

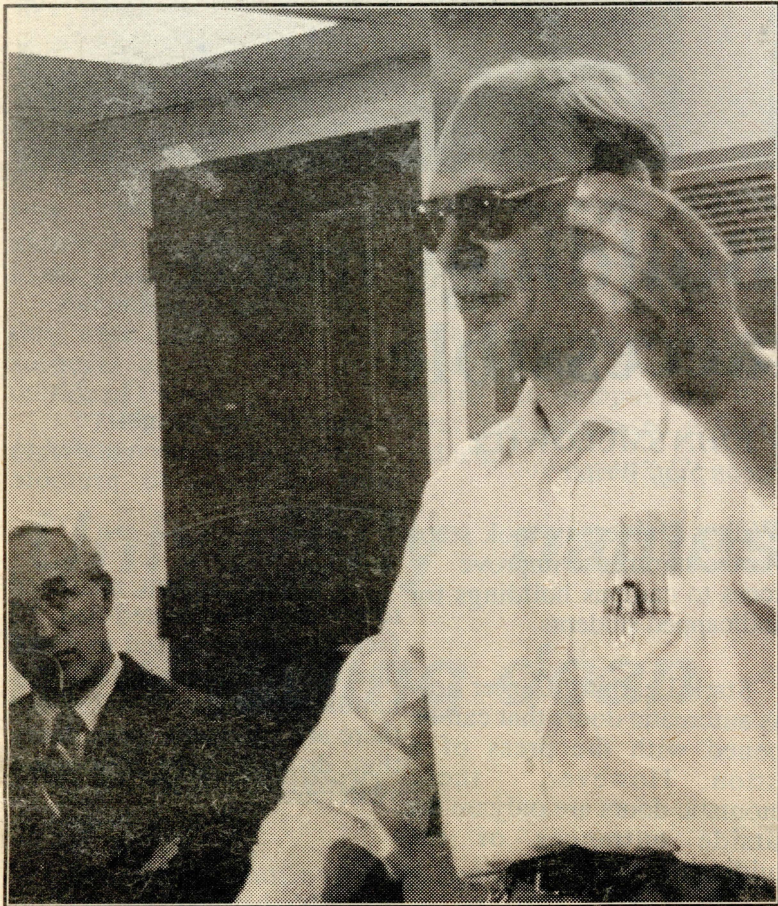
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## Thallium mystery haunts Wilkes University



**HARMLESS-** Dr. Owen Faut displays Thallium vial to media. Faut indicated the campus community is safe from the danger of Thallium.

By JASON EIKE  
Beacon Staff Writer

When it rains it pours. As if the picnic acid incident was not enough, another scandal has hit the Wilkes University chemistry department.

An electrical worker who was working on the renovations in the Wilkes University chemistry department died this past Friday at the Hershey Medical Center of thallium poisoning.

Robert Curley, 32, of Miners Mills was pronounced dead at 6:30 pm Friday by Dauphin County Coroner, Graham Hetrick.

Curley was thought to have had contracted the poisoning while he was involved in working on renovations at Wilkes. Curley was first admitted to General Hospital on August 26 after suffering symptoms of discomfort. Curley was later released because his sickness was diagnosed as the flu.

Curley was later readmitted and doctors determined that he was suffering from thallium poisoning. Curley was then admitted to a designated poison center at Hershey Hospital on September 16. He died two weeks later.

Thallium is found in most

university laboratories where students study its properties. Wilkes possesses five bottles of the chemical element. No one seems to know how Curley came into contact with thallium. It is a colorless, odorless, heavy metal used for rat poisoning, until its ban 20 years ago because of its extreme toxic properties.

A press conference was held yesterday to try and clear up any and all rumors regarding the incident.

Wilkes University president Dr. Christopher N. Breiseth denied reports that Wilkes University had anything to do with the death of Curley.

"As of now, there is no connection between the death of Mr. Curley and the renovations made at Stark," stated Breiseth.

Wilkes University chemistry professor, Dr. Owen Faut, displayed the bottles of thallium that the school possesses. According to Dr. Faut, the only way in which thallium can cause such an extreme reaction is if it is ingested into the blood system either through oral ingestion or through contact on the skin.

Questions were raised as to

whether the thallium, which was kept in the chemistry supply room at the university, was moved by Curley and any of the other workers, therefore putting Curley in contact with the chemical.

According to Dr. Faut, the chemicals in the supply room were moved by students, not workers.

Memos were posted all over campus informing students that the death of Curley was not related to the university.

Representatives from OSHA (Occupational Safety and Health Administration) were at Wilkes yesterday to check if the Wilkes chemistry department was maintaining the correct safety precautions concerning their chemical maintenance. They had nothing negative to report as of press time.

President Breiseth contends that the labs at Stark are the safest, most secure labs in Northeastern Pa. He urges students not to worry. Breiseth also said that in order to let the public know how the University's maintaining safety regulations, the school will be offering tours of Stark, specifically the chemistry labs during Parent's Weekend.

## DA candidates square-off in debate

By CHRISTINE CARDELLO  
Beacon Advertising Editor

*Pittston Sunday Dispatch..*

The debate was moderated by Jane Elmes-Crahall, League member and assistant Professor of Communications at Wilkes University.

Luzerne County District Attorney candidates, Republican Thomas Marsilio and Democrat Peter Paul Olsewski, Jr. recently squared off in a debate. The sixty minute "Meet the Media" session was held in Wilkes University's Marts Center and sponsored by the League of Women Voters.

Candidates were asked questions by a panel comprised of local media and newspaper personalities including: Fred Ney, *Sunday Independent*; Mary Ravasio, WNEP-Channel 16; Donna Krellie, WBRE-Channel 28; Jeff Cox, *Hazleton Standard Speaker*; and Paul McGarry,

Marsilio, an assistant District Attorney for the last three and one-half years and a 25 year veteran of the United States Marine Corp, has based his campaign on courage, competence, credibility, and class. He proudly spoke of his 100 percent success rate in murder trials. He has mediated such high profile cases as the Glen Wolseiffer and Brian Smith murder trials. He is also the only candidate to successfully pursue a life sentence conviction.

Olsewski has a strong family background in politics

and adheres to his pride of being born, raised and educated in Luzerne County.

Olsewski has spent the last four years as a trial lawyer and has a 90 percent conviction rate.

Both candidates vowed to have a strong impact in eliminating the "scourge" of drug dealers and abusers of children and elderly. They feel that these people have given Luzerne County a poor reputation that needs prompt improvement.

Marsilio gained compassion from the audience by telling of his adoption of a three year-old girl who was a victim of child abuse.

Both Marsilio and Olsewski are strong supporters of the Victim's

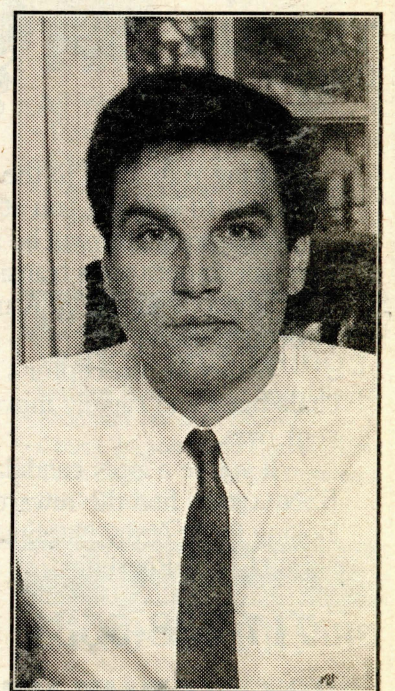
Resource Center, a support center for victims of child and spousal abuse. Olsewski vowed to give the center special attention if elected, feeling that "it has been ignored by District Attorneys in the past."

Conflict developed when the issue of plea bargaining arose. Olsewski strongly argued against it.

"A person has two options, plead guilty or go to trial. There is no room for plea bargaining in the system," said Olsewski.

Marsilio disagreed and said, "Sometimes it is necessary to plea bargain in a case where you can't prove charges."

A final decision will be made on Tuesday, November 6, when the voters get a chance to voice their opinion.



**DEBATE-** Peter Paul Olsewski, Jr. is one of the DA candidates



# Study Abroad broadens student's horizons

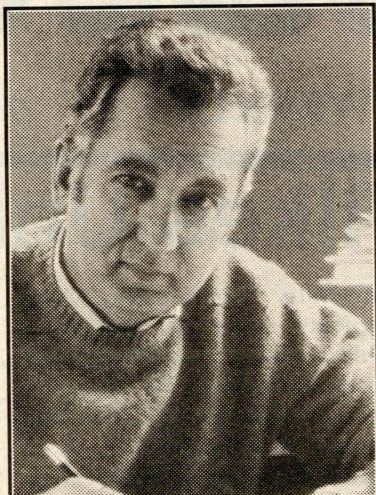
By PATTY PUERLING  
Beacon Staff Writer

Studying abroad offers many opportunities and an unforgettable experience for students, according to Dr. Walter Karpinich, chair of the foreign language department.

Any student at Wilkes with at least a 2.5 G.P.A. is eligible to study abroad in any of the 40 participating countries and the process is simple.

"We encourage all students to explore the possibility of study abroad because it will provide an insight into the life style of other cultures and better understand other people," said Karpinich.

There are many benefits to the study abroad program. When students study abroad they get to experience a different culture, develop their self-confidence, perfect their language skills, enhance their



**DR. WALTER KARPINICH**  
cross-cultural communication and understanding, and earn credits toward their degree.

"Studying abroad is an experience which will enhance understanding of other cultures and is a wonderful educational experience," said Karpinich.

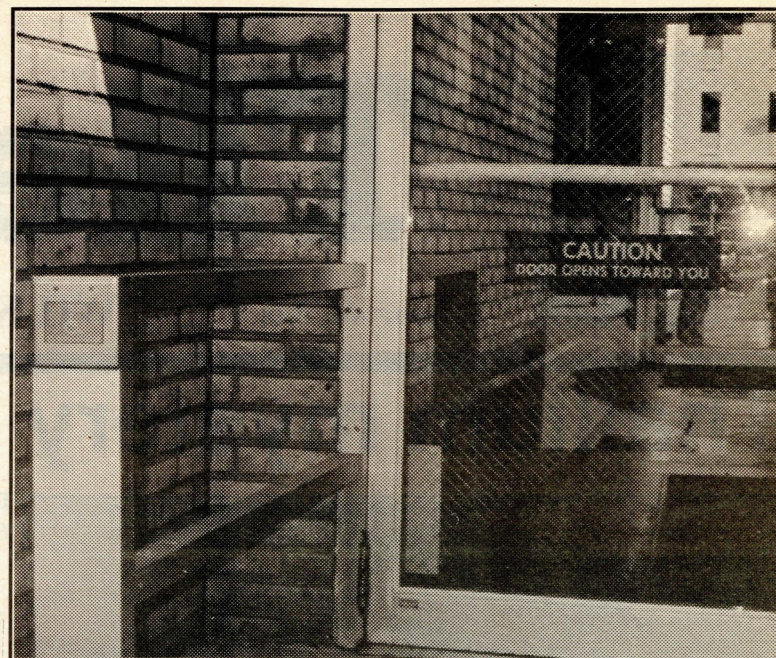
The study abroad program is best for those students in

their junior year. They are offered for one semester, a year, or a summer. The cost is not much more than tuition at Wilkes.

Although knowledge of the country's language helps, no foreign language skills are needed.

Funds are also made available to ease the cost. The Peking Chef Scholarship for International Understanding is given to students going abroad. It is worth \$500 and it can only be given to full time students who are Pennsylvania residents and who have a 2.5 G.P.A.

Many small trips are offered to students who are interested in going abroad for a short period of time. An intersession trip is being planned to Germany along with other trips to Eastern Europe and Russia, Japan, and Spain. There is a minimal fee and if credit is desired it will be extra.



**ACCESS-** Stark was recently made handicapp accessible

## Buildings made accessible

By JOHN SMULOWITZ  
Beacon Staff Writer

Wilkes University took steps over the summer to improve access to campus buildings for handicapped students.

Stark Learning Center now has automatic doors that can be opened with the press of a button. However, these automatic doors are only on the outside entrances of the building.

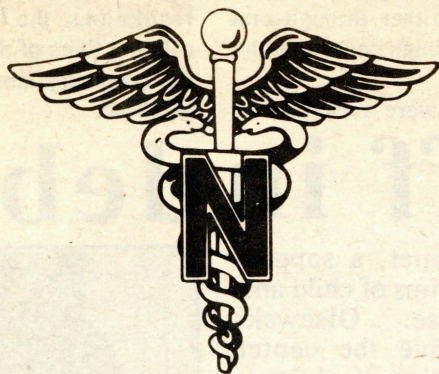
because of their weight.

Ramps have been added to most buildings to promote accessibility.

A Wilkes student, restricted to a wheelchair, stated that, "I feel they have started to make most of the buildings handicapped accessible, but there are still some more doors that do not have automatic switches."

"It's hard to renovate old buildings but it could be done," The fire doors still pose a problem for the handicapped, said the student.

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## Amnesty begins at Wilkes

The Wilkes University Chapter of Amnesty International held its first meeting on Thursday, September 26, at 11 a.m. in SLC 209.

Those students, staff and faculty in attendance watched a video called "Think About Tomorrow..." which introduced Amnesty International, (AI), and its work. The video featured such well-known performers and AI members as Sting, Peter Gabriel, Bruce Springsteen, Jackson Brown, Sinéad O'Connor and Corey Glover of the group Living Color.

AI is a world wide movement of people working together to protect the human rights of other people. AI's mandate encompasses three main goals:

- 1) The release of prisoners conscience--men, women, and children imprisoned for their beliefs, color, sex, ethnic origin, language, or religion, provided they have neither used nor advocated violence.
- 2) Fair and prompt trials for all political prisoners.
- 3) An end to torture and executions in all cases.

The Wilkes University chapter of Amnesty International meets the second and fourth Thursday of each month in SLC 209 at 11 a.m. Next meeting is scheduled for October 10 and all interested parties are invited to attend.

For more information the following can be contacted:  
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# Are students at risk on campus ?

By MARLENE MANGAN  
Beacon News Editor

A recent attack of Wilkes students has heightened the need for increased security on campus.

On September 21, four freshmen were assaulted on campus by five females and possibly one male.

Wendy Zewe and Marci Albert, two of the victims, were taken to a local hospital after the attack and later released. Zewe was treated for a concussion and bruised ribs. "I remember getting kicked in the ribs and falling to the ground," said Zewe.

According to the victims, they were confronted by the suspects on the lawn just outside of Pickering.

"They asked us for cigarettes and money, but

when we told them we didn't have any they began to attack us," said Zewe.

The six suspects, who fled the scene, still have not been apprehended by the police. The Wilkes-Barre police department, who were called by Wilkes security, are continuing an investigation into the incident.

"They spend a lot of money keeping the campus looking nice but why don't they spend more money to increase security for the safety of students?" said Jackie Wright, one of the victims.

According to Steve Dembroski, Director of Security at the University of Scranton, the school has used motor scooters since 1985 to patrol the campus and this year just purchased a GEO vehicle.

"It travels the streets and alley ways on and near campus. Although we don't have many problems on campus, we do have incidents off school grounds usually related to alcohol," said Dembroski.

Extra precautions have been recently taken by the four students but they still question their safety. "I got the Operation Alert device to put on my door because my MAC card was stolen from my room this week," said Zewe.

Gerry Cookus, Chief of Security at Wilkes, said that students need to become more aware of the safety programs available to them. "We are here for the students and I can't stress enough that they should use the escort service," said Cookus.

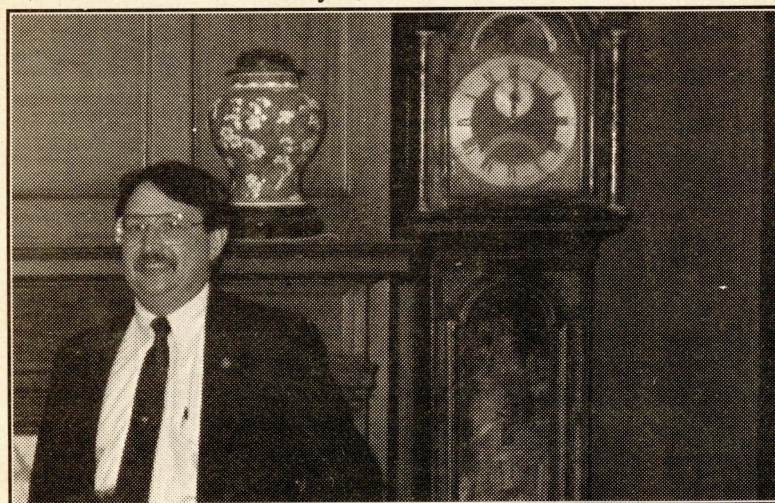


**AT YOUR OWN RISK-** girls walk near the dimly-lit area near Pickering Hall Wednesday night. This was the scene of an attack on Wilkes students

## University names new acting dean

By HEIDI HOJNOWSKI  
Beacon Staff Writer

Mr. Emory Guffrovich has been appointed Acting Dean of Admissions for Wilkes University. Marc Davis, Guffrovich's predecessor, has taken a leave of absence from Wilkes and will be accepting a new position elsewhere as of January 1, 1992.



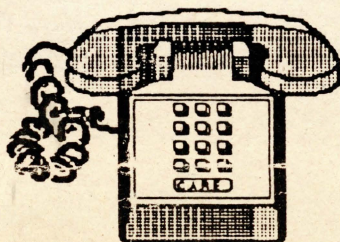
**ADMISSIONS-** Emory Guffrovich is acting dean

Guffrovich, a four and a half year veteran of the Admissions staff, previously worked with transfer students and aid Wilkes's graduate school applicants.

"I look forward to freshmen recruiting," said Guffrovich, "I'm very excited. I'm ready to roll up my sleeves."

Guffrovich said that admissions is a crucial element to any university. "The number of high school graduates are diminishing so college admissions has become increasingly competitive."

Guffrovich and his staff feel they are prepared to compete and convey their own enthusiasm about Wilkes to prospective students.



**Notice:** Operation Alert is a program designed to reduce the risk of personal attack on and around campus. The program utilizes a personal alarm device that is easily activated if you feel physically threatened. The device can also be hooked up to a door and will sound when the door is forced open.

C.A.R.E. is a program that allows students to phone in anonymous tips to security regarding suspected criminal activity on campus. The extension is # 2273.

## Students mad over I.D.'s

By CHRISTINA CLINE  
Beacon Staff Writer

*This card is your official University identification and must be carried at all times. Report the loss of this card to the Registrar immediately. A replacement fee of \$10.00 will be charged.*

The above is the Wilkes University I.D. policy. For many Wilkes students, the new policy has created problems.

Students who entered Wilkes in 1988 received a free I.D. freshmen, sophomore and junior year due to the new computer scanning system.

This year a \$10.00 fee is being charged for a new I.D.

"I had no idea that I had to bring my old I.D. back. How do they expect you to know if they don't tell you," said junior Ralph Miller.

Susan Hritzak, assistant Registrar, said, "It just happened that way. This was not meant to trick the students or to make money off of them."

According to Hritzak, the policy is stated on the back of the I.D., so there should be no questions.

Kathy Monahan, a senior at Wilkes said, "I came back the first day of school and went to the Registrar and asked about the new I.D.'s. I was told that they weren't being distributed free of charge this year."

According to Hritzak, some students have complained and their names have been put on a list.

"General Offices are deciding what should be done about the problem," said Hritzak.

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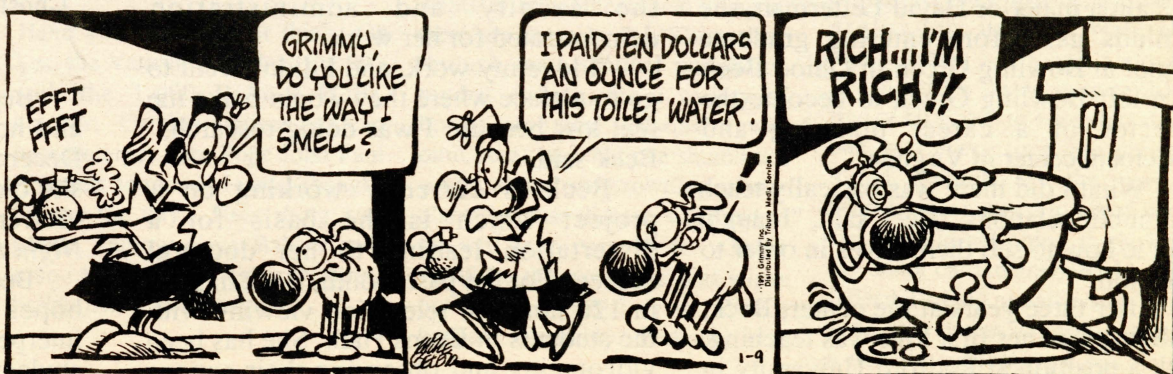
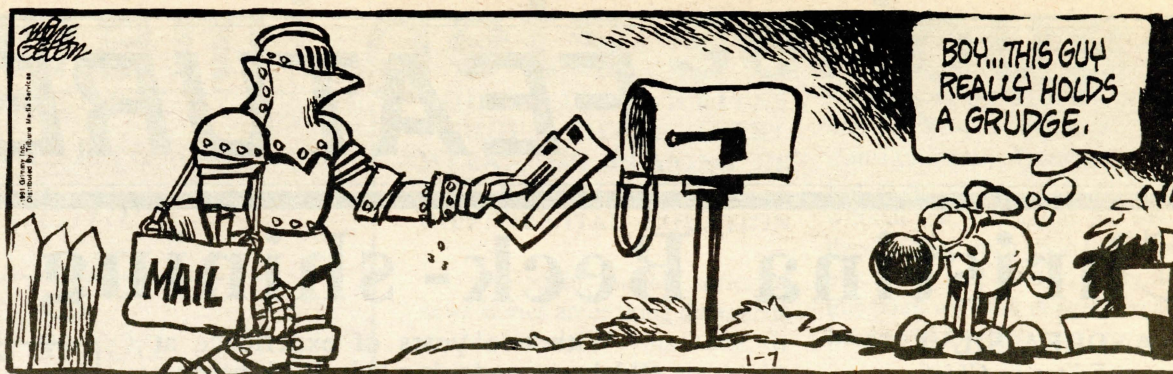
I don't know if you remember me but I was on the Beacon early in the semester as a staff writer. My major is communications and I thought joining the paper would be a good experience. However, I just could not handle it. The staff was great but what I had to go through, and you still do, was unbelievable.

I transferred into Wilkes and came from a good school paper. We had a reliable staff of about 14 people and even won a few awards.

When I started working on the Beacon I was kind of disappointed with the equipment being used. An old printer that always managed to jam every five minutes or it just wouldn't print at all. The computers were not too bad but with the few staff members you have there just is not enough. These few problems, and some not mentioned, were probably why everyone was up there late on Wednesday nights, oh I mean late Thursday morning. This is why I left.

If the school wants you to publish a quality paper every week then why don't they give you half decent equipment? I'm sure with all the money the school takes in it can afford to improve the office equipment at the Beacon. But I'm just a student, what do I know?

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# FORUM

## Feeling secure?

Security. By definition, this simple term means having a feeling of safety and being free from anxiety and care. According to many students, however, this definition does not describe security at Wilkes.

Just two weeks ago, four freshmen students were attacked by a group of juveniles as they were leaving Pickering Hall. Two of the students had to be treated at a local hospital for injuries sustained in the attack. The group notified security, who in turn called the Wilkes-Barre police. Officers came to take the names of the victims, but no arrests were made and an investigation is still pending.

Incidents like this one can be prevented if both students and security personnel could work to improve safety on campus.

## EDITORIAL

Operation Alert, a program which was instituted on campus last year, was a great idea in theory, but in practice, students feel that the devices which they were given are not enough to protect them from an attacker.

The device, which consists of a small flashlight and a beeper, is not very effective. The sound of the beeper is enough to annoy an attacker and possibly alert someone in the area, but what if no one hears the alarm? (they're really not that loud). Even worse, just think of what could happen to you by the time someone comes to help you?

A better idea would be to supply students with a small can of mace which could be attached to a key chain and would inflict immediate pain on the attacker. Even more worthwhile would be an alarm which was tied into a base at the security desk. This type of device could directly alert security personnel of any problem on campus.

Instead of supplying students with a flashlight to light their paths, we need to install better lighting throughout campus. Sure, there are areas which are very well lit; the belltower, the area immediately surrounding Stark, and the cafeteria, but what about the walkways and parking lots which have very little if no lighting?

Because we are often in our offices until two or three a.m. some mornings and must either walk to our cars or our dorms, we have noticed that there are many areas which could use a bit more light. On very rainy nights, there are times when you can't avoid stepping in a puddle because you can't see it.

To provide students with more efficient protection, Security purchased a vehicle resembling a small golf cart last year. This vehicle, however, cannot be everywhere, and our biggest problem lies in the number of security personnel we actually have on campus. It is true that security patrols the campus regularly, but it seems as if there just aren't enough guards to go around.

Students also need to take precautions to protect themselves against possible attacks. Whenever possible, walk in large groups, use only well-lit walkways, and be sure to know the basics of self-defense.

The issue of self-defense is of great importance. There are clubs on campus, like the Martial Arts club, which can supply students with enough basic information to defend themselves in the event of an attack. A seminar on self-defense should be made mandatory for every student on campus.

If we don't begin to work on the security problems on campus, incidents like the one which occurred two weeks ago will continue, and next time, the consequences could prove fatal.



## Media influences culture

With the ever fast pace of communication technology, I have asked myself and so have others, is it in fact affecting our culture?

Well, I could answer this question quickly but a great deal is involved with communication and how messages are getting across at this point in time.



*Shades  
of  
Culture*  
**Bonnee  
Breese**

It all began in an obituary in the *Citizen's Voice*, then it came across the screen at the hands of "our home-town station", WBRE. Then to the front page of the *Times Leader*. If at this point you don't know what I'm referring to you must have been asleep for the past few days.

The communication process of the death of Mr. Curley has hit our campus by storm and it makes one think of how the media effect our lives, our culture! After one derogatory statement that was made by WBRE, parents, students and all concerned with Wilkes called to have their questions answered. There were so

many calls that the administrators and officials thought it be in the best interest of the university to hold a press conference.

I must say, that I too was curious if in fact this chemical put me in any danger. Fortunately, it didn't, it doesn't and won't ever put me in any danger, at least not at this university. But the fact remains that a rumor can put an institution of this size in a corner.

Professors, students, staff and maintenance workers who frequent Stark Learning Center nervously awaited for some message from administrators, rather than the message that had already been given by the outside media. Much to my pleasure, I was reassured by the message that was given by Dr. Breiseth and others at the press conference held in the chemistry lab, yesterday.

I can now sit in my classrooms in the SLC and not really worry about washing my hands before putting a potato chip in my mouth.

Yes, rumor had it that the thallium was ingested and that maybe you too could ingest the deathly chemical and DIE! No, no, no, it can not do it to you without being open around you and you touching or drinking it.

Yet this still brings me back to culture and the way media as a means of communication effects us all. What can we do? Are we just helpless gullibles in this mass media thing or are we thought as just small cheese on a big cracker?



# FEATURES

## Christina Beck - shining light at Wilkes

By ANDREA SILVI  
Beacon Editor-in-Chief

She loves tennis, does aerobics every day, and says that the Bears are her favorite football team. No, she's not the freshman who sits next to you in class. In fact, you can often find her in the front of the class, teaching. Christina Beck, whose youthful appearance and energetic personality has fooled many students, is the newest addition to Wilkes' communications faculty.

Beck, a native of Indiana, completed her undergraduate studies in Communications at Ball State University (the alma mater of David Letterman, she reminds us) before entering graduate school at Bowling Green in Ohio. Beck then left Bowling Green to become the director of a career planning and placement center in Virginia.

"What I did there was basically teach self public relations," Beck said, "I taught people how to sell themselves in order to get a job."

After three years at the center, Beck, realizing that her first love was teaching, took a position at Radford University in Virginia. A year-and-a-half later, she decided that it was time to go back to graduate school, and she resumed her studies at the University of Oklahoma.

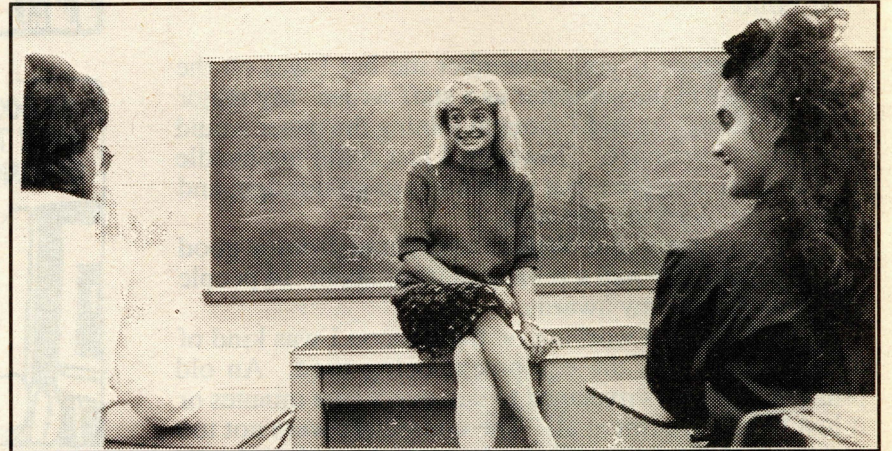
With two years of experience at Oklahoma under her belt, Beck began a national job search which eventually brought her to Wilkes. Although there were many factors which contributed to her decision to stay at Wilkes, she feels that the personal experience of the campus made her choice a lot easier.

"The relationships between students and faculty reminded me of the same personal experience at Ball State," Beck said, "The students here are treated as human beings and not numbers."

Beck also places a great deal of emphasis on her research projects, and she was impressed with the receptiveness the faculty and administration demonstrated for her work.

"I love my work, and I didn't want to go to a place where they would make me feel low because I was doing research," Beck said.

Beck is currently working on a project which is the basis for a dissertation leading to her doctoral degree. For the past month, Beck has put in 120 hours of television viewing with the students in Evans Hall. She has been videotaping and observing their actions and conversations as part of her study of the "social nature" of TV. The study includes elements of ethnography, conversation analysis, and content



Christina Beck takes a break from her T.V. watching.

Beck completed her television viewing this past Monday evening and hopes to have her dissertation ready for committee review by December. She will not reveal much of what her study has found, but she did indicate that the students she observed are primarily night viewers and enjoy mainly sports programming, especially *Monday Night Football*.

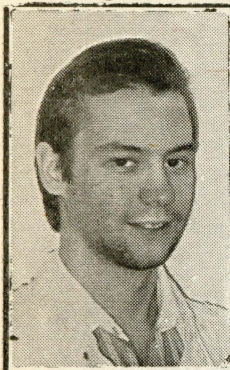
Beck has very broad interests in the communications field, and she hopes that her own experiences in journalism, public relations, interpersonal communications, and communications research will help students who aren't quite sure what area they'd like to concentrate in.

Beck would also like to motivate students to gain experience in their chosen field through extra-curricular activities, and she hopes to help institute a program which would bring all communications majors together, regardless of concentration.

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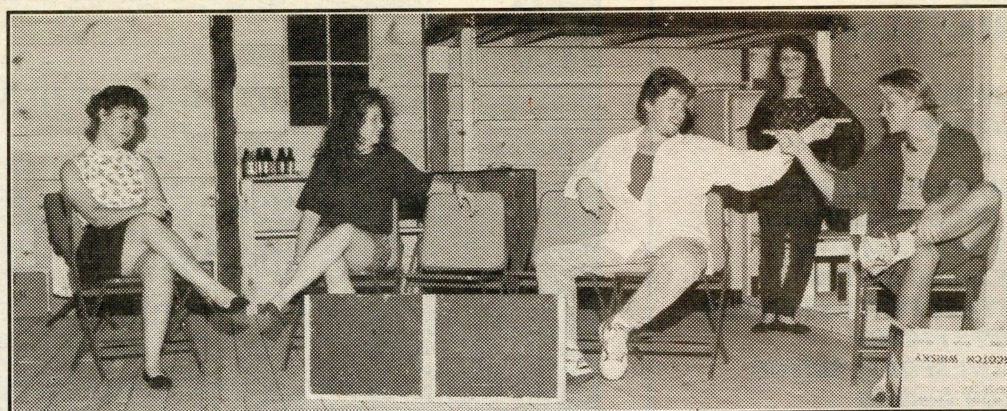
## 'Homesteaders'-Hit or miss?

King's College's Department of Theatre's latest offering, "Homesteaders," is about a "Lone Wolf" whose followers soon become disenchanted with their life style, according to Director Carl Wagner.



STAGE  
DOOR

Paul  
Winarski



King's students show their talents on the Homestead

entertaining.

Though not his best role, the part of Neal provides a nice change for Steve Lewis from his usual Shakespearean and classical roles. He invokes a naturalness on stage which was greatly needed for the role. His best scene comes near the end of Act II when Jacqueline confronts him with a weapon he is not accustomed to... Love.

Bridget O'Brien does a fine job as Jacqueline and matches Lewis' natural style. Her portrayal is sympathetic and enjoyable. Newcomer Jeannie Ruth has the difficult task of playing the more subdued role of Edra, and does it well,

especially when expressing herself in Act II. Kevin Anton, despite getting off to a rocky start, recovered and improved as the play went on.

The best performance of the evening however, belonged to Jeannie Krofski, as Laurel. The role calls for a fourteen year old and the twenty year old Krofski pulls it off without a hitch, moving easily from humor to aggression to pain, always on the mark.

Despite minor difficulties such as poor sound effects and bad lighting cues, "Homestead" turned out to be an entertaining night at the theatre.

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# The Great Swami gets serious

"Great Swami", eh? That shows you what happens when the Features editors are allowed to run without a leash. I also would like to let the Teeming Wilkes Millions (well, thousands, but let's not be picky) know that I am still a Starving Writer. Such is the life of an engineer-that-everyone-thinks-is-a-comm-major. Ah well. Such is life. And, by the way,

WRITE IN WITH YOUR COMMENTS!

## VEGETABLE MATTER FIASCO, ROUND THREE

Well, it's time for another update on the sidewalk slime controversy. Late in the second quarter, the Evil Vegetable Matter was given an assist from acorns and large apples, to name two of the major bombardment-capable trees. A *Beacon* news editor was put out of the game due to a head injury caused by a falling crabapple. The score thus far:

Groundskeeping Staff 14  
Evil Vegetable Matter 13 (3rd quarter)



## The Bottom Line

Jarrod Norton

### QUOTABLE QUOTE #9108 DIPLOMACY II - THE REVENGE

Diplomacy is the art of letting someone else have your way.

### LECTURE GEM OF THE WEEK

"This year, I'll have a class of mature, responsible sophomores [chuckle]." — Dr. Sours

### HUMOR ON A DEADLINE

Have you ever tried to be creative on a schedule? It's like trying to fight a forest fire with a squirt gun. I think I'll go take it out on the Features Editor. But I won't kill

him. Honest. He'll live.

### NEWSPEAK DICTIONARY

**fear** (feer) n. The feeling experienced when an enraged Editor-in-Chief threatens one with an X-Acto (tm) knife on production night.

### DIAL-A-POPE

Have you heard about this? Oh yes, the Vatican steps into the 90's with the 1-900 DIAL-A-POPE number. On this number one can hear excerpts from Pope John Paul II's latest sermons. I never thought I'd see the day. Next thing you know, Tammy Faye Bakker will lose her voice (glory glory hallelujah) ... permanently.

### COLUMNIST WRITES SERIOUS PIECE. NEXT WEEK: THE MEANING OF LIFE REVEALED TO BE A DIFFERENTIAL EQUATION

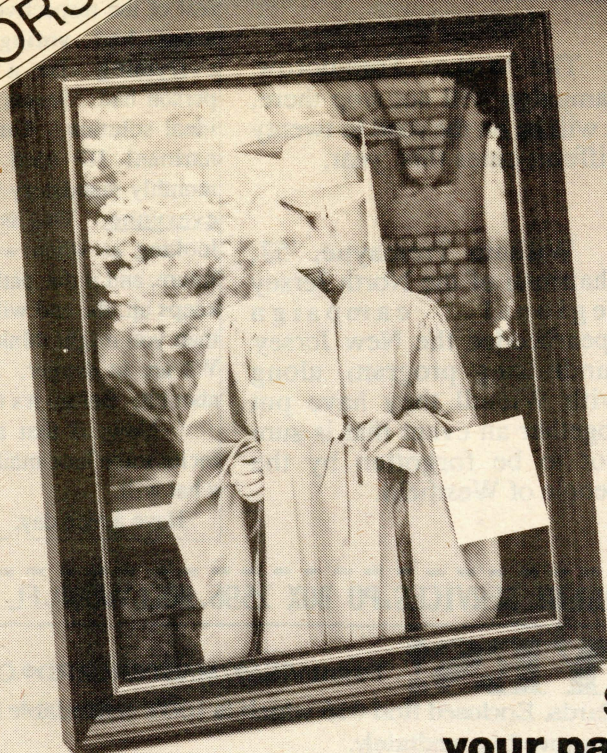
Yet again, another series of news stories are making the rounds in Medialand. This time, it concerns whether or not health professionals should undergo mandatory HIV tests. Of course, the usual round of Right to Privacy screaming has gone on, as well as the Right to Know yelling. Now, while I am fully confident in the democratic system, this is exactly the sort of bickering that prevents anything of value being accomplished in Washington. Let's look at this situation realistically, kids. AIDS is one of the most Perfect Diseases ever known. It's a truly nasty little bugger. If one wants to be mathematical about it, there are those In The Know that, through mathematical population models (which, for a variety of boring technical reasons, I will omit here), say that one should not worry about overcrowding of our planet because disease, wars and so on will take care of it. Could AIDS be the pandemic that wipes out half the globe? Yes. Will it happen? Probably. Probably, that

is, unless we get off of this privacy kick. Yes, I know. It's a Constitutionally Protected Right. But, as any well-trained legal beagle will tell you, your rights end where they infringe upon mine (or anyone else's, for that matter). Right at this point we enter the gray area so beloved by lawyers.

Now then. Considering the rabbitlike proclivities of the American public, if this silliness continues over the privacy issue, AIDS will, not might, will knock out half of North America. We are no longer playing games here, boys and girls; we have entered the twilight land of Reality. Our own silliness may be our destruction. An example of human greed being a problem in itself is the fact that many doctors oppose the testing, because if the word got out, they would lose their patients, and *their profits* [my italics]. Well, boo hoo. Times are tough all over. My blood for instance, is certified free of HIV, due to a free blood test one gets every time one donates blood, [which, by the way, I heartily recommend to all of you], and I would not object to showing my donor card to anyone who asks. Indeed, I would proudly show you. A science fiction writer has written a novella concerning a worldwide

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## Ghost of Vladimir

By STEPHANIE KRAMER  
*Beacon Staff Writer*

The spirit of piano virtuoso Vladimir Horowitz was alive on campus yesterday evening, October 2, at 8:15 p.m.

The C.P.A. was filled with the sound of music played to the tune of Horowitz's nine-foot concert grand piano. The Steinway Model D was used by the late Horowitz in all of his public and private performances, including those in the White House, U.S.S.R., Europe, Japan, and Britain. This same piano also graced the movie screen when a film of Horowitz's concert tour in Moscow was released.

On piano were Wilkes piano faculty members Thomas Hrynkiw and Ellen Flint. The first half of the program consisted of solo selections by Hrynkiw.

He opened the show with Mozart's "Fantasia in C Minor, K. 396." The second half of the concert consisted of two duets performed by Hrynkiw and Flint together: Schubert's "Fantasy in F Minor" and "Jeux d'Enfants, Op. 22" by Bizet.

The Darte performance was thoroughly enjoyed by its large and diverse audience. If the applause could tell it all, we would have never left! Although the music was compelling, it was the piano that really made the show.

It was provided to Wilkes by the Robert M. Sides Family Music Center of Williamsport and Wilkes-Barre.



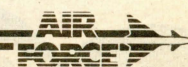
Wilkes faculty performs on Horowitz.

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# Diverse show makes history

By BRIAN MALINA  
Beacon Feature Editor

Diversity. This word can be used to describe the experience of the Anthrax/Public Enemy concert.

Rap, heavy metal, and alternative music were all represented at this one of a kind performance.

The evening began with an unannounced appearance of the all white rap band *Young Black Teenagers*, who performed a 15 minute set which inspired little if any crowd response.

Next up was a band which defies all forms of classification, *Primus*, who brought the crowd to life. From "Jerry was a Racecar Driver" to their final chord, *Primus* thrilled and surprised all in attendance with their unique combination of comedy and sheer musical talent.

Then, as *Public Enemy* took the stage, the crowd surprisingly began to filter out. P.E. to their credit, continued with their topical and sometimes controversial music, stopping often to give the audience their opinions on such topics as war and "the plight of the black man and woman in a white man's America."



Anthrax- Scott Ian, Dan Spitz, Joey Belladonna, Frank Bello, Charlie Benante.

The show closed with Anthrax taking the stage, bringing with them many who departed during Public Enemy's set. From "Got the Time" to "Indians" to their encore duet with Public Enemy, a metal rap version of the P.E. song "Bring the Noise," Anthrax added the perfect ending to a unique night of musical entertainment.

When asked the reasoning behind this ground breaking tour Anthrax's bassist, Frank Bello responded "there is not much difference between rap and our music... they both have a street vibe to them." He also added, "We are all alike, music does not see color."

Cont. from p.6, Beck

"I'd like to see more students involved in extra-curricular activities," Beck said, "I don't think they realize that, besides grades, that's what employers look at. They want to see if the students have applied what they learned in the classroom."

Beck has high hopes for the communications department and also for herself. She would like to stay here at Wilkes as long as she is able to accomplish the goals she has set for herself.

"I will be here as long as I can be beneficial to students and to the department, and can continue to receive support for my research and teaching," Beck said.

Although she misses her home in Oklahoma (and Oklahoma football), Beck, along with her husband, Wade Pangburn, and daughter, Brittany, is adapting well to both Wilkes and her new home in Kingston.

# Wilkes tomorrow to hit road

By BONNEE BREESE  
Beacon Managing Editor

Alumni, parents and friends of Wilkes in Westfield, NJ at First Baptist Church will all come together for the first ever concert fundraising campaign in its history.

On Wednesday, October 9th, Wanda Willis, Assistant Director, Capital Campaign Alumni House along with admissions, the department of music, and a dozen faculty members will go to Westfield in hopes of setting a new pace for the "Wilkes Tomorrow" program.

"This is the first time for such a large number of departments to go on one trip," said Willis. The combined efforts will hopefully bring new students and interest to the university as well as funds, which is the initial reason for the trip.

The University Chorus consisting of 70 members and the Chamber Singers consisting of 16-18 members, under the direction of Dr. Stephen Barton, Assistant Professor of Music, will hold a concert following a dinner which will be held in the city.

Through the efforts of Trustee Emeritus Joseph A.

Wiendl, our New Jersey Salesman, alumni of the music department in New Jersey and its citizens will be able to see what's going on at Wilkes now," said James Harrington, Coordinator of the Department of Music, Theatre and Dance.

The choirs will also perform for two local junior high schools and the high school of Westfield the following day. "We are hoping that it won't be a one time event for the choirs," said Harrington, "and that some of the other ensembles will be able to travel in this type of capacity for the

university." "In hopes that we will continue to recruit quality music students," he continued.

The Wilkes Tomorrow campaign will not stop there, it will be on the road to twenty different cities this year.

William Tremayne, '57, chairman of the North Jersey regional campaign spearheaded the New Jersey fundraising program, along with Wiendl they have put together an event that is sure not to be forgotten by the people of Westfield.

Cont. from p.7, HIV

war on the virus, in the not-too-distant future. This future outlined a system of Quarantine Zones in every state, in which the infected live normal lives, and can trade non-organic items with the rest of the respective states. These areas had voting rights and everything else a non-infected person had. Seems to me like an ideal solution. This story had a national ID card system, and monthly mandatory blood tests for everyone. This is what we are looking at when we look to the future, and if this pathetic bickering keeps up, the end will come sooner than you might think.

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Now, if that article doesn't incite some hate-mail, I don't know what will.

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# Campus announcements

## ° Speaker

A speaker from Children and Youth Services will be at Wilkes on October 10 to discuss the issue of child abuse. The discussion, which is being sponsored by the Psychology Club and Psi Chi, will be held at 11 a.m. in SLC 334. All students are encouraged to attend.

## ° Crop Walk

The annual Crop Walk, a 6.2 mile walk around Wilkes-Barre and Kingston on Sunday, October 13 at 1 p.m. beginning in Kirby Park.

One-quarter of money raised is given to relief agencies in the local area and the remainder is sent abroad.

Registration forms can be picked up in the lobby of Stark until October 13. Forms will also be available at Kirby Park on the day of the walk. Anyone wishing additional information can contact Mary Martino (ext. 4685) or Rev. Anita Ambrose (825-8543).

## ° Amnesty International

The Wilkes Chapter of Amnesty International meets the 2nd and 4th Thursday of every month at 11:00 a.m. in Room 209 of Stark and the 2nd Tuesday of every month at 3 p.m. in the same location.

All interested students, faculty, and staff are invited to attend.

## ° Healthcare Rally

A rally supporting healthcare for all Americans will take place on Sunday, October 6 on Public Square in Wilkes-Barre. The rally will take place at 3:30 p.m. and will feature the appearance of an ambulance which is on a nationwide trek across the U.S. to educate and inform people about the sorry state of our healthcare system.

Further information on the "Emergency Drive for Health Care" can be obtained from Citizen Action Northeast Regional Director Stephanie Wychock (a Wilkes alumna), at 825-5660, or from Joe Barberio, A Wilkes graduate student and co-chair of the Citizen Action Northeast Regional Steering Committee at 822-7724.

## ° Young Democrats

The Luzerne County Young Democrats are pleased to announce that Attorney Daylin Leach, president of the Pennsylvania Young Democrats, will be the guest speaker at the October meeting of the group. The meeting will take place on Friday, October 11 at 7:30 p.m. at the Elks Lodge 109 on West South Street. The Lodge is located between South Main and South Franklin Streets.

Attorney Leach hails from Allentown Bethlehem area and is president of the Lehigh Valley Young Democrats. All interested persons are invited to attend. There is no admission charge, and pizza and refreshments will be served. Further information can be obtained by calling 822-7724.

## ° Community Service

On November 2, Student Community Services will gather students from various organizations on campus and send them into the community to do different forms of community service. The services include Habitat for Humanity, Substance Abuse, Children and Youth, Environmental Clean Up, and many more. Any club, organization, or individual interested in taking part in this community service day should contact Michele Corbett, Lori Fuller, Sue Trosko, Wayne McDonnell or Mary Martino at ext. 4685.

## ° Homeless and Housing

Do you think homelessness and housing issues are too complex to do anything about? Think again! Come find out what you can do at an informational and organizational gathering at King's College Campus Ministry Office on Saturday, October 5 from 11 to 1 p.m. Lunch will be provided free of charge.

A group from Wilkes will be meeting at 10:45 a.m. in Stark Lobby to ride down together. For more information contact Mary Martino at ext. 4685 or Michele Corbett at 825-6992.

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# SPORTS

## Remembering the 'glory days' of baseball

October 3, 1951 is a date that baseball fans will long remember.

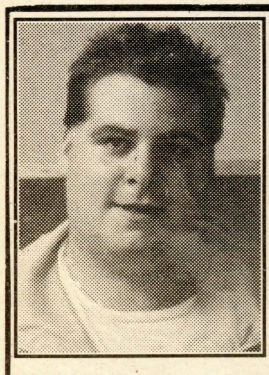
If not for the date itself, then the phrase that made it famous; "the shot heard around the world."

Eight Avenue and 157th Street on the Harlem River was the sight of one of the best known stadiums (Polo Grounds), and one of the most dramatic games ever played.

The Polo Grounds, (now an apartment complex overlooking Yankee Stadium) was the home of the famous Bobby Thomson/Ralph Branca confrontation.

Sure there have been many dramatic home runs, however this has been dubbed the most dramatic of all. I agree.

The list is long and distinguished as many try to challenge for the top spot:



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\*The 1927 World Series, Babe Ruth calls his shot to center and then hits it there, or Ruth promising the sick youth in the hospital a round tripper, and the "Bambino" delivered.

\*In 1961, The Yankees' Roger Maris, clubs his 61st home run, breaking the single season mark.

\*Carlton "Pudge" Fisk's home run in game six of the 1975 World Series against Cincinnati.

\*In 1977, Reggie Jackson's three dingers on three pitches off the Dodgers in the World Series.

\* In 1978, Bucky Dent's three run homer over the "green monster," against the Red Sox.

\*A more recent example was Kirk Gibson's dramatic two-out home run in the bottom of the ninth inning against Oakland in the 1988 Series.

Well we can not forget Roy Hobbs in "The Natural." Who else do you know who has knocked out a light tower?

Being a Yankee fan, I still wonder why I pass up Reggie's three dingers to Thomson's. I really cannot give an answer.

That was baseball pure and simple. The country was involved in its second war in six years, yet the game of baseball helped everyone rejoice in a victorious moment.

Baseball in New York often saw the "subway" series. As the Yanks, Giants, and Dodgers all claimed the "Big Apple" as their home.

I will never pass up the chance to watch a baseball game, and what a game it must have been.

The Giants of '51 were alot like the Braves of '91. They were not picked to finish anywhere near the top. In the first

part of August the Giants were counted out, but the boys from the Polo Grounds pulled it together and tied Brooklyn for the title. A one game playoff for the National League title. (This was before divisional play).

I still get excited when I see the video clip of that game.

Ralph Branca in relief for Brooklyn and Bobby Thomson standing at home plate. Every time I think of it, I see Thomson doing "crow hops" around the bases after the game winner.

Thomson's homer shocked the baseball world, 40 years ago today.

There is no other way to end this than to repeat the words of Giants' radio announcer Russ Hodges.

"There's a long drive...it's gonna be...I believe...the Giants win the pennant! The Giants win the pennant! The Giants win the pennant! The Giants win the pennant!"

## Booters have 'sweep week'

By BRIAN SHAFFER  
*Beacon Sports Staff*

The Wilkes University men's soccer team rolled out the welcoming mat this past Thursday and Saturday but showed no hospitality towards the opposing teams as the Colonels swept through a two game home stand.

Last Thursday defense ruled as the Colonels escaped a tough Kutztown team, posting a 1-0 win.

"The defense is playing great, we couldn't be happier," said senior T.R. Andrade.

"Having three guys with four years of experience makes things alot easier. We cover well for each other," added senior Brian Loy.

The lone goal, which came early in the second half, was scored by senior Ron Rainey who took a pass from freshman Mike Herb off his head and into the corner of the net.

With that win, the Wilkes defense recorded it's sixth shutout of the year.

After barely escaping with a win on Thursday, the Colonel's offense came to life on Saturday scoring six goals to blast visiting FDU-Madison, 6-2.

Four different players scored for Wilkes with junior phenomina Paul Jellen and senior Ron Rainey leading the way with two tallies a piece.

Senior Steve Maloney and Herb each collected one goal to round out the scoring.

"The difference between today and the last couple of games is we had some great opportunities to score, and we capitalized on them," said Jellen.

Cross town rivals met on Monday as the Colonels tangled with the pesky King's College Monarchs team. Defense again dominated the game as Wilkes squeaked out a 1-0 decision.

The Colonels offense struggled under tough playing conditions due to high winds and a bumpy playing surface.

The only goal of the game came late in the first half when Herb found himself wide open. He released a shot from about 18 yards out.

A Monarch defender knocked the ball away with his hands and a penalty kick ensued. Wilkes' ace in the hole Jellen, took advantage of the Monarchs blunder by placing the penalty shot in the right corner of the net for a 1-0 lead.

The second half was played to a standstill as the Colonels needed only one goal to pull out the win.

With some tough games ahead of the 9-2 Colonels, they're taking one game at a time.

"We just have to stay focused," said senior Chris Dahm. "It doesn't matter who we play, for us every game is a big game," added Dahm.



# 'So-so' weekend turns out new school record

By **BOB SIMMONS**  
Beacon Assistant Sports Editor

The cross-country team had a "so-so" weekend against King's, Scranton, and Susquehanna.

Wilkes won their race against King's, 19-42 but lost to Scranton and Susquehanna, 19-44 and 21-35, respectfully.

"Scranton and Susquehanna's strength is very deep," said to head coach Tom McGuire. McGuire sighted this as a reason for the team's loss.

Although McGuire was upset with the defeat, he was pleased with the team's improvement. All runners times were down.

One of the more noticeable times was Frazee Sutphen's, a freshmen who is also a wrestler. Frazee now holds the school course record with a time of 27:10.

"Frazee is looking very strong and has dropped his time 1:20 in the past three weeks," said McGuire. McGuire also added, "Frazee motivates our team. He tries to get the rest of the team "fired-up" before each race."

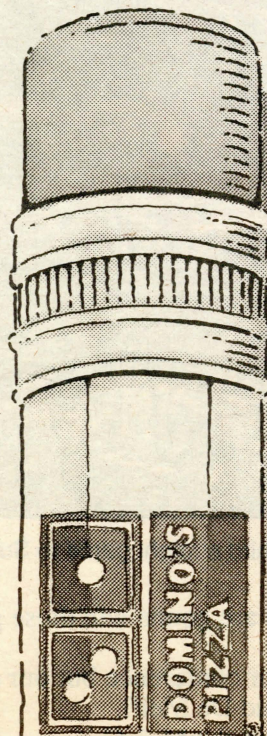
According to Frazee, "I just run. I don't prepare myself for a race mentally, whatever happens, happens. I run because I love it."

Sheila Bubba is the only female runner for the Colonels. "Sheila is doing a very good job for us. She does the same work-out as the guys and does it just as well as they do," stated McGuire.

The team will be away Saturday against Drew. McGuire feels this should be a good race because both team's strength are even.

Good luck on Saturday guys and congratulations Frazee on a great job! Hang in there Sheila, we're all rooting for you!

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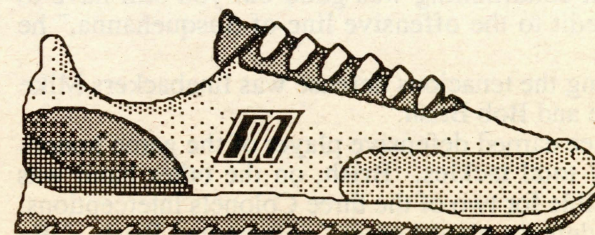


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Last Saturday, Frazee created a new school record in cross country with a time of 27:10.

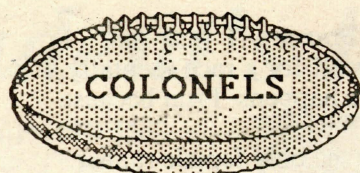
This accomplishment has earned him the title of **Colonel of the Week!**

## LATE RESULTS

The Field Hockey team was defeated on the road yesterday at Scranton. The Lady Royals defeated the Lady Colonels 1-0 in double overtime.

The Volleyball team dropped a home match to Susquehanna. The netters lost 15-3, 15-4, 15-5.





# Sports



## Crusaders 'corral' Colonels in third loss

By JASON EIKE  
Beacon Staff Writer

MOOSIC-- The Wilkes University football team suffered its third straight loss Saturday to Susquehanna University at Lackawanna County Stadium.

In a defensive battle the Crusaders used two second half touchdowns to capture their third straight victory, 14-6.

The Colonels got a gusty performance from their defense which intercepted three passes in the first half inside the 20.

Defensive coordinator Frank Sheptock was pleased with the play of his team.

"If we line up in the right spots and make the right reads the defense is going to work. I thought our physical conditioning was good but you still have to give credit to the offensive line of Susquehanna," he noted.

Leading the tenacious defense was linebackers Mike McCree and Bob Brish.

McCree earned defensive player of the game honors with 17 total tackles. Brish, on the other hand was responsible for two of the three Colonels interceptions.

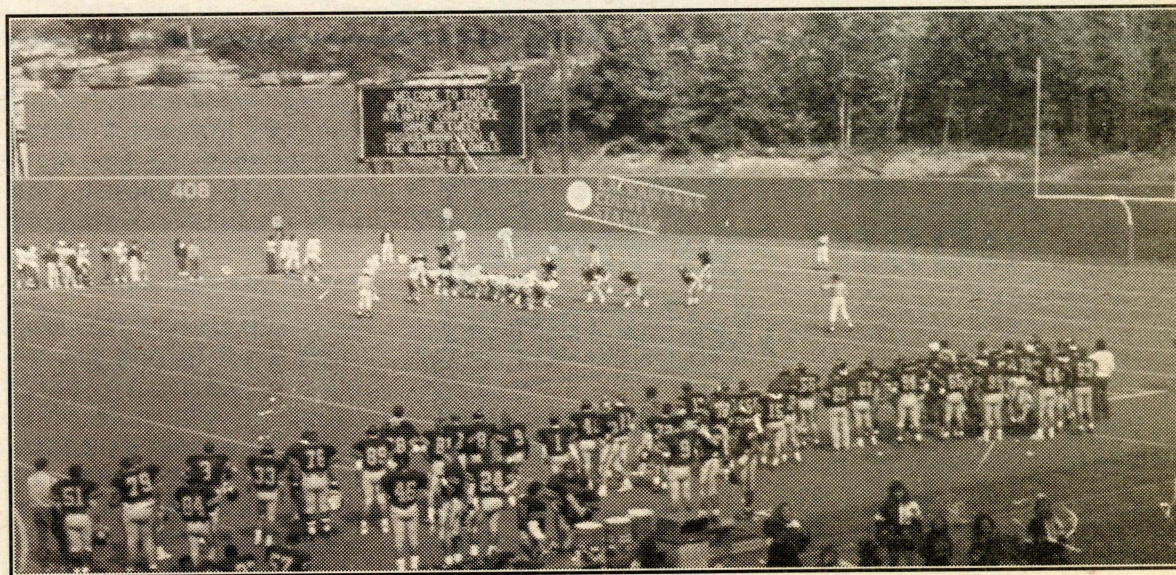
"Our defense played great," commented Brish. "We played aggressive."

Although the defense played well the offense just could not get things going. They held the ball for only 8:12 in the first half and had only 52 total yards. The Colonels did not get a first down until midway through the second quarter.

The Crusaders struck first early in the second quarter when Jeff Rowinski hit Chris Shelly for an 18-yard touchdown pass to take the lead 7-0.

Susquehanna upped its lead to 14-0 at the 10:36 mark in the third quarter when junior RB Frank Lane rambled 45 yards for the Crusader's second score.

Wilkes' offense finally got going midway through the fourth quarter. Wilkes QB Jay Straigis, last week's MAC Offensive Player of the Week, drove his team all the way to the Susquehanna one yard line. Tailback Jason Smith scored one play later. Mick Dungan's PAT was blocked.



**AERIAL VIEW**— The Colonels lost their third straight game to Susquehanna last Saturday.

"If we come together as a team we are gonna win those games," commented head coach Joe DeMelfi.

"We are as good as any team in our conference but our offensive line has got to do the job. They have to perform for us to win," said De Melfi.

Wilkes is now 0-3 overall and 0-2 in the M.A.C.

## Playing it the 'hard way'

By JASON EIKE  
Beacon Staff Writer

The Wilkes University girls field hockey team never does anything the easy way. The Colonels have been playing well but coming up a little short of victory.

The Colonels fought only to tie with FDU Madison and Delaware Valley. Both games went into double-overtime. The girls also came up a goal short to Lebanon Valley a game the Colonels lost 2-1.

"We're playing tough but no getting the breaks we need," noted head coach Addy Malatesta. "The girls are really playing tough."

Last Tuesday against FDU-Madison Alison Adomiak's goal with 1:31 left in regulation lifted Wilkes to a 1-1 double-overtime tie. The Colonels couldn't knot the score until late in the contest despite outshooting FDU 11-7.

Michelle Hurst made six saves in goal for Wilkes. Michelle Leathery had two defensive saves for the Colonels and Sue Weisgerber had one.

In another hard fought battle against Lebanon Valley the Colonels played tough but came up short dropping their first MAC Northwest Division Conference game 2-1.

Lebanon Valley scored first but Wilkes tied the score at 1-1 with 13 minutes remaining on a goal by Alison Adomiak.

Becky West scored the winning goal for Lebanon valley with 3:30 remaining in regulation.

On Saturday the Colonels battled to another tie with Delaware Valley. In a game where the Colonels were plagued by errors they were fortunate to come away with a 2-2 double overtime tie.

Amy Pyle had both goals for the Colonels. The second goal came on a penalty shot in the second overtime period that tied the score at 2-2. Pyle had a chance to score the game winner on a open net but her shot went wide.

In goal Michelle Hurst recorded 6 saves while the Colonels defense only allowed 8 shots on goal. The Colonels had 20.

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