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Gore prescribes health plan at Wilkes

BY JILL STANKOSKI
Beacon Managing Editor

Democrat Vice President Al Gore visited Wilkes University on Saturday October 28, 2000 to promote his healthcare platform and also to boost his political chances as becoming president since this is the last week to gain more support. Senior Beth Weir Senior Communications/English major said, "This is an awesome and unique privilege for Wilkes. Not many college and universities have the opportunity to have the Vice President of the United States who is running for office speak on campus."

About 250 "invitation only" guests were seated in the second-floor ballroom of Wilkes

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Student Government President John Bosha (left) and Wilkes University President Christopher Breiseth (right) introduce Vice-President Al Gore (center) to 250 guests in the Student Union Ballroom on Saturday morning.

Protestors greet Gore with pictures of "gore"

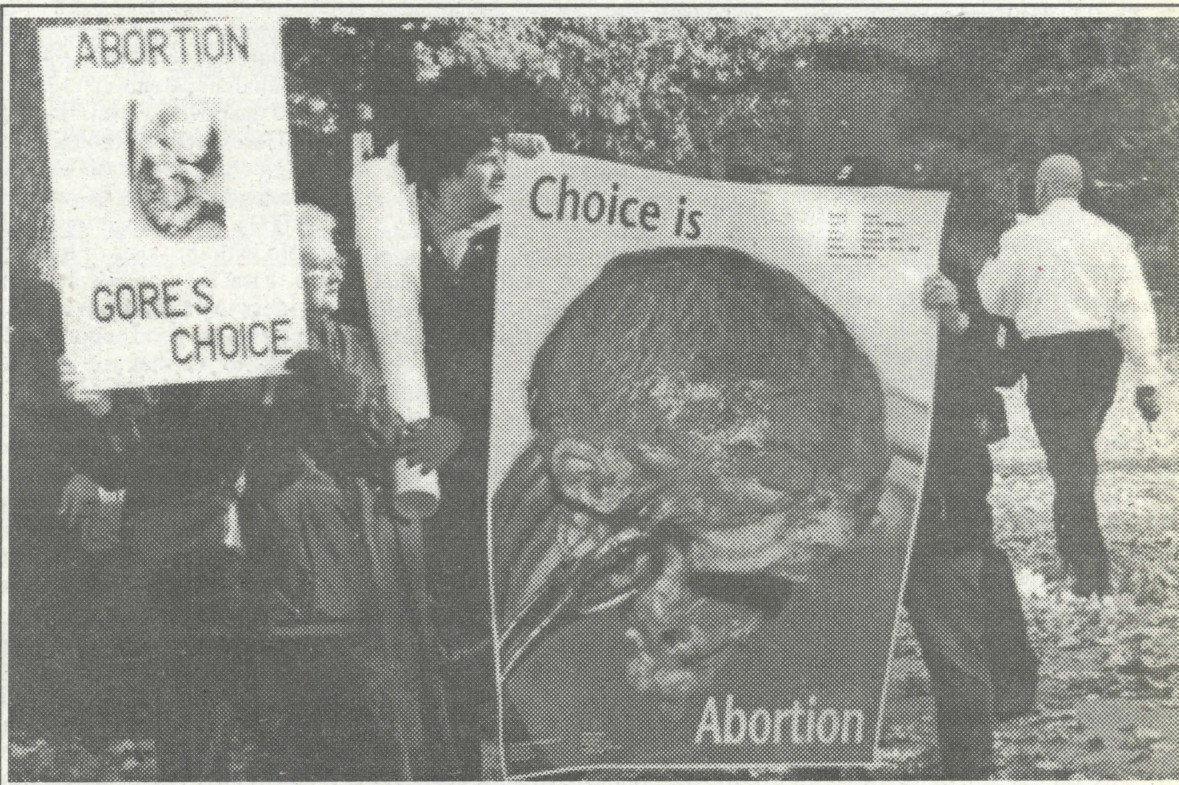
BY DAVE GRASSO
Beacon News Editor

A handful of protestors stood in the cold for more than two hours waiting to get a chance to demonstrate their displeasure of Vice-President Al Gore's stance on abortion. Gore avoided the group of protestors by leaving the Student Union Building through the back exit.

The protestors were holding gruesome photos taken of partial birth aborted babies. The Clinton/Gore administration vetoed a bill that would ban the practice of partial birth abortion. Because there will likely be three new Supreme Court Justices appointed by the next administration, this election may ultimately determine the future of this controversial issue. This was one of several similar protests held in the area in recent weeks.

The questionable procedure entails the following:

1. Guided by ultrasound, the abortionist grabs the baby's



Protestors hold graphic pictures hoping to persuade voters in this year's Presidential race

leg with forceps.

2. The baby's leg is pulled out into the birth canal.

3. The abortionist delivers the baby's entire body, except

for the head.

4. The abortionist jams scissors into the baby's skull. The scissors are then opened to enlarge the hole.

5. The scissors are removed and a suction catheter is inserted. The child's brains are sucked out, causing the skull to collapse. The dead baby is then removed.

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Celebrating Diversity



Wilkes students dress in tradition garb as part of the mutlicultural awareness fashion show

BY BRIAN MILLER
Beacon Staff Writer

On Saturday, November 4, The Multicultural Student Coalition (MSC) hosts its fourth annual international fashion show at Wilkes University. The fashion show will start at 4pm, on the second floor ballroom of the Student Union Building. Admission will be free for students and the community.

The fashion show is the grand finale of a two-day diversity leader-

ship awareness conference for local college students and high school seniors.

Gina Morrison, Wilkes University's Multicultural Coordinator, is very excited about this year's event. "The fashion show is a wonderful event, aside from being visually beautiful, it also helps people connect with their cultural identity," says Morrison.

The fashion show will feature a variety of ethnic clothing from many cultures, including India, China, USA, Africa's Ghana, Nigeria, the Congo, and Asia's Thailand and Singapore just to name a few. The show will also include a

traditional Indian, Irish, and Latin music and a dance performance from these countries. Fareka Lang, Wilkes University international business major and active MSC member, is looking forward to the event.

She says, "This year's fashion show should be beautiful. I'm very anxious to see the variety of ethnic clothing that the show will feature."

The international fashion show is just one of the events hosted by the Multicultural Student Coalition.

ogy/Criminology major said, "Healthcare is an issue of importance to everyone in America."

Gore believes "It is essential to balance the budget instead of breaking it, sometimes we have to choose the hard right over the easy wrong." He said millions of families have been shut out of quality health care that they've already paid for because HMO denies needed treatment. Gore said America needs "A strong Patients Bill of Rights to take the Medicare decision away from those HMO and insurance companies and give them back to the doctors, nurses, and the health care professionals."

Beth Ales, Sophomore Marketing major said, "I think it is really good idea for Mr. Gore to speak to college students. We are the ones who usually have little interest in politics. This is an effective way to increase interest among college students."

Gore also stated, "I'm fighting for fundamental change in health care; my opponent still can't get over the fact that Medicare was enacted 35 years ago." Gore said is Bush prescription plan "according to one study, 95 percent denies seniors with no basic help at all for the first four years. In other words the Bush prescription plan is to wait four years and call you HMO in the morning."

"As president, I will work to get

all children covered by 2004 and to cover all their parents up to 250 percent of the poverty level," he promised. Gore also proposed a 23 percent tax credit for small businesses and individuals to buy coverage and a \$3,000 a year tax cut for families to help with the costs of long-term care. Lisa B. Donaldson, Senior Business Administration Major, said, "This is a good opportunity for students to see that our age group does matter to candidates."

"If you believe the HMO's and insurance companies need more power, and more control over your health and well-being, then you ought to vote for my opponent. But, if you want a future where doctors and families are in charge...then I ask for your help," he said.

Also in attendance at the Gore rally was a handful of pro-life protestors that showed up to register their opposition to Gore's pro-choice stance on the issue of abortion. Security personnel kept them a distance away from the Student Union Building, requiring them to remain on the westerly side of River Street on the River Commons.

Hopefully for Gore this will gain him extra support but we will have to wait and see on November 7, 2000.

Scaring up money to save lives

BY MEGAN STEVENS
Beacon Staff Writer

Friday, October 28th after the sun went down, there were strange spirits roaming the campus. Monsters, demons, and murderers congregated on the Wilkes campus in three residence halls. The residents of Waller North and South as well as Ross Hall were nowhere to be found, yet their homes were haunted by terrorizing spirits that made children weep, woman scream, and grown men flinch. As you entered each hall, you were led around the mansion's turns, down the spooky halls, and up and down the darkened, narrow stairways. You never knew when some strange, fearful creature would jump out at you. Special effects included a flying bat, a decapitated head served on a platter, and a large Mac Truck threatening to run you over. The fear and suspense was indescribable. From the possessed mental patients foaming at the mouth to the monster crawling out of it's own grave, Ross Hall was a frightful place to be. The chainsaw killer chased you down the hall, and a dead man hanging on a noose called for help only to grab at you as you ran by. You were told upon entering Ross Hall that spirits from the past had been summoned back to life. The old spirits of the coal miners who had lost their minds while working in the caves supposedly stalked and killed the rich coal barrens. These same spirits invoked fear into the hearts of everyone who dared to enter on Fri-

day night. The large mansion house of Waller Hall was indeed full of murderous characters and spooky scenery. With the old mysterious haunting design of the mansion you were lucky that a guide was taking you through the hall to protect you. Yet nothing could protect you from what lurked within the house that night. Every villain any scary thriller that ever terrified you happened to be in that hall that night. Nothing could really keep you safe. Could it be possible that such terror was for a good cause? Donations were collected at the doors, and \$320 was raised for benefit Billy. Billy is a four-year old boy within the community who is in need of a life-saving kidney transplant. Billy was among visitors to the haunted houses Friday night. Donations are still being accepted for Billy through Children's Organ Transplant Association. Contact Pat Hughes at 515-829-1907 for further information on how you can help Billy. As a special congratulation to Waller and Ross Hall. John Leedock, John Olnak, and Donna Rothrock, resident assistants, organized the residents to assemble one of the scariest haunted houses ever. The event was sponsored by the Inter-Residence Hall Council as well as the student activity fee allotment for Residence Hall. Thanks also to the students, faculty, coaches, and staff who supported this great event. If you were scared to venture out this year, you certainly missed a screamingly wicked good time.

from Gore front page

University's new \$8 million Student Union Building to hear Gore explains why his health care plan is better than his opponent, Texas Gov. George W. Bush. Gore said, "I will fight for real and comprehensive change to our health care system, to empower families and doctors, and open a new era of hope and health, all across America. "Let's expand coverage and create a health care system that reflects our values, one that helps families raise healthy children and care for aging or disabled loved ones."

Wilkes University President and presented him with a white pharmacist's coat with the emblem "Vice President Gore...Nesbitt School of Pharmacy." Bresith noted that the word "Vice" was removable so Gore could wear the garment after the election on November 7, 2000. Helen Le, P1 Pharmacy major, said, "This is an exciting opportunity for the tiny city of Wilkes-Barre. Not many people know we are even on the map." Jennifer Thomas Senior Sociol-

We apologize

Dear Beacon readers,

The Beacon would like to appologize for incorrectly naming the authors of two articles that appeared in last week's edition. The article "Computer upgrades planned" was authored by Bradd Pearsons and not Megan Stevens as appeared. Also the article "Wilkes political voice" was written by Pat Lamarca and not Obed Addo.

The Beacon is very sorry for any inconveniences caused by these errors. The editors will take every possible step to ensure this problem never happens again.

Sincerely,

David J. Grasso

News Editor

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BY JOHN BOSHA
Beacon Staff Writer

The Dart Center annually asks us to donate \$2/ticket/student up to roughly 100 students/show for all the shows they do. We agreed with that. It's fair and cultural awareness for students, I think you'd agree, it's a positive.

We have had 4 clubs or groups ask for funding so far:

1.) New web server for student homepages, and the Manila software program to educate students in CS 115 classes. They requested \$3500, and we gave \$1000. Due to our effort, we obtained \$1000 from Dean Bedford, and \$1500 from Dean Sullivan.

2.) Pre-Med Day committee

requested \$715 to help with their evening and following day. We gave \$705 and Dean Allen covered what the other \$10 was going to pay for.

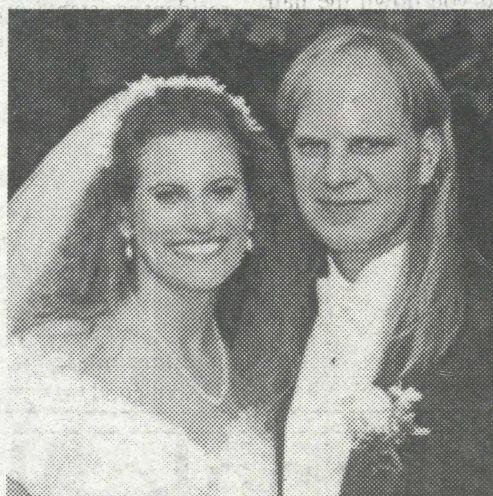
3.) Roller Hockey team requested \$2000, and we gave them the full \$2000. They spend an outstanding amount of personal funding every year, and they're constantly fund-raising.

4.) Crew team requested \$2600, and they were given \$1800.

All told \$8815 has been requested, and \$5505 has been given here. SG has also spent money on other events like t-shirts for ourselves, pizza for Club Day for all clubs on campus, and charity through Campus Interfaith. Those 3 amounted to \$1075 in expenditures.

Congratulations!

The Wilkes community would like to extend warm wishes and the best of luck to our newest happy couples. Congratulations also to Dr. and Mrs. Ming Leu.



Mr. and Mrs. Jim Yeninas



Mr. and Mrs. Michael Matunis



Senator Specter pauses to field a question during Monday's town meeting

Spector Holds Town Meeting

BY AMEE MEHTA
Beacon Staff Writer

On Monday, October 30th, Pennsylvania Senator Arlen Specter (R.) visited Wilkes University to hold a town meeting. This event was held in the ballroom at 10:30 a.m. Senator Specter was in the Wilkes-Barre area for a book signing at Barnes & Noble for his newly written "Passion for Truth." Senator Specter spoke about various issues at this meeting. Since it was a town meeting, his remarks were short and he answered the questions posed to him by the public. He emphasized that "partisanship is not the way to

get things done in America."

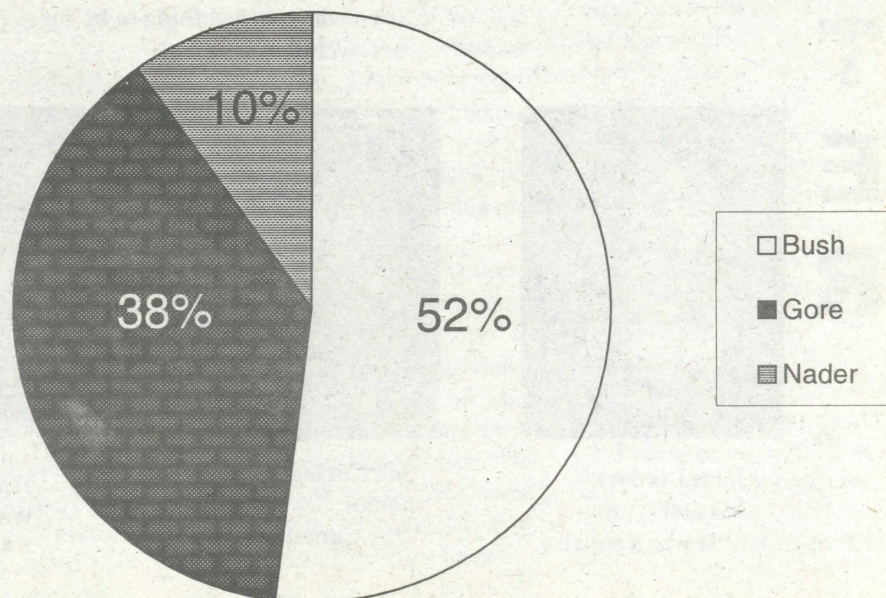
Since VP Al Gore visited campus on Saturday, October 28th, Senator Specter spoke a lot about the health care issue. Senator Specter feels that "we do have a universal health care plan" and that the Democrats view to change it is not beneficial for the patients. He feels that government intervention is necessary to contain the rising costs of prescription medicines, however, he is opposed to the government taking over healthcare.

The Senator also spoke about loans for college students. He is a big advocate of the Pell Grants, which allow students to take out loans and not have interest on them

until they graduate. He is also in favor of low interest, and definitely a no-interest loan for college students. Senator Specter also spoke briefly about gun control, disabled plans, and campaign finance reform in response to questions asked of him.

Finally, in response to a question on the basic difference between Democrats and Republicans, Senator Specter said that the main difference was that Republicans like to give more control to the private sector whereas the Democrats like to keep more control with the national government.

Wilkes's Vote Goes To...



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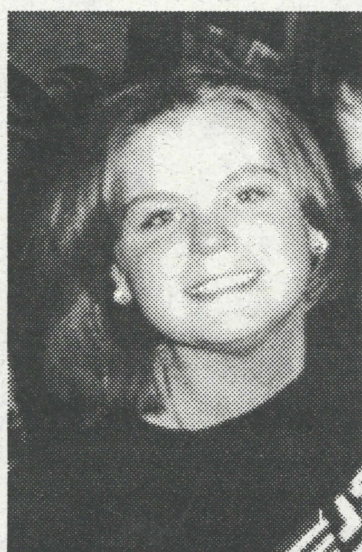
I have done it, you have done it, and what it all boils down to is that we have all done it and **NO** I don't mean "it."

What I am referring to is mistakes. Mistakes are a part of life because to "err is human." I don't care if you are a prestigious college professor or a garbageman you are going to make a mistake.

A mistake defined by Webster's dictionary is to understand or perceive wrongly or an idea, answer, act, etc... that is wrong; error or blunder.

These acts happen all the time and they are committed on purpose or with pre-conceived notions. That is why mistakes are also known as accidents. An accident is an unintended happening as also defined by Webster's.

When you make a mistake you should have been taught as a child to say "I'm sorry" and that should be it. But you and I both know that the world does not work that perfectly because people always want more than a simple apology.



Jill Stankoski

The worst think about it is that some people do not even want to say "I'm sorry" and that is not right.

According to Murphy's Law "If more than one person is responsible for a mistake, no one will be at fault."

That is such a true statement because if you look throughout history there are countless acts of accidents and mistakes.

People need to to give those who made a mistake a chance to rectify the error, blunder, folley, ooppsie that they made.

For example take a look at the Nixon administration. **BIG MISTAKE.**

When people where voting for him and his administration they did not realize what a **BIG MISTAKE** they were making. So they made a mistake, had to live with it, and it also changed the course of history. How about the invention of Penicillin? This was all a mistake but it saves millions of lives a year. Penicillin.

So sometimes mistakes are really not all that bad. It is all in how you perceive things.

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rectify the error, blunder, folley, ooppsie that they made.

Another thing is that people need to forive and forget. You do not need to forget but you can forgive people for their absent mindness.

So, for my conclusion I will leave you with a famous quote that I read off of a bumper sticker "Next time you think you are perfect try walking on water."

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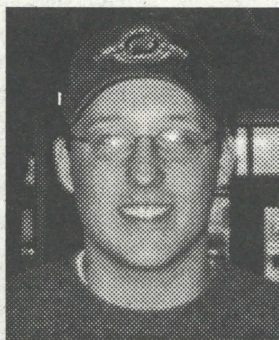
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What were you for Halloween?

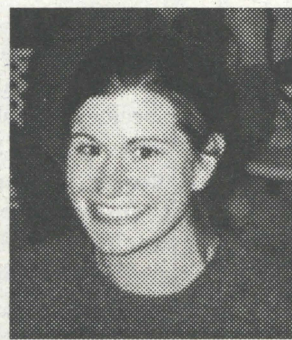
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Amanda Brozana
Freshman
"A black cat."



Justin Lewis
Junior
"A Wilkes U.
student because I feel that's
the scariest thing to be for
Halloween."



Megan Frey
Senior
"The White
Rabbit from Alice in
Wonderland."



John Leedock
Senior
"It was a surprise."



Joe Cortegerone
Senior
"A Canadian gigolo."



Tina Butler
Works for Metz
"A Pirate wench."



Todd "Swany" SwanHeart
Senior
"I was at peace with myself
for Halloween."

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Dr. Elmes-Crahall, They are not lining up

By: Joe Valenti, Beacon Advisor

The last time I checked, communication and journalism students weren't standing in line beating *The Beacon's* doors down looking for key positions. I often wondered why. Our staff is compensated fairly well and they gain invaluable experience.

Doctor Tom Baldino (whom I report to) and I have had lengthy conversations about this dilemma.

Well, after a scathing e-mail from Dr. Jane Elmes-Crahall, sent to one of our writers criticizing *The Beacon* and its staff, now I understand.

First, however, let me address what happened that prompted this e-mail. Last week, our front-page story about computer upgrades was submitted and penned by Bradd Pearsons. When it appeared in print, *The Beacon* had it authored by Meg Stevens, a Beacon staff writer.

Let me start off by sincerely apologizing to Miss Stevens and Mr. Pearsons.

Was this an unintentional mistake? Absolutely.

Does that make it an acceptable excuse? Absolutely not.

Who should take responsibility for the oversight? I should.

I should have kept a closer eye on our news editor who lays out our front page. Who, by the way, is a Biology major in his freshman year. I also should have been more

stern with our Managing Editor who is a History major.

Our Managing Editor should be better at guiding *The Beacon's* Editorial Assistant who is also a Political Science major.

Wait, I kind of see a pattern here. Let's analyze the remaining key positions:

Sports Editor - Business major.

Features Editor - History major.

Copy Editor - Biology major.

Business and Circulation manager - Political Science.

See the pattern yet? Not one communication or journalism major.

Why? One has to look no further than at the Associate Professor of Communications.

In the e-mail that was sent in response to Meg Stevens, *The Beacon* staff writer whose name inadvertently appeared as the author of the article in question querying of what happened, Dr. Elmes-Crahall writes, "Since this is not the first time I have had the work of my students either not given credit for authorship, and I mean literal authorship, or their work published with so many errors in spelling, punctuation or layout that they could not use them as examples of their writing, I will not be allowing any stories written in my classes to be submitted to *The Beacon*."

Wait! Before I get into the tone

and content of Dr. Elmes-Crahall's response, it sure sounds like she is attempting to deprive her students their first amendment rights when she writes, "I will not be allowing any stories written in my classes to be submitted to the Beacon."

Nuf' said about that.

Back to the issue at hand - why is *The Beacon* unable to attract communication and journalism students to serve as staff editors?

Allow me to address this with some more of the elitist rambling of Dr. Elmes-Crahall, "since many *Beacon* writers/editors receive scholarship money for their work at the paper, I will be asking the Student Life, Athletics and Media Committee to review the case for *The Beacon* and determine what can be done to make sure the quality and integrity of the campus paper can recover from this semester."

Huh? Why ask Student Life and the Athletic Committee?

I may be going out on a limb here, but if *The Beacon* is so horrific, shouldn't she be asking herself why aren't any of her students on staff where they can straighten things out over there?

Again, I am going to go out on a limb here and think that maybe these students think it is below them to work on the student newspaper or take an internship with one of

the local weekly newspapers. Or maybe their time and energy would be better served working at the daily newspaper writing obits or taking out the trash.

For those students who think you're going to graduate and start your career at the New York Times - you're not. Copy editing obits or covering local municipal meetings just doesn't cut the mustard.

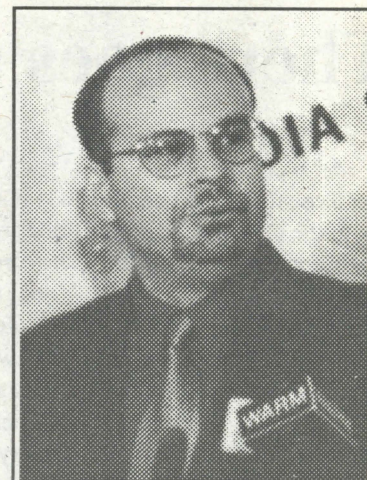
Now if you're serious about pursuing a career in journalism and have an attitude - throw it out.

Next, you will gain invaluable experience if you are on the staff of the student newspaper or take an internship with your local weekly newspaper.

We/they won't promise you that you'll never have to take out the trash. But we / they will promise you that you'll learn more than anything that will ever be taught in a classroom. You will write stories; you will be able to pen an editorial; you will take care of a customer who didn't get their newspaper and you will lay out an ad from an advertiser. You will learn all aspects of the business.

One thing we/they won't promise you, however, is that you'll never have to help clean up or take out the trash.

Finally, a closing thought for Dr. Elmes-Crahall. I have met a



Joseph C. Valenti
Beacon Advisor

payroll. I know how difficult it is trying to attract and retain decent talent.

I accept full responsibility for what happened last week.

Perhaps you should accept some responsibility for not encouraging your students to take staff positions on the student newspaper.

I did not take the position as the advisor to *The Beacon* because I needed the job. I enjoy it. I thought maybe I could help shape and guide our precious resources of tomorrow and help develop skills and talent they will be able to utilize when they get into the real world.

If you think you can do a better job, I encourage you to step up to the plate and, after my contract is over in May, I will gladly step down. After all, wouldn't that be in the best interest of the university?

Through our eyes

by: Him and Her



NOTE: This article does not reflect the opinion of both authors.

As one kid I talked to while I was waiting for the bus over to Ralston on Friday said, "They closed off half of the University, but only half of the University can go see him." The "he" I'm referring to is, of course, Al Gore. For those of you who don't know, Gore was here on Saturday October 28, to address a select group of Wilkes Students. This select group of students only included those who were pharmacy, nursing, or pre-med majors. So this means that the rest of the students were excluded from the meeting with the Vice President. I don't know about you, but I don't think such an exclusion of the rest of the people is fair.

The sidewalks were blocked off from the end of Stark to South Street and all the windows in the first and second floors of the Student Union were covered with brown paper in an effort to "protect"

Mr. Gore. There were even big blue dividers by the "big hole in the floor" on the second and third floors. It looked like they were trying to protect the SUB from an invasion by puffalumps or something like that. And the fact that the elevator wouldn't stop at the second floor...that was just plain dumb. What? Did someone think that the elevator was going to get loaded with a bunch of explosives and stop at the second floor? Now, correct me if I'm wrong, but I think if someone truly wanted to assassinate the Vice President of the United States that brown paper over windows and big blue dividers would not stop that person. I'm surprised they didn't lock the doors and tell us that we couldn't check our mail either.

I, initially, didn't want to go see Mr. Gore, but then I got to thinking...I thought 'he's the Vice President of the United States. How many opportunities am I going to have in my lifetime to see the Vice

President that close?' So I changed my mind and decided that I wanted to go. Then I found out that it was by "invitation only" and that I couldn't go because I was not among the group of "select students." That bothered me. I mean, I finally decided that I wanted to take part in something that was going on in the University, only to find out that I am not allowed to go because I'm not a nursing or pre-med major, and I'm no longer in pharmacy. I don't know why the talk was limited to those particular students, and I don't know who decided that, but it really bothered me.

If Mr. Gore or his staff made that decision, it was pretty stupid considering that there are many students at Wilkes who do not major in nursing, pre-med, or pharmacy who probably plan to vote. [Then people wonder why I don't plan on voting...politicians are stupid!] If someone on the Wilkes staff made that decision, he/she was not think-

ing in the best interest of all the students at Wilkes. All students should have had the opportunity to hear Mr. Gore speak if they desired.

Whether Mr. Gore spoke of issues that specifically related to the health profession majors or not, the topics discussed related to the population as a whole. Therefore, the whole population should have been able to hear his views on those topics. Now, by saying "whole population," I don't mean all of Wilkes-Barre...I mean all of Wilkes University. This event should have been offered to Wilkes students, and not open to the public.

I applaud the pharmacy students who wrote the letter that got Mr. Gore's attention and encouraged him to come here. It's not very often that someone that important would take the time to come to Wilkes-Barre to see a group of kids.

I heard from some reliable sources that after the discussion was over on Saturday that Mr. Gore was an hour late and that he didn't even stay the whole time he was supposed to. I also heard that he didn't even answer questions that were addressed to him by the students

that were actually allowed to see him.

One thing I don't understand is why do they have to go through such effort to protect Al Gore? He's no different than anybody else in this country, except for the fact that he sees the immediate benefits of our tax dollars. If I was to speak somewhere, like Mr. Gore did, I'm certain that no one would cover windows or block off sidewalks to protect me. Heck, they would probably open the windows and encourage people to shoot at me. He's a person, just like you and I are. Granted, he may not have to put his pants on one leg at a time, because he probably has someone (who is paid by our tax dollars) to put his pants on for him. What I'm trying to say (I think) is that uh... "All men are created equal" or something like that, so why does all this extra effort and money have to go to protect 'Al Gore' when he is just one of us.

Feel free to email you comments or questions to millerab@wilkes.edu. Until next week...try to avoid the puffalumps.

There goes the neighborhood...

For those who have been at Wilkes in the previous year(s), have you noticed how bad the neighborhood has got?

The neighbors complain about us, but how about those 'neighbors' who are committing real crimes. For those who are deaf and dumb, I'm talking about the increase in dealers, pimps, prostitutes, and violence from Ross to past Academy on South Franklin Street (and this is not about Wilkes students).

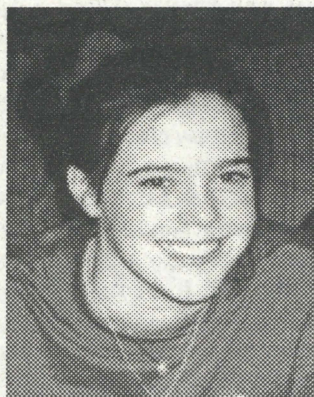
The prostitutes and pimps can be found around the clock. From my bedroom window I can watch 'the show' whenever I want. One night, two roommates and I watched for four hours; they have a nice little system going on. It only took us those four hours to figure out, so why didn't the cops?

Well, I asked them. Here's what I found out. In order for an arrest there needs to be an offer, this requires an under-

cover officer. Even if successful, they are not held that long and then they are released. So, obviously, this doesn't work so very well.

Here are my ideas. First, change the law, make it stricter. How? Well, I'm not doing the legislatures' job, but here's an idea- hold them for twenty-four hours and after three offenses impose a mandatory sentence. Second, don't use undercover females to nap a 'John'. Get rid of the merchandise not the consumer. If there is nothing to buy then there is nothing to sell, problem solved. Third, tell these 'Johns' that those chicks are ugly! I mean, are those guys that blind? They really paid for that?! They can get laid for free by better-looking chicks if they try a little harder. I see those guys and they aren't half-bad. 'Nuf about them.

It's out of control around here. Here's what I put up with this year so far: forties being left on my property, random garbage being left on my property, people sitting on my



Cathy Donlin

front porch (yesterday morning on my way to class), being followed to my front door, being called 'girlie' and 'sweetie' and being asked to spend the night, screaming at all hours of the night, cursing at all hours of the night, having rocks thrown at me and our dog, having someone threatened to 'blow the dogs head off', a stabbing three doors down (that was Monday morning), drug deals, being mistaken for someone and being chased, a few friends living a block away had to move after they

overheard two guys planning a break-in of their apartment, and cars being keyed...

And yes, we have talked to the police and they have increased patrol and thank you, but, unfortunately, it's not enough. If you have any ideas, let me know.

But I am almost out of here and glad about it! Wilkes-Barre is becoming a ghetto and something needs to be done now!

On a personal note, for the rest of the year, on my daily walks to class I get to walk right where a guy was stabbed in the daylight hours for \$234.00, but I'm sure there was more involved than money. Note to stabbers: (if they get this and can read it) I'm a poor college student who never has more than \$10.00 on me, so leave me alone!!

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Political puppet strings

By: Meg Stevens

Disenchanted voters are people who have lost interest in politics. Often people lose interest in politics because of the political games that the candidates play.

Recently when Al Gore visited campus, I experienced these games first hand. At the student government meeting, John Bosha announced that twenty-five students were needed to hold up "Wilkes students for Gore" signs on Saturday morning. He commented that if we weren't Gore supporters we didn't have to come.

Considering the fact that I am a registered Republican who has already voted through an absentee ballot, I wasn't about to act as a puppet for Gore.

I later was pulled out of a class to speak with Dr. Merrigan, the Chair of the Nursing Department. She requested that I represent nursing students and the student body by walking in with Al Gore.

At first it sounded as if I was simply needed to stand on the platform and I agreed. I later was contacted by Wilkes PR and

told they wanted me to welcome and introduce Al Gore on behalf of the student body.

Imagine my surprise! It is always an honor to represent Wilkes students. Although I wasn't sure how they chose me, how could I refuse? After being briefed by a member of the Gore staff on how to prepare my speech, I was very excited. The Gore staff member told me what specific points about Gore's healthcare policy's to address in my introduction. I was told to give examples of why Gore has the answers to the problems in health care. Then I was told to refer to the Vice President as "the next President of the United States." Suddenly I felt my strings being pulled.

Fortunately, I didn't turn out to be a puppet after all. After asking a question about health care that the Gore staff member and the research team in Nashville could not answer, the Gore staff began to question whether I would fit their mold.

When asked if I was a big Gore fan, I admitted that I wasn't. They discovered that I had already voted, and soon decided that they wouldn't want to put me in an uncomfortable position. They told me that the press

would ask me if I voted for Gore, and they didn't like the press that would give them.

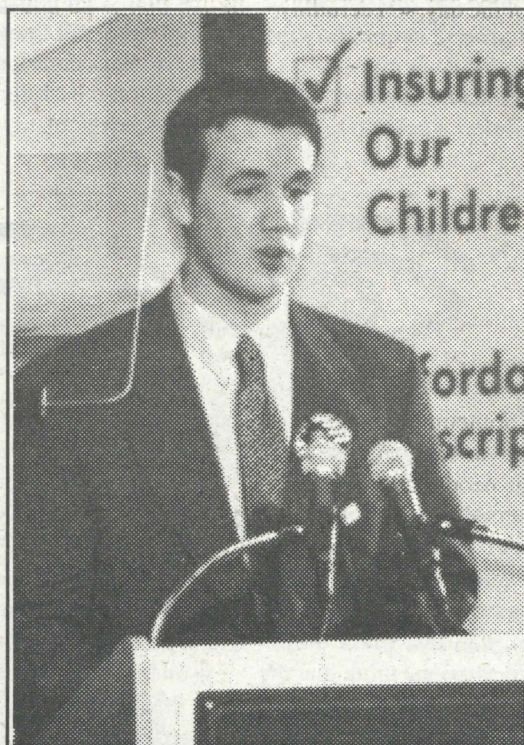
So late Friday night I was informed that the Gore campaign had decided to switch their focus and have a Phar-D student introduce the Vice President.

I was disappointed mainly because of the honor and opportunity to be a part of something the university felt was important.

I had told friends and family, and several hours later I was removed from the program.

Now, I suppose this all makes perfect sense in the political world. After all, they didn't know what I would do.

Well, I can assure everyone that I would not have allowed my personal partisanship to make the university look bad. Obviously the university had confidence in me, and that is an honor.



John Bosha - Political Puppet?

Instead, I watched as John Bosha fulfilled a life dream. He did a wonderful job introducing Gore, and he certainly gave the Gore campaign exactly what they wanted. Now that is politics!

Although I was tossed on the curb as soon as I didn't fit a mold, I am happier without any puppet strings or political games to play. Besides, how many people do you know who can say, "I was dumped by Al Gore."

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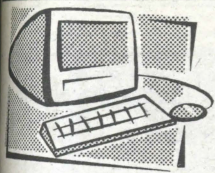
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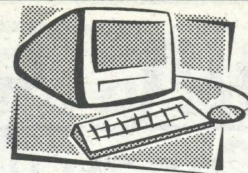
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TECHNOLOGY BYTES

with Brian Trosko



Well, I figured that since Al Gore visited, I might as well devote this column to an election special.

See, I don't know who to vote for. I really don't. I don't even know if I should vote at all. I find myself wondering in a state of increasing desperation mixed with nauseous anxiety, "Just who in the hell are these guys?"

As far as I can tell, we've got the guy who's enough of a hypocrite that he thinks it's a really good idea to lock people in jail for snorting coke, even though reports have that he used coke.

The other guy is such a moral coward that his positions on issues change with opinion polls. Is there anyone else as disgusted as I am by this collection of depressingly lackluster candidates are the best people we've been able to find to fill the office once held by the likes of Franklin Roosevelt and Abraham Lincoln?

Let's face it. Both the contenders are purely products of their parties. Bush has been groomed to be just folksy enough to get people to overlook the fact that if his old man hadn't been President, we wouldn't even be considering voting for him. Gore's much the same, only the grooming has

been more oriented towards making people think he won't be railing the help in the Oval Office. You have to have the distinct impression that when the cameras are turned off and the lights go down, Bush and Gore collapse behind the podiums, their strings cut, and their handlers bundle them into suitcases and ship them off to the next campaign stop. Like Reagan, they're purely cardboard cutouts, designed to appeal to enough voters to win, but without anything that actually resembles character or competence.

The only issue here is not who wins the election, but who whoever wins the election will bring along with him. To that end, candidates should be required to nominate an Attorney General and pick three Supreme Court nominees before they're even elected. It would tell us a hell of a lot more about what the results of their election will be than we know now.

And both candidates won't bring along anyone I want to see. Gore's of the opinion that the Constitution is something that has to be interpreted according to the public opinion of the day, so I certainly don't want him in a position to appoint anyone to the Supreme Court.

Bush's position on the War on

Some Drugs is well known; odds are he might actually want to execute people for smoking crack. Both of these candidates will gleefully support legislation that continues to walk all over your First, Second, Fourth, and Fifth amendment rights, exactly as their predecessors have done. It's starting to look like the only part of the Bill of Rights that still has any force at all is the part that says we can't be forced to let soldiers live in our homes.

There are third party candidates, of course. There's Buchanan, who's a full-blown bull-moose loon. There's also Nader. From what I can see around campus, I should vote for Nader because Susan Sarandon and Pearl Jam apparently think he's pretty neat. That's a great concept, really: vote for a man because he's endorsed by *actual celebrities*! That'll certainly help us peons tell good from bad. Cool folks like Tim Robbins and the Baldwins don't support Bush, so we obviously shouldn't vote for him.

But I digress. Seriously, I can't condone voting for a man who thinks that if people in the world want to kill us, and hate us enough to suicidally drive explosives into the sides of our boats, we should

respond to that by cutting military spending. There's other third-party candidates too, like Clifford Catton from New York, who wants to be President so he can stop the USPS from stealing his mail, and Paris Alvarez, who holds the dynamic opinion that while drug dealers should be castrated, the government should also distribute free marijuana to all retired military personnel.

What's the solution to all this nonsense? I don't know, but there's one thing I'd like to try: Don't vote. Don't vote for Bush or Gore. Don't vote for a third party candidate. Don't cast a write-in vote. Just *Don't Vote*.

Now, people will start screaming at me "If you don't vote, you have no right to complain!" That's nonsense. I have *every* right to complain. I say that if you *do* vote, you have no right to complain. If you voted for Clinton, you have absolutely no right to gripe about him railing the help, because you *put* him there. You're an accomplice. If you voted for Reagan, you have no cause at all to complain about him selling weapons to terrorists, because you put him there. I didn't vote for those people, so I can complain all I want. No, if you participate, if you willingly put a criminal or a hypocrite into office, the responsibility is yours, not mine. So quit your yapping.

What will not voting accomplish? I'm not sure, really. But it's a sure bet that, aside from AARP members, this election will have one of the lowest, if not the lowest, voter turnouts in history. It's therefore equally a sure thing that huge numbers of people are every bit as disgusted with the system that offers us these choices as I am. It's my hope that if we express this by all staying home, if the only people who vote are the candidates and their families, if ballot boxes all across the country are opened to reveal empty punchcards, if millions and millions of levers all go unpulled...maybe something will change. Maybe someone will notice. Maybe our disgust will be conveyed.

The alternative seems to be voting for people who are manifestly unqualified to hold the office. After all, a society gets the government that it deserves, and if we keep voting for these schleps, if we keep telling the political establishment that these cretins are "good enough to vote for," then they're the only



In the Clouds

with Rupal Kalariya

Another Halloween has passed us by. I hope it was fun for everyone. I think this will be my last article for the year. I always am stuck as to what to write about. There are so many things I want to discuss, but at the same time, I can't manage to get anything out. So I've decided to end my days writing for the Beacon. But I will leave with some things I've always wanted to say, but never got around to. Well, here it goes...

I've been here for four years now and have had some of the greatest experiences of my life. I've met so many different personalities and made some incredible friends. I look back at my freshman year and remember how I used to actually dress up and care what I looked like, what was I thinking? I was a stupid freshman, but had fun every minute of it. Then sophomore year came along and I started learning those hard lessons on life. I learned what friendship really meant and that I was no where near being

the person I wanted to be. It's easy getting lost in the everyday hustle and bustle and you forget how important things like family and friends are. Sometimes you get obsessed with over analyzing the bad points about people and overlook all of their good qualities. During my junior year, I learned some more of those lessons, but more importantly, I learned to welcome those tough times. I realized that those were the times that made me a stronger person and pushed me to discover who I was. It's funny how hurt and anger can make you lose sight of all the good things in your life. You forget to see the good in people and slowly you drive yourself further and further into a dark place. So now it's my senior year and day by day, I'm leaving that scary place. I've learned that I'm not perfect and I apologize. I've learned that happiness doesn't always come easy. It's a gift that only you can give to yourself.

So there it is. I honestly wish everyone the best and remember life is only as good as you make it.

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ENVIRONMENTAL DEFENSE
Finding the ways that work

The Main Event

With Crazy Bob



"Sing us a song, you're Crazy Bob, sing us a song tonight. We're all in the mood for a really bad column and you got us feeling alright." Welcome to the Main Event, the only column in *The Beacon* where sometimes you want to get on TV and let loose, can't, but it's cool for Crazy Bob to hump a dead moose. At this time I would just like to say you're welcome to Al Gore for giving him the chance to meet me. I'm sure that the pleasure was all his.

Today I invented the Bob McMuffin. Completely by accident, using only the little food I had, the Bob McMuffin was born. One English Muffin, turkey, mayonnaise, and spray cheese. This has been the high point of my week. The low point of my week was discovering that we have a couple of Bob-haters among us. It's not groovy and I don't dig it. My column has always been about how much I love everybody, except old people because they're useless and of course fat people who are stupid. Other than that I love everyone. Unfortunately there are those among us who do not share that same sentiment.

The mental giants who write "Through our Eyes Only" have been on my case for the last two weeks. This shocks me because I

didn't even know *The Beacon* had other columns. Go figure. Anyway a few weeks ago they were upset because I made jokes about portly students and advised them to take the stairs once in awhile. Apparently these two columnists did not share my comedic outlook. They said my work was "propaganda" for having the cafeteria "put out of its misery." I like the cafeteria. I am the one who should be put of his misery. Sometimes I wish that you obese, never-going-to-look-as-good-as-the-Bobman sweat-hogs would just crush me Sumo style so I wouldn't have to live through the boredom of your illiterate ding dong-munching columns.

I'm not done yet. I'll finish this argument when I'm good and ready. This is a fun column. It makes people laugh. Well, okay it makes cool people laugh, but who else counts? That's like saying commuters are part of the school. Sometimes in this bastion of wisdom we call a university we have to sit back and laugh at ourselves. But you, "Through our Eyes," with your pen and stupidity, have robbed my crazy cats of a fun column this week. You have deprived Bob's people of the wackiness they crave. I hope you're happy. Why don't you people go back to Dunkin' Donuts where you belong?

With that out of the way, last week I announced that I will soon be renaming the Main Event. You were all very helpful with your suggestions. Here are some of my favorites. "Dear Crazy: First I must compliment you on not only your daring fashion sense, but also on the development on your firm apple-shaped buttocks. One could bounce a quarter off those things. I think you should rename your column What About Bob or How to Make a Waffle. God bless, Willard." Thank you Willard. Although I'm a little disturbed at your obsession with my hindquarters, I can't help but feel flattered. "What About Bob" is a great suggestion. As for "How to Make a Waffle," I suggest reading "Through our Eyes" and I'm sure they'll tell you how to cook anything you like.

"Dear Mr. Bob: For Christmas I would like a dozen Yodels, a Carvel Ice Cream Cake, Tostitos Chips and Salsa, a gallon of lard." Hey wait a minute, that's not one of my letters. That's the "Through our Eyes" Christmas list. Shame on you! Ya'll come back now.

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CHOCOLATE STARFISH AND THE HOT DOG FLAVORED WATER

Limp Bizkit

Rap metal may be the dominant sound of rock, and at its fitful best — a Kid Rock track here, a Limp Bizkit single there — it has a pulverizing power. But where does this relentlessly hostile music go from here? Limp Bizkit's third album tries its best to body tackle that question. As befits a band whose baseball hatted frontman, Fred Durst, is also a record executive and fledgling film director, the Limp's *Chocolate Starfish and the Hot Dog Flavored Water* aims to topple any misconceptions of what a rap metal band can and should do.

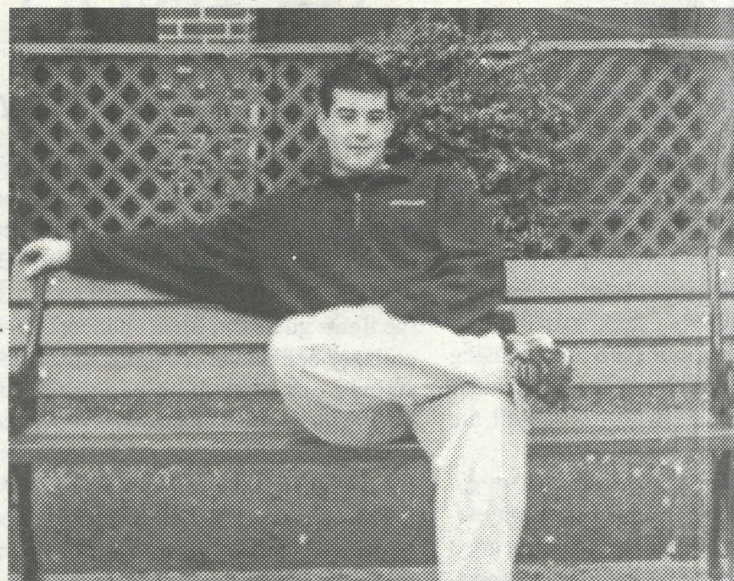
First, though, Durst has a few scores to settle. Rap and Roll remains the voice of disgruntled white youth, whose problems are the same as any other generation's but are, for whatever reason, far more pent up. For that audience, the Limp aim to please, to the point of pandering. Picking up where last year's "Significant Other" left off, "Chocolate Starfish" melds rapping, monster truck riffs, and turntable scratching into claustrophobic vents against parents ("My Generation"), anyone who's "picking on" them ("Full Nelson"), and girls who cramp their style ("My Way"). As if they can't imagine their audience grasping complexities, the Limp make none of these messages subtle. In the roaring tirade "My Way," Durst tells his ex in the chorus: "I will straight up leave this s— because I've had enough of this/ And now I'm pissed!"

"Hot Dog" is a veritable laundry list of teenage aggravations, from a "f—ed up job with f—ed up pay" to "f—ed up AIDS from f—ed up sex." At song's end, Durst proudly tells us he's used the F-word "46 times" — a boast that, like the sniggering sexual reference in the album title, is something even high schoolers should find silly. Durst also whales on his critics in "Livin' It Up," in which he brags he's a "crazy motherf—er" who's "not givin' a f—" about "livin' in the fast lane." Sure, I'm rich and date Playboy models, the 29 year old Durst seems to be telling his fans, but I'm still one of you.

As tiresome as Durst can be, Limp Bizkit are very good at what they do; the band is exceptionally tight, evidenced by its ability to switch time signatures and moods within songs (kudos to guitarist Wes Borland). Still, their stance and sound already reek of formula, and the album's attempts at mold breaking may be the band's way of acknowledging this fact. The mostly unplugged "Hold On" aims to be the "Dust in the Wind" of its age, complete with vocal harmonies, but its screw you sentiments keep it earthbound. "Getcha Groove On" and "Rollin'" (Urban Assault Vehicle) are all out hip hop tracks in the Ruff Ryders mode (Ryders producer Swizz Beatz even helmed the latter). But neither is as sharp as "N 2 Gether Now," Significant Other's Method Man collaboration. Durst's cardboard like voice is part of the problem: Despite his brawny image, he tends to sing as if someone's trying to choke him.

Unsatisfying as they are, "Chocolate Starfish's" stylistic detours have more than a suggestion of self preservation to them. What happens in another year or two when the rap metal audience grows up? Will fans still want this music, or will bands like Limp Bizkit wind up in the closet next to the Giselle posters? In terms of having a long range career, it's probably best that the business savvy Durst follow in the footsteps of previous generations — and go from raging against the machine to becoming the machine.

Grade: C — David Browne (www.entertainmentweekly.com)



From the Bench With John Heck

Rumors are flying, tension is high, and everybody hates everybody. No, I am not talking about the Middle East. This time it's right here at home, in the Wilkes University community, and the only thing missing are people running around the streets with machine guns. Well it's not that bad, but I'm sure with enough time and energy it could be.

On a more serious note though things are getting a little crazy around here. What makes it even more puzzling to me is the fact that there is such a small student population here. I think Rodney King said it best in his famous quote, "can't we all just get along."

It really didn't take me too much time on the bench to notice this sad but true trend at Wilkes. Most of you probably didn't even need to sit down to notice it, for the fact that a weekend night without a fight is almost unheard of nowadays.

I think that the problem really lies in the fact that many people have forgotten that we are here to go to school. I'm no angel myself, but I think everyone should make a conscious effort to be nice to other people. That is really the only way that I know how to put it, and it may sound corny to some of you, but give it a try.

Me being the good little boy that I am, was always told that fighting and violence are never the way to solve anything. In this day and age though it is slightly more acceptable, due to moral decay, but only if there is a valid reason. This leaves a lot of room for dispute as to what is and what isn't valid, but you just have to think before acting.

Don't get me wrong, I am not trying to chastise anybody as I have done this before myself. The bottom line is that adrenaline is no excuse and estrogen for that matter, as there have been just as many "cat fights" in the recent weeks.

Don't get yourself all worked up over nothing. This what I see every time that I venture outside of my most humble abode. People are just flipping out on people that they don't even know, the most common reason for the recent fighting seems to be over staring. C'mon now people.

If somebody rails your girlfriend that's one thing but staring. We are all adults here lets get past the petty stuff.

What do I suggest? Damned if I know, I think everyone has to realize that there is nothing to prove. Maybe that would work. Like I said earlier if everybody made a conscious effort to be nice to a new person everyday this would be a very enjoyable place.

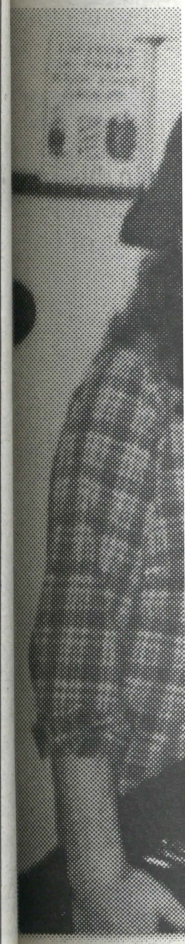
I am not planning on holding my breath till this happens but I bet there are a few people that wish I would. And that's the attitude I'm talking about, there is no need for that.

So the next time you or a friend is in a situation where there is no valid reason to be fighting, be the bigger person and walk away.

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For the Movies...

Blair Witch 2 with Kevin Walsh

How many people were truly disappointed with the first Blair Witch movie? I was certainly annoyed with wasting my money on seeing the first film and I am still wondering why I went to see the second film. This past Friday, I ventured on the free trip to the movies through the Wilkes Programming Board and decided to see the second Blair Witch, Book of Shadows. It seemed to be a popular selection by most of the Wilkes students who decided to take advantage of a free movie ticket.

In the first film, a group of young filmmakers travel into the woods to make a documentary about the legend of an evil force called the Blair Witch, and through their videotape is found, none of the filmmakers are ever seen again. The movie then describes the stories and the legend of the Blair Witch in the small town of Burkittsville, Maryland. The excitement and frenzy of the story of the Blair Witch has be-

come a huge industry in tourism and has been blown out of proportion.

A previous mental patient decides to take advantage of the booming industry and decides to use a web-based company to have tours of the woods of Burkittsville, Maryland. However, unknowing of the true power of the legend and the stories that surround those haunted woods, he still takes his first four customers on a trip to explore the Blair Witch.

When the customers arrive, they are greeted with truth of not knowing what is going to happen once arriving at the woods. The five traveled deep into the woods to location where the original tape was found to make the first movie. During the evening, they become intoxicated and lose control and pass out. When they awake, the previous nights' activities were unknown to them. However, the tour guide had video cameras that recorded all their actions. After being freaked out, one of the women had a miscarriage. After a short stay at

the hospital, they travel to the tour guide's home to view the videotapes to seek their answers to what had happened to all of them from the previous night. The entire time strange and unusual things happen to them and their imagination takes the better of each of them. One by one their minds and the legend surrounding the Blair Witch plays with them and the group reacts. Each reacts in a hostile manner defending their own actions.

Overall this picture was better than the first, but I would not recommend wasting the money in going to see this film. It was different, very odd in its presentation, and it was scarier than the first. However, if you would still like to see this film, I would recommend waiting to rent this film and only wasting three dollars instead of seven. 1.5 out of 5 stars



Halloween Excitement!



Lloyd and Beth Rosenberg live it up on Halloween!

Photo submitted by Jill Stankoski

Picture of the Week

Eye of the Future With Madame Ecstasy



Aquarius (Jan20-Feb18) This may be a good time to celebrate with friends, enjoy special entertainment, or include a group of people in your social plans. Be kind to others and they will be kind to you.

Pisces (Feb19-Mar20) You are more talented than you may know. Think about your own experiences and realize that you're a mirror for other people. Satisfy the needs of everyone with your special inspiration.

Aries (Mar21-Apr19) An aura of excitement pervades your day, with challenges. Focus on anything that will bring joy to many people. You'll build a stronger name for yourself in the process.

Taurus (Apr20-May20) Be aware of a tendency toward extravagance just because you're excited and pleased. Going overboard and overspending with a college budget is just not wise.

Gemini (May21-June20) Make the effort to build a bigger reputation. Take the time to talk to those who have been wary of you, see if you can't settle your difference in a civilized way.

Cancer (June21-July22) People cannot read your mind. You must ask for what you need in all aspects of your current social standing. If you've been hiding your light under a rock, it's time to emerge and show your brilliance.

Leo (July23-Aug22) You are considered an authority in whatever you do, but you really shine when it comes to group situations and plans that will help others reach their goals.

Virgo (Aug23-Sep22) Right now would be a good time to let your significant other know where they really stand in the relationship. Beating around the bush will lead to certain avoidable problems.

Libra (Sep23-Oct23) You'll be in a mood to celebrate if you can come to agreements without having to resort to non-kosher methods.

Scorpio (Oct24-Nov21) You may have to make an effort to reassure partners or a mate of your continued loyalty and support. Make sure you have serious discussions now. You'll win in a big way.

Sagittarius (Nov22-Dec21) Long, hard hours of toil will pay off in the long run. You'll attract more respect and honor with action than by any words you might speak.

Capricorn (Dec22-Jan19) Your motivation may not be what others assume it to be. You may have a secret challenge or goal that keeps you going like the donkey with a carrot in front of his nose.

Got ideas?
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Hit the Showers

MS: Marcus Sowcik, BW: Brian Walter,
HS: Holly Shiber
Year: Sophomore
Major: Psychology

MS: This season you broke a University record for most points in a season, and you tied a record for most goals in a season, tell me what this achievement means to you.

HS: This achievement is a big deal for me as a player and a person. It's always been a goal of mine to be the leading scorer on my team, and this is the first time it has ever happened. It shows that I have been able to step it up when I needed to, *that I could make things happen.*

BW: Why don't female soccer players slap each other on the butt after a good play?

HS: (laughs) I would say that is more of a gender thing than a soccer thing. It is something that comes along with male dominated sports; it must just be a guy thing.

MS: This is the first year that the women's soccer team made it to the MAC playoff's, what role did first year Head Coach Melissa Elwell play in this accomplishment?

HS: She played a major role because she knew how to work with us when we had small numbers. We played most of this season with only 13 team members able to play, and she made important decisions in big games that helped us pull through, even with our lack of depth.

BW: Is there any soccer player you consider to be a role model in your life?

HS: Even though we don't play the same positions, I would have to say Mia



Photo courtesy Marcus Sowcik

"Wipe that stupid look of your face before I score another goal," says sophomore Holly Shiber (left), the new record-holder for points in a season.

Hamm. She is such a great player, I just wish I could score as many goals as she does.

BW: How did you feel about Brandy Chastiane taking her shirt off after the women won the world cup last year?

Why don't female soccer players slap each other on the butt after a good play?

HS: I thought it was really cool, and I would have done it myself.

MS: How long have you been playing soccer, and what would you say has been your greatest soccer memory?

HS: I have been playing for 13 years, since my first season in U-6. My greatest memory happened this year when we beat Allentown 2-1 in overtime, to make it to the MAC playoffs.

BW: Do you have any kind of good luck charm?

HS: Yes, I have two actually. The

first is a ring I wear that my boyfriend gave me a few years ago. Since we are not allowed to wear jewelry during the games, I tie it to the drawstring of my soccer shorts. The other is a blue ribbon that I wear in my hair during every game.

MS: As a freshmen here at Wilkes, you received "Rookie of the Year" honors for the conference, and your team made the ECAC's for the first time ever. What honors would you like to receive personally and for your team in your senior year?

HS: At the end of my senior season I would like for the team to make it to the NCAA Championships, **be nationally-ranked**, and win the MAC crown. Personally, I would like to be named an **All-American**.

BW: Do you feel that women's soccer has reached a peak in the U.S. and if so, why?

HS: Even though women's soccer is new, I think it has caught on really quickly. Next year there is going to be a Profes-

with Holly Shiber

By Brian Walter & Marcus Sowcik

sional Women's Soccer League, which support fully. I think it has caught on quickly because women have an equal opportunity to play it, and because of good coaching and young people's interest.

MS: How do you train in the off-season?

HS: I work out at the YMCA, I'm spinning, running and I try to play the game as much as I can.

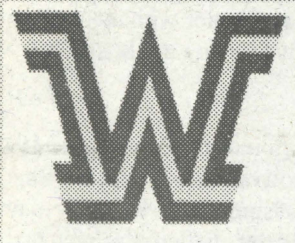
MS: Take me through your mind when you are called upon to take a penalty shot.

HS: Everyone makes such a big deal when it comes to taking penalty shots because there are so many mind games going on between the goalie and the shooter. **I really don't mind them at all.** After putting the ball on the line, and taking a few steps back, I don't hear anything else; there's no outside noise. I choose a corner in my mind, then lock eyes with the keeper. Then I stare at the side of the goal that I am going to shoot at, and finally I shoot the ball.

BW: Who do you think the sexiest female athlete in the world today is?

HS: I would have to say Derek Jeter. **Open Floor Statement:**
Shoot for the moon; even if you miss, you'll still land among the stars.

Mayor's Cup Series



Wilkes - 2
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Men's Soccer: 2-1 W

Tony VanScoy scores in the second overtime to give Wilkes the win.

Women's Volleyball: 3-1 K

Mandy Kehler recorded 11 kills, while Stefanie Henninger added 24 assists.

Women's Tennis: 7-2 K

Adriana Solorzano won in singles, while Lori DeMarco/Amee Mehta also won.

Women's Soccer: 6-0 W

Donna Rothrock scored the only goal in the first half, while four other Lady Colonels found the net in the second as Jen Pawlshyn and Adrienne Corrigan combined for the shutout.

Field Hockey: 4-3 K

Kim Whipple, Jill Wilson, and Jill Henry each scored for the defending MAC champs as Desiree Podrasky had eight saves.

Women's Tennis Team Photo



Photo by Adam Pollack

This season's women's tennis team consists of, from left to right, Adrienne Solarzano, Selena Bednarz, Angie Cardoso, Amee Mehta, first-year head coach Jackie Ruane. Back row: Kim Herbaugh, Nicole Ripper, Jeanette Bell.

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Athletes of the Month

The Beacon Athletes of the Month are chosen by Sports Editor Corey Yanoshak and Sports Information Director John Seitzenger.

Holly Shiber: Soccer

If setting school records as a sophomore isn't impressive enough, remember the fact that women's soccer player Holly Shiber will be back for two more years for Melissa Elwell's Lady Colonels.

And for her standout, record-breaking year, Shiber has copped The Beacon ATHLETE OF THE MONTH for October.

"She's had a great year. She just has to realize that she shouldn't try to do too much and just do her job," said Elwell, who guided Wilkes to their first-ever MAC Playoff berth.

Shiber, a Dallas High School graduate, scored 15 goals and 35 points. Her total points (two for a goal, one for an assist) are a school record for points in a season at Wilkes. The sophomore's 15 goals also tie her for season's best.

"I've felt more pressure, mainly that I had to be consistent," said Shiber, who plays center midfield.

"I feel it every game, but my teammates realize it and try to take some of it off of me."

Shiber recorded a hat trick late in the season against Baptist Bible in a 5-3 win, while also netting both goals in a 2-2 overtime tie with College Misericordia.

"Scoring two goals against Misericordia was definitely a highlight," said Shiber. "We have such a good rivalry and there was a lot of hype before the game. I was just pleased to have made a big impact and help the team."

In the opening round of the MAC Freedom Conference Playoffs, Shiber scored one of the Lady Colonels' two goals as Wilkes was eliminated with a 5-2 loss to Drew University. Elwell finished her first season with a 10-9-1 record, while Shiber finished second in scoring in the conference.

Shiber was not supposed to end up as a Lady Colonel as she was signed to go to East Stroudsburg. But a last-minute decision kept the star midfielder in Wilkes-Barre and has propelled



Photo Courtesy Sports Information
Sophomore Holly Shiber has earned The Beacon ATHLETE OF THE MONTH for October.

Wilkes to two straight seasons over 500.

"It was a difficult decision and I backed out at the last minute, but I'm very happy right now with coming to Wilkes," Shiber concluded.

Shiber was selected for the monthly award over field hockey players Jill Henry, the team's leading scorer, and Jill Wilson, a steady contributor on offense, women's soccer goal keeper Jen Pawleshy, who excelled in the net, and volleyball stand-out Mandy Kehler.



Photo by Adam Polinger

Lady Colonels lose 'Freedom'

Kara Fetter scored a pair of second half goals to lead Drew University to a 3-1 come-from-behind win over Wilkes University in the Freedom Conference championship game on Saturday afternoon. The loss ends the Lady Colonels' season with an overall record of 8-12.

Wilkes took a 1-0 halftime lead thanks to a goal by Jill Henry off a Kim Whipple assist with 23:35 to play in the first half. The Lady Colonels would maintain their lead and headed into the locker room at halftime holding the advantage.

Fetter tied the game with 29:35 left in the contest when she scored an unassisted goal to make it 1-1. Then, with 18:36 to go, Fetter tallied the eventual game-winning tally unassisted to put the Lady Rangers on top 2-1. Casey Rogers gave Drew some breathing room with an unassisted goal with just 56 seconds left in the game.

Drew outshot the Lady Colonels by a 39-16 margin. They also



Photo by Adam Polinger

Venessa Tomaino hustles after the ball in last weekend's MAC Freedom Conference Finals, in which the Lady Colonels fell 3-1 to Drew University.

held a 12-6 edge in penalty corners. Desiree Podrasky came up with 18 saves in goal for Wilkes. Season Stuffle had six stops for Drew.

Jeff Marshman: Football

In what has certainly been a pressure-filled season for the sophomore quarterback out of Berwick, Jeff Marshman has stepped up continually, most of the time with eight men in his face, and is among the league-leading quarterbacks in the Middle Atlantic Conference.

For his efforts, Marshman has been named The Beacon ATHLETE OF THE MONTH for October.

Marshman has been limited this season as the Colonels have been without the services of a steady tailback to run the ball and have not been able to establish the running game they have had in the past. Opposing teams see this and choose one of two options: send eight men against the Colonels' offensive line and force Marshman to make a hasty decision, or keep five or six backs in the secondary and cover the Wilkes' receivers so that Marshman has no one to throw to.

Frank Sheptock's two-year signal-caller has seen a little of both, but the majority of the time it is eight-men up on the line.

"I see blitzing as a challenge," exclaimed Marshman, who also threw a career-high four touch-

downs on Homecoming. "The speed in college is a lot quicker, without a doubt. Your decisions have to be made faster and smarter."

Marshman has thrown for 1625 yards on the year, completing 57% of his passes. The total yardage also takes into account two games in which the Colonel offense was very limited: at Lycoming where they gained 86 yards of total offense and against Lebanon Valley College, where the defense scored as much as the offense and Marshman's snaps were held to a minimum.

"It's good to rest some people in that situation, especially Jeff, who's been in a pressure-cooker week in and week out," said Sheptock of last week's 55-0 win at home vs LVC. "But offense is so much timing and working as a unit, and that's where it hurts us."

Even without a true, steady running back, Marshman has been able to spread the ball out, when given the time, to three of the top receivers in the conference in Brian Miller, Ryan James, and Frank McCabe, who the sophomore QB has thrown 13 of his 18 touchdown passes to.

Marshman was selected for the



Photo Courtesy Sports Information
Sophomore Jeff Marshman has earned The Beacon ATHLETE OF THE MONTH for October.

monthly honor over fellow football player Steve Rogers, a freshman who has been playing both offense and defense the past two weeks, soccer player Seth Nye, the goalie who was named Player of the Week for the MAC, and Nye's teammate Matt Diltz, the soccer team's leading-scorer.



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Senior captains Jermaine Richardson (92), Ryan James (84), Frank McCabe (1), and Justin Holmes (3) will all be playing in their final regular season game at Ralston Field this Saturday against Moravian College at 1:00 p.m.

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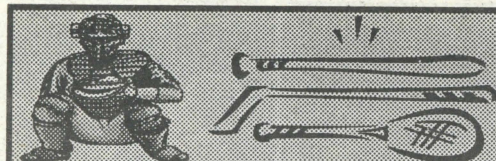
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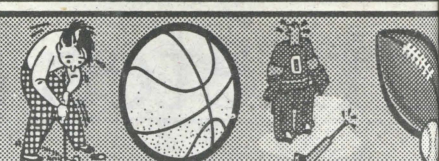
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Men open with win over Scranton at home

By MATT REITNOUR
Beacon Staff Writer

The Colonels knocked off rival Scranton 1-0 on Wednesday when freshman Mike Faneck booted home the game winner just 3:31 into the second overtime period. The win moves Wilkes to 10-6-2 overall and into Saturday's Freedom Conference championship game against the winner of Wednesday night's FDU-Madison/Drew game.

Wilkes also sees their ability to win an automatic bid to the NCAA fall to one game. The winner of the Freedom Conference wins the coveted AQ, which according to junior forward Bill Schneider is what the season is all about.

"As a team we are very happy," Schneider said after beating Scranton. "This is what you play the whole season for."

When Wilkes and Scranton got together for their regular season match-up back on September 20, the two teams played to a physical, scoreless tie. Wednesday's game looked much like the first outing, with a majority of the play being done in the mid-field. Play was physical as five yellow cards were given out, including three to Wilkes' players. Wilkes knew going into the game that it would be a rough and tumble game, and whoever came out on top was only going to win by one goal.

"Every playoff game is close," Schneider said. "To come away with a 1-0 win is really what we expected. Luckily we put the ball in the net first."

Colonels fly over Dutchmen

By COREY YANOSHAKE
Beacon Sports Editor

Following two straight losses to traditional powerhouses Lycoming College and Ithaca College, the Wilkes University football team came out last Saturday with something to prove to themselves and the Middle Atlantic Conference.

Frank Sheptock's Colonels definitely got the job done as Wilkes routed Lebanon Valley College, 55-0, to keep a nine-year shutout streak alive. Wilkes has recorded at least one shutout per season since 1992 with the 55-point margin the biggest with the exception of a 69-0 defeat.

"We didn't want to give them a chance to gain any momentum, so we decided to get our wind early," said Sheptock, whose 5-3 Colonels host Moravian College on Saturday.

The Wilkes defense sparkled for the fourth week in a row, this time holding the Flying Dutchmen to minus-37 yards rushing. But more noticeable were the four touchdowns the defense accounted for.

"The line just put everybody on their backs and I had to beat the wideout," said senior captain Justin Holmes, who scored his first-ever college touchdown on a 34-yard

1st round Men's Soccer

**Wilkes 1
Scranton 0**

Wilkes outshot the Royals 10-8. The play between the pipes at both ends was at times spectacular. Junior goal keeper Seth Nye gained the win and the shut-out, his fifth of the 2000 campaign. Nye's best save came midway through the second half when he made a diving, one-handed stop on a shot he never saw thanks in large part to a screen set up about five yards in front of his goal area. It was plays like this by the junior, as well as other underclassmen, which have placed Wilkes just one win away from an NCAA berth.

"To come into the season with only one returning senior, and fight the ups and downs we have had this year, it's a pleasant surprise," Schneider said.

Wilkes was 0-1-1 this season against the two teams which remain in the Freedom Conference race. Wilkes tied FDU-Madison way back in the second week of the season and just lost to Drew 1-0 this past Sunday at Ralston Field. Should the Colonels face the Rangers of Drew University, the men's soccer team will look to buck the trend which has Drew knocking Wilkes teams out of the post-season. Last week in New Jersey the Lady Rangers beat the field hockey team and the women's soccer team in post-season action.



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Senior Bill Smith (20) missed the men's soccer team's second-to-last game of the season but will now lead his team into the MAC Finals this weekend.

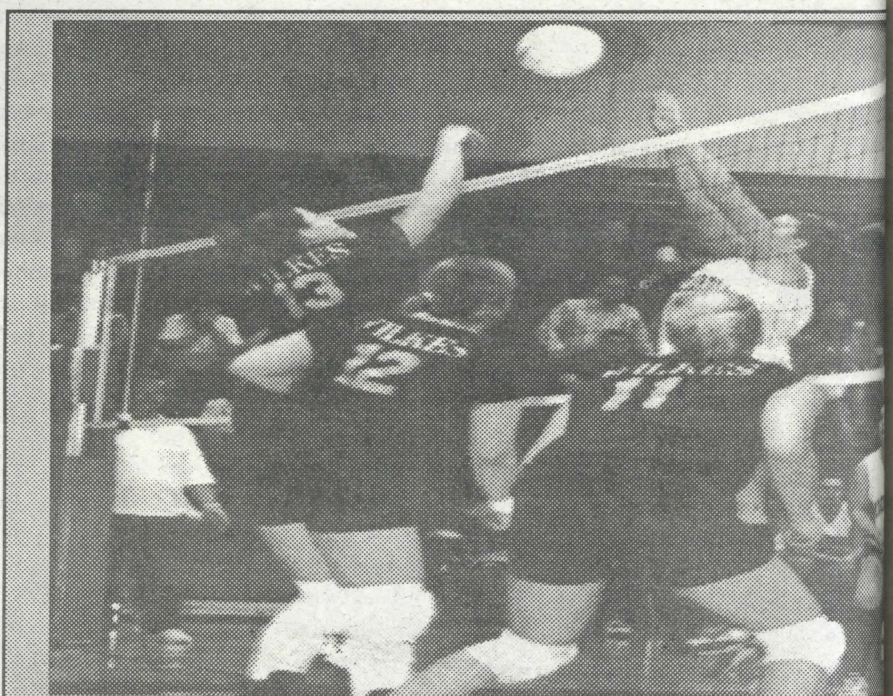


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Volleyball finishes 5-1

By CASEY O'BRIEN
Beacon Staff Writer

Wilkes University's women's volleyball team ended their season with a 16-4, 15-3, 15-7 loss at Muhlenberg College last Saturday. The team concludes their season with an overall record of 5-17.

Despite finishing on a sour note, the volleyball team is proud of their performance throughout the season. The team was led by senior Lisa Day and four juniors: Erika Baltrusaitis, Mandy Kehler, Stefanie

Henninger, and Jacqlyn Ryan. The freshman-classmen were fueled by an array of lower-classmen.

Stefanie Henninger exceeded expectations for assists in every match, allowing her to lead the team in that category. Mandy Kehler delivered the most kills throughout the season and was a force to be reckoned with game-in and game-out.

The strong showing of both the freshmen and sophomores throughout the season and the return of the four juniors bode well for the team's future endeavors.

"The whole defense has great confidence in each other," said Verton. "The secondary knows the line is going to put pressure on the quarterback and they'll just throw it up."

Steve Rogers, in just his second game as a tailback after starting all season at line-

backer, carried 16 times for 124 yards and his first collegiate touchdown in the fourth quarter.

"I have to work on my wind. Offense is a lot more tiring," said the freshman two-way player.



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Justin Holmes (3) scored his first-ever college TD last week on an interception.

interception return. "When I realized what happened, I was like 'Wow, I just scored.'"

Juniors Mike Verton and Jerry Superko also ran back interceptions for scores as the Colonels took a 42-0 lead into halftime. Prior to his touchdown, Verton blocked a punt into the endzone which was recovered by Scott Schiefen for another defensive touchdown.

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