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Martial Arts Club kicks into action

By **LISA RUGGIERO**

Beacon Staff Writer

Jennifer Kolesar and Dr. Hieu Tran, Assistant Professor of Pharmacy Practice, have formed a martial arts club here at Wilkes.

Kolesar is the president of the club and Steve Morrissey is the vice president; Tran is the advisor.

Tran studied tae kwon do and tang soo do (Korean styles) and shaolin kung fu (Chinese style).

There are other black belts who help to teach classes, also. They have their black belts in shotokan, kenpo, jujitsu, and tae kwon do.

The purpose of this club is to provide students with an opportunity to learn or expand their current

knowledge of self-defense, as well as to encourage self-confidence, self-discipline, cultural exchange and increased physical fitness through various aspects of martial arts.

Both experienced and non-experienced martial artists are welcome.

Practice sessions are held on Monday and Wednesday nights from 6:45 p.m. to 8:15 p.m. and on Tuesdays from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the wrestling room in the Marts Center.

This club allows everyone time to train and learn from experienced martial art practitioners.

Kolesar who teaches the class, in conjunction with Tran on Monday and Wednesday nights, has a

second degree brown belt in the shotokan style. Morrissey also studies this style of martial arts.

People who attend practices should expect to

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in martial arts is
to unlearn the
violence taught."
-Steve Morrissey**

learn basic moves such as punches, kicks and blocks.

Classes start with meditation, warm-ups, stretches and progress to self-defense situations. Drills that

incorporate previously and learned techniques are taught each week.

There are approximately 20 active members in the club presently. Many are beginners and others are being refreshed.

Once beginners have more experience and if more experienced martial artists join the club, introductory sparring will be introduced.

This type of training includes protective head, arm and leg gear. Sparring is not meant to beat anyone, but rather to learn how to effectively apply what is taught.

Therefore, katas, or specified patterns of moves put together to facilitate the student's learning and focus, are not taught during

the practice sessions.

Various instructors will gladly teach any student who wants to learn katas outside of practice times.

Kolesar said, "You never know when you will need to defend yourself. It is everyone's personal responsibility to learn how to do so."

According to Morrissey, who says that the main drive of this club is to promote self-defense, "The final lesson in the martial arts is to unlearn the violence taught."

When asked about his role as advisor of the club Tran stated, "My aim for this club is for it to progress to join the International Universities Martial Arts Club."

Tran estimates that the club will become a part of this organization by the end of this year.

Tuition increase, will you be back?

By **SCOTT VEITH**

Beacon Staff Writer

In a memorandum released on November 10, Wilkes University President Christopher Breiseth revealed plans for yet another tuition increase.

President Breiseth stated that a productive special meeting of the Board of Trustees took place on November 5 and a "modest" tuition increase will be enacted for the 1998-99 academic year.

The Board of Trustees also approved a financial aid

strategy that will emphasize securing students of outstanding academic quality. This financial aid

"This sucks!"

-Dave Kish

program is intended to help incoming freshmen with high class rank and high SAT scores.

Incoming students who do not excel in the classroom

will still receive financial aid, but this aid will only come in a need-based format.

Despite the efforts by President Breiseth and the Board of Trustees to make Wilkes a better buy for incoming students with high academic standards, no plans were listed in the memorandum to help those students already attending Wilkes.

However, Breiseth stated in the memorandum that there is "evidence of new and creative thinking on campus about refining existing programs and creating new

programs to meet identifiable student needs and interests."

Several students were asked their opinions on the upcoming tuition increase.

Dave Kish, a junior, was extremely disgruntled when he heard that more of his parents hard earned money would be poured into his education.

Kish said, "This sucks! Every year I've been here, they have asked for more money, and I haven't seen a single thing improve around here.

"I can think of about a million things that they could

do with that money, but they probably wouldn't be interested in what I have to say."

Sophomore Bryan Mycoff was so discouraged with the university's decision that he plans to go back to his home state of New Jersey to further his education.

"I was just waiting for them to tell me that I had to pay more to go here. I just can't afford to pay any more to go here when I don't even think I'm getting the best education that I can," Mycoff stated.



Around the world . . .

The Consumer Federation warns used car buyers

WASHINGTON (AP)--In the market for a used car? Consumer experts are recommending that you steer clear of used car lots.

The Consumer Federation of America says most used car dealers are breaking federal laws meant to protect buyers.

The group says many dealers are failing to post a federally required buyer's guide on each used car.

The guide explains whether the car carries a warranty and it offers tips to avoid being cheated.

The head of the group Consumers for Auto Reliability and Safety stated that her one piece of advice is to avoid dealers

and buy from an individual, "preferably the original owner."



Official sketch of the crash that killed Princess Diana revealed

PARIS (AP)--The first official police sketch of the accident that claimed the life of Princess Diana indicates investigators thought a second vehicle might be involved.

The drawing, made within hours of the crash on August 31, shows "a probable collision zone" between the Mercedes

carrying Diana and another vehicle inside the tunnel where the accident occurred.

Despite the sketch French police focused on photographers following the car and on Diana's chauffeur who was legally drunk and on prescription drugs at the time of the wreck.

It wasn't until almost three weeks later that police admitted they were actively looking for a small Fiat that could have made contact with the Mercedes.

The search for the Fiat continues to this day, after tests on pieces of a taillight and traces of car paint found at the scene showed they didn't come from the Mercedes.

The only survivor of the crash cannot recall anything about a Fiat.

Register for the GREs before it's too late

PRINCETON, N.J.--Responding to increased demands for appointments to take the computerized Graduate Record Examination (GRE), Educational Testing Service has added testing capacity.

ETS is urging graduate school candidates with February 1 admission deadlines to register immediately for the GRE in order to assure that test results arrive in time. Students may call toll-free 800-GRE-CALL (800-473-2255), Monday-Thursday from 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.; and

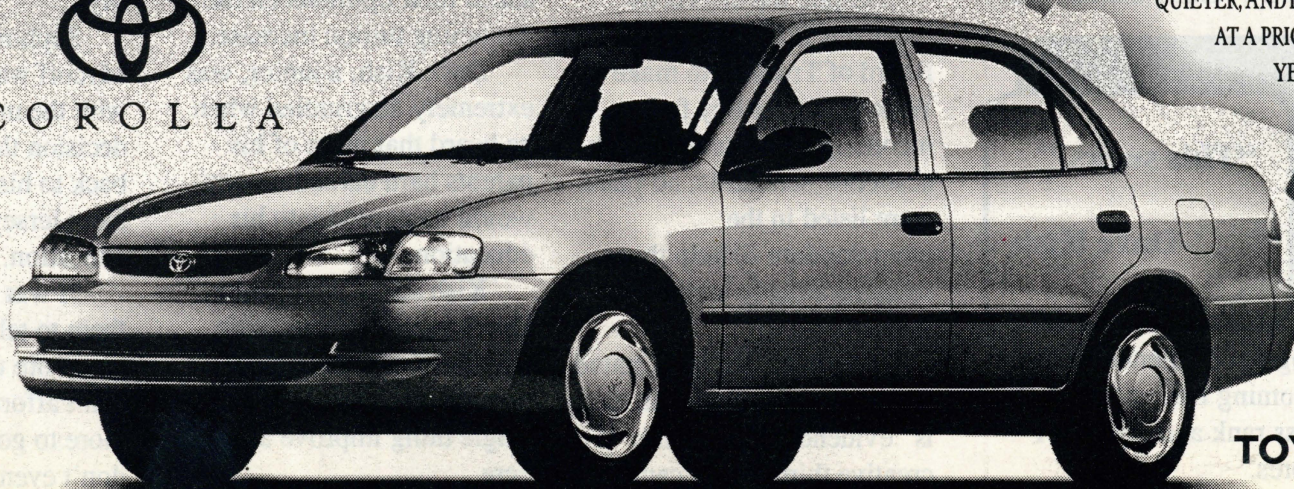
Saturday from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. to schedule their appointments and locations. Official score reports for the computerized GRE are generally available within two weeks of completion of the exam. The scores for the paper-based test are reported in four to six weeks.

The computerized GRE is administered at numerous locations throughout the United States. In order to accommodate additional test applicants, ETS has expanded testing days and hours, which will include Sunday hours for many sites, and added temporary sites through January 1998. Students with deadlines later than February 1 should also plan ahead and call the toll-free number to schedule their exam. The permanent number, 800-GRE-CALL, will remain accessible to accommodate exam reservations for the remainder of the 1997-98 academic year.

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Dear Editor,

About two weeks ago, Glenn Gambinni an employee of the Wilkes University Cafeteria lost his wallet. He asked if I could help him inform the Wilkes community and thought that the best venue to do this would be through *The Beacon*. His wallet was a blue color and a small reward will be given for its return. Glenn is not entirely concerned about the money in the wallet; however, he would appreciate if the information cards, etc. are returned safely. It is my sincere hope that if anyone has any information regarding this missing item, they would let Glenn know. Thank you very much.

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3 Cheers for *The Beacon* team

I remember the Wednesday nights of my first two years here at Wilkes. Chances are that a group of friends were together for our weekly party, hanging out until the wee hours of the morning. I am still up all night every Wednesday, but now I am hanging out with the gang here on the second floor of Hollenback Hall and in all honesty I wouldn't give it up for anything.

We came into this semester a little nervous about what we were getting ourselves into. As a brand new staff meeting for the first time, we all had brilliant new ideas and were ready to make this publication the best it has ever been.

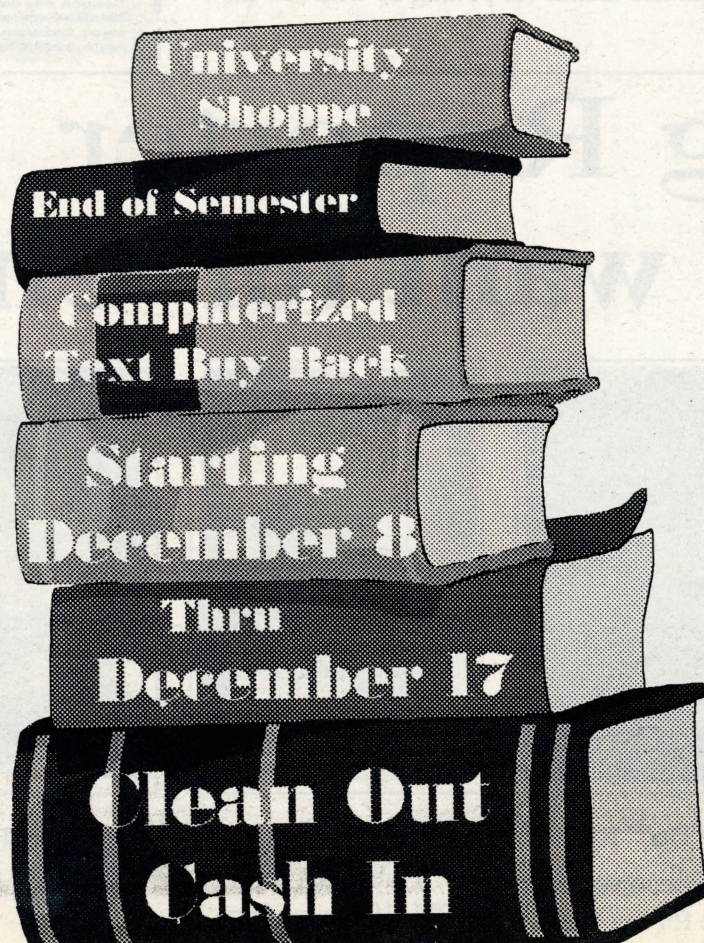
This energy carried us right through the first issue, well, at least it got us started. I think *The Beacon* spirit might have run a little thin around 4 a.m., and was surely out by 6:30 a.m. when everyone was finally heading home.

We read the same pages over and over with the same *Hot 97* favorites playing repeatedly in the background. Stress levels were running dangerously close to the limit and the minutes ticked away.

Things have come together better than I ever could have hoped. This staff has certainly fulfilled all of the goals we set early this semester. Each week *The Beacon* has become stronger, both in print and as a team.

Words cannot express how proud I am of the changes we have implemented and the great work we have produced week after week. More so, I am proud of how we, a one time group of strangers with a moderate case of anxiety, have become the solid team we are now.

I want to thank each member of the staff for all the blood, sweat and tears shed this semester. I wish the best to those members who won't be with us next semester, and encourage everyone else to rest up for another semester at *The Freakin' Beacon*! Have a happy and safe break!



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COME JOIN US!

The Beacon is now accepting applications for Spring 1998. Positions include: Copy Editors, MAC Technician and Business/Advertising Manager. Applications are available outside of *The Beacon* office located on the second floor of Hollenback Hall across from the library. Scholarships and work study money are available. Completed applications are due in the Communications Department office in Capin Hall by 12 p.m. on December 5.



From the top rope with Rich Quigley

We've come to the end of the semester, and with that comes a load of work that has been put off for close to the entire semester for most of us. Like everyone else, I also find myself in that category, counting every minute and feeling the pressures of several deadlines all at once. For all of you freshmen that are new to this chaos, don't panic just yet. I can tell you from years of experience that there is always a way out, and more than likely you will also find it at the last minute as well, sort of like an old MacGyver episode.

Since I do have more things to get done than I have time for, I haven't been able to form a topic for this last column. Because of that, I figured I would just run through some of the highs and lows of writing the column this semester. The best thing is probably being able to say words such as jackass (my personal favorite), bitch, pisses and sucks in front of 2,000 people without being censored. Although it sometimes seems that these are necessary, they do come in very handy when trying to prove a point. Another high was predicting Penn State's two losses to those schools from Michigan. This last weekend especially gave me great satisfaction.

Of course, the one I incorrectly predicted probably was my biggest disappointment this semester. But even some good came from that. I was able to kill two whole columns at once. Now that's being efficient. Some other poor results from writing the column include having the guard from Century that looks like a "Da Bears" fan tell people he wants to ring my neck because he didn't like my article or being practically banned from the SUB because I referred to someone (without naming them) as a possible nazi. Imagine that, the president of the food committee banned from the SUB, pretty ironic.

Anyway, I'll leave you this semester with some predictions for over Christmas break.

The first is that the Century security(?) guards will be gone when we come back to school in January. College football will have it's first champion from the Big Ten since the 1970's, while Penn State will win another meaningless bowl game by thirty points. The four teams remaining in the NFL playoffs will be Pittsburgh, Miami, San Francisco and Tampa Bay. Sting will beat Hollywood Hogan at Starrcade. You will lose those fifteen pounds you've gained this semester while concentrating on a rigorous workout over break. And finally, all of you won't have to read about my opinion about anything anymore. Good luck to everyone on finals, have a great break and thanks for putting up with me, it's been great.

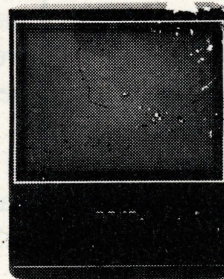
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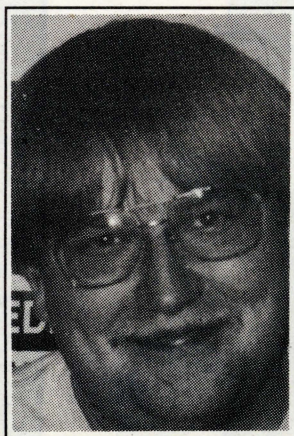


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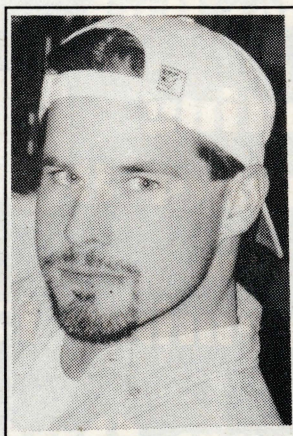
"All I want for Christmas...?"



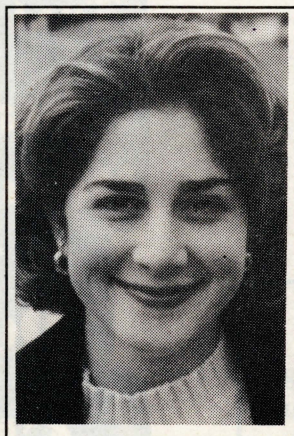
Craig Morris
"A trip to Colorado."



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"250 horsepower nitrous
oxide for my truck."



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"3 precision power
PPI4100 amplifiers."



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"Diamond earrings."



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"Time with family and
friends."



Lisa Rink
"A V.C.R."

Doctors are not the only people saving lives

By MARY ANNE TURCIC
Special to the Beacon

As college students we sometimes think we can live forever. Maybe that's why I never really gave organ donation much thought until I was confronted with having to.

I knew that it was time to learn more about it for my own peace of mind and as a means of coping with an unexpected family crisis. I realized that part of the reason I was not an organ donor myself was because of my ignorance about the subject.

In only a short period of time, I learned the answers to many of the questions regarding donating that had always been in the back of my mind. J. Eric Hobson, RN, MSN, Cardiac Transplant Coordina-

tor at Temple University, discussed the complicated procedures involved with transplantation and the challenges that follow.

By sharing this information with others I hope to help them have a better understanding about the importance of giving this special gift.

In many states, the driver's license reflects our desire to be an organ donor. However, The Uniform Anatomical Gift Act, used in all fifty states, warns that the organ donor card is not enough.

Organ and tissue procurement agencies will not act without receiving permission. A new law that requires the hospital personnel to ask a family member to consider giving permission for donation.

The Organ & Tissue

Coalition on Organ Donation estimates that approximately 35 percent of potential donors are never utilized because family members refuse to give consent.

It is for this reason that anyone wishing to donate must express their wishes to their family.

One of the most common misconceptions regarding organ donation is that family members feel that their loved ones will not receive the necessary attention and treatment involved with their recovery.

This is not true. According to Hobson, all doctors accept the responsibility of treating patients to the best of their ability, it is an oath they take.

The only time that a patient could be categorized as a potential donor is after being

pronounced "brain dead," a condition in which indications of brain function have completely ceased.

At this time, the use of a machine called a respirator would mechanically maintain breathing and to maintain the heart to beat.

More than 40,000 U.S. patients are currently waiting for an organ transplant, and more than 2,000 new patients are added to this waiting list each month.

Organs that can be donated include the heart, lungs, pancreas, corneas, bone marrow, kidneys and liver.

Each year, many loved ones are lost unexpectedly, including fellow students who have passed on but have touched our lives forever. When experiencing such a great loss, it is hard to imagine

anything good coming from tragedy. However, out of one's tragedy can come someone else's hope. Multiple lives may be saved or prolonged, the lives that are often cut short and filled with pain.

I have recently become an organ donor myself, I suppose mainly at first for the reason of feeling hypocritical when praying for a heart when a family member was considered for a transplant list.

Now, I am an organ donor because it is something that I believe in and feel strongly about. I understand the impact my gift could have on others. And, I encourage others to consider becoming organ donors themselves.

For further information about organ donation, contact the Delaware Valley Transplant Program at 1-800-KIDNEY-1.

"Living with AIDS," could you do it?

By JOSHUA BURGESS
Beacon Staff Writer

What is your biggest fear in college? Is it your grades? Your future? How about AIDS?

Many of us have this thought in the back of our mind and are gradually becoming more open towards this very touchy subject matter each and every day.

AIDS and STD's are devastating diseases that plague our lives today. There is a higher risk of getting AIDS and STD's now than ever before.

The fight against AIDS has been a battle people have fought since it was first discovered approximately 15 years ago. It was first called gay cancer or G.R.I.D. (gay related immune disease) and was most popular among the gay population.

Since then there have been hundreds of thousands affected with AIDS each year. More and more people are dying from this deadly virus than from any other disease. So, what can we do to prevent the spread of AIDS?

Practice safe sex with a condom. This is what Jennifer Nichols talked about when she was here on Monday.

Nichols is twenty-nine years old and seven years ago she found out her brother, Henry, had the AIDS virus.

Henry contracted the deadly virus when he was ten years old from a blood transfusion.

Nichols brought her story into Stark Learning Center and shared with the crowd her story of "Living with AIDS."

Nichols wants to educate college students so they can prevent themselves along with others from getting the virus.

Nichols says that it is hard

for Henry and her family to fight AIDS, but she feels that we, as college students, have a good chance and we WILL win the war against AIDS.

On Monday, December 1, "World AIDS Day" was celebrated around the globe.

This was Nichols' sixth year of fighting the disease with her brother and family. The first AIDS Day was held in 1990 and everyone wore red ribbons to show their support.

Nichols was pleased to see all the support shown by everyone for the fight against AIDS.

"The talk really made me

think of how easy it was to contract the disease and how it will make me more cautious in future situations," said, sophomore Jason Nemec.

Today, more and more people are infected with the deadly virus and many have already died from it. Some of the more famous people are: Rock Hudson, Arthur Ashe, Liberacci and Freddy Mercury.

Today, the fight continues and with numerous medial breakthroughs, there is more hope for people with AIDS. Nichols believes the best way for us to prevent the spread of AIDS is by practicing safe sex.

There are AIDS test centers just about anywhere. Many places are free, anonymous and it takes as little as three weeks to obtain the results.

So, if you think you are infected, get tested immediately

because the sooner you find out the better chance you have to fight it. If you are sexually active, please use protection because it will not only protect you from AIDS and STD's, it will also save your life.

COUPLE HIV TESTING

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This fight against AIDS has been a battle people have fought since it was first discovered approximately 15 years ago.



Critic's Corner: Dan the "Movie Man" "Mortal Combat II"

Hello fellow movie viewers.

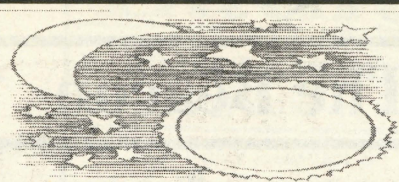
Tell me, do you get a kick out of martial arts films? If you do, some of your favorites most likely include, "Enter the Dragon," with Bruce Lee, or maybe, "Bloodsport," with Jean Claude Van Damme. Well, just recently there's a new fighting film released called, "Mortal Combat II," based on the cult video game "Mortal Combat."

In this film, Lu Kege, Raiden, and the heroes of Earth, must fight against the evil Shou Kamm on his band of outland henchmen to protect the fate of the world. I thought this film was enjoyable, for a twelve year old, video game crazed individual. I know that this film is based on a fantasy world, but this was totally ridiculous.

Now, I don't have a problem with freaks dueling it out, but almost all of the fighting moves in this film were very far from reality. Some of the special effects were cool, but they were also pointless.

Finally, everyone seemed to be in dyer need of acting lessons. In other words, this film was a waste of money and I feel sorry for the people involved.

I'm not even going to bother to give this film any stars folks. This film was so bad it made me sick. Don't bother wasting your money on this film.



ALIGNING THE PLANETS WITH MADAME ZELDA

Sagittarius (November 22-December 21) Back from break a couple days and you can't wait to get back out of here. Calm down, you only have a couple of days left.

Capricorn (December 22-January 19) Finals are on the horizon and you're feeling swamped. Take your time, do a thorough job studying and next week will be stress free and full of 4.0's.

Aquarius (January 20-February 18) It is the last week of class and you're cramming to get those last papers and projects done. You'll feel pressure and stress until they're done. So, do them quick and get them over with so you can get started on finals.

Pisces (February 19-March 20) You're a little worried about being home for a whole month. With parental supervision and curfews you haven't had to face in months, you're going to face some fights. Take it easy and don't start anything major over it.

Aries (March 21-April 19) Lately your memory hasn't served you well. Be careful you don't forget anything over winter break. There is no getting it then.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) Since we're approaching the end of the semester, old friends are calling and writing saying they want to get together. It may seem overwhelming, but take it one step at a time and get to see everyone.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) You are going home and are worried about a job. Make sure when you get home, finding one is the first thing you do or Christmas will be very empty.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) When you are home beware of bad reunions. There are people you should see and people you should just stay away from. You know who they are!

Leo (July 22-August 22) Over Thanksgiving break you got all the juicy gossip about people you went to high school with and can't wait to hear more. Keep in mind there is gossip about everyone. Clear up anything about yourself.

Virgo (August 23-September 22) This semester didn't go exactly as you had planned. Grades were not as good as you had hoped and you are a little upset about this. Next semester buckle down, study and you will find yourself feeling good with your grades then.

Libra (September 23-October 23) Christmas cards and presents are starting to pop up. Get a head start on your shopping or you will end up doing it all Christmas Eve.

Scorpio (October 24-November 21) You're feeling stresses because you can't afford to get everyone on your list a present. Remember it's the thought that counts. A nice message in a card will do fine.

The Beacon Staff wishes you a safe and joyous holiday season!



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By CAROLE MANCUSO
Beacon Staff Writer

Lots of tests, extra homework, what feels like constant studying... this is what most of us are suffering from right now.

With the end of the semester and finals approaching quickly, all of the work has pushed poor Santa Claus far from our minds.

Most of us have had to ignore the usual hectic hustle of the Christmas season and replace it with a stressful cram session. Thankfully, this period will soon be ending in little over a week.

Paul Tomsyck, a junior economics major, said, "I haven't had any time to go Christmas shopping because of school. So, over break I'm going to be able to get that done and spend the rest of the time with friends trying to forget about school."

Melissa Spart, a pre-

pharmacy sophomore, was lucky enough to be able to begin and finish all of her Christmas shopping over the Thanksgiving break.

"Over the break last week, I went to Connecticut to do all of my Christmas shopping.



Now, for the Christmas break I won't have anything to worry about."

Of course that sounds great, but there may be small advantages to get all of the Christmas shopping done during the last two weeks before Christmas.

Even though you may not have the same selection or the same amount of time those did who started their shopping in early November, you may get some better buys.

One thing you can be optimistic about and keep in mind while running frantically around the mall, is that you are not the only one that is going through this.

Many shoppers delay their travels to the mall until Christmas Eve, which has been recorded as the second largest shopping day of the year.

For now, everyone can look forward to their exams being handed in and the anxiety of receiving final grades. The perfect score on these tests will probably make everyone's holiday a little bit brighter.

Once all the hustle and bustle is over with, everyone will finally be able to kick back and have some quiet time on this long awaited break. There is nothing like spending time with family and friends during the holiday season knowing that there is no school when you wake up!



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Colonels pulverize Practical Bible

By JOSH BURGESS
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After returning from capturing the 1997 Okidata Classic at Widener University, the men's basketball team had their home opener on Tuesday against Practical Bible College. The Swordsmen did not have their head coach in attendance, but even if they did, it really would not have helped them stand a chance against Wilkes' powerhouse.

The Colonels scored 72 points in the first half and went on to spank the Swordsmen 111-39.

Leading the way for the Colonels were Brian Gryboski and Chad Fabian

with 15 points each. Mike Barrouk, the leading scorer to date, had 13 and Scott Cleveland netted 12. The Colonels got a lot of support from their reserves who scored 56 points.

"It was a team effort," said captain Barrouk, who averages 23.3 points a game.

Everybody who played scored and the team shot 75 percent from the foul line (21-28). The Colonels were out to put on a show for the entire night. Cleveland showed his stuff as he dunked for the crowd on several occasions.

Then, Barrouk saved an out of bounds ball by throwing it behind his back to Dave Jannuzzi who returned the favor and the

ball behind his back, to Barrouk who took it in for an easy lay-up.

Jannuzzi leads the Colonels with an impressive .941 free-throw shooting percentage. He is currently 16-17 from the line.

At the end of the first half, the Colonels had a lead of 72-17; a deficit from which the Swordsmen found it impossible to even think about coming back.

If there is one thing the crowd likes to see, it is young players getting some time in the game and they saw a lot of it. They were not shy either. Lucas Markelon, Matt Donohue, and Kyle Reed each hit three consecutive threes and scored 19 points between

them.

Fabian said, "Each day we are improving. Our key points were passing and working for the best shot."

"Everyone did a real good job and when the players off of the bench came in we did not lose a step".

Finishing up the scoring were Damon Heller, who had nine points, Jannuzzi, Jason Sheakoski, and Artie Gotzmer each netted six points, Matt Conway and Jay Williams who had four points, and Bill Gallagher with two points.

The 100th point came when Markelon dished the ball of the Heller. This is the second game in a row that the Colonels have

broken the 100 point mark.

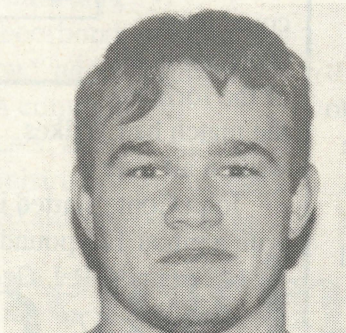
"We need to cut down on turnovers, and get the big guys involved more often," said Williams.

"The freshmen are an asset this year, Gotzmer gives us the quality points and time we need off of the bench."

He went on to say that their toughest obstacle this year will be when they travel to Lycoming and play in their home gym.

The Colonels looked razor sharp and hope to extend their winning streak to five games when they play their first MAC Freedom League opener when traveling to FDU-Madison on Saturday at 2 p.m.

Sports Figures of the Week



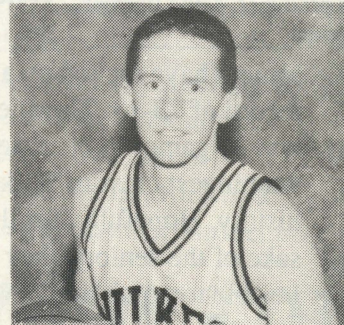
John Laudenslager
"Slager"
Senior
Wrestling
163 pounds
5'5"

Pocono Mountain
High School
Tobyhanna,
Pennsylvania
LIKES:

Weight lifting, playing on his Sony PlayStation, football, goofing off, *Garth Brooks* and all types of music

"Slager's" one wish:
"To be successful and win a million dollars."

Motto: "Whatever!"
Psychology Major

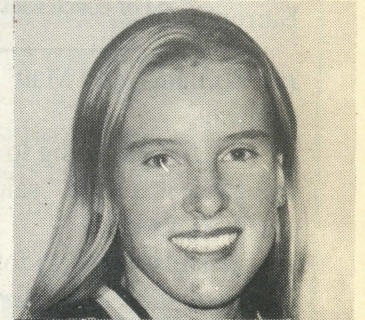


#11
Jay Williams
"Lep"
Senior
Basketball
Point Guard
5'8"

160 pounds
Bishop Hoban
High School
Wilkes-Barre,
Pennsylvania
LIKES:

Playing sports, watching television, *Match Box 20*, *Bush*, *Pearl Jam* and alternative music in general

"Lep's" one wish:
"To be successful!"
Motto: "Stay Irish!"
Pharmacy Major



#23/24
Jill Ronkewski
"JR"
Sophomore
Basketball
Two-Guard
5'7"

130 pounds
Lower Moreland
High School
Huntington Valley
Pennsylvania
LIKES:

All sports including football, listening to music, hanging out at the "Pad," *Dave Matthews*, *Bare Naked Ladies* and *Sting*

"JR's" one wish:
"To be successful!!"
Motto:
"Just do it!"

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Winningest Coach

By **JOSH BURGESS**
Beacon Staff Writer

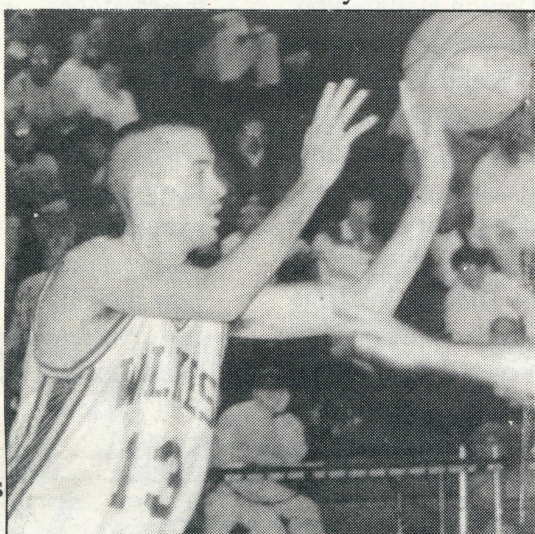
Jerry Rickrode, the head coach of the Wilkes basketball team, recently gave his input on the recently started season.

Last year the team finished with a record of 20-6, won the Freedom League and made it to the first round of NCAA playoffs. This year the team ranks 7th in the nation in the pole from *Street & Smith's* magazine.

This year's team only lost three members and with four

returning starters they should be in contention for another title. The three senior captains are

Mike Barrouk, One of coach Rickrode's prodigies, Mike Barrouk, is shown.



before they win the championship. The team has been Freedom League champs three years in a row now. As of now the

faces in the lineup that, if they play well, then they have a good shot of winning a lot of games.

"It is not going to be an easy trip," said coach Rickrode.

He feels that there are a lot of tough games that they have to play. Some of the toughest are Lycoming, Allentown (who just joined the conference), a much improved Delaware Valley team and Lebanon Valley.

Coach Rickrode feels that they must first win the league

Jay Williams, and Matt Conway.

We are just going to take it one game at a time," said coach Rickrode.

He feels that with four returning starters and new

Fadden goes bowling

By **REBECCA LANDIS**
Beacon Sports Editor

Are you ready for the warm weather yet? Well Wilkes' football stand-out senior, J.J. Fadden is. He will be packing his bags to head down to Mexico City to play in the Aztec Bowl.

This will be the first time that Division III has ever played in the Bowl. Fadden was ranked in the top 30 of Division III senior players and has earned his payed flight down to play in front of 35,000 people.

Fadden received a letter from Coach Skipper, the coach

seniors have racked up a record of 73-13. They need to win 21 games to become the winningest class in Wilkes' history. Hopefully, for the sake of the seniors, they will be able to notch the 21 wins.

of the American Football Team. Fadden will face the team of Mexican All-Stars from Colleges in Mexico on December 20.

"I love the opportunity to leave the country, see a different bunch of players and be able to play on an international level," said Fadden.

Fadden will be able to talk to NFL, CFL, World League, Arena League and European-American Football League scouts.

Fadden was also named U.S. College Football Coaches' Association/ Burger King All-American last week.

Wrestling struggles

By **COREY YANOSHAK**
Beacon Staff Writer

Despite having to forfeit three of 10 weights, the Wilkes University wrestling team started off its season at 1-1.

Wilkes squared off against Lebanon Valley and Messiah on November 22 in a tri-meet at Lebanon Valley. Wilkes dropped a tough one to Messiah, 37-9, but came out with a convincing 36-18 win over Lebanon Valley.

Against Lebanon Valley, the only points Wilkes gave up were to forfeits. Wilkes forfeited at the 118, 150, and 190 pound classes. If you could have

taken away all of the forfeits, the match had Wilkes written all over it.

John Conte started it off with a pin at 126 pounds. At 142 pounds, R.J. George

followed with another pin. The next match came at 177 pounds where Mike Morrellino won an 8-2 decision. The fourth and final match came at heavyweight. Jeremy Hoagland fought to the end, earning a 9-2 decision.

Wilkes also wrestled at the Kutztown Invitational, but did not have any finalists at the tournament.

wins. Hoagland has also performed well, earning wins, while only dropping two matches.

At last night's match against cross-town rival, King's, Conte gained his tenth win as he won his match, 15-4. Also notching wins were, George winning 3-1, Joe Hill dominating 5-2 win, Morrellino crushing



Photo by Frank Tomaszewski
Joe Laudenslager gets ready to grapple.

Conte leads the team in wins with 9, while losing two. George has gained six wins with one loss. Morrellino also has only one loss with five

his opponent 19-7 and Laudenslager winning by forfeit.

This was the first meeting between the two schools and Wilkes was tied going into the last match. Unfortunately, however, Hoagland (6-3) lost with a devastating upset of

Wilkes will travel to York College for the York College Tournament on December 6.

Lady Colonels drop four

By **MATT REITNOUR**
Beacon Staff Writer

The Wilkes University women's basketball team opened their 1997-98 MAC Freedom League with a 75-47 blowout win over FDU-Madison on Nov. 25.

Their second game in the conference wasn't quite as hot.

The Lady Colonels dropped a tough game to Lycoming on Dec. 2 by a 62-52 count. Senior Rebecca Baker led all Wilkes scorers with 14 points. She also pulled down a season high 15 boards. But the Lady Colonels' poor first half

shooting percentage and 34 turnovers ended up to be too much for them to overcome. Wilkes is now 2-2 overall, 1-1 in the MAC Freedom League.

Tracy Zaykoski scored 12 points, while Katie Watkins added 10 in the losing cause. Once again, a member of the bench came into the game and helped Wilkes.

Steph Huber came off the bench and pulled in 13 rebounds, eight defensive in just 22 minutes played. Kristen Cookus came off the bench versus FDU-Madison and scored 11 points.

In basketball, turnovers kill. Wilkes became another example of this rule on

Tuesday night. Wilkes' turnovers gave way to 31 Lycoming points. Huber the team's turnovers hurt the team to be successful down the stretch.

"Turnovers hurt us," said. "We need to go out and play like we know we can. Even with the 500th overall with their performance in this year season.

Huber points to the fact that at this time last year the team had just one win in a season which saw the Lady Colonels finish 12-13 overall.

By **SCOTT**
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"Welcome Pennsylvania; allowed." This philosophy that Governor Tom Commonwealt Pennsylvania b in place before the reigns of th gubernatorial po four years ago. Since his ter Governor Ridge brought Pennsylv the 45th ranked area of new job 16th. Thursday, Jan