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## Wilkes observes World AIDS Day

### Students learn about dangers of disease

WENDY RAUGHLEY  
News Editor

Stark Lobby was transformed into an AIDS education center to commemorate World AIDS Day Tuesday. The school and community came together to teach each other about the dangers of AIDS, how to protect themselves and a series of displays and

ing, "Do doctors and nurses have the right to refuse to treat AIDS patients?" Of the 82 people who participated in the survey, 58 felt

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*Dave Wheeler, Senior*

doctors and nurses should not be able to refuse treatment to AIDS patients. One girl argued, "...they take a sort of Hippocratic oath to help anyone who needs it, besides, they should be educated enough to know how to protect

themselves..."

Clubs like Political Science and Nursing handed out red ribbons, the national symbol of AIDS awareness and pamphlets. The Education and Biology Clubs displayed the results of studies they did in AIDS education in schools and the biology of the disease, respectively. The Sociology Club had a quiz game, where people were asked an AIDS-related question and if they answered correctly, they were rewarded with a piece of gum.

The Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Association (L.G.B.A.) handed out condoms to promote safe sex. That promotion of safe sex however, kept people of some religious beliefs away from the school on Tuesday. All area high schools and the general public were invited to attend, but the Catholic Diocese of Scranton said that while

AIDS education is important, the promotion of safe sex went against their moral teachings, and parochial schools did not attend.

Many Wilkes students think that AIDS education is important as well.

Senior Dave Wheeler said, "without AIDS education, you are forced to make an informed decision from myths and little bits of information, and you can't fight an enemy you don't know."

Other students felt ignoring AIDS was, "risking your life."

Diane O'Brien, Coordinator of Health Services, says there is no information available that tell if anyone at Wilkes is infected with HIV. O'Brien says this is because the Pennsylvania Department of Health keeps the names of those infected in deep confidence. Only those tested learn of the results.



*"A plethora of protection," was available at AIDS Day.*

## Theater club joins others to raise AIDS awareness

AMY BASHAM

Staff Writer to The Beacon

It is estimated that one in 800 people become infected with the virus that causes AIDS, HIV.

Cue n' Curtain, Wilkes' theater club, commemorated World Aids Day by simulating the rate of AIDS infection. Every eighth person that passed their table was given a red dot, which was a symbolic representation of a person afflicted with HIV.

Posters urged everyone to think when they saw a red dot, because the number of red dots on campus represented the population that is infected with the

The club did this to demonstrate that anyone can get AIDS, and the number of sufferers is bigger than you think.

This project was important to many students involved in the arts because of the great number of people that have died as a result of the AIDS epidemic.

## Awareness survey has alarming results

BY MARLENE MATOSKY  
Beacon Staff Writer

Dr. Michael Steele's Core Studies 101 class conducted a survey "AIDS Awareness of the Students of Wilkes University." The survey's data was presented at World AIDS Day. Information about student's feelings and beliefs on AIDS was the topic; questions ranged from the number of sex partners since becoming sexually active to the question, "do asymptomatic [without symptoms] HIV carriers eventually develop AIDS?"

Of the 428 students surveyed, 159 were freshmen, 110 were sophomores, 92 were juniors, and 67 were seniors. This is equal to about one-fifth of the student population at Wilkes.

The survey was broken down into two areas: AIDS/HIV awareness and student behavior related to AIDS/HIV.

Approximately 15 percent of the students believe that AIDS is "increasing most rap-

idly" among homosexuals. The truth is, it is rising rapidly among heterosexuals.

According to the survey, 15-20 percent of the students are in the "dark". They think it is possible to get AIDS by donating blood. Over half of the students underestimate the number of asymptomatic cases that are projected for the end of 1993. However, between 50-55 percent of the students have discussed AIDS with their parents.

Some biology students say

the statistics of student behavior related to AIDS/HIV is alarming. Of the 75-90 percent of students who are sexually active, six to 10 percent reported that they have six to 10 partners and five to 10 percent reported they have 11-15 partners.

Around half of the students have engaged in unsafe sexual behavior with respect to AIDS/HIV. More than 70 percent reported one or more of their close friends regularly engage in unsafe sex.



*Pre-med students supply ribbons and pamphlets in Stark lobby.*



# WHAT'S GOING ON...

**Professor Thomas Bigler** will speak on the United Nations at the regular noon meeting of the **Wyoming Valley Peace Committee** on Friday, Dec. 11 at the First Presbyterian Church, South Franklin Street.

Any club or organization who would like their picture to appear in the **1992-1993 yearbook**, and hasn't had their picture taken yet, should call either Kim or Traci at Ext. 2955 or stop by the **Amnicola** office on the second floor of Hollenback Hall. All calls must be received by Friday, December 9.

The **Wilkes University Student Community Service Council** will sponsor a **Benefit Bowling Tournament** on Friday, Dec. 4, at 9:30 p.m. Proceeds from the event will be donated to the Wyoming Valley A.I.D.S. Conference. Registration is limited to ten teams. To register call Meg, Gail, Tawanda, Ned, or Stephen at Ext. 5940.

The **Scripps Howard Foundation** is accepting entries through Feb. 8, 1993 for its **1992 National Journalism Awards**. The awards are offered annually to recognize outstanding work by newspaper, television, cable, and radio journalists. For more information write to: Scripps Howard Foundation, 312 Walnut Street, 28th Floor, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202.

The **National Library of Poetry** is accepting poems for its **North American Open Poetry Contest**. To enter, send one original poem, any subject and style, to The National Library of Poetry, 11419 Cronridge Drive, P.O. Box 704-ZW, Owings Mills, Maryland 21117. The poem should be no more than 20 lines, and the poet's name and address should appear on the

top of the page. Entries must be postmarked by Dec. 31, 1992.

**CAREERS and the disABLED Magazine** will host a career fair and conference on Feb. 25-26, 1993 at the Washington Hilton and Towers in Washington, D.C. For more information on attending or exhibiting write CMC, 200 Connecticut Avenue, Norwalk, Connecticut 06856-4990, or call 203-853-0500.

Applications are now being accepted for **graduate fellowship programs** sponsored by the U.S. Department of Energy and administered by the Oak Ridge Institute for Science and Education. To be eligible, students must have received their undergraduate degrees in a science or engineering discipline by May/June 1992. Selection is based on academic performance, recommendations, and a statement of career goals by the applicant. For more information call Tom Richmond or Cheryl Terry at 615-576-2194 or 615-576-9558.

A **Christian Bible study** is held every Tuesday at 11:00 a.m. in SLC 209. The Gospel of Mark is this semester's topic.

A **Chess Club** is forming for men and women interested on and off campus. Serious chess players can call Paul at 825-4405 after 6 p.m.

The **Manuscript Society** meets every Thursday at noon on the third floor of Chase Hall. Submissions can be brought to the *Manuscript* office, or left with the Literature and Language Department secretary, on the second floor of Kirby Hall. All submissions must have your name, address, and phone number on the back. Keep a copy of your submissions, as they will be returned only by request.

*Playboy* magazine is accepting entries for its eighth annual **Playboy College Fiction Contest**. Entries will be accepted from any registered undergraduate or graduate college student from now until Jan. 1, 1993. Contact Mark Healy at (212)-688-3030 for more information.

**Sigma Publishing** is now seeking, by invitation only, submissions for their newest publication, *The Book of American Collegiate Poetry*. Those interested should write immediately:

Sigma Publishing, 4217 Highland Rd., Suite 188, Waterford, MI 48328.

The **Pennsylvania Associated Press Managing Editors Association** is awarding a \$1,000 scholarship and a paid summer internship to the winner of their **Ralph Flamminio Memorial Scholarship**. Juniors who plan to pursue a career in journalism, have print experience and reside or attend college in Pennsylvania should send a cover letter, a college transcript and several of his/her favorite clippings to: Ralph Reichart, chairman, APME Scholarship Committee, c/o The Bradford Era, P.O. Box 365, Bradford, PA 16701.

The **Off-Campus Council** is holding a **Candy Cane Sale** until Dec. 4. Candy canes and Polaroids can be delivered to that special someone from Dec. 7 to Dec. 9. For more information, contact Mike Nolfie at ext. 4108.

Graduate fellowships are available for entering and first-year graduate students who are U.S. citizens, majoring in science disciplines and interested in pursuing research careers in areas pertaining to global change. For more information, contact Mary Kinney, **Graduate Fellowships for Global Change Program**, Science/Engineering Education Division, Oak Ridge Institute for Science and Education, P.O. Box 117, Oak Ridge, TN 37831-0117 or call (615) 576-9655. Application deadline is Jan. 25, 1993.

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## Please note:

**Tuesday, Dec. 8, 1992 follows the FRIDAY class schedule. This adjustment appears on some of the 1992-93 academic calendars correctly; other calendars make no mention of it. Faculty may wish to alert their classes to this matter to avoid confusion.**

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## Debate Union sets record at annual semester tournament with three winning teams

WILKES-BARRE—The Wilkes Speech and Debate Union concluded the fall semester with an impressive 12-trophy win at the Monmouth College Invitational Varsity Tournament. In addition to the awards, the Union set a new record with all three of its teams—Discussion, as well as Public Speaking Unit—being victorious. This marked the first time in recent history that all three units entered a tournament and came away with top honors.

Senior Al Mueller II participated in Lincoln-Douglas Debate, arguing his way to three wins and one loss, good enough to place Wilkes in a four-way tie for first place. Mueller placed ahead of competitors from William and Mary College, Shippensburg University, Rutgers University, losing to powerhouse Towson University.

Wilkes had one entry for discussion. Senior Holly K. captured a fourth place trophy for Wilkes after two days of competition against 15 competitors. Evans' victory marked the first win for Wilkes in this competition since the team captured an honorable mention in National Discussion Competition held last April.

It was the efforts of the Public Speaking Unit that won the versatility of the

Wilkes program. Newcomers Michael Butchko and Lynn Marie Rosencrance, along with Evans and Mueller, teamed up to win ten additional awards for the University's forensic program.

Butchko, a freshman, won an impressive four awards at the tournament. He finished fourth in the area of After Dinner Speaking, sixth in Impromptu Sales, and second in Interpretative Story Telling. Butchko teamed up with Evans to win a third place finish in Dramatic Duo Interpretation.

A fifth place trophy in Prose Interpretation of Literature was garnered by Rosencrance. She also finished fourth in Single Dramatic Interpretation of Literature.

Evans rounded out her three-award showing by placing second in Single Dramatic Interpretation of Literature.

A third place trophy in Expository Speaking was picked up by Mueller.

Wilkes captured third place overall, beating 21 other schools in the two day varsity tournament. With the win at Monmouth, the team has won 45 trophies this semester.

"Kinney's Kids" will face international competition when they travel to their next tournament scheduled for January, 1993 in Montreal, Canada.

## Wilkes offers first T.V course

WILKES-BARRE - Wilkes University will offer Cultural Anthropology (ANT 102) this semester as a televised course on WILKES-TV 44. Integrating the best video series, *Faces of Culture*, each segment may be viewed or recorded from 4:30 to 5:30 a.m. throughout the semester. The video will also be available for viewing at the E.S. Farley Library in the Wilkes University Center. The course offers students a powerful and accessible academic experience that

can be paced according to the demands of the participant's schedule.

Dr. James Merryman, associate professor of anthropology and sociology, will teach Cultural Anthropology at Wilkes University. Class meetings are scheduled for January 26, February 16, March 9 and 30, April 27 and May 18 (final examination) from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. in room 1 at the Stark Learning Center.

A Nebraska native, Merryman joined the Peace

## L.G.B.A. reponds to Church's boycott of AIDS Day at Wilkes

This past Tuesday, Wilkes University hosted an educational demonstration to commemorate World AIDS Day.

From 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., lectures, poster displays and a panel discussion educated Wilkes students, faculty and administration, as well as local high school students and the community about the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), the virus that causes AIDS.

The Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Association took part, with Wilkes' Music Educators National Conference and Cue 'n' Curtain, in the day-long affair. Our stand was based on the theme "Safer Sex Saves Lives." In accordance with the theme of our display, we distributed condoms (lubricated and unlubricated), water-based lubricant packets, a pamphlet from the Gay Men's Health Crisis about how people, gay or straight, could guard themselves against the disease and showed a safe sex video.

Although the day went without any hassles, there were signs that it could have gone differently. On Sunday, November 29 the *Sunday Independent* ran a story with the headline "Diocese: 'Just Say No' To Seminar on AIDS." The story had quotes from a letter dated November 18 from Monsignor John W. Jordan, who is the Superintendent of Schools for the Diocese. The complete text of his letter, which was sent to all diocesan pastors, follows:

*"December 1 is set aside as AIDS Awareness Day in our nation. Some local organizers have planned some educational awareness programs.*

*"Of particular interest is an AIDS Program at Wilkes University. While it is an informative day, the program will include several sensitive issues and some graphic presentations portraying AIDS as the deadly disease it is. 'The Distribution of Condoms in Schools: The Pros and Cons' as well as 'Safer Sex Saves Lives' and the distribution of condoms by the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual Association raise some moral considerations.*

*"Wilkes has requested permission to issue invitations to school districts so that 'information ... vital to the health and well-being of*

*today's youth' may be discussed.*

*"The Office of Catholic Education has declined that invitation to our schools for obvious reasons. However, my interest in writing to you is that some of your high school parishioners may have received this invitation through your local public school district. You may wish to alert your parents that this 'Wilkes World AIDS Day' may not impart the moral lessons that our Church teaches.*

*"Thank you for your concern on this matter."*

First of all, we are not against the Catholic Church or its teachings in general, but, when it comes to a matter of the church advocating death, we must intervene. By the church's teachings, if a virgin marries a virgin and neither has used drugs, they will not get AIDS. We agree with the church on this issue, but, unlike the church, we know this euphoric example is by no means the norm of society.

People, even good Catholics, have sex before marriage. They may also have more than one partner. Most high school students by the age of 17 have had roughly four sexual partners. So why would it be bad for these high schoolers to educate themselves on how to save their own lives?

We are not saying pre-marital sex is right (for heterosexuals, that is, since gays can ONLY have pre-marital sex, but that's a whole other column). We are saying it is happening. Burying your head in the sand and saying otherwise will only lead to the death of innocent people. Since these teenagers are having sex, shouldn't they receive the proper information on how to protect themselves, and then make their own choices? Condoms may or may not promote promiscuity, but ignorance promotes death.

Hopefully at next year's World AIDS Day, we can avoid trivial issues such as condom distribution and focus people's awareness on real issues, such as education, prevention and health care.

Corps without realizing he was settling his future. After completing his Peace Corps work in Kenya, he returned to Africa almost immediately, doing graduate study on pastoral nomads who had lost their camels due to drought. Later graduate studies centered on the factors affecting adaptation: drought and social stress. Years of study convinced him that the pasto-

ral nomads, who had adapted to drought for centuries, were harmed more by modern political conflicts than by recurrent environmental disasters.

After earning his Ph.D., Merryman was drawn back for applied study on rural credit use in Tanzania, dry land agriculture in Somalia, Ethiopian refugees in Somalia and plans to dam the Juba, Somalia's only

perennial stream.

Teaching has always been Merryman's goal, but he has no plans to leave field work behind forever. "It's very important so you don't get stale," he said. Where will he go? He wants to return to Africa, because it "is even more exciting than I expected because of the diversity. Merryman said, where else can I find that diversity?"



# FORUM

## EDITORIAL

### WORLD AIDS DAY AT WILKES

World AIDS Day has come and gone, but it seems as if this campus has gotten the message to practice safe sex. The entire day was more than helpful and had many suggestions for the campus community, as well as the Wilkes-Barre community at large.

Students, staff and faculty who planned and participated in this event should be commended for all of their outstanding presentations. Every presentation was taken very seriously, and it wasn't just thrown on as some type of side-show. World AIDS Day at this university was hailed by a local newspaper reporter as "very informative. When our reporter came back to the office, she had so much information for all who were in the newsroom. It seemed as if all angles were covered at Wilkes."

As a student of this university one can be very proud of the efforts put forth by the campus community about the importance of AIDS prevention and detection. A great many of the poster presenters ran videos on basic skills necessary for men, women and children to survive in this day and age with the advent of AIDS.

It was good to see so many people work together on a cause which some seem to think is a hush-hush topic. Wilkes has showed the Wyoming Valley that that sort of thinking can be hazardous to your health. Despite the controversial local newspaper coverage prior to the event, Wilkes went on to set a precedent for its students and its community.

Each person that gave some of their time, money, crafts and expertise to this event should pat themselves on the back, not just once but twice. All who came as onlookers were surprised when entering the SLC lobby. Wilkes had something for everybody, even for children in pre-school.

Many might not think that they are a potential victim of AIDS, but they are, and they need to first see themselves as somebody before they can even try to understand AIDS and what it is, as well as what it can do to you. For adults, young adults, teens and adolescents, presenters showed videos on how to date and what to say when your date tries feverishly to romance you and you want them to be protected before the romance begins. It was something for everyone. If you missed it, catch it next year. That's right, Mrs. Zehner, next year!

Again, great going, Wilkes University. You have truly shown that all things hidden should and sometimes must come to the surface to better prepare people for what's out there and what might come (no pun intended).

### LAST ISSUE

This is *The Beacon's* last issue for the semester. We have worked very hard to get you the news in a timely and orderly fashion. Next semester, we will do it again, but better. See you in January.

Our first issue for next semester is February 4, 1993.



## The Scent In the Wind

by Al Mueller

This week, I am going to try something different.

On February 9, 1993, the Faculty-Student Relations Committee will be hosting a student forum on the curriculum. We would like to know what you like about it, what you want to be changed and what you absolutely, positively never want to see again.

So that we have something to plan our agenda around, we need your input now. Just fill out the questionnaire below, cut it out and mail it through inter-campus mail or hand deliver it to me in Capin Hall by December 15. That's all it takes.

By all means, have a happy holiday and a safe new year. See you next term.  
Heh-heh-heh.

What is your current student standing (freshman, sophomore, etc.)?

In what year do you intend to graduate?

In ten words or less, describe your feelings toward the present core requirements.

In ten words or less, describe your feelings toward the Core Studies courses.

In ten words or less, describe your feelings toward the Writing Intensive requirements.

Feel free to comment on any aspect of the core that you feel ought to be changed.

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Beacon Staff Writer

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# FEATURES

## World AIDS Day panel discussed HIV prevention

MARLENE MATOSKY  
Beacon Staff Writer

Over 50 people attended the World AIDS Day panel discussion in Stark 101 concerning HIV and its prevention.

President Breiseth gave the opening remarks. He stated, "This disease is powerful enough to determine the fate of the world. Two out of three people are having sex without protection."

Dr. Bernie Healy, a representative of the State Department of Health, began the discussion with the economics of HIV. According to Healy, "Three cents on every dollar is spent to prevent AIDS, while 97 cents is spent to fix the problem."

According to Healy, this is called tertiary care. "We wait [un]til a problem comes along to take care of it."

There is both a direct and indirect cost of the disease, stated Healy. The direct cost is the money spent to care for a person who has AIDS. According to Healy, hospital care for an HIV patient is \$168,000. The indirect cost to keep a 29-year-old alive who can not work is estimated at \$729,000.

Healy believes that "every disease is preventable at a . . . cost. If this disease continues, we will face a shortage of people in the late '90s; therefore, social security benefits will dwindle."

Healy believes that education is the sole way to pre-

vent the disease.

"Education should begin at age eight or nine years old."

Healy, in conjunction with WNEP Channel 16, made a 30-minute television special about AIDS. The show will be aired during prime-time.

Dr. Robert Brown, Director of Medical Education at General Hospital, spoke on the global overview of the HIV disease.

"In the early '80s, in San Francisco and New York City, gay men and drug users started to get tumors."

According to Brown, these tumors became connected with HIV. Brown also stated that AIDS started in equatorial Africa. From Africa, the dis-

ease spread to Haiti, and then to the United States in the mid '70s.

"World-wide, there are 15 million AIDS cases. These are the reported cases. Africa doesn't have testing," said Brown.

Dr. Gary Decker, Infectious Disease Physician, spoke on HIV in the Wyoming Valley.

"There are 72 reported cases in Luzerne County," commented Decker.

However, he believes that the number may actually be two to three times higher.

According to Decker, people in the Wyoming Valley with AIDS fall into two categories: people who have lived here their whole life and those who

moved away, contracted AIDS, and moved back to the area to seek care.

Dennis, who is HIV positive, spoke about having the disease for the first time in public. He learned about the disease when he was tested seven years ago after his friend Bill died of AIDS.

Panelist Robert Fredricks was also HIV positive.

"I believe in Healy," was Fredricks opening remark.

He went further to say, "AIDS is preventable and only you can protect yourself. If we don't stop participating in free sex, we will eliminate ourselves as a species. This disease is 100 percent preventable by you, so do so."

## Wilkes Orchestra to perform fall concert

WILKES-BARRE—Assistant Professor of Music Ferdinand Liva, Jr., will lead the Wilkes University Orchestra in their fall semester concert on Sunday, December 6, at 3 p.m. in the CPA.

The event will mark Liva's debut performance as conductor of the university ensemble. Liva joined the Wilkes' faculty this semester, having followed in his father's footsteps who was also a conductor of the orchestra and a professor of music in the Music Department.

The program for the concert will include *Symphony No. 100 "The Military"* by Franz Joseph Haydn, Mussorgsky's *Night on Bald Mountain*, and

*The Lark Ascending* by Ralph Vaughan Williams.

The Vaughan Williams piece will present violinist Gabriel Gordon as soloist. Gordon, a Wilkes student, is a violinist with the Da Ponte String Quartet and has also studied at the Manhattan School of Music in New York City and at Temple University.

The Wilkes University Orchestra is comprised of some 40 players from both the university and the Wyoming Valley community. Anyone interested in auditioning for the orchestra should contact Liva at 831-4422.

The Sunday concert is free. For more information, call 831-4420.

## Echoes of Africa at Sordoni Art Gallery

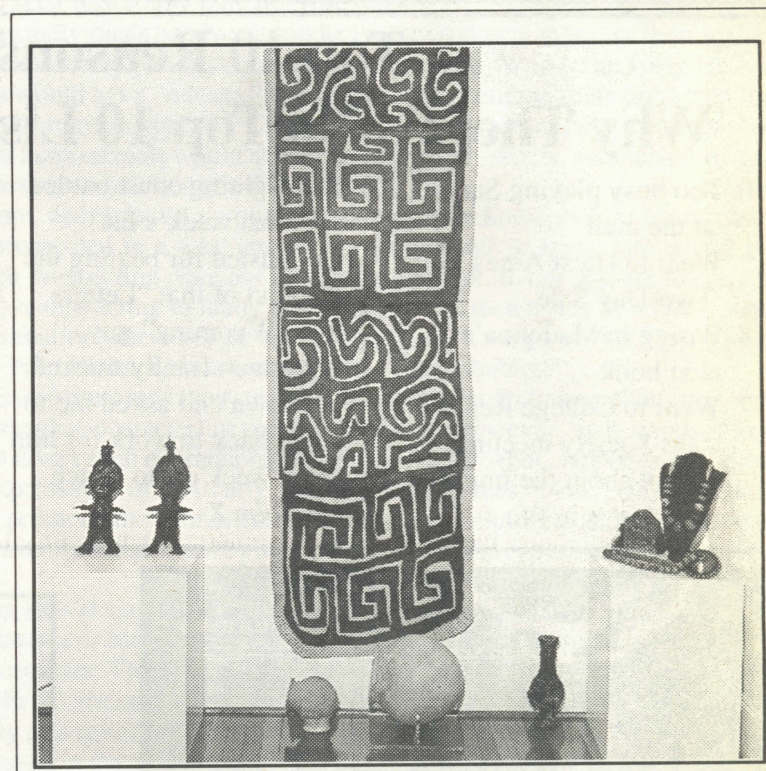
WILKES-BARRE—The Sordoni Art Gallery will present *Echoes of Africa*, an exhibit of African textiles, sculpture and decorative objects from December 6 through January 10.

An opening reception is set for Saturday, December 5 from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m.

Guest curator Inghe Markarian has assembled a collection of textiles, primarily from Zaire, designed and made by the Shoowa tribe from the kingdom of Kuba. Masks and sculpture will also be part of the exhibit.

Markarian will also display her unique "Art-to-Wear" jewelry made from excavated beads and metals.

Markarian will be at the gallery on December 7 through December 11 and December 14 and 16 with her jewelry and



a small boutique of handmade items from Africa. will be closed December 24, 25, and 31, 1992, as well as

Some items will be for sale at the showing. January 1, 1993.

The Sordoni Art Gallery



# Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

I am writing in reply of a letter in the October 15th issue of *The Beacon*. A student wrote in complaint about his/her Math 101 professor. I am also in the class with this student, but I do not see any problem in the class, other than irresponsibility on the student's part.

At the beginning of the course, the instructor gave the class a schedule of the mathematics tutors for the semester. There are tutors available from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Also, the instructor gave the class his office hours, explaining that he would make time for any student needing help even if he does not have office hours at that time.

The complaining student stated that "There is a definite problem when more than half of a class is failing the course and every student has a complaint." Well, the student was incorrect in his/her assumption that over half of the class is failing. Eighty percent of the class is passing the course.

I have no complaint about the instructor and there are other students who find nothing wrong with the instructor's teaching methods.

The professor of this course is being verbally attacked by immature students, during class time. The classroom is not the place to voice an opinion.

I have gone to see the math tutors on several occasions, and have found them very helpful. I have also been to the instructor's office for assistance, and found him very receptive and understanding. He is a fair teacher and is always willing to help a student in need.

Anonymous

Dear Editor:

The Wilkes University Programming Board would like to thank everyone who helped make this a great semester.

First, we would like to thank the staff at *The Beacon* who did a great job in helping with publicity of our events.

Secondly, we would like to thank all the support staff who worked very hard on the Chicago/Moody Blues concert.

The Programming Board has enjoyed another fun and productive semester of activities, and we wish every one a happy holiday season. See you in '93!

Sincerely,

Wilkes University Programming Board

## Top 10 Reasons Why There's No Top 10 List This Week

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| 10. Too busy playing Santa at the mall  | 6. Still fighting court battles over last week's list                          | 2. Got a better deal from ABC            |
| 9. Went to latest Ames Two-Day Sale   | 5. Got busted for beating the crap out of that "Letters from Wyoming" guy      | 1. Decided to shack up with Mariah Carey |
| 8. Posing in Madonna's next book  | 4. Letterman finally tracked me down and asked me to come back to work for him |  |
| 7. Went to College Republicans Society meeting; forgot about the important things in life | 3. Took week off to watch <i>Malcolm X</i>                                     |  |

BY ANDY GULDEN



Playing  
This Friday  
in  
SLC 101  
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8:00 p.m.

Dear Wilkes University Students:

The fall semester is drawing to a close. You are in the middle of completing projects, studying for final examinations and some of you, thinking about graduation. Please also take some time to reflect on your accomplishments and celebrate your efforts. This past semester you have taken on many projects that have enhanced our processes or fostered change for the better at Wilkes. It would be impossible to mention each of your individual and/or group contributions, but a short listing of a few examples may bring to light the tremendous sharing of talent and energy on this campus:

—In October, Wilkes hosted one of the largest concerts attempted on our campus. The event brought 1,000 Wilkes community members together and exposed over 1,000 outsiders to our institution. Approximately 100 student volunteers planned, set up, ushered, and broke down the concert.

—On October 8 our bloodmobile drew over 160 participants, netting 142 pints of blood, topping last year's wonderful effort.

—Homecoming overflowed with school spirit as Student Government flawlessly executed a bonfire, a dance that drew students and an enthusiastic half-time program.

—Wilkes students contributed a large donation, almost \$10,000 to the United Way through campaign giving and fun events such as the talent show, exhibiting the creative and diverse talents of our volunteer performers.

—You encouraged voter registration and voting behavior, thus encouraging participation in the democratic process.

—Into the Streets and Campus Compact activities further demonstrated your level of caring and giving in service to others.

—You came together to form a bond of protection and support when outside activities threatened our feelings of campus security.

—You attacked the issue of homelessness and you hosted the VISION shelter. Seven different student organizations directly worked with clients, and hundreds of others sacrificed a meal that the homeless could have one.

—National Collegiate Alcohol Awareness Week was celebrated with a variety of quality events that had a participation rate exceeding expectations. Again, much of the coordination and execution of events was successful because of our student leadership.

—Student Government completed a year-long process of improving its constitution to better serve the student body and promote community service activity.

—Many of our athletic teams have found success on the field and courts, fueling a general sense of pride and school spirit. Fans and other student supporters were surely instrumental in cheering on our athletes in their efforts, with the help of our cheerleaders and Colonel Bob.

—Many students have contributed thought, time, and effort to the recruitment and retention initiative. You believe in each other and in the mission of the University.

—Student participation in AIDS Day, brought further meaning and relevance to this most important education event.

These and other student contributions demonstrate your ability, competency, and belief in the future. Whether you have directly participated or supported the efforts of others, I congratulate you. And I request that you applaud and feel pride in your efforts.

Thank you,

Christopher N. Breiseth  
President, Wilkes University

## Letters

BY ANDY GULDEN  
Co-Copy Editor

As I continue my note to Zsa Zsa at my side, I cannot complete. A lot of strange, bad, and a lot of people in the world. It is time to honor the 1992...

**Idiots - Honorable Daryl Gates** - The former Los Angeles Police Chief has taken charge in the letting arsonists and looters have good luck finding a job.

**Rodney King** - Here's hoping he becomes a spokesperson for appearances in L.A. jails for some advice, Rodney: when you answer the door.

**The men who attacked** - Excuse for pulling a man, throwing a brick at his head, sentence, not the status of the men.

**Our own local thugs** - It is amusing to attack members of a problem with the system, but it won't accomplish anything. Action breeds hatred, which breeds more action.

**Charlton Heston** - The movie "The Ten Commandments" is a ban on Ice-T's "Cop Killer" as long as you don't pick and choose which Commandments to support. They're a matched set.

**Dan Quayle** - What idiotic to-be-unemployed vice president's Republican concept of leadership, which proves once and for all.

**Idiots of the Year** - The twelve biggest morons of the year. Their verdict was further explanation.

**Heroes - Honorable Mervyn Dymally** - The men who helped Reagan through a virtual war zone to win, when they try, can a whites, when they try, can a whites.

**Perry Farrell** - The former Lollapalooza, an all-star band, the second straight year. All new thoughts, which give a new mindedness of my generation.

**Mike Utley** - This Detroit field of the Pontiac Silverdome, proof that a physical handicap is not a disadvantage.

**Bill Clinton** - In the last of his bid to get on this list by military. Otherwise, he'd be a military.

**Sinead O'Connor** - Let the Church is a sexist institution, took a lot of courage, and I do.

**Hero of the Year - Ice-T** - Ice-T is silenced. Ice-T released and the never-ending persecution everyone took "Cop Killer" to all of the racists and bigots to become a minority in this racial harmony was absolute.

I invite you to submit your letters to a future issue. Be sure to submit them to the next semester.



## Letters from Wyoming

ANDY GULDEN

Copy Editor

As I continue my now-famous trip to Wyoming with the lovely [name] at my side, I cannot help but reflect upon the year we are about to complete. A lot of strange things happened in 1992, both good and bad, and a lot of people had a profound influence on the future of our state. It is time to honor those people by listing the **Idiots and Heroes** of the 1992...

### Idiots - Honorable Mention:

**Daryl Gates** - The former Chief Gates is the only one who could have taken charge in the L.A. riots. However, he refused to do so, letting arsonists and looters run amuck. Daryl, we won't miss you, and we'll keep looking for a job.

**Rodney King** - Here's a man who could have used his situation to become a spokesperson for blacks. Instead, he continued his string of appearances in L.A. jails for a number of legal transgressions. Here's my advice, Rodney: when opportunity knocks, put down the beer and answer the door.

**The men who attacked Reginald Denny** - There is never, ever any excuse for pulling a man from a truck, beating him senseless and throwing a brick at his head. These cowards deserve a long prison sentence, not the status of heroes that some have accorded them.

**Our own local thugs** - Let's not forget those individuals who found it amusing to attack members of the Wilkes community. If you have a problem with the system, by all means voice your opinion. However, don't accomplish anything to pummel innocent students. This type of action breeds hatred, which is what we're trying to avoid.

**Charlton Heston** - The man supports the NRA but lobbied Warner Brothers to ban Ice-T's "Cop Killer." I guess it's acceptable to shoot someone as long as you don't write a song about it. Chuck, you can't pick and choose which Constitutional Amendments you wish to support. They're a matched set.

**Don Quayle** - What idiot list would be complete without our soon-to-be-unemployed vice president? Quayle tried to apply the ridiculous Republican concept of "family values" to a fictional TV character, which proves once and for all in which world the GOP dwells.

**Idiots of the Year - The Rodney King Jury** - It's amazing to me that the twelve biggest morons on Earth all live within a few miles of each other. Their verdict was so utterly ridiculous that it requires no further explanation.

### Heroes - Honorable Mention

**The men who helped Reginald Denny** - These brave souls fought through a virtual war zone to aid the "enemy," showing that blacks and whites, when they try, can actually get along.

**Perry Farrell** - The former leader of Jane's Addiction managed to assemble Lollapalooza, an all-encompassing rock 'n' roll caravan, for the second straight year. All show-goers were exposed to new artists and new thoughts, which gives me a great deal of hope for the openness and-mindedness of my generation.

**Miss Utley** - This Detroit Lion's promise to one day walk off the field of the Pontiac Silverdome is truly inspirational. Utley is living proof that a physical handicap is not the end of the world.

**Bill Clinton** - In the last days of the year, our President-elect made a bid to get on this list by pledging to allow homosexuals into the military. Otherwise, he'd be on the other list.

**Sinead O'Connor** - Let's face it, friends, the Roman Catholic Church is a sexist institution. What Miss O'Connor did on live TV took a lot of courage, and I doubt any of us possess as much.

**Hero of the Year - Ice-T** - As usual, anyone who speaks the truth is silenced. Ice-T released an album (*Body Count*) full of anger over the never-ending persecution of blacks in America. Of course, everyone took "Cop Killer" literally, but the song is simply a warning to all of the racists and bigots to wake up, because we whites are about to become a minority in this country. If there were ever a time where racial harmony was absolutely necessary, that time is now.

I invite you to submit your own lists to me, and I will publish them in a future issue. Be sure to watch for more Letters from Wyoming next semester.

## Armed with a Lance

By LANCER BENSON

Beacon Columnist

It seems that our president-elect, Bill Clinton, is being hailed by many people as our civil rights savior. His vow to allow homosexuals in the armed forces has set him apart from those close-minded people, such as George Bush and most other conservatives, who disagree with this notion.

As was stated in the last *Beacon* edition, Bill Clinton is out to foil those "homophobics" and "super-macho, pigheaded, ignorant men who are too afraid to risk their precious masculinity in order to see the light of day." Is it safe to assume that George Bush is such a homophobic by denying homosexuals the right to serve their country? Is this yet another example of how homosexuals (the ultimate victim) are being beaten and suppressed by the proverbial stick, the one which is held by a mindless and unenlightened portion of society? Maybe, but let us examine some other considerations.

There is no doubt that homosexuality is inherent within a given individual and not a lifestyle one simply decides to which to subscribe. It would seem wrong to inhibit such a person from pursuing happiness just because they are born different than yourself. This is especially true if they are not inhibiting you from pursuing your endeavors.

As this is applied to the armed forces, it seems doubtful that one's sexuality renders them incapable to perform their duties. A gay person would not be less competent in driving a tank because of their sexuality. However, even in light of all this, other complications seem likely.

Advocates of a proposal allowing homosexuals in the armed forces tend to ignore the classic arguments of those who oppose it. Such advocates do not see the value of male bonding and comradery in combat. These advocates of homosexuals in the service believe it is ridiculous that the presence of homosexuals would lower enthusiasm and comradery among soldiers. They write the argument off as another excuse made by the aforementioned homophobics who are supposedly "the real problem."

Let us, then, continue to blindly ignore such theories adopted by the Bush administration and move to something else. What about pure distraction? Being that the "homophobics" do not count, and the admission of gays in the military is their tough luck, the distractions that heterosexuals may suffer from the presence of homosexuals will also be blindly ignored for now. To concentrate on the distractions of homosexuals themselves, an analogy is appropriate. Being a single heterosexual myself, I can admit that if I were thrown into a co-ed platoon in the Marines, I would be distracted. Sleeping among women and working close to them on a daily basis could likely promote my admiration toward one or more of them. Due to my responsibilities and obligation to my country, I would abort any pursuits. However, the intense stressful and non-social structure of the armed forces may make it difficult, as well as distracting. Such distraction would probably inhibit my performance.

Who is to say that everybody would take their obligations as seriously? Fortunately, there are no co-ed platoons for these obvious reasons. However, this should apply to homosexuals. Their sexual interests undeniably promote these very same problems of the hypothetical co-ed platoon. Homosexuals are as human as heterosexuals; thus, they are susceptible to the same temptations and distractions. Furthermore, in the hypothetical co-ed platoon, a promiscuous heterosexual may find him or herself in a haven, just as a promiscuous homosexual would in a regular platoon. There is no reason to believe that homosexuals are any more disciplined, responsible or self-restraining than heterosexuals.

With this in mind, why should gay individuals be given a conducive environment to pursue their sexual endeavors, to whatever degree, via our military? This is denied to heterosexuals. Women and men are not in co-ed platoons. Promiscuous gays would get a "release," but promiscuous heterosexuals must wait for their leave. Monogamous homosexuals may prospect for a mate, while monogamous heterosexuals also must wait for leave. Finally, abstinent homosexuals would at least be distracted - that is, assuming they are as human as heterosexuals. Heterosexuals would also be distracted.

There's no need to discuss that here, since it is just a problem stemming from homophobia! In any case, the possibility that you are being prospected in a way you do not understand or appreciate would be distracting, homophobia or not. Such prospecting does not have to be flagrant. It can amount to certain glances or plays on words which prove distracting to many women and some men trying to do their jobs in the norm of society. Finally, in a situation where people are carrying loaded weapons, is it a good idea to promote offenses even if they are only misinterpretations made by "homophobics?"

Presently, homosexuals in the service must hide their sexual preference in order to keep their jobs. For the above reasons, they may be somewhat distracted in certain situations. However, as it stands, rules providing certain consequences help divert such distractions fairly well. That's right, suppression - just as the intent is to suppress all expressions of sexuality in the armed forces. Now, why sanction homosexuality in the military and promote the aforementioned problems? Surely social change and acceptance is important, but is Clinton really enlightened by making the military an experimental laboratory to force this change?

Since the Democrats enjoy quotas, let's at least force acceptance of homosexuality in the civilian world. Let's lift all restrictions on gay bath houses or something of the sort, but let's not stir hatred in our military. The function of our military is too important. The Cold War is over. Communism is no longer a threat. Is this justification to promote discord in the armed forces? They said the same thing about the tuberculosis epidemic and the decline of Germany as a result of World War I.

Clinton's vow to allow homosexuals in the military may be an example of his irresponsible desire to make people happy at the cost of issues far more important. He may have been compelled to fight Iraq with a flock of content and distracted homosexuals, as well as a mass of disgruntled "homophobics." However, I preferred Bush's use of organized sorties, strikes and patriot missiles backed by enthusiastic brave and somewhat undistracted soldiers. The homosexuals who were there did their job without a need to cry out their sexual preference. They were able to refrain from distracting themselves and others in the midst of delicate operations. Priorities had prevailed. What now?



## Special comedian show to be in Rumours

The Wilkes University Programming Board will present Comedian Kevin Flynn in Rumours on Saturday, December 5 at 8 p.m.

Flynn has appeared on MTV's *Half Hour Comedy Hour* and on *Evening at the Improv*. The winner of the prestigious Boston Comedy Riot Award, Flynn has also opened for Jay Leno at Boston University. He was a finalist in the Johnny Walker Red National Comedy Search. Flynn centers his comedy act around his own college and family experiences.

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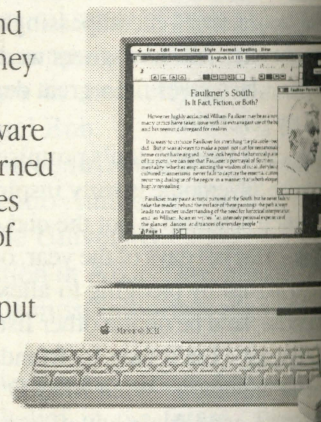


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BY BILL P  
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# SPORTS

## Impressive start for Rickrode's Cagers

BY BILL PHILLIPS  
Beacon Staff Writer

The Wilkes University men's basketball team has jumped out to an impressive start for the 1992-1993 season, remaining undefeated in their first six games.

The Colonels began their season November 11 in the Gettysburg College tournament. In their first game Wilkes defeated host Gettysburg College 69-66 to advance to the finals.

On November 21 the Colonels won the tournament, defeating Mt. Union, 58-57.

Lycoming College visited Wilkes University on November 27 to open up the Colonels' Middle Atlantic Conference (MAC) season. The Colonels controlled most of the game and went on to win by a margin of 89-74.

Over the Thanksgiving break, the Colonels participated in the Laurel Lion tournament at Scranton University.

Wilkes faced Baptist Bible on November 27. The Colonels won by an impressive margin of 87-71.

The win placed the Colonels in the final against

nationally-ranked University of Scranton on November

28. Wilkes upset host Scranton, 71-66.

"We haven't beaten Scranton in the three years I've been here. It was a great win for the program," said senior captain Joe Natale.

The Colonels travelled to Messiah College on November 30. Messiah was defeated by Wilkes, 68-63, improving the Colonels record to 6-0.

"We've worked hard on defense. I'm happy for the kids. We don't want to get too hyped up right now," said head coach Jerry Rickrode.

The Colonels have added a new backcourt to their squad. Transfers Jay Turman and Mike King have combined for an average of 27.3 points per game.

Turman transferred from Keystone Junior College and has found a different role at Wilkes.

"I went from shooting guard to point guard. My new role demands more decision making and a controlled type game," said Turman, who leads the team with an average of 17.5 points per game.

Mike King transferred from Luzerne County



Phil Marko pump fakes for two

Community College last year and sat out a season to establish his academics.

"The coach is very enthusiastic and has a winning attitude. He conducts himself as a winner, and the team responds by playing hard. We feel confident knowing the type of conditioning we went through and that it would be hard for us to be defeated," added King, who is averaging 9.8 points per

game.

The backcourt duo adds a new dimension to the Colonels squad. "The two transfers are starting for us, and they are adding depth to our team," said Natale, who leads the team in rebounds with 7.7 per game.

Natale also recorded his 1,000th career point against Scranton University on November 28. "It felt really good because I didn't do it in

high school. It was great to accomplish it against Scranton," said Natale.

"Joe (Natale) took over the boards against Scranton," added Coach Rickrode.

The Colonels now possess a winning record and a winning attitude. A team that stresses hard defense, an enthusiastic coaching staff and a Colonel team that contains depth means trouble for the MAC.

## Baby Colonels learning as they go along

BY NICOLE SIMMONS  
Beacon Staff Writer

Despite a shaky start, the Wilkes University men's varsity basketball team is enthusiastic about its season for 1992-93.

Coach John Dunne is looking to develop the team of young players, especially the freshmen.

Dunne said, "I want to teach good fundamental basketball and prepare them for each game."

Two key players to watch this season are Kevin Gryboski, a sophomore forward from Bishop Hoban High School and Jason Kerr, a freshman guard from Monroe High School.

"I'm looking for Kevin to be the main inside player and rebounder," said Dunne.

Kerr will be the starting point guard for the junior varsity squad.

Other promising players to watch are Scott Oppel, a freshman guard from Seton Catholic High School and Meritt Kearns, a freshman guard from Phillipsburg Catholic High School.

Dunne will be looking to sophomore Danny Williams, a sophomore guard from Tunkhannock High School, for the bulk of the leadership.

Mike Releves, a sophomore transfer will be seeing time at the guard and small forward spots.

Jim McCool, a freshman

from Centerville High School will be backing up Gryboski underneath the basket.

Joe Nattress, a freshman guard from Academy Park High School and Brian Torre, also a freshman guard will round out the junior varsity squad.

"I think we have a good team and with a little more practice we'll beat a lot of teams. We need to concentrate on fundamentals and that is what Coach Dunne is doing," said student assistant coach Bob Simmons.

Although they did not have much practice before their first game against Keystone, and there were less

than ten of the eleven players at those practices, the coaches feel the team played well.

The Junior Varsity had no chance to work against any kind of defense and when they met Keystone they had seven different defenses thrown at them.

The Colonels lost the game by eleven points.

Last evening the Colonels looked to avenge their earlier loss to the Giants when they faced each other at the Marts Center. However, the Giants spoiled the Colonels' plans, putting Wilkes at the 0-2 mark.

The Colonels will be in action again tonight at King's College. Tip-off time is 7:30.

**Congratulations  
to Joe Natale  
for scoring his  
1000th career  
point on Satur-  
day, Nov. 28  
against Scranton**

*From the Sports Staff*



# Seven Wilkes athletes honored by MAC

**WILKES-BARRE** - Five members of the 1992 Wilkes University football team were selected to the 1992 Middle Atlantic Conference All-Star team, while two men's soccer players also picked up All-Conference honors. Gridders Steve Endres and Ben McKeown were named to the first team, Jason Smith and Jason Langdon to the second team and Chris Carr received honorable mention. Men's soccer players Paul Jellen and Phil Joyce were named second team All-MAC players.

Endres, a 6-foot junior wide receiver from Palmerton, Pa., had 49 receptions for 708 yards this season and scored four touchdowns. A second team selection last year, he

had a season-high eight receptions against Lycoming College and 106 yards against Widener University. For his career Endres is the second all-time pass catcher at Wilkes with 132 receptions.

McKeown, a 6-1 junior defensive back from Wilkes-Barre, had 21 tackles this season, 17 of which were solo. He also led the team in interceptions with four and pass breakups with 14. McKeown was a second team selection last year.

Smith, a 5-11 junior running back from Pine Grove, Pa., re-wrote the record books this season, setting Wilkes' marks for most rushing yards in a season with 993 and most rushing attempts with 241 and

also scored nine touchdowns. He was named to the East Coast Athletic Conference weekly honor roll three times for his efforts. Among Wilkes' career leaders, Smith is fourth all-time with 1,952 rushing yards.

Langdon was honored for his play at offensive guard. A 6-2 senior co-captain from Oak Ridge, N.J., Langdon was a starter in all 10 games and led the way for Smith's single season rushing record.

Carr, a 5-8 junior defensive lineman from Blue Bell, Pa., had 39 tackles, 21 solo. He also recorded five sacks and recovered two fumbles.

Wilkes Head Coach Joe DeMelfi is very happy for all of his players. "The

recognition by the other coaches is proof of how far we have come with the program," said DeMelfi. "All of the players worked extremely hard this year, and I am glad to see that they've been rewarded for their play."

As for the soccer team, Jellen, a senior from Quakertown, Pa., was honored after netting 19 goals and assisting on six others for the Colonels. A former first team All-MAC performer, Jellen ended his career as the all-time leading scorer in Wilkes history with 58 goals and 137 total points.

Joyce, a senior from Oceanside, N.Y., assisted on just three goals during the year but earned selection to the second team for his play

on defense. Joyce was the Colonels' leading stopper in defense and was continually asked to mark the opponent's best offensive player.

Wilkes coach Phil Wingert is proud of what his seniors have accomplished. "Both Paul and Phil had outstanding seasons in their careers here at Wilkes, and it's good to see them

recognized in their final year," said Wingert. "The two were part of a group of seniors that put together a four-year record of 52-24-6, by far the best four-year mark in team history."

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*Compiled by Wilkes University's History Club*

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**December 1, 1991**— The Ukraine votes for independence in a referendum despite Gorbachev's protests.

**December 3, 1154**— The death of Pope Anastasius IV brings Pope Adrian IV as the only English pope.

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**Wrestling  
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BY MIKE HOLLY  
Beacon Staff Writer

The Wilkes Wrestling team opened the 1992 season by capturing the title at the fourth annual Wilkes D. November 21. defeated Coppin State. Carson-Newman 28-14. Central Connecticut 24-10. To open the day the Colonels took on the State. Wilkes gained a 10-0 record. Form Eric Feese, Ron Jim Conrad, C. Gurdock, John Kles and Delphino Ochoa.

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## Wrestling Opens Season

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Season Staff Writer

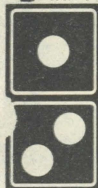
The Wilkes Wrestling team opened the 1992 season by capturing the title at the 14th annual Wilkes Duals on November 21. Wilkes defeated Coppin State 31-12, Carson-Newman 28-10, and Central Connecticut 24-9. To open the day, the Colonels took on Coppin State. Wilkes gained points from Eric Feese, Ron Miller, Conrad, George Ardock, John Klessinger, and Delphino Ochoa.

The second victim for Wilkes was Carson-Newman. Those providing Wilkes with the win were Ivan Rosario, Barry Van Scoten, Mike Evans, Scott Stepe, Dave Habowski and Aaron Wurster who pinned his opponent.

It was Wurster again, along with freshman Heath Fleisher who sparked the Colonels win in the championship against Central Connecticut. In a close match, Wurster won a close decision in his 190-pound contest. At heavyweight, it was Fleisher who pinned his man, and Wilkes won the championship.

The Colonels are off and rolling. Their next battle is against the Midshipmen of the Naval Academy on Friday, December 4.

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# SPORTS

## Lady Colonels win four straight, ready to make it 5

**DAVID McCABE**  
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The Wilkes University women's basketball team is undefeated after their first four games this season.

The Lady Colonels opened up the 1992-93 campaign with a big win over Bates College in the first game of the Hartwick Tourney.

Wilkes came out hot, outscoring Bates 32-14 in the first half. The Colonels stopped Bates with an impressive 67-43 win.

Senior Missie Chinchar led the way, scoring 17 points and pulling down 12 rebounds. Junior Stacey Boyer chipped in with 13 points and eight rebounds.

In the championship game, the Lady Colonels matched up with the host team Hartwick. This game was all Lady Colonels, who won, 62-47.

Senior Colleen McGarry had 18 points and 11

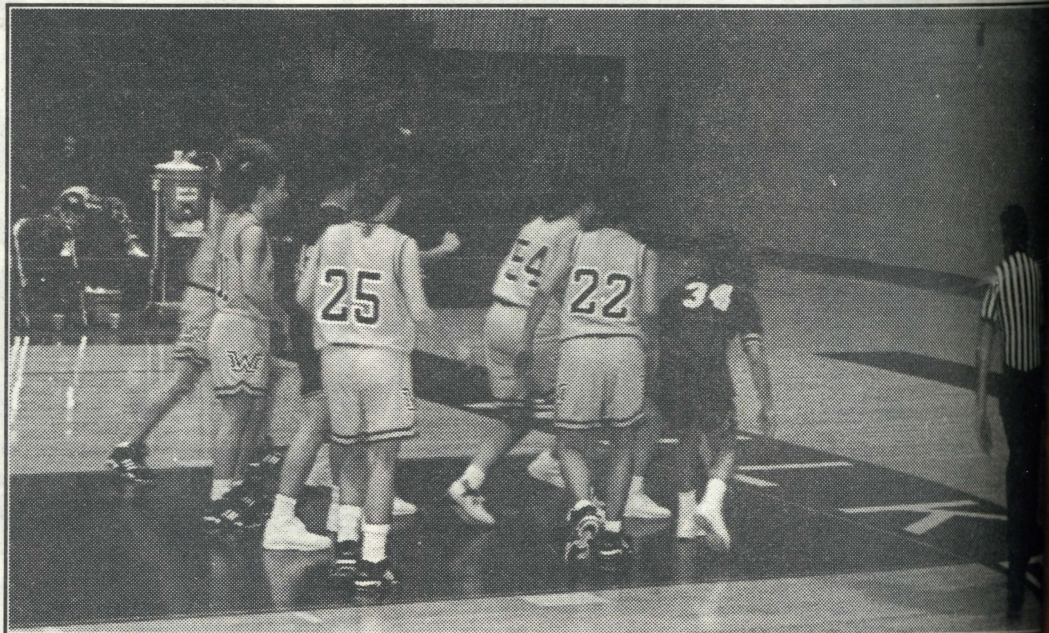
rebounds for the Lady Colonels. Freshman Michelle Shaffer scored 13 points, and Chinchar and Boyer added 12 and 10 points respectively.

Coach Karen Haag said the Hartwick Tourney was a "big lift" for the team. "It was a great way to open the season."

Next, Wilkes played host to Lycoming in their first Middle Atlantic Conference (MAC) game. The Lady Colonels trailed by a point at half time, but used a big second half to put Lycoming away, 72-50.

Chinchar led the way with 21 points and 17 rebounds. Freshman LeeAnn Azarewicz also had a big night with 15 points and 14 boards, while Boyer finished with 15 points and 13 rebounds.

College Misericordia was the Lady Colonels' next opponent. Wilkes won 75-52, but Coach Haag was not pleased with the performance.



**The Lady Colonels have increased their defensive intensity**

"It was our poorest game so far. We were out-rebounded for the first time this year, and that is something we take pride in. We need better efforts in the future if we want to be competitive," stated Haag.

Chinchar scored 20 points and 10 rebounds before fouling out. That leaves her one point shy of the 1,000 point plateau.

Boyer had 13 points, McGarry had 11, and Junior Becky Fox added 10 points in the victory.

Coach Haag stated "we are thrilled to be 4-0 with a new system and a new team. We feel that we can get better as the year rolls on."

The Lady Colonels play FDU-Madison tonight. The team travels to Maryland Saturday.

## Two lightning-quick transfers ignite Colonels

**BY MISSIE CHINCHAR**  
Beacon Asst. Sports Editor

November 1 was a day for breaking things in. Needless to say, the Nikes weren't the only things being broken in for the Wilkes University men's basketball team.

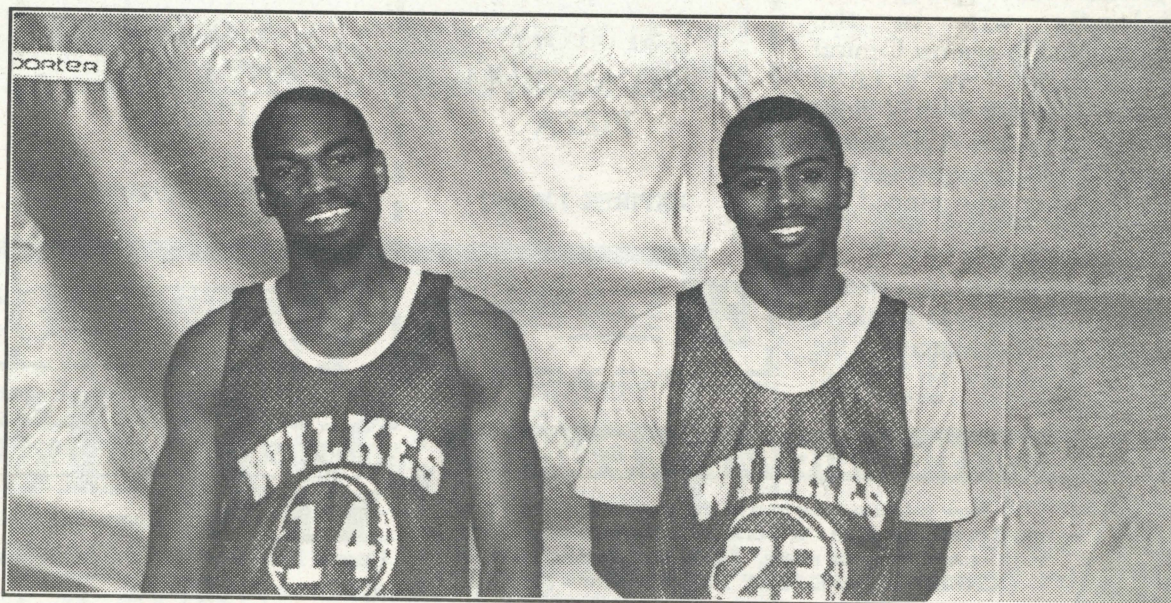
At the top of the list: a brand new coaching staff with Head Coach Jerry Rickrode in charge. Next, a new look of intensity that was lacking with the Colonels for the past few seasons. Finally, an assessment of the Colonels new talent.

However, finding new talent to fill the voids did not pose a problem for the coaching staff.

How could it when two talented and lightning-quick athletes transfer to the program?

This duo is no other than the Philadelphia connection of Mike King and Jay Turman. Both players have had to step in and start for Wilkes.

According to Coach Rickrode, King and Turman



**Mike King and Jay Turman are considered the Colonels "spark plugs"**

have a lot in common when it comes to basketball.

"Both Mike and Jay make an effort to do something if asked, regardless if they want to or not. They're very focused in the aspect," said Rickrode.

King, a graduate of Bartram High School and a transfer from LCCC, was a

two-year all-conference player at Luzerne County Community College and is considered the team's best defensive threat.

Turman, a graduate of William Penn High School and a transfer from Keystone Junior College, is a prolific scorer and defensive specialist as well.

At Keystone, Turman established himself as the second all-time leading scorer in school history, scoring over 1,000 points in his two-year stint.

"I recruited Jay very hard," said Rickrode. "He is really a true shooting guard who we converted to the point

and I'm really pleased with the way that he has adjusted.

Both players seem to have had an easy time adjusting to the Colonels squad. Turman leads the team in assists, averaging three per game, while King is averaging 15.5 in scoring with a 1.5 average.

Due in part to his outstanding performances this weekend at the Laurel Tourney at the University of Scranton, the Colonels were able to upset the nationally-ranked University of Scranton.

Turman was selected as the tournament's Most Valuable Player, scoring 41 points in four games.

King, the starting guard, was selected to the tournament team for his performance. King scored 18 points in two games, including 18 in the final of-11 shooting. King led the team in steals with 10 and is second in scoring assists only to Turman.

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## Rals

**BY WENDY R.**  
Beacon News Editor

In an effort to solve the parking problem at Wilkes University, the County Transportation Authority (LCTA) is starting a shuttle service from the Field, which has 400 parking spaces.

According to Davis, Director of Transportation Relations, Wilkes is part of an existing program that students, faculty and staff can park at Ralston and be transported by bus and back to Ralston at the end of the day.

The LCTA is also planning a special program.

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