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Bill Cosby to Receive Honorary Degree at May Commencement

BY GABRIELLE LAMB
Beacon News Editor

One of the country's funniest and most recognized stars will be shaking the hands of this year's Wilkes seniors as they march across the stage to receive their degrees in May. An established actor, comedian, and devotee to education, Dr. William H. Cosby, will usher Wilkes University graduates into the "real world" with advice he offers in his 2004 commencement address. Cosby will also receive an honorary doctorate from the university.

Cosby is the former star of one of television's most highly regarded and successful sitcoms, "The Cosby Show," and is also a renowned stand-up entertainer.

On Thursday, September 11, 2003, the Board of Trustees Academic and Student Environment Committee unanimously voted to provide Cosby with an honorary degree—the university's highest honor. The vote took place following the recommendation initiated by the Honorary Degree Committee.

Cosby is scheduled to perform two shows at the Kirby Center on May 15, 2004, the same day of the commencement. This led staff members to approach Vice President of

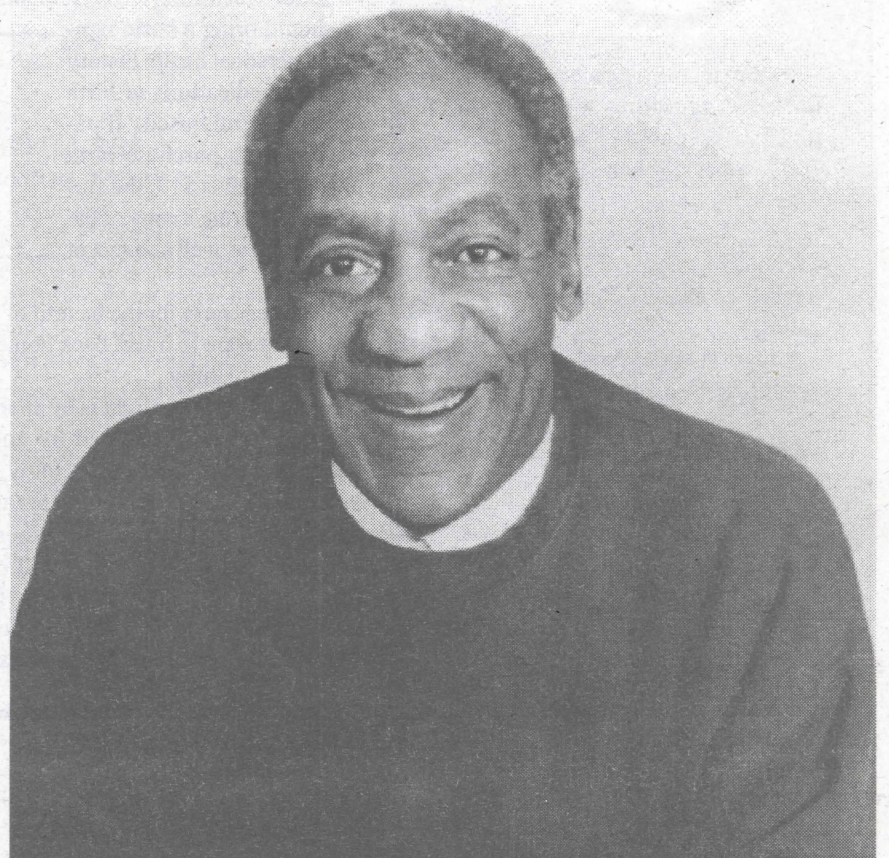
Student Affairs Paul Adams to extend the invitation to the award-winning actor.

"Judy Wienckoski, the assistant in our office, just before orientation said to me 'Bill Cosby is coming to the Kirby on the 15th. Wouldn't it be great if we could get him for commencement?' I thought, 'Wow. That would be really neat,' but we were pretty busy at that point and I kind of filed it away for a few days. A couple days later Joy Rinehimer, from the education department, said something to me about it. So I talked to the President about it and said, 'This is an opportunity. Would you mind if I moved forward and saw where it led?'" explained Adams.

After getting the go-ahead from Wilkes University President Tim Gilmour, Adams decided to do some research into the other schools where Cosby was given an honorary degree. As Adams pointed out, all responses were completely positive.

"Everybody has always dreamed to have Bill Cosby. He is kind of the dream commencement speaker around the country," said Adams.

After he contacted Cosby's agent via



Courtesy of BillCosby.com

Cosby will address the class of 2004 this May. He will also receive an honorary doctorate at the spring commencement

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Wilkes Sponsors Several Health Initiatives

Women's Health Night & Blood Drive This Week

BY MEAGAN BROWN
Beacon Correspondent

In an effort to provide better assistance to community organizations and to Wilkes students, the University will be offer several significant health-related events through the fall semester, two of which happen within the next week.

On Monday September 15, 2003, University Health Services, in conjunction with Maternal and Family Health Services and Women to Women, Inc. will host "Women's Health Night" in which women's gynecological services will be provided free to students. The next day, Tuesday September 16, 2003 the American Red Cross will be on hand in an effort to boost blood supplies in the area.

Women's Health Night is an annual featured project de-

signed to encourage female students to seek answers to questions, receive treatment and testing, and maintain health consciousness. Not only will Women's Health Night take place on September 15, but other dates set for this semester include October 6 and 20

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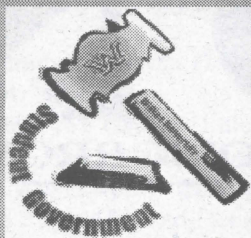
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Remembering September 11th, 2001

Campus Interfaith led a memorial service on September 11, 2003 to remember those lost two years prior. Kevin Gaughenbaugh, Campus Interfaith Director, is pictured here at the ceremony which was held at the newly relocated "Peace Pole."

SG Happenings

Notes from Student Government
September 10, 2003



--Freshmen and replacement nominations and signatures are due by 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday September 17, 2003 in the Student Government office.

--Online elections will be held on September 22 and 23, 2003.

--A motion was passed to purchase a printer for Student Government.

--Proposed changes to the constitution were discussed. They will continue this week.

SG meets every Wednesday in the Hiscox Meeting Room, 1st Floor of the Henry Student Center. Meetings are open to the public.

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and November 17, 2003. Services such as full gynecological exams, Depo-Provera shots, discount birth control, and health education will be provided. Two female nurse practitioners from Women to Women, Inc. will be in attendance to perform all the free services.

According to Gail Holby, Registered Nurse for Health Services, students attending should bring a basic family and personal health history and any medications or birth control currently used. If patients wish to purchase birth control, which is \$17, the student should bring a copy of the prescription as well as a recent pap test.

"The service is for the benefit of students who do not want to travel back home to see a doctor," said Holby.

Women's Health Night is by appointment only and can be scheduled by contacting Health Services. Although Holby said the September 15, 2003 appointments are filled, appointments can be made for other dates.

The American Red Cross will be in the Henry Student Center from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. collecting blood from Wilkes students, following a summer of low blood donation, ac-

cording to Susanne May, American Red Cross spokesperson.

According to May, the American Red Cross will hold a blood donation day at Wilkes to "familiarize the student population to the blood donation program and to educate a new generation on the need for blood donors."

The criteria to donate are simple, accord-

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Gail Holby

Health Services

ing to May. A donor must be at least 17 years old and at least 105 pounds, in good health and off any antibiotics for at least 48 hours prior to donation, with the exception of birth control. There is a one-year deferment for anyone who has had a tattoo but no deferment for piercing if the equipment was properly sterilized.

May also pointed out that every blood type is in need right now; however, type O-blood is the most universal. The O-blood type is known as a "universal donor" which

means it can be given to any person regardless of blood type. This is the first blood type used in emergency situations, and therefore the most sought-after.

Once blood is drawn, it is packed in ice and taken to the American Red Cross branch located in Hanover. There it is centrifuged into 4 components and sent to Philadelphia, where the blood is screened for diseases. The results

are received within 24 hours and once blood is determined to be free of disease it is put on the shelves for use.

If the blood is tested positive for any diseases, The American Red Cross will notify the donor with a

confidential letter that contains numbers for treatment and support.

There are more advantages to donating other than saving a life. The American Red Cross will be providing free pizza to all donors and Allied Medical and Technical School will be on hand to provide free back massages before the donation process.

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News Briefs

Courtesy of the Associated Press

President kicks off Pa. re-election drive with Monday fund-raiser

President Bush will headline a campaign fund-raiser Monday in suburban Philadelphia to kick off his re-election drive in one of the nation's largest electoral prizes.

Bush is scheduled to speak at 6:40 p.m. at The Drexelbrook banquet facility in Drexel Hill. Tickets to the event cost \$2,000 per person, said Scott Stanzel, spokesman for the Bush-Cheney '04 campaign.

The visit will mark Bush's fifth trip this year to Pennsylvania, and the 22nd since he became president.

With 21 electoral votes, Pennsylvania is tied with Illinois as the nation's fifth-largest political prize. Bush has visited Pennsylvania more than any other state except his family homes in Texas and Maine.

It is a key battleground state that, until 2000, had been won by every successful presidential candidate since 1972. Bush lost the state in 2000, by 200,000 votes, to Democrat Al Gore.

Study: Women with breast implants have threefold higher suicide

Women who choose to enhance their appearance with breast implants have a suicide risk three times higher than the general population, according to research presented at a conference Friday.

It is the third study released in the past three years to identify such a link, according to David B. Sarwer of the University of Pennsylvania medical school's Center for Human Appearance, who presented the paper at the American Medical Association Science Reporters Conference. The study will appear in the October issue of the journal *Annals of Plastic Surgery*.

However, Sarwer said the research does not suggest a cause-and-effect relationship between breast implants and suicide. Instead, it indicates that a higher-than-expected number of women might be seeking out such procedures in attempts "to solve a psychological problem with a medical procedure," he said.

Jury Convicts Man in Elderly Woman's Murder

A jury Friday convicted a man of bludgeoning to death a 72-year-old woman with an ashtray and then pawing her television set for \$20 to buy crack.

Albert Tolbert, 50, faces mandatory life in prison when he is sentenced Nov. 17 by Judge Lawrence J. O'Toole.

Tolbert, who lived in an apartment near Beatrice Gale, tried to kill himself by cutting his wrists with glass three days after the Nov. 2, 2002 killing and then confessed to investigators, police said.

"He's never tried to avoid responsibility for what he did and clearly was not even trying to engage the jury or win anyone's sympathy on the stand," defense lawyer Lisa Middleman said after the verdict.

Middleman argued that Tolbert was too intoxicated and drunk at the time to warrant a first-degree murder conviction.

Gale's relatives said the mother of four would help others and even gave money to Tolbert occasionally.

Country singing legend Johnny Cash dies of complications from Diabetes

Johnny Cash, "The Man in Black" who became a towering figure in American music with such hits as "Folsom Prison Blues," "I Walk the Line" and "A Boy Named Sue," died Friday. He was 71.

Cash died of complications from diabetes that resulted in respiratory failure, his manager, Lou Robin, said in a statement issued by Baptist Hospital in Nashville, where he died at 3 a.m. (0700 GMT).

"I hope that friends and fans of Johnny will pray for the Cash family to find comfort during this very difficult time," Robin said.

Cash had been released from the hospital Wednesday after a two-week stay for treatment of an unspecified stomach ailment. The illness caused him to miss last month's MTV Video Music Awards, where his video "Hurt" had been nominated in six categories and won one, for cinematography.

ABC faces tough choices for future of Ritter show

Beyond the personal tragedy, John Ritter's death left ABC executives with an unprecedented nightmare: the loss of one of their biggest stars a week before a new TV season is to begin.

No decision had been made Friday about the future of Ritter's comedy, "8 Simple Rules ... for Dating My Teenage Daughter," a network spokesman said.

Three new episodes of the series had already been filmed and Ritter was working on the fourth when he became ill and died suddenly Thursday.

ABC could cancel the series outright, continue without him or, considered less likely, cast another actor in Ritter's place.

Eight Iraqi police killed in mistaken shootout with American forces

Two soldiers killed in second incident.

By PATRICK QUINN
Associated Press Writer

Iraqi police said eight members of the Fallujah Protection Force and a Jordanian security guard were killed by U.S. forces in a pre-dawn friendly fire incident Friday in a dangerous "Sunni Triangle" city near Baghdad.

Just miles down the road and a few hours later two American soldiers were killed and seven wounded during a raid.

An American military statement Friday said one U.S. soldier and five "neutral individuals" were wounded in an attack near the Jordanian Hospital in Fallujah, 50 kilometers (30 miles) west of Baghdad. The military said U.S. soldiers were fired on with a rocket-propelled grenade and small arms.

In Jordan, Foreign Minister Marwan Muasher received a phone call from U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell expressing regret for the incident which killed one of the Jordanians working at the field hospital where the incident occurred, the official Petra news agency said.

Jordan's King Abdullah II will hold talks next week with U.S. President George W. Bush at the Camp David presidential retreat in Maryland. The war in Iraq is expected to dominate the meetings.

Petra said that Powell offered condolences for the "sad incident."

In another attack against U.S. forces near Fallujah, a U.S. convoy came under fire in the Halabasa area, about 3 kilometers (1.8 miles) west of that city Friday afternoon. The firefight between the Americans and the Iraqi resistance lasted for about 30 minutes, eyewitnesses said.

One U.S. ambulance was seen heading to the battle scene. Eyewitnesses said one Iraqi passer-by was killed. A damaged civilian car and one burning U.S. truck could be seen on the road.

The violence Friday, however, was not restricted to areas around Fallujah, where guerrilla attacks on U.S. forces are a near-daily occurrence.

A 45-minute gun battle erupted in central Baghdad where police chased and captured three members of a suspected carjacking gang.

In the incident at the Jordanian Hospital on the western outskirts of Fallujah, 25 policemen in three vehicles were chasing

a white BMW known to have been used by highway bandits. One unmarked police pickup truck carried a heavy machine gun, while another pickup truck and a car were painted white and blue--the color of Iraqi police vehicles.

The dead Iraqis seen by The Associated Press were in police uniform.

The police said the lost their quarry just after midnight and decided to turn around near the hospital.

The driver of one car, 19-year-old policeman Arkan Adnan, said the appearance of the armed Iraqi police pickup truck may have prompted the Americans to fire.

"We shouted 'We are police. We are police.' Then we drove off the road into a field," Ahmed said at Fallujah hospital where he was being treated for a shoulder wound. "They started shooting from all sides."

Members of the Jordanian armed forces guarding the hospital also opened fire, catching the Iraqis in a deadly crossfire. Jordanian diplomats moved to the hospital from their Baghdad embassy last month after it was attacked by a car bomb.

Adnan said all the dead were in the armed pickup truck.

"We were in-between firing (coming) from all sides," said Asem Mohammed, 23, a police sergeant who was among the injured. "We were in the middle."

The 100-bed Jordanian military field hospital was sent in April 2003 to provide Iraqis and others with medical care.

Dr. Dial Jumaili, who went to the scene to treat the victims and later went to pick up the bodies at a nearby U.S. Army base, said there were eight dead policemen. He said two seriously injured were also taken to the base. Two other Iraqi policemen, four Jordanian guards and an Iraqi civilian also were injured.

The bodies were later loaded onto three pickup trucks and escorted by police cars to a hospital in the nearby city of Ramadi to be given to their families after autopsies.

The violence came after a message carrying the name of Saddam Hussein appeared on at least one building in Fallujah. The message praised the people of the city for their resistance to the American occupation and named it capital of al-Anbar province. Ramadi, west of Fallujah, is the capital of the Sunni dominated al-Anbar province.

Bill Cosby: In Profile

BY GABE LEDONNE
Beacon Managing Editor

While many people are familiar with Bill Cosby's 1980s television character, Dr. Cliff Huxtable, and his famous Jell-O commercials, markedly fewer are aware of the man's perseverance that led to his stratospheric rise to the top.

Born in 1937, William Henry Cosby was raised in North Philadelphia's Richard Allen housing projects by his mother, Anna, and two younger brothers. His father, William Sr., was a Navy man, and so spent several months of the year away from his family.

Cosby, although gifted with a high IQ, dropped out of high school in 10th grade, and joined the Navy in 1956, earning a high school equivalent while in service.

With an athletic scholarship for track & field at Temple University in Philadelphia in 1961, Cosby returned to pursue his education. Two years after starting at Temple, Cosby began his pursuit of a comedy career, moving from bars and nightclubs in Philly, to Greenwich Village's famous Gaslight Café in 1962. From there Cosby would sign with a management agency, producing a comedy album, and touring cities throughout country.

An important turning point came in 1965, when he made an appearance on the *Tonight Show* with Johnny Carson. It was there that TV producer Sheldon Leonard noticed him and later cast Cosby in a starring role in the

A brief look at the life of 2004's commencement speaker

show *I Spy* with Robert Culp. The series, which aired for three years, gave Cosby national recognition, as well as two Emmy Awards, and made him the first ever African American to hold a starring role in a dramatic TV series.

After a stint of unsuccessful projects, including *The Cosby Show* (1969-71) and his first movie, *Hickey and Boggs*, Cosby found success in 1972 with an animated TV series called, *Fat Albert and the Cosby Kids*, for which Cosby served as executive producer and host. Many of the characters and storylines came directly from Cosby's own childhood-friends and experiences. The show was so popular with the Saturday morning TV crowd that it remained in production until 1984.

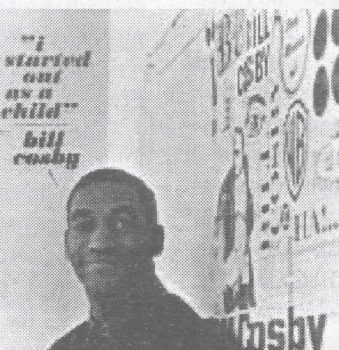
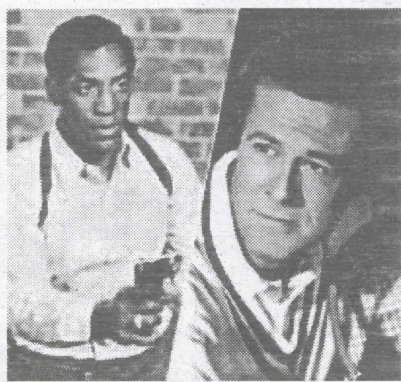
Throughout this time, Cosby returned to education, earning a Master's degree and Doctorate in education from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst in 1977. Cosby even used his popular cartoon in his dissertation entitled, "An Integration of the Visual Media via Fat Albert and the Cosby Kids into the Elementary School Curriculum as a Teaching Aid and Vehicle to Achieve In-

creased Learning."

Cosby would follow his success from "Fat Albert" with his most successful television project, *The Cosby Show*. The sitcom placed Cosby in the role of Dr. Heathcliff Huxtable for eight years (1984-92)-although, the show remains popular in syndication today.

In addition to several less successful TV projects throughout his career, Cosby also wrote four books, produced several comedy albums, and starred in many films, including *California Suite*, *The Devil and Max Devlin*, and *Ghost Dad*.

However, Cosby's most admirable achievements may have come in the wake of tragedy. Following the shocking murder of his son, Ennis, in 1997, Cosby dedicated himself to the remembrance of him. The Cosby family created the "Hello Friend/Ennis William Cosby Foundation" ("Hello Friend" was Ennis's 'trademark' greeting) The organization focused on promoting the treatment of dyslexia, a condition that Cosby's son suffered from. Cosby also launched a children's series of books, called, "Little Bill" featuring stories of children with learning differences.



In 1998, Cosby was awarded for his lifetime efforts with one of the nation's most prestigious honors, The Kennedy Center Honors, an event that venerates exceptional individuals in society.

Cosby has been recognized with five Emmy Awards, three Golden Globes, 16 People's Choice Awards, and the NAACP Image Award for his work on television, and was also inducted into Academy of Television Arts and Sciences Hall of Fame in 1994. He's also been awarded eight Grammy awards for his comedy and children's albums.

And, of course, Cosby has received numerous honorary degrees from a long list of colleges and universities across the country-Wilkes will soon join that list in May, 2004.

Information on Mr. Cosby courtesy of biography.com. Photos courtesy of delafont.com

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phone, Adams had to write a letter to the William Morris agency in Beverly Hills, which would be given to Cosby for his consideration. Soon after, the university was given the good news.

"It wasn't very long after that, the President called me up and told me that Mr. Cosby's agent called and said he will do it," said Adams. "It really was so exciting to get that call, I can't even begin to tell you."

However, with his acceptance, Cosby had a couple of requests.

"We need to give him a baseball cap, and, depending on how warm it is, will we give him a Wilkes sweatshirt or tee shirt, and a tassel to put on the baseball hat, which he will wear instead of (the motor board)," said Adams.

On Friday September 12, 2003, the full Board of Trustees approved the recommendation of the Honorary Degree Committee, confirming that Cosby will serve as the commencement speaker.

In the recommendation that was handed down to the Board of Trustees, reasons cited are his accomplishments in the acting world, as well as his devotion to the education process.

"We will recognize Dr. Cosby for his acclaim as an actor and comedian and his com-

mitment to education. After achieving success as a television star, Cosby returned to the University of Massachusetts (Amherst) and earned a Master's degree and Doctorate in education. He has been a vocal advocate for education and has generously donated to educational institutions, charitable organizations and social service agencies across the country," reads the recommendation.

Other reasons include his devotion to the charity in memory of his son Ennis Cosby, who was killed in 1997. The charity is appropriately known as "Hello Friend."

"Dr. Cosby and his wife have formed the Hello Friend/Ennis William Cosby Foundation to honor the memory of their son who was killed in a roadside shooting in 1997," stated the recommendation. "The Foundation trains kindergarten through second grade schoolteachers to work effectively with students who have learning differences."

Adams is sure that Cosby's appearance on campus will be an exciting way for seniors to remember their college experience and commencement.

"I think everyone is just going to be very excited about it," he said.



Cosby's Credits

Acting Roles: Television

The More You Know (1999)
Cosby (1996) - Hilton Lucas
Kids Say the Darndest Things (1996)
The Cosby Mysteries (1994)
The Cosby Show (1984)
Cos (1976)
Fat Albert and the Cosby Kids (1972)
The New Bill Cosby Show (1972)
The Electric Company (1971)
The Bill Cosby Show (1969)
I Spy (1965)

Acting Roles: Movies

Jack (1996)
I Spy Returns (1994)
The Meteor Man (1993)
Ghost Dad (1990)
Papai Fantasma (1990)
Leonard Part 6 (1987)
The Devil and Max Devlin (1981)
California Suite (1978)
Top Secret (1978)
A Piece of the Action (1977)
Mother, Jugs and Speed (1976)
Let's Do It Again (1975)
Uptown Saturday Night (1974)
Man and Boy (1972)

Crew Credits

A Different World - Creator
A Different World - Executive Consultant
A Different World - Music
Cosby - Executive Producer
Fat Albert and the Cosby Kids - Writer
Fat Albert and the Cosby Kids - Creator
Fat Albert and the Cosby Kids - Head Writer
Here and Now - Executive Producer
I Spy - Producer
I Spy - Executive Producer
Little Bill - Executive Producer
Little Bill - Creator
Man and Boy - Executive Producer
The Cosby Show - Writer
The Cosby Show - Executive Producer
The Cosby Show - Creator
The Cosby Show - Executive Consultant
The Cosby Show - Music
Where I Live - Creative Consultant
Men Of Honor - Executive Producer

Club Day Changes Attract More Participation

Carnival-like atmosphere appeals to students

BY KRISTIN KILE
Beacon Correspondant

Anyone walking down South Franklin or River Streets last Thursday might have wondered if Wilkes University was sponsoring a party. In some respects, it was.

With live music and a variety of food, more people stepped out onto the greenway this year to see what clubs and organizations are being offered during the annual Club Day.

This year, Vice President for Student Affairs Paul Adams pushed for a bigger event rather than the traditional Club Days of the past. Food and music were incorporated to attract

more students, and by most counts the appeals were successful. With the aid of perfect weather and the added attractions, hundreds of Wilkes University students, faculty, and staff flooded the greenway.

Freshman biology/pre-med major Josh Savitski said, "The atmosphere was very friendly, partyish, but not quite. It's fun."

Donna Thorton, Director of Student Activities and the Student Center said, "The goal is to let all the incoming freshmen and some sophomores, who didn't know or who didn't participate their first year, know what clubs and organizations there are and that are available to join. And also to let them know if



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Many students turned out for Club Day this year, September 11, thanks to more music, food, and entertainment.

they have a specific interest and it is not available, we welcome them to form an organization."

According to Thorton, Club Day has been around since at least as early as 1984. It started with just 3 or 4 tables set-up by the admissions office and has evolved into a significant production with approximately 48 clubs represented. The university's radio station, WCLH, and programming board brought a new addition to this event by sponsoring the band "Good Grief."

Amidst all of the new activities surrounding Club Day, a special event took place at noon. The athletic department, along with Wilkes athletes, unveiled the new Wilkes

Colonel logo. A huge banner was displayed and shirts and water bottles with the new logo were handed out.

Student Government representatives were also out in full force letting students know about SG and that there are positions open in every class for students to run for. Selena Bednarz, a senior math major and President of Student Government said, "I think it's good that administration stepped in and tried to make this more of a carnival setting to get people out here."

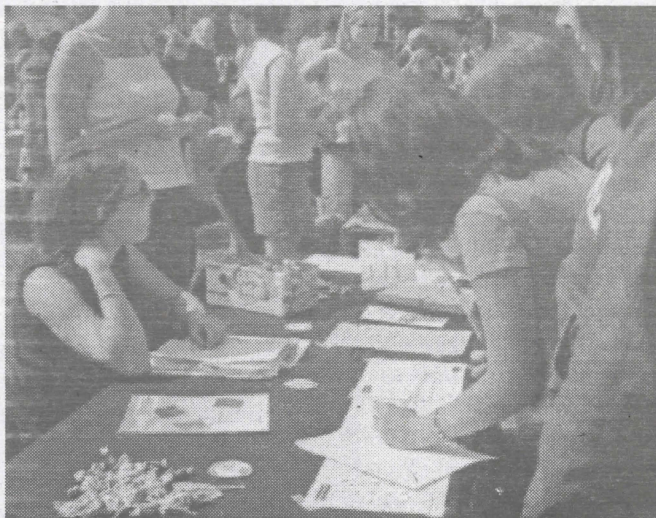
"Join Programming Board!" said Sarah Bogusko, President of the Programming Board and a senior psychology major. Bogusko said they have already had two meetings the first two weeks of school and she hopes that more people will show up at their next meeting since more people could sign-up at club day.

Sarah Doman, freshmen elementary education major, is one of many freshmen who benefitted from this event. She scoured the tables in search of Commuter Council, Manuscript, and the Writing Center which she hopes

to join in January. "I think it's really interesting. It's sort of set up like a fair and everyone has been really nice with information about the clubs."

While some students indulged in the information clubs had to offer, others helped themselves to the food. Chris Pray, sophomore biology/pre-med major simply said, "Good hot dogs." He also enjoyed the live entertainment.

Wilkes University has been working on improving many things throughout campus, and Club Day proved no different. The live entertainment and food enticed students and faculty to get out and learn about the clubs and organizations. "I am just hoping that people are aware that there are things to do on-campus," said Thorton.



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Students are shown urgently signing up their club of their choice.

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SG Explores Additional Game Room

BY JOE DEANGELIS
Beacon Layout Artist

At the first few Student Government meetings of the 2003-04 school year, questions have been raised about building another game room in the Henry Student Center.

However, the plan is "still in the talking stage," according to Student Government President Selena Bednarz.

"There have not been any formal voting or proposals made on this issue, but hopefully we will be given a prospective floor plan to look at soon," Bednarz said.

If Student Government representatives decide to build another game room, Bednarz said it will be built on the second floor patio outside of the Grand Ballroom in the Henry Student Center. Returning students may remember that a second game room was built where there was once a campus bank, just last year. But Student Government members, along with some students, are not completely satisfied with the results. One major complaint among students is having to pay to play

foos-ball.

"I haven't really heard anything from the students to build another, bigger game room, but we were disappointed in the size of the current game room," Bednarz said. "It is smaller than we anticipated last year."

In order to build the game room on the patio, the area would first have to be constructed into an actual room. Although there isn't an exact cost on the project, the estimates could lead up to \$90,000. Tentatively, Student Government representatives hope the new room would include at least two pool tables and a ping-pong table. Most students on campus are fine with the game rooms that are now available, which offer two pool tables and a foos-ball table. That doesn't necessarily mean that changes can't be made.

"They're not good quality pool tables," senior business major, Chetan Nenkatesh said while shooting pool with a couple of his friends at the newest game room.

Club Day Proves How Many Opportunities Students Have

Leadership now spells success down the line

Wilkes U-ni-ver-sity! Take charge of your fu-ture-Wilkes!

We have all probably heard this special jingle used to help recruit students to this fine institution. But once we get here, do we really "take charge of our future?"

Every year Wilkes holds Club Day, a day in which almost every co-curricular and extracurricular club within the university gathers to promote more involvement among the student body. Clubs ranging from Campus Greens to Pre-Pharmacy, Engineering, Dance, Cultural Diversity, etc. are all present. The list goes on and on. And while many students show up for Club Day and sign up, many just ignore it or attend half-heartedly for the free food, candy, and soda.

Wilkes is one of the few universities within the country that promotes programs and clubs that are open to anyone regardless of major. Founded by John Wilkes, this was his ultimate goal-to create the all-around scholar who ventured out of his/her own major and experienced a rich and diverse academic world. Today, more than ever, one must possess a little knowledge about a lot of things-and this is the place to do it.

But as many of us enter Wilkes as freshmen, our priorities are somewhat mixed up. While parents drop their young adults off to the dorms beaming with pride that Jimmy or Jenny is going to set the world on fire in pursuit of higher education, the sad fact is that some students' mindsets are focused on nothing but parties and sometimes other troublesome practices. These priorities naturally stem from a newfound sense of freedom but also a certain sense of immaturity. While students should have fun throughout their Wilkes experience, campus involvement within the institution should take precedence. The money we pay for tuition is for the experience we can put on the resume, not the parties that adversely effect the grade point.

And here at Wilkes, we really get more than we pay for. Even if one is not able to decide upon

a major, the many different organizations within the University are welcoming to new and hungry students who just show an interest. What Wilkes has is a sense of healthy competition amongst departments and clubs that keeps the school expanding as well as enhancing.

As students and future professionals, it is both our duty and in our best interests to get involved in our school, whether its through Student Govern-

ing services through the YMCA or other organizations.

Other programs such as Engineering, Math, Computer Science, and Business also offer hands-on experience with things like the Engineering Club, the Math and Computer Science Club, and SIFE. And promoting multiculturalism,

a key goal for the university as a whole, is the aim of the Multicultural Student Club.

Clearly, a survey of "service" on this campus wouldn't be complete if we didn't acknowledge the athletes in all competitive sports and the performers in dance, theater, and music who all offer not only entertainment for the Wilkes community, but also for the community at large. And the list can go on and on. What these examples and those not listed here illustrate is that there are many ways for students to become involved.

In today's society and competitive business world, we need an edge. With merely a degree and a 3.0 average, one will find out it just might not be enough. With great and knowledgeable faculty, coaches, and

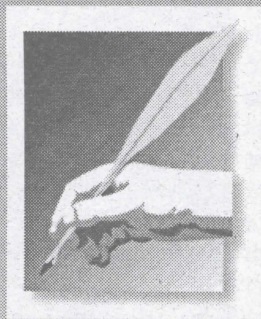
advisors to clubs and various groups at this institution, students may learn as much or more than what they would through an internship.

When we commit to being here anyway, why not succeed and be a positive example for all who have, do, and will attend this institution of Wilkes University? By getting out there, bettering the University and the community, we are only helping ourselves and the reputation of our alma mater.

This University, despite having great administrators, faculty, advisors, facilities, and programs can only be what WE, the students, make it.

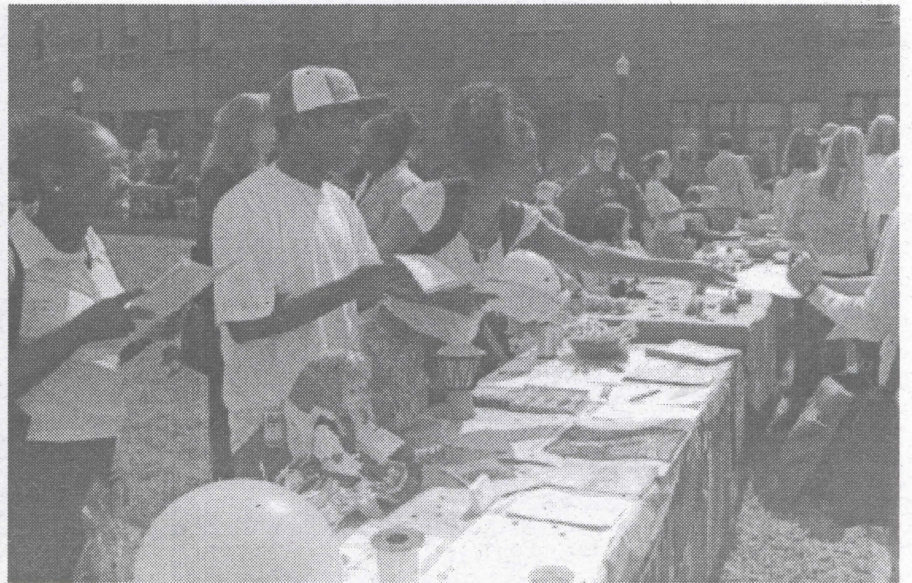
It is our future and it is all available here. It is time we take a look at what is truly here at our fingertips before it is too late. Start appreciating Wilkes University.

Club Day Opportunities Beacon Editorial



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ment, the Running Club, political groups, or Commuter Council. And while the opportunities are out there, we need to take advantage. Wilkes, among other accolades, possesses a Pharmacy Department that is among the best in the state. Its communication studies program is the region's best-kept secret allowing students hands-on involvement through its radio station (WCLH 90.7) Zebra Communications, *Wilkes Today* news magazine, or *The Beacon*. Its English department faculty are actively encouraging students with hands-on learning in the Writing Center, *The Manuscript*, and also presenting papers at conferences. Accounting majors give back to the community by doing taxes annually for those who can't afford it. Other Wilkes students with an interest in education or a desire to help children may offer tutor-



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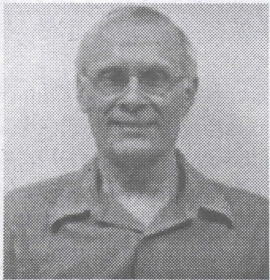
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Wilkes Community Can Impact Wilkes-Barre's Future

Government Study Commission offers voters option for change



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In November 2001, the citizens of Luzerne County voted by a 2-to-1 margin to create the Luzerne County Government Study Commission. The Commission's challenge was to examine the three-commissioner form of government currently operating in the county, to compare it to other potential forms of government allowable under Pennsylvania law, and to determine whether county government could be made more responsible, accountable, economical, and efficient by adopting an alternative to the current system. In the same election, the voters chose eleven individuals, including the two of us, to serve on the Study Commission.

Almost two years later, after approximately eighty weekly meetings, eleven public hearings, and intensive study of the structure and performance of government not only in Luzerne County, but also in Pennsylvania's six "Home Rule" counties (those counties that have previously developed alternative forms of county government), we have completed our two primary

tasks. First, the Commission unanimously concluded that Luzerne County's current three-commissioner form of government, established by the state 170 years ago when county commissioners had little policy-making or administrative responsibility, has served the residents of the county poorly and that a more modern form of government would be more suitable for a county with a \$220 million budget and 2000 employees. Second, the Commission developed a Home Rule Charter, or constitution, for the county that, we believe, would result in a vast improvement in the performance of Luzerne County's government.

The Commission is now engaged in an effort to educate the public about the proposed Charter and why we believe that the past and present failures of our county government are primarily the result of weaknesses in the structure of that government and not simply the consequence of having elected "the wrong people". We must also explain why the new form of government we advocate would eliminate many of the problems inherent in the current three-commissioner system.

The most serious flaw in the current form of government is that our three county commissioners serve simultaneously as both the executive and legislative branches of county government. This means that it lacks the separation of powers and checks and balances that were so carefully crafted by America's Founders for our federal government and have

served as a model for most state and city governments. Our federal and state systems prevent one branch of government from having so much power and responsibility that it can dictate policy to the rest of society. Certainly, it would be difficult to imagine Americans accepting a situation in which the President could declare war or impose a budget without the consent of Congress.

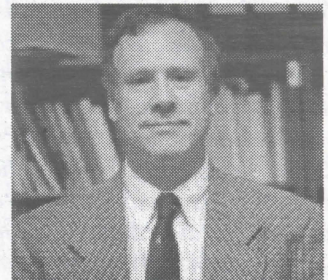
As a result, our charter would create a system in which the voters elect both a County Executive and a nine-person legislature, or County Council, with their powers divided roughly along the lines of the federal and state systems. Three members of Council would be elected at-large while the other six members would be elected from specific districts within the county. This would ensure that the interests of all regions of the county would be represented, but that some members of Council would have an incentive to represent the interests of the entire county.

Luzerne County government has a long history of mismanagement, nepotism, and "buck passing." Currently, neither the county commissioners nor the many other elected officials are required to possess any management training or expertise. Therefore, in order to make the operation of county government more efficient, our charter mandates the hiring of a highly qualified professional manager to assist the County Executive in administering county government.

The current system includes the election of many row officers, such as the Register of Wills and the Recorder of Deeds, who are simply office managers and not policymakers. When problems surface in a particular office, it is difficult to assess responsibility because the row officer often blames the county commissioners, who allocate resources to the office, and the commissioners blame the row officer, who manages the office. Furthermore, while the performance of the Sheriff and the Coroner would seem to be enhanced by significant experience in the fields of law enforcement and medicine, respectively, the current system requires no previous education or experience for the individuals holding these offices.

Our charter would eliminate all elected row offices except the Controller and the District Attorney. The County Executive would appoint, subject to approval by County Council, all department heads in order to eliminate the current duplication of effort and lack of coordination in the Courthouse as well as to place all responsibility for poor performance squarely on the shoulders of the Executive. In addition, the Sheriff and the Medical Examiner (formerly Coroner) would be required to possess substantial, appropriate qualifications in the fields of law enforcement and medicine, respectively.

The history of Luzerne County government is one of contracts



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awarded at exorbitant prices to the friends, relatives, and campaign contributors of elected officials without proper bidding for those contracts as well as the hiring of county employees at pre-determined salaries in the absence of job descriptions or required qualifications. Our charter mandates the creation of both an administrative code and a personnel code based upon the best practices of other institutions in order to eliminate the blatant use of taxpayer financing to reward political allies.

We hope that all Wilkes students, faculty and staff who are, or could become, eligible to vote in Luzerne County in this November's election will, in fact, register to vote and decide to vote for the Home Rule Charter. Your support will help Luzerne County move into the 21st century. Everyone should remember that voting against the charter or not voting at all constitutes a vote for more of the same county government under which we have suffered for many decades.

September 11, Gratuitous Rehashing of Tragedy

Remembering Victims with Respect

BY MEAGAN BROWN
Beacon Correspondent

The memorial for the tragic events of September 11, 2001 was held last Thursday on our campus and all across the United States. News programs the world over have been showing and re-showing the planes hitting the Twin Towers and the collapse of those buildings that followed. Recently, transcripts of phone calls, some of which were the last the callers ever made, were released to the public.

Why? Why must we constantly rehash the tragic events of that day? It's been two years but there are still grieving families, children growing without fathers and mothers, spouses still mourning the loss of their best friends and lovers,

parents still hoping to see their child's face one more time.

The news footage and the released transcripts seem like another way for the news stations to gather more ratings and we willingly participate. I, for one, switch to cartoons or another non-media station when I see the footage. I see it as disrespectful toward those who lost people. The people lost and the people hurt are always in my thoughts and I remember them in other ways. I don't think that showing the death of thousands of people over and over and over qualifies as a memorial. It qualifies as shock factor.

Remember the people lost in other ways. If you are religious, say a

prayer every time you think of 9/11. If you aren't, talk to a close friend about your feelings toward that day. Hope for a happy life for the children who now have no father or mother figure in their lives. Even our own memorial service on campus provided a good outlet to remember the dead.

That's what we are trying to do anyway, right? We want to remember the people lost in positive ways; we don't want to watch them die again every year around 9/11. Tell the news stations that their use of that footage to gain viewers is unacceptable by turning off the television. Don't give into the shock value. We all saw it happen. We can

all recall exactly where we were when the news came in. I have the image permanently burned into my head. So do those who lost family members and friends. Is it really fair for them to turn on the news and once again view exactly what caused their loved one to die? I think not.

Watching that footage again not only dishonors the memory of those lost but it sends a message to those who committed this act. It immortalizes them, too. We are not remembering the dead but almost honoring those who flew the planes into the buildings. We are reminding them that they got us, they hurt us, and they killed our families.

What we need to be saying is that, yes you hurt us, but what is more important is that we lost our own; we want to remember their lives, not their deaths.

Keep going to the memorials, keep praying for the families and hoping for their children. Go to your friends and talk to them about it. But don't give in when news stations rehash the past. Turn off the station and send a message to the news media. Tell them it is wrong to collect viewers by showing death. Remember 9/11 in your own way, not the way they tell you to.

Point/Counterpoint: Global Warming

Global Warming is a serious issue that requires world-wide attention and consideration. Some people believe that immediate preventative action is needed in order to make the world a better place to live in years to come. On the contrary, others believe that global warming is not an issue that needs to be dealt with because the effects will not be seen in this lifetime. Whatever your stance may be, the subject requires our attention because, after all, the future is in our hands.



Global Warming is Worthy of Our Attention

BY GINGER
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Global warming is caused when emissions of carbon dioxide

and other heat trapping pollutants enter into the atmosphere and form a cover around us. Each time you burn a fossil fuel, such as coal or gas, carbon dioxide is entering the atmo-

sphere and contributing to global warming. These carbon dioxide emissions can play a major role in what our future world holds for us.

Global warming is an issue that without a doubt needs to be taken seriously. That is unless you want your future health and the health of the wildlife around you to be threatened. Not to mention the effects it has on the future weather patterns, which will rise three to nine degrees higher unless the emissions of carbon dioxide into the atmosphere are reduced.

Remember those pesky mosquitoes that refused to go away this summer? I suggest you either get used to them, invest in stock of OFF, or take global warming seriously. The future of global warming will bring you plenty more of those nasty insects along with mosquito-borne diseases. In the scheme of things mosquito bites really don't seem that bad. At least not when you are comparing them to increased amounts of pollution, a change in the water supply, more storms, and threats to ecosystems everywhere.

Don't kid yourself and think that you will never be affected by any of these factors.

Scientists are already saying that many of the problems I have listed above are already showing up today. So the next time you hear someone mention global warming, take it seriously before it is too late.

We Have Bigger Things to Worry About Than Global Warming

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With hybrid cars popping up everywhere, one

might wonder just what the companies that make these cars are trying to accomplish. Many companies all over the world are becoming more environmentally-conscious, trying hard to curb the damaging effects of global warming.

As stated by Globalwarming.org, global warming, or what occurs in the atmosphere as a result of gaseous emissions, has caused an increase of .45 degrees Celsius (approx-

mately 1 degree Fahrenheit) over the past century. Why do we really need to worry about this?

The Natural Resources Defense Council published figures claiming that the carbon dioxide trapped in the atmosphere could possibly cause a temperature shift of up to nine degrees Fahrenheit over the next hundred years. Will less production and driving really lead to a decrease in the amount of harmful gases released into the atmosphere? No, it won't, because what people don't realize is that 98 percent of all gaseous emissions are natural, as in the case of water vapors. There's nothing we can do about how we breathe and what gases water gives off.

Here's an interesting idea: everyone in the world should get an e-mail that alerts them in their language that we're going to hold an international hold-your-breath-for-as-long-as-you-can day. We'll all just stop breathing and emitting noxious gases and see if scientists can prove that it could have an effect on global warming. Senior citizens, asthmatics, pregnant women, and children will be exempt from participating in the study. The atmosphere should clear up awful quickly.



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Campus Invasion



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What is Classified an Important Political Issue?

BY SABRINA MCLAUGHLIN
Beacon Assistant Op/Ed Editor

During the past few months, at one of the many press conferences dealing with the war in Iraq, President Bush was asked to respond to concerns over the continued attacks on American soldiers by remnants of Saddam Hussein's supporters.

The President, perhaps with the intention of trying to convey a sense of a righteous, indomitable American spirit, responded with these words: "Bring it on." Surely the President did not intend to sound callous-after all, accusations of taking soldiers' lives lightly isn't good for anyone's political career-but as one military mom put it, "bring it on" is easy to say when you are not the soldier on the frontlines, or the loved one of that soldier who is praying that their son, daughter, father, or husband does not become the next victim of a checkpoint bombing or sniper fire from a Hussein regime holdout.

The honorable thing about military men and women is that they are willing to sacrifice their lives for their country. But no American soldier enjoys facing death-especially when they are asked to do so for ambiguous reasons. Just ask some Vietnam vets.

Increasingly, the Bush administration is being challenged as to exactly why it is asking our soldiers to risk their lives in Iraq. What may be outrageous to those who have friends and relatives in the military is the prospect that our government has sent them overseas based on misrepresentations. This summer the story was released that one of the points used to show the necessity for war was a deliberate falsification of the facts. In

one of his speeches, the president said that there were confirmed intelligence reports that Hussein received large amounts of uranium from an African country, to be used in constructing nuclear weapons.

This was later shown to be a complete fabrication. Although the director of the CIA took the fall for this, it is my opinion that there should have been greater public outcry and media criticism of the Bush administration. It is alarming that our government misrepresented information to strengthen an argument for war with Iraq. But instead of inciting a raging scandal, this story seemed to fade away and was placed on a media backburner. We really haven't heard much about it since.

Why do some political controversies get more coverage than others? Without making any apologies for the former president, why did the Clinton scandal, dealing with that president's personal sex life, cause a greater media frenzy than the Bush administration's skewing of facts in a life and death matter such as the Iraqi war? Perhaps it is because some special interest groups and powerbrokers are more effective at manipulating the media. Too often, in the confusion of today's frenzied media coverage, it seems that the truly important questions never get enough attention. Or, if the questions are asked, they never seem to get answers. Perish the thought that this is because some would rather have them swept under the rug. But, of course, in a democratic society where we are guaranteed free speech and a right to criticize our leaders, this never happens, right? Or does it?



Dr. Mischelle B. Anthony

Dr. Mischelle B. Anthony, Visiting Assistant Professor of Early American Literature, is one of Wilkes University's newest members.

For those of you who don't know her, here's some useful information about her.

Beacon: What did you do before coming to Wilkes?

Anthony: For the last twelve years, I taught English, classics, and humanities courses at private and public universities in Oklahoma.

Beacon: What pushed you to join the Wilkes University community?

Anthony: The course offerings are strong. The faculty-I've never seen an academic community that works so well together and listens to each other while putting so much energy into their students! The faculty here is remarkable. And the office on the third floor of a century-old mansion didn't hurt, either.

Beacon: Are you glad you chose Wilkes University?

Anthony: Yes-Students are respectful, serious, and dedicated to their work; campus is a beautiful place (life is best when we are surrounded by beauty); faculty-student relations are transformative for both here.

Beacon: What do you have planned for Wilkes University's English department in the near future?

Anthony: My plan covers two areas: the classroom and the larger community. I want to emphasize our roots in the Puritan American belief system while also exposing the differences, the ways we have diverged from our national beginnings. And I also want to begin a service-learning course which takes the classroom out into the field.

Beacon: Now that you're at Wilkes, what goal have you set for yourself?

Anthony: To continue growing and learning as a teacher and a colleague; also publish my scholarly edition of the 1807 *New York memoir, Lucinda, Or, The Mountain Mourner*.

Beacon: Just out of curiosity, who is your favorite English author?

Anthony: Impossible question! There should be sub-categories for this one. Today, it's George Eliot for *Middlemarch*.



The Running Club

Do you like to run? If you answered yes, then joining the Wilkes University Running Club is a step in the right direction. Jared Shayka, president, started the club in February of 2003, in hopes of finding students who share in his love of running, both recreationally and competitively.

Beacon: What is the Running Club's mission?

Shayka: The purpose of the Wilkes University Running Club is to re-awaken the once lively running spirit that existed throughout campus. The main goal of the club is to renew interest in cross-country running and continual physical exercise in the form of running.

Beacon: What kinds of running do you do?

Shayka: We do recreational and competitive running.

Beacon: Why is the Running Club important to Wilkes University?

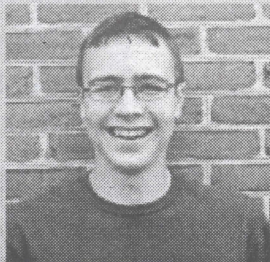
Shayka: Wilkes doesn't offer any sports programs for runners, such as cross country or track. So, our goal is to start a cross country team along with keeping the recreational side of the Running Club.

Beacon: What are some of your upcoming events?

Shayka: We currently run every Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday at 5 p.m. We meet in the Henry Student Center. In addition to that, we will run in the Benjamin August 3-mile run on September 14, as well as the Ronald McDonald 5K run on September 28.

Beacon: How can students join?

Shayka: Students can become involved by joining us on our runs during the week. We also meet as a group every Thursday at 11 a.m.



Wilkes Students Embrace Study Abroad

BY ELVIRA ILLIANO
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Sometimes time spent on campus can get a little claustrophobic. But students no longer have to wait until after graduation for a little change of scenery.

This summer, Eric Pape and Damian Michaels, two Wilkes University students, flew the friendly skies to take on a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for students of all ages: study abroad.

Eric Pape, a senior biology major, participated in a study abroad program which allowed him to study in both Spain and France for a total of four weeks.

Pape was abroad from July 3rd to July 31st. "I arrived in Madrid on July 4th. We were in Madrid until July 27th and then we flew to Paris from Madrid. We were in Paris from the 27th [of July] until the 31st [of July]."

While in Spain and France, Pape did not take many school classes. With the hope to become more fluent in the language, he preferred instead to take only one class. "I had an advanced conversation class in Spanish," said Pape.

When Pape wasn't studying, he was surely enjoying himself. "I went to Pamplona for the running of the bulls. Then I went to Valencia to see my one friend," stated Pape.

He also added that he went out with students from other American universities. "Weekdays we would just take it easy and go to local bars. Then, on weekends, [we would] go to the disco techs or clubs." They would also go out to eat, go shopping, or "just walk around aimlessly," explained Pape.

Although Pape met many American students, he didn't meet any Americans who weren't students. "I didn't see many Americans who weren't study abroad students. They were there but it was either hit or miss. Everybody over there speaks...two or three languages so most people in Spain spoke English," clarified Pape.

Pape has been back for over a month now and admits that it has been hard getting back into the swing of things. He said that it has been especially hard to adjust physically "because of jetlag" and that's why he decided to take a few days off to readjust. "Then reality sunk in. I was in Wilkes Barre and not in Madrid or Paris. It was back to normal. It was hard getting back, but I guess it was facilitated by going back to work and doing normal things that I did prior to leaving school," explained Pape.

Damian Michaels, a senior at Wilkes University majoring in

time by going to clubs and attending bullfights, but he seemed to enjoy himself the most while visiting foreign cities. Michaels said, "I visited some of the main shopping areas of Madrid and went to a few museums which were very pretty." He also stated that he "saw the most amazing cathedrals and old synagogues and mosques."

Contrary to Pape, however, Michaels met several Americans who were not part of any study abroad programs.

"In Spain, I met a group of American guys from Michigan who were on vacation. I met them in a bar, but I don't remember their names. I just spoke to them for a few hours," explained Michaels.

Just as Pape had difficulty readjusting to life at Wilkes, so did Michaels. He said, "The hardest thing to readjust to was the length of the days. In Spain, the sun would come up at 7:00 a.m. and wouldn't set until around 10:45pm. In Pennsylvania, the days aren't even close to being that long."

He also added that it was hard to get back to his everyday routine. "I was having so much fun in Madrid that it was hard to leave. When I am done with classes at Wilkes, I can't just go to a big city with lots to do. I have to live in Wilkes Barre, which can be very boring," said Michaels.

Study abroad definitely continues to be a

future prospect for Pape and Michaels. Next time, however, they may visit such countries as Italy, Germany, or Ireland. Michaels, however, stated that it might be more difficult the second time around because he may "get too home sick after a long time."

Both Pape and Michaels encourage students to participate in study abroad programs. "A lot of kids think it's [study abroad programs] expensive or a long, tedious process, but it's really not," stated Pape.

Michaels also added, "If anyone has ANY interest in studying abroad... you will have a great time and you won't regret it."



Submitted by: Eric Pape

Eric Pape at the Plaza de Toros, Las Ventas, Madrid.

Spanish and secondary education, also went to Spain and France for four weeks.

"I visited many places in Spain, for example Madrid, Sevilla, Toledo, Cordoba, Granada, and Avila. In France I visited just Paris," said Michaels.

While in Spain, Michaels took on a fuller workload than Pape. "I took two classes in Spain. One was Advanced Spanish Conversation, and the other was the History of Spain. Both of the classes were in Spanish, but the conversation class did have some English spoken. But the majority of the class was in Spanish," explained Michaels.

Michaels also enjoyed his free

Freshmen Offer Vision for Wilkes-Barre

BY LINDSEY WOTANIS
Beacon Features Editor

"Blow up the Sterling."

This is just one of many suggestions made by the newest freshmen class on how to improve downtown Wilkes-Barre.

On August 23, the freshest faces at Wilkes had their first good look at the surroundings they will call home for the next four to six years. More than 525 freshmen took a tour of the downtown as part of the Freshman Foundations program. The FRF program, as it's called for short, was started three years ago with the hopes of providing a common learning experience for all freshmen students.

The tour consisted of five key points in the downtown area: River Commons, Public Square, South Main Street, Boscov's, and the Wilkes University Greenway.

According to Dr. Douglas Lynch, Associate Professor of Education and FRF Coordinator, the downtown tour, designed by Dr. John Hepp, had two purposes. "We want the faculty to meet the students early in the semester and connect with them. We want the students to feel comfortable in their classes. We also wanted to emphasize that Wilkes is part of a larger community, and for them to become comfortable with the environment around Wilkes," said Lynch.

After the tour, students met in classrooms with their FRF faculty member to discuss what they saw on the tour. Their objective was to "Rise to the Challenge," the theme of the Class of 2007, by thinking of specific ways to improve the downtown.



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Graffiti covers the walls of a building on the corner of River and Ross Streets.

Suggestions ranged from realistic to radical. Some of the more radical suggestions included blowing up the Sterling Hotel, or leveling the entire downtown and starting over. However, in most cases, a more realistic statement followed the radical comment. Many students are aware of the immense cost that would be involved in rejuvenating the downtown, and therefore said starting from scratch might be cheaper than remodeling some of the severely dilapidated buildings.

The majority of students agreed that the

Hotel Sterling would need the most work. Although some students suggested wiping it from the landscape, others saw the historical value and beauty of the buildings in the downtown, and hoped to see them revitalized.

Many students also suggested that finding ways to draw more businesses to the city is a key step in restoring the square and South Main Street. Becky Storer, a Freshman Psychology major, pointed out that gearing the downtown towards the college students would help to bring life back to the city.

"Many of the businesses already there include restaurants that are too expensive for college students to afford. If the business was geared more towards the college students, more students might go into the square," stated Storer.

So what's the problem with bringing in new businesses? According to Dr. Thomas Baldino, Professor of Political Science, many new businesses have political reasons for not relocating.

"I've heard from business people that they would love to locate downtown, but they don't want to do it now because they can't deal with this mayor and this mayor's bureaucracy. So when the new mayor comes in, we'll see if businesses start to fill up the downtown," said Baldino.

Baldino also added that there is a lot of deferred business action as a result of the movie theater's delay. "Once they start actually building it [movie theater], I think you'll see other action," he said.

John Mancke, freshman biochemistry major, offered some suggestions on how to fund the city improvements. "Trying to get donations from local companies, or seeking state and federal grant money are some possibilities for raising funds to revitalize the downtown," said Mancke.

Seems logical, but according to Baldino, it had already been done.

"The mayor goes after grant money all the time. He's had streaks of success. His downfall is that he has taken money and then not delivered.

If you do that long enough, the people that gave you the money the first time aren't going to give it to you again," said Baldino.

However, Baldino is hopeful that the new administration will mean new opportunities for state and federal grant money.

In the meantime, many of the freshmen came up with some inexpensive ideas for beautifying the city. Some of the more economical suggestions included planting flowers, turning Public Square into a "Greenway" or using volunteers to pick up trash, paint murals, and plant trees. Another suggestion was to have prison workers clean up the city.

Lynch feels as though the students did a fine job coming up with these cost effective suggestions.

"A lot of students had a real variety of some very reasonable, inexpensive ways the community could be improved, specifically picking up trash, or planting flowers. Those are low budget items. I took that to be very encouraging," commented Lynch.

One of the most striking suggestions was having students sit on City Council. Lynch sees this as concrete evidence that stu-

themselves to present a coherent single plan to the city, they could probably get an official hearing," said Baldino.

Baldino feels as though this suggestion exercise goes to prove that Wilkes students are concerned with what happens to the city, and that is a "source of potential strength."

"We do care about what happens to the downtown, and the people who make decisions about it need to take that into consideration, and use that as a strength. We [Wilkes University] are an untapped resource," said Baldino.

The next step in the FRF program includes a freshmen class plenary session to be held on Tuesday, September 30, at 11 a.m. in the Dorothy Dixon Darte Center. The students will hear from the Luzerne County Government Study

Commission. Members of the commission will be presenting a report on their proposal for a new county government.

"This connects in a concrete way the importance of students becoming involved in their community because students who are registered to vote will be able to vote on that proposal at the next election," said Lynch.

Now it is up to the students. Can they help to make Wilkes-Barre a beautiful and flourishing city? Will they put their own suggestions into action? We will have to wait and see if they can "Rise to the Challenge."

If they (students) could organize themselves to present a coherent single plan to the city, they could probably get an official hearing.

Dr. Thomas Baldino
Prof. of Political Science

dents do care about the environment around them. "Students are interested in being part of their community. I think if students are asked to make a contribution... they'll rise to the occasion. I think the frustration arises from not knowing where to go to, or not being asked by the broader community," said Lynch.

Baldino agrees that Wilkes students do care about their community, and points out that there is nothing to stop students from being involved in city politics.

"If they [students] could organize

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Vesperman Sets Many Goals for ROTC Cadets

BY JESS NIEMIEC
Beacon Staff Writer

Wilkes' ROTC cadets will be marching to the beat of a different drum this year.

A new face can be found leading the ranks of ROTC cadets. Lieutenant Colonel Jane Vesperman has been making a seamless transition as Wilkes University's new ROTC advisor.

Vesperman's predecessor, Lieutenant Colonel Smith, retired in May 2003 after being part of the military for a total of 28 years. Originally from Wisconsin, Vesperman is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin, Platteville, with a degree in criminal justice. Following graduation, she received a post card from a local recruiting office, went down and signed up immediately afterward.

The ability to travel and see foreign countries such as Korea, South America, Asia, Western Europe, and Vesperman's favorite, Russia, was actually one of the factors which helped her to decide whether or not an officer's life was right for her.

Other than the incentive of traveling, Vesperman felt that her patriotism had much to do with her decision to join the military.

"As much as I love to travel, and enjoy experiencing all the different things there are out there, I'm always glad to be back on American soil," stated Vesperman.

Immediately before her move to Wilkes, Vesperman was stationed in Cheyenne, Wyoming for three and a half years as a Security Forces Officer. She said that her previous assignment couldn't be more different from her current job at Wilkes. While Vesperman had over 360 people in her last squadron, her staff meetings at Wilkes are made up of only five people. "It's like apples and oranges," clarified Vesperman.

While her current position is quite dif-

ferent than her previous, Vesperman in no way indicated that one was better than the other. She does, however, state that she is happy to have the opportunity to interact with the "young folks" of Wilkes.

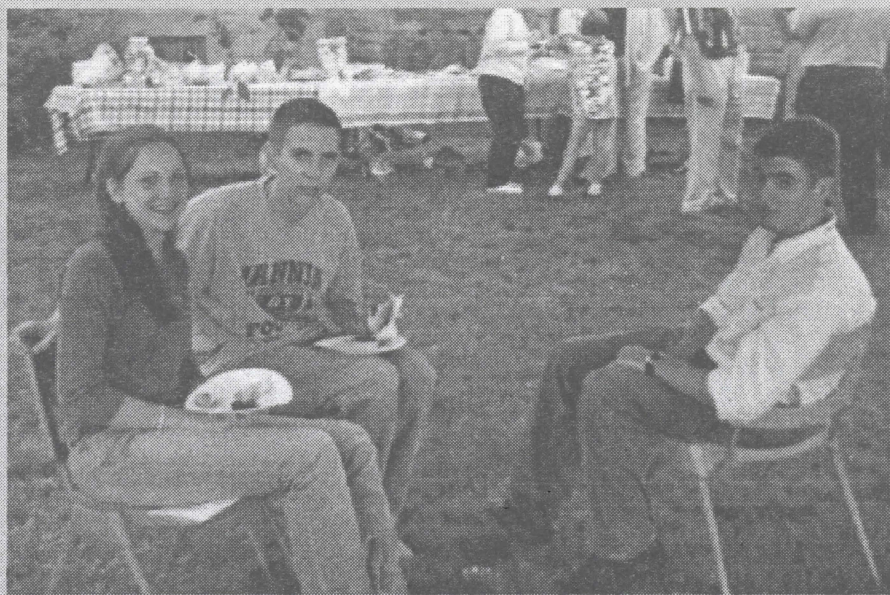
Vesperman's duty at Wilkes is to prepare cadets for all types of military situations and train them to become Second Lieutenants. Her main goal, however, is to have a positive influence on the cadets.

"Would I want these cadets leading my children? If I can say yes, then I know I'm doing the right thing," explained Vesperman. She also added that she wants to teach the cadets what to expect once they are in the Air Force so she can get them to a point where she would have them working for her.

Other goals Vesperman has set for herself and her cadets include instilling a sense of professionalism in the cadets and to expand the ROTC program at Wilkes.

Andrew Calhoun, a senior communications major at Wilkes and four year ROTC cadet, stated that while leadership styles may be different now that Lieutenant Colonel Smith has retired, he is confident that Vesperman's "strong leadership style will rub off on us [the cadets] and help with training."

Both cadets and advisors have much to adjust to this year but one thing is for sure: neither will go down without a fight.



The Beacon/ Nick Zmijewski

Humanities Picnic

Humanities majors and minors, joined faculty and staff for their seasonal picnic on the Kirby Lawn on Tuesday, September 9. Here several students enjoy the delicious selections of BBQ, and other picnic foods in the lovely autumn weather.



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The Beacon/ Mick Jenkins

Wilkes University's new ROTC advisor, Jane Vesperman, is happy to be part of the Wilkes community

Creative Expressions on Campus



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The Beacon/Mick Jenkins



The Beacon/Ryan Klemish

ABOVE: No, this picture is not distorted. The Math CS Club used their creative energy to create this "dragon" image completely out of post-it notes.

UPPER AND LOWER LEFT: Several Wilkes students also displayed their less-obvious talents at Programming Board's first Open Mic Night of the semester in the Rifkin Cafe on Thursday night. Programming Board plans to have similar events intermittantly throughout the academic school year for students to show their "stuff."

WORD SCRAMBLE CABE

Word Scramble

BY MONICA CARDENAS
Beacon Staff Writer

Name a television show that John Ritter once starred in:

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ADRTEGUH

For answer see back page

This Week in History

The week of September 15 through 21...in retrospect:

- 15th-Dan Marino (NFL) was born, 1961.
- 16th-"Rapper's Delight" by the Sugar Hill Gang was released, 1979.
- 17th-Vanessa Williams, as Miss New York, became the first black woman to be crowned Miss America, 1983.
- 18th-The first issue of "The New York Times" was published, 1851.
- 19th-The final episode of "M*A*S*H" was aired on CBS-TV, 1983.
- 20th-KDKA in Pittsburgh, PA, started a daily radio newscast. It was one of the first in the U.S., 1921.
- 21st-"NFL Monday Night Football" made its debut on ABC-TV. The game was between the Cleveland Browns and the New York Jets. The Browns won 31-21, 1970.

Urban Legends: Movie and Television Legends

BY MELISSA JURGENSEN
Beacon Arts and Entertainment Editor

The influential roles played by radio and television in bringing people together have allowed us to experience live news events and entertainment right in our own homes. It is a lasting source of nostalgia as well as the catalyst for numerous legends.

Decide for yourself whether these legends are factual or bogus.

*Veteran announcer Clem McCarthy got the chance to call the first network radio broadcast of the Kentucky Derby due to another announcer's embarrassing mistake.

*Announcer Harry von Zell once introduced the President of the United States as "Hoobert Heever."

**The Bachelor's* Alex Michel was pressured by the network to pick the underdog rather than the woman he wanted.

*Little Mikey of LIFE cereal fame died from eating Pop Rocks and soda.

*A Mountain Dew commercial included footage of a fatal skydiving accident.

*The pilot episode of *Gilligan's Island* reveals Gilligan's first name to be 'Willy.'

**I Love Lucy* co-star Vivian Vance was contractually obligated to remain at least 20 pounds overweight.

*The first toilet seen on American television appeared on *Leave It to Beaver*.

*Bill Cosby bought the rights to *The Little Rascals* comedies to keep them off TV.

*The *Star Trek* theme has lyrics.

YMCA Fair, United Way Rib Fest offer Downtown Fun



The Beacon/Kristin Hake

Street Fair/RibFest



The Beacon/Kristin Hake

Even on a soggy day, this Saturday, September 13, a multitude of people came out to Public Square (left) for the United Way's Rib Fest, and on Main Street (above) for the YMCA's Street Fair where all were able to enjoy food, music, and numerous vendors.

BY MONICA CARDENAS

Beacon Asst. Arts and Entertainment Editor

If you let the rain keep you away from the YMCA Street Fair that took place Saturday, September 13th, then you missed an enjoyable time.

Public Square and the first block of Main Street were flooded with food, fun, music, and believe it or not, lots of people.

Tents lined both sides of the street, providing all sorts of entertainment. Some vendors set out to make a deal on everything from old cassette tapes and Atari games to DVD's and Playstations. Others offered arts and crafts for kids, a moon bounce, and other entertaining games.

Young YMCA gymnasts kept busy by passing out invitations to a gymnastics demonstrations that was held at 2 pm.

97.1 BHT broadcast live from the fair, and even more music was provided by a live band on the Square.

Perhaps the best part of the fair was the food. Josie's Italian ice, pizza and hot dogs were all among the varieties available.

But with the numerous amounts of food at your disposal, the meal to have downtown on Saturday was ribs, with the Rib Fest sponsored by the United Way of Wyoming Valley taking place on the Square. Visitors were encouraged to try the ribs of six different competitors and place their votes. Chicken was also available along with potato salad, soda and coffee to round out the meal.

Fun, Food and Friends: the YMCA Street fair and U.W. Rib Fest offered it all to its visitors; and to top it all off, it supported local organizations that support the community.

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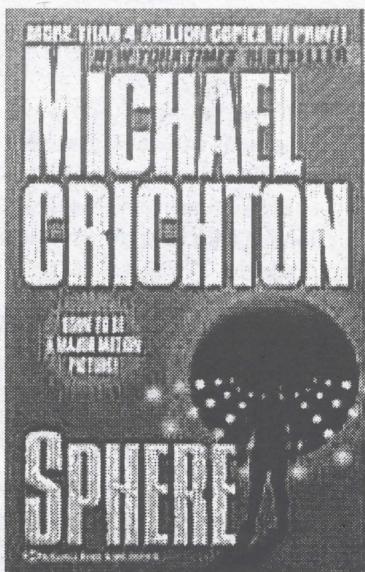
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Book Review: *Sphere*

BY MELISSA JURGENSEN
Beacon Arts and Entertainment Editor

Michael Crichton author of *Sphere*, a thriller about a mysterious spherical spaceship the US Navy discovered at the bottom of the Pacific Ocean, is classic science fiction.

The ship in question is covered with coral and this implies that it has been there for at least 300 years. The characters are a group of scientists who assemble to solve a cleverly designed roller coaster of a mystery while trying to avoid sudden death. Inside they discover a mysterious sphere, which at first they are unable to enter. Later, the mathematician figures out a way to enter. Messages from the sphere start to appear on the computer screen in the team's underwater habitat; at first friendly in tone although unusually childish, these communications become increasingly threatening and hostile. This trend culminates in an attack on the habitat by a giant squid, seemingly guided or even generated



by the sphere.

This book is mixed with cool scientific ideas, including the existence of black holes. Crichton manages to express the complicated stuff in basic prose.

It makes a valiant attempt to combine adventure, science fiction, psychology, parapsychology and various other themes into a thrilling mixture, but I have to say it didn't work very well for me. I found all the characters uninteresting and unconvincing; this is of course quite common in science fiction, but in this case the deficit wasn't compensated for by the science; there were too many loose ends. In particular, we never discover what the sphere really is or where it came from. Perhaps this is supposed to add to the mystery and magic of the situation, but I was left with the uncomfortable feeling that the reason this question was left unresolved was that the author didn't know the answer himself.

From the Cutting Room: *Freaky Friday*

BY ALISON SHERRY
Beacon Staff Writer

This movie receives 4 W's and is rated PG

Whether you're looking for a cute movie to take your younger sister to or you're just looking for something fun to go see on a girl's day out with mom, *Freaky Friday* is a generally satisfying way to get the weekend started.

It's true that it seems as if there are more *Freaky Friday*s than there are *Rocky* movies. You may be skeptical at first, but you should be assured that even though it is a millennium-version of a Mary Rodgers novel, it is actually a very brisk and inventive comedy of the generational misunderstanding of mother-and-daughter relationships.

Lindsay Lohan and Jamie Lee Curtis portray the main characters of Anna and Tess Coleman, a daughter/mother team who wake up one morning to find that they have

switched bodies. They do so thanks to a specially engineered fortune cookie they receive at a Chinese restaurant after they have just endured another knock-down-drag-out fight. Once the two realize they can't force the switch back to their normal existences, they begin to cope and try to fit as best they can into the other's day-to-day routine. For a whole day, the mother must navigate through the rocky waters of high school, while the daughter is trying to handle her mother's job, parenthood, multi-tasking, and a somewhat confused, though supportive fiancée (played by

Mark Harmon).

The plot, while pretty lightweight, is fairly entertaining and the acting is believable or as believable as you can get given the premise.

Freaky Friday is definitely a fun movie to see with your mother or sister. You'll have a good laugh, plus you may come to appreciate each other by the movie's end.



City Announces Free Concert in Central Park to Benefit Schools

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS,
NEW YORK

The Dave Matthews Band will perform a free concert in Central Park later this month to benefit the city's public schools, Mayor Michael Bloomberg announced Friday.

The "Dave Matthews Band in Central Park--The AOL Concert for Schools" will be held Sept. 24 on the park's Great Lawn. Free tickets will be distributed throughout New York City as part of a sweepstakes.

Bloomberg made the announcement at Central Park's Belvedere Castle, where he was joined by members of the Dave Matthews Band and executives of AOL.

The concert will benefit the Department of Education's Fund for Public Schools, a nonprofit group that raises support for the city's schools.

AOL has committed a minimum of \$1 million, which will be used for music education programs. Concert organizers also will contribute an additional \$1 million to the city.

No one will be allowed to enter the concert area without a ticket. There is a two-ticket limit, and they will be avail-



The Dave Matthews Band will be appearing this month in a free concert in Central Park to benefit NYC's struggling city schools

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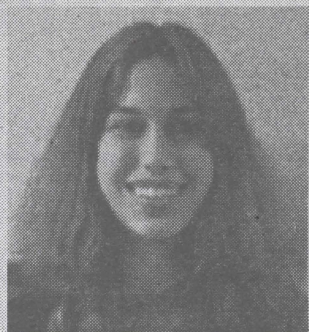
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This Week's Recipe:**Pan Roasted Chicken
and Garlic**

BY LORI GRAUSAM
Beacon Staff Writer

Dorm Room Dining

Every week you will find a new recipe that is simple enough to make in your dorm room yet scrumptious enough to satisfy any tastebud. So get out your pot and start cooking!

Ingredients:

- 2 tsp minced garlic
- 6 T. Lea & Perrins Worcestershire sauce
- 6 T. fresh lemon juice
- 1/2 c. water
- 1/4 c. minced fresh parsley or 2 T. dried oregano
- 3 T. melted unsalted butter
- 3/4 T. freshly ground black pepper
- A pinch cayenne
- 4 chicken breast halves, skinned, boned
- 1 loaf of French bread (optional)

Directions:

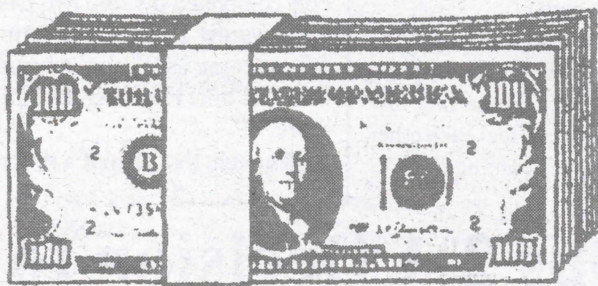
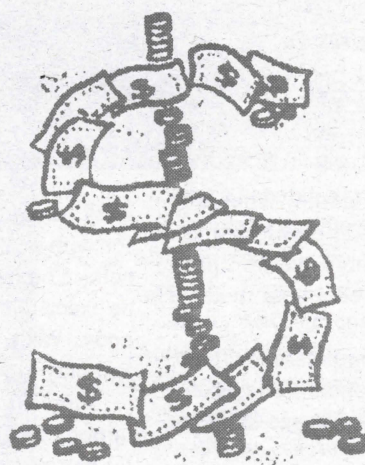
1. Preheat oven to 375 degrees.
2. In a medium sized baking pan mix the garlic, Worcestershire sauce, lemon juice, water, parsley, melted butter, pepper and cayenne.
3. Cross hatch the smooth side of the chicken breast with 1/4 inch deep cuts to allow chicken to absorb more sauce.
4. Place chicken scored side down in pan and spoon sauce over chicken to coat.
5. Bake chicken uncovered at 375 for 20 minutes.
6. Stir remaining parsley into sauce.
7. Serve chicken scored side up and with a T. of sauce poured over top of each chicken breast.

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Silent Noisemaker

BY KYLA CAMPBELL
Beacon Staff Writer

Anyone watching the women's soccer team warm up before a game may not immediately expect much from this player who stays to herself and doesn't make much noise. However, coaches of opposing teams approach head coach John Sumoski with several comments. "You're #12 is going to be trouble for us" is just one of them.

Freshman Christina Waldele has made enough noise without saying anything at all. Her three goals in the team's first three contests say enough.

Waldele scored the Lady Colonels' lone goal in the team's 1-1 draw with Lebanon Valley College. She kept Wilkes from tak-

ing the loss in another game, when she scored the equalizer in a 2-2 tie with Ursinus. Both games went into double overtime periods. Waldele also notched a goal in a 5-0 rout of Keystone College.

"Everyone we play is impressed with her ability to handle the ball one-on-one," commented Sumoski. "They also see she's got great speed."

That speed is what first grabbed Sumoski's attention during Waldele's senior year. A three-sport athlete at Hackettstown High School in New Jersey, her speed was evident as a soccer player, basketball player, and 400-meter runner on the track and field team. Waldele was recruited by several schools, but she seriously considered just four: Moravian, Wilkes, Rowan, and TCNJ.

"I wanted to do just one sport in college," said Waldele. "Soccer was my favorite sport,

and year-round track [at Moravian] would be too much with academics." After considering these schools, she visited the Wilkes campus. "I fell in love with the school, the team, and the coaches."

The team, however, has seen some changes since last year. With only eight returnees from last year's Freedom Confer-

ence runner-up squad, Sumoski had to rely on a strong incoming freshman class.

"It was overwhelming at first, with all the newcomers and realizing that you have to get to know a lot of people," said Waldele. "On top of that, you have to compete with them for a starting position."

Waldele, however, likes coming into her first collegiate season with several other first-year Lady Colonels - 17 others, including 14 freshmen, to be exact. "It's nice to come in with everybody. We're given the chance to get close and play great together for four years."

Sumoski feels that Waldele is in the upper echelon of Division III athletes. "When you see her play near the goal, you realize she needs to be on the field for 90 minutes," he said. "She takes the stress of scoring off other players. She's a great person, a great athlete, and very coachable. She'll get even better."

Waldele sees a positive future for the team. "We're really going to have a good season," she concluded. "These first few games give us the chance to feel each other out. We have many wins coming to us."



The Beacon/Ryan Klemish

There's No Place Like Home

BY KYLA CAMPBELL
Beacon Staff Writer

Defensive back Will Wilson had reasons to be excited to travel to Albright last Saturday. Not only was he playing at home in the football team's season opener, but Wilson also had the opportunity to impress his hometown fans from Reading, Pa.

He did just that.

"The majority of the Wilkes fan section was my family and friends from home," said Wilson. "It had a tremendous impact on how I played."

Wilson not only walked away from the game with four unassisted tackles; he helped shut down two of Albright's offensive series by grabbing two interceptions, one of which he returned for a touchdown.

Late in the first quarter against the Lions, Albright had moved the ball from their own 40-yard line to the Wilkes 29 in just four plays. Lions quarterback John Port attempted a pass when Wilson stepped in front of the ball at the 13-yard line, returning the ball 58 yards to the Albright 29, setting up the Colonels' second touchdown of the game.

"I got a lot of help on that first pick," added Wilson. "I saw [Steve] Rogers and Julian [Morales] lay out a couple guys, and everybody else had great blocks."

Halfway through the fourth quarter, Albright was on the border of entering Wilkes territory. Port completed his first two passes of the series for 22 yards. He wasn't so fortunate on his third pass attempt, as Wilson interrupted the completion, this time returning the ball 55 yards for the score.

"I caught that one off a tip," commented Wil-

son. "I knew it was a touchdown as soon as I caught it." Wilson took possession of the ball without a single Lion uniform between him and the endzone.

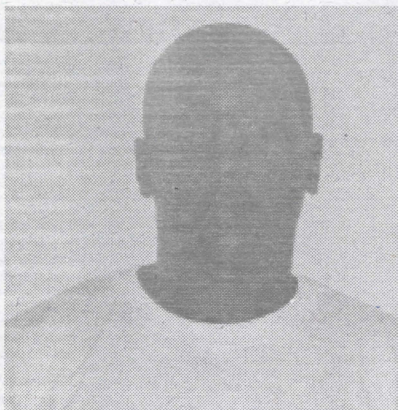
Possibly more impressive than his season-opening performance is his ability to

motivate himself. Wilson, a sophomore on the roster, is an academic freshman. He took off the spring semester of 2003 and wasn't sure if he would make it back for the fall semester. He spent his semester and summer "off" by working first and third shifts - including doubles - at a factory in Reading with

the hopes of being able to return to Wilkes. Wilson served as a stock manager and controller of the warehouse, something he used to do as a summer job.

Instead of sleeping seven hours, working eight hours, and lifting following work, Wilson managed just a few hours of sleep in between shifts and lifted as often as he could. He was able to come into camp a few days late, but in shape for a season full of high expectations for himself and his fellow Colonels. "We're going to have a great season," said Wilson. "More is expected from us this year than in the past, and we can win the conference and even make nationals."

"At the end of season, we'll see what all our hard work has been for."



The Beacon/Ryan Klemish

Women's Soccer Drops 2-1 Decision to Muhlenberg

BY WILL MIDGETT
Beacon Asst. Sports Writer

Despite a fiercely fought game, youth and some inexperience hampered the Wilkes women's soccer team on Saturday in a 2-1 loss at Muhlenberg College.

The Lady Colonels started the season with eight returning players, only two of whom are seniors, and a huge contingent of freshmen. With so much young talent, the team is battling to improve last season's record while still offering great training ground for eager new players - no small task. Last year the squad garnered an overall record of 9-11-1, and head coach John Sumoski was named the MAC Coach of the Year.

While youth could be read as a draw-

back for a team aiming at a MAC championship, the Lady Colonels see it as an asset. "We're coming along real well," remarked sophomore standout Rena Bolin about the 15 new freshmen. "They are all great players."

Going into the Muhlenberg game with a record of 1-1-2, things looked promising for the Lady Colonels when they took the lead at 12:46 into the game with an unassisted goal from Bolin. "We were fired up in the beginning," said Bolin. "We came out hard."

Bolin is the

team's second highest scorer with two, and has two assists and six overall points so far this season.

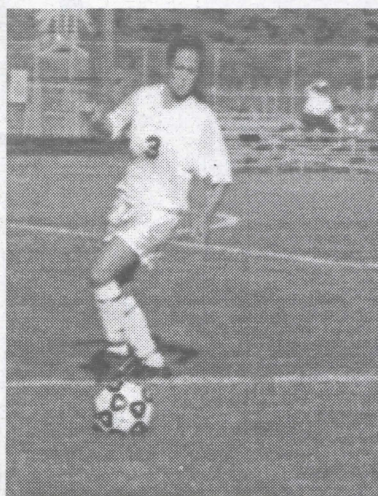
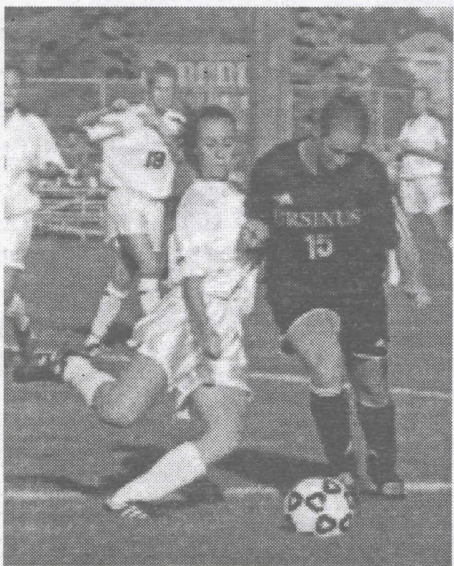
The score stayed the same for the rest of first half, and the team went into the locker room with some good momentum. However, at 56:10 in the second half, Muhlenberg would answer back when Rebecca Armstrong of the Mules scored on an assist from Kristen Cioeta.

With the game tied at one all, it only took Muhlenberg's offense fifty seconds to cross the Wilkes threshold again and score the game winning goal. Dawn Iberer scored the unassisted goal for the Mules. "They scored those two goals close together," comments Bolin. "We just got down on ourselves."

Wilkes ended the day with 15 shots on goal, as opposed to Muhlenberg's 22. Muhlenberg also had an 8-2 advantage over the Lady Colonels in corner kicks. Senior Katie Green had 10 stops on goal for the day, while Muhlenberg's Kayla Boisvert had nine.

Sumoski was enthusiastic about the way the women played, however. "We played really well," he said. "It was a competitive game. Overall we did some really good things."

With the loss, the team's record drops to 1-2-2. The Lady Colonels' next game is on Tuesday, September 16. The team will travel to Kean College for a non-conference match up.



Women's Lacrosse Gets a New Coach

BY STEVE KEMBLE
Beacon Sports Editor

Wilkes University looks to build a winning reputation in women's lacrosse by hiring a new coach.

Nancy Billger will start her first season as head coach of the lacrosse team next spring. She previously coached at division one school, Davidson College. Billger then went on to coach at conference rival Susquehanna University and Christopher Newport University before landing the spot at Wilkes.

Billger knew she wanted to coach some kind of sport when she was in high school; she just didn't know that it would end up

being lacrosse. "I had never in my life seen women play lacrosse before going to college. Where I was from in southern Delaware, only men played lacrosse. There were no female programs in the state at the time, so when I went to Old Dominion I first saw a women's lacrosse team," said Billger.

Billger graduated from Old Dominion University with a Bachelors degree in sports medicine. She was originally attended Old Dominion for her play in field hockey. "I was recruited by Beth Andrews who is currently the Olympic field hockey coach," commented Billger.

It was her sophomore year in college when Billger made the transition from field hockey player to lacrosse player. A new coach arrived to the Old Dominion women's lacrosse team and Billger was hooked.

"My sophomore year a new coach came, Sue Stahl, who is still there. She is also the World Cup coach and has been. Sue has won the World Cup the last four times and they play every four years, so she is the best coach in the world and has been the last two decades. I had an opportunity to play for her so I ended up switching and playing lacrosse the remainder of my four years. I ended up



Courtesy of John Seitzinger

Nancy Billger, head lacrosse coach and assistant field hockey coach.

being a scholarship player and really enjoyed it," explained Billger.

Billger actually chose her areas of study in college because she knew that she wanted to coach. After graduating from Old Dominion she continued her studies at the University of Oregon where she earned her Masters in exercise science. At Oregon, Billger also took a position as an Assistant Strength and Conditioning coach.

Graduating with degrees in exercise science and sports medicine has allowed Billger to understand the best ways to keep her players healthy and keep them at peak performance.

While she will start her season as head coach next spring, Billger is already working hard in her off-season as the assistant coach of the Lady Colonel field hockey team.

"With field hockey, being low is advantageous just like in lacrosse (groundball pick-ups) so often I tell people lacrosse is an aerial game, but often times it is on the ground. Maintaining quality possession and whoever comes up with the groundball more than likely, if you keep stats on that, is the team that ends up winning," explained Billger.

In her first season, Billger looks to give Wilkes University its best record ever in women's lacrosse. "I'm looking forward to meeting the players, we have a lot of returning players that will bring a lot of great depth and experience. There are significant numbers that are coming back," remarked Billger, who showed her optimism that with returning players comes some success.

"Coach Billger brings years of experience as a head coach in both field hockey and lacrosse; she's a teacher, which I think at this level is one of the strongest skills you need to have at division three. You've got to be able to teach and I see that in her," commented Addy Malatesta, Wilkes University Athletic Director.

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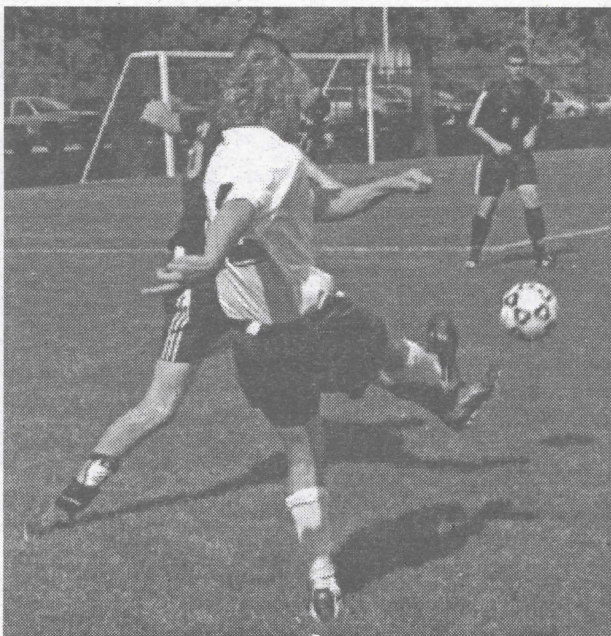
Colonels Send Bears Into Hibernation

COURTESY OF SPORTS INFORMATION

The Wilkes University men's soccer team picked up their first victory of the season on Sunday afternoon by topping Ursinus College, 2-1, at Ralston Field. The win improves the Colonels to 1-5 overall, while the Bears slide to 2-3.

Wilkes took a 1-0 lead into the halftime locker room. Jay Neal scored off a throw in by Mike Bridy at the 32:08 mark of the opening stanza to account for the goal.

Ursinus would knot the contest at 1-1 at the 55:11 mark when Chris

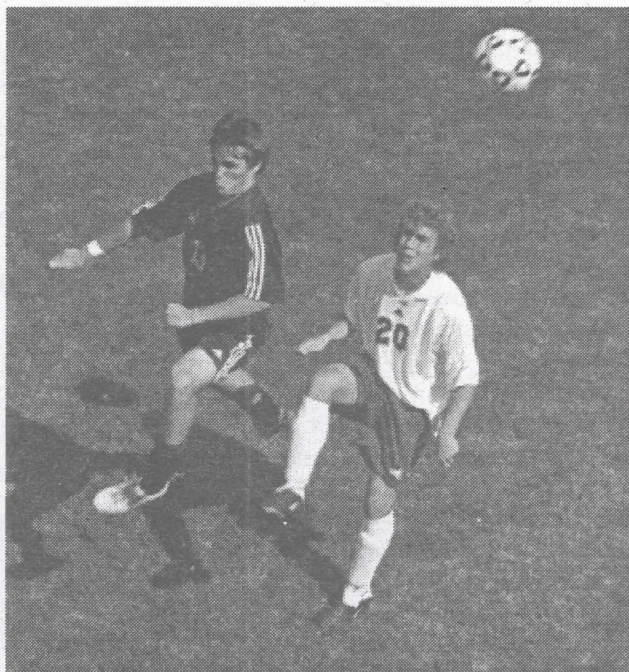


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Hood knocked in a header off an assist from Tom Hanlin.

The Colonels got the game-winning goal at the 77:16 mark on a corner kick. Matt Foreman took the corner and connected with Greg Haladay, who powered a header into the left side of the goal to put Wilkes on top 2-1.

Wilkes held a 17-8 shots on goal advantage and a 10-4 edge in corner kicks. Dominick Proctor earned his first collegiate win in goal by stopping two shots for the Colonels. Brian Berkowitz finished with seven saves for Ursinus.



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Lady Colonels Place in Tourney

BY STEVE KEMBLE
Beacon Sports Editor

Friday was the start of four matches in two days for the Lady Colonels volleyball team who competed at the University of Scranton Invitational.

The Lady Colonels first match was against William Patterson University. They won that match in five games. Wilkes won the first game 30-19, lost the second and third 20-30 and 27-30, then came back and won the final two 30-17 and 15-10 giving them the match.

Megan Riley, junior setter/OH, led Wilkes with 18 kills. Nicole Hahn, freshman setter, led the Lady Colonels with 58 assists and Amber Brennan, senior defensive specialist, added a team high 19 total digs for the match.

In their second game, the Lady Colonels took on a strong Muhlenburg team whom they also beat in five games. Wilkes lost their first game 18-30, and then came back in the next two games 30-28 and 30-25. They lost the fourth game 29-31 but came back to win the fifth 15-13 which gave the Lady Colonels their second straight victory in the tournament.

Alicia Vieselmeyer, sophomore middle hitter, led the Lady Colonels with 26 kills. Hahn again led Wilkes with 42 assists. Brennan also led the team with 24 digs.

With their two wins on Friday night the Lady Colonels moved into the championship bracket on Saturday.

In their first match on Saturday, Wilkes faced off against Scranton. The Lady Colonels lost the first game of the match 15-30. Wilkes came back in the

second winning 30-25 only to fall short in the following two games 23-30 and 24-30 giving the win to Scranton in four games.

In that match Vieselmeyer led Wilkes with 13 kills; Hahn led the team with 35 assists and Brennan led the Lady Colonels with 12 digs.

With that loss, Wilkes next faced Franklin & Marshall for a battle to determine third place.

Fatigue showed up in that match and Wilkes got swept in three games, 22-30, 18-30, and 18-30, handing the match to Franklin & Marshall.

Vieselmeyer threw in ten kills and 12 digs while Hahn had 21 assists.

The Lady Colonels came out of the tournament placing fourth and moved their record to 6-6 overall.

"Friday night we played very good. We played a tough Muhlenburg team, probably the toughest team we saw this year. We pulled it off in 5 games and showed a lot of heart and emotion," commented Scott VanValkenburgh, Wilkes University head volleyball coach.

"I think the players were just emotionally drained coming into today (Saturday). We got home late last night (Friday) around 11:30pm, then got up this morning (Saturday) and just had a hard time; we really struggled," VanValkenburgh added.

Cortland State ended up taking the University of Scranton Invitational championship, defeating the University of Scranton in the final match.

Lady Colonels Send Ospreys South

BY STEVE KEMBLE
Beacon Sports Editor

The Lady Colonels field hockey team edged the Ospreys on a rainy Saturday afternoon at Artillery Park where the field condition was slick the entire game.

"The weather did have an effect mentally, it shouldn't of had anything to do with us tactically though," said Wilkes head coach Todd Broxmeyer.

Wilkes came into the game with a 2-2 record overall while Richard Stockton entered at 3-2.

The Ospreys jumped out to an early 1-0 lead when Aimee Rendine, freshman forward, scored off an assist from Kristen Woodrow, freshmen midfielder, with 10:11 left in the first half. The next five minutes would prove to be the only time that Richard Stockton could enjoy a lead in the game.

With about five minutes left in the first half, Melissa Quinn, sophomore forward, put Wilkes on the board by the help of an assist from Kortney Loss, junior midfielder, which tied the game 1-1 until halftime.

In the first half The Lady Colonels struggled a little because Richard Stockton got them out of their game plan. "They were trying to take away our give and goes by stepping up with an extra player and the girls weren't adjusting well in the first half, but as soon as we had made our adjustments everything was fine," said Broxmeyer.

With a little over 15 minutes left in the game Loss scored an unassisted goal to put Wilkes up 2-1, and 2 ½ minutes later Meredith

Sampson, sophomore forward, added a goal to put Wilkes up for good 3-1.

The Ospreys had a surge late in the game when Melissa Phelps, freshman forward, scored off an assist from Rendine. With under a minute left the Lady Colonel defense picked up their game to hold off the threatening Ospreys.

"It wasn't our best game, we were allowed

to be taken out of our game; anytime you can do that and walk away with a win than that's a good thing," said Broxmeyer.

Wilkes improved its record to 3-2 on the season while Richard Stockton fell to 3-3 overall.

"Despite injuries suffered by two of our starting defenders, the team pulled together to fill in the gaps," said Lara Judson, sophomore

midfielder. "The rain definitely affected the play; the ball didn't travel as smoothly and was also slower, but it was like that for both teams."

Desiree Podrasky, senior goalkeeper, had five saves in goal and picked up the win for Wilkes. Caitlin Nolan, freshmen goalkeeper, and Kerry Brennan, freshmen goalkeeper, combined for four saves for the Ospreys. The Lady Colonels had a 7-6 advantage in penalty corners.



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Colonel Clipboard

Freedom Conference Standings as of 9/11/03

Field Hockey

- 1.Drew 3-0-0
- 2.King's 3-1-0
- 2.FDU-Florham 3-1-0
- 4.Wilkes 2-1-0
- 4.Delaware Valley 2-1-0
- 6.Manhattanville 1-2-0
- 7.Scranton 1-3-0

Football

- 1.Wilkes 1-0-0
- 1.Lycoming 1-0-0
- 3.Susquehanna 1-1-0
- 3.Juniata 1-1-0
- 3.Lebanon Valley 1-1-0
- 3.Moravian 1-1-0
- 3.Delaware Valley 1-0-0
- 3.King's 1-1-0
- 11.Albright 0-1-0
- 11.FDU-Florham 0-2-0
- 11.Widener 0-1-0

Men's Soccer

- 1.Drew 4-0-0
- 2.Lycoming 3-1-0
- 3.FDU-Florham 2-1-0
- 4.DeSales 2-3-0
- 4.King's 2-3-0
- 6.Scranton 0-4-1
- 7.Wilkes 0-5-0
- 8.Delaware Valley 0-4-0

Women's Soccer

- 1.Scranton 5-0-0
- 2.Drew 2-0-2
- 3.Delaware Valley 1-1-1
- 4.Wilkes 1-1-2
- 5.FDU-Florham 1-1-1
- 6.Lycoming 1-2-0
- 7.DeSales 1-3-0
- 8.King's 0-3-0

Women's Tennis

- 1.Drew 3-0
- 2.Lycoming 1-1
- 3.Scranton 1-2
- 4.FDU-Florham 1-1
- 4.DeSales 1-1
- 4.Wilkes 1-1
- 7.King's 0-2

Women's Volleyball

- 1.FDU-Florham 3-1
- 2.King's 5-2
- 3.Scranton 5-3
- 4.Lycoming 3-2
- 5.DeSales 4-4
- 5.Wilkes 4-4
- 7.Delaware Valley 0-2

Athlete of the Week

Melissa Quinn: Field Hockey



Melissa Quinn

The sophomore forward helped the Lady Colonels to a 1-1 record last week. Against Misericordia, Quinn racked up a goal and an assist to help Wilkes force a tough double overtime loss 4-3.

In their second game of the week, Quinn added another goal to help the Lady Colonels come away with a 3-2 victory over Richard Stockton.

Numbers Of the Week

- 8** Total number of overtime periods combined by the field hockey team and women's soccer so far this season
- 10** Combined number of games field hockey and women's soccer have played this season
- 1** Number of wins this season by men's soccer team
- 5** Number of goals scored by women's soccer team in one half last Monday

Weekly Recap

Women's soccer

- (9/8) Wilkes 5 Keystone 0
- (9/10) Wilkes 2 Ursinus 2 (2ot)
- (9/13) Muhlenberg 2 Wilkes 1

Field Hockey

- (9/10) Misericordia 4 Wilkes 3 (2ot)
- (9/13) Wilkes 3 Richard Stockton 2

Women's Tennis

- (9/9) Wilkes 9 Keystone 0

Women's Volleyball

- (9/8) Wilkes 3 Kean 2
- (9/9) Baptist Bible 3 Wilkes 0
- (9/12) Wilkes 3 Wm. Paterson

2/Wilkes 3 Muhlenberg 2

- (9/13) Scranton 3 Wilkes 1/F
- &M 3 Wilkes 0

Men's Soccer

- (9/10) Muhlenberg 6 Wilkes 0
- (9/14) Ursinus 1 Wilkes 2

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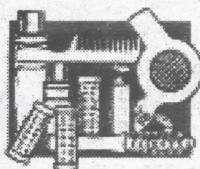
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Wilkes Unveils New Colonel Mascot

BY WILL MIDGETT

Beacon Asst. Sports Editor

Wilkes is changing more and more with each passing year. This fall the school has welcomed the biggest freshman class in 15 years, hired a new and "beefed up" campus security, and now they are trying to change their public image with a new rendition of our mascot, the Wilkes Colonel.

For the past ten years the athletic department here at Wilkes has been using a traditional image for the Colonel. With the changing times, the athletic department decided that a new contemporary model would better represent the school and its athletic programs.

"We believe that we have captured an identity that represents the rich tradition of Wilkes athletics, and offers the versatility to market our programs while maintaining the integrity of the University," explains Addy Malatesta, Wilkes Director of Athletics.

The new logo was unveiled Thursday in the greenway during a ceremony at club day. Free T-shirts were also handed out during the unveiling in order to circulate the new logo throughout campus. The floor of the gym in the Marts Center also adorns the new trademark.

The new logo consists of the Colonel carrying a flag with the Wilkes "W" on it. This is followed by "WILKES UNIVERSITY" in a specialized font. Phoenix Design Works, a company out of New York City, created the logo.

They worked on the logo all summer while an internal committee made up of Wilkes University athletic department and marketing communications staff advised in the creative process.

Wilkes, with the design change, has conformed the Colonel to look more like other well-known college's mascots. Stylistically, the new logo is similar to those of Wake Forest's Demon Deacon and the Georgia Bulldog.

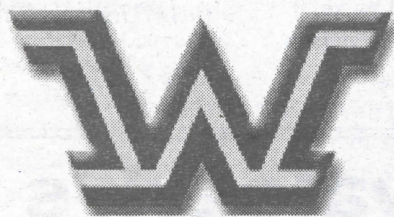
The purpose of this changing of the guards--or at least, of uniforms--is to give Wilkes' sports teams a fresh, updated image. "Our hope is that the campus community, alumni and friends of the University will in our excitement, as we proudly display the new identity system," Malatesta says.

The Athletic department believes that the new image will help with the public association of Wilkes athletics, leaving the old and traditional Colonel behind and coming out with a new and improved Colonel that sports fans and alumni can relate to.



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On Thursday afternoon Wilkes University showed off its new logo to the rest of campus during club day. The ceremony was held out on the greenway.



Campus Calendar

TODAY(15)

Women's Health Night 4 PM-7 PM
Trent Graphic Poster Sale 10 AM-6 PM

TUESDAY(16)

Trent Graphic Poster Sale 10 AM-6 PM
Red Cross Blood Drive 10 AM-4 PM
Women's Volleyball @ Kings 7 PM
VPA NUArts Concert @ Dorothy Dickson Darte 8 PM
Women's Soccer @ Kean 4 PM

WEDNESDAY(17)

Men's Soccer vs. Bible Baptist @ Ralston 4 PM
Women's Tennis vs. Univ. of Scranton @ Ralston 4 PM

THURSDAY(18)

Women's Tennis @ Lycoming 4 PM
REACH Family Mentoring @ Multicultural Lounge 6 PM
SCSC Meeting @ 2nd Fl. Ballroom 12:30 PM
LazerTag @ Greenway 11 AM-5 PM
Mindy Davis Sterling Silver Sale @ SUB 9 AM-3 PM

FRIDAY(19)

Movie Night @ Cinemark 7 PM

SATURDAY(20)

Family Day @ Wilkes 9 AM-10 PM
Women's Soccer @ Drew 4 PM
Football vs Lycoming @ Ralston 1 PM
Field Hockey @ Delaware Valley 1 PM
Men's Soccer @ Drew 7 PM
Women's Volleyball @ Susquehanna 12 PM

SUNDAY(21)

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