test."

Masteller operates a radio show on Monday nights from 8 p.m. - 11 p.m. titled "Green Dog." He says that he would love more listener response and that he would discuss any issue at all.

If you wish to contact a DJ at WCLH there phone number is 408-5909. Anyone can be a DJ, you do not have to be a communications major to do so.

You do not even have to know how to work the equipment. Experience is not needed, the radio station staff will train anyone willing to try.

If you are interested in becoming a DJ and possibly opening up a new career path for yourself, contact Bethany

Stefanec, Wilkes station manager at 408-5909.

Clubs can add to your experience here at Wilkes and they can do so much for your resume in the field you choose to pursue. Marco finally stated that "make it what you want it to be!"

WCLH 90.7 Show Schedule

Sunday: 9-11 a.m., Lora Cameron-Landis: eclectic

11-1 p.m., Jason Evans: sports

1-3 p.m., Brittany Richardson & Rasa Manaysan: hip hop

3-5 p.m., Rosemary Cabanillas: latino/ alternative

5-8 p.m., Chad Edwards: alternative

8-11 p.m., Dan Lavelle: alternative

11-2 a.m., Stan Pinkowski: alternative

Monday: 1-3 p.m., Nick Nechay: alternative

3-5 p.m., Brianna Herson, Kristi Hartman & Katrina Prothoe: metal

5-8 p.m., Diane Eldred: metal

8-11 p.m., Kyle Masteller & Mark Stanley: metal

11-2 a.m., Pat Smith & Dave Wolovich: metal

Tuesday: 6-9 a.m., Zachary Manprin: eclectic

9-11 a.m., Bryan Glahn: eclectic

11-1 p.m., Kristy Blizzard & Christa Michalek: hardcore

3-5 p.m., Craig Morris: alternative

5-8 p.m., Ted Respovich: top 40

8-11 p.m., Don Miller: alternative

11-2 a.m., Eric Solwalski & Drew Klajman: techno

Wednesday: 1-3 p.m., Jon Koch: alternative

3-5 p.m., Lisa Donaldson & Claire Cole: eclectic

5-7:30 p.m., Ryan Gurian: alternative

7:30-10 p.m., Bethany Stefanec: britpop/UK techno

10-12 p.m., Dustin Daniels & Bob Boock: blues and swing

12-2 a.m., Dominick Rothbard: eighties

Thursday: 3-5 p.m., Gage Mead: alternative

5-8 p.m., Matt Sowchick & Jason Marie: alternative

8-11 p.m., Jake Beverage: eclectic

11-2 a.m., Jim Warner: eclectic

Friday: 1-3 p.m., John Burke: alternative

3-5 p.m., Deena Guadange: alternative

5-8 p.m., Pat Weddel & Mike Klein: alternative

8-11 p.m., Mike stolp: alternative

11-2 a.m., John "Hoppe" Hopkins: jazz

Saturday: 12:30-4 p.m., Football

8-11 p.m., Nathan Dolk: hardcore

11-2 a.m., Mike Vivien: alternative

The search for the top ten tailgating colleges...

LOUISVILLE, KY--The biggest competition in NCAA football this year is not likely to be on the playing field. The parking lot is expected to take over the action, as the KFC Ultimate Tailgating Search gets underway.

KFC recently teamed up with Joe Cahn, the nation's only professional tailgater, for the 1998 football season to identify the top ten tailgating campuses across America. KFC is offering cash in exchange for your vote. The search is currently underway and continues through the Fiesta Bowl in January 2 in Arizona.

Cahn is the Ultimate judge for the tailgating competition, but he can be swayed easily by public

opinion. Everyone is encouraged to vote for his or her favorite tailgating campus. All 600 plus schools in the NCAA, representing the three divisions, are eligible to compete in the search.

There are three ways to vote: Visit KFC's web site at www.kfc.com, call the KFC Tailgating Toll-Free Hotline 1-877-26AWARD, or by looking for the Tailgating RV when it stops at key games (check web site for schedule).

Once a month, a voter will be randomly selected and awarded a \$1,000 "KFC Tailgating Scholarship" to fund the next tailgating party! The Tailgating RV will be giving out KFC Ultimate Tailgat-

ing Search T-shirts and KFC gift certificates to those tailgating the easy way with KFC.

Colleges competing in the tailgating search will be judged on the creativity of tailgating set-ups and enthusiasm of fans. Voting is necessary to be considered a contender.

"It's a natural tie in for us to sponsor the KFC Ultimate Tailgating Search because KFC is the ultimate tailgating food. Let the colonel do the cooking, so you can enjoy the pre-game fun," said Chuck Rawley, president, operations chief, KFC. "The tailgating scouts will make surprise appearances in the Tailgating RV at key games

throughout the season and reward fans who tailgate the KFC way with cash or prizes."

For information on anything and everything regarding tailgating and the search, check out the KFC web site at www.kfc.com.

The website includes the Top 10 Tailgating Tips according to Cahn, photographs from the Tailgating Tour, a schedule of the tour, a form to enter votes, a chart highlighting colleges leading the tailgating race (updated monthly), as well as information on how to order KFC for the Ultimate Tailgating Party.

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LifeStyles Around Campus

Roving Reporter with Derek Bleiler

What Halloween costume was your favorite to wear?



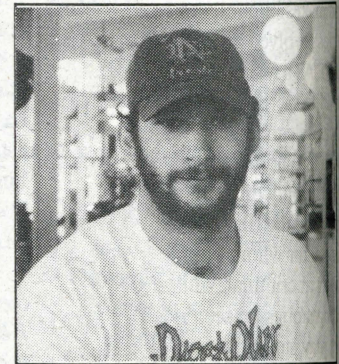
Matt Bledsoe—“A bankrobber because I had a gun and scared some old lady.”



Sonya Smereczynsky—“A pink bunny costume because my sister and I looked cute in them.”



Claire Cole—“A cowgirl because I got to wear boots.”



Brian Bader—“Rainbow Bright because I looked so pretty.”

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Critic's Corner with Dan Lavelle "Apt Pupil"

Hello fellow movie viewers. I'm sure everyone is familiar with the horror writer Stephen King. Practically all of his short stories and novels have been turned into movies for TV or the theater (over 50, to be precise). His

newest tale of terror comes from his collection of short stories, "Different Seasons," and so far, I think, it is one of his most controversial, "Apt Pupil."

In the film, a young kid named Brad discovers that one of his elderly neighbors was a Nazi war criminal from World War II. Instead of turning him in, Brad makes him tell stories of what the Nazi's did during the war. Most of the stories revolved around the concentration camps and the forms of torture they used. As a result, these stories get stuck in Brad's head and affect his personal life.

I was able to read some of the short story version before I went to see it. Although the short story and the film weren't an exact match, they were very similar. The only difference was that they did not follow the same order. Nevertheless, the film seems to do the written version justice.

One actor whom I enjoyed was Ian McKellen playing Kurt Dussander, the Nazi war criminal. This man can be quite frightening at times. When he's not telling stories he seems like an average grumpy old man. However, when he does play storyteller it seems like he tries to re-live them. For example, after talking about certain forms of torture, he finds a stray cat and attempts to catch it. Oops, almost gave away a scene in the movie. I hope you get the picture and what I am trying to say.

I should warn you, I felt somewhat uneasy with this film. But nevertheless, I thought it was done rather well. I'm giving this film **THREE AND A HALF STARS**. I thought McKellen was great and although the film wasn't an exact match of the short story, it does rather well. Try to check it out.



Aligning the planets with Madame Zelda

Taurus (April 20 - May 20) Tests, papers, teachers and even friends are putting a lot of stress on you this week. Take everything one at a time, doing all the important stuff first, it will be easier to get everything done this way.

Gemini (May 21 - June 21) Romance has been unsteady in the past but soon it will become more serious. Don't rush into anything you won't be happy with.

Cancer (June 22 - July 22) You have so much work this week that it may be necessary to cut out some socializing, so you can go out this weekned for homecoming.

Leo (July 22 - August 22) You're usually the one giving out the advice, now you know sometimes it's hard to take. Take the advice, it's the right thing to do!

Virgo (August 23 - September 22) You love a challenge, especially those that prove all your abilities. This week you'll face a challenge like no other.

Libra (September 23 - October 23) You feel like everything in your life is pulling you in all different directions. Take it easy and try not to lash out at those you love.

Scorpio (October 24 - November 21) This is going to be a great week for you. Take advantage of this and take those risks you have been meaning to take.

Sagittarius (November 22 - December 21) This week you can use your shy personality to get the attention of that individual you are intrested in. They will be drawn to your mysteriousness.

Capricorn (December 22 - January 19) This week is going to be pretty easy going. Do all the things you enjoy but haven't been able to do because of work and school.

Aquarius (January 20 - February 18) It's time to make some changes in your life. Start by being a bit more spontaneous.

Pisces (February 19 - March 20) All unsettled arguments are behind you, take this week to explore new relationships.

Aries (March 21 - April 19) Just when you thought all your stress was gone, your loved ones seem to be very demanding of you. Don't take anything too seriously or too close to heart.



Inner peace with Ani

Drinking... Sex... Big Mistake...

Dear Ani,
I have what I think might be a problem and I need

your help. Last weekend, I was at a party and, of course, was drinking. By the end of the night I was completely hammered.

I wound up having sex with a girl that I normally wouldn't have even considered kissing, but I was really drunk and not thinking straight at all.

You see, this girl I hooked up with has a reputation of being someone who has had sex with many, many guys. In fact, while telling my guy friends about what happened, three of them told me they have had sex with her before too! We didn't use protection, but one of my friends told me that it's almost impossible to catch STD's from a girl. Is this true??

I feel really guilty about doing this because I usually don't do things like this. In fact, I have only been with one other girl in my whole life.

Now that I have had time to think about my actions, and after finding out about my friends sleeping with her too, I feel really guilty. What should I do? Do you think I should be worried that I may have caught an STD from this girl or do you think I'm OK? Am I worrying over nothing? Should I just accept that it happened and move on?

This is really bothering me... please help me out...

Risky Business

Dear Risky Business,

Wow. Let me tell you before anything that yes, this is something to worry about. This is not something you are going to want to forget. Promise yourself that you will never do it again.

It happened and now you have to deal with possible serious consequences. From your e-mail I am not sure that you realize how serious this is. First of all, women CAN pass STDs to men!!!! I'd love to know who told you they cannot because I'd give him a nice smack in the head.

This is serious, you did not use protection and as far as you know the woman you slept with was not a virgin. There is free, confidential testing for HIV at the PA Department of Health at 297 So. Main Street. The phone number there is 826-2071. You can be tested at this location for HIV and other STDs (syphilis, gonorrhea, chlamydia) at no cost. Call the number to find out the designated times for these tests.

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Spotlight: Joe Frappolli, '69

Frappolli flashes from Colonel to coaching

By SCOTT VEITH
Beacon Sports Editor

The Wilkes University football team has never had a more successful team than the squad that won the Lambert Bowl crown in 1968. On this squad, there were several talented athletes.

Coach Rollie Schmidt had the privilege of working with athletes such as Ted Yeager, Joe Weindl, Dave Kaschak and a dark-haired Italian kid from South Jersey named Joe Frappolli. Frappolli, currently the head coach of the Flashes of Florence High School (Florence, New Jersey), took the teachings of Schmidt and the rest of the Wilkes coaching staff and has been sharing them with the athletes of the small town team for nearly thirty years.

At Wilkes, Frappolli was a history major and also took on a minor in English. Through his interaction with professors and instructors such as Dr. Harold Cox, Frappolli learned how to use his skills effectively.

Frappolli said, "I learned a lot about taking advantage of opportunities. I knew I wanted to work with young people."

Frappolli looks back on his days as a Wilkes College Colonel fondly. He remembers the dry sense of humor that Coach Schmidt brought to the field every day. He also remembers the knack Schmidt had for developing relationships with players.

"Coach Schmidt was an intense coach but, more than anything, he loved his players," said Frappolli.

Frappolli, a 1969 graduate of Wilkes, got that opportunity just a few short months after graduation.

He returned to his hometown of Florence to become an assistant football coach. Frappolli took this job to make some extra money before graduate school and to get experience in the coaching field.

After completing his graduate studies in guidance at Trenton State

College, Frappolli accepted the head coaching job at Florence. Although the coach has tried his hand at baseball and track during his tenure at Florence, he has not

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**-Joe Frappolli
Head Football Coach
Florence High School**

relinquished his football coaching position that he was granted at the start of the 1974 season.

"I've worked a little with baseball and track, but football has always been my first love," said Frappolli.

Frappolli is quick to point out

that a great deal of the coaching philosophies that he levies on the Flashes are the same ideas that Schmidt had success with at Wilkes.

"In college football, you have to play for field position and have strong specialty teams play. That's pretty similar to what we do here (at Florence). The first specialty team we put in the fall is the punt team. It's the most important play in football," said Frappolli.

Away from the field, Frappolli is a father of four. His oldest daughter, Regina, is a Wilkes graduate and his only son, Joseph, plays football at William Patterson College.

Frappolli also wears several hats in the Florence school system. He is the high school's assistant principal and the head of the guidance department.

Although Frappolli has been the head man of

the Flashes for nearly 25 years and has won eight conference championships, his greatest honor has yet to come. With his next win, Frappolli will be tied for the winningest head coach in Burlington County history.

Frappolli, who was recently highlighted by *NFL Films*, has successfully taken the knowledge and ambition that he earned at Wilkes and turned it into a tradition of winning football.

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Field Hockey falls in playoffs

By LARRY LEWIS
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Beacon Staff Writer
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Despite their heroic efforts this season, the Wilkes University field hockey team has concluded their season without winning any championships. Their high hopes were downed on Wednesday against Messiah College. The Lady Falcons won the game by a score of 3-1.

Messiah came into the playoff game ranked eighth in the country. The Lady Colonels had not beaten a nationally ranked opponent all season. They hoped to break that streak with a win over the Lady Falcons.

Wilkes opened the scoring with a goal off the stick of sophomore Megan Fogle with the assist going to Jill Henery. This goal came during the twenty-third minute of the first half.

The Lady Falcons had enough of losing. They replied with an attack of the Lady Colonel net. During the attack, the Lady Colonels committed an infraction inside the circle that resulted in a

penalty corner. On the corner, Ann Thomas found a hole in the Lady Colonel defense and managed to slip one past senior goalie Pam Truszkowski.

The teams battled for a good scoring attempt but neither team could capitalize on their opportunities. The teams went to halftime tied at one goal.

In the second half, the Lady Colonels simply could not compete with the Lady Falcons, a perennial powerhouse in the Middle Atlantic Conference (MAC).

Messiah attacker Lynne Klause took advantage of a split in the Lady Colonel defense and fired a shot at the net. Truszkowski once again watched the ball pass her and end up in the Lady Colonel net.

Just minutes later, Klause put her skills on display once again as she nailed another shot that the Lady Colonel defense could not handle. This goal gave the Lady Falcons a 3-1 lead.

The Lady Colonels would attack again but they failed to convert on their attempts. In fact, the Lady Colonels managed a season low seven shots on goal

during the contest.

The victory improved the Lady Falcon's season record to 16-4. The squad will host the winner of the other MAC semi-final winner. This winner was not yet determined.

This loss served as *deja vu* to the loss that the Lady Colonels suffered against Messiah last season.

Last year, the Lady Falcons managed to shut out the Lady Colonels and post seven goals of their own. Although the Lady Colonels couldn't avenge the loss, this year's setback proved to be an improvement from last season.

This loss dropped the Lady Colonels season record to eight wins and 10 losses.

The game also served as the final appearance for Truszkowski and fellow seniors Lisa Werkheiser and Sarah Reed. Truszkowski capped off her collegiate career with a season high 19 saves. Unfortunately for the Lady Colonels, the three goals Truszkowski allowed tied the most given up by the goalie to a Division III opponent this season.

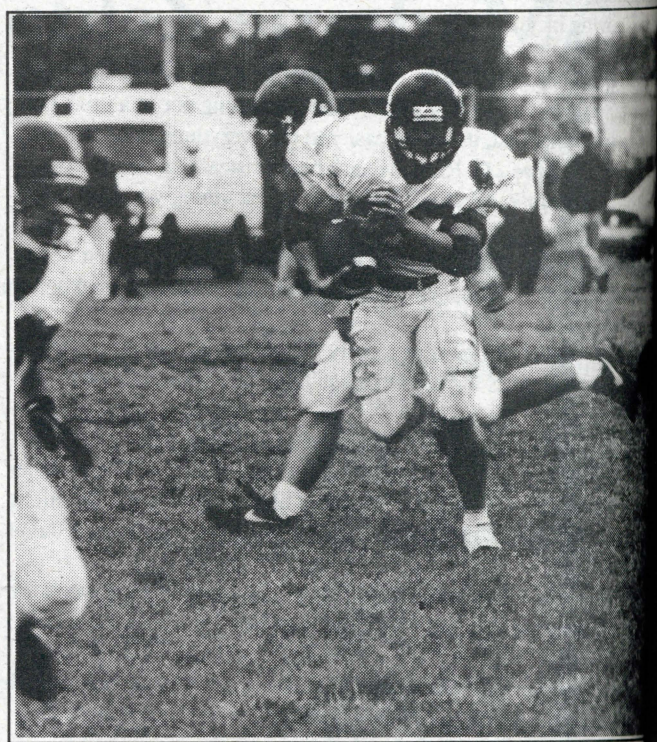


Photo courtesy of Mike Hankins

Junior running back Mike Hankins, seen here in recent action versus the Wesley Wolverines, is only 82 yards shy of the Middle Atlantic Conference all-time rushing yardage mark. He takes it at this mark this weekend against the Delaware Valley College Aggies.

Read about Hankins, his history at Wilkes and his quest for excellence in *That's what I say* on page 11.

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By JOHN M
Beacon Staff

On Saturday, Wilkes men's soccer took on the field in front of the local College.

The match was a tough Atlantic Conference League bout that Wilkes won in order to secure a potential post-season berth. It was not going to be a fight, providing a game.

The scoring was early with the home team coming only 1:15 into the game. Dave Reinert and Jeff Steelman were the scorers, but the King's goal was out.

One minute later, the home team converted. The corner to a player in front of goal ten minutes into the game. Monarch tried to clear the ball but his shot went wide.

At the 13:30 mark, Bill Schneider was fouled from behind by a player. The Monarch was awarded a card, but the abuse would continue in the game.

Schneider was intimidated. Only after the shoving incident did he fired a shot at the goal. The Monarch goal was Schneider's attempt at directing the shot.

The Monarch had scoring chances, were once again May.

At the 25:00 mark, the Colonels made a

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Soccer gets physical with Monarchs

By JOHN MURPHY
Beacon Staff Writer

On Saturday, October 24, the Wilkes men's soccer team took the field in front of a large crowd to take on local rival King's College.

The match was also a Middle Atlantic Conference Freedom League bout that Wilkes needed to win in order to hold their place in potential post season play. King's was not going to go down without a fight, providing a good offensive game.

The scoring chances started out early with the first shot coming only 1:12 into the game as Dave Reinert crossed the ball to Jeff Steelman who took the shot but the King's goalie knocked it out.

One minute later, King's tried to convert. The ball came out of the corner to a player all alone in front of goal tender Brian May. A Monarch tried to head the ball in, but his shot went over the goal.

At the 13:30, mark freshman Bill Schneider was knocked down from behind by a King's player. The Monarch was given a yellow card, but the abuse of Schneider would continue throughout the game.

Schneider was not intimidated. Only 40 seconds after the shoving incident, Schneider fired a shot at the Monarch net. The Monarch goalkeeper foiled Schneider's attempt at revenge by directing the shot wide of the net.

The Monarchs had several scoring chances, but their shots were once again turned away by May.

At the 25:00 mark, the Colonels made another attack on

the goal. Their first shot was blocked and the Colonel offense began to drop back down field. The King's goalkeeper lost the ball and Dave Reinert capitalized on the shot, taking a shot from 15 yards out. The keeper dove but missed the save and the ball ended up in the net, placing Wilkes up 1-0.

King's almost managed a score at 31:40 off a corner kick. The initial shot was blocked by May, but the rebound was not recovered.

The ensuing shot hammered off the crossbar, bouncing in front of the goal where Scott Kowalski removed the ball from in front of the goal.

The two teams went into the half with Wilkes leading 1-0. The second half didn't see much of a change in style as Wilkes came out early to try to take over the game.

Kowalski ripped one in the goal at the 1:40 mark off of a penalty shot, but the chance was no good. Another chance came when Tim Seymour passed the ball to Steelman who placed another shot at the King's net, but he too was denied.

Then at the 10:00 mark the Colonels capitalized on a corner kick. Reinert sent the ball into Rob Rolland who then passed to Schneider. The shot hit home, but the officials negated the goal, stating that the Colonels were offside.

After a few more shots on goal, the Colonels fell into a defensive mode to preserve their one goal lead. The Monarch's pressured the Wilkes goal, but May came through again for the Colonels.

At the 35:50 mark, the Colonels made another run on the goal and Reinert found himself in front of the goal with the ball. The goalkeeper was caught out of place and Reinert fired a shot on goal.

Although it appeared that Reinert would put the squad up by two goals, his shot sailed over the goal and the squad held on to a one goal lead.

For the remainder of the game, the two teams would battle back and forth and the Colonels held on to their one goal lead.

This win helped keep playoff hopes alive by placing the Colonels at 4-2 in the MAC Freedom League.

This places Wilkes into a must-win situation with their upcoming game against the University of Scranton.

If the Colonels can beat the University of Scranton, they will continue their season with MAC Freedom League championship action.

That's what I say



with SCOTT VEITH

In the summer of 1996, Wilkes University was blessed with the arrival of one of the finest athletes in the history of Division III athletics. Although his name had not yet been heard by the ears of Wilkes fans, alumni, students or faculty, the Wilkes football coaching staff had heard of Mike Hankins and were eagerly awaiting the contributions that he had to offer the team.

Hankins, a graduate of Elkton High School (Elkton, Maryland) and an All-State performer in both football and track, came to Wilkes the same way that most of the other talented athletes fall into the lap of Coach Sheptock and his staff.

A talented and highly-touted athlete slips through the cracks of Division I and I-AA recruiting and finally starts talking to Division II and III coaches to try and continue their athletic career. Smaller colleges turn up the heat in their recruiting efforts just before students graduate high school. As the athletes realize they lost their chance to be Division I athletes, they entertain the idea of playing college ball at any level.

This worked in favor of the Colonels when Hankins came to campus.

When I came to Wilkes, the first roommate I had was Michael Hankins. As freshman football players, we had no idea what to expect. As is the case with most Wilkes athletes, we both came from small towns where we were the superstars of our high school teams. In Hankins's case, he was the best player in his conference. In fact, Hankins was recruited by most schools as a defensive back.

After our first practice with the squad, we and some other friends sat down to have a conversation on our chances to make the travel squad. After we each put in our two cents about the first day, we asked Mike about his thoughts.

Hankins looked me in the eyes and said, "I'll start. Those guys (the other running backs) are garbage."

That was it. He gave no credit to any of the other running backs who, in my estimation, looked to be quality football players. He gave no recognition to Elijah Powell, the All-Conference running back that he would be replacing if he did start. He didn't even give the coaches credit for bringing in good athletes. In his estimation, he was the best man for the job and that was that.

In his first attempt to prove this, Hankins carried the ball three times in a row in a scrimmage versus Muhlenberg. These three carries resulted in about 55 rushing yards and three or four sprained ankles of would be tacklers who had never seen moves like Hankins's. Hankins was so impressive that Sheptock asked the Muhlenberg coaching staff if he could elongate the scrimmage to see if his freshman runner was for real.

Still unsure if Hankins could continue in ankle-twisting, eyebrow-raising performance, Sheptock elected to have Hankins split time with second year back Walter Hall.

On the first offensive play of the game, Hankins took a hand-off from quarterback "Boo" Perry and shifted and sprinted his way to a 65-yard touchdown scamper. From that point on, Hankins has been the most prolific runner in the Middle Atlantic Conference. This display of talent and speed also eventually moved Hall to the outside linebacker position that he has played since the start of last season.

This season, Hankins has struggled his way to 582 yards rushing. He has taken over the Wilkes all-time rushing crown from Jason Smith. More importantly, Hankins needs only 82 more yards to become the conference's all-time leading rusher.

Although Hankins has had his academic woes and his stints of self righteousness, he has teamed up with the coaching staff and his teammates to shatter school records and amaze Colonel fans. Last season, Hankins was the Freedom League Most Valuable Player. He has led the Freedom League in rushing in both of his previous seasons. Although this streak is in jeopardy due to a more efficient passing offense, it is almost guaranteed that Hankins will become the MAC all-time leading rusher in the next few weeks.

What better time to break the record than Homecoming weekend in front of a packed house against the Delaware Valley College Aggies, a team that Wilkes has beat more often than any opponent that they will face this season?

The ideas expressed in this column are generated through everyday interaction with Beacon readers and members of the Wilkes community.

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Sports

Vinces shows skills in USISL

By SCOTT VEITH
Beacon Sports Editor

After graduating from Wilkes in the spring of 1998, former soccer star Cesar Vincés had several options.

He could return to Portugal where he studied during his junior year of college; he could pursue a career in international studies, his field of expertise; he could return home and look for a part-time job to pay the bills before the right opportunity came along; or, he could take the skills he learned on the soccer pitch at Wilkes and put them to use.

Vincés chose the latter.

As a member of the South Jersey Barons of the United States Independent Soccer League (USISL), Vincés took advantage of his boyhood dream of being a professional soccer player.

He combined the skills he possessed as a young amateur player and the maturity and discipline he learned as a college athlete and displayed them for the soccer world to see.

"I think playing at Wilkes helped me mature as a player.

Coach (Phil) Wingert taught me how to play better defense. That helped me a lot," said Vincés.

Vincés also credited Wingert with teaching him that it is just as important to win and be successful, as it is to have a good time and learn about the game of soccer.

"(Coach Wingert) was a good coach and he was a good friend. He taught us it was important to be friends with your coach," said Vincés.

Vincés, a three year performer for the Colonels, was an All-Middle Atlantic Conference selection in each of his campaigns with the Colonels. In his senior season, Vincés was also named All-Region.

Due to his overseas studies, Vincés gave up a year of soccer to concentrate on his academic commitments.

Prior to his professional and collegiate experiences, Vincés relied almost completely on his skills. He was always a talented player but his hustle and defense lacked the spunk necessary to be a collegiate and professional success.

College soccer taught Vincés that hustle and communication are also important aspects of the game.

"Before college, I relied a lot on my skill. Coach Wingert made me work harder. In college my teammates also made me a better player," said Vincés.

Despite his athletic talents and commitments, Vincés had plenty of time to concentrate on his education when he was in college.

Vincés said "I wanted an education, but I also wanted to train hard so I could reach my potential."

As far as the future is concerned, Vincés is uncertain. Although his experience with the USISL was enjoyable and beneficial, Vincés will probably not return to the South Jersey Barons this summer.

"I had a good time, but the commute was too far," said Vincés.

Vincés, who resides near Allentown, Pennsylvania, is looking forward to the A-League franchise that will be coming to the Allentown area. Vincés plans on participating in an open tryout to be held by the Allentown squad.

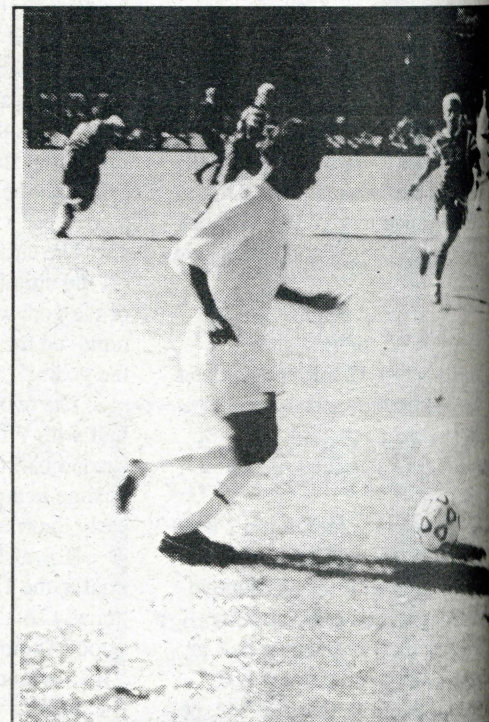
Vincés also has plans to audition for Major League Soccer (MLS).

"There's an open tryout for

MLS in Florida in December. I'd like to get down there and try out," said Vincés.

Vincés is also willing to travel overseas to play the game he loves. If the opportunity arrives, Vincés will be there. Teamed with his soccer knowledge and his experience with overseas travel should aid him in this area.

There is no guarantee that Vincés will continue his soccer career at the professional level. But, if you ask Vincés, he will guarantee you that he is a better soccer player for having played for the Colonels.



Beacon file photo

Cesar Vincés, shown here in action as a member of the 1997 Middle Atlantic Conference Freedom League champion Colonels, took part in a professional soccer season as he played for the South Jersey Barons of the United States Independent Soccer League.

Lady Colonels set records at record pace

By MATT REITNOUR
Beacon Staff Writer

The Wilkes University women's soccer team finished its regular season 12-7 overall and 3-4 Middle Atlantic Conference Freedom League with a 3-2 win over Catholic University on October 24, the team's final scheduled game.

But wait, is their a playoff birth in their future?

Wilkes has applied to the Eastern Collegiate Athletic Conference (ECAC) for playoff consideration, in this the team's best year ever.

The Lady Colonels must now sit and wait until Sunday when the ECAC makes their choice on which four clubs will make the playoffs.

And if the bid does go to Wilkes, be assured the Lady Colonels are ready to go. Not only did the team finish the season with a record 12 wins, the club also finished with seven straight wins, another school record.

Leading the way has been sophomore Adrienne Corrigan in the net. Corrigan finished the regular season with a 0.86 goals against average and a school record five shutouts. But don't give her all the credit, Corrigan says her defense has been playing some outstanding soccer.

"I've

been trying to play my best but my defense has been great," said Corrigan.

Last week the Lady Colonels exploded again, slapping cross-town rival King's College 7-1, then beating Catholic. Freshman Jill Lacy netted two goals, while sophomore Donna Rothrock got one in the victory over Catholic.

Of the 15 players who saw

action in at least five games, 10 have scored at least one goal. Those not hitting the twine are all defensive backs. The forwards have produced some great numbers, led by freshman scorer Larissa Giza's

13 goals, a freshman record. The team produced 162 total points and added three new names to the 20 point club, Lacy, Giza and Rothrock.

It's unlikely that any of the Lady Colonels will go

out trick-or-treating this Halloween weekend, but they would love if the ECAC handed them some candy, in the form of their first ever playoff bid.

It's not news that this year's club is one for the record books, but to actually see how many records this year's squad broke is quite a feat. Of the 15 records posted in the 1998 media guide,

this year's team broke or tied ten of those records. The list includes:

The most wins in a season was seven. This year's club won 12.

The most team goals scored in a season was 31. This year's squad scored 58 times.

The most goals in a game was six set in 1991. This year the team scored seven versus King's.

A host of players, including Labbe herself, tied Laurie Labbe's record for three assists in one game.

Meghan Haddad had 33 points in 1994. This year Donna Rothrock beat the record of her assistant

coach by recording 34 points.

Twice Labbe had eight assists in one season. This year Rothrock was given credit for 12 helpers.

Adrienne Corrigan's Goals Against Average (GAA) was 0.86, blowing the past record of 2.41 of the water. Rothrock also had a GAA that would have beaten the old record, but the majority of the games were played as an attacker.

Labbe kept her name in the record books by finishing the regular season with 22 points to raise her career total to 109 points.

"I've been trying to play my best but my defense has been great."

**-Adrienne Corrigan
sophomore goalkeeper**

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