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## Jerzy Kluger to speak at Wilkes

### Boyhood friend of Pope John Paul II hopes to bring together students of different faiths.

**WILKES-BARRE--**Wilkes University and Pioneer American Bank, N.A., are proud to announce their sponsorship of a very special interfaith event for Northeastern Pennsylvania.

Jerzy Kluger, the boyhood friend of Pope John Paul II will speak at the University on Monday, November 16, at 7:30 p.m., in the Dorothy Dickson Darte Center for the Performing Arts.

Wilkes University will also confer upon Kluger an honorary doctorate of humane letters.

The public is invited and admission is free.

Growing up in Wadowice (pronounced vahd-oh-VEE-cheh), Poland, Kluger and Karol Wojtyla studied together, cavorted, played soccer and attended the same state-run school.

Despite their different religious backgrounds, Kluger of the Jewish faith, Wojtyla a Roman Catholic, the two shared a deep friendship during an era of religious intolerance.

Separated by World War II, the two had no contact until 1965, when Kluger called his boyhood friend, by then an archbishop.

The men rekindled their friendship, meeting frequently

over the years in Rome.

In 1978, Archbishop Wojtyla was named Pope John Paul II.

Over the 20 years since, their friendship has helped advance relations between Catholics and Jews.

At the Pope's request, Kluger served as an informal intermediary between Israeli and Vatican negotiations. These talks eventually led the Vatican to grant Israel formal diplomatic recognition.

Their relationship helps explain why Pope John Paul II has made such reconciliation one of his highest priorities.

He was the first Pope to visit a synagogue and the first to denounce anti-semitism.



Photo courtesy of University Relations

**Jerzy Kluger will share his memories with the Wilkes community.**

Their friendship is the subject of the 1998 book "The Hidden Pope: The Untold Story of a Lifelong Relationship that is Changing the Relationship Between Catholics and Jews," by the late Darcy O'Brien.

"We are particularly hopeful

that Mr. Kluger's appearance will be an occasion to bring together people of different faith and ethnic backgrounds," said Dr. Christopher N. Breiseth, president, Wilkes University.

Pioneer American Bank, N.A., has twenty full-service offices in Luzerne, Lackawanna, Wayne, Monroe and Wyoming counties. Pioneer American is completing work on a new branch office on Market Street in Kingston.

The two-story structure will contain the latest technological advances in the banking industry and is designed to serve the needs of both individuals and business customers in the Wyoming Valley.

In addition, the new Wilkes University Student Center/Dining Commons under construction on South Street will include a full service branch bank on the first floor.

Due to an expected large audience for this event, tickets will be required for admission.

The free tickets can be reserved by calling the University ticket hotline at 717-408-3002.

## Pleasure for your palate

By LARA LUKESH  
Beacon Staff Writer

For all you starving students who are tired of the grease-filled campus food, "Taste of Wilkes" offers you an alternative.

This year's "Taste of Wilkes" will be held Tuesday, November 10, in Rumours, lower level of the Arnaud C. Marts Center from 12:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m.

With only an hour to pack in the goodies, make sure to get there on time.

Wilkes faculty, staff and students will be serving their favorite dishes ranging from

home cooked classics to foreign flavors.

Proceeds from the event will benefit the United Way. Students can support the United Way through preparing a personal recipe or by purchasing a ticket for the event.

Donations to the United Way support community groups such as the Domestic Violence Service Center, Family Service Association and the Salvation Army.

Dr. Diane Polachek, associate professor, education, started this campus fundraiser in 1992.

Polachek attended "The Taste of the Valley" hosted by

the Association for Retarded Citizens and felt this project would be a great venture for the Wilkes community to get involved as well.

This year's "Taste of Wilkes" is an inexpensive lunch with some special entertainment as well.

Students from the cast of the "H.M.S. Pinafore" will be livening up the experience with a musical treat as an appetizer for the theater department's upcoming performance.

Some taste bud tantalizers include Gail Rikoskie's own dish "The Recorder's Risky Rice."

Liz Adams will be sharing

her version of the "Adams's American Pierogie."

Susan Kritzak is serving a "Frog's Eye Salad."

Kathy Poplaski's "Pastabilities" and Claire Faut's "Apple Strudel Ala Schonbrun Gatehouse" will also be served.

Everyone is invited to attend this year's "Taste of Wilkes." Admission is \$6.00.

For more information or to purchase a ticket, call Carol Maculloch at 408-4302.

Tickets may also be purchased at the door.

For the best selection, get there early and bring a hearty appetite!





# News



## In the nation now...

**WASHINGTON, D.C. (AP)**--President Clinton said he's proud of the democrats performance as his party gained a few house seats Tuesday and stood their ground in the Senate.

He said the candidates elected Tuesday won because they had a clear message about America. Clinton told reporters that the voters want Congress to work on social security and other issues.

Clinton wouldn't talk about how the election might affect impeachment proceedings against him. He said again that it's an issue that's "in the hands of Congress and the American people."

**MIAMI, FL (AP)**--Mitch just won't go away.

The storm that killed thousands of people in Central America is now threatening Florida.

Tropical storm warnings are posted across south Florida from Tarpon Springs on the west coast to New Smyrna Beach on the east coast.

The former hurricane weakened into a tropical depression, while devastating Honduras with days of torrential rains. Tuesday, it grew back into a tropical storm. It was downgraded overnight, but yesterday regained tropical storm status over the Gulf of Mexico.

Its top winds are 45 miles per hour and not expected to get much stronger. But the storm could dump four to eight inches of rain as it passes over the Florida peninsula today and Friday.

Forecasters say the greatest threat of wind and tidal flooding will be along the southwest coast and the keys.

**DETROIT, MI (AP)**--Fearless consumers were flying into showrooms last month buying cars and trucks at record pace. This is in the face of global economic turbulence.

General Motors has posted surprisingly strong sales results capping a generally positive month for the major automakers.

General Motors' sales rose six percent from year ago levels in further recovery from the summer's damaging strikes.

Ford's sales rose two percent from year ago levels. Sales of the Explorer, Expedition and Lincoln Navigator sport utility vehicles set records for any month.

Yesterday, Chrysler, Toyota, Honda, Volkswagen and Audi all reported best ever October sales.

**NEW YORK, NY (AP)**--NBA labor negotiators met for a couple of hours yesterday. Union director Billy Hunter said both sides were stymied not knowing which way to move next. So talks broke off.

Hunter said negotiators may discuss getting together again possibly for a meeting on Friday.

League commissioner, David Stern said there's not a lot to discuss. Stern said there's something going on internally in the union involving agents for the highest paid players that is disturbing the negotiations.

Hunter said Stern should be blaming things on deputy commissioner Russ Granik, management's lead negotiator.

## Helping others give thanks

By **LISA RUGGIERO**  
Beacon Staff Writer

The Student AIDS Awareness Committee (SAAC), in conjunction with the Wyoming Valley AIDS Council, is sponsoring a Thanksgiving food drive to benefit the people of the area who are living with HIV.

Students can contribute money for turkeys or traditional canned items such as cranberry sauce, canned vegetables or gravy.

The baskets will be delivered in time for Thanksgiving, so it is requested that donations be brought to Health Services on the first floor

of Evans no later than November 15.

This is not the first time Wilkes students have participated in the food drive.

Last year they helped to make baskets for twenty families.

Debbie Zehner, instructor, biology, and Diane O'Brien, coordinator, health services, are the advisors of the SAAC.

"The Student AIDS Awareness Committee has been very active since 1992.

"Diane O'Brien began this activism in the early 90's to promote AIDS awareness both on campus and in the community, a mission that has been extremely successful in recent years," said Zehner.

Pia Chatterjee, sophomore,

pre-med student, is in charge of the food drive.

"I think the Wyoming Valley AIDS Council is doing a great service for the community and this is why the Student AIDS Awareness Committee is involved," said Chatterjee.

The SAAC has planned other events for upcoming months. For example, a speaker usually comes on December 1, which is World AIDS Day.

Students who are interested in getting involved should contact Zehner at Ext. 4753 or the Wyoming Valley AIDS Council at 823-5808.

If you would like to get involved with the SAAC, the organization meets today at 12 p.m. in COB 209.

## New advances in cancer

**WILKES-BARRE** --A new research team from Wilkes University, Mercy Hospital, Wilkes-Barre, and a local physician, is attempting to develop a test to predict androgen dependent tumors in prostate cancer patients. This would ultimately reduce the need for radical surgery.

Well-respected Kingston urologist Dr. Charles M. Burns, Sr., M.D., '35, Mercy Hospital; Dr. J. Steinmetz, M.D., chairman, pathology department, Mercy; Dr. Lester Turoczi, chairman, Wilkes biology department and project coordinator; and Todd Vinovski, senior, bio-chemistry major and premedical scholar at Wilkes, began the collaborative research project this summer.

The team has been analyzing prostate cancers from some of

Burns's local patients for the presence of androgen receptors.

Prostatic cancer cells have these receptors for male sex hormones called androgens.

A certain number of men can be treated with anti-androgen drug therapy.

Tumors which express androgen receptor and whose growth is subdued by anti-androgen therapy are considered to be androgen dependent.

These abnormalities may be reduced and almost eradicated without having to resort to radical surgery, if the androgen status is easily and clearly ascertained.

Some prostatic cancer tumors do not respond to androgen therapy and are called androgen independent.

Surgical removal is more likely to prevent tumor

progression in these patients.

At the present time, there has not been a test developed which can predict androgen dependence and as such, physicians have had to be prognosticators in their use of these hormone therapies versus surgery.

This new test would accurately identify whether the tumor is androgen dependent or independent, eliminating the guesswork of the doctor and providing for the appropriate therapy, thus perhaps sparing the need for radical surgery for the patient.

Prostate cancer is currently the most frequently occurring cancer type in men. It is also the second leading cause of death in men over forty years of age.

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with police in pursuit.  
A witness reported  
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with NY plates on South  
Franklin Street and fled.

The victim reported  
was approached by the  
who demanded his coat  
that he had a gun. No  
was displayed.

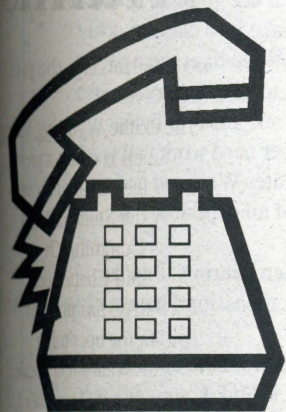
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# Corporate calling

By LISA RUGGIERO  
Beacon Staff Writer

Many Wilkes students have been wondering about the building which is being constructed on the corner of South Street and Main Street.



Well, it is the future Wilkes-Barre headquarters of Corporate Express Call Center Services, an inbound marketing center.

The company employs between 1,200 and 1,600 people at each of thier five hundred locations in both full and part-time jobs.

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# More credit info...

**BRAINTREE-MASS.--** To help borrowers make the right loan decisions, many major lenders, including Nellie Mae, are providing students with more information to help them understand borrowing and credit issues before they get to college.

Websites, such as Nellie Mae's at [www.nelliemae.com](http://www.nelliemae.com), offer students and parents expert advice on issues to consider before taking out a loan and comprehensive debt counseling during and after college.

How much can you afford to borrow? How will you manage your debt? What are the best repayment options?

Students and parents can address these issues at Nellie Mae's website. The Loan Links calculators and worksheets that can be used to compare financial aid packages, estimate monthly debt payments, decide how much to borrow, budget and track spending and check the status of an actual loan application.

With student loans comprising 60 percent of all student aid, according to The College Board's recent "Trends in Student Aid," students cannot be too cautious when deciding how much to borrow for college and which lender to choose.

"As with any major purchase, make sure you are

getting the best offer to fit your needs," said Diane Saunders, vice president, public affairs, Nellie Mae.

According to Nellie Mae, average student loan debt is currently \$18,800.

With an average monthly student loan payment of \$161 for undergraduates and \$271 for graduate students. An expected starting salary of \$27,000, taking out a student loan should be given the same consideration as buying a car or first home, according to Saunders.

Borrowers should learn all they can about borrowing and then look at their options, including any lender repayment programs.

To use the Loan Link borrowing and debt counseling calculators, students should visit the Nellie Mae website or call 1-800-9-TUITION for a free copy of Nellie Mae's "Take the Right Road" guide to education borrowing.

Located in Braintree, Mass., Nellie Mae is a national provider for federal and private education loans.

Its mission is to ensure access to higher education by working with colleges and universities to provide education loan capital to students and families.

# Police blotter...

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



• On October 29, 1998, an attempted robbery occurred at 4:58 a.m. on Academy Street and Davis Place.

Officer Stash, on proactive patrol, observed an assault in progress on the sidewalk area where the suspect was dragging the victim.

The suspect fled on foot with police in pursuit.

A witness reported the suspect entered a blue vehicle with NY plates on South Franklin Street and fled north.

The victim reported that he was approached by the suspect who demanded his coat saying that he had a gun. No weapon was displayed.

The victim refused and a struggle ensued with the suspect kicking the victim several times

in the head and attempting to remove the victim's coat.

The assault/attempted robbery continued until Officer Stash intervened.

Suspect description: 17 year old white male, 5'8" tall, 150 pounds, brown hair, wearing a grey sweatshirt and jeans.

• On October 31, 1998, criminal mischief occurred between 12:00 a.m. and 12:54 a.m. at 246 Park Avenue.

An unknown person(s) smashed the rear window of the victim's 1984 Ford Mustang.

• On November 1, 1998, an attempted robbery occurred at 12:23 a.m. at Rear 155 North Main Street.

The victim reported walking

and being approached by the suspects.

The suspects demanded money and began swinging a wrench at the victim.

The victim tried to run away but was struck twice in the head. The suspects then fled.

Suspect description: suspect #1- black male, 5'8" tall, 170 pounds, wearing a grey sweatshirt and a half black mask; suspect #2- white male, blonde hair, 5'5" tall, 150 pounds, wearing a blue jacket.

• On November 1, 1998, a robbery occurred at 12:20 a.m. at 17 East North Street.

The victim reported coming out of the location and was approached by a slim black male driving a teal colored Ford

Escort.

The suspect pointed a gun at the victim, exited the car and demanded money.

The victim handed over a camera to suspect who fled the scene.

• On November 1, 1998, a simple assault occurred at 12:20 a.m. at 15 East North Street.

The victim reported several people wearing ski masks broke into the location and assaulted him.

The victim sustained a laceration to his leg and was treated at Wilkes-Barre General Hospital.

• On November 2, 1998, a motor vehicle theft occurred at 7:15 p.m. at Rear 191 East Main

Street.

An unknown person(s) removed the victim's 1986 Big Wheel motorcycle from the rear yard.

The motorcycle has three wheels and is white in color.

• On November 3, 1998, a shooting occurred at 1:10 a.m. at 224 South Welles Street.

The victim went to the front door, opened it and a shot was fired striking him in the right forearm.

The victim fell backwards and a second shot was fired striking the wall.

The victim was taken to the Wilkes-Barre General Hospital.

The suspect is a black male who left the area in a white car.

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## Your opinion belongs here!

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S. Franklin St., Wilkes-Barre Pa., 18766

## It does affect you!

### An editorial

Election Day has come and gone, did you vote? Many people don't vote, it doesn't make sense. Do people not feel that their vote counts?

My mother always said that there was no reason to vote because the election results were always on the news before all the votes were counted. She went on to say that one vote wasn't going to make a difference. Well, try telling that to Pat Casey or Don Sherwood.

While watching the election results come in on Tuesday night, it was nice to see that people who vote truly do make a difference, every vote counts especially in close elections. My mother was proved wrong on both of her opinions about the voting process.

Some of the elections were so close that they couldn't give the projected winner until they received confirmation that all votes were counted. It took quite a while for the votes to be counted because in outlying areas the votes are all calculated on paper ballots. Since I am from one of those outlying areas, it was nice to know that those were the votes that were making a difference in the Pat Casey/Don Sherwood race.

It was nice to see that citizen input does really make a difference. As college students, we need to realize that the people who are elected to the Senate, House, or any governmental positions are going to be in office when we enter the "real world." This should be reason enough for everyone on campus to register, if not already, and VOTE! If you missed the election on Tuesday, don't worry there will be others.

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

Unfortunately, I have come down with a pretty intense illness and I am not going to be able to write my article this week. All I can bring myself to do is sleep, eat and make it to class on occasion. I did want to say that Homecoming was a wonderful experience. All three days were put together with perfection and were extremely memorable. I would just like to thank everyone who took the time to make it such a great experience. Congratulations to Petro and Lisa for being crowned King and Queen. I would also like to thank Steff Folmer for all her hard work making this the best Homecoming I have experienced at Wilkes. I guess next up is Winter Weekend and since I am in charge of the festivities this year, hopefully I can make it as much of an experience as Homecoming proved to be.

I would also like to congratulate everyone who took part in the programs during "Into the Streets" week. This was the most impressive performance of caring and compassion I have seen at Wilkes and the best part is that it truly did make a difference.

Once again I am sorry I am unable to write this week, but due to uncontrollable circumstances, I think it is best if I just go back to bed. Make sure you tune in next week, I think I am going to compare off campus life to on campus life. Oh, by the way if you have any suggestions or comments on the theme for Winter Weekend please get in touch with me via e-mail at: [sowcikmj@wilkes1.wilkes.edu](mailto:sowcikmj@wilkes1.wilkes.edu).

## Welcome to the Web

with John Bruett

At this point in the semester many of us are now getting the big semester term paper. Being that the Internet is available to most of us many teachers want to see an Internet source or two. This is the topic of the day, Internet research.

Many of us don't think about what we are looking at when we search the web, however you need to be very careful. Many of your teachers will stress the importance of having sources that are reliable and whose information can be trusted. This, especially now-a-days, is very important because anyone with the least bit of knowledge about the Internet can post a web page. My advice starts off very simple when I talk to people about Internet research. The first thing that I tell them is to stay away from University Personal Pages and also from Member Pages. Basically, if you are searching the web stay away from the address extensions ".edu" and anything that says member in the address, these are usual culprits of unreliable information.

Now don't get me wrong, there are pages within both that can be usable. If you go to a school's site and the page is written by a professor or released by a department you might find one of these pages. The best places you can find are ".org," ".com," ".gov," and then there are others.

You can be a little less careful with these sites. These sites include organizational sites, general Internet sites and Government sites. As for the other extensions they include the country extensions used for European countries. I hope this information on the Internet and doing research through the Internet is helpful for all students that have to do papers throughout the rest of this year and years to come.



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Have you previously served on *The Beacon* staff? If so, if what capacity?

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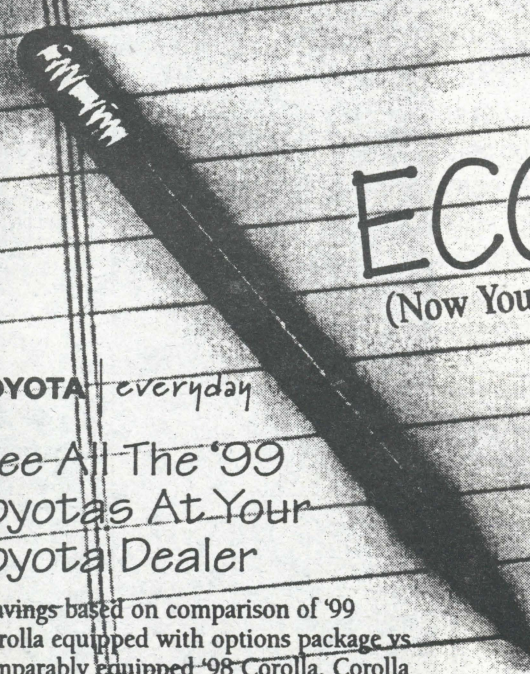
Other qualities you feel make you a strong candidate for the position:

Applications must be dropped off c/o Lynn Elko at the communications department office, second floor, Capin Hall by Tuesday, November 24.

For further information, please call *The Beacon* at 408-5903. If more space is needed to answer the questions please attach a separate sheet.

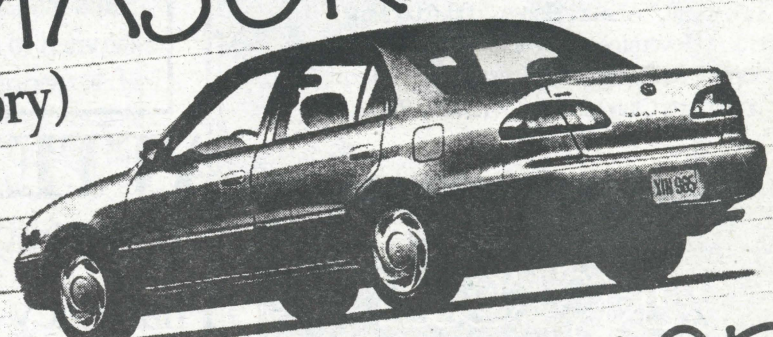
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# Schedule of Events

## Thursday, November 5

- Handwriting Analysis, SLC Lobby, 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
- Multicultural Student Coalition Meeting, Alumni House, 11:00 a.m.
- 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.
- Junior Registration: M-R, 8:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.; S-Z, 1:00-4:30 p.m.

## Friday, November 6

## Saturday, November 7

- Goo Goo Dolls Concert, Marts Center, 8:00 p.m.

## Sunday, November 8

## Monday, November 9

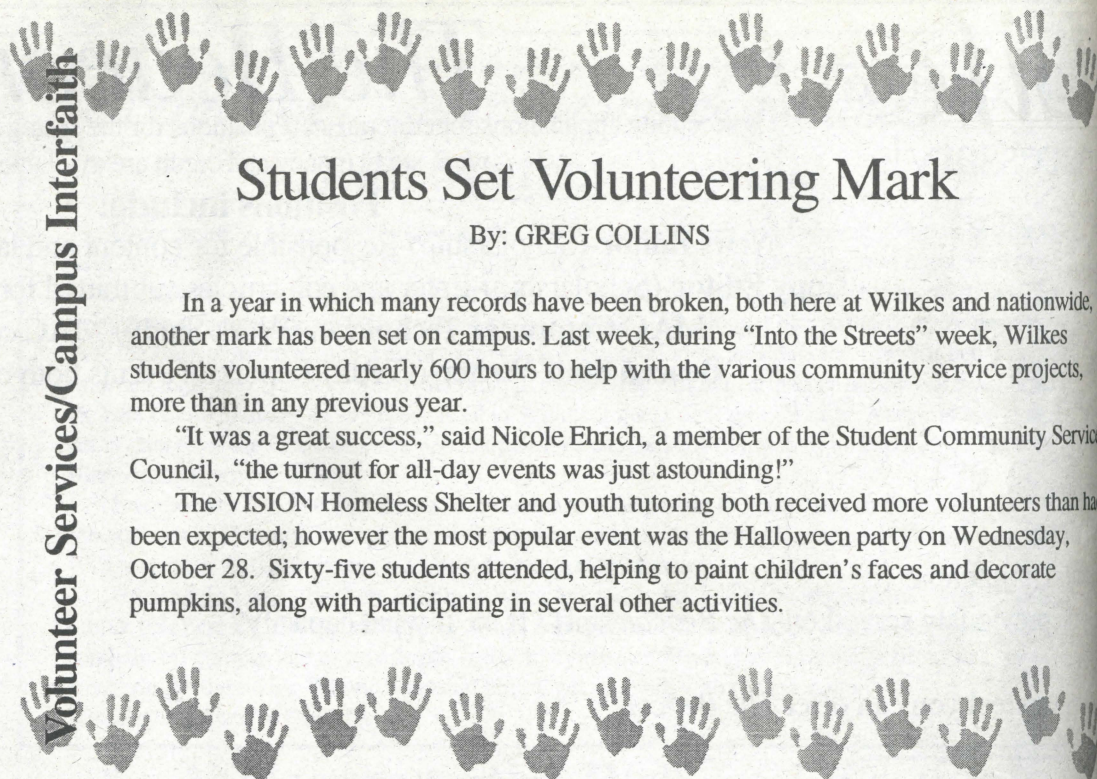
- Sophomore Registration: A-E, 8:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

## Tuesday, November 10

- Off-Campus Council Meeting, SUB Basement, 11:00 a.m.
- Commuter Council Meeting, SUB Basement, 11:45 p.m.
- Sophomore Registration: F-L, 1:00-4:30 p.m.
- Circle K Meeting, Alumni House, 5:30 p.m.

## Wednesday, November 11

- Veterans Day
- Sophomore Registration, M-R, 8:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
- "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.



## Students Set Volunteering Mark

By: GREG COLLINS

In a year in which many records have been broken, both here at Wilkes and nationwide, another mark has been set on campus. Last week, during "Into the Streets" week, Wilkes students volunteered nearly 600 hours to help with the various community service projects, more than in any previous year.

"It was a great success," said Nicole Ehrich, a member of the Student Community Service Council, "the turnout for all-day events was just astounding!"

The VISION Homeless Shelter and youth tutoring both received more volunteers than had been expected; however the most popular event was the Halloween party on Wednesday, October 28. Sixty-five students attended, helping to paint children's faces and decorate pumpkins, along with participating in several other activities.

### Did you gain the freshman 15? Do you want help managing your weight?

The first meeting of the Health Services Weight Management Group will be held on Thursday, November 12, at 12:00 p.m. Meetings are held in the waiting room of the Health Services Office, which is located on the first floor of Evans Hall.

Students, staff and faculty are invited to attend. Feel free to bring your lunch.

The Beacon is currently looking for staff writers for the spring semester. If you are interested in writing a column, writing articles or taking pictures call The Beacon office at 408-5903.

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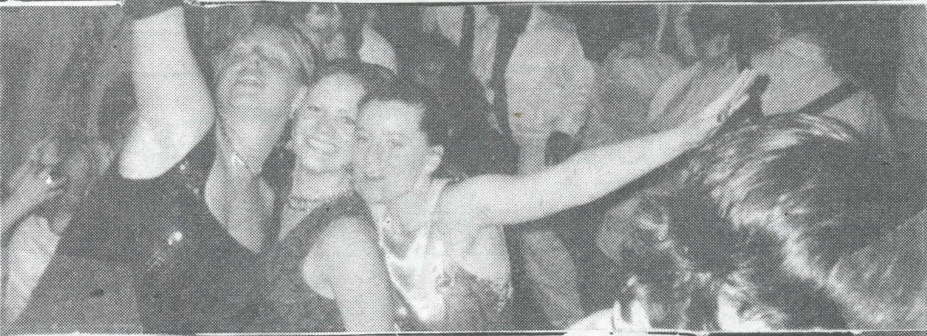
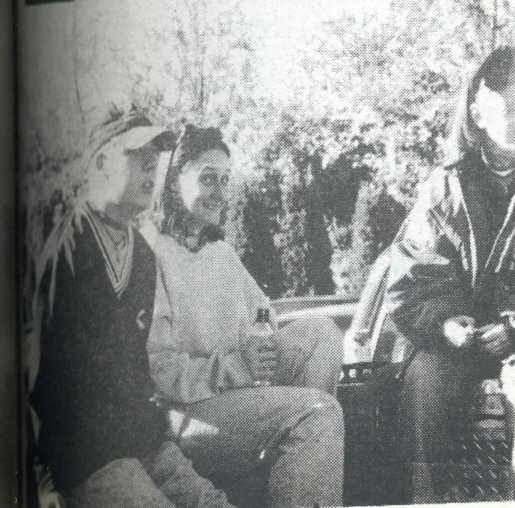
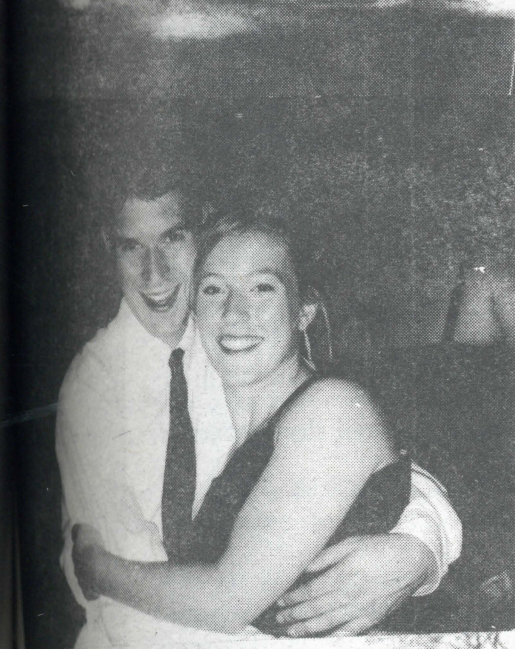
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Talk of what students are doing for Homecoming starts weeks in advance, in hopes of making it the most memorable weekend of the year.

The parties, the dance, tailgating, the football game and the crowning of King and Queen, is fun for all.

"Mardi Gras" was the theme this year for the Homecoming dinner dance. Masks and beads were given out to all attending and balloons, confetti and streamers covered the banquet room.

The room was filled with Wilkes University students, faculty and guests who danced the night away and had a great time.

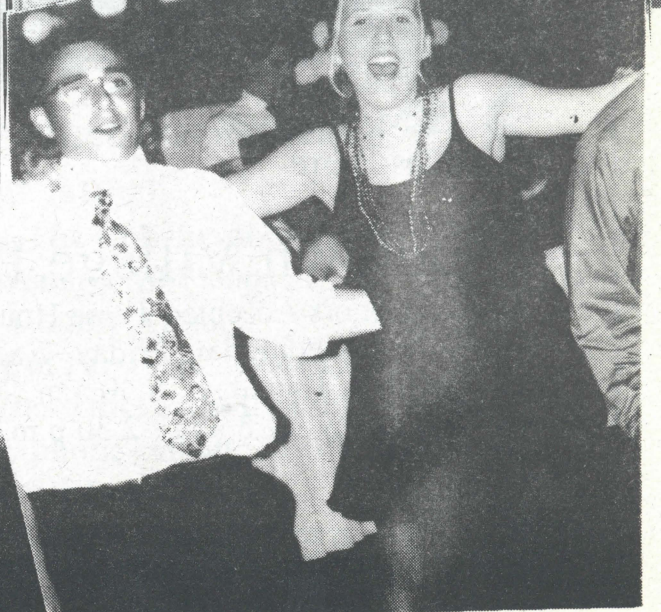
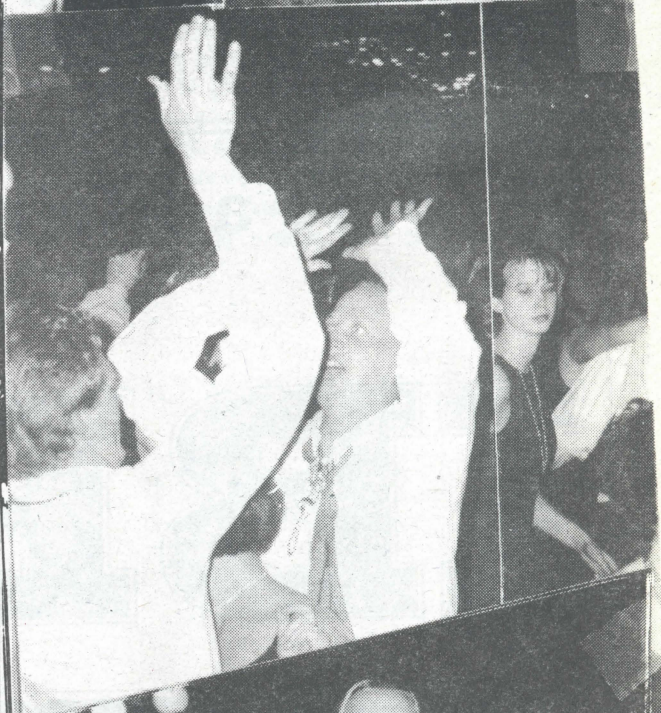
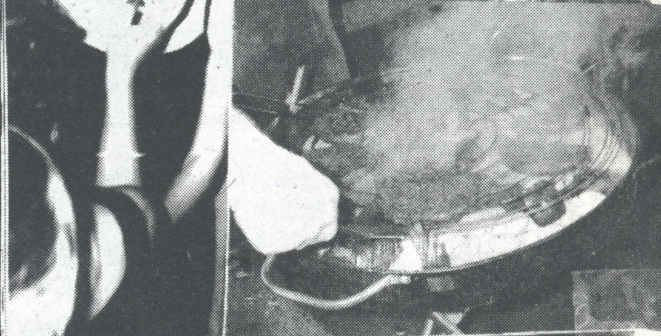
After a late night at the dance, everyone set their alarms to get up in time to start tailgating at 9:00 a.m.

Students and alumni shared in the Homecoming experience, the crowd shared a common objective of celebrating Wilkes University.

When game time arrived, Wilkes fans flooded Ralston Field and packed the stands to lift their team to a victory over Delaware Valley by a score of 34-7.

At halftime, Lisa Dente and Anthony Petrolonis were crowned Homecoming King and Queen. The dorms competed in banner and hall decorating contests. Barre Hall won first place for both hall decorating and the banner contest.

Overall, the weekend was a success, as it is every year. Congratulations to Lisa and Anthony for being crowned King and Queen, to the football and soccer teams for their Homecoming victories and to the residents of Barre Hall for sweeping the dorm competitions.





# LifeStyles Around Campus Life

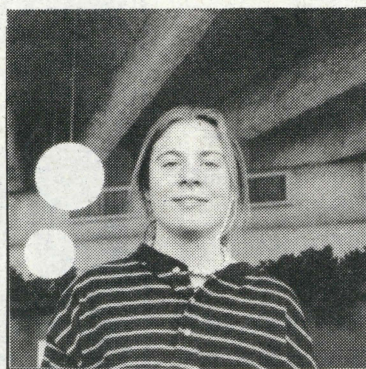


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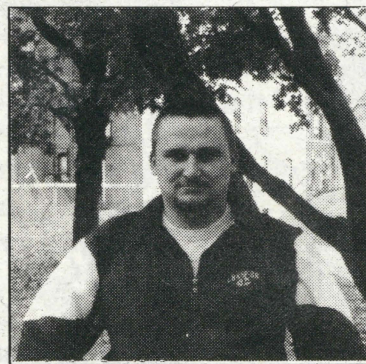
### What was your favorite childhood board game?



**Dan Keaton-**  
"The 'A' Team,  
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**April Carlson-**  
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## Critic's Corner with Dan Lavelle "Vampires"

Hello fellow movie viewers. Well, well, well... Halloween has come and gone. This is the only time of the year that you can dress up as a madman, scare the hell out of your friends and get away with it. I'll admit, Halloween is my favorite

A lot of things come to mind during this time of year. Trick or treat, parties and of course horror films. So over the weekend, I went to see the

John Carpenter film, "Vampires." In the film, Jack Crow (James Woods) leads a group of gun toting vampire hunters, run by the church to hunt down Valak, the vampire master. During

Valak is trying to find a way to walk during the daytime through an old ritual. Can Crow and his group stop him in time? We'll soon find out. Before going into this film, I thought I was in for a Halloween treat. Carpenter

has always been one of my favorite sci-fi/horror directors. Some of his films that I enjoyed include "Halloween," "Escape from L.A." and "In the Mouth of Madness." However, after this film I felt like I was tricked. This film was one of the most disappointing vampire flicks I've seen, mostly

due to bad acting. Thomas Ian Griffith played the head vampire, Valak. He seems to do the gothic, gruesome bit and comes off like Trent Reznor's long lost brother. Daniel Baldwin plays a vampire hunter that is in love with a female vampire. During this guy's performance, you know why his brothers (Alec, Stephen and William) are seen in more movies than he is. Probably the only decent actor in the film is Woods. As I expected, he

tries to play a tough guy. It seems like no matter what character he plays he adds some type of tough macho attitude to it. "The Hard Way," tough cop, "Hercules," tough macho evil god, "The Specialist," tough macho cop. I'm sorry, but this is starting to get a bit old. In the end, I'm giving the film only ONE STAR. This film really sucked, due to the vampire metaphor. It was a pain in the neck to watch. This was not one of Carpenter's best films. Hell, this film will burn out loyal vampire fans. You might want to avoid this film at all costs, or wait until it comes out on video.

## Aligning the planets with Madame Zelda

April 20 - May 20) This week does not bring a lot of encouragement to you, stay positive and things will be better by the weekend.

May 21 - June 21) You are always there for people. Be careful not to take advantage of, stand your ground.

June 22 - July 22) Plans you are trying to make for this weekend are not evolving as quickly as you would hope. Don't get stressed, be patient for once.

July 22 - August 22) The date you have been anticipating for weeks is as if it is approaching. Don't let this opportunity pass you by or you will be sorry.

August 23 - September 22) Your calm, relaxed attitude is going to be in handy this week, when things get hectic. Getting stressed will only make things worse.

September 23 - October 23) Have a talk with the friend you have been losing touch with recently, they may not even realize it is happening.

October 24 - November 21) This weekend is a time for relaxation after a long, hard week. Take advantage of this, it may be your last opportunity for a while.

November 22 - December 21) Your two closest friends are pulling you in two different directions. Take the time to sit down and discuss the situation before it gets out of hand.

December 22 - January 19) Your strengths seem to be taking over the classroom this week. Give everyone else a chance to show their talents too.

January 20 - February 18) Watch your spending this week, you have been spending a lot of money lately. Now its time to start saving your money.

February 19 - March 20) If you think before you speak this week, it will keep you out of some big trouble with close friends.

March 21 - April 19) Stick to your priorities this week so you can avoid the next few weeks worry free.



## Inner peace with Ani

Home sweet

home...

Dear Ani,

This semester a lot of things have changed for me and it's kind of hard for me to deal with it. I am a freshman here at

Wilkes and moved from about two hours away, not knowing anyone.

I like this school, but I feel like I want to go back home, because that is where I belong. I miss my family a lot, and my little brother, who is only two years old.

I miss my boyfriend, who still lives where my family lives and he commutes to a college near our houses. I have been used to seeing him every day for the past three years while we were in high school. I am not having a good time here at school, because I am always thinking about my boyfriend and what he is doing at home and how it would be if I was there with him.

It's hard to adjust to being here and I am just wondering if it is normal to be homesick for this long or should I have gotten over it already? Should I follow my heart and move back home? I have made friends here and I like this school, but it feels like so much is missing. Please help...

—Sincerely, There's No Place Like Home

Dear There's No Place Like Home,

It sounds like you have a lot of things at home that you miss, which is very understandable, it happens to everyone. It is hard for a lot of people to leave their homes to come to college, especially if you come from a tight family.

You said you missed your brother, which is probably hard for since you watched him grow up and now you had to leave him.

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# Sports

## Men fall to Royals, win big in finale

By JOHN MURPHY  
Beacon Staff Writer

The men's soccer team headed into Scranton on Wednesday, October 28. This was a Middle Atlantic Conference (MAC) Freedom League match-up and a must win for Wilkes if they wanted to hold playoff contention.

As the Colonels took the field it seemed as if things were not going to go their way. For starters, they were forced to play in a torrential downpour. Scranton also took control of play for the first 15 minutes of the game.

But the Colonels were not going to let themselves get walked over. Especially with seniors Scott Kowalski, Rob Rolland and Charles Dunn looking at their last chance at the playoffs as Colonels.

The Colonels rallied together and began to take control of the last 30 minutes of the first half.

However, the winds of fate were not blowing in the Colonels favor, as they failed to capitalize on any of their chances.

Wilkes had several chances, including two break-away's and a few empty net shots. These shots were either saved or went wide.

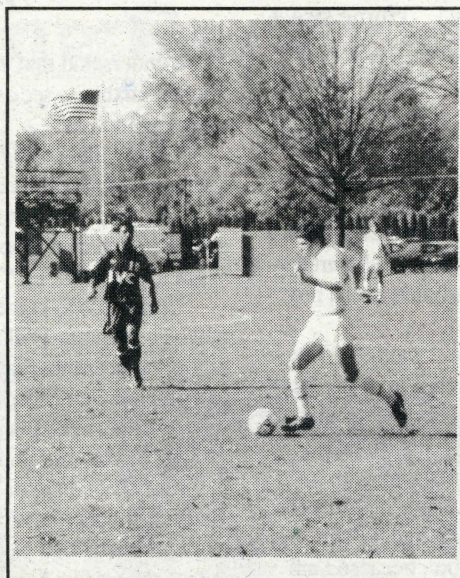


Photo by Shawn Perrine  
Senior Charles Dunn scoots past the Lebanon Valley defense in his last game as a Colonel.

There was also a big let down on a shot which had the goalie beaten, but hammered off of the crossbar.

Wilkes was kept alive by the defensive play of Kowalski, Dunn, Tim Seymour and goalkeeper Seth Nye. They helped carry the team into sudden death overtime with the score

still tied at 0.

This would last for only five minutes before Scranton managed to capitalize on a scoring chance. On a throw-in, the Royals found an open player in front of the net and he headed the ball past Nye. This loss eliminated the Colonels from playoff contention.

Head coach Phil Wingert said, "I felt that this game seemed to epitomize our season. They controlled the game for the first 15, but we managed to take control of the ball for the last 30. We just couldn't manage to come up with the goals.

"One of my favorite sayings has always been 'big time players have to come up big in big games.' We just didn't manage to do it here," said Wingert.

Then on Saturday, October 31, the Colonels took on Lebanon Valley for their final game of the season. Halloween and Homecoming weekend made for a festive environment. The referees even donned orange jerseys for the occasion. It was all business for the Colonels.

Throughout most of the first half the two teams battled the game out in the midfield. But at 11:40, freshman Matt Bieber found an opening and scored on a cross from Dave Reinert. This gave the Colonels a 1-0 lead.

At 16:31, Lebanon Valley started to add pressure and charged the Colonel net. Nye came out to challenge the Flying Dutchmen and grabbed the ball.

The Flying Dutchman attacked less than 30 seconds later, but Nye and Dunn stopped this attack as well.

Wilkes had another good chance at 24:40 when Bill Schneider sent a ball down the left side to Beiber. He then crossed the ball to Reinert, but the shot was no good. Then at 32:40, Rolland had a chance off a cross, but this shot was saved.

Forty seconds later, the Dutchmen would not be so lucky as Rolland passed a ball to Seymour who placed a shot into the net.

Wilkes wasn't done for the first half yet as Schneider took a cross in front of the Lebanon Valley goal and hammered it home at 40:20. This gave the Colonels a three goal lead going into halftime.

The team was not done yet. In

the second half, the Colonels found themselves in front of the goal again.

Heath Neiderer passed a ball to Reinert who took a shot. The ball hit the crossbar and deflected in to make the score 4-0.

At 7:54, the Colonels placed another tally on the board as Chris Rehman took a cross from Rolland and fired it into the net to make the score 5-0.

Nearly 20 minutes later, Rolland broke down field and passed the Lebanon Valley defense. He put up a shot and it beat the Flying Dutchman goalkeeper to make the scoring with the Colonels up 6-0.

The team's final record was 11-8. Rolland, who played in his last game as a Colonel, said "I had to say anything about the club under me, then the MAC is in trouble because there's a lot of good players here."

Last season, the squad won the MAC freedom league championship. Despite a strong season, the Colonels failed to advance to the MAC playoffs. The team also did not qualify for Eastern Collegiate Athletic Conference playoffs.

## Basketball back for encore performance

By JASON EVANS  
Beacon Staff Writer

Given the choice to go anywhere in the country anytime of the year, most local college basketball fans would probably choose the city of Salem, Virginia in the month of March. This is the site of the Division III Final Four.

The Wilkes University men's basketball team spent a few days there last year and came away with a taste of what college basketball is all about. The squad made it down to Salem last season, but they failed to win a game. Now, they set their sights on taking care of unfinished business.

The 1998-99 Colonels are coming off their most successful season ever and arguably some of the most memorable moments in this school's athletic history.

Returning are a large number of impact players from last year, along with another solid recruiting class, has earned the Colonels top three rankings in many of the pre-season polls.

Junior guard, Dave Jannuzzi,

has also garnered national recognition by college basketball analyst to Dick Vitale, who named Jannuzzi a Second Team All-American.

"It's nice of the magazines and analysts reward us for what we did last year by giving us the high rankings. Hopefully we prove them wrong, though, by finishing number one," said Jannuzzi.

Other impact players from last year's squad who are returning are Scott Cleveland, Chad Fabian, Artie Gotzmer, Brian Gryboski and Jason Sheakowski.

The Colonels will also welcome back guard Robert Morcom who spent last season as a red shirt. These players, combined with a slew of transfers, freshmen and other members from last year's squad, should provide the excitement we came to expect last season.

The coaching staff on the sidelines with Coach Jerry Rickrode this year is made up of familiar faces in different places.

Former players Dave Clancy, Mike Barrouk and Jay Williams

will be the men helping Rickrode to guide his team throughout the season. Clancy is only two years removed from playing here at Wilkes.

Barrouk and Williams were major contributors to the Colonels' success throughout their years of playing at Wilkes, culminating with the final four last spring.

The schedule for this year's team differs slightly from last season. The Colonels will now play three tournaments before the second week of January, adding one more from last year.

Nationally ranked Lebanon Valley is gone from this year's regular schedule, but a date with the Flying Dutchmen is very possible once the Middle Atlantic Conference (MAC) playoffs roll around.

The second semester is comprised of entirely MAC Freedom League games with the exception of Commonwealth opponent Moravian.

"It doesn't matter who we play, because each game our goal is the same; come out and win. Our job is

to take it one game at a time and go from there," said Jannuzzi.

The season tips off on November 21, at the Dickinson Tournament. The Colonels only home game before the winter break takes place on Saturday, December 5, against Farleigh Dickinson University, Madison.

As with last year, all men's and women's basketball home games, along with road doubleheaders will be broadcasted live on 90.7 WCLH.

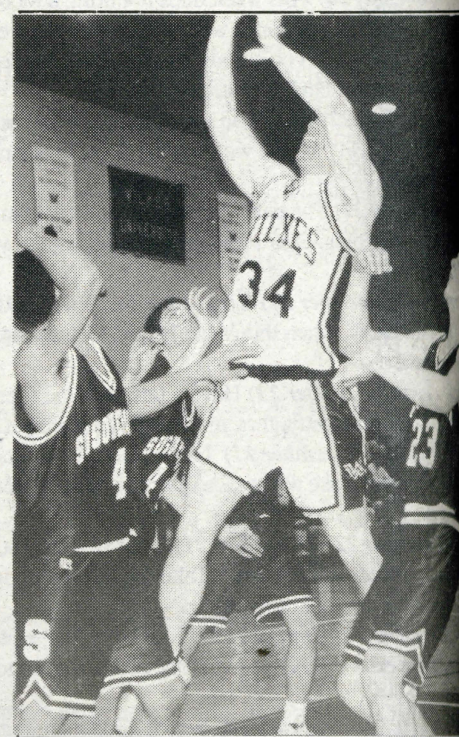


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Senior Brian Gryboski, shown here last season against the Susquehanna Crusaders, looks to lead the squad to another Final Four birth.

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## Adrienne Reserve

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Because of injury, shuffling on the Lady bench, Corrigan was

## Mike Tailback

Junior running back Hankins has once again the spotlight of the MAC Conference (MAC) for four weeks.

This spotlight, which strayed far from Hankins three seasons with the team, currently on the run, the MAC all-time leader.

mark. He broke the record last weekend's game at Delaware Valley College.

This honor also belongs to Hankins The Beacon's Player of the Month for October.

For the month of October, Hankins rushed for over 1,000 yards in each of his four games.

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## Beacon Athletes of the Month

The Beacon Athletes of the Month is a decision-making process that has been implemented by this year's Beacon staff. The athletes considered for the Athlete of the Month honor are recommended to the editorial staff by Beacon staff writers, editors, photographers and correspondents. The ultimate decision of who earns the Athlete of the Month award is decided upon by Scott Veith, Beacon Sports Editor and the Wilkes University sports information department. All statistics are courtesy of John Seitszinger, director, sports information.

### Adrienne Corrigan: Soccer

#### Reserve goalie records five shutouts

Womens soccer goalkeeper Adrienne Corrigan has stopped opposing shots at a record pace. This productivity has earned her the distinction of *The Beacon* female Athlete of the Month for October, 1998.

At the start of the season, Corrigan found herself on the sidelines and third on the goalkeepers depth chart. Both Donna Rothrock and Darby Wolfe were in front of Corrigan for playing time. In the first month of the season Corrigan appeared in only two games as a goalkeeper.

Because of injuries and player-shuffling on the Lady Colonel bench, Corrigan was forced into

active duty as the team's full-time goalie.

Corrigan responded to the promotion by winning seven of her eight decisions in the month of October. Moreover, Corrigan has set a new record for shutouts in a season by recording five, all of which came during October.

Perhaps Corrigan's most impressive statistic for the month was her 0.79 goals against average, which is also a team record.

Also receiving consideration for *The Beacon* female Athlete of the Month for October, 1998 was Rothrock, field hockey goalkeeper Pam Truskowski and volleyball player Missy Psolka.

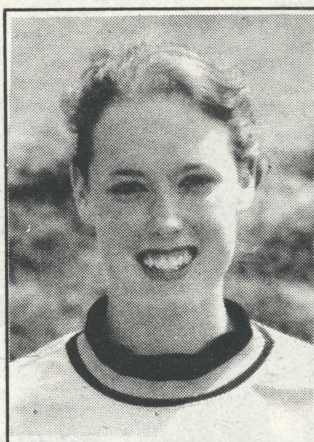


Photo courtesy of sports information

Adrienne Corrigan earned *The Beacon* female Athlete of the Month for October, 1998.

### Mike Hankins: Football

#### Tailback smashes rushing mark

Junior running back Mike Hankins has once again captured the spotlight of the Middle Atlantic Conference (MAC) over the past four weeks.

This spotlight, which has not waned far from Hankins during his three seasons with the Colonels, is currently on the runner for earning the MAC all-time leading rushing mark. He broke the mark in this past weekend's game, against the Delaware Valley College Aggies.

This honor also helped earn Hankins *The Beacon* male Athlete of the Month for October, 1998.

For the month of October, Hankins rushed for over 100 yards in each of his four games. His

yardage for the month was 570 on the ground and 73 as a receiver. Hankins grunted his way to seven rushing touchdowns and one receiving. Hankins has also been an effective blocker for the Colonels for the duration of his career.

In October, Hankins' squad has won three of their four games including a 44-0 trouncing of Lebanon Valley College and a 34-7 Homecoming victory over the Aggies of Delaware Valley College.

Also receiving consideration for *The Beacon* male Athlete of the Month for October, 1998 were soccer players Rob Rolland and Seth Nye and football players Brian Miller and Dave Kish.

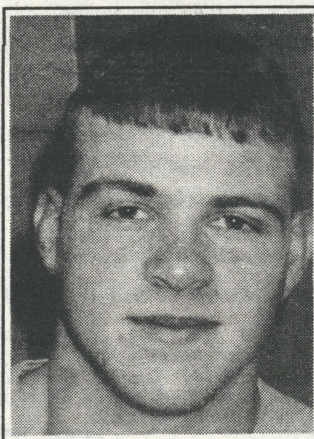


Photo by J.J. Fadden

Mike Hankins earned *The Beacon* male Athlete of the Month for October, 1998.

Catch the Wilkes University Colonels football team live on 90.7 WCLH this Saturday versus Moravian College.

## That's what I say



with SCOTT VEITH

Due to the NBA strike I feel it is necessary to implement a new professional sport to fill the void left by the overgrown, overpaid athletes who feel that they deserve more money for one season of basketball than the entire City of Wilkes-Barre makes in a decade.

This void should be filled by a sport that every schoolboy is familiar with. A sport that can be enjoyed by children of all ages. A sport that can be taught in physical education classes across the country. That sport is kickball.

Some may hear the word kickball and think of the playground. I think of kickball as yet another chance to let athletes showcase their talents in front of thousands of adoring fans.

I have comprised a roster of what I presume to be the world's most likely candidates for a professional kickball roster. Of course, some athletes had to be left off the roster due to contractual obligations with other sports franchises. In essence, what we are left with is a starting line-up of 10 of the world's finest athletes, who would probably be willing to give our new pastime a try.

Our pitcher is Lisa Fernandez. Fernandez was a collegiate All-America pitcher for the UCLA softball team in the early 1990's and a gold medalist with *USA Softball*. She is an intense competitor and has the ability to pitch a softball as fast as 75 miles an hour. Of course, the kickball league will be a "no spinners" league, so Fernandez will have to rely almost entirely on her speed to the plate.

The catcher would be none other than Steelers lineman Justin Strelczyk. His intimidating stature and good looks will make him a hit with the fans and, as soon as his ruptured quadriceps heals, he should be an effective kicker.

At first base is D.J. Jankowski. Although Jankowski is not well known in the realm of professional athletics, his kickball records at Cozy Lake Elementary School still stands nearly 15 years after they were established. Jankowski actually kicked the ball so hard one time that it hit a fat girl in right field and knocked her down. The fat girl had to go to the nurse and have her temperature taken after the incident.

At second base, we have Donald Iguebueke. A former placekicker for the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, Iguebueke would be a household name if it wasn't so hard to pronounce.

The shortstop is none other than Pele. Although the soccer star is nearing his 200th birthday, he is still regarded as one of the greatest athletes of all time and is the world's best living soccer player.

At third base, we have Rey Ordonez. I know that Ordonez is a shortstop with the Mets, but the hot corner is just as hot in kickball as it is in baseball, so good defense is necessary. Besides, he can't hit anyway, so why not let him kick.

In left field, we have my brother Todd. Not only will he always be better than me at kickball for the simple fact that he is my older brother, he's fast, too. Todd was the only guy in the neighborhood that could kick the ball over my house every time and he used to peg all of the neighborhood kids with the ball when they would lead off of the base. He's the kind of guy every kickball team needs.

In center field we have Bo Jackson. I know he has a fake hip, but he has a family to support, so we'll give him a shot.

In right field we have Happy Gilmore. Gilmore is the epitome of intensity. During his fabled hockey days, he once took his skate off and tried to stab somebody with the blade. No one had ever done that before. This intensity combined with Gilmore's love for his family and his quest for excellence make Gilmore the top draw for fans.

Our tenth and final player is the designated kicker. Stolen directly from the American League's designated hitter, the designated kicker need not hold any particular skill as an athlete. He just needs a strong heavy foot.

For this position we have Tom Dempsey. Dempsey was the New Orleans Saints kicker who nailed a 63-yard field goal to set an NFL record in 1970. In addition to his powerful foot, Dempsey was born without a right hand, so his ability to play elsewhere on the kickball field is questionable. However, his club foot allows for strong kicks and leisurely strolls around the bases after a home run.

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# Sports

## Hankins, Hosler hustle Aggies

By **ROBERT J. MORCOM**

Beacon Staff Writer

Junior running back Mike Hankins rushed for 121 yards and surpassed Juniata's Dennis DeRenzo to take over the Middle Atlantic Conference career rushing record. Hankins's Colonels defeated the Aggies of Delaware Valley College by a score of 34-7. The Colonels are now 4-3 overall and 4-0 in the league.

The win was a team effort as Hankins performed his duties and senior quarterback Neil Rine threw for 381 yards. Freshman wide receiver Brian Miller caught eight passes for 226 yards and the defense tallied five interceptions.

Freshman defensive back Brian Hosler had his best day as a Colonel as he accounted for three of the five picks.

The Colonels got on the board first as Rine connected with Miller on a 55-yard route to set up Hankins's first touchdown of the day from five yards out. Matt Diltz added the point after to give Wilkes a 7-0 lead.

Early in the second quarter, the Wilkes offense again took charge after Hosler's first interception of the day.

On a fourth- and-seven play from the Aggies' 35-yard line, Rine aired one out and found Miller alone in the endzone again for another score. The Diltz extra point gave Wilkes a two touchdown advantage.

Delaware Valley's offense then got going as they drove all the way down to the Colonel 33-yard line. Unfortunately for the Aggies, Hosler was there to capture his third pick of the day at the 14-yard line to end the first half.

To start the third quarter, Wilkes drove 80 yards in just five plays for the score.

Again, Rine threw a strike to Miller who proceeded to outrun the Aggie defense and race 67 yards for the score. Diltz put the extra point through the uprights to increase the Colonel advantage to 21.



Photo by Shawn Perrine  
Defensive coach Aaron Menapace instructs his troops on the sidelines during the Homecoming victory over Delaware Valley College.

Late in the third, Delaware Valley would finally get on the board as Aggie quarterback, Jason Shenko, found one of his teammates on the two-yard line.

With a steady rhythm of complete passes going, Shenko hit tight end Mike Holderman for the touchdown. Jon Hoxworth added the extra point to pull Delaware

Valley within 14.

In the fourth, Wilkes stopped fooling around as they put together two scores and gave up none to ice the victory.

After a Mark Hendry pick, Rine connected with sophomore Ryan James for a 26-yard touchdown. The Diltz extra point was blocked, leaving the score at

27-7.

For the final score of the game was fitting that Hankins could the job done on his record-breaking day.

He carried the ball eight times in the drive for 39 yards including the one-yard touchdown run. He added the extra point to end the day's scoring.

On this Homecoming Saturday, Wilkes was not to be denied. They put together a solid offensive performance as they surpassed 100 yards of total offense. They beat Delaware Valley to just 161 yards and 18 rushing yards.

For his efforts, Hosler was awarded the MAC Defensive Player of the Week. His three interceptions tie a Colonel team record for in a game.

Hankins's rushed for 100 yards in a game for the fifth time this season. This coming game against Moravian will test Hankins's running ability.

Last season, Hankins set a school record for rushing in a game against the Greyhounds in a win for the Colonels.

Wilkes is home again this Saturday as they face the Greyhounds at 1 p.m. at Ralston Field.

## Women's hoops hope to bounce back

By **GREG COLLINS**

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The Chicago Bulls of the 1990's could not do it. The Boston Celtics of the 1980's could not do it. Can the Wilkes women's basketball team pull off what these professional basketball dynasties could not do?

When Michael Jordan temporarily left Chicago in 1993 and Larry Bird retired from the Celtics in 1992, both teams found it difficult to win.

This season's women's basketball team is facing a similar dilemma. For the 1998-99 season to be a success, the Wilkes University Lady Colonels will need to overcome the loss of one of their greatest players ever, Rebecca Baker.

Baker graduated after the 1997-98 campaign when she finished her career second on the school's all-time scoring list and first in career rebounds.

Even with Baker last season, the team finished just 10-13.

"[Last season] was a huge disappointment. We lost so many close games," said Karen Haag, head coach.

If any group can bounce back from the disappointment, it just may be this year's squad.

Eleven players are returning from last year, including five juniors and two seniors.

Tri-captains Tracy Zaykoski, Steph Huber and Katie Watkins have been recognized and honored as the team's leaders, but according to coach Haag, leadership is very abundant.

"They're all leaders," said Haag.

Haag points out that everyone is pushing each other to play hard.

Along with the eleven returnees, the Colonels have added five new faces. The lone freshman,

Lauren Elwood, will help improve the team's speed and is a good three-point shooter.

Allison Pikulski, a fourth-year pharmacy student, has joined the team and, at 6'0", she should provide help in the low post. The team has also added three transfer

**"Right now, we just want to bring back a trophy."**

**-Jill Ronkowski**

students to increase the depth of the bench.

The Lady Colonels depth will probably be a key factor in the outcome of the season. The loss of Baker will force Wilkes to utilize its speed and run the court, resulting in more frequent substitutions.

The team also lost guard Kristen Cookus, who was among

the fastest players on the team last season.

Without a strong inside presence, the team will rely more heavily on its perimeter game.

"We haven't lost any three-point shooters... we should be pretty good from the outside," said Jill Ronkowski, guard.

Ronkowski led the Middle Atlantic Conference (MAC) last season with an average of 1.8 three-pointers made per game and Zaykoski finished fifth in the conference in three-point field goal percentage.

Junior point guard Angela Collins poses a threat from behind the three-point arc.

With their three-point shooting, the Colonels could jump out to some early leads this season.

The vast improvement of the Lady Colonel bench should enable the team to keep their leads. This is something the team often could not accomplish last year.

Last year's squad was based

almost entirely on the three-point shooting of Ronkowski and Zykowski and the aggressive play of Baker.

With less size and less experience in the middle, the Colonels are going to have to more on their outside shooting endurance to win games this season.

A professional athlete said last weekend, "Great teams finish games." If that is a sign of a team, the playoffs may be somewhere in sight for the Colonels.

For now, though, they are worrying about the immediate future. They're taking part in the Hunter Tournament to open the season and their goal is simple: win it all.

Ronkowski, with her eyes looking off into space, pictured celebration, said, "Right now we just want to bring back a trophy."



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