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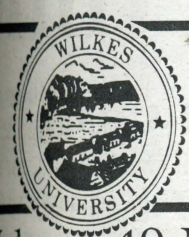
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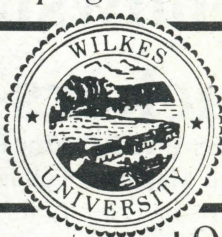
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Students help make difference in the lives of area animals

By AMY CONNELLY
Beacon Staff Writers

You have probably noticed the sad faces gracing the entrances and walls of the classroom office building for the past few weeks.

In addition to helping raise money for the homeless this past week, many students and faculty have been donating items and money to help our furry, feathered and even scaled friends.

The Sociology and Psychology clubs along with the animal rights group C.A.R.V.E. have been collecting donations for The Society for the Prevention of Animal Cruelty (SPCA).

The idea for the SPCA drive at Wilkes University came as a result of Mary Jo Kosisher, a psychology major who thought it would be nice to help the animals.

This is a kind of "Thanksgiving for the animals" said Kosisher.

At this point, the collections have gone very well. Kosisher added, "the students seem to be interested in it."

The charity drive collected all types of thoughtful donations, ranging from paper towels and to her cleaning supplies to newspapers, blankets, cat and dog food, as well as money.

A group of students participating in the drive went to the local Wal-Mart, route 309, Wilkes-Barre on Sunday and received \$60 in additional donations.

The donations will be delivered to the SPCA of Plains on Monday, November 25th at 12 p.m.

If you would like to make a contribution, you can still drop off any donations at the sociology office on the third floor of COB or in a collection box that has been provided in front of Dr. Adair's office, COB 308.

Help make a difference in an animals life this Thanksgiving. Your help and

donations will be greatly appreciated.

For more information about the drive contact Mary Jo Kosisher @ 655 - 3625.



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Crush your butts and make a difference

By ERIKA WRIGHT
Special to Beacon

The Great International Smokeout is going to take place for the 22nd year in a row. On November 21, millions of smokers around the globe will quit smoking for one day. Millions more will quit for good. But there is very little known about how this day actually came to take place.

The actual word "smokeout" was coined by Arthur P. Mullaney. In 1971, in Randolph, Massachusetts, Mr. Mullaney asked the residents of Randolph to quit smoking for one day and

donate the money to high school scholarship funds. The idea was a big hit with the residents of the town and word about its success got around.

In January 1974, the editor of the Monticello Times, in Minnesota, heard about what happened in Massachusetts. Lynn R. Smith used the Monticello Times to encourage people to quit smoking that day, and she termed it D-day, or don't smoke day. The local businesses helped out, too, by only selling lollipops on D-day. D-day became a statewide practice

in Minnesota by November 1974.

Finally on November 17,



1977, the smokeout day became

a national event with the help of the Surgeon General, Dr. Julius Richmond. The smokeout day was mainly used by grade schools and high schools to educate students about the dangers of smoking.

The smokeout day has been recognized internationally since 1988, when the World Health Organization helped it gain international status.

According to the American Cancer Society, the smokeout day, which occurs on a

the second most popular day for smokers to kick the habit. The first of course is New Year's Day. In 1994 alone, 2.4 million smokers quit with the help of the American Cancer Society.

And how will this effect Wilkes students? Imagine if the Wilkes Scholarship Fund could collect all of the money that our students, faculty, and staff spend in cigarettes, for just one day, to help cut the cost of receiving a Wilkes University education or maybe even save a llife.

Whatever the reason, stop smoking this Thursday.

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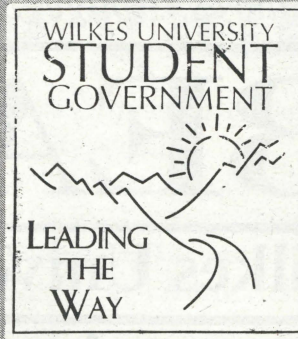
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For more information contact Professor James Yoho for more information at ext. 4475.



Student Government Corner

with Bill Pastewait

First off, I want to congratulate all of the big winners from Casino Night and thank any everyone that attended and helped out with the event. It was definitely a lot of fun and I hope that the event will continue in future years ahead.

Well, as we approach the end of another semester, there are a few events that you might want to take advantage of between finishing those last minute projects and studying for finals.

• 27 November 1996 - Commuter Council is sponsoring its annual bus trip to NYC for the day. Remember, we have no classes that day. Tickets are \$12 for round trip and \$6 for one way if you are just trying to catch a ride home for the holidays. Tickets are on sale during the day in the SLC Lobby.

• 8 December 1996 - IRHC will be holding its Final Exam Study Break in the cafeteria on this Sunday. Swing by for some karaoke and some pizza. Admission is free, so take a break from all that studying for some final fun before exams begin on Monday.

Finally, to look ahead to something more positive. In the next few days there will be signs up sheets floating around, if you have any ideas or themes for Winter Weekend for the Spring 1997 Semester. This event is right around the corner and I hope to make it bigger and better than last year. However, if that's the case, then I need your input. Anything that you might want to see added or changed, or whatever for Winter Weekend, let me know. You can contact SG @ ext.2910 or e-mail us at SG@wilkes1.wilkes.edu.

Thanks again for all of your help. Have a safe and happy holiday, and don't forget to voice your opinion.

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Guest Commentary with Amy Mazur

"College students who participate in volunteer service are more likely to finish school, enroll in postgraduate study, socialize across racial and ethnic lines, volunteer after college and donate money to their school" according to a recent study by UCLA's Higher Education Research Institute. Participation in community service also has apparent positive effects on students' attitudes toward their environment, towards others and toward their own future.

For me, community service is a natural part of my life. I have been volunteering since high school. I can't imagine it any other way. Helping people and others less fortunate than me is something I want to do because I am able to. I don't know if we realize how fortunate we are. Now that the holidays are approaching, I think this is a great time to do something for someone else. Think about volunteering... make a difference in someone's life!

The Office of Volunteer Services on campus is a clearing house which provides a wide variety of community service opportunities for students while they are studying at Wilkes University. It's not too late to get involved!

Hunger and Homelessness Week began on Sunday with the Bed Race. Throughout the week, there are a variety of activities centered around those issues taking place. Monday, 115 students gave up their meals for the Oxfam Fast. Tuesday, there was a panel discussion and Wednesday was the Oxfam Hunger Banquet.

Tonight is the Sleepout at the Bell Tower. Saturday will be a work day at the local Habitat for Humanity and Sunday will be a work day at St. Vincent De Paul's Soup Kitchen. Throughout the week we are collecting food, change, blankets, coats and sweaters to be distributed to the local shelters.

The Reach Christmas party will be on Saturday, December 7 at 1:30 p.m. in Rumours. REACH is a program for low income children and their families. We are looking for volunteers to help with the party! We also need groups/clubs to help volunteer with the expenses... we would like to give each child a gift! We also have two drop off points for Toys for Tots. Please place new, unwrapped toys in the bins located in Stark and the Bookstore.

If you have any questions about these programs or would like to volunteer, please call 831-5904 or call the Volunteer Hotline at 831-5905! Thank you

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Upcoming Campus Events for November 21-28

Thursday 21

Programming Board mtng. 11:30 a.m. SLC 166

"Feiffer's People" 8 p.m. DDD \$5

Friday 22

"Feiffer's People" 8 p.m. DDD \$5

"Jack" 7:30 p.m. SLC 101

Campus Interfaith Prayer Service 12 noon Bell tower

M B-Ball: Nyack Tournament 8 p.m. (A)

W B-Ball: @ Cortland Trn. 6 p.m.

Saturday 23

"Feiffer's People" 8 p.m. DDD \$5

"SHARE" 7:45 a.m. SUB

Habitat for Humanity 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Bowman St. W-B

H.S. Drama Festival 10 a.m. DDD - free

M B-Ball: w/ St. Thomas/Malone 6/8 p.m. (A)

W B-Ball: w/ Potsdam Galludet 12/2 p.m. (A)

Wrestling: Bloomsburg Open 9 p.m. (A)

Sunday 24

"Feiffer's People" 2 p.m. DDD \$5

Soup Kitchen Volunteering 9 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. St. Vincent De Paul

Monday 25

"Giving Tree" through Dec 13, SLC lobby

Tuesday 26

Thanksgiving recess begins @ 5 p.m.

Follow Friday class schedule

Accounting and Business Club mtng. 11 a.m.

Rumours

Wind Ensemble Performance 8 p.m. CPA

Wednesday 27

Residence Halls close @ 10 a.m.

Thursday 28

Happy Thanksgiving!

Any club or organization wishing to publish information in The Beacon, can contact us at x5903 or stop by Hollenback Hall, 2nd floor.

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The Near Side

with Rick Tym

How's everybody doing this week? Hang in there, everybody... turkey day is coming. All you have to do is go through hell the week before to get to it...

Well, once again, I have no idea of what to talk about. This is partly due to the fact that my brain is fried (and it's only Monday) but also because I'm writing my column earlier than usual. You see, I usually hand it in at the last minute, which I really shouldn't be doing. But it seems like the best ideas come when time is short, so I guess I'm sort of a pressure situation person. Anyway, here I sit on a Monday night, with no thoughts whatsoever running through my head.

Hey, here's a thought: how about the fact that we can get premium cable on campus if we want it. I'm telling you man—do it. How can you beat HBO 1, 2 and 3 for only twelve bucks a month? Or how about getting Skinemax for the same price. (Why do I call it Skinemax? For those of you who don't know, use your imagination. If you still can't figure it out, ask a friend—but not too loud.) Even better, get five premium channels for only seventeen bucks a month. Sorry if I sound like a sales rep for Service Electric...but am I happy about this? For those of you that think I am, get a clue...I'm extremely pissed off by this! It seems that us seniors were born four years too soon. I guess after we graduate they'll give every dorm a frigging USSB satellite dish...and start serving food that doesn't suck in the cafeteria (sorry, had to be said.)

Did you ever wonder why all three student parking lots are filled even though there's only sixty permits given out and you have one? I'll tell you what, I did. Doesn't make sense. Sixty spots on campus with sixty permits given out equals the fact that there should be a free spot somewhere in the three lots on campus, since I paid sixty dollars to get a permit. (By the way, can you count how many times the word "sixty" appeared in the paragraph so far? Sort of like playing a twisted version of Where's Waldo?, isn't it?) If you think I was pissed then, after driving around for an hour trying to find the hidden spot in the Design Systems parking lot, you should have seen me the next day after I took the parking and street sweeping tickets off my windshield.

Did you notice how all of the signs that had the University president's e-mail address in them disappeared after I ran that "did you ever wonder" article a couple of weeks ago? I mean, I'm sure it was just a coincidence, but kind of uncanny, don't you think? (Actually, I took them all down just so that I had three more sentences to throw in this week's article.)

Well, those are the only "did you ever wonder/notice" thoughts I have for this week. I'm going to save those up for a while, and run a few weeks worth of articles based on them because of the great response I got from that article. If you have a "did you ever notice" thought that you would like to see published, please contact me at rty@wilkes.edu, have a great holiday, everyone, and I'll see you in December.

(Just kidding about your signs, President Breiseth...)

Coupons for Christmas?

Lambda Pi ETA, the Communications Department Honor Society, is selling Dine-A-Mate value coupon books to members of the community. They contain hundreds of discount offers from local merchants in the NEPA region. The book costs \$25 and will be sold until the end of the fall semester. Checks can be made out to Lambda Pi ETA. Any questions call Michael Beachem at x5043, e-mail: beachemt@wilkes1.wilkes or advisor, Dr. Bradford Kinney at x4164, e-mail: bkinney@wilkes1.

This Week in History

November 19, 1620: The Plymouth Pilgrims landed the Mayflower at Cape Cod, the original destination having been Virginia.

November 19, 1863: President Abraham Lincoln delivered his Gettysburg address.

November 20, 1950: U.S. forces reached the Chinese border.

November 22, 1963: President John F. Kennedy was shot and fatally wounded by an assassin as he rode in a motorcade through downtown Dallas, TX.

November 22, 1963: Lee Harvey Oswald was arrested and charged with the assassination.

November 24, 1963: Jack Ruby, 52, a Dallas nightclub owner, shot and fatally wounded Lee Harvey Oswald.

November 19-20, 1985: President Reagan and Mikhail Gorbachev, the general secretary of the Soviet Communist Party, talked privately for five hours at a summit conference in Geneva, Switzerland.

November 19, 1989: President Bush signed into law an increase in the minimum wage; at \$3.35 an hour, the wage would rise to \$4.25 and hour by 1991, with a training wage of \$3.35 for 16-19 year olds in their first three months on the job.

November 20, 1993: The Senate endorsed the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) set to take effect January 1, 1994.

November 18, 1994: Palestinian police fired on militants in Gaza City, claiming that the demonstrators fired first.

November 18, 1994: The militant Hamas organization appealed for calm.

November 21, 1994: Yassar Arafat warned against further violence.

November 21, 1994: Thirty-nine NATO warplanes from four countries—Britain, France, the Netherlands and the U.S. bombed a Serb air base in Croatia in response to Serb air attacks near Bihac, Bosnia, a government enclave and UN-declared "safe area."

November 22, 1994: Having seized an estimated 450 UN peacekeepers and 30 UN military observers as hostages, the Serbs fired missiles at two British aircraft in NATO patrol.

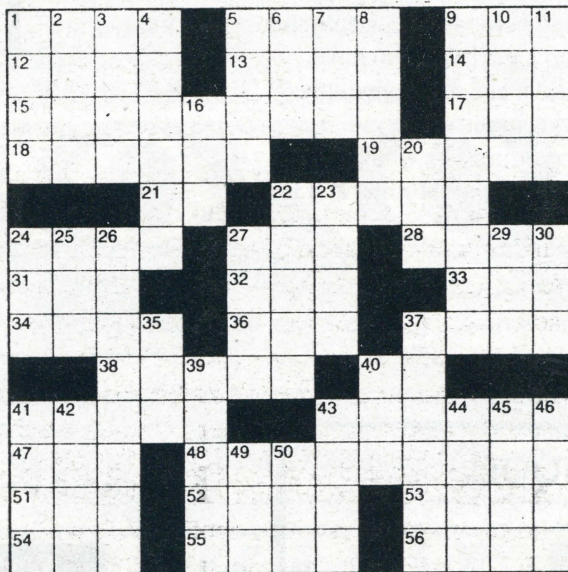
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- 22 ... and what's on it
- 24 Family newcomer
- 27 Moo goo gai pan pan
- 28 Field of Queens

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- 32 Vietnam city
- 33 Cartesian conclusion
- 34 Advertise
- 36 "Monty Python" opener
- 37 Nimble
- 38 Mork's second home
- 40 Scale member
- 41 It gives one pause
- 43 Pacific Ocean discoverer
- 47 Past
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Outdoor

By ERICKA WRIG
Special to the Beacon

It was a perfect fall October. There was a cloud to be found in the breeze was light, and the slightest hint of a chill in the air. It was a perfect day for canoeing, even meant canoeing down the Susquehanna River. With luck on our side, Beacon writers were in for a tour of the season.

The Susquehanna River is 440 miles long, making it the longest river on the East Coast. The river begins in the state of New York and eventually spills into Chesapeake Bay.

We began our trip by docking the canoe directly across the river from the Seafood in Washington. Canoeing away from shore, I was pleasantly surprised to find that I could actually see the bottom of the river for quite some time, and yet, it looked normal.

There is a great deal of life to be found on the river, too. Right after we were under the Eight

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Outdoor adventure still a possibility in late autumn

TRICKA WRIGHT

to the Beacon

It was a perfect fall day in late October. There wasn't a cloud to be found in the sky, the sun was light, and there was the slightest hint of a cool breeze. It was a perfect day for canoeing, even if it was late in the season. The Susquehanna River. And on our side, two writers were invited to the Riverwatch on their last trip of the season.

The Susquehanna River is 444 miles long, making it the longest river on the east coast. The river begins in the Catskills of New York and eventually spills into the Chesapeake Bay.

We began our trip in late October, docking the canoes at the West Street Bridge. Canoeing away from the shore, I was pleasantly surprised to find that I could see the bottom of the river quite some time, and yet, it looked normal. There is a great deal of silt to be found on the river floor. Right after we passed under the Eighth Street Bridge, you get to glimpse perhaps the most powerful part of the Wyoming Valley history.

The shore slowly begins to turn to the color of rust, and the rocks and trees on the bank show an orange mark to the point of the last river level. This is runoff from the mines.

And just a short distance away you can see a rusted out shell of what used to be a train car on the shore, and that is how you know you're at the spot of the Knox Mine Disaster.

The Knox Mine Disaster happened in 1959 when coal mining underneath the river got too close to the river's floor. The river broke into the mines, killing coal miners and effectively ending deep mining in the Valley. In an attempt to stop the river from flowing into the honeycomb system of coal mines, railroad cars were thrown into the giant hole.

A short paddle down the river to Forty Fort and you get a glimpse of where the dike broke in the Agnes Flood of 1972.

This is one of the sharpest bends in the river, and when the swollen waters of the Susquehanna raged in 1972, they weakened the dike enough

in that spot to break through. There are also several islands to be found on the Susquehanna River. One of the two islands we passed was two miles long.

According to our guide, there are reports of bear, deer, and other small game living on the island. The island is privately owned and is occasionally used by a hunting club. There are also sightings of eagles, hawks, ospreys, egrets and herons on the shoreline, where they can be found preying for food.

One of the most interesting parts of the trip came when we neared the General Hospital in Wilkes-Barre.

According to Indians, there used to be a great waterfall where Mill Creek empties into the river, right by the mile long train trestle that crossed the river. Looking at that spot today, it's very hard to imagine.

I was surprised and impressed at the beauty of the river. Altogether it was an enjoyable, relaxing day, and the irony came when one thought about the fact that yes, we did just canoe down the Susquehanna River.



Photo courtesy Susquehanna River Outfitters

Enjoying a cool autumn day on the Susquehanna.

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Wanted: Wilkes students to make WISER choice

CHRISTINE
GAYDOS
Features Editor

The statistics on date rape have increased in the last four years, particularly at small schools in the Northeast," said Dr. Mark Sowcik, Director, Campus Counseling.

Four years ago, more than 109,000 women were reported to the police that they were raped. Unfortunately, this number does not include many of

the Pennsylvania Coalition Against Rape in Harrisburg.

This is a nationwide problem that is common on college campuses, particularly in this area of the United States.

For this reason, Dr. Sowcik and Dr. Holiday Adair, assistant professor of psychology, have made the initiative to organize a new group on campus called WISER, Wilkes Initiative to Stop Exploitative Relationships.

The group's purpose is to address issues related to

sexually exploitative relationships, including date rape, physical and mental abuse, drug/ alcohol intake and decision making.

In order to get this project going, "We need students!" said Sowcik.

WISER is looking for students of all majors, both male and female to educate as peer counselors.

"Once we have an initial commitment, this can go on and grow," said Adair.

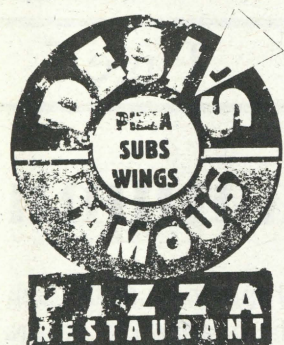
The students would take part in on-campus training sponsored by the Victim's

Resource Center, the Domestic Violence Service Center and the Wyoming Valley Drug and Alcohol Services.

"Students would come and have training take place right here," said Sowcik.

Anyone interested in any aspect of WISER, as a counselor or otherwise, is strongly encouraged to call Dr. Sowcik at extension 4730.

The next WISER meeting will be held in COB 320 on Tuesday, December 3, at 12 p.m.



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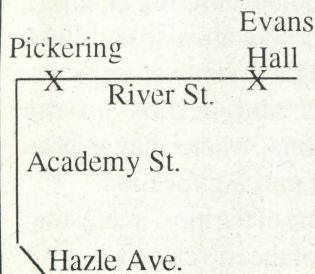


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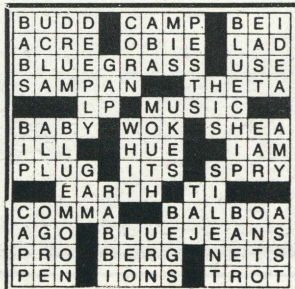
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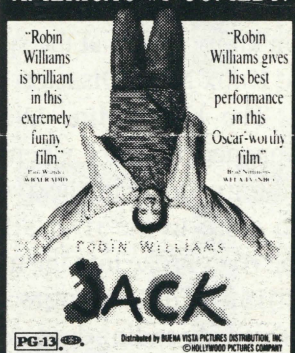
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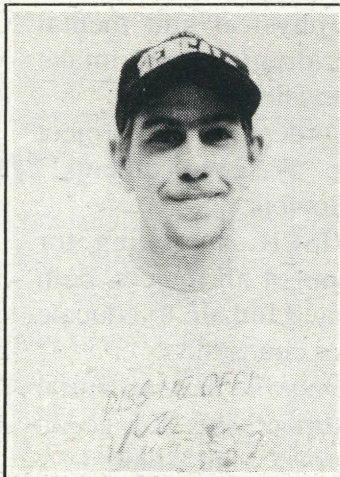
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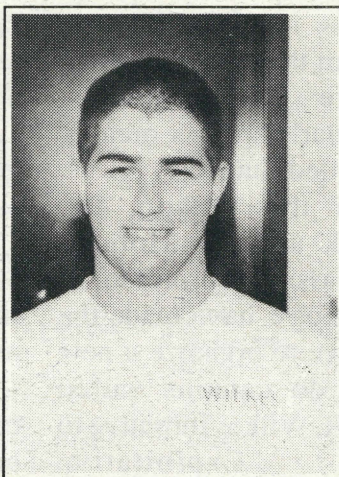
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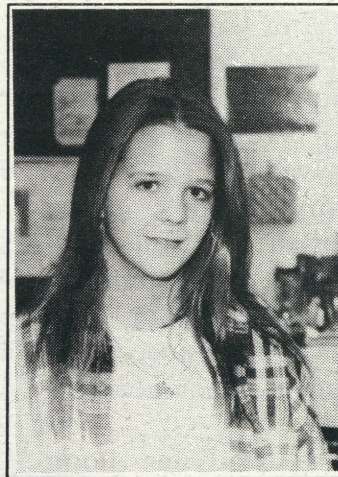
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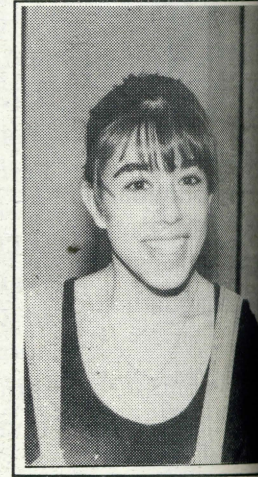
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Matt Allman
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Amanda Toogood
"Spend quality time with friends and family."



Debbie Miceli
"Study for finals!"

New coaching staff leads gridders to winning season

MIKE SOBOLEWSKI
Special to the Beacon

When fans of the Wilkes University football program come to watch a game this season, they took comfort in seeing many familiar faces on the field. This year fans also saw five new coaches for the Colonels.

A new coaching staff, led by first-year head coach, often brings a change in coaching philosophy. The thing that many people may have forgotten was that even though the coaches were new, the players were still the same. Wilkes had a talented group of players such as Boo Perry, Mike Gundersdorf, Ryan Johnson and Aaron Wilk, who have played on the team since their freshman year.

According to senior quarterback Boo Perry, "it only took the first few weeks to adjust to the new coaching staff, and now I have a better selection of passing plays to choose from with the new coaching staff."

One face that has not changed for the Colonels is head coach Frank Sheptock. He was named to the head coach position when Joe DeMelfi stepped down after six years. Coach Sheptock came to Wilkes in 1990 as the defensive coordinator and assistant head coach.

A resident of Elysburg and a graduate of Bloomsburg University with a degree in business administration and accounting, Frank Sheptock played under DeMelfi while a member of the Huskies football team. While at Bloomsburg, he was named first team All-American three times and four times he was a PSAC first team

linebacker. Under Sheptock, 26 Wilkes defensive players were named to the MAC Defensive All-Star teams, including 11 first team All-Stars, to go along with the three ECAC All-Stars and two All-Americans. He also brings with him a talented coaching staff.

According to coach Sheptock, "the hardest thing that I had to do when I became a head football coach was to give up my defensive responsibility to the new coaches."

On the offensive side of the ball is Ron Miller, in his second year as a member of the Wilkes football staff. A 1993 graduate of Susquehanna University, Miller was also a four year performer for the Crusaders. He was an assistant at both Wagner College in New York and Emporia State University in Emporia, Kansas. Miller works with the quarterbacks for Wilkes.

John Monfiletto, an eleven year veteran of the New York City Police, is working with the Colonels wide receivers. He was an assistant coach at Susan Wagner High School in Staten Island, NY from 1978 to 1995. Wagner High School had six undefeated seasons during Monfiletto's 17 years, including a 44 game win streak from 1987 to 1990, when he was the offensive coordinator.

Dave Shuga is another new face on the Wilkes University coaching staff. A native of Berwick and a graduate of Bloomsburg University with a degree in secondary education, Shuga is challenging the running backs. He was a coach at I.U.P. while getting his masters degree in special education. He has also coached at Elkton (MD) High school, Carlisle High School and Bloomsburg University. Shuga is a teacher at Hazleton

Area.

Coaching the offensive line is Bob Barbieri, who begins his sixth year at Wilkes University. He was a long time coach of twenty-five years at Pittston Area, with a record of 157-100-4. He is a health education teacher and the head girl's basketball coach at Pittston Area High School.

Ben McKeown, a four-time MAC All-Star at defensive back for the Colonels, is working with the defensive backs this season. McKeown spent last season as an assistant coach for his alma mater, Bishop Hoban.

Jake Winslow is a former outside linebacker who graduated from Wesleyan College in 1995 with a degree in Government and International Politics. He spent a year interning with the former Cleveland Browns of the NFL and is another new face for the Wilkes football staff.

Finally, the last new addition for the Colonels is Aaron Menapace. Menapace comes to Wilkes University from the University of Stony Brook on Long Island where he was a graduate assistant for the past two seasons. He helps to develop the skills of outside linebackers and strong safeties. Menapace was a former coach of the Southern Columbia Tigers from 1985-1993 who received his bachelor's degree from Bloomsburg University in Business Education and his master's from Stony Brook.

The Wilkes University football coaching staff may come from different backgrounds, but they have one thing in common. They all come from football programs that only know how to do one thing -- win. It is no wonder that the Colonels finished the regular season with an 8-2 record.

Wilkes wrestling team opens season

By TOM McGUIRE

Wilkes University Sports Information Director

The Wilkes University wrestling team opened its 1996-97 season by taking part in the West Point Open.

Jon Laudenslager finished second in his 142 pound weight class. Laudenslager, the number three seed in the tournament, won three matches and lost one on the day. Laudenslager had a pin for one of the wins.

At 118 pounds, Chris Rebels reached the final of the consolation round before losing, 13-9. After losing his first match, Rebels worked his way back to the consolation finals by winning four matches up to the final.

At 177 pounds, Dave Habowski reached the semi-finals of the consolation round by winning three matches and losing two on the day.

In the heavyweight bracket, the Colonels' Lubomir Handl won five matches and lost two in reaching the semi-finals of the consolation round. On the day Handl recorded two pins and won one match in sudden death.

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Colonels drop finale against Lyco

By JEREMY GERBER
Beacon Staff Writer

The Wilkes University Colonels' dream of reaching the NCAA Division III playoffs ended with a loss to the Lycoming College Warriors 21-13 this past Saturday.

With the loss, the Wilkes Colonels (8-2) were resigned to a spot in the ECAC playoffs while the Lycoming Warriors (9-0) earned the Middle Atlantic Conference title and will enter the NCAA playoffs.

The afternoon was full of disappointment for the Colonels as they had a 22 yard touchdown by Mike Hankins called back on a penalty in the first half.

Lycoming scored twice in the first quarter for the only points in the first half. Quarterback Keith Cadden hit Steve Verton with a ten yard touchdown pass while Jeff Cook added the extra point for the 7-0 lead.

Lycoming's next score came when Jamie Allen broke free for a 15 yard touchdown run. Jeff Cook made the extra point to give the Warriors the 14-0 lead at the half.

Wilkes scored in the middle of the third quarter on a 46 yard pass from Boo Perry to Mike Gundersdorf. Pat Downs kicked the extra point to cut the Lycoming lead to 14-7.

Early in the fourth quarter, Boo Perry hit Mike Hankins with a screen pass. Hankins then rumbled 54 yards for the touchdown. Hankins rushed for 159 yards on 25 carries. Pat Down's extra point was partially blocked bringing the score to 14-13. That would be Wilkes' last score in the regular season.

Lycoming found the endzone one more time in the game as runningback Steve Hill ran in from 2 yards out. Jeff Cook added the extra point bringing the final score to 21-13 in favor of Lycoming.

Wilkes will play in the post-season for the third time in four years when it plays in the ECAC Southeast Championship game against Frostburg State in East Orange NJ, Saturday afternoon at 4 p.m.

The only other meeting between the two schools was in 1993 in the NCAA playoffs, when Frostburg overcame a 19-point deficit in the fourth quarter to beat Wilkes 26-25.

Wilkes student athletes named to All-Academic Team

WILKES-BARRE--Nineteen Wilkes University student athletes were named to the 1996 Middle Atlantic Conference Fall All-Academic teams. To be selected to the All-Academic team a student athlete has to be at least a sophomore, a starter or significant reserve, and have a GPA greater than 3.20.

Named from the ECAC Mid-Atlantic champion field hockey team were: Noell Brooks, Shannon Crane, Heather Evanish, Laura Gantz, Sarah Reed, Pam Truszkowski, Jeanette Uhl, and Lisa Werkhiser.

Named from the women's soccer team were: Stacey Geiger, Laurene Kocylowski, Laurie Labbe, Alisa Merolli, and Denise Schembari.

Named from the volleyball team were: Rebecca Baker, Shanna Henninger, and Carrie Wilkes.

Dave Michaels was named from the football team. James Lacy was named from the men's soccer team. Chris Mayeski was named from the women's tennis team.

Gridders named to MAC All-Star Team

WILKES-BARRE--Fifteen Wilkes University football players were named to the 1996 Middle Atlantic Conference Freedom League All-Star team.

Named to the first team were Jason Majiros, Mike Gundersdorf, Mike Hankins, Matt Rodarmel, J.J. Fadden and Aaron Wilk.

Named to the second team were Boo Perry, Augie Mitschke, Joe Ruddy, Jason Nocella, Joe Sinkovich, Jim Poepperling, Tulio Santiago, John Siekonic and Ryan Alston.

Majiros, an offensive lineman, has been a four year starter for the Colonels. He has been a leader on a line that has produced 1,000 yard rushers in three of his four years, as well as the MAC's leading rusher three of those four years.

Gundersdorf, a senior wide receiver, led the Colonels with 56 catches for 1,066 yards and 15 touchdowns in 1996. For the second straight year Gundersdorf led the MAC in pass receiving yards and finished his career as the MAC's all-time leader in pass receiving yards. On a national level, Gundersdorf will finish with the 20th most catches all-time in NCAA Division III history at 205 and sixth all-time in receiving yards with 3,603.

Wilkes Wrestling Spirit Day

The Wilkes Grapplers Club is sponsoring a spirit day December 7, 1996. This is the Colonels first home wrestling meet versus Kutztown University. The prize being offered to the residence hall or club with the most school spirit is an award of \$100.00 cash. Please come and cheer on your Wilkes University Colonels wrestling team.

Hankins, a freshman, was among the MAC in rushing with 1,000 yards rushing this season. Hankins set a Wilkes game rushing record with 159 yards against Moravian College. For the year, Hankins has 1,000 rushing touchdowns and receiving touchdowns.

Rodarmel, a senior defensive lineman, was among the MAC all season long on the top ranked defensive team. The year, Rodarmel made 37 tackles, 1.5 sacks and had 1.5 pass breakups. Of Rodarmel's 37 tackles, 17 were solo.

Fadden, a junior defensive end, was one of the em leaders of the Wilkes defense that allowed an MAC low 10.5 sacks a game. For the year, Fadden led the team with 37 tackles, 37 of them solo. Fadden also had a team 10.5 sacks; seven tackles for loss and intercepted his first career pass against Montclair State. Fadden tied a school record with 11.5 sacks. A year ago, Fadden led the team with 11.5 sacks.

Wilk, a four year starter, was second in tackles with 66. Wilk will finish his career with 12 interceptions for eighth all-time in history.

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