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All-Star Team

ins, a freshman, led the rushing with 121 yards this season. He set a Wilkes single game record with 23 yards against Moravian College. Hankins had eight touchdowns and one touchdown.

nel, a senior defensive end, was among the leaders long on the MAC defensive team. For Rodarmel made 37 sacks and had two interceptions. Of Rodarmel's 17 solo stops, 11 were solo stops. A junior defensive end, a junior defensive end, one of the emotional players on the Wilkes defense, had an MAC low 253 yards. For the year, the team with 68 sacks. Of them solo stops, 11.5 sacks.

Four year starter for was second on the team with 66, 31 of sacks. Wilk will end his career with 2 interceptions, tied for 1-time in school.

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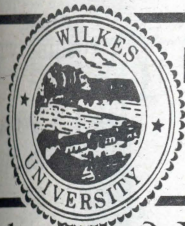
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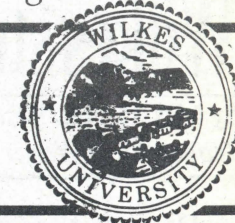
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For, against or undecided — Who knows?

By SUSAN MCCARTY & PATTY MEADUS

Beacon Staff Writers

The Batory Survey results are in and even though the numbers show many students in favor of the bookstore, questions to build or not to build are still lingering around campus.

The survey, completed by the students of Wilkes University and King's College, was designed to allow the students of both schools the opportunity to share their views concerning the proposition of a joint bookstore/student center in downtown Wilkes-Barre.

According to a Wilkes University press release, the survey results showed that approximately 60% of the students from both schools indicated an interest in continuing discussions about the collegiate center. And the remaining 40% were against moving the bookstore to the downtown site, which would be in The Chamber of Commerce building on Public Square.

The campus scuttlebutt began soon after the collegiate center survey results were released during the first week of November. This was due to the relatively low numbers of students who voted in favor of the book store supposedly being added to those who merely showed an interest in continued discussions on the proposition in order to paint it in a more favorable light.

Soon after the survey results were made public, headlines in both Wilkes-Barre city newspapers, *The Citizens' Voice* and *The Times Leader*, stated that relocating the bookstore had been voted in by a combined majority of the students from both institutions.

Despite repeated requests for copies of the results of the

merely expressed an interest in further exploration of the subject and strongly denied any of the rumors concerning the survey results.

"There is no way anyone involved with the survey would do anything like that... for what benefit?" Davis questioned.

Davis said that the survey was not a referendum, it's one

regarding the possibility of moving the bookstore. They could choose to be for, against or in favor of additional studies on the issue.

"The 'combining' took place on November 8th in the headlines of *The Citizens' Voice* and *The Times Leader*," O'Hop said.

He said that moving the

campus issues.

"We're talking about taking a revenue producing entity and possibly removing it from both campuses," O'Hop said, although he believes the College Town idea has merit.

"In the final analysis," Davis said, "we've got to do what's best for Wilkes and King's and downtown's got to do what's best for a lot of different reasons."

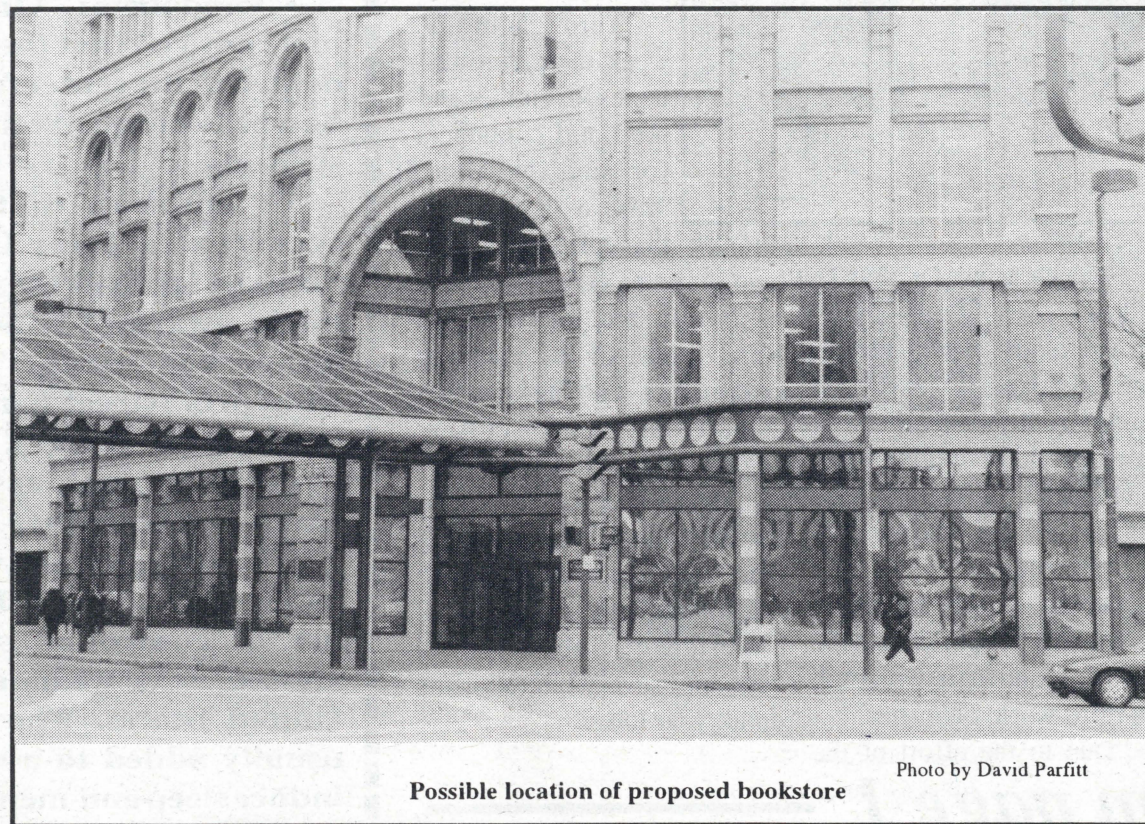
Dr. Ann Batory, associate professor of business and economics at Wilkes University, authored and interpreted the survey with the assistance of Cheryl Scalese, management analyst at Wilkes. When asked about the rumors regarding the vote, she said, "Wilkes would never treat their students that way."

According to Batory, *The Times Leader* jumped the gun when it reported that the deal would be done in December.

The article printed by *The Times Leader* prematurely predicted the completion of plans to relocate the bookstore, which would be shared by both colleges, to the refurbished Pomeroy's building on Public Square, currently The Chamber of Commerce Building.

The article stated that Todd Vonderheid, director of marketing and development with the Greater Wilkes-Barre Chamber of Business and Industry, said the deal bringing

See "Survey," page 2.



Possible location of proposed bookstore

Photo by David Parfitt

survey, none of the parties involved said that they had the authority to release any more information than what was already published in the press release.

In reality, according to Mark Davis, director of university relations, the press release stated that most of the students from both colleges

of a number of factors being looked at before a final decision is made.

"We simply wanted to 'take the temperature' of both schools," he added.

Paul O'Hop, vice-president of business affairs at Wilkes University, said the survey contained three categories the students could vote on

bookstore will be a decision ultimately left to the Board of Trustees from both colleges, and that the financial stakes of both schools, entailed in such a move, must be taken into consideration.

The Board of Trustees will be meeting Thursday and Friday of this week to discuss the bookstore, as well as other



Wilkes students exposed to a different lifestyle

By MICHAEL BEACHEM
Beacon Staff Writer

During the week of November 17-24 Wilkes University's Office of Volunteer Services and Campus Interfaith and the Hunger and Homelessness Task Force sponsored the fourth annual Hunger and Homelessness Week.

According to Mary Hession, coordinator of Campus Interfaith, "student participation was different this year because we had more groups involved, as opposed to individuals." These groups were willing to take chances. For example, the Wilkes cheerleaders took part in the sleep out despite the below freezing temperatures on Thursday evening/Friday morning.

The week kicked off with a new event, a bed race which gained quite a bit of media attention.

Amy Mazur, coordinator of Volunteer Services said "it was interesting in that it got people out to support the week long event, hopefully it (the bed race) will be an annual event with even greater participation."

Monday was dedicated towards the Oxfam fast in which students gave up their meals at the cafeteria. The money that would have been

spent on their food went to an international program that feeds those in need. This year, 115 students gave up their meals, setting a new record for

task force who made a strong contribution; the week was great," stated Mazur.

The faculty/student task force consisted of faculty and staff members:

Denise Ramos, Vee Ming Lew, Thomas Baldino, John Harrison, Gay Meyers, Darren Hack and student members: William Pastewait, Christine Gaydos and Richard Tym.

According to Mazur and Hession this group met almost every week from August until November to ensure the success of the week.

Throughout the week, there were also boxes for clothes and food and containers for small change. This was the first year that collections were



Photos by David Parfitt

Students gather for Sleep Out

Wilkes.

Approximately 300 people attended a panel discussion on Tuesday headed by Dr. Thomas Baldino. Wednesday, students took part in the Oxfam Hunger Banquet. The banquet enabled students to visually see the drastic differences in ratio of how people eat and the quality of food in first, second, and third world countries.

"Due to the effort of the

held for items other than food.

If you are interested in being a part of the planning committee for next year, contact Mary Hession or Amy Mazur at ext. 5904.

Mazur stated, "we hope that the students take something from this." Hession continued, "and it is not a one week experience, but should continue in everything students do all year long."

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the bookstore to town will be finalized by the end of the year.

"It was retracted the next day," Batory said.

According to Mark Davis, the survey was done with integrity, was done right and the results are valid.

"The only thing agreed to by the two schools was the publication of the press release," Davis said.

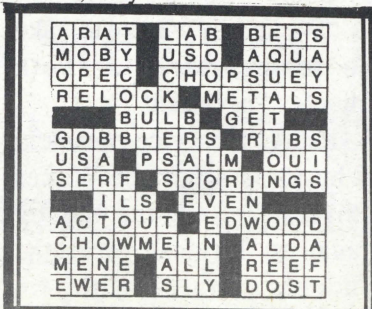
O'Hop said he assumed the

administration would give due credence to input from the students, although that input would be only one of several characteristics used in making any ultimate recommendation.

"There are an awful lot of factors to be taken under consideration, and at this point the bookstore plans remain unresolved," O'Hop said.

For now, Wilkes students who said they voted to leave the

bookstore on campus, and would like to have access to the survey results in order to lay any rumors to rest, may have to wait.



SECURITY CORNER



Wilkes University Security continues to work towards making this institution safer each and every day. During the month of November, the following on campus incidents were reported:

• **Theft:** A John Deere multipurpose saw, purchased by the university, was removed from a job site located at Barre Hall.

• **Theft:** On November 15th, a student in Delaware Hall left for classes at 12 p.m. He returned at 4:40 p.m. to find that his room had been entered and a lap top computer and printer were missing. Nothing else was taken from the room.

• **Vandalism:** On December 3rd, a male noticed that the hood of his car was dented in the center from what seemed to be a heavy blow. At this time there are no suspects.

In addition to these unfortunate occurrences, Jerry Cookus, Director of Security at Wilkes, would like us to be made aware of a new, and extremely dangerous, drug. This drug, called Rohyprol (street name "roofies" or the "date-rape drug"), is being used to commit sexual assaults on college campuses and other locations.

This drug is being viewed by Congress as a weapon. This is the first time that the use of controlled substances will be viewed as a weapon anywhere in the United States. The drug "roofies" is usually added to a drink where it can induce sleep and memory loss. It contains flunitrazepam which is 10 to 20 times more potent than valium.

The drug is prevalent in Florida and Texas. This year alone, Florida has already reported 271 cases.

Anyone noticing any strange activities taking place on or around campus, are asked to please inform Wilkes Security @ ext. 4999.

Have a happy and safe holiday season

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Business and accounting seek accreditation

COLLEEN HERRON
News Editor

Wilkes University is once again setting out to prove that a small school offering a quality education.

This week, the Wilkes University Business and Accounting Department will be submitting an application for accreditation by The Association of Collegiate Business Schools and Programs (ACBSP).

The idea to do so was the initiative of the faculty who wanted to seek the accreditation for the students and alumni. If granted, it will place Wilkes in the company of other institutions that have already shown that their programs maintain a high degree of excellence in business and accounting. In addition to giving Wilkes an external validation of offering quality education in this field,

it will also serve as an advantage to students when they present their Wilkes education to their future employer or graduate school.

"This will place Wilkes' Business and Accounting program among other elite groups of colleges and universities," said Dr. Gary Giamartino, Dean of the School of Business, Society and Public Policy.

After the application, coordinated by Anthony L. Liuzzo, J.D., Ph.D., faculty coordinator for the accreditation is sent, it will first be read over by a peer review group. Following this, a site visit will be scheduled, where a select group of members from other accredited schools will visit Wilkes for a period of three days in order to meet and evaluate the educational process of the department. This group will then submit a report to the board of commissioners

of the ACBSP and a decision will be made in May 1997.

The ACBSP was founded in 1988 in Missouri and made part of the American Assembly of Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB) in 1989.

Currently, the ACBSP has a membership of about 700 institutions, of which only 20 percent have received accreditation.

"We look forward to this review and having the accreditation confirm what we already know about the quality of education at Wilkes University," Giamartino said.

Not all curriculums can be accredited. Other departments on campus that have received accreditation are the Wilkes

nursing and engineering departments.



AIDS Awareness Week set for April

AMY CONNELLY
Beacon Staff Writer

AIDS Awareness Week, this semester at Wilkes University was postponed, not forgotten.

Students and faculty members may be wondering why no activities were scheduled for AIDS Awareness at Wilkes University this semester.

Due to the Thanksgiving break Wilkes University withheld scheduling the events this semester. Wilkes will be displaying the AIDS quilt in April '97. The quilt will be displayed in the Marts Center from April 10th through the 13th.

The quilt, itself is equal in size to 20 football fields not-to-mention the additional size of the walkway. As of May 1996, approximately 5,931,807 people had visited the quilt. The quilt is made of materials such as afghans, Barbie dolls, buttons, credit cards, flags, human hair, lace, letters, plastic, pins, suede, etc. It has had over 544,880 volunteers help handle it throughout the years.

Also, coming April 12 will be the play, "The Way We Live Now." It will be held in Rumours at 8 p.m.

"This is an AIDS Awareness play performed by The National Players, from Washington, D.C.," said Debbie Zehner.

This weekend should be exciting and something students will want to look forward to.

If students know someone who has died from AIDS, they can make a panel for them to be added to the quilt. Each panel should be three feet by six feet.

The new panels will be presented during the closing ceremonies on April 13th.

If you would like more information on making a panel you can contact Amy Mazur from Maternal and Family Health Services at 823-7057.

Also, students are asked to keep in mind that volunteers will be needed to help organize and monitor the quilt.

If you would be interested in volunteering, contact Amy Mazur @ 5904.

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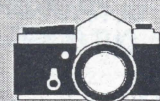
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Up, up and away...

What I wouldn't give to be in the hot, Orlando sun right now. This time two weeks ago, that's where I was headed, yet as the snow roles in on the weather forecast, it all seems so long ago.

While everyone else was slaving away at last minute projects before Thanksgiving, I was given the opportunity to attend the National College Media Convention in Orlando, Florida, sponsored by The Beacon and The School of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences Undergraduate Research Support Committee. What a way to spend four days in November.

When I left for the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Airport at 5 a.m. on November 21, the air couldn't have been colder and flurries were making their way to this area. Orlando's temperature, as you might imagine, was well in the 80's and sunny as a summer day. What a change from good 'ole Wilkes-Barre, PA.

But it wasn't the weather that made the trip so enjoyable. Since my mom needed a break away from real life as well, she too packed her bags and together we escaped to Walt Disney World, home of your favorite mouse. No, I'm not crazy for bringing along mom. She actually made the trip more fun. Since most of the schools who attended brought quite a large entourage, I was basically by myself for most of the day. I remember one day in particular when the workshops lasted from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. I don't think I spoke more than a word to anyone all afternoon. Boy is that a feat for a Communications major.

Since so many of the students were interested in touring the parks, most of the workshops ended quite early in the afternoon. At night, we found extra time to relax and had no trouble in maxing out dad's credit card. Wait until he gets the food bill. Let's just say Planet Hollywood and the Portabella were definitely a far cry from the cafe.

I have to admit that before I left, I was a little nervous about what to expect while in Orlando. I knew I had too much energy to sit in boring workshops all day and God only knows what me and mom could get ourselves into if left alone. Low and behold, the trip actually turned out to be very successful, both academically and socially. Though I didn't get the tan I so much desired, I did meet a few job contacts, I spent quality-time with my mom, and The Beacon has many more ideas to pull from next semester.

Who knows, maybe I'll be the one on the Walt Disney payroll this time next year. Regardless, thanks to everyone who made this trip possible. It was worth it.

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Dr. Natzke, Sociology Professor and Marc Eakin, Sociology Club President carry collection boxes from Wilkes University to the SPCA to benefit needy animals.

To the Editor:
The Wilkes University Sociology and Psychology Clubs, along with the animal rights group, CARVE, would like to extend their most heartfelt thanks to those generous students and faculty members for their contributions to our Thanksgiving charity drive for the Luzerne County SPCA.

Thank you to all those individuals who made this worthwhile project such an outstanding success. We applaud you for your generosity and kindness, and the needy animals you aided with your thoughtfulness also deeply appreciated it. Remember that your help does indeed make a HUGE difference.

Mary Jo Kosisher
Treasurer, Sociology Club

This is the last issue of The Beacon for the fall semester. The Beacon will not be published again until the beginning of the spring semester. If anyone is interested in becoming a member of our staff, please feel free to call us at x5903 or sign up for one credit with Dana Nolle in Capin Hall, 3rd floor. Hope you all enjoy your holidays! Good luck with exams!

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People have been saying that I have been lucky this week. Actually, none of them could have said a good Turkey Day right around the corner. Well, the Christmas season is especially sentimental to me. It seems a million years ago that I was warm up and getting ready for another year. Lucky, that is). No more praying for a good working on a project through class because from Stark, and I'm more sitting in class. It froze up. Sometimes as fast as this one, I wait until graduation. But enough about me. I don't know about you, but I'm waiting four years for a better. I just plan to leave... Let's talk about the weather. We all know, many times the weather will not affect the freshmen and sophomores. One of these bookstores (no, not the goodies) between the bookstore and the weather. And even though the bookstore now has a drink to snort, a roll of scotch tape, a square to get it? Fay's, which is not a bad idea. Well, the underclassmen are probably doing it. They're trying to offer things like a computer in Stark (but so what?). A Kings...wasn't that were our cross-t... Well, what about the bookstore to Pub stamps at the mall a great break, even next semester (unless I offer my case you soon...

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The Near Side with Rick Tym

People have been bitching at me, telling me to stop saying that I have nothing to talk about. So I won't say it this week. Actually, there are a lot of things I *could* say, but none of them could be published here. I hope everyone had a good Turkey Day. I know it was short, but Christmas is right around the corner...

Well, the Christmas season coming up is going to be an especially sentimental one for this Wilkes senior. Although it seems a million miles away, sooner or later it's going to warm up and get sunny again, and not soon after, it will be time for another senior class to leave (for those of us that are lucky, that is).

No more praying for snow at three in the morning while working on a project that is due at eight. No more sleeping through class because the dorm or apartment is too far away from Stark, and it's just too damn cold outside to walk. No more sitting in class hoping that your professor's fuel line froze up. Sometimes I feel like if the next semester goes as fast as this one, I'll be waking with only a few hours left until graduation.

But enough being sentimental. After all, to hell with it! I don't know about the rest of the senior class, but I've been waiting four years for this May to come. The sooner the better. I just plan to rip it up a little bit next semester before I leave...

Let's talk about the freshman class for a minute. As you all know, many things are happening around campus that will not affect the senior class, but will greatly affect the freshmen and sophomores in particular.

One of these things is the speculation of creating a joint bookstore (no, not a bookstore that sells hemp-made goodies) between Wilkes and Kings. Now, this in itself is not a bad idea. What is a bad idea, however, is the location. How many of you really want to walk down to the Square for your books, especially in the blistering cold of January. Like I said before, I can't even make it to Stark in cold weather.

And even though a soda costs a buck fifty in the bookstore nowadays, I used to like to be able to stop in and get a drink to sneak into the library. If you need a pen or a roll of scotch tape, are you really going to walk down to the Square to get it? No way man—not when you can go to Pay's, which is not only closer, but cheaper.

The underclassmen should consider this issue seriously. You probably didn't even have a say in the whole thing (hell, I'm a senior and I didn't even get to open my big mouth). If you didn't, you should voice your opinion. They're trying to dress this Wilkes-Kings Bookstore up by offering things like an "Internet Cafe". I don't know about you, but I'd be much happier with a cup of cocoa in front of a computer in Stark or COB (yeah, you have to sneak it in, but so what?). As far as interacting with people from Kings...wasn't there some bull going around about how they were our cross-town rivals?

Well, what can you say. At least if they move the bookstore to Public Square maybe they'll start selling stamps at the mailroom again. Good luck on finals, and have a great break, everyone. Be safe, and we'll see you all again next semester (unless you're graduating in January, in which case I offer my congratulations and best wishes). Talk to you soon...

Rendezvous: Backstage and Beyond with Donna Talarico

and special guest Rebecca Mason

Last minute plans always turn out to be the most fun.

It was Tuesday, October 29. Yeah, I had a lot of work to get done, so I wasn't going anywhere. But 98.5 KRZ was sponsoring a benefit Badlees concert at Montoursville High School to thank the city for being so supportive and helpful during the TWA catastrophe.

I kept hearing about the event on the radio, but wasn't going to go. After a while, I just said "The heck with it! I love the Badlees and it's a free show! I'm going!"

Now I had to find someone to go with because I did not want to make the haul alone. I didn't know if I would have any luck though, it was 5 p.m. and to make the show on time, I'd have to leave by 5:30 p.m.

Logically, I asked my roommate first, but she had a major paper to do. Then I called about five or six people who also declined. ("What? In a half hour? No way! Montoursville? Will your car make it that far? Sorry. Got too much other stuff to do," were the excuses I heard.)

Finally, I got a hold of Rebecca Mason, a fellow Beacon reporter. She graciously agreed to tag along to the show. We left at about 6 p.m. (Yeah, a little late, but I found out the show was actually at 7:30 p.m., not 7 p.m. like I first thought. We would still be on time.)

So, we set off on our journey to Montoursville. We talked about the usual stuff that females talk about in automobiles: guys, social events, gardening and anything else that came to mind. And, we learned a very important lesson:

ALWAYS HAVE A MAP IN YOUR CAR WHEN TRAVELING!

We got lost! Somewhere between Bloomsburg and Montoursville, we got off an exit too soon, thinking we went too far. We went up a one-way street the wrong way to this tiny grocery store in the hopes of some directions. So we went up to this man who looked knowledgeable.

Rebecca asked: "Excuse me sir, could you tell us how to get to Montoursville?"

Then the guy says, "Where do you think you are now?"

Duh! We're standing here talking to you! Where did you think we were?

So I said "If we knew where we were, we wouldn't have asked, right?"

He finally comprehended what we are asking and tells us a short cut to Montoursville. We thank the ever-so-helpful man and hopped back in my "luxury sedan".

After asking directions about three more times, we found our way into the small town. Then, we had to find the school. That was the hard part. We passed this one building that resembled a school. We pull in. To our dismay, it was a cable company.

Next, we turn up Arch Street, the street where the school supposedly was. It was a dead end! So, went up the next block. This must be it! It's a big building with lots of lights and cars. Oh wait. Why are there airplanes here? Oops.. That was the airport.

Okay. We decide we turned up Arch Street in the wrong direction. We turned around on the runway and backtracked. We ended up at the high school. Finally! There was no parking anywhere in sight, so we pulled up to the very front of the school and made our own space. Then we met up with some of our KRZ buddies and watched the Badlees!

The show was cool. We had front row seats on the floor, which meant that we had an excellent view of the hot lead singer, Pete Palladino.

We knew that we had too much trouble getting to Montoursville that we couldn't leave right after the show. No concert is complete without a backstage tour! I asked KRZ if I could go back with them (I work for their sister station and was on the Dream Team last year), but they had their chance before the show started.

Okay. Plan B. We weaseled our way back there. The roadie gave us each a sticker and sent us through the doors to excitement, the FFA (Future Farmers of America) room. No siree, no farmers in there! Just the locally cultivated Badlees! Rebecca and I got 8 x 10 glossy autographed photographs of the guys and also their "River Songs" CD signed. We even had some stimulating conversation with them for a while. They liked us! We were two happy campers.

We won't get into the ride home, as it was equally nightmarish, but we were in good spirits. Let's just say that we tried to outrun the KRZ skybox and lost, as well as missed our exit in the process. And that's just the beginning. But we did go to Taco Bell for a midnight snack which was pretty neat.

Meeting the Badlees was such an awesome experience! It's not everyday that you get to brush elbows with down-to-earth famous men like the Badlees. Getting there was just half the fun.

If you would like to share a story about your brush with fame, contact me at talarids@wilkes.edu.

This Week in History

December 4, 1783: George Washington bade farewell to his officers at Fraunces Tavern in New York City.

December 6, 1790: Congress convened in Philadelphia, the new temporary Capitol.

December 2, 1823: The Monroe Doctrine was enunciated, opposing European intervention in the Americas.

December 2, 1859: Abolitionist John Brown was hanged for treason by the state of Virginia.

December 6, 1865: The 13th Amendment, abolishing slavery, was ratified.

December 8, 1886: The American Federation of Labor (AFL) was formed by 25 craft unions.

December 7, 1915: President Woodrow Wilson asked for a military fund increase.

December 5, 1933: The 21st Amendment, repealing the 18th (Prohibition), was ratified.

December 7, 1941: Japan attacked Pearl Harbor, Hawaii at 7:55 a.m. Hawaiian time; 19 ships were sunk or damaged, leaving 2,300 people dead.

December 8, 1941: The U.S. declared war on Japan.

December 2, 1942: The first nuclear chain reaction (fission of uranium isotope U-235) was produced at the University of Chicago under physicists Arthur Compton, Enrico Fermi and others.

December 8, 1950: The U.S. banned shipments to Communist China and to Asiatic ports trading with it.

December 2, 1954: The Senate voted 67-22 to condemn Senator Joseph McCarthy (R.-Wis.) for contempt of a Senate elections subcommittee, for abuse of its members and for insults to the Senate during his Army investigation hearings.

December 5, 1955: America's two largest labor organizations merged under the name American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations (AFL-CIO); membership was estimated at 15 million.

December 6, 1973: Gerald Ford, the first appointed vice president under the 25th Amendment, was sworn in.

December 8, 1980: Former Beatle John Lennon was shot and killed outside his apartment building, the Dakota, in New York City.

December 2, 1982: Dr. Barney Clark, a retired dentist, became the first recipient of a permanent artificial heart during a 7 1/2-hour operation in Salt Lake City; the heart was designed by Dr. Robert Jarvik who was also on the surgical team.

December 8, 1987: President Reagan and Soviet leader Gorbachev met in Washington and signed an unprecedented agreement calling for the dismantling of all 1,752 U.S. and 859 Soviet missiles.

Important Campus Events for the months of December and January

Friday 12/6
Classes end @ 5 p.m.

Wednesday 12/18
Residence Halls close @ noon

Saturday 12/7
Reading Day

Wednesday 1/1
Residence Hall (Evans) opens @ 2 p.m.



Sunday 12/8
Reading Day

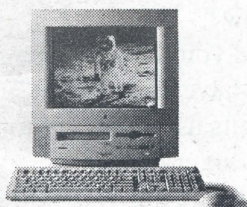
Thursday 1/2
Intercession classes commence

Monday 12/9
Final Examinations begin @ 8 a.m.

Friday 1/10
Intercession classes end

Tuesday 12/17
Final Examinations end @ 4 p.m.
Fall Semester ends

Monday 1/13
Classes commence @ 8 a.m.



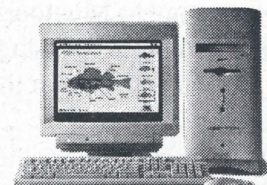
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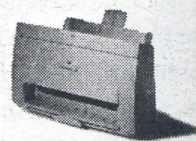


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There are three main programs this year.

The United States Marines and the University Bookstore are collecting new unwrapped toys for children with their annual "Toys for Tots" campaign.

There are two drop off locations for students to place their donations; the Stark lobby and the Bookstore.

A second toy drive that is being held is the "giving tree."

There is a tree located in the lobby of the Stark Learning Center that has 25 tags with the

age and sex of a particular child attached to it. There is no guessing, you are simply asked to by an appropriate gift for the child you have received.

Names of these children came from the Head Start program and the McGlynn Learning Center.

Students are asked to take the tag, buy an appropriate present and stick the tag on the present. Then they should place their present under the giving tree where it will be picked up and delivered to

the child.

The third holiday service event is the annual REACH Christmas party which will be held on Saturday, December 7th beginning at 1:30 p.m. in Rumours.

Seventy-five children are scheduled to attend and Mazur could use help prior to the event with planning and organizing, as well as needing volunteers on December 7th. to help during the party itself.

"I enjoy giving back to the community especially by giving these children a holiday

to remember," stated Mary Rose Dymond, a junior music major, who plans to help at the REACH party.

If you are interested in donating any of your time this holiday season to help put a smile on someone else's face, particularly children, the offices of Community Service and Campus Interfaith could use your help with any of the worthy events they have planned.

For more information contact Amy Mazur, Service or Mary Hession, at ext. 5904.

Pulitzer Prize winner honored Wilkes with his presence

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distinguished American playwright came to Wilkes University on November 20, 1996 to give a reading that was free and open to the public. Albee has written over 25 plays.

At this moment, he is two-thirds finished writing his latest play called "The Play About the Baby."

He is also a member of The Dramatist Guild Council, a director of his plays, and a lecturer and platform personality at literary festivals, colleges and universities.

At Wilkes University, he gave a reading from the 1993 play, "Fragments," with commentary. During this

special event at the Dorothy Dickson Darte Center for the Performing Arts, he was outspoken and provocative. He truly captivated the audience.

He started the hour by telling the audience what he was not going to talk about and then proceeded "not talking about" the Republicans, the extinguishing of the National Endowment for the Arts and other controversial matters.

During the dinner, before Albee's readings, Albee kept most of his conversation to matters of theater, art and literature. Amusingly, Albee also made small talk about green beans and the type of fish

we had for dinner.

During an informal meeting at Kirby Hall, Wilkes University faculty and students from both the theater and English Department asked questions concerning his works and his views on theater.

He continued his thoughts later at the Dorothy Dickson Darte Center. He was supposed to speak for 50 minutes, but went on for 65 minutes to answer questions from the audience.

Shortly thereafter, Albee did a book signing in the lobby during the closing reception. Sigma Tau Delta, the English Honor Society and the

Manuscript Society sponsored the reception.

Dr. Patricia Heaman, chair of the Wilkes English Department has said "Edward Albee is our most distinguished American playwright and it's a great honor to have him at Wilkes to interact with our students, faculty and community."

Dr. Heaman, on behalf of the Wilkes English Department, was happy to sponsor Albee's reading. Both the faculty and students worked diligently to make Albee's visit perfect, and all of the work paid off. Albee's visit to Wilkes was a complete success.

What to do when you put the books down

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Luckily there are some great activities that will fulfill the needs of everyone finishing up projects and taking finals.

Tonight, Thursday, December 5 from 9 p.m. to midnight, the Wilkes Multicultural Student Coalition is sponsoring a Holiday Jam in Rumours Underground at the Marts Gymnasium.

For a mere \$2 with your student ID you can dance the

night away with your friends and work out any leftover energy.

Great music and dancing is sure to clear your mind before the countdown to cramming begins. For more information about this event feel free to call extension 4731.

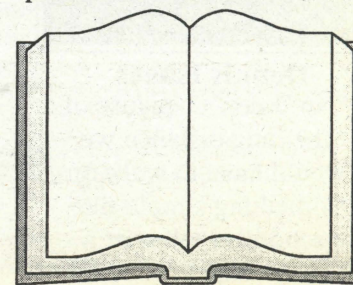
For a break in the midst of all your studying, don't forget to stop by the Pickering cafeteria for the IRHC Final

exam study break on Sunday, December 8. Pizza and Italian ice will be served from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Along with these goodies, you can also watch your friends and classmates belt out their favorite tunes when they participate in karaoke.

The best part about it all is that food and fun are free, so be sure to put down the books and blow off some steam.

As always, best of luck on finals and be sure to take part in these activities and try to make the most of your finals experience.



Fun project from Ed. club

By **GLEND A RACE**
Beacon Copy Editor

On Tuesday, December 2 at 11 a.m. the Wilkes University Education Club held a stress release party that included a pinata making contest, food and a special treat: learning to make juggling balls. The pinatas will be donated to the REACH party, the YMCA and the McGlynn Learning Center. While the food cannot be shared now, the club would like to share what you can make when you combine tape, scissors, three balloons and bird seed or rice. These juggling balls make great gifts for yourself and others and learning to juggle will create great stress release as finals approach.

Materials:

3 balloons for each ball, helium quality 9 or 11 inches round
1/3 cup of rice or bird seed

Scissors

Funnel

Bottle

Strapping Tape

Directions:

1. Using funnel, measure 1/3 cup rice or bird seed into clean dry soft drink bottle.
2. Inflate one balloon to the size of a fist and while holding the neck of the balloon closed, stretch lip of balloon over bottle opening.
3. Turn bottle over to get rice into balloon; remove balloon from bottle.
4. With scissors, cut off rolled tip of balloon.
5. Fold over neck of balloon, and tape down with 1-1/2" of strapping tape
6. Cut off neck of second balloon.
7. Stretch second balloon over rice-filled balloon.
8. Repeat #6 and #7 with third balloon.
9. Roll ball between hands to make it round.
10. Juggle!

The Path We Travel with Lilly

Aquarius (January 20- February 18) You and your partner may be less than honest with each other. Don't take it too far. You tend to enjoy intrigue, perhaps midnight trysts at after hour clubs might appeal to you.

Pisces (February 19- March 20) You have little energy left to maintain a valuable relationship. Give yourself a boost by taking a break to relax.

Aries (March 21- April 19) You can't buy your way out of your problems. It will create resentment. Have a heart to heart talk and reach an understanding.

Taurus (April 20- May 20) Your honey is kind, understanding and full of life and the two of you pursue many enjoyable activities together. You realize that love needs attention.

Gemini (May 21- June 21) This is your best week so far. Your partner forgives you for your previous negligence. This strengthens your commitment.

Cancer (June 22- July 22) Running into a past love makes you realize you would be willing to make a compromise if it would please them. If looking for someone to share your life, you are in luck.

Leo (July 23- August 22) Again, you go out of your way to cater to that special someone. Under favorable influences, your love interest lives up to your expectations.

Virgo (August 23- September 22) You and your mate have been socializing together and you have been happy to introduce this person to your friends. You may have to put up with their demands for affection.

Libra (September 23- October 23) You have been busy at work, so you spend less time with your love. This isn't a problem since the times you are together are perfect.

Scorpio (October 24- November 21) You have had communication problems in the past. Take the initiative to start to resolve them. Your romance will get back on track.

Sagittarius (November 22- December 21) You've been missing your mate because of outside interests, but now your only goal is to spend time with them. Be careful, you may spoil your good intentions.

Capricorn (December 22- January 19) Your partner understands your independent spirit. The course of true love will run smoothly. If not, you may have to deal with frequent criticism from this person.

Roving Reporter with Natalie Bilinski and photos by Rebecca Mason

"Do you support the 'proposed' plan to relocate the campus bookstore?"



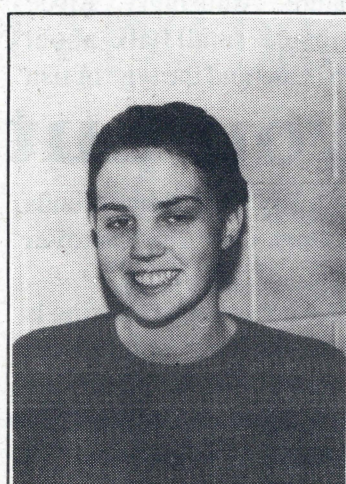
Dennis Isaacs

"No, I don't because of the long distance we would have to walk for something simple like school supplies or a snack."



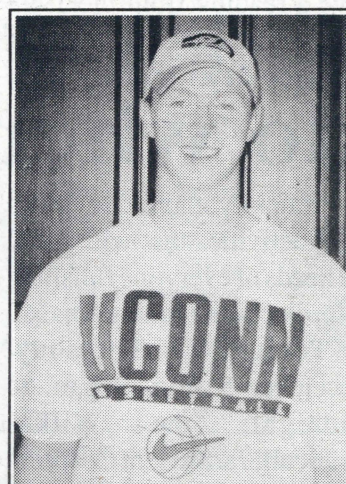
Carrie Nepa

"Yes, so do my friends."



Nikki Hinkle

"No, because it is convenient that it is here."



Gary Spears

"It is much easier to have it on campus than to walk across town."



Angela Collins

"No, I don't support it because it's an inconvenience to the students at Wilkes and King's."

ALL MY CHILDREN
Erica, and Janet went where they learned King. Julia noticed a mysterious Hector's funeral. Dim Peggy he and Maria were involved. Maria later failed Dimitri and Edmund. Julia she might be pregnant. Noel urge Red to confess. W. Noah and Julia must face decision.

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Soap Updates

MY CHILDREN: Skye, and Janet went to St. Justin where they learned Kinder was alive. She noticed a mysterious figure at the funeral. Dimitri assured her and Maria were no longer involved. Maria later fainted in front of Dimitri and Edmund. She told them she might be pregnant and took a pregnancy test. Laura overheard the large Red to confess what happened to his wife. **Wait To See:** Julia and Maria must face a painful decision.

ANOTHER WORLD: Unable to save Seven physically, Ryan sent a message to Bobby to rescue her. Believing Carl chose to pursue his vendetta over his love for her, he ordered him to leave. Jake determined not to let Bobby win. Lorna became suspicious of Ryan's part in her breakup with Joe. Josie announced her decision to rejoining the police force. She discovered Vicky in the attic in a compromising position. **Wait To See:** Ryan may produce an unexpected clue for Carl.

THE WORLD TURNS: A badly injured Jones tried to tell Mark Umberto. After finding Dani and Ryder in bed together, Kim Betsy and suggested Dani move to Helsinki. Later, Dani was shocked when Ryder accused her of having him to the bed. Connor reached through a window as Mark came down over Jones. Lisa told him she knows what he's up to. She saw the mystery woman leave her apartment. **Wait To See:** Jones faces death.

THE BOLD AND THE BRAUTIFUL: Brooke left the con- in tears after seeing Ridge kiss Thorne. Thorne didn't see the rose. Thorne threw at his feet after he and they finished their song and left the stage. Michael told Dylan of her feelings for Grant. Sheila called James to where Maggie was being held, and also told him she had already

called the police. Ridge was furious when Brooke thwarted his plan to send Grant to Italy, by going herself and leaving Grant in charge. **Wait To See:** James makes his choice.

THE CITY: Ally assumed Tony arranged for Tyler to be home with her for Thanksgiving, but later learned it was Danny. Carla got Tony drunk, and the next morning he woke up beside her totally naked. Jacob warned Tracy about her scam. Gino, meanwhile, placed a call to learn more about her. Dillon and Tyler found the fuse box and caused a Thanksgiving Day blackout at 212 Greene Street. **Wait To See:** Jacob's warning to Tracy may prove prophetic.

DAYS OF OUR LIVES: Peter went into cardiac arrest, but although he was brought back, he eventually died. John and Marlena worried that Kristen's grief over Peter might hurt the baby and arranged for the doctor to come over, sending Kristen into a panic. Bo risked missing Thanksgiving with Hope and Shawn-Douglas in his search for proof about Franco. Under pressure from a blackmailing Sami, Kate announced Carrie would spend the next six months traveling for her new job. **Wait To See:** Kate decides to counterattack.

GENERAL HOSPITAL: Jax left for Alaska to help his parents resettle after his dad's heart attack. Miranda caught Brenda reading Jax's love letters to her. "Timoria" took an angry turn when Lucky ventured into a bog. Stefan and Laura found Lucky in danger. Alan and Monica told the family about Monica's cancer checkup. Thanksgiving eve had many a Port Charles resident dreaming: Edward saw Ned take a vow of poverty; Lucy dreamed Kevin was going to cook Sigmund's goose; Jax fantasized about his feelings for both his wives. **Wait To See:** Miranda has more surprises in store.

GUIDING LIGHT: Aunt Meta (Mary Stuart) arrived. Reva, Rusty,

and Hawk Shayne gathered around the dying Sarah's bedside, but only Reva heard her deathbed confession. Phillip warned Rick it will be better for all if the truth is told about Blake's twins now rather than later. While Vanessa planned to have Nola encourage Matt to go on with his life, Matt and Michelle were puzzling over Zachary's knowledge about Vanessa. Annie flew to Italy to find Josh, and saw him alone with Reva in a cafe. **Wait To See:** With Sarah's confession in mind, Reva begins to plan the "journey" she must take.

ONE LIFE TO LIVE: Andy wondered how much Antonio was involved in Carlo's murder. The Buchanans moved Thanksgiving to be close to Bo in the hospital. Antonio revealed his undercover work to his family. Kenneally locked Marty and Patrick in the Wild Swan basement, planning to have the furnace ignite a gas leak and blow them up. But the couple escaped and with Max and Maggie's help, caught Kenneally. Clint and Viki feared Kevin might know something about Carlo's death. **Wait To See:** Maggie announces her decision about her future.

THE YOUNG AND THE RESTLESS: Hope told Nikki she is not romantically involved with Victor. Jack wondered why Ashley invited him and Diane to dinner. Acting on Victor's advice to romance Vicky to save his marriage, Cole arranged a tryst for them at a resort. Ryan told Jill how much he missed seeing Phillip. Nina found Cole's note to Victoria and assumed he was inviting her — Nina — to the Lakeland Resort. Victoria arrived to find her reading the note. Daniel underwent a spinal tap and was found to be suffering from bacterial meningitis. **Wait To See:** Three lives are impacted by someone's unexpected arrival.

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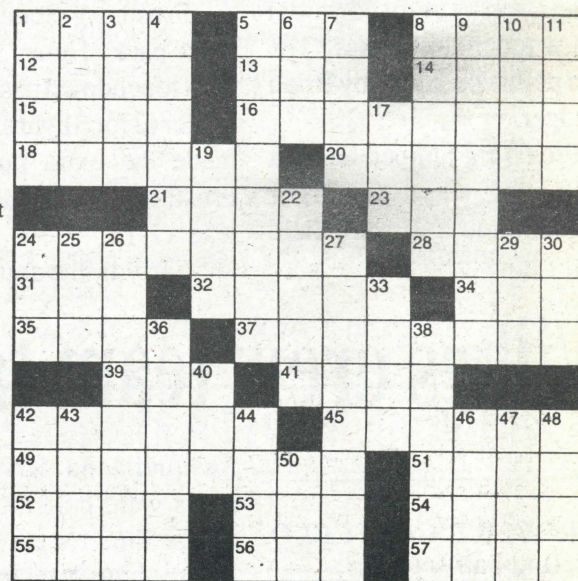
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Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Smell — (suspect)
- 5 Retriever, for short
- 8 Foundations
- 12 Melville title start
- 13 GI entertainment org.
- 14 Blue hue
- 15 "Well"-financed cartel
- 16 Chinese American entree
- 18 Close up again
- 20 Iron and aluminum
- 21 Tulip, once
- 23 Comprehend
- 24 They talk turkey
- 28 Barbecue meat
- 31 W. Hemisphere nation
- 32 Holy song
- 34 Arles affirmative
- 35 Slave of yore
- 37 Tournament tally
- 39 Les hommes
- 41 Square
- 42 Pantomime
- 45 1994 Johnny Depp movie
- 49 Chinese American entree
- 51 "M*A*S*H" star
- 52 The word on the wall



- 53 "Glad — Over" (song)
- 54 Coral structure
- 55 Basin accessory
- 56 Cunning
- 57 Biblical verb form
- DOWN**
- 1 Cupid's forte
- 2 Hitchcock tour de force
- 3 Genesis victim
- 4 "The Georgia Peach"
- 5 Unfortunate
- 6 Tray contents
- 7 Time of prosperity
- 8 Poultry chef's gadget
- 9 Algebra expression
- 10 Swordfight
- 11 Emulates Simon?
- 17 Cribbage gismo
- 19 "I Spy" star
- 22 Pair
- 24 Astronaut
- 25 Sugar suffix
- 26 Almost as low as a guy can get?
- 27 Untidy
- 29 Wiretap
- 30 Kinswoman
- 33 Wilbur's
- 36 Bloom
- 38 Centrally directed
- 40 Bottom line
- 42 Pinnacle
- 43 Masticate
- 44 Earl Grey et al.
- 46 Sub in a tub
- 47 Pindaric pieces
- 48 Crazy
- 50 "— Get By" (song)

Answers to crossword on page 2.

Television Teaser

- Q: When was the first telecast of a professional baseball game?
A: August 1939. The Brooklyn Dodgers played the Cincinnati Reds.
- Q: Who was George Jetson's boss?
A: Mr. Spacely. On the animated series The Jetsons, George was an executive for Spacely Sprockets. Their 21st century competitor was Cogswell Cogs, owned by Mr. Cogswell.
- Q: What is the name of Jamie and Paul's dog on the popular '90s sitcom Mad About You?
A: Murray. Not one of the brightest members of the cast, Murray the dog nonetheless helped the show's two lead characters meet: Paul bumped into Jamie one day when he took Murray for a walk in Central Park.

Insert taken from "Trivia to Go" by Ted Fry.

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Well, son, what brings you home without your laundry?"



Two words of advice:
Dump him."

Wilkes gridgers come up short in championship

By **Jeremy Gerber**
Beacon Staff Writer

The Wilkes University Colonels' bid for the Eastern Collegiate Athletic Conference title came up short with a loss to the Frostburg State University Bobcats 24-21.

Frostburg State started the scoring. In the first quarter, quarterback Jason Henry (19 of 29 for 262 yards) hit receiver Dylan Livesay (4 for 45 yards) with a touchdown pass. The extra point was added by Brian Goodger.

Frostburg jumped out to a 10-0 lead when Goodger banged home a 21 yard field goal.

Wilkes entered the battle in the second quarter with a 14 yard touchdown pass from Boo Perry (19 of 38 for 264 yards) to Ryan Alston (5 for 61 yards). The extra point failed sending the game into the half with Frostburg in the lead 10-6.

Wilkes opened the scoring in the third quarter. Perry found Alston again with a 14 yard touchdown pass. Mike Hankins ran in the two point conversion giving Wilkes the lead 14-10.

Frostburg State answered right back. Henry threw a 16 yard touchdown pass to Rodney Miller (2 for 31 yards). Goodger made the extra point putting Frostburg State back into the lead 17-14.

Early in the fourth quarter,

Perry connected with Mike Gundersdorf (8 for 168 yards) for a 59 yard touchdown play. Pat Downs added the extra point. This thrust Wilkes back into the lead 21-17.

Frostburg relentlessly struck back as E.J. Fuller (2 for 62 yards) caught a 22 yard touchdown pass from Henry. After the extra point by Goodger, Frostburg once again had the lead, 24-21, with just under five minutes left to play.

Wilkes' best opportunity to score again came after Tulio Santiago's interception gave Wilkes the ball on the Frostburg 20 yard line with only 1:50 left on the clock.

The MAC's leading rusher, Hankins (29 carries for 150

yards), ran three times for 14 yards, and Perry scrambled for five yards on a third down play. This left Wilkes with a fourth and goal at the one yard line. Hankins got the call but was stopped inches short of the goal line.

Defensively J.J. Fadden led the Colonels with 19 tackles, 13 of them solo stops and four of them for losses. Linebacker Jim Poepperling was second with 13 tackles, while Joe Sinkovich and Marlow Dotts each had 10 tackles.

The win gave Frostburg State (9-2) the ECAC Division III Southeast Championship. The loss ended the Colonels' season with a record of eight wins and three losses.

Wilkes crew team takes part in national regatta

By **ROBERT COSTELLO AND ANN WOTSING**
Special to the Beacon

The Wilkes University Crew Team recently competed in the Occoquan Regatta near Fairfax, Virginia (about 45 minutes south of Washington D.C.). The team left Wilkes on Friday night and competed in various racing events throughout the day on Saturday. In all, 22 rowers participated in three separate races that included a men's novice eight man boat, a men's quad and two women's quads.

The course involved rowing 3.2 miles to the starting line and then racing an additional 3.2 miles to the finish line. Over 550 boats competed in various races over the course of the day.

Since the Occoquan River is not a very wide river and is, in fact, not as wide as the

Susquehanna River, racing boats were determined by the course time for each boat. The regatta featured many of the top rowing schools of the country.

Some of the competing schools included: Penn State University, The University of Pennsylvania, The University of Pittsburgh, Carnegie Mellon University, The University of Virginia, Virginia Tech, George Mason University, Towson State University, Duquesne University and the University of West Virginia. In addition to Wilkes University, several other regional schools such as Susquehanna University, Franklin & Marshall and the University of Scranton also competed.

The men's eight completed the race in 20 minutes, six seconds and was able to beat the University of Scranton's entry by over one full minute. The women's quads completed the race in 25 minutes, 30 seconds and 28 minutes, ten seconds.

The men's quad completed the race in 20 minutes, 40 seconds; four minutes behind the number one ranked quad team in the country. The finish is certainly a respectable one considering the relative inexperience of the Wilkes rowers and it definitely gives them something to shoot for in future races.

All of the boats representing the Wilkes University Crew team performed well at the race. In fact, the men's novice eight man boat finished within two minutes of some of the Division I varsity rowing times. When the fact that Wilkes University's crew team has been rowing together for only two months is taken into consideration, and that the majority of rowers on the team are freshmen, it becomes evident that Wilkes University's rowers have excellent potential to be top rowing contenders in years to come. Almost all schools have boathouses and docks of their own, but when Wilkes Crew

practices they have to get into the Susquehanna knee high to launch the boat regardless of the weather. Crew members believe that this level of dedication leads to the athletic excellence that will help make the team one to be reckoned with.

Next spring the crew team expects to be practicing at Harvey's Lake as early as the beginning of March. The team has been invited back to the spring race at Occoquan early next April, and this time the crew team will be far more prepared for the racing experience and familiar with the race course. The crew team is continuously looking to attract potential rowers and further expand the team. Anyone interested in rowing for Wilkes University is encouraged to attend one of the club meetings that are held every Thursday in Marts at 12:15 p.m. No previous rowing experience is necessary.

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By **MICHAEL NOC**
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The Colonels came out with a win of the Final Four last two seasons. Those were led by All-American Matt LaBuda and Jason Turner, along with Chris Parker and Dave Maceo, of whom graduated in 1998. These four players combined for over 72 percent of last year's offense. Wilkes University finished 1999 with the best record in school history at 28-2. Over the two seasons the Colonels won 53-7.

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Among those players returning for the Colonels is Jay Williams, a 5'9" point guard. Williams spearheaded an unbelievable comeback victory for Wilkes over Cabrini College in the second round of last season's National playoffs. Williams hit five three-pointers in the final seconds of regulation to tie the game into overtime where the Colonels eventually won 91-89.

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Men's basketball team reloads for another championship season

By MICHAEL NOONE
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The Wilkes University men's basketball team has been a national force in Division III hoops for the past two seasons. This year's new Wilkes Colonels are expected to be contenders for the national title once again. Coach Jerry Rickrode's greatest challenge will be to gel proven returning players with talented transfers and freshmen.

The Colonels came within one win of the Final Four the last two seasons. Those teams were led by All-American's Matt LaBuda and Jason Turner, along with Chris Barker and Dave Macedo—all of whom graduated in 1996. These four players combined for over 72 percent of last year's offense. Wilkes University finished 1995-96 with the best record in school history at 28-2. Over the last two seasons the Colonels are 33-7.

Opponents who think this is a rebuilding year for the defending Middle Atlantic Conference Champions will be sorely mistaken. Reloading would be a more appropriate word.

Among those players returning for the Colonels is Jay Williams, a 5'9" point guard. Williams spearheaded an unbelievable comeback victory for Wilkes over Cabrini College in the second round of last season's NCAA playoffs. Williams hit four three-pointers in the final 45 seconds of regulation to send the game into overtime where the Colonels eventually won 96-91.

Senior Dave Clancy will also provide experience and leadership for this year's squad. A 6'5" forward, Clancy also took his game to another level against Cabrini in last year's playoffs scoring 12 of

his 14 points in the second half. Senior Tim Burlew, a 6'7" center, joins Clancy up front. Burlew is expected to provide experience, rebounding and an intimidating shot blocking ability.

The Colonels also have some talented underclassmen returning to the lineup this season. Sophomore Brian Gryboski, a 6'4" forward, saw significant playing time as a freshman averaging 3.5 points per game. Sophomore Scott Cleveland, a 6'5" forward, is also expected to contribute for the Colonels.

Wilkes University has a number of highly touted transfers coming into the 1996-97 season. Terry Martin, a 6'0" guard, transferred to Wilkes from Division I Coppin State. Seth Meyers is a much anticipated 6'6" forward from Division I Hofstra where he was second on the team in both scoring and rebounding. Junior Mike Barrouk, a 6'5" high school teammate of Williams and Gryboski, transferred to Wilkes from Division III St. John Fisher, the only team to defeat Wilkes during the regular season last year.

Dave Jannuzzi, a 6'0" guard, headlines a talented freshman class. Jannuzzi is an excellent ballhandler, shooter and defender who was named by "The Sporting News" as the Newcomer of the Year for the 1996-97 season in Division III basketball. Jason Sheakoski, a 6'7" freshman, is also expected to see some playing time up front for the Colonels.

Coach Rickrode is in his fifth year at Wilkes, with an 89-22 career record. Rickrode is joined by assistants Matt McCaffrey, Dave Macedo and Tony Modrovsky. Rickrode has done a great job of taking a program that was in the cellar of the MAC Freedom

League and making it a consistent contender for the national title.

The Colonels opened their season with an impressive 75-73 win over Nyack College in the first round of the Nyack Invitational Tournament. Meyers led Wilkes with 21 points and eight rebounds. Jannuzzi scored 14 against the Purple Pride. Williams added 10 points for the Colonels.

Malone College defeated Wilkes University in the championship game of the Nyack Invitational. Malone, an NAIA school that can award scholarships, jumped out to a 23-6 lead. The Colonels trailed by 19 at halftime and lost 97-88. Jannuzzi led the Colonels with 26 points. Gryboski added 16 points while Williams and Burlew scored 14 each. Meyers hit for 13 points.

Jannuzzi and Meyers were named to the All-Tournament team. Jannuzzi was also named to the Middle Atlantic Conference Honor Roll for averaging 20 points, 5.5 rebounds and four assists in the two games of the Nyack College Tournament.

Wilkes improved to 2-1 on the year with a 102-53 drubbing of Practical Bible College this past Monday in Johnson City, New York. Gryboski led the Colonels with 20 points. Jannuzzi added 12 points, Cleveland scored 11 and Williams finished with 10 for the Colonels. Meyers did not play in the game because of a knee injury. Wilkes took a 40-30 lead into halftime, then used a 26-1 run to open up a 66-33 lead with 9:30 remaining in the second half.

The Colonels' home opener is tonight at 8 p.m. in the Marts Center's Henry Gymnasium, when they host Nyack College in a rematch of the season opener. Wilkes's first MAC Freedom League game is this Saturday at 2 p.m. when they host FDU-Madison.

Banter in the Booth with Michael Noone

After a week off to partake in a Thanksgiving feast, the Banter returns with a vengeance. When snapping the old wishbone this columnist hoped for what many college football fans want — a national playoff system for Division I football.

It's about time for Division I schools to follow the lead of Division III, II, and I-AA schools and develop a playoff system to determine college football's national champion. A valiant attempt was made with the Bowl Alliance, however that system still leaves too many scenarios that leave fans unsatisfied.

This season is a perfect example. Florida State and Arizona State, the nation's number one and two teams respectively, both finished the regular season undefeated. However, they will not face each other to determine a true national champion.

The reason why Division I football is so reluctant to abandon its current bowl system is simple — money. These bowls are worth millions of dollars to the schools that play in them. When high-priced corporate sponsorship is added to the equation, you can see just how high the stakes are with these bowls.

It is possible for Division I to develop a playoff system that will determine a true national champion while still allowing the bowls to continue their traditions. Maybe if we have been good sports fans Santa will bring us a national playoff for Christmas.

Happy Holidays from *The Beacon* sports staff.

Wilkes grapplers set for home opener

By MICHAEL NOONE
Beacon Sports Editor

The Wilkes University wrestling team recently finished seventh in the Bloomsburg Invitational. The Colonels finished with 36.5 points. VMI won the invitational with 133 points, followed by Bloomsburg with 121.5 points.

Jon Laudenslager finished third by winning three matches and losing one. Laudenslager won his final match 8-6 in overtime. Freshman Don Morgan finished sixth at 126 pounds while Brad Panichella took sixth in the 134 pound weight class.

This past Tuesday Wilkes was defeated 48-0 by the Naval Academy. Navy recorded four pins in the win. It was the season opener for both squads.

The Colonels' home opener is this Saturday when they host Kutztown University at 7:30 p.m. in the Marts Center's Henry Gymnasium.

The annual Wilkes Open will be Saturday, December 28, at 10 a.m. and Sunday, December 29, at 11 a.m.

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 out and cheer on your Wilkes University Colonels wrestling team.

Lady Colonels basketball team enters season with youthful talent

By **MICHAEL NOONE**
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The Wilkes University Lady Colonels enter the 1996-97 basketball season with little experience, but a great deal of optimism.

Coach Karen Haag has just one returning starter from last year's 8-15 playoff team. However, the return of several key inside players from two years ago and a talented group of freshmen

give the Lady Colonels a great deal of depth and versatility. The team's depth should help the Lady Colonels end the recent trend of injury plagued seasons.

"We are going to be as deep as we have been in quite some time," said coach Haag.

"I'm very excited about this team," Haag commented. "This is one of our top freshman classes, a group that reminds me of my first year when several players came in and played right away. Once we gain some experience I think this will be a fun team to watch."

The lone returning starter for Wilkes is one of the best players in the Middle Atlantic Conference. Junior forward Rebecca Baker averaged 18.6 points and 11.7 rebounds per game last season while playing

over 32 minutes a game.

Baker was among the nation's best, and led the MAC in field goal percentage for the second straight year shooting 63.9 percent last season on her way to being named a first team MAC Freedom League All-Star.

who were fourth and fifth respectively on the team in three pointers made last season.

Freshmen Katie Watkins and Jill Ronkowski will also compete for time at small forward. Watkins scored nearly 1,400 points in high school and has received considerable

Cookus averaged 8.6 points per game last season and was third on the team in steals with 30. Freshmen Angela Collins and Stacey Janos join Cookus in the Wilkes back court.

Coach Haag is joined on the bench by assistants Renee

Colonels with 13 points and Watkins added 11 points. Ronkowski and Huber connected for 10 points. Watkins was named to the All-Tournament team averaging 14.5 points per game.

Wilkes fell to 0-3 on the



Photo by Dave Parfitt
Freshman Katie Watkins (51) has scored in double figures in each of the Lady Colonels' first three games.



Photo by Dave Parfitt
Junior Kristen Cookus (33) provides experience in the Wilkes Backcourt.

media attention for another sport—drag

racing. Ronkowski scored 1,776 points in high school and averaged over 20 points per game as a senior.

Watkins races her '72 Chevelle, white with black racing stripes, on the region's quarter-mile raceways. Watkins races in the stock classes, the popular entry-level category that allows few modifications to the automobile. Top speeds for these racers are near 100 miles per hour.

Watkins was named Numidia Raceway's 1994 Rookie of the Year and twice won the annual high school competition at Maple Grove Raceway near Reading. Watkins' father has raced for more than 15 years.

The Lady Colonels feature one returning player and a number of freshmen at the guard spots. Junior Kristen

Casterline and Shawn McLaughlin.

The Lady Colonels have been unable to find the winning combination so far this season. Wilkes lost to Potsdam State 64-52 in the opening round of the Cortland State Tournament.

Watkins led the Lady Colonels with a game high 18 points. Ronkowski scored 11 points in her first college game while Kovacs added 10 points in her first game in two years. Huber pulled down a team high eight rebounds for Wilkes. Baker did not play in the opener due to injury.

Galludet College rallied from a five-point deficit to defeat Wilkes University 79-70 in the consolation game of the tournament.

Galludet's Rhonda Miller was the game's leading scorer with 25 points. Zaykoski and Cookus paced the Lady

points and pulling down 12 rebounds, a Wilkes single game record. Watkins added 10 points for the Lady Colonels. Lycoming's Erica Weaver scored a game high 18 points. On the year with the win, the loss dropped Wilkes to 0-4 in the MAC Freedom League.

The Lady Colonels travel to Ithaca tonight, Ithaca defeated Wilkes 62-56 last season. This weekend the Lady Colonels participate in the Mt. St. Mary Tournament. Wilkes then has a month before William Paterson travels to the Marts Center Henry Gymnasium on Friday, January 10, at 7 p.m.

The Lady Colonels meet the MAC Freedom League matchup is Thursday, January 16 at 7 p.m. when they take on cross town rival King's College at the Scanlon Gymnasium.

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