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And I am, whatever you say I am.

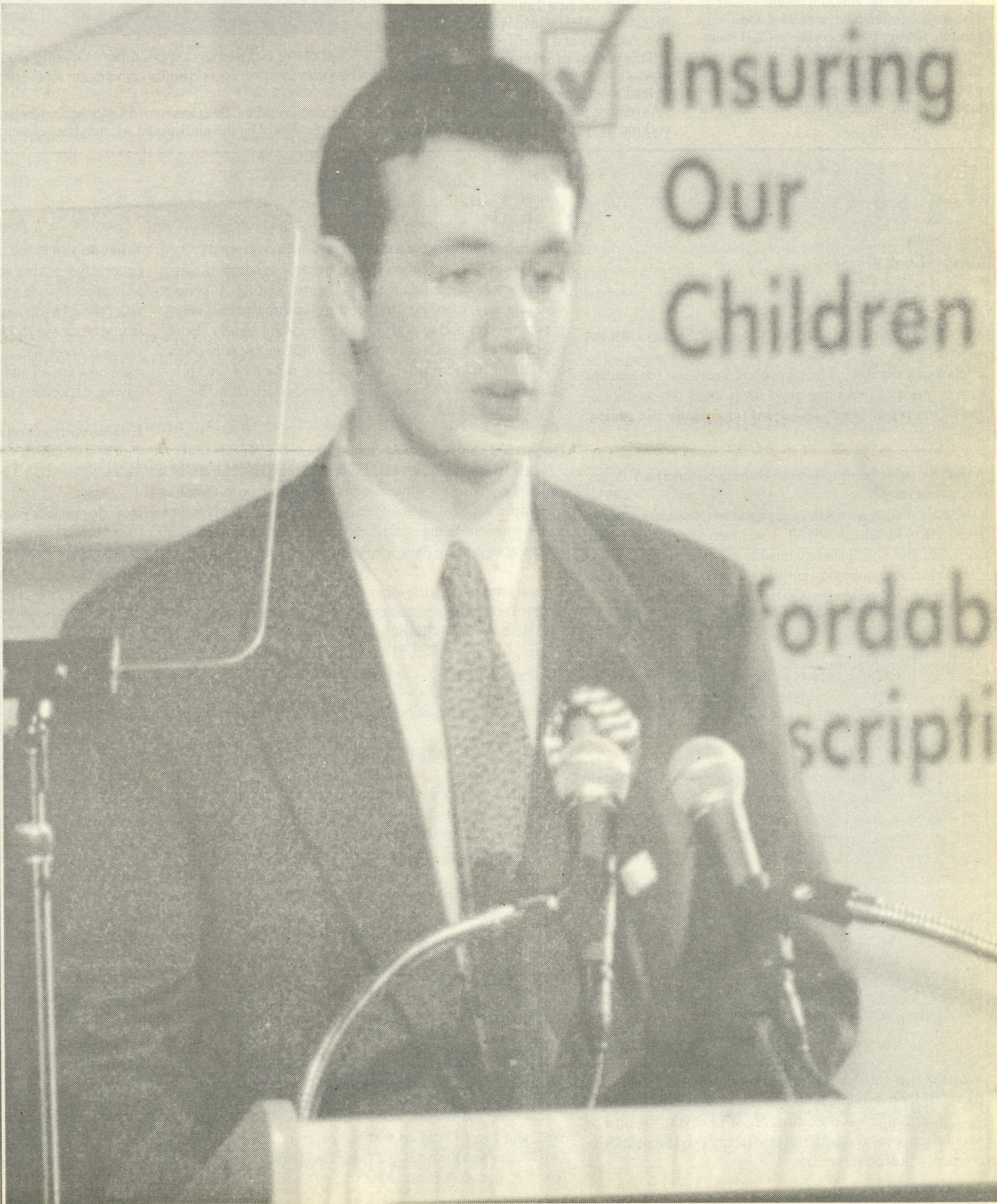
If I wasn't, then why would I say I am?

In *The Beacon*, the news, every day I am.

I don't know that's just the way I am...

John Bosha,  
IM Away Message  
(Credit to Eminem)

## BOSHA ANNOUNCES RE-ELECTION RUN



John Bosha at Al Gore presentation, November of 2000.

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# Bosha Announces Intent on Friday Radio

By Amanda Leigh Brozana

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"(A)t the urging of friends, classmates, associates, um...at the NACA convention, (I) talked to a couple two-term Student Government presidents, they said to go for it. So, I am making it official, my candidacy for a second term of Student Government President...." and so it was revealed what many had speculated for weeks; John Bosha will run for a second term as SG President in the 2001 election.

Bosha made the announcement Friday at 3:30 pm, as most students were on their way home for Spring Break, on the WCLH Phantom Friday program.

Reaction from the announcement seemed to be very supportive, both by the administration and the student body who heard of his intent to run.

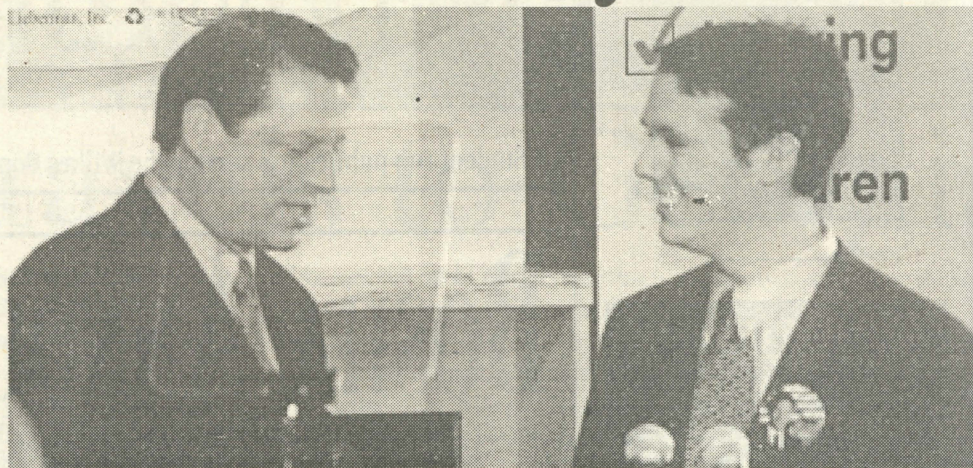
"I have always been enthusiastic to see as many people as possible running for open offices on SG," commented Dean Allen after the announcement.

According to Bosha, though, he was not originally planning to run for a second term. "Pharmacy...it's a big class workload. It gets to be tough after a while," he said on the program. But later, in an interview by *The Beacon* he went on to comment that the Nesbitt School of Pharmacy has been very supportive of his term and his decision to run once again.

Last year, Bosha made Wilkes history by becoming the first Junior to win the spot of Presidency. He ran in the platforms of "Initiative, Integrity and Intelligence."

This year he believes the vote will more be or less be a vote of confidence in his abilities to lead and his previous accomplishments.

As of now, the only person other than Bosha seeking the office of SG President is current



Adam Polinger/Beacon

One of the biggest accomplishments during Bosha's term as SG President was helping to bring Presidential candidate, Al Gore, to Wilkes.

SG Vice President, Beth Danner. As it looked, as Brittan put it on Phantom Friday, "Looks like its gonna be a race after all."

## Interview with Pres. Bosha

Interview by

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**Why did you originally decide to run for SG pres last semester?**

I felt I was capable of being a good President for Student Government. I had some good ideas that I felt would improve the organization and more importantly the student body.

**What are some accomplishments that you have had during your first term?**

It has been such a wide range of accomplishments, and it feels odd to look back at it all. I've always been one to look forward. But I've been responsible for everything from Al Gore visiting campus to getting everybody binders to be more organized on Student Government. SG, under my leadership, has successfully avoided problems with the Cafeteria and the weighing of side dishes, *The Beacon* and some questionable reporting tactics, and the issue of smoking on campus. I think the best government, at times, is one that goes unnoticed - one that does the little things that no one realizes. Students have had no serious gripes this year, and I take great pride in that.

**What involvement did you have on SG previous to the Presidency?**

My freshman year I served as a Representative. Midway through sophomore year I was appointed Parliamentarian where I offered "Bosha's Tip of the Week" to help everyone better understand Parliamentary Procedure.

**Were you originally planning to run for a second term?**  
Nope.

**Why?**

Pharmacy school is not easy. It is a tremendous workload, and has been all year. By the end of first semester, I wasn't sure I could handle it all for another year.

**Why did you decide to run for a second term?**

After working so hard for so long, I more or less adjusted to it. This semester has been amazing. I'm having the time of my life, schoolwork hasn't suffered much :) and Student Government is still doing well.

**Do you feel that you have the support to be re-elected?**

Ideally, yes. This election should be a referendum of sorts, simply a vote of confidence or an approval rating. If people vote that way, I feel my first term's accomplishments speak for themselves and should prove a resounding victory. However, if all elections were based on qualifications, either John McCain or Al Gore would be President right now. In collegiate elections, a lot of votes are decided on Election Day by who campaigns the biggest.

**Do you feel you're the best candidate for the presidency?**

I feel I offer something that no other candidate can offer - experience. No one on this campus can quite grasp the amount of effort it takes to be an effective SG President. My worst fear is someone being elected and not living up to their fullest potential or putting their whole heart and soul into the job.

**Do you know whom the other candidates will/may?**

To my knowledge, current Student Government Vice-President Beth Danner is the only other person who has expressed interest in the position. There may be others looking to go 3rd party quietly, but I haven't heard of any yet.

**Do you have the support of the other members who are running?**

Yes, Beth and I are mutually supporting each other and have already discussed our candidacies and look forward to the opportunity to run, but still keep Spring 2001 a priority. We, as Student Government, still have a packed 2nd semester ahead of us. Casino Night, Block Party, Spring Fling, various fund requests, and of course elections. We'll be busy.

**How are you sizing up your opposition?**

I'm not worried about "sizing up opposition" as much as I am representing myself in the truest light possible. I feel that this year has been good enough that the students will confidently elect me to a 2<sup>nd</sup> term.

**Have you considered your platforms for office yet?**

Being the voice of the students, or moreover, amplifying the voice of the students. This school has a lot of students with a ton of great ideas, but only through a group like Student Government can many of those ideas come into fruition. Amplifying the student voice was part of my campaign last year, and I feel I held up that campaign promise by placing two students on the Strategic Long Range Planning Committee. Yet, our work is not done yet.

**What do you think of the membership of SG that you are currently working with?**

I love the crew on Student Government right now, and I urge all of them to run again. We have a dynamic nucleus, and it would be shame to lose that. Much like a sports team staying together, we will improve. The 6 positions on our Exec Board right now are all underclassmen, which bodes well for us all having, experience next year.

**How do you feel you can best help SG improve?**

Be myself and stay true to what I've been doing this past year.

**How do you feel you can best help the school improve?**

(See above) I have been open to ideas from everyone since day one; some things as simple as getting two stuffed peppers in the cafe instead of one, or some ideas as complex as faculty governance. No one can say I have been lazy or weak in office.

**Is the Pharmacy department in support of your decision?**

I feel Pharmacy students and Pharmacy organizations are whoppingly in favor of my decision to pursue a second term. APHA has already sent a representative to meetings and come for fund requests. Pharmacy students are not often involved in the workings of the undergrad Wilkes University, and I feel that the unity I have offered the two schools is welcome. I enjoy my role as a bridge between the Nesbitt School of Pharmacy and Wilkes University.

**Do you feel that a second term will affect your academic performance?**

I hope not. :) By the sounds of things, P2 year is more complex and a similar amount of work. If somehow the workload gets too great, I doubt I would have a problem with stepping aside and letting a capable Vice-President take over.

**What happens if the results come in April 21st and you lose the Presidency?**

As much as I'd hate to think about that, I would be the best Representative I could. Having been Parliamentarian, I might try for that appointment, but I would be content as a Representative.



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# Election Triatholon; How to Run

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Similar to a triathlon, the Student Government election process is an exhausting experience with several phases leading towards victory.

It requires strong individuals who aren't intimidated by challenges and who are willing to follow through to complete the race.

Our race begins not with swimming but rather the nomination process. You just have to jump in, get wet, and collect those signatures.

Next comes the campaigning phase. You jump on your bike and spread the word that you are in this race.

Finally the voting on election day completes the process. It's the last mile of running as you anticipate who will cross the finish line first to win the prize.

Indeed it is more than a prize to represent the interests of the student body. It is a great honor and a deep responsibility.

Who do you want to represent your interests next year? Perhaps you are considering

running for a position on Student Government.

An open forum in the Student Organization Suite will be held next Monday, March 19 at 6pm and Tuesday, March 20 at 11am to discuss the election guidelines with all students interested in running for an office.

All candidates must be familiar with the Campaign and Election Rules in the Student Government Constitution (available at wilkes.edu/~sg).

The Constitution states, "Any person wishing to be a candidate for any office in a Student Government supervised election, when being nominated, must present: (1) a written statement of intent; (2) a paper bearing his or her signature for the Election Committee; and (3) a paper containing signatures, I.D. numbers, and telephone numbers of members in his or her class. To be nominated for a class office or Student Government Representative, fifty such signatures are required."

These nominations will be due by 5pm on Friday March 23 in the marked folder on the Student

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## Beacon Announces Offers for Any Student Running for SG

For all students who wish to announce their candidacy for an office of Student Government during the Spring 2001 term:

The Beacon will be offering free ad space according to the office for which you are running.

Position	Amount of FREE Ad Space
President, SG	1 1/2 page
Tri-Council President	1 page
Class officer	1/2 page
Class Representative	1/4 page

Ads will be split as the candidate desires, however no more than 1 full page may be used for any candidate in the same issue. Ad space may be split among the weeks prior to the elections and the week following the election. The smallest ad space is 1/8 page. All ad space used by a candidate beyond the allotted free space will be at the cost of \$10 per 1/8 page.

All candidates must inform The Beacon via email at beacon@wilkes.edu by Monday, prior to the Thursday that they wish the ad to appear of their intent to run an ad. All candidates are encouraged to work with The Beacon staff to design the ad.

All candidates are encouraged to have their pictures taken by a Beacon photographer for their ad and as an archive photo.

All ads must include name, office candidate is running for and platform information.

For further information on placing ads, please contact The Beacon via email.

## CAFE OPENED IN LIBRARY

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Wilkes University is continuing with their improvements around campus.

One of their latest improvements was the addition of the café to the E.S. Farley Library.

The café opened early in the semester, and is located in the lower level of the E.S. Farley Library.

During the grand opening, a special reception was held for the staff and students that helped to make the café possible.

Reference Librarian and Bibliographical Co-ordinator, Janell Carter, was honored for all of her help with the completion of the café.

Chris Rash, Karen Bradley and Abigail Redmond, the artists of the featured mural on the wall of the café, were also



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Mural, painted by seniors, Chris Rash, Karen Bradley and Abigail Redmond is featured in Farley Library's newest edition, the café.

among the honorees.

Hours for the new café are

Monday through Thursday 8a.m.

to midnight, Friday 8 a.m. to 5

p.m., Saturday 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

and Sunday 11 a.m. to midnight.



# Santee, California Becomes Scene of School Violence

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School violence continues to spread, this time with tragic consequences. A shooting at Santana High School in Santee, California left two dead and 13 wounded. It was around 9:20 a.m. on Monday, March 5 that the shooting began.

Charles "Andy" Williams, a 15-year-old Freshman, is the alleged gunman. Police say he opened fire in one of the high school's restrooms. Witnesses say that he had a smile on his

face while he was shooting.

Perhaps the worst part of the shooting is that threats were made before the incident occurred, and were heard by at least three other students. The threats were apparently dismissed as just talk, but unfortunately they were not. The three students, whose names were not released, have been expelled from Santana High School for the remainder of the year.

Williams is expected to be charged as an adult with two counts of murder, assault with a deadly weapon, and gun posses-

sion, and could face life in prison.

The shooting apparently spurred from harassment by other Santana students. Students interviewed after the shooting remember Williams as being picked on and called names.

The two students killed were laid to rest over the weekend, and students are expected to return to school on Monday, March 12. Counselors will be on hand to assist with the students' recovery and to help return the school to as normal as possible.



Picture found at cnn.com  
Williams, referred to as the "smiling gunman," reloaded his weapon "at least four times" during the shooting spree that killed two.

## Pennsylvania Parochial Scene of Second School Shooting in Week

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A student was shot in the shoulder by a classmate in the Bishop Neumann Junior-Senior High School in Williamsport, Pennsylvania just in the wake of the Santee, California school shooting, where two students were killed and thirteen others

were wounded by the gunfire of a classmate.

Thirteen year-old Kimberly Marchese suffered a gunshot wound to her right shoulder Wednesday, when the bullet from a .22 caliber revolver fired by classmate fourteen year-old Elizabeth Catherine Bush, ricocheted from the floor of, the Bishop Neumann school cafeteria in Williamsport, Pennsylvania.

It was reported that the gun was owned by her father who was quoted as saying, "She found it. Some of my guns are locked up and some are not. She found the one that was not."

The motive for the shooting is currently under investigation, but Bush's mother told authorities that her daughter has had trouble "fitting in" in other schools and they were hoping that things

would be different at Bishop Neumann.

Students had Thursday off from school and returned Friday, beginning the day with a prayer in the school auditorium, followed by a tour of the cafeteria, according to national televised news reports.

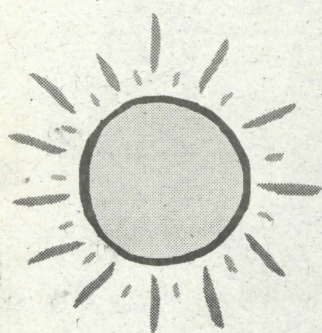
Marchese was released Thursday from Geisinger Medical Center at Danville, Pennsyl-

vania, and Bush is being held in a Juvenile facility while authorities are deciding whether or not to charge her as an adult.

Michael Marchese was reported to have said that he is against Bush being charged as an adult. He said, "They made it out like it was some big grudge. That's just not true. Kim's really nice and I never heard her tease anybody."

## Wilkes-Barre Weather

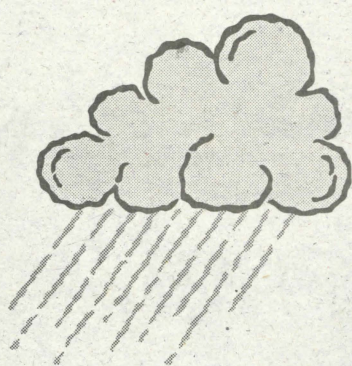
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**Sunny**

High 41, Low 38

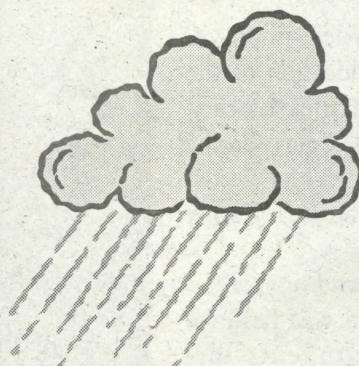
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**Rain**

High 56, Low 48

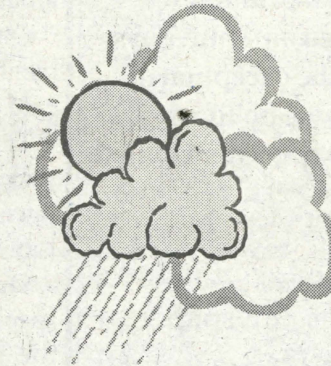
Wednesday



**Rain**

High 47, Low 36

Thursday



**Scattered Showers**

High 47, Low 31

*Beacon Prediction:* After sneaking a peak at Ms. Nature's calander, we at *The Beacon* have found out that there will be spring-like conditions in the next few days. These conditions may include temperatures below 70 degrees and above 20 degrees, and moisture from either precipitation and/or puddles. Thank you. *The Beacon Staff.*

All "real" weather was found at weatherchannel.com



## 25th Annual **EMPLOYMENT FAIR**

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# Election Triatholon; How to Run

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Government office door inside the Student Organization Suite on the first floor of the union. Nominations submitted after 5pm will not be accepted.

The elections for class officers and representatives will be held on Thursday, March 29th from 10am till 6pm.

The Presidential nominations for Student Government, Commuter Council, and Off-Campus Council will be due on Friday, April 13 by 5pm in the Student Or-

ganization Suite in the union.

Nominees for Commuter Council President must obtain thirty off-campus student signatures for their nomination. Commuter Council and Inter-Residence Hall Council Presidential candidates must obtain one hundred commuter and resident student signatures respectively. The Presidential nominees for Student Government must have two hundred signatures.

A debate will be held on Tuesday, April 17 at 11am in COB 106 for all the Presi-

dential nominees. The big election will be held on April 19th in the Student Union from 10am till 6pm. Results from all elections will be posted by noon on the day following voting unless the election committee determines more time is needed.

Becky Gubanick, Lisa Murnin, and myself as the Tri-Council Presidents serve on the election committee that oversees the election process. We do our best to facilitate a clean, honest election.

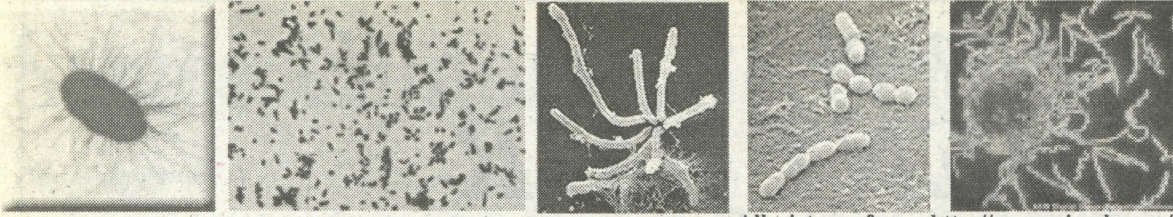
Questions or comments regarding the election process can be addressed to us

by emailing [stevenmc@wilkes.edu](mailto:stevenmc@wilkes.edu).

I, as well as the rest of *The Beacon* staff, would like to encourage all students to participate in this process. Nominate someone, run yourself, and/or vote! This is a race full of winners.

The time is now...and you just may be the one. Take the challenge with a zealous enthusiasm. You can make a difference. Seize the opportunity. All you need is dedication, desire, and a willingness to serve. Swim, pedal, run!



All pictures from: <http://www.microbe.org/>

E. Coli, two forms of Lactobacillus acidophallus, Streptococcus, and Deinococcus radiodurans bacteria.

# Get off the Antibiotics

By Erick Bourassa-Lavoie

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The cold season has come and gone.

Half of those who will read this are probably on, or have been on this year, an antibiotic.

Do you remember why you were on the antibiotic? Do you remember if you took the entire antibiotic that the pharmacist gave you?

Well, in all probability you did not need the antibiotic.

Doctors are very quick to hand out an antibiotic, without making sure it is a bacterium causing the sickness. Then, the patient on the antibiotic usually will stop taking the antibiotic when he/she feels better. This is not healthy, and it will in all probability cause a major problem down the line.

An antibiotic, by definition, is a chemical that stops the reproduction of bacteria, or kills the bacterial cells.

While bacteria cause many diseases, many of them are not caused by bacteria. There are many diseases caused by viruses, which are not targeted at all by antibiotics.

You may be thinking, "Well, what is the big deal if I am given an antibiotic without having a bacterial infection?"

There are many complications with antibiotics, and it is making for an unpleasant future.

Throughout your body, there are many bacteria, many of which are needed for everyday functioning, such as digestion.

When given an antibiotic, these bacteria die just as quickly as any other bacteria that could be causing pneumonia. When the weaker

of these bacteria are killed, the stronger ones live. Then they reproduce, and can cause a "killer" infection. These bacteria in turn, need to be killed with stronger antibiotics.

This cycle will continue for a long period of time, and experts predict that pretty soon, there are going to be bacteria out there that do not respond to antibiotics, and pharmaceutical companies will not be able to make newer and stronger ones to replace the old ones.

Just a couple decades ago, penicillin could combat almost any bacteria out there, ranging from the infected toenail, to bubonic plague.

Today, when a patient has a slight infection, doctors typically will not give penicillin, because they know that it will do nothing for the infection.

Also, when a patient does not take the full course of antibiotics given, the same phenomenon happens. The weaker strains of bacteria die, and the stronger survive. Then, stronger antibiotics are needed to combat the stronger bacteria, and the cycle continues. This is why patients are told to finish all the medication, even if they feel better within a few days after taking the antibiotic.

There are other things that patients can do to help stop the abuse of antibiotics.

You can question your doctor why you are being prescribed an antibiotic. Ask if you have the common cold, or is there truly a bacterial infection. If the cause of illness is of viral origin, refuse the antibiotic. It will do nothing but give you diarrhea (from destroying the natural bacteria living in your intestines, that help digest food).

Also, the use of antibacterial lotions and household cleaners are a problem. While everyone likes to feel clean and rid bacteria from their bodies and homes, it causes the same problem as abusing antibiotics.

The only cleaning product that should be used to kill bacteria is bleach. Bleach is the only household cleaning solution that will not lose effectiveness against bacteria, because of its method of action. It does not inhibit the growth of bacteria; it simply breaks down the cell membrane of the bacteria, which kills it.

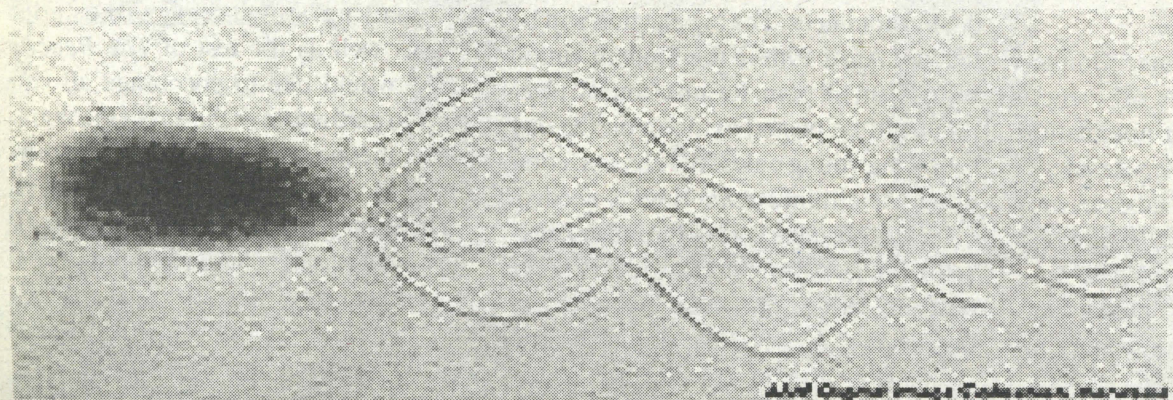
As for antibacterial lotions and the like, simple soap and water has the same effect as bleach, but does not cause the same skin irritating problems as bleach.

The fear of all microbiologists and bacteriologists is that the ability of bacteria to mutate, and the help humans are giving them, is going to make all current antibiotics obsolete, and stronger ones will not be able to be produced in time before people die of mutant bacteria.

It is a very reasonable fear, as many antibiotics, such as Penicillin, Ampicillin, Cephalosporin, Cephlor, and even Augmentin are not effective against many of the strains of bacteria that they once were.

If everyone takes part in this battle against the mutating bacteria, the possibility of a world-wide epidemic of "killer bacteria" will never happen.

If you have any other questions, feel free to contact me, or call Health Services here at campus, located on the first floor of Evans Hall, or talk to your General Practitioner.

Picture from: <http://www.microbe.org/>

A mutated form of E. coli bacteria.

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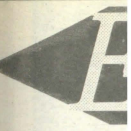
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# Editorial

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Everyday I walk across the street to the Student Union Building, wondering if that will be the day when I end up in the hospital due to a careless driver.

I know there is a crosswalk on West South Street because I can see it clearly painted on the road. Yet, almost none of the drivers who go past this recognize it as such, or if they do, it means nothing to them.

I can recall studying for my driver's license a few years ago. In the manual, given to all new drivers in the state of Pennsylvania, I remember reading that pedestrians in crosswalks always have the right of way.

I thought that maybe in the three years since I had looked through the book the law might have changed, so I went on to the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation's website at [www.dot.state.pa.us](http://www.dot.state.pa.us), and I did a quick search. I found an online version of the PA Driver's Manual, all updated and handy.

In the trusty old manual, that outlines everything from the type of signs you may see along the roadway to how to park a car on a hill, I stumbled across exactly what I was looking for.

Low and behold, right there on page 49, just as I remembered it, I found that indeed,

drivers must "yield to pedestrians at intersections or in crosswalks." Funny how things like that will come back to you, isn't it?

But I still wasn't quite ready to say that Wilkes-Barre drivers are blatantly disobeying an established law that they surely know of, so I decided to find out when it was made into law.

My father, a veteran police officer of over 25 years, is a good resource for things like this, so that is who I turned to. After consulting the PA Motor Vehicle Code, he informed me that this rule of courtesy was enacted into law in Pennsylvania circa 1975, though the code book did not state any exact date.

From later information that I obtained, I believe this has been in law since before World War II, meaning almost every driver in Wilkes-Barre would have taken their driver's test, and thereby should have been informed of this, after the law had gone into effect.

Now that I have established that this is not only a long standing law, but also a recognized rule of courtesy, I begin to wonder just why drivers in Wilkes-Barre (and all over the state of Pennsylvania, for that matter) choose to ignore the fact that we are indeed pedestrians crossing in a crosswalk.

According to Webster's Dictionary, a pedestrian is "a person travelling on foot; a walker." I believe we fit into that part of the criteria. Once again, consulting Webster, I found that a crosswalk is "a path marked off for a pedestrian crossing a street."

Nowhere in the PA Driver's Manual did I find a note of exception given in regards to Wilkes-Barre or college students, so I have

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come to realize that we really do have all right to complain to the city and the police concerning this matter.

I have some suggestions not only for the city, but for the University as well. These recommendations would promote our safety and allow us a little more peace of mind when attempting to cross the streets around our campus.

- Ø The city should look into getting small signs that remind motorists to yield to pedestrians in crosswalks.
- Ø They should also think about running ads in the two local papers, stating the law and consequences (i.e. Two points against your driver's license if you do not yield to a pedestrian, but if the officer's really having a bad day, three points for careless driving).
- Ø If these two initiatives are taken but still don't help to solve the problem, further measures should be taken by putting an unmarked, or plain clothed, officer on patrol to monitor traffic.
- Ø The University should also think about purchasing flashing lights to accompany the signs warning of a crosswalk.
- Ø They could also run a community awareness campaign about all traffic laws, not just this one.
- Ø Zebra Communications, the public relations firm run by the Wilkes Communications Department, could take this on as an ad campaign.
- Ø Some of the clubs who have yet to decide what their required community service project is going to be for the semester,



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ter, could hang posters, hand out fliers, or run a traffic safety or awareness course for the community.

Although these ideas may not solve the problem, trying them could not hurt.

We, as pedestrians, must remember that we only have the right of way when crossing in a crosswalk or at an intersection. We cannot dart across any part of the street we wish and expect cars to stop, and we must be cautious, taking our parent's advice of "look both ways before you cross" to heart.

But we must work to inform drivers that their actions are not only not appreciated, but they also hold high consequences. Each time a motorist fails to yield the right of way to a pedestrian, who is abiding by the law, they could not only have points against their license, they could take a life.

I, personally, don't think it is worth the four or five seconds someone might gain in getting to his or her destination to risk hitting a pedestrian.

## Letter to (an) Editor: Winter Weekend Article Response

Dear Ann Marie Miller,

I am writing in regards to the Winter Weekend article that was published in this week's *Beacon*.

I applaud your courage to stand up against such a popular event here at Wilkes.

First of all, I want to say that I participated in Winter Weekend and was a member of "Gett'n Lathed." We showed up to the events, ready to have a good time, and got a very rude awakening.

This is my senior year and I have seen this many times before, but I still can't understand how the administration can let students come to these events obviously drunk!

We were playing volleyball on Friday night and our banner was stolen (by the eventual winners "Washer Before You Screw Her"). When we went to confront this team, they became somewhat violent and even took swings at my roommate. Luckily, we walked away from the situation without forcing the issue.

After, I asked my roommate "Why didn't you hit him back?" He stated that you can't argue with drunk people and it wasn't worth getting suspended for. If

we hadn't been the sober ones in this situation, it could have gotten very ugly.

I do not want to give the impression of me being a hypocrite, for I have been drunk before in my life. However, I don't think drunk people should be encouraged to come to events during Winter Weekend.

I don't know how this issue can be resolved. People are going to drink heavily, just because it's "tradition" (albeit a dangerous one).

It might be feasible to ban alcoholic names on T-shirts. (However, we had a sexual innuendo, which may be just as bad).

I am not saying that every person at the events (was) plastered, for a majority were sober.

Most of the time everything runs smoothly and it may be a case of "one bad apple spoils the whole bunch."

Again thank you for bringing this issue to light, and hopefully the student body could initiate changes in years to come.

Sincerely,

Ed Bednarz

## First Amendment and A Look Back

President Breiseth

Thursday, March 15

6pm Weckesser Board Room

### Editor's Note:

I would like to thank Mr. Bednarz for allowing us print his opinion for the campus to read.

As always, we are very interested in hearing your comments questions and concerns.

You may contact any *Beacon* staff member by their email address listed below their byline. You may also contact the staff as a whole or address a concern for the entire campus via my attention at [beacon@wilkes.edu](mailto:beacon@wilkes.edu).

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# Opposing Viewpoints

John Bosha and Jennylee Yuhas face off in the debate on the media's role in the recent influx of school violence. Yuhas contends that the media has led to a large number of "copycat" school violence incidences. Bosha maintains, however, that the media has not influenced the crimes, but rather it is individual choices and the media just reports the facts. Here's what they have to say:

## Children are dangerously influenced by the Media

By Jennylee Yuhas  
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Take a minute and look back at all the school shootings as of late.

There was one in Detroit, Michigan in February and in the past week we had Santee, California and Williamsport, Pennsylvania. We can go back a little farther and remember the school shootings in Littleton, Colorado, Paducah, Kentucky and Jonesboro, Arkansas.

Every time you read the paper or watch the news lately it is being filled with kids killing kids.

Most people believe it is because of the way society is today that lets these children feel that violence is the only way out of bad situation. Instead of looking at society as being the cause of the school shootings maybe we should look to the media.

I am not saying that the media is completely to blame, but they should be held partially responsible.

If you look back, after the first school shooting, all the other ones started to fall into place like dominoes.

One of the first major school shooting was in Paducah, Kentucky. Three girls were shot as they gathered around their flagpole at their school to pray for the school and the community.

After the media got a hold of this, other school shootings started popping up all over the country. Some were huge acts of violence where many students were hurt or killed and others were lesser known.

The biggest shooting was in Littleton, Colorado.

Two boys who felt that they could no longer take the insults and jeers that the popular students made towards them, so they killed many students and one teacher.

The media turned this into a circus. It was groundbreaking news on every channel and every radio station for almost three months.

During this time there were a rash

of bomb threats and gun threats in the country's schools.

Kids began to feel that it was an easy way to get an afternoon or more off of school. This worked in many area schools. I know that my school let out on numerous occasions due to bogus bomb threats.

I do feel that school shootings are big news and should be covered. I also think that the news should show the information once and move on.

By dwelling on the fact that a student or students decide to take other students' lives, it shows the children that this is something that they can do to get attention.

I do not think that children understand the consequences they will face for bringing a gun to school or saying that they brought a gun to a classroom. I feel that they see it as a way to get some attention and get an afternoon off.

I remember, during my junior and senior years of high school, talking to my friends about how cool it would be to get out of school for a bomb or gun threat. We talked about calling in a threat just so we could get the day off.

I never realized that I was in any danger. I always had the opinion that it could never happen here, not in little old Wilkes-Barre. My opinion drastically changed after there was a stabbing in another area high school.

We need to tell the media that this is getting out of hand. Doing nothing will be foolish.

Our siblings could be the next students shot in act of school violence, or even doing the shooting.

I think that we should tell the media to report the information once and then move on. We should tell them that by dwelling on the fact that something bad happened, it will not solve any of our problems, and in fact, it could create new ones.

## Media Does Not Influence Violence

By John Bosha  
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School shootings are not caused by media coverage.

Contrary to some viewpoints, the media does not shape our everyday life. If they did, every last one of us would speak with diction like Peter Jennings, would have voted for Bush, and would show pity for every group to get a parade in New York City.

The beauty of the United States of America is that we receive news and process it all independently. No one tells us what shirts to buy (alright, that's a separate argument for an advertising class). No one tells us what we have to do, hence the glory of a free country.

Sometimes, when others see media coverage of an event like a school shooting, there can be what are known as "copycat" cases. In these "copycat" cases, someone mimics what they see on the news.

I once heard that the definition of true insanity is doing something that has already been done, over and over again, and expecting different results.

Anyone who brings a loaded firearm to school and thinks they will somehow avoid being caught could easily be classified as insane. Unless your name is James Bond or John Shaft, you WILL get caught.

In the time preceding the school shooting in California, there was no discussion on the news of children bringing weapons to school.

Then how can this act of violence be explained? Independent, and considerably twisted thoughts by an adolescent gunslinger.

This student did not watch cartoons one day, see Itchy shoot Scratchy, and think, "Wow, I'll be cool if I do that..." This was a student who was tormented at school and went about revenge in completely the wrong way.

Television and radio have nothing to do with this student, or any other, reaching for a gun, bringing it to

school, and losing all common sense in a fit of rage. To say that media coverage can cause school shootings is to infer that we are all zombies, receiving instructions only from our evening news broadcasters, CNN, and MSNBC. Sure, that sort of allegation could be made in the Soviet Union circa 1965, but not here, and not now.

I could be mistaken, but no one has glorified a murderer on national TV, on any radio station, or in any newspaper.

Media coverage follows what events are going on.

Granted, the media has the ability to sensationalize certain events, but on the whole, most report the news. A murder in a high school qualifies as news, and the media must do their job to cover it. To watch coverage like this, and think that life in prison is well worth getting back at a friend is not a normal thought process.

These students are "whack-jobs" and no media coverage, one way or the other, will stop them. Also, as part of this job, journalists covering a situation such as a school shooting need to discover why something happened.

This task is not always easy, and journalists have to process as much information as possible and pass all this news on to an anxious and sometimes angry community looking for as much coverage as they can find.

In conclusion, it is not the media, nor even the NRA that causes school shootings. It's not the bullies, and it is not the parents who have guns set aside in lock-boxes. If the students would not go off on a secret agent tangent, thinking that murder is an answer to anything, then we would avoid all of these problems.

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# Through <sup>My</sup> Our Eyes



Ann Marie Miller

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mmmm...yeah, like I have any idea what I want to write about. Well, I'm at home on Spring Break. Yeah. My friends are off in exotic places, such as New Jersey, "upstate" New York, Maine, Florida, and even Wilkes Barre...and I'm stuck here...at home...working...at a restaurant which loves me so much. Or not.

Anyway, I'm at home, being a waitress. Yay. Serving a ton of ice cream and pie and all that other good-looking stuff restaurants are known to serve. I like work; I actu-

ally enjoy what I do, and the people I am with, for the most part anyway. But, I can see where college is good. It takes all the money I spend so much time earning. Yay college. Thank you Wilkes for bleeding my pockets and my bank accounts dry.

Enough of that boring jibberish that you don't care about anyway.

I was quite disappointed after last week. I only got two e-mails in response to my article about Winter Weekend. I was really hoping for more. One response was negative, of course, and the other was positive.

I was happy to hear that someone actually agreed with me about this

whole thing. He realized that I was not trying to destroy the concept of Winter Weekend, rather, to reform it, so that it could be more fun for everyone at Wilkes, including those who drink, as well as those who do not. To top it all off, this person was a Senior...so it's not just my lowly Sophomore mind that feels that things should be changed.

In contrast to this correspondence was the other one that I got. This person told me that my facts about Wilkes were incorrect and that "Mr. Boshka can wear whatever he wants because he is not the President of the United State."

I was just wondering, exactly what "State" is Mr. Boshka not the President of? If you could let me know, I would appreciate it. At least then I will know which "State" to move to after I graduate from Wilkes.

Surprisingly, and much to my dismay, I didn't get any responses to my article about Student Government. (Yes, Mr. Boshka, you can count this as one of the "nine articles" on Student Government in this issue of *The Beacon*.) I was really hoping for a response from Mr. Boshka, or at least a revised constitution on the Student Government web page. Needless to say, I got neither.

It really bothers me that the Constitution on the web page for our Student Government at Wilkes is not spell-checked either. I'm not exactly the head webmaster or a computer expert by any means, but I know that if/when I publish anything on the web that I would make sure that things are spaced correctly. Example (from the "Preamble" to the Constitution ~<http://wilkes1.wilkes.edu/~sg/constitution.html>):

"— maintain the necessary and proper obligations and responsibilities of the students to the University, do hereby create the Student Government of Wilkes University and enact this constitution for its government."

Three errors in the first part of the Constitution. I can point out many more, but that would be a waste of my time.

Unfortunately, I didn't get a response from Ms. Danner either, or a chance to talk to her after the Student Government meeting last week. I went up to her and asked to speak with her, but she asked me to excuse her that she'd be "right back." I waited for five minutes, but I had to get back to the paper. I couldn't waste my time waiting for her to write out her checks and come out of her "meeting." I had bigger and better things to do. Maybe I'll have better luck next time.

After going to the Student Government meeting last week, I was dead set on never going back there

again. It was ridiculous. But. Oh yes...there is a BUT here. My Managing Editor told me that she was asked (by a Student Government member, who I won't mention here) to cover Student Government again. Apparently, they don't want me there. Well, I'm sorry to disappoint you, but I will be there. I will have company with me, and I will be there. My Managing Editor will be there too. Either physically, or vicariously through me. She briefs me with my questions, so it's like she is there. Sorry to disappoint those of you who thought that I would never show up again.

(Maybe I should have gone on the radio and announced that...hmmm...)

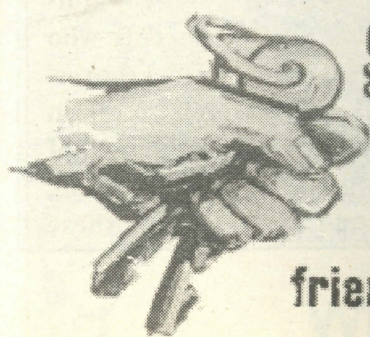
This is a special announcement. Over the past few days I have been doing some soul searching...been trying to figure out...I don't know...I'm Student Government correspondent now and I've only gone to a meeting once. What should I do for the rest of the year? Should I go again? Should I not go again? Elementary Education and English, and my work study job, and my roles as Copy Editor and Staff Writer at *The Beacon*...it's a big work load. It gets to be tough after a while. But, at the urging of friends, classmates, associates (and most of all my Managing Editor)...they said to go for it. So, I am making it official, my role as *The Beacon* Student Government correspondent. I wanted to make it official in this special Monday edition of *The Beacon*.

And, yes, Mr. Boshka, this *Beacon* staff writer "got that one down" (on tape). "Student Government is actually making news for themselves for once." And I hope that you "got that one down." I will be at your meetings to watch you make more news for yourself. And have no fear, Mr. Boshka, I will not "come to see you the next morning" (namely, the morning after "March 29<sup>th</sup>, conveniently enough (your) 21<sup>st</sup> birthday"). So, don't forget to "keep it real" because you have an "Anatomy test the next day."

So, until Thursday, remember: "If you want to truly understand some-



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# Brittian Breaks It Down

By Jeff Brittian

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Last Friday, things took a big turn at Wilkes University.

The Student Government election became a race again.

Normally on my radio show, "Phantom Friday," I have guests like the Crocodile Hunter, Statman, or Sean Connery. However, this week's show had a guest that I didn't have to do the voice for, because he was actually there. The current SG President came on the air to make an announcement.

With music from the WWF playing in the background, John Bosha announced his bid for re-election. Everyone had heard rumors, but that made it official.

Before then, it looked like Beth Danner would be the hands-down winner, simply because she was the only person running. Now in April, it will be President against Vice-President, which makes me wonder what the rest of the semester will be like...the position of SG President is a prestigious and demanding position.

When the top two people of SG are at odds for the same position, can they still work effectively together? I think they can.

They are both decent people, and

I don't think that their performance will be affected by their future goal. (But wouldn't that make for a great episode of "Celebrity Deathmatch?")

Anyway, since this has the potential to be a close race, I have a few recommendations for the SG election committee:

-All voters will be students that have made it into college. They have demonstrated intelligence that is apparently leaps and bounds ahead of that demonstrated by residents of Florida, who cannot match up a hole to punch with a name. Nevertheless, I think the ballot should consist of names and boxes. Any ballot with any type of mark in more than one box should be promptly shredded and discarded.

-There should be one counting of votes, with one allowed recount. After that, tough crap loser, that's final. IRHC president Meg Stevens shall preside over the tallying.

-Perhaps we should have an electoral college just as the US does. We can divide up electoral votes by dorm. For example, Evans has the largest population, so that dorm would have the most electoral votes, and then something else big like Fort or Rifkin, and so on. That would make it more interesting, especially since the dorm that Bosha

is in has the smallest population of all, therefore the least amount of electoral votes.

Just as in any election, there are certain rules, such as age, citizenship, etc.

-Anyone who has travelled to FL within 3 weeks of the election will not be permitted to vote. Exposure to Floridians will tamper with a normal person's ability to comprehend the voting process.

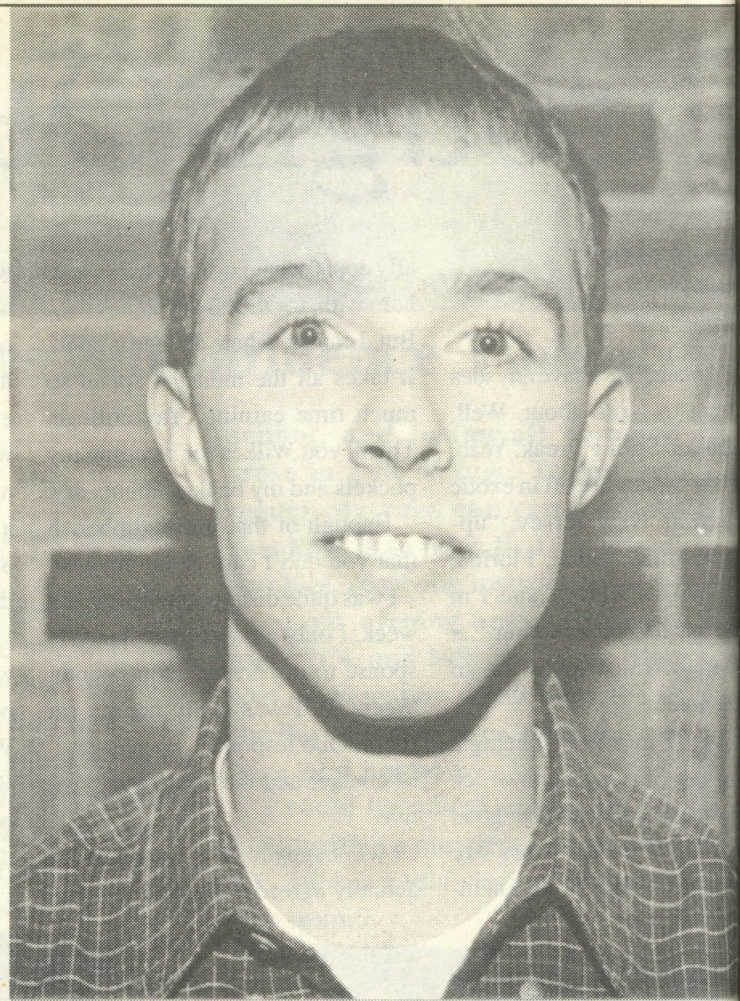
So what kind of media will the candidates select for their campaign?

They have \$75 to spend on their campaign, no more, no less.

This prevents things like the Blue Angels doing a fly-by over the greenway to support Bosha, or seeing a 30-second spot for Danner during a hockey game on ESPN.

That's enough money for one big banner, a few little posters, and don't forget all the food outside the SUB on election day.

Of course, both candidates are invited to discuss their platforms any time they like on my show, and I am hereby inviting them to appear on "Phantom Friday" sometime before the election. A debate on Wilkes' radio station would be a grand idea, wouldn't it? Then all 4 or 5 people that listen to my show (just kidding) can make an informed decision about selecting the next SG presi-



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Jeff Brittian, host of Phantom Friday on WCLH, 90.7, tells it like it is.

dent.

Nothing has been decided yet, and the election is more than a month away. We'll see what this year's campaign brings.

"Phantom Friday" airs every Friday from 3-5 on 90.7 FM WCLH. You can also hear it on CH 66 if you have cable on your TV.

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It doesn't take long to start a fire that could be a problem for Wilkes students.

It could be a burning candle cooking your food in the cafeteria. Or a cigarette from your car could be the victim of a fire that was wasted after a fire never hearing.

Fire is dangerous. It is a dangerous issue across the nation.

Since January, there have been twenty-five fires on college campuses in the United States.

According to the National Fire Protection Association, eleven incidents occurred in dormitories.

and four incidents occurred in other buildings.



# Light My Fire?

By Meg Stevens  
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It doesn't take a pyromaniac to start a fire that results in the death of Wilkes students.

It could be a prank or simply a burning candle. It could result from cooking your dinner in your apartment after an unappetizing meal at the cafeteria. Maybe it could spark from your cigarette. Maybe you will be the victim when you come home wasted after a party and pass out—never hearing the fire alarms. Fire is dangerous, and it is an important issue on college campuses across the nation.

Since January 2001 there have been twenty-five large fires reported on college campuses across the United States killing four students. According to Campus Firewatch, eleven incidents have occurred in residence halls, two incidents were associated with Greek life, eight fires occurred in off-campus housing, and four incidents were academic

in nature.

Wilkes University takes fire safety seriously.

If you have any doubts, ask senior Kevin Siegel or sophomore Jeff Brittain.

These two young men will be presenting a Fire Safety Educational Wednesday, March 14 at 7:30pm in the ballroom. The multi-media presentation will deal with safety, prevention, and escape. They will also be sharing their own unique, first hand experiences with the dangers of fire.

Brittain is very passionate about this subject. "Fire can spread so fast, you have to know what to do before you have to do it. Everyone is affected by it, and there are 1,700 fires at colleges each year. It can happen to anyone," he said.

Senior Debra Gibson has seen this topic receive attention over the years each time a nearby college had a fire break out.

Gibson states, "I want to know how so many fire hazards can exist

on campus...especially when tragedies have occurred in places not far from us.... They act like it's a big deal when it happens but nothing gets done."

Wednesday night Siegel and Brittain will be doing what they can to get something done by educating students.

Brittain encourages fellow students to attend to "gain knowledge of how to prevent fires, and what to do in the event of a fire."

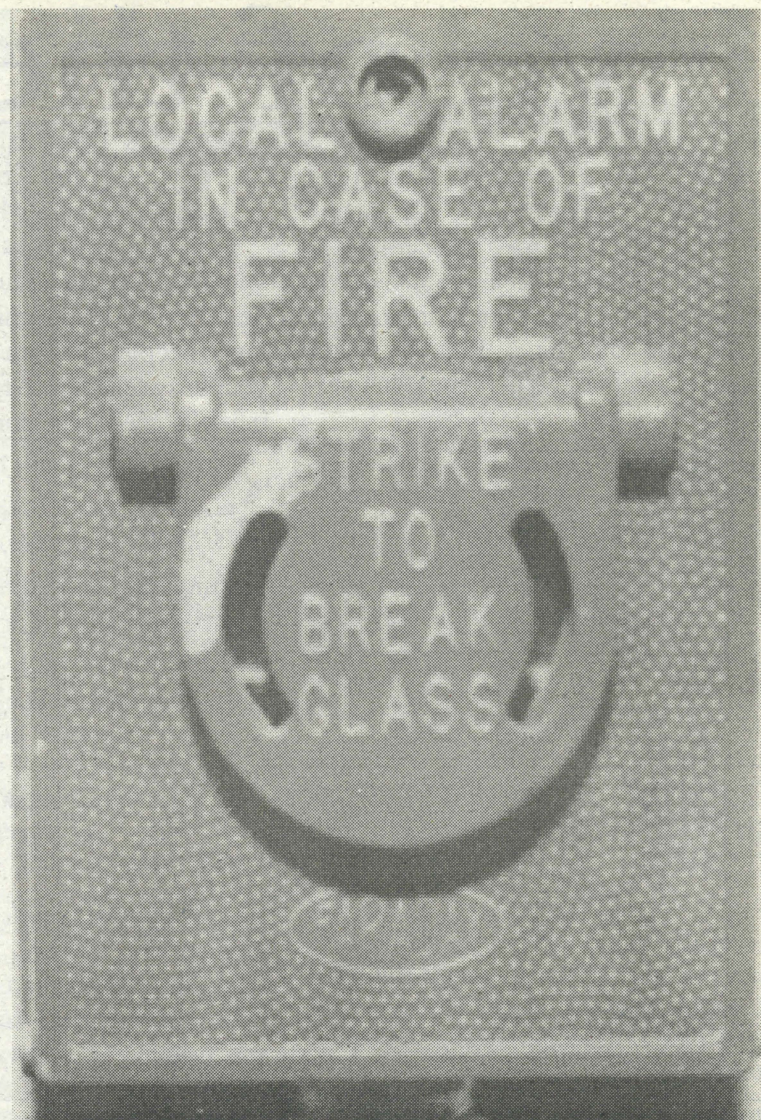
The Fire Chief of Wilkes-Barre will also be present to answer any questions.

By raising the awareness of fire safety and prevention, Siegel and Brittain hope to prevent any serious fire injuries or damage at Wilkes.

The Inter-Residence Hall Council will be sponsoring refreshments at the Wednesday night presentation.

All students are encouraged to attend.

Next time you light someone's fire, you better be prepared for the danger you may unlock.



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Fire alarms offer method of alert from danger.

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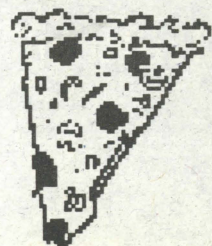
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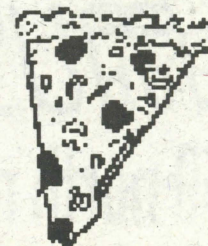
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# Eye of the Future with Arden of the Stars



## Capricorn

Take full advantage of your knowledge and skill this week. Act quickly, though, or you may not have time to calculate your next move. You will receive full merit for your work this week. Later on, you will realize what a valuable addition to your credit you have made.



## Aries

Spontaneity is a virtue for you Aries. Doing things on a whim is not a curse for you, as it is for many. Feel free to go on impulse this week, but be careful of the promises you are making to people. They are taking time out of your busy schedule to get the things done that you need to be done.



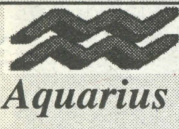
## Cancer

Other people's habits and patterns may seem almost bewildering this week. Do not think that it is everyone else. It just so happens that you are extra perceptive this week. You should write down your thoughts and dreams, they are important for insight into the future. Seeing things from "another perspective" will help sort out your own idiosyncrasies.



## Libra

You have a great affect on other people, but you need to watch your words this week. What you say will either inspire people to hate you, or be intrigued by you. So be careful. Try to see how other people see you around you, but from another angle than what you have witnessed thus far.



## Aquarius

You may be group oriented but you also need to be personally recognized for the ideas that you are responsible for giving birth to. Don't be too quick to jump to conclusions one way or another. Someone has probably already spoken on your behalf. An aspect of your values or resources in relation to those of others needs highlighting today.



## Taurus

You will have the urge this week to do something creative. GO FOR IT. Lately, nothing has been going on in your life, and the frustration of not going anywhere will give you the motivation to do something about it this week.



## Leo

Things cannot always be put into terms of money. You are notorious for your generosity, but this week, you need to be more generous with your time, than your money. Lend an ear to a friend in need; you will feel completely appreciated, which will make your sense of self much better.



## Scorpio

We all have the ability to get wildly out of love when dealing with an awkward or uncomfortable situation. Do not let that happen this week. Someone will need your guidance, and you cannot afford to be harshly, or they may go over the edge, leading to an all-out battle. Use your ability to influence others this week, to help others see what they need to go, or what they have to do.



## Pisces

If you think too highly of others, you might think that you don't value yourself enough. This is not the case. The fact of the matter is, is that you recognize traits in them that you yourself possess. Take time this week to enjoy the beauty in your life. Do not hesitate to ask questions of those people that you "think too highly of."



## Gemini

This week it is important for you to get back to your roots, and have loving conversations with your friends and family. They created who you are, you need to give back some of yourself. You also need to concentrate on work/school-related tasks this week.



## Virgo

A lot of things you will hear and see this week will evoke strong feelings in your heart. Do not let that bother you too much, but you should follow the age-old rule, "Do unto others as others do unto you."



## Sagittarius

You have a wonderful sense of humor, but this week you may want to be careful of what you say. Not everybody is going to be in a joking mood, and you may slip and say something that will strike a nerve in someone. Survey the ground before doing battle.

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# Jannuzzi named D-III Player of Year

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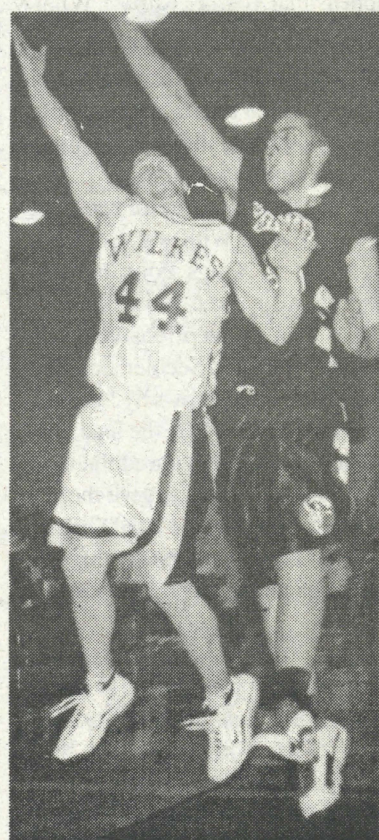
This past Wednesday, senior point guard Dave Jannuzzi was named the 2001 Jostens Trophy recipient, honoring him as the top student-athlete in NCAA Division III men's basketball. The award puts the cherry on top of a stellar five-year career, extended by a foot injury that kept him out of all but four games last season.

"It's a pretty nice honor," Jannuzzi commented to reporters. "The first thing I thought when Coach Rickrode told me was that I'm happy to be going down there, but I would rather be going down to Italy."

"There" is Salem, VA, the site of the Final Four, where Dave will receive his award on Thursday. Dave and the rest of the Colonels were eliminated from the NCAA tournament Saturday in an overtime loss to Kings Point last Saturday (see feature).

"It's just great news," Coach Rickrode told the media. "That young man has worked so hard for as long as he has been at Wilkes. He has been in my office every day since the summer of 1996. He was an unselfish player."

After receiving word late last year that he would receive an extra year of eligibility, Dave was determined to make the most of it. "It just made



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Jannuzzi goes up for lay-up in Cabrini game.

me work harder. It just gave me an excuse to get better."

"I'm the type of person that believes every time something happens, it happens for a reason. I looked at it as sort of a blessing."

Jannuzzi has had a stellar career, not only leading Wilkes to four Freedom Conference championships and taking the Colonels to the NCAA tournament four times, but also getting numerous individual awards along the way. Dave has been honored as Freedom Conference Player of the Year three times (including this season), two-time Regional Academic All-American, First Team All-American as a junior in 1998-99, and an All-Tournament Team selection at the 1998 Final Four.

Dave has also excelled in the classroom as well here at Wilkes. Majoring in Elementary Education and Psychology, Dave made the Dean's List seven out of eight semesters, received Middle Atlantic Conference Academic Honors three times, and graduated magna cum laude in 2000 with a 3.64 GPA. He is currently pursuing a master's degree in Educational Development and Strategies, maintaining a 3.83 GPA.

"What winning this award really says is that I've been blessed to be

around great people who have sacrificed a lot of things for me," Jannuzzi remarked. "There have been a lot of people who have given me a lot of opportunities. It says I have a great family who has supported me in everything I have done. I also can't say enough about Coach Rickrode."

"When I started my career at Wilkes, I wanted to say that when I was finished, I was the Player of the Year. It was an individual goal I wanted to accomplish. To say that I accomplished that goal says to me that I didn't waste time at Wilkes. I told myself that when I went to Wilkes I was just going to work, work, work. I focused on academics and basketball."

Both have paid great dividends for the Colonels all-time leading scorer.

Rickrode saw the end of an era last Saturday, but he will never forget Dave Jannuzzi, the man, the basketball player. "More difficult than from a basketball standpoint...He's like a son to me. It extends way beyond basketball. His will to win and his will to be as good as he can be is something that I respect. I'm gonna miss him."

By the chant of "Thank you, Dave" after the game and the emo-



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Jannuzzi takes the ball down court.

tions we all felt Saturday night, every one will miss him.  
Thank you, Dave.

## Softball Roster: Revised

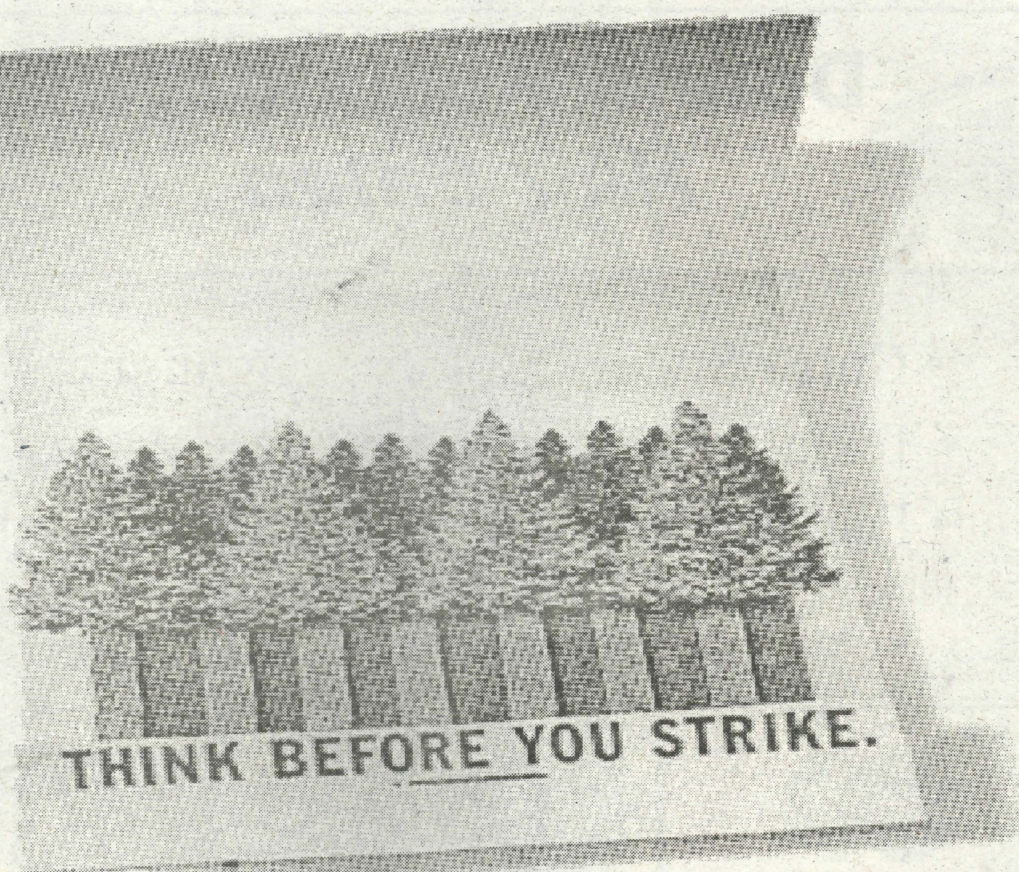
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I have to apologize to many of the girls for not printing their names in my article in the March 1st edition of *The Beacon*.

When it was brought to my attention by a thoughtful reader that I had left a few out, I felt the need to give all the girls the respect they deserve, so here is the entire roster for 2001:

### 2001 Women's Softball Roster

Player	Year	Position
Alice Fink	Senior	Pitcher
Robyn Mendygral	Senior	Shortstop
Nancy Stover	Senior	Outfield
Kim Chapman	Junior	Outfield
Lisa Hartman	Junior	Pitcher
Sandy Mullen	Junior	Catcher
Erin Priestman	Junior	Third Base
Melissa Babcock	Sophomore	First Base
Brooke Shreaves	Sophomore	Outfield
Selena Bednarz	Freshman	Infield
Andrea Chabala	Freshman	Outfield
Julie Dalmas	Freshman	Pitcher
Leora Kleist	Freshman	Catcher
Samantha Mann	Freshman	Catcher
Melissa Mendygral	Freshman	Second Base
Desiree Podrasky	Freshman	Catcher



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# Colonels' Dream Ends

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The Wilkes University Colonels men's basketball team had high expectations placed upon them the entire season. Expectations from the school, their fans, the media, and even themselves. Pressure is often a result of expectations, which usually isn't a good thing. The Colonels had said there was pressure on them in last Saturday's NCAA second round matchup with the visiting Kings Point Mariners, but adding to that the pressure put on them by the Mariners, was too much. Wilkes fell to Kings Point 100-98 in overtime, ending their chance at a national title and their season at 23-3.

After winning the opening tip, Kings Point jumped out to the early lead. Tom Stambaugh quickly pulled the Colonels even with a deuce. A free throw put Wilkes down one, but Stambaugh then connected on two lay-ups, giving Wilkes their first lead of the contest. A Kevin Walsh freebie followed by another Stambaugh hoop gave the Colonels a four-point lead.

The Mariners then shot back into it with a three and a fast-break lay-up, giving them a one-point advantage. The two teams then exchanged buckets until a two from Walsh and a triple from the hands of Dave

Jannuzzi kicked the Wilkes lead to seven with 13:22 to go in the opening half.

See-saw scoring kept Wilkes in front. Walsh then hit another from the stripe to spread the lead to eight, their largest of the contest. Kings Point then cut into that lead over the next minute, getting it to within two. Brad Sechler then responded by hitting his first bucket of the night, a three for good measure.

A Kings Point basket was then matched by a lay-up from Dave Plisko, but a charge was called as well, giving him three fouls with 7:06 to play in the half.

Missed shots by the Colonels gave the Mariners the chance to take the lead, but they turned the ball over on two of their next three possessions, allowing Ron McIntyre's lay-up and John Boylan's free throw to move the Wilkes lead to six.

With another lay-up by Walsh, giving Wilkes an eight-point lead and only 1:43 to go in the opening half, it looked as though the Colonels would go into the locker room with a sizeable lead.

Kings Point had other plans. Johnny Garrett connected once from the line and Nate Barton knocked down his second three of the night to pull the Mariners to within four, 48-44, going into half-time.

After the intermission, Sechler

tickled twine with his second three, pushing the lead back to seven, but Kings Point was then able to work on the deficit, getting it to just one only two and a half minutes later.

Following a bucket from Stambaugh and a single from Garrett, Wilkes couldn't connect from short range twice and a three didn't go either. A Kings Point miss then brought the ball back up to the Wilkes end and Sechler connected from inside the arc. Another Mariner miss gave Walsh the chance to hit two from the line, increasing the Colonel lead to eight.

An exchange of buckets ensued over the next two and a half minutes before Kings Point chipped away at the lead once again. A Kevin Bernick trifecta and two gimmies by Garrett got them to within a pair before Jannuzzi's two gave Wilkes some room.

A Stambaugh block lead to another Wilkes possession, but Kings Point returned the favor on Walsh. Free throws on the other end were then responded with two from Walsh to keep the Colonels lead at three until Garrett connected from long distance to even the contest for the first time in the second half.

Yet another free throw exchange, with Wilkes' two coming by the

hands of junior Greg Barrouk, kept the contest deadlocked. A Colonel turnover then allowed Kings Point to take a two-point lead, with a chance to make it more following still another Wilkes turnover. Fortunately for Wilkes, the Mariners couldn't convert, allowing Jannuzzi to hit a jumper to knot it up.

Barrouk then made one of two from the line to give Wilkes a slim lead, but a pair of Kings Point lay-ups gave them a three-point spread. Wilkes then got an offensive board and put-back from Sechler, coupled with a pair of free throws by Jannuzzi to momentarily regain the lead.

Nate Barton then scored the next five Mariners points to give them a three point lead before Brad Sechler knocked down yet another three to pull the game even with 2:28 remaining.

Kings Point looked to run away with it as they went on a 5-0 run to take an 88-83 lead with 50 ticks left on the clock. Tom Stambaugh then calmly stepped to the line to hit a pair. A failed Mariner possession gave Wilkes the ball back and Dave Jannuzzi stepped up and knocked down a triple to tie the game with just four seconds to play, kick-starting the crowd. "What else can we

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Dave Plisko puts it in the air in an attempt at three.



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Mariners surround Ron McIntyre as he looks to score.

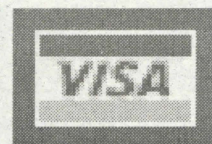
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"I wondered Kings Point head coach Bill [unclear]. 'I'm just like, 'Let's get it in, let's get it in the court and see what happens.'" What happen quickly quieted the home crowd. On the inbound, Jannuzzi went for the steal and instead fouled Barton, who went down and sank the two free throws. A three-quarter length inbounds pass was tipped out by Kings Point, giving Wilkes the ball in front of the scorer's table. Jannuzzi made up for his error miscue as he drove baseline and connected on a lay-up as the buzzer sounded, sending the Wilkes faithful into a frenzy. Jannuzzi later said that the Marts Center is "by far the toughest environment I've ever been in. I mean this is really hard."

Wilkes took the early lead in the overtime with a Jannuzzi lay-up. A failed possession by Kings Point was then followed by two Wilkes turnovers. Barton was then fouled on a three-point attempt and sank all three shots. Kevin Bernick then connected from downtown and Garrett sank two free throws to push the lead to four at 98-94 with only 53.7 seconds to go in the overtime.

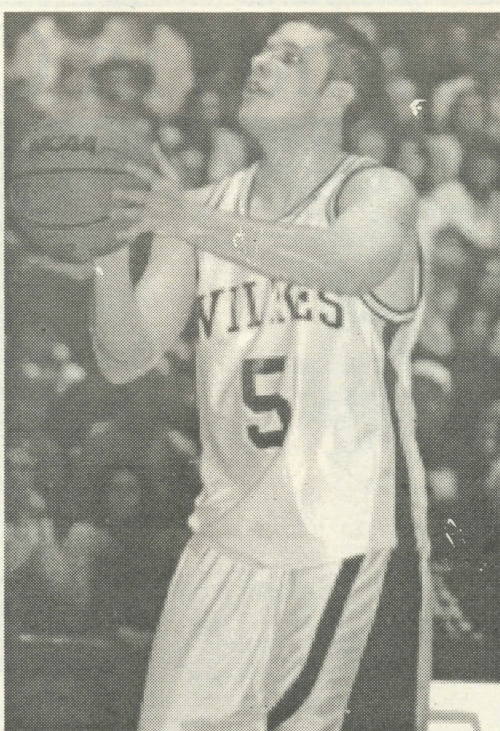
Jannuzzi then hit a two and Dave Plisko knocked the inbounds off of a Kings Point player, allowing John Boylan to tie the game. A stolen inbounds pass then gave Wilkes a

chance to take the lead from the free throw line, but both attempts failed.

Garrett then took the ball through the lane and laid it in with 2.7 seconds left to play. The inbounds pass went to Dave Plisko, who took two steps inside half-court and fired. The shot hit the side of the rim, bounced off the backboard and away from the cylinder as time expired. Kings Point squeaked out a 100-98 victory.

"I think the guys executed pretty well," Coach Rickrode said of the last second attempt. "Dave (Plisko) got the ball, took two dribbles like he should've, got as close as he could and left it go. Came close. (It's) A low percentage shot."

Overall Rickrode was pleased with the Colonels offense, but he knew that Kings Point



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John Boylan looks for one during a free throw opportunity.

had some game of their own. "The guys executed things out of timeouts, even the last play, when we set things up in the huddle. They executed pretty well. We just had a hard time stopping them (the Mariners)."

"We missed show chippies in the second half we usually make," Rickrode continued.

"I thought the advantage we had at halftime, we were scoring inside pretty well...Second half we missed some chippies. We went after it pretty hard. We out rebounded them 40-31. A couple shots just didn't fall."

"We did a pretty good job with their pressure. I felt that sometimes we were content to just break the pressure and not look to

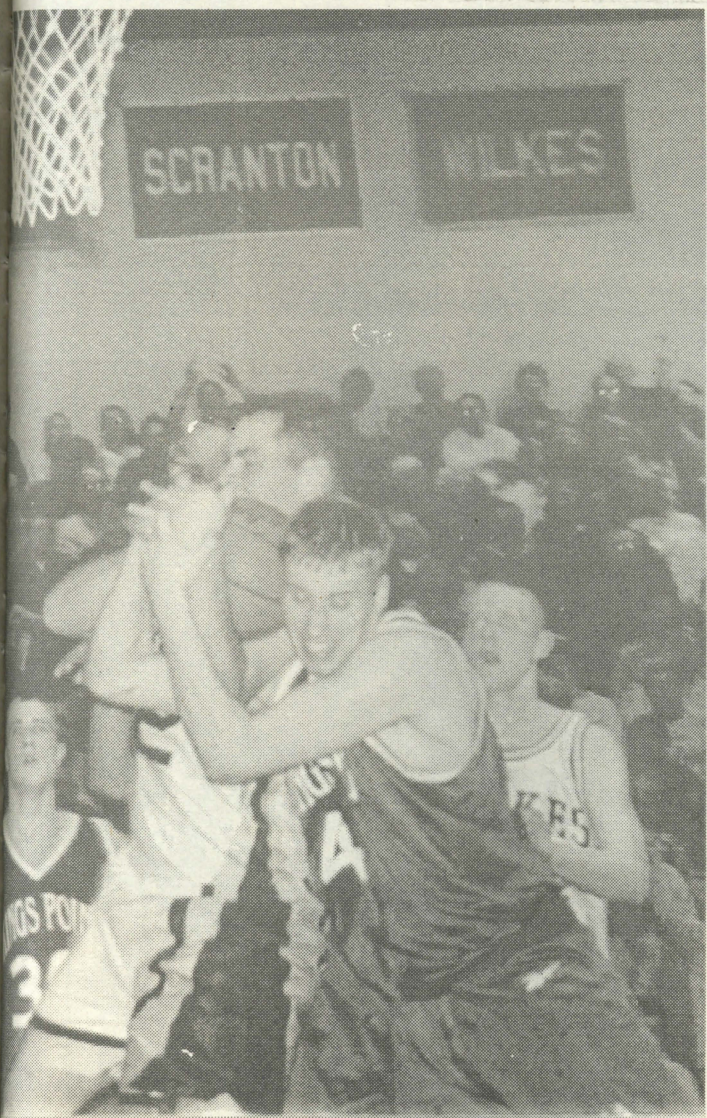
go...Hell of a game."

Dave Jannuzzi paced the Colonels in his last collegiate game with 24 points. Junior Tom Stambaugh followed with 18. Junior Kevin Walsh had 15 and five assists, while juniors Brad Sechler and Ron McIntyre capped the Wilkes players in double digits with 13 and 10, respectively.

Coach Rickrode had nothing but praise for the group of players he coached this season: "What this team has done over the year as far as how they've progressed, and if you look at the team that we had last year in comparison to this year, (we) basically have four different starters on the floor. We've got some new guys and the guys, I felt, got better as the year went on. (They) worked hard at practice every day. They take me yelling at them a lot...They're a good group."

Nate Barton and Johnny Garrett both had 21 for the Mariners, with Kevin Bernick adding 17, and 14 came from Seth Cobb. With the win, Kings Point moved on to play Clark, who defeated Amherst 89-76 Saturday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> as well. Kings Point then fell to the Cougars, 75-69, this past Saturday.

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Kevin Walsh wrestles for a rebound.



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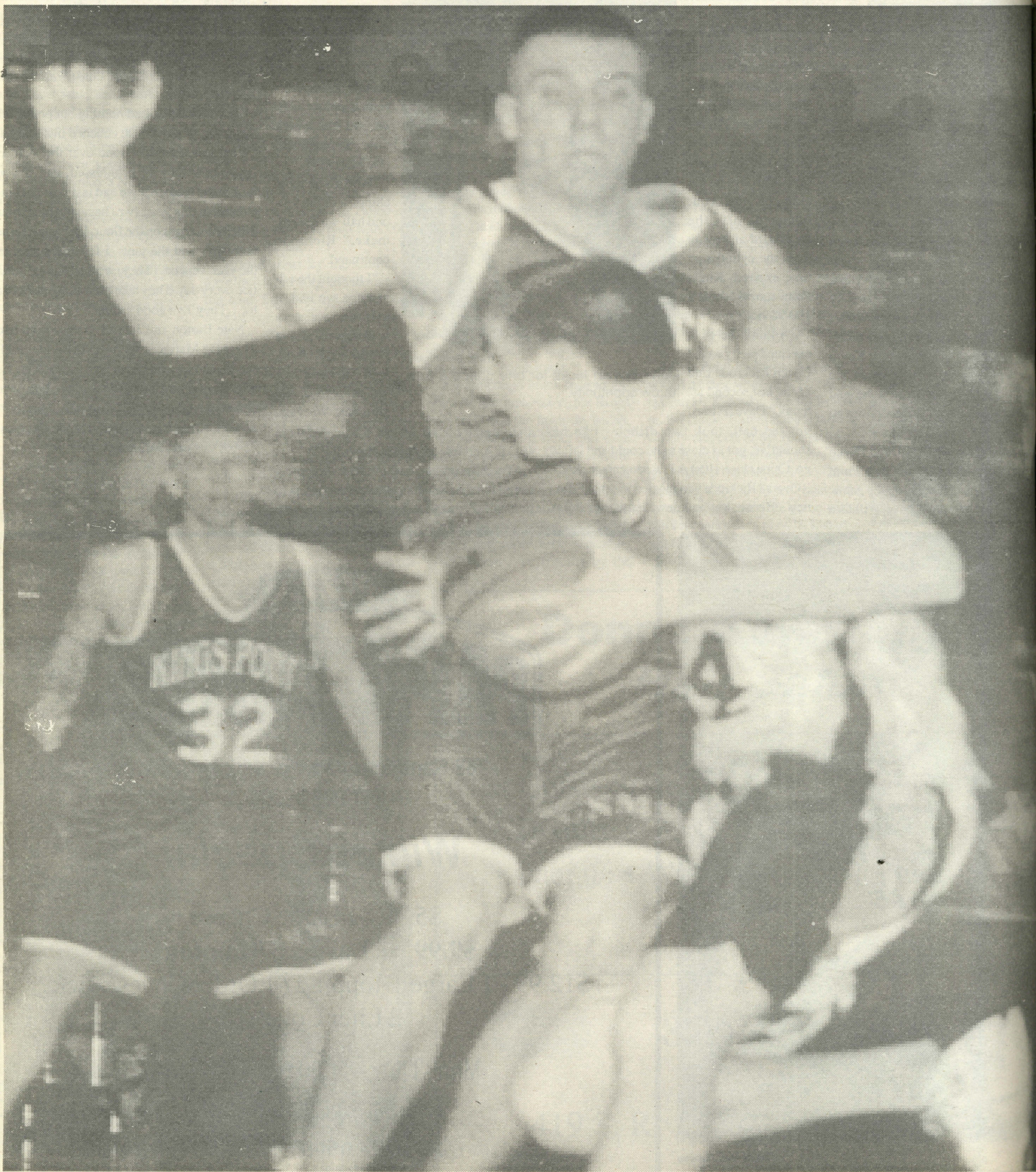




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### Colonels' Dream Ends in Overtime Thriller



Dave Plisko tries to maneuver around tough Mariner defense.

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