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BY VICTOR SCELBA AND
JILL STANKOSKI
Special to The Beacon

Here's the story of nine Wilkes University students and one professor, who, on April 7, were loaded in a van on their way to Valley Forge, Pennsylvania to with their eyes on the SIFE Regional Championship.

Students in free Enterprise (SIFE) is an organization that encourages students to take what they are learning in the classroom and apply it to real-life scenarios. SIFE is also active on more than 700 college campuses in 48 states and 15 countries, SIFE is a nonprofit organization that works in partnership with business and higher education to provide college students the opportunity to make a difference and to develop leadership, teamwork, and communication skills through learning, practicing and teaching the principles of free enterprise.

At the competition the Wilkes University SIFE team presented their annual report to a panel of judges. The presentation included such projects as the Wilkes University Entrepreneurial Experience, Nut's and Bolts, Freshman Finance Seminar, Wilkesopoly, and The Entrepreneur's Forum.

The judging panel of local and national business leaders and entrepreneurs rated the overall effectiveness of each team's efforts. The Wilkes SIFE Team was in Division D. They were battled schools such as Elizabeth Town.

Senior representative and one of the co-founding members of SIFE Matt Jagusak said, "It's amazing how far we have come in 3 years because finally our hard work and dedication has paid off."

Dr. Jeffrey R. Alves, the Allan P. Kirby, Jr. Professor of Free Enterprise and Entrepreneurship and Chair of the Business Administration and Accounting Programs, serves as the Sam Walton Fellow and advisor for the Wilkes University SIFE Team. Dr. Alves was named a Sam M. Walton Free Enterprise Fellow for the third consecutive year in recognition of his leadership and support of the SIFE program at Wilkes University. Dr. Alves remarked "SIFE gives our students



Front Row, Left to Right - Kim Vance, Deborah Pish, Crystal Harris, Vic Scelba, Jarret Malkin. Back Row, Left to Right - Chris Rehmann, Jeffrey Ralston, Dr. Jeffrey R. Alves, Sam M. Walton, Matt Jagusak.

the opportunity to really understand how the free enterprise system works through teaching and direct involvement. The active learning, enthusiastic pursuit of excellence, and professionalism that is generated by SIFE carries over into the classroom and life after Wilkes University. The Allan P. Kirby Center for Free Enterprise and Entrepreneurship is proud of this year's SIFE Team."

The Wilkes SIFE team members are the 1st champions of the year 2000 for the university. This years competition celebrated the 25th anniversary of the SIFE organization.

As the students practiced late into the night to make sure that they had everything just right they received some words of encouragement from Wilkes Alumni and former SIFE member, Matt Minelli, who was there judging another division. These words of encouragement helped them over come their fears and emotions about competing in this Regional Event.

As Matt Jagusak, Johnaton Waterhouse, Heath Neiderer, and Victor Scelba were "loading up the van" the other members of SIFE were anxiously waiting for the ceremony to begin. As the team assembled in the awards room and after what

seemed to be a never ending awards presentation our team emerged the victors. Vice President Vic Scelba said, "I think that I grew a few more gray hairs during the awards ceremony."

Wilkes University will also present their projects at the Hallmark cards/SIFE International Expo-

sition and Career Opportunity Fair in Kansas City, Missouri, May 21-23.

For anymore additional information regarding SIFE please feel free to contact Wilkes University at (570)408-4590 or visit www.SIFE.org.



Photo by Adam Polinger

**Softball team wins seven
straight, claim second place**

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Exhumation 2050 "Preserving our Memories"

BY MICHAEL KRASULSKI
Special to The Beacon

"Wilkes our alma mater, we pledge our dough to thee, nickels dimes and quarters, all of our money. In our pocket books and wallets, you have found a friend, Wilkes we will support thee, paying to the end."

- Joseph Gregory '57 and David Hontz '56

Last week I had the privilege to talk with a member of the class of 1957, Joseph Gregory. I was completing research in the Osterhout Library when my Wilkes umbrella became the conduit to a blossoming conversation about the days of Wilkes College. Mr. Gregory, '57, freely told me what life was like at Wilkes in the middle 1950s. He told me about professors who have long since retired and buildings that are now either parking lots or sites of new buildings. Then he began to sing the words to his rendition of the Alma Mater, which was written one evening after Joe and his friend David Hontz, '56, learned that tuition was being increased. After Mr. Gregory and I left to go our separate

ways, I began to think that if our chance meeting never occurred the rather unique edition of the alma mater would have been lost forever.

Even though a spoof college alma mater is not top priority among our historical preservation, it is a memory cherished by Joe Gregory and his classmates. As the class of 2000 prepares for graduation, we are deeply involved with exams and papers that need to be completed and there is always job searching to be done. Preserving our college memories, which are very fresh in our minds, are not on the top of our list right now, but a few minutes of our time can preserve our memories and allow us to leave a legacy at Wilkes forever. Our time capsule project will be buried at the arboretum location during senior week and exhumation will be at our class reunion in the year 2050.

This letter to our class asks two things. First, please pledge to our class arboretum project. Wilkes has been generous with grants and scholarship awards making our memories and dreams possible. Our gift is just a token of our gratitude and a tangible way to say thanks.

Second, participate in the time capsule project. The senior gift committee would like to see full participation in the time capsule project by inviting every class member to compose a letter to yourself or the class of 2000 to be opened and read at our 50th class reunion. Your letter could contain your hopes, dreams or aspirations for the future as well as messages for the older you. I can only imagine reading my own letter fifty years from now! Our class would also like every academic major to gather and come up with an object or several smaller objects that best represent that department's students among the class of 2000. A nursing student suggested a nursing uniform because the uniform changes greatly with time. I know as a history major that the History Department's contribution will include one of Dr. John F. Meyers' red pens. Every history student knows the power of Dr. Meyers' red pen! Our class can easily see that these objects cannot be found in the yearbook or *The Beacon* and in fifty years they will be tangible memories of the simpler times of our youth.

If Mr. Gregory had not recited his version of our alma mater during our chance meeting, I'm sure it would have been lost forever. I urge and encourage the members of the class of 2000 to participate in the Senior Gift activities.

The "Seeds of the Century Project" and our time capsule project are unique to our class. Our gifts will allow us to begin our philanthropy to Wilkes, a token gift for what Wilkes has done for us. The gifts for the class project will beautify our campus through the arboretum, but our continued support of the University will help future students to live their dreams and aspirations through their Wilkes education. Please take your pledge card out from the mounds of papers on your desk and pledge to our gift campaign. While you begin to reflect on your time at Wilkes, please jot down a few notes for the time capsule that we can read at our class reunion 2050. Let's not let our memories slip away. Whether it's a sentimental version of the alma mater discussing money or condolences for "Tank" the squirrel that became the mascot for the Senior Class Gift

project your class notes and memorabilia are important to our project.

These notes or letters to yourself or the class of 2000 can be sent to me, Michael Krasulski, Class of 2000 Time Capsule, c/o Farley Library (krasulm@wilkes.edu) or Jeff Reichl, Chair, Senior Class c/o Student Government (reichlj@wilkes.edu).

This is the first time in the history of Wilkes that a class has decided to bury a time capsule to make our legacy and memory for all future classes to regard as special and unique. A plaque will accompany the arboretum project naming every senior that participated in the project.

The pictures that accompany this article allow us to reflect on things change in 50 years. As we exhume and open our time capsule in the year 2050, I'm sure we will be amazed at how much has changed from our college days at Wilkes. I hope this letter will encourage all seniors to take a few minutes to e-mail their ideas and letters for the time capsule. The "Class of 2000" will bury the time capsule at the arboretum location during senior week.

No heat for Waller North residents

BY LEIGH ANN HAMILTON
Beacon Staff Writer

April 2000 will be an unforgettable month for the residents of the Waller North dormitory. In the midst of preparation for finals, and the increasing amount of schoolwork, it helps to have the heating system working so students can get a good night's sleep.

On Sunday, April 9th, at 12:30 AM, the Wilkes-Barre Fire Department was notified of a suspicious alarm by campus security. Although they determined no fire threat, students had to find other sleeping accommodations.

Jack Zikowski, Director of Facilities, explained that "water from the boiler leaked on to the burner

assembly of the furnace, creating a lot of steam" he said.

Darren Hack, Director of Residence Life, went on to say that, "the reason we chose to house students elsewhere is because it was very cold. Because health and safety were an issue, we made accommodations at the Ramada Inn available to students" said Hack.

Hack mentioned that he was glad everything was done in a precautionary sense. "I feel good about the way the resident assistants worked together. I am sorry that it was a distraction," he said.

Facilities finished installing a new furnace in Waller North Dormitory Tuesday. Heat was again available and students were allowed to sleep in the building that night.

The 9th Annual Employment Fair
Thursday, April 13, 2000 at Best
Hotel at Victoria Center in
Pittston Township, PA from 1:30
PM to 5:30 PM

Spring Fling 2000

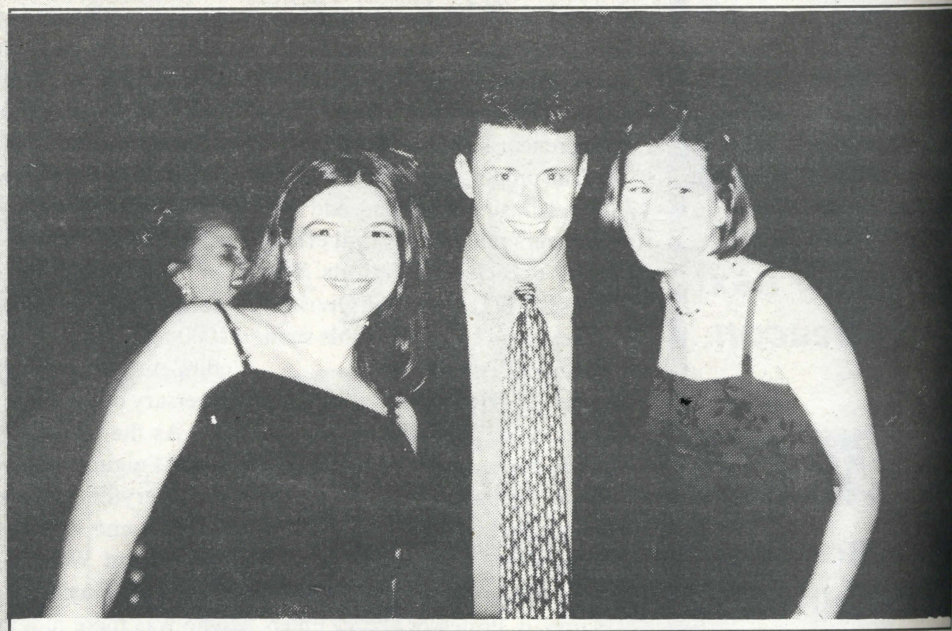


Photo by Jill Stankoski

On Friday, April 7th, Wilkes university hosted its first 'Spring Fling' 2000 at Genetti's from 6 PM to 12 AM. Many thanks to Steve Gazda, Melissa Petras, Rupal Kalariya, along with Student Government for a job well done in organizing the event.

Candidates battle it out in SG election 2000

BY LEIGH ANN HAMILTON
Beacon Staff Writer

Student Government is an active part of Wilkes University student life. Please remember to support your fellow classmates and vote in the Student Government elections. They are being held today in the Student Union Building.

The debate for Student Government President was held in COB 106 on Tuesday, April 11th at 11 AM. Junior, Cassie Sutton, sophomore, John Bosha, and junior, Steve Gazda were asked a series of detailed questions by junior, Greg Collins. After the questions were answered, the floor was opened for students to ask questions.

Gazda is a full-time commuter student. He believes his views reflect a wide array of perspectives and claims that he is very motivated. "I believe to be a good leader, you have to have a non-biased opinion of people in general," he began. "You definitely need intelligence on how government is operated and in-

sight to be able to get everybody's perspective," said Gazda.

Students overall, seem to share equal concern about the increase in the student activities fee. According to Bosha, "we have to utilize the student government's general bond a little more than we are right now," he explained. Bosha believes that he is capable, levelheaded, and responsible enough to make excellent progress with the new budget.

Sutton is currently Student Government Vice-President and has experience in leadership. She is running to be there for the students. "I am in a lot of activities and have the ability to get student input," she said. Sutton also mentioned that, "the key to implementing new ideas is being enthusiastic." Sutton is the Resident Assistant of Waller North Dormitory.

Bosha pointed out three qualities essential to leadership: intensity, integrity, and intelligence. Good luck to everyone in the elections and remember to vote!

Seniors prepare for graduation

BY LEIGH ANN HAMILTON
Beacon Staff Writer

Hats off to the class of 2000. The commencement is coming upon us fast. The ceremony is planned to take place on the greenway Saturday May 20th at 11 AM.

On Tuesday and Wednesday of this past week, a "Senior Salute" was held in the Student Union Ballroom enabling graduates to tie all loose ends together in one place. Senior photos for the yearbook were taken the same day next door.

According to Barbara King, Associate Dean of Student Affairs, "the reason we put this in effect is because students had to go around to different offices to sign out. We just decided we would combine it all together," she said.

A member of the Career Services Staff was there to help graduating students get a head start on their career goals by means of counseling, job posting, and job fairs. Career Services, coordinated by Phil Ruthkoski, helps students with direction for the job market and graduate school. If you have unrequired credit to fill, you can

supplement it with a co-op internship to fill up your credits. It also serves as good experience on a resume when you graduate.

Jennie Bullock, Director of Alumni Relations, told us that students are given the opportunity to fill out a form with information that includes the address they can be reached at after graduation, school activities, and their degree.

This year, the Class of 2000 offered a gift with a theme entitled "Seeds of the Century" in remembrance of "Tank" the squirrel. A time capsule will be buried at the site of the old bookstore in front of the library where "Tank" rests in peace during Senior Week, prior to commencement.

Chris Dickinson designed a T-shirt for the Class of 2000 with it's theme given to people who choose to contribute to the Senior Class Project. All contributors names will appear permanently on a plaque at the site where the time capsule and seeds are planted. The time capsule will then be exhumed at the Class of 2000's 50th reunion.

Carol Maculloch, Annual Giving Program Manager, tells us that

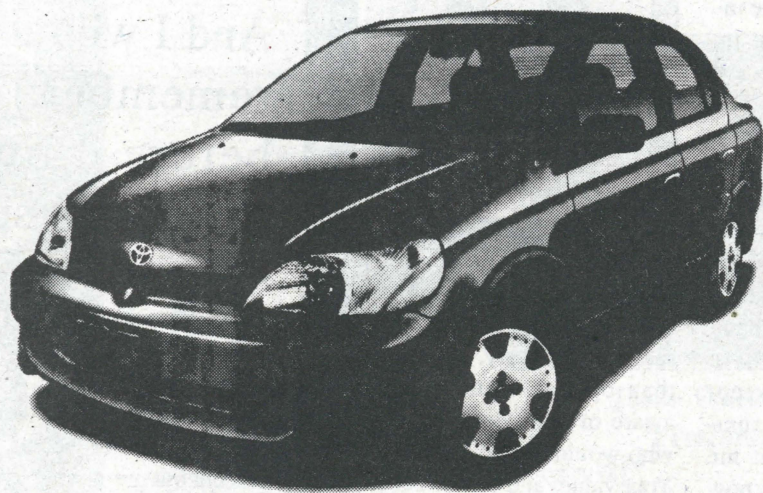
the "Aboretum Project involves planting a variety of trees with scientific or common names.

Senior Week begins Saturday, May 13th, 2000 with an Annual Awards Ceremony at the Darte Center at 3 PM followed by a reception. A class picnic is scheduled for Monday. Tuesday is designated as a day of community service. The Presidents Dinner Dance, to be held at the Woodlands, will take place Thursday night and will feature a full course meal, dancing and drinks, and a special student government program. A continental breakfast is scheduled for 1AM. The week ends Saturday with the Annual Spring Commencement.

The 1st Class of 2000 Alumni event will be at Belmar Beach, New Jersey on Saturday, July 8th, 2000. For more information, contact the Alumni Office at extension 4130.

Each graduating senior has been influential to the entire student body here at Wilkes University. Enjoy your final days as students here at Wilkes University and know you will be remembered for years to come.

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Fun Stuff

Heinz Vinegar commissioned a survey of Americans' Easter-egg habits, and found that:

Blue was the favorite hue of 35% of the respondents when dyeing eggs.

Purple (18 percent), **pink** (17 percent), **green** (7 percent), **yellow** and **red** (each 6 percent) trailed.

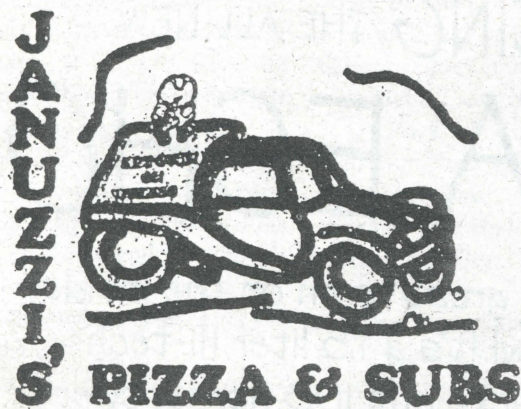
After the egg hunt is over, 64 percent of Americans said they eat them and 22 percent throw them away.

Ten percent don't color eggs, and 2 percent said they let them rot.

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Satirical Interludes: The Second Coming

By Marc Eakin

Well, I had a good time at the Spring Fling! Everyone else seemed to as well. Kudos to Melissa and Rupal! This was the first time I've gone to Genetti's totally sober. I would like to make one negative observation about every Homecoming and the one Spring Fling held at the Genetti's; there is nothing for the under 21 crowd, and those that do not wish to consume alcohol, to drink. At the very least, there should be a continuous supply of water and soda should be free! I was forced to purchase a beer or two to quench the thirst I worked up on the dance floor!

It's that time of year again, the time when all your professors pile a ton of work on you during the final weeks of classes! Ok, so maybe it's just the work that we have been putting off all semester, but when did they expect us to do it? Unfortunately I have a lot of other things going on in my life,

which makes it even harder to force myself to do my school work!

I think the higher education system needs to be changed. I mean, what are students and professors really focusing on; grades or learning? It seems to me that students and professors focus too much on grades. Learning has become an incidental consequence of cramming to get a 4.0. What does an exam measure other than which person was able to memorize the most information in the shortest period of time? What's the point? Who remembers anything they've crammed for after the exam?

I would like to think that I really make an attempt to learn and that I don't just cram to make the grade. However, I've recently realized that it doesn't matter; the only gain is personal satisfaction and that's not doing much for me these

days. I'm tired of cramming for exams and not really learning the material! Perhaps I just have a really bad case of "senioritis," but I just feel that it's not worth my time anymore! There are more important life experiences I have sacrificed over the past five years just to get good grades in school. Well, no longer will I pass up these experiences for something so unimportant as a grade!

As Norman Cousins once said, "The great tragedy of life is not death, but what dies inside of us while we live."

I've always liked that quote and I've had it hanging above my desk for the past three years, but I've never really applied it to my own life. I think it's time.

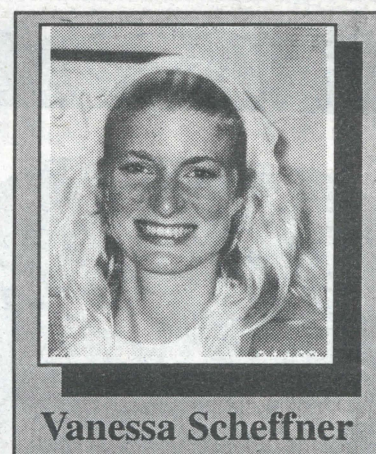
Please feel free to e-mail me at eakinmr@wilkes.edu with any comments, criticisms, and/or suggestions. Have a great Easter Break!

Four short years can teach the lessons of a lifetime

After four years and tens of thousands of dollars, I will finally graduate with my biology degree from Wilkes next month. I will have a full understanding of the intricate way a cell carries out its functions. I will be able to recite a multitude of ways evolution has changed the earth and its inhabitants. I will finally appreciate all of the plants, bugs, and animals around me in all of their splendor. And I will always remember: beer before liquor, never been sicker.

I have Dr. Klemow to thank for my knowledge of plants. I have Kathy Zayleskie to thank for keeping me employed during the summers. Dr. Steele has taught me more than I ever needed to know about squirrel behavior and oak trees. And Dr. Kalter has probably taught me more than any other professor at Wilkes has. Her anatomy, endocrinology and histology classes will serve me well next year in medical school. People like Deb Chapman and Eileen Sharp were also more than helpful during my collegiate career, especially during my endeavors in applying to medical school. They are tremendous assets to the Wilkes community.

But my Wilkes education does not end there. What I have learned about biology within the past four years does not compare with the knowledge I have gained about myself. The college years are truly a time for growth and matu-



Vanessa Scheffner

ration (obviously, for some more than others). You become more aware of who you are, or perhaps who would like to be in the future. Your values and beliefs become less hazy, and begin to take shape. These years are important in determining what matters most, what goals you want to achieve, and how you are going to accomplish them.

I have met some incredible people within the past four years that will remain an important part of my life. I have also encountered some not-so-incredible people; the ones mom told you to look out for. And I have certainly learned (sometimes the hard way) how to pick out the trustworthy from the untrustworthy.

Through my experiences at Wilkes, I now have a better idea as to who I am, and what I want out of life. After the graduation ceremony is over on May 20th, with diploma

in hand, I know I will feel fully prepared and very excited for the next step.

And I will always remember: beer before liquor, never been sicker.

As seniors in high school, we all look forward to college because of the independence, the parties, and the people we'll meet. It's a step many of us see as post-adolescent but pre-adult. Now as a college senior, I'm looking forward to that next step -- dare I say I'm almost a real live grown-up? Not quite yet, and not without glancing behind me and reflecting on all of the events that have taken place from Freshman Orientation to the Commencement Ceremony.

Thanks to all the people around me that have contributed to my own personal college experience. I advise everyone to take advantage of these years at school. The time you spend here is invaluable, and it goes by very quickly. And whether it be learning how to color-code peroxisomes or mastering the keg-stand, I guarantee you will learn more than you ever imagined.

This is an open one to reply to, or to the custom, *The Beacon* accepting applications. All positions are everyone is encouraged. But why apply, you try and tell you.

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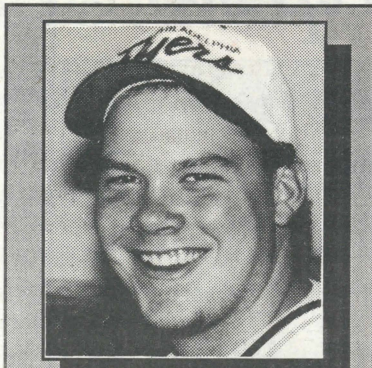
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What would you like to see in here?

This is an open letter for anyone to reply to, or to ignore. As is the custom, *The Beacon* is now accepting applications for next semester. All positions are available and everyone is encouraged to apply. But why apply, you may ask? I'll try and tell you.

First off, working for the school newspaper is actually rewarding. I know I do my full share of complaining, but all-in-all, I do enjoy it and I think it's a remarkable experience.

Just working at *The Beacon* has taught me a great deal about life. I have learned how I should handle myself in times of adversity. We have had our share of problems, in fact, we still do as I'm sure you're aware, but there's something inside of me that feels kind of good when people say "*The Beacon* is garbage and there's always somebody complaining in it." You may be correct, but I still feel good about having the ability to publish a weekly newspaper. You are obviously not doing anything for the paper, but the fact the staff at least has the opportunity to do something for the school



Corey Yanoshak

is rewarding. I no longer take offense when people talk down about our paper because we've done the best we could and that's all anyone could ever ask.

Being a member of *The Beacon* staff is also a great resume builder and experience-getter. It's hard to learn how to deal with deadlines and people constantly on your back, but myself and everyone else that has worked here has learned how to deal with this. You can always turn a paper in a day late or get an extension on your homework, but if we don't have the paper done, it won't get printed and

the fact that we're getting paid means that this is priority number one. If we don't get the job done, we don't get paid and that's how it is in the real world. I never looked at working here like this, but I see it quite clearly now.

Also, you really can't beat the money *The Beacon* offers. To get up to a half-scholarship for completing an enjoyable task is not a bad deal. You can take a work study job making \$5.15 an hour or you can read through articles and make corrections for five hours a week and make one-sixth of a scholarship.

I'm not preaching that we need people and that *The Beacon* is great, but I believe it is an excellent opportunity.

Anyway, I'm not sure if I will return as Managing Editor next semester, but I was hoping for some feedback on some ideas I have if I do in fact return.

First, there will be some layout changes, mainly on the front page and where certain things go. Second, there will be an activity column for what's going on each

week at Wilkes. Third, I hope to be in direct contact with the next Student Government President and possibly have a weekly column by him or her on what's going on in SG. We try to have regular updates, but it just doesn't work out. Fourth, some additions to the sports section. Hopefully we can have a question/answer section that's similar, but smaller, to Roving Reporter. Fifth, we are hoping to print a 16-page paper each week. As you have noticed, we sometimes print eight-page papers, usually 12, with one or two 16-pagers. I know you don't like an eight-page paper, so we're going to strive to give you what you want, a decent-sized newspaper with quality content. Sixth, an entertainment section. We will take a page or two from the features section and convert it into an entertainment section with reviews, quizzes, horoscopes, and the like.

I do have some other ideas, but it's too premature to go into much detail about anything. But, I would love to hear your opinions on what you'd like to see. If you don't care to apply for a position,

you can still send us an e-mail as to what you'd like to see. For example, if you want the Restaurant/Bar Review, let us know and it will be done. We honestly do try to make this paper for the students and with some input, we can give you exactly what you want.

Is there a point to this? Maybe. I'm not quite sure exactly what it is, but I can tell you that you as students can directly influence what you read. If you want to read a wrestling column that never talks about wrestling, then we'd like to hear that. If you want President Breiseth to address specific issues, then tell us so we can approach him.

But most of all, if you're skeptical about joining *The Beacon* staff, don't be. You're invited to see what it's like during the final week of classes or to apply and try your hand at creativity next semester, or to just tell us what to do.

Corey Yanoshak is the Managing Editor of *The Beacon*. His opinion is that of his own and not the paper's. He can be reached at beacon@wilkes.edu for comment.

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What events or activities would you like to see on campus?

with Claire Cole

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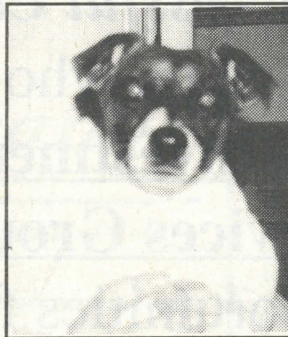
- Jason Tallman Senior

"A Beverage race. Nevermind, 68 can't hang with 125 W. River."



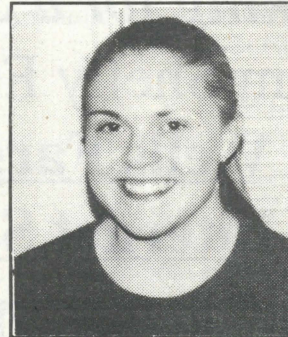
- Jesse Walker Freshman

"A carnival."



- Ziggy Graduate

"Fire-hydrant day."



- Ryann Rood Sophomore

"It's all about me day."



- Jason Cadwallader Senior

"Nude mud wrestling day."



- Ryan Gurian Junior

"Bingo with the elderly."



- Lisa Donaldson Junior

"A book club."



- Becky Gubanich Junior

"A day where the students and teachers switch for the day."



- Elian Gonzalez Freshman

"A petting zoo."



- Kyle Masteller Sophomore

"A Russian Bolshevik Revolution reenactment."

- What's happening on campus -

Wilkes University's Nesbitt School of Pharmacy will open the "Wilkes University Drug Information Center" on Thursday April 13, 2000. The center is one of a kind, it is the first and only University-based drug information center in north-eastern Pennsylvania.

The center will be staffed by Dr. Jill Slater and students from the Nesbitt School of Pharmacy.

The purpose of the center is to provide local health care professionals with quick information concerning their questions about drug therapy and pharmaceutical care. The center will enable students to gain hands-on experience while providing a valuable service to the local medical community.

The Drug Information Center will open on April 13 at 11:30 AM. The Drug Information Center is located on the first floor of the Stark Learning Center in the Pharmacy Information Center. All members of the Wilkes Community are invited to the opening of the center for an open house look at this unique operation right here on the Wilkes campus.

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Organ recital at Presbyterian church

James Harrington, a member of the music faculty at Wilkes University, will present an organ recital of the music of J. S. Bach on Tuesday, April 18, beginning at 8 PM at the First Presbyterian Church, South Franklin and Northampton Streets, Wilkes-Barre. The recital is free and open to the public.

Harrington, who chairs the Department of Visual and Performing Arts at Wilkes, received his education at Oberlin College Conservatory of Music and Yale University School of Music. He later studied in the Netherlands and in Montreal, Quebec. He has performed concerts in New York City, Boston, Baltimore, Washington, D.C., Chicago, Montreal, London, Switzerland, and at major universities such as Harvard, Yale, University of Connecticut, and the University of Cincinnati Conservatory of Music. In 1989 he was the only American participant in the International Organ Festival held at Cambridge University, England. He was formerly organist and music director at St. Peter's Cathedral, Scranton, and later served as organist and executive director of Princeton Pro

Musica, Princeton, New Jersey. Mr. Harrington is active with many organizations outside of Wilkes. He is the vice president of the Wilkes-Barre League of Women Voters, a member of the Torch Club, and serves on the boards of the Diversity Institute, the Northeastern Pennsylvania Diversity in Education Consortium, the Scranton Community Concert Association, the Statewide Pennsylvania Rights Coalition, the Oberlin College Alumni Executive Board, and he chairs the Oberlin Lambda Alumni - the largest gay and lesbian alumni association in the country. He was formerly dean of the Northeastern Pennsylvania American Guild of Organists Chapter. He is also a faculty advisor of the Wilkes Alliance of Queer Students.

The concert program will include toccatas and fugues by Bach, the canonic variations of Bach, and several chorale preludes. For contact: James E. Harrington, Jr. Chairperson - Department of Visual and Performing Arts Wilkes University Wilkes-Barre, PA 18766. Reach him by phone at: 570-408-4428 or 800-945-5378, extension 4428.

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Spring Sports Schedules

Pantzar leads golf to 3-1-1 start

BY COREY YANOSHAK
Beacon Managing Editor

The Wilkes University golf team won its third match of the year last Wednesday and was finally handed a defeat last Friday in their only home match scheduled this season.

Just two days after defeating

Golf

College Misericordia 330-344 and Cabrini College 330-348 at Shadowbrook, the Cougars came back to spoil Art Brunn Jr.'s home-opener at Wilkes-Barre Municipal Golf Course with a 331-334 defeat of the Colonels.

Jason Pantzar was medalist on Wednesday with a 74 on the par 71 course, while doing the same in the loss. Jon Else (82), Kirk Leslie (83), and Sheb Shumar (91) followed in the win.

In the loss, Else followed Pantzar's two-over par with an 81, while Ivan Bogan shot an 89 and Shumar a 90 as the Colonels fell to 3-1-1, having tied the University of Scranton last week at Shadowbrook 330-330.

Red Barons open season

As one professional sports team ended its inaugural season, another began its run towards another division title as the Scranton Wilkes-Barre Red Barons opened their season last Thursday with a loss. The Phillies Triple-A farm team then won its first game on Friday in extra innings before being rained out over the weekend.

Marc Bombard's club won the International League North last season, but a variety of new faces now grace the friendly confines of Lackawanna County Stadium in Moosic.

The most notable face on this year's club is Pat Burrell, a former first-round draft pick who was chosen first overall by the Phillies. Burrell is waiting for a hole to open up in Philadelphia, but is happily accepting his assignment with the Red Barons.

A solid outfield of Billy McMillon, Wendell Magee Jr., and Lou Frazier are long gone from last season, but newcomers like Marlon Anderson and David Doster will add plenty of punch to the line-up.

BASEBALL (16-9)			
DATE	OPPONENT	TIME	SITE
March			
14	Marywood	W 20-9	Artillery
18	King's (DH)	W 8-3, 3-2	Artillery
19	Neumann (DH)	W 6-4, 8-0	Artillery
30	Muhlenberg	W 10-3	Artillery
25	Drew (DH)	W 11-3, L 8-4	Artillery
April			
1	FDU-Madison (DH)	W 11-2, L 13-12	away
2	Gwynned Mercy (DH)	W 9-7, L 11-8	away
6	Marywood	W 12-4	away
8	Allentown (DH)	L 9-7, 6-5	away
9	Albright	ppd.	Artillery
12	Scranton	W 4-2	away
15	Delaware Valley (DH)	1 PM	away
16	Misericordia (DH)	1:30 PM	away
19	Bloomsburg	3:30 PM	Artillery
20	Susquehanna	3:30 PM	away
22	Beaver (DH)	1 PM	Artillery
24	Moravian	3 PM	away
26	Lebanon Valley	3:30 PM	away
29	Scranton (DH)	1 PM	Artillery
May			
3	MAC Playoff	TBA	
5	MAC Playoff	TBA	
6	MAC Championship	TBA	

Games in bold are MAC Freedom League Double-headers.
All games are 9 innings unless noted with DH (double-header).
Home field: Artillery Park

M.A.C. Standings

Freedom Conference/Overall

Baseball			Softball		
Allentown	(7-1)	14-11	King's	(9-1)	21-4
Del. Val.	(4-2)	14-8	Wilkes	(8-2)	19-7
Drew	(4-2)	12-9	Lycoming	(7-3)	14-9
FDU	(3-3)	9-12	FDU	(3-5)	12-12
Wilkes	(4-4)	15-9	Allentown	(3-5)	17-9
Scranton	(1-5)	8-13	Scranton	(3-7)	4-11
King's	(1-7)	8-14	<i>Drew</i>	(2-6)	8-13
			Del. Val.	(1-7)	3-9

Tennis

King's	(4-0)	9-6
Scranton	(3-0)	5-0
FDU	(2-1)	2-10
Drew	(2-1)	5-7
Wilkes	(1-3)	1-7
Lycoming	(0-3)	0-4
Allentown	(0-4)	0-5

- *Italicized games are MAC Freedom League games to be played in the upcoming week.*
- *Standings are updated weekly.*
- *Statistical leaders are calculated for a different sport each week, so not all sports will be included each week.*
- *Totals are current up to the previous Tuesday, unless noted.*
- *A strikeout line is used to signify defeat of that team.*

Conference

Leaders

Baseball

- Average** - 1. Joe Doran .486
Doubles - 1. J.J. Sodaro 14
Home runs - 1. Doran 7
 4. Scott Garger 3
RBI - 2. Doran 31
ERA - 3. Nate Lipton 3.05
Wins - 2. Lipton 5-1
 4. Joe Casey 4-1
K's - 2. Lipton 43
Team Batting - 1. .360
Team ERA - 1. 4.38

SOFTBALL (18-7)			
DATE	OPPONENT	TIME	SITE
March			
17-18	Salisbury Invite	W 2, L 2	away
23	Misericordia	L 2-1, W 5-1	away
25	Lycoming	L 3-2, W 7-2	away
30	King's	W 1-0, L 3-2	Kirby
April			
1	FDU-Madison	W 3-0, 8-0	Kirby
6	Scranton	W 13-5, 14-4	away
8	Allentown	W 4-0, 9-0	Kirby
10	Baptist Bible	3 PM	Kirby
13	Marywood	3 PM	away
15	Drew	1 PM	away
18	Susquehanna	3 PM	away
20	Lebanon Valley	3 PM	Kirby
21	Moravian	12 PM	away
22	C. of New Jersey	2 PM	away
22	Delaware Valley	1 PM	Kirby
28	MAC Playoff	TBA	King's
29	MAC Championship	TBA	King's

Games in bold are MAC Freedom League Double-headers.
All games are double-headers.
Home field: Kirby Park

MEN'S TENNIS (1-8)			
DATE	OPPONENT	TIME	SITE
March			
18	King's	7-0 L	Ralston
19	Moravian	4-3 L	away
27	Lebanon Valley	6-1 L	Ralston
25	Drew	7-0 L	Ralston
29	Marywood	ppd.	Ralston
April			
1	FDU-Madison	4-3 L	away
4	Albright	ppd.	Ralston
5	Elizabethtown	6-1 L	away
8	Allentown	W 7-0	away
9	Cabrini	ppd.	away
10	Messiah	5-2 L	Ralston
12	Scranton	7-0 L	Ralston
15	Lycoming	1 PM	away
20	Susquehanna	3 PM	away
22	MAC Team semis	TBA	
24	MAC Team finals	TBA	
28	MAC Ind. Champ	TBA	
29	MAC Ind. Champ	TBA	

Games in bold are MAC Freedom League matches.
Home Court: Ralston Field

GOLF (3-1-1)			
DATE	OPPONENT	TIME	SITE
March			
27	Lebanon Valley	forfeit	away
April			
4	Albright	W by 10	away
5	Misericordia	W by 4	away
	Cabrini	W by 8	
	Scranton	Tied	
7	Misericordia	L by 3	W-B Muni
18	Lycoming	1 PM	away
19	Scranton	1 PM	away
28	Practice Round (MAC)		Shawnee
29	MAC Championship	TBA	on
30	MAC Championship	TBA	Delaware

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Slapshots

Pens wrap-up season with two home wins

By MATT SEMCHESKI
Beacon Staff Writer

The Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins ended their inaugural season with a bang last weekend, winning both Friday and Saturday night. Friday the Syracuse Crunch squared off with the Pens for their eighth and final meeting of the season. Syracuse got on the board first as Lubomir Vaic tallied a goal at 6:21 of the first. Both goalies faced little action throughout the early session as the Crunch only got off six shots and the Pens managed just four.

The defensive battle continued until Robert Dome lit the lamp at 12:32 from Alexei Kolkunov and Alex Mathieu, deadlocking the game at one. John Slaney made use of a two-man advantage notching his 30th goal of the season. Martin Sonnenberg and Dennis Bonvie scored five minutes apart from each other to give Wilkes-Barre a controlling 4-1 lead. Syracuse's Brian Bonin found the back of the net with a little over three minutes remaining, but it wasn't enough as the Pens hung on for the 4-2 victory. As a tribute to the team, all forwards were named the first star of the game, all defensemen the second star, and both goalies the third star.

Saturday night brought the Hamilton Bulldogs into town for the final game of the season. These two teams were battling not for playoff contention, but for pride. The loser of this game would take ownership of the worst record in the AHL.

Moving on to the game, the Pens came out like gangbusters, notching three goals in the first by Sonnenberg, Greg Crozier, and Tom Kostopoulos. Michel Larocque stood tall in net turning away everything he faced to send the Penguins into the second with a three-goal lead. The second proved to be somewhat uneventful, as neither team found the net though both had plenty of chances. In the third, Larocque's shutout bid was spoiled when Alex Henry scored his first goal of the season to cut the lead to two. Hamilton's Brad Norton beat Larocque to the short side to make it a one-goal game with less than three minutes remaining. The Pens managed to hold off the Bulldogs comeback and ended the season on a winning note. After the game, all Penguins players were introduced and met with a standing ovation. The evening concluded with a massive giveaway as players hurled pucks and tee shirts into the crowd.

Both games sold out, putting Wilkes-Barre over Providence in the attendance race and into third behind Hartford and Philadelphia.

This first season proved to be a success despite a poor record and many letdowns. There were good times and bad, but the fans of the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton area welcomed the team with open arms and made them feel like champions. Expect the team to be playoff contenders next season as many faces will return though at least five are predicted to be with the big club. All in all it was a good season and hopefully, next year will be even better!

Penguins Post-Season Awards

Most Valuable Player

John Slaney

Fan Favorite

Dennis Bonvie

Rookie of the Year

Tom Kostopoulos

Penguin Award

Sven Butenschon

Most Improved

Josef Melichar

Defenseman of the Year

Sven Butenschon

Most First Stars

Tom Kostopoulos

Scoring leader

John Slaney

Media Award

Casey Harris

Community Service

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SPORTS

The Beacon 11

Deja Vu dims baseball playoff hopes, fall to 4-4

BY DAVID DIMARTINO
Beacon Staff Writer

Two years ago, the last time the baseball team visited Allentown College, a last-inning homerun kept the Colonels out of the Middle Atlantic Corporation playoffs.

Last Saturday, it was again two late-inning home runs which saw the Colonels' hopes of advancing to the playoffs for the first time in six years decrease as the first-place Centaurs swept Wilkes 9-7 and 6-5.

The Blue and Gold headed to Allentown this past weekend with hopes of Freedom Conference glory.

Instead the Colonels were sent home with a 4-4 mark in the

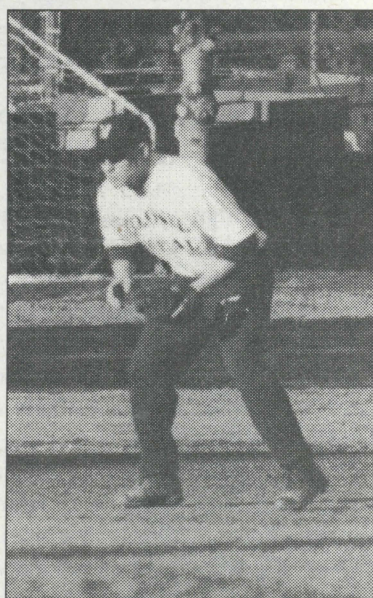


Photo by Adam Polinger
Freshman infielder Adam Kowalczyk picked up two hits in the 6-5 loss to Allentown.

Baseball

Freedom and cannot afford another loss in the league.

The Colonels fell behind early in game one on Saturday in the third inning when Allentown's Dan Lopez drove in Brent Fehnel after two Colonel errors allowed him to third.

In the top of the fourth Wilkes finally got to pitcher Brian Gillow, who struck out four of the first six Colonel hitters. Wilkes plated two runs on an RBI single from sophomore Jim Casey and an RBI double from junior J.J. Sodaro.

Allentown then jumped back in the lead as they scored two runs in the home half of the fourth on a two-RBI single from Fehnel.

The Colonels then went on an offensive attack, scoring two more in the fifth when junior Steve Toth went yard, and adding three in the sixth to give the Colonels a 7-4 lead heading into the final frame.

In the seventh, starting pitcher Nate Lipton put himself in trouble by walking two batters and then surrendering consecutive hits to Chris Caram and Anthony Procaccino.

Toth came in to try and put an end to the rally but only faced one batter, Kevin Coyle. Coyle proceeded to hit a three-run, walk-off home run, his first career dingo.

The loss was the first of the year for Lipton and dropped the Colonels to 15-8, 4-3 in the league.

The Colonels tried to salvage

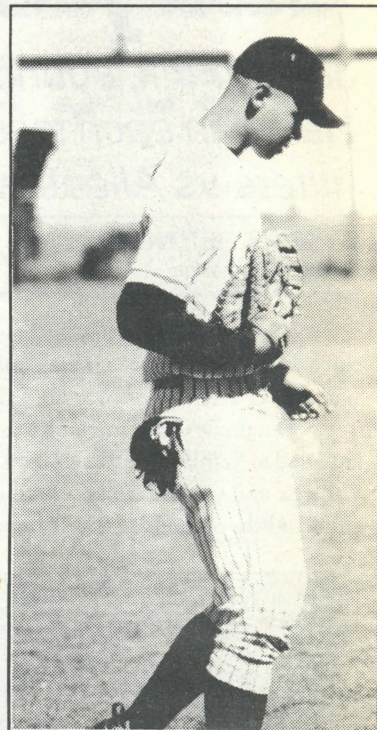


Photo by Adam Polinger
Rick Leibig has seen time both at first base and in the outfield for head coach Joe Folek.

game two, but once again let the lead slip away as they entered the bottom of the sixth holding a slim 5-4 lead. Wilkes built the one run lead on back-to-back home runs in the fifth by senior Joe Doran and Toth.

Allentown showed great poise like in game one and responded with a run in the fifth and a home run in the sixth to improve their record to 14-11, and an impressive 7-1 in conference play.

Senior Tim Popovich relieved sophomore Joe Casey and allowed the tying and winning runs to suffer the loss.

Tennis picks up first win

BY COREY YANOSHAKE
Beacon Managing Editor

The Wilkes University men's tennis squad picked up its first win of the year when they swept Allentown College, 7-0, in a Middle Atlantic Corporation Freedom Conference match on the Centaurs' home court.

Wilkes dropped just one of nine total matches on the day, a heart-breaking 9-8 doubles loss, which did not account for a Centaurs' point.

Seth Gurian, Kevin Siegel, and Jason Leach all used three sets to record victories with Gurian's being at number one singles. Jason Brady and Joe Scordino also re-

Tennis

corded singles victories in the win, as did Ed Bednarz.

In doubles play, Gurian and Scordino combined for an 8-4 win, while Brady and Siegel teamed for another 8-4 victory. Leach and Bednarz suffered the only loss in a nail-biter.

First-year head coach Mike Hromchak earned his first victory as the Colonels improved to 1-7 on the year with a 1-3 mark in the Freedom Conference.

Wilkes fell 5-2 to visiting Messiah College last Monday as

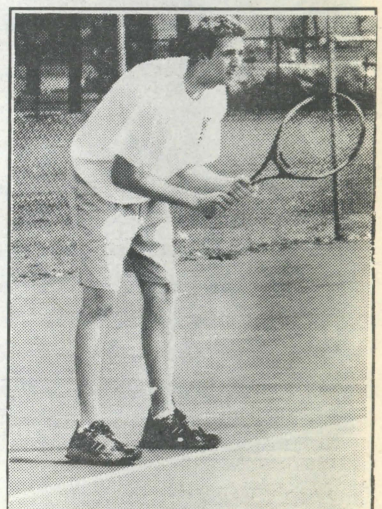


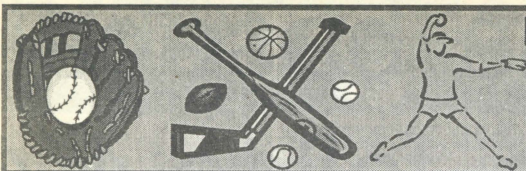
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Jason Brady won his second singles match of the year in the team's first win of the year.

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The Back Page



Lady Colonels play follow the leader

Junior Fink, sophomore Hartman each toss one-hitters vs Allentown.

BY MATT REITNOUR
Beacon Staff Writer

The weather on Tuesday was definitely not "softball weather." It was cold, cloudy, and the weather report was for rain.

But the Wilkes University softball team traveled to Williamsport to take on Lycoming College and walked away with the sun shining brightly on their play-off hopes.

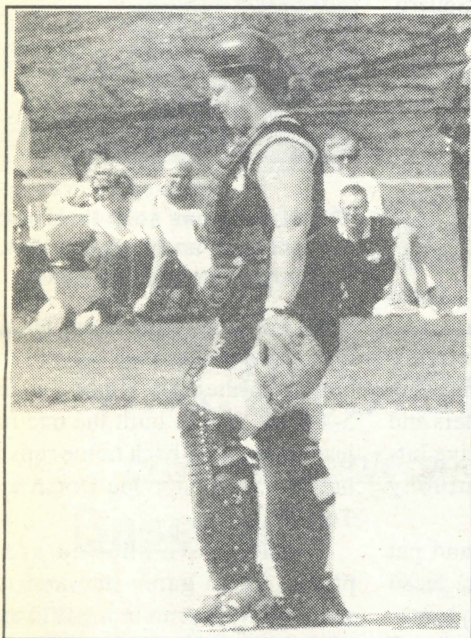


Photo by Adam Polinger
Senior captain Kerianne Geist crushed her third home run of the season in the 9-0 win against Allentown.

Softball

Wilkes beat Lycoming 7-2 on Tuesday to take sole possession of second place in the Freedom Conference. The game was a scheduled make-up after game two of a March 25 double-header was cancelled after the seventh inning when rain stopped the 2-2 tie. League rules call for games to be made up in their entirety, setting up Tuesday's "play-off like" game.

Wilkes entered the game tied for second in the Freedom with Lycoming. Wilkes wasted little time getting the ball rolling offensively when lead-off batter Liz O'Neill singled. Junior Robyn Mendygral tripled, scoring the senior center-fielder to give Wilkes a 1-0 lead. Darby Wolfe added a base hit of her own scoring Mendygral to put Wilkes up 2-0 before the Lady Warriors even batted.

Lycoming cut the lead to one with a run in the fourth, but Wilkes answered with two more in the fifth frame to take a 4-1 lead. Lyco plated a run in the bottom of the fifth but could muster no more runs off pitching star Lisa Hartman. Hartman, who is ranked 20th in the country in earned run average, allowed just six hits while striking out three batters. One of the two Lycoming runs was unearned.

In the seventh, Wilkes scored three more times to close out the scoring. Wilkes pounded out a season-high 13 hits en route to the win. Wilkes now sits in second place all alone in the Freedom. The MAC tournament takes the top two teams from the Freedom and Commonwealth.



Photo by Adam Polinger
Junior Robyn Mendygral leads the team in hitting at .419 with 31 hits.

Wilkes was led at the plate by Mendygral who had three hits and two runs batted in. Sophomore Wolfe had three RBI's, while Melissa Babcock, Brooke Shreaves and Kerianne Geist had two hits apiece.

Saturday, the Lady Colonels utilized high winds and an extremely dusty field to sweep Allentown in a league double-header. Pitching was a key for the Lady Colonels as Hartman and junior pitcher Alice Fink each threw one-hitters in the winning efforts.

Hartman, who has already thrown a no-hitter and a perfect game consecutively this year, had a no-hitter through six and one third innings before giving up a double as the only

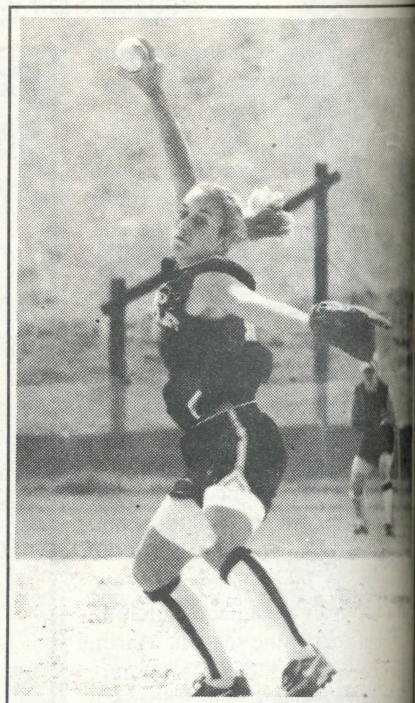


Photo by Adam Polinger
Sophomore Lisa Hartman has allowed just 57 hits in 79 innings pitched.

Allentown hit. Wilkes got another fine performance from Mendygral at the plate, while sophomore Erin Priestman added three hits herself as Wilkes won 4-0. In game two, the Lady Colonels scored early and often to win 9-4 in just five innings. Fink allowed a single lead off the second frame and shut down the Lady Centaurs who were victimized by four errors through the two games.

Wilkes will be back in action today with a double-header at Marywood. The Lady Colonels will then travel to Drew University in Madison, NJ for a Freedom double-dip on Saturday.

Tennis

Gurian and Brady won their respective singles matches at number one and two, but Messiah ran the rest of the board, including two wins in doubles by two and one point.

Scordino leads the Colonels in wins with five total in singles play, followed by three each from Gurian and Siegel. Brady has won twice, while Leach and Bednarz recorded their firsts on Saturday.

Siegel leads the way in doubles with five total wins, playing with three different partners.

Wilkes will be back in action on Saturday when they travel to Lycoming College for their final MAC Freedom Conference match-up and end their season on Tuesday at Susquehanna in preparation for the MAC Playoffs which begin next Thursday.



Photo by Adam Polinger
Seth Gurian is 2-4 in the number one singles spot after starting at third.

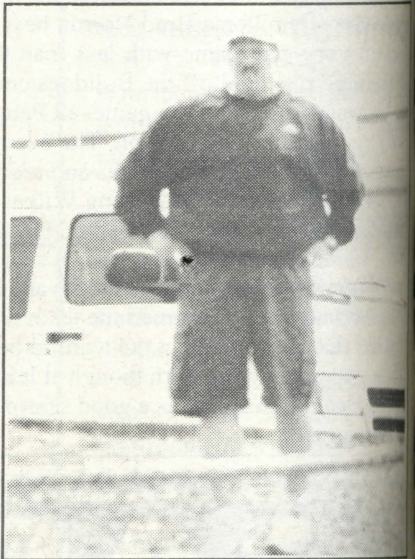


Photo by Adam Polinger
Head coach Mike Hromchak watches his squad in recent action.

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The Beacon's second-annual Athlete of the Year issue is coming up in the first week of May. Although coaches and writers are the only people who receive ballots, students are encouraged to send in a nomination for the Class Athlete of the Year or to nominate someone for another award. The Class Award will be given to a male and female freshman, sophomore, junior, and senior. Send us your selections. Or, send us another athlete's name and a reason why he or she should be given an award, which you can also name. Any submission, within reason, will be taken into consideration.

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Straight wins for the softball team going into today's games.

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Team-best wins by senior men's tennis player Joe Scordino.

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Combined errors between both baseball teams in Allentown.

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Medalist rounds for golfer Jason Pantzar, who averages a 76.

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