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Wilkes makes the grade, but...

BY LEIGH HAMILTON AND
JILL STANKOSKI
*Beacon Staff Writer and Assistant
Editor*

Ever wonder what people on the outside of the Wilkes Campus think of this school and its performance?

Well, every ten years, Wilkes University is evaluated by the Middle Atlantic States Team to report academic accreditation of this higher institution of learning. Dr. Audrey Doberstein, President of Wilmington College, Delaware and Chair of The Middle States Review Committee gave an overview of this year's findings. The team which consisted of professors and advisors from other colleges and universities is involved on this team. They emphasized that though a great deal of planning has been done, it must be communicated, instituted, activated, and shared with University constituents.

In 1998, there was an undergraduate full-time enrollment increase. "It is very important that enrollment is looked at," said Doberstein. Doberstein mentioned that a plan to identify time frames and costs as they have been identified would be beneficial. Also, in 1998 Wilkes University hired a Dean of Enrollment. This dean is responsible for the publicity and the recruitment of new students.

Viability of Wilkes University will depend primarily on clearly defining its market niche to support current educational programs and faculty. Right now full time tuition is \$15,500.

Budget is a major tool for planning successful financial management. Budget includes participation from all levels of administration. The Preliminary Budget is presented every February. The Fiscal Budget is presented every September after enrollment figures are in. The annual budget is based upon the Board of Finance and it is then passed by the trustee's board.

Ineffective revenue projection, excessive withdrawals of endowment, and historical enrollment

trends are used to recognize budget problems. "Decisions regarding priorities of budget is a frustration when realistic assumptions and expectations are not made concerning the budget," stated Doberstein, especially "as the University considers new programs," she said.

State of Information Services need to work accurately. Although the library is in need of ventilation and heat, the review committee had positive things to say about the library faculty. They were described as responsible, intelligible, resourceful, dedicated, and interested. Doberstein and the committee introduced prospects for a Technology Master Plan to be implemented to upgrade technology for staff and students with an online head log with web interface.

The Peer Education of Higher Education is unique in bringing together colleagues from other institutes to have a chance to develop data on how to improve institutions. The findings that are most important besides that of the budget and spending is that the students that attend this university are very satisfied and are motivated by the professors, administrators, and adjunct faculty. These people are highly dedicated to advising the students with identifications and requirements of their majors which is a major strength that this University possess.

They also stated that Wilkes has many has many opportunities available for undergraduate and graduate students.

Wilkes University made the grade but yet there is always something that will be wrong and that has to be addressed. Everyone that has any type of affiliation with Wilkes understands this and a little bit of constructive criticisms never hurt anyone.

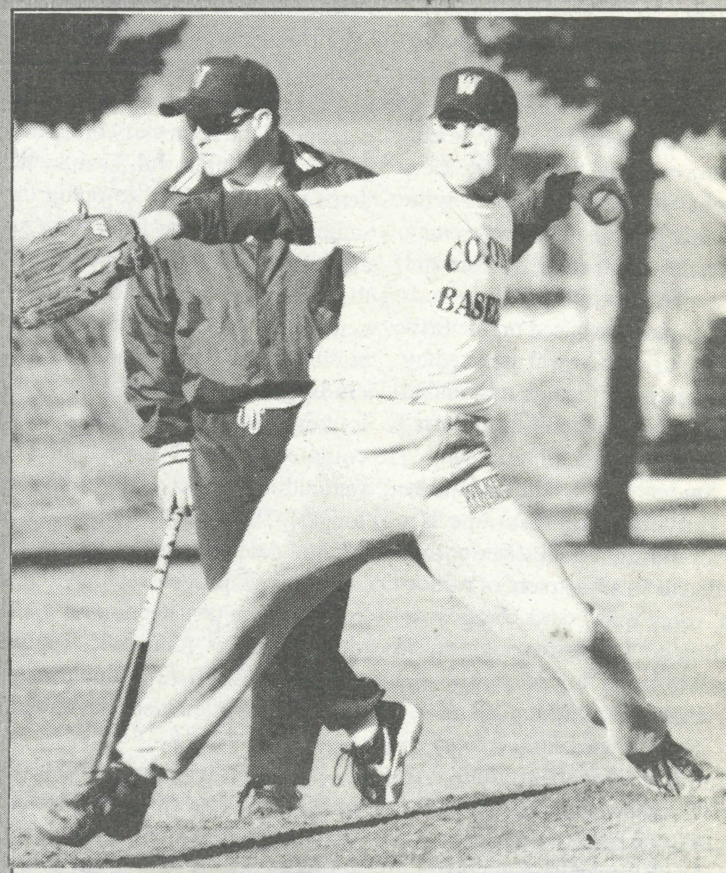
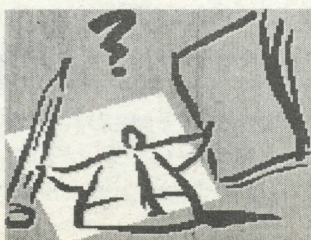


Photo by Adam Polinger

**Joe Casey (r) improved to 4-1 over the weekend
as the Colonels split a pair of double-headers.**

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SG Election 2000

BY MELISSA PETRAS
Special to The Beacon

The semester is coming to an end and as we look forward to getting through exams and on to the summer, we must commit some thought to where Wilkes students are headed in the 2000-01 school year. Who is the student voice coming from? That is the question that Wilkes students will be facing next week when SG Executive Board elections will be held.

Campaign 2000 kicks off next Tuesday at 11:00 AM with the Presidential debate. The three SG veterans vying for the position are Cassie Sutton, Stephen Gazda, and John Bosha. The candidates first reply to questions prepared by the election committee and then the floor will be opened to the audience. In response to the question of his thoughts on the upcoming debate Gazda said, "This is going to be a very important election. All three candidates have different views on the direction Student Government needs to go next year." Attending

the debate next Tuesday will help students get to know the nominees and hear their ideas and plans for the upcoming semesters. Bosha said, "It's definitely going to be interesting. A three way race will hopefully improve voter turnout and give students their voice back in Student Government."

Students need to voice their opinions and take positions in the first Student Government of the new century. Possibly the simplest way to do this is to vote. Class elections, which were held last week, had little competition for positions coupled with a disappointing voter turnout. Current SG Treasurer Jeff Reichl said, "I hope that in future elections we have a greater number of students both running for office and coming out to support their classmates during the election."

Elections for Inter-Resident Hall Council (nominee Megan Stevens), Commuter Council (nominee Lisa Murnin), and Off-Campus Council (Becky Gubanich).

Wilkes adopts new refund policy

Recently, the Wilkes University Board of Directors adopted a new refund policy effective for the 2000-2001 academic year, including Summer 2000.

This announcement is being provided as advance notice of the change. Students who officially withdraw from courses may be eligible for a partial refund of tuition charges. Resident students who withdraw from the University may also qualify for a refund of room and board charges.

Refunds are based on the official date of withdrawal as noted by the Registrar. Students suspended from the University for disciplinary reasons will forfeit all refunds.

Students who withdraw from the University or from specific classes during the semester will be entitled to an adjustment of tuition, fees, room and board charges according to the following refund schedule:

- First week 95% refund
- Second week 85% refund
- Third week 80% refund
- Fourth week 75% refund
- Fifth week 70% refund
- Sixth week 60% refund
- Seventh week 55% refund
- Eighth week 50% refund
- Ninth week 40% refund
- After ninth week no refund.

Financial aid received by students who withdraw may also be adjusted. In accordance with federal regulations, those students who

receive federal financial aid and withdraw from the University during the first 60% of a semester will have their federal financial aid (Pell Grants, Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants, Perkins Loans, Nursing Loans, Stafford Loans and PLUS Loans) adjusted based on the percent of the semester completed prior to the withdrawal. That is, students will be entitled to retain the same percent of the federal financial aid received as the percent of the semester completed. This percent is calculated by dividing the number of days in the semester (excluding breaks of five days or longer) into the number of days completed prior to the withdrawal (excluding breaks of five days or longer). The date of withdrawal will be the date the student begins the withdrawal process at the Registrars' Office (see section on Withdrawals under Academic Regulations) unless there is documentation of class attendance beyond that date.

Students who do not follow the official withdrawal procedure but who stop attending classes for all of their courses will be considered to have withdrawn at the 50% point of the semester unless attendance is documented after that time. There will be no adjustment to federal financial aid after the completion of at least 60% of the semester.

Once the amount of the federal funds to be returned has been cal-

culated, the funds will be returned in the following order:

- Unsubsidized Stafford Loans
- Subsidized Stafford Loans
- PLUS Loans
- Perkins Loans
- Pell Grant
- Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants
- Nursing Loans

Pennsylvania and other state grants will be adjusted in accordance with the agency's stated guidelines. It is expected that PHEAA Grant funds will be reduced by the same percent reduction in tuition received by a student when withdrawing from a course or courses.

Wilkes University grant and scholarship funds will be adjusted based on the percentage of reduction of tuition received by a student when withdrawing from the University.

Please note that students who receive a refund of financial aid prior to withdrawing from the University may owe a repayment of federal financial aid funds received. Students will be contacted by the Financial Aid Office in such situations and will be given 30 days to repay the funds to the University. Students who fail to return the unearned portion of federal financial aid funds given to them will become ineligible for continued receipt of financial aid until such time as the repayment is made.

Wilkes holds blood drive

Wilkes University and the American Red Cross will hold the last blood drive of the school year on Thursday, April 13 from 10AM-4 PM. in the Student Union Ballroom, 84 West South Street, Wilkes-Barre.

Anyone at least 17 years old, who weighs at least 105 pounds, and is in good health is eligible to donate blood. The entire process - pre-registration, iron-level and temperature check, questionnaire

completion, donation, and post-donation refreshment time - takes only about an hour. The actual donation of blood takes approximately 10 minutes.

Each donor gives a unit of blood, which is a little less than a pint. Each donation can help save as many as four lives. Participants need to bring their social security numbers, so Red Cross volunteers can check eligibility. Donors can give blood every 8 weeks or 56 days.

Priority Notification

On Tuesday, April 4, a student reported a sexual assault in an off campus apartment near the area of West River and West Ross Streets early Saturday morning, April 1.

The victim describes the assailant as about 5'8", Caucasian, with dark hair.

All members of the campus community are reminded that they should walk in groups during late evening and early morning hours, and should be familiar at all times with their surroundings.

SG update

BY MELISSA PETRAS
Special to The Beacon

This week's Student Government meeting was conducted with many positive notes on upcoming events and recent successes.

Inter-resident Hall Council is still selling tickets for the NYC bus trip. Commuter Council is planning their annual study break.

Off-Campus Council is selling their off-campus house T-shirts and continues planning for the Block Party which will be held on April 29th.

Programming Board had two very successful events with their pool tournament and WWF this past weekend. The Food committee continues to work toward improving the cafeteria.

The Freshman class was commended for the outstanding job they did with the student auction and were recognized by being voted SG members of the month.

The Spring Fling, which is being held this Friday at Genetti's, has been very well received by the students.

The Casino Night committee was commended for their excellent job with last Friday's event.

A debate for SG President nominees will be held next Tuesday at 11:00 AM. Elections will be held next Thursday from 10 AM-6 PM in the SUB concourse.

Congratulations also to the Business and Accounting Club on being voted SG Club of the Month.

John Bosha

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Students invited to participate in Earth Day Celebration

Wilkes University and King's College invite area students to take a "spring break" with them at their annual Earth Day Celebration at the Kirby Park Amphitheatre on Tuesday, April 18.

From 10 AM to 2 PM, groups of elementary, junior high and high school students will participate in brief demonstrations with representatives from a number of environmentally conscious organizations.

Groups such as the Wyoming Valley Sanitary Authority, Luzerne County Recycling Center, and the Riverfront Parks Committee will set up interactive displays to teach the students how to preserve and appreciate the environment.

For the eighth consecutive year, Pennsylvania Power and Light, Incorporated (PP&L, Inc.) will donate Douglas Fir seedlings for the students to take home and plant. Wilkes and King's will also help them replenish the environment, by distributing different varieties of seed packets.

This year marks Earth Day's 30th anniversary. In the summer of 1969, Senator Gaylord Nelson conceived the idea for a nationwide demonstration on preserving and caring for the environment. As the



Kylie Shafferkoetter, public relations associate, King's College; Alissa M. Antosh, writer/editor, Wilkes University; Stan M. Zygmunt, assistant director of public relations and marketing, King's College; John M. Levitski, community development director, PP&L, Inc., Wilkes-Barre

founder of Earth Day, Nelson's intention was to organize a large, national demonstration that it would get the attention of politicians. He hoped that by focusing on the deteriorating state of the environment, the subject would find a permanent place on the political agenda.

In the Spring of 1970, approximately 20 million Americans answered Nelson's call and held Earth

Day demonstrations. Wilkes and King's have held their cooperative event since 1993.

Registration letters were recently sent out to science educators at all elementary, junior high and high schools in the Wyoming Valley. To register or for more information, contact Kylie Shafferkoetter, King's College public relations associate, at (570) 208-5885.

New concentration added to Nursing Program

BY BETHANY STEFANEC
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A new concentration in Adult Psychiatric Mental Health Nursing has been added to the existing Master of Science Degree Program in Nursing at Wilkes University. The program is fully accredited by the Commission of Collegiate Nursing Education. Courses will begin in the Fall of 2000.

"No other program leading to an Advanced Practice Degree in Psychiatric Mental Health Nursing exists within a 100 mile radius of Wilkes," said Dr. Mary Ann Merrigan, Nursing Department Chairperson. We know nurses desiring to obtain further education in this area will welcome this new concentration. More importantly, we believe it will lead to improved care of those in our area who suffer from mental illnesses."

Psychiatric Mental Health Clinical Nurse Specialists are qualified and educated as Nurse Psychotherapists. They function in direct therapy roles as well as in the roles of educator, consultant, researcher and administrator.

Wilkes University Announces a New Master's Program

in Nursing. Graduates of the program will be eligible to write the certification examination for Clinical Nurse Specialist (CS) given by the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) upon completion of the requirements. A concentration in Gerontological Nursing is also available.

Psychiatric Mental Health Nursing Faculty include: Leona Castor, D.Ed, RN, CS, who received her master's degree in Psychiatric Mental Health Nursing from Bloomsburg University and her doctoral degree from Penn State University; and Peggy Slusser, Ph.D., RN, CS, who received her master's degree in Psychiatric Mental Health Nursing as well as her doctoral degree in nursing from the University of Pennsylvania.

For those nurses who received a Diploma or Associate Degree in Nursing, an accelerated program reducing the number of credits required is available through the newly created Wilkes RN to MS Program.

For more information, contact Merrigan at ext.4074 or Slusser at ext. 4077.

Wilkes students to perform *The Tempest*

BY BETHANY STEFANEC
Communications Assistant

Wilkes University's Department of Visual and Performing Arts announces its latest theatrical endeavor, William Shakespeare's *The Tempest*.

The curtain will rise April 13-15, at 8 p.m., in the Edward Darling Jr. Theater of the Dorothy Dickson Darte Center for the Performing Arts, corner of South and West River Streets, Wilkes-Barre. A matinee performance will be held April 16 at 2 p.m.

The Tempest is a story of fantasy, romance, and supernatural scheming. Prospero, a wise magician and rightful Duke of Milan, played by Rhys Shovlin, Reading, PA, is overthrown by his evil brother, Antonio, played by Eric Bailey, of Jersey City, NJ. With his young daughter, Miranda, played by Colleen Dever, of Chester, NY, Prospero is set adrift on a ship and exiled to an isolated, but enchanted island. There, he encounters spirits of the air and water who become obedient to him after he uses his powers to free them from an evil spell.

Among the spirits is Ariel, a lively, lyrical sprite, played by Avra Myers, of Chestertown, MD, who becomes instrumental in aiding Prospero in his quest for revenge.

One day while using his magical powers, Prospero foresees a ship carrying Antonio. With Ariel's help, a great tempest overtakes the sea and shipwrecks the vessel near the mystical island.

As the passengers wash ashore, they are scattered and separated from one another. Among them is Alonso, the King of Naples, played by Jon Geller, of Kingston, PA, and his son, Ferdinand, played by John Stassen, of South St. Paul, MN.

Fearing his father is dead, Ferdinand takes solace in the company of the beautiful Miranda and the two begin to fall in love. Meanwhile, murderous conspiracies develop all over the island and Prospero sets out to teach Antonio and his fellow conspirators a lesson.

The Tempest is directed by Joseph C. Dawson, associate professor and director of theater at Wilkes. Stage manager is Crystal Sloan, of Milton, PA, lighting designer is David Shock, and technical and scenic director is David Koschak.

Ticket prices are \$15 for the general public, \$5 for students and senior citizens, and free for Wilkes students with I.D. For more information, contact the box office at ext.4540.

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Pharmacy fair held at Wilkes

BY LEIGH ANN HAMILTON
Beacon Staff Writer

Finding out about job opportunities, different drug companies, and promoting the field of pharmacy were just a few of the topics discussed at the Pharmacy fair, held Thursday, March 30th in the Studnet Union.

The event was an effort to get information out about pharmaceutical companies that make the drugs, do the research and regulate it as well as market it. According to pharmacy student Leonarda Zappa, "it was a collaborative effort between Lambda Kappa Sigma and the pharmacy student body center," he said.

Professional fraternities such as Lambda Kappa Sigma and Kappa Psi participate in both community service projects and professional projects.

Their primary purpose is to promote and advance students in the field of pharmacy as individuals and leaders while encouraging a high standard of professional ethics and scholarship. Members call upon these skills regularly throughout their lives to serve their families, communities, and the pharmacy profession.

Jackie Ruan is laboratory manager of the school of pharmacy. "This is a good experience for the pharmacy students to get familiar with the different drug companies as well as career opportunities," she said.

Among the companies were Drug Emporium, Weis Markets, Gi-



Pharmacy students, Sarah Shotto and Sean Nyguyen, help in making the Pharmacy fair a success.

ant Markets, Acme Markets, as well as The United States Public Health Service, Federal Bureau of Prisons, and the United States Air Force. Also present were Kappa Psi and Lambda Kappa Sigma fraternities.

Drug Emporium is a natural retail company that is focusing on disease state management. Pharmacists in this company set up partnerships with physicians' offices or medical centers that treat patients according to their disease state.

Pharmacy Regional Manager, Frank J. Romean, R.Ph., stated that, "Everybody is here to recruit. We offer graduate pharmacists positions within our company. Drug Emporium stand out from all the other companies in that there is a higher

level of job satisfaction."

Frank J. Nice is the Assistant Director of Clinical Neurosciences Program for the United States Public Health Service. He explained that the pharmacy job market is on the rise because, "there is a big turnover as with any health field. There is a tremendous need with new Health Maintenance Organizations."

A representative for the United States Public Health Service, Federal Bureau of Prisons, Raelene W. Skeida, mentioned that, "retail pharmacy is different from the Bureau of Prisons in that there is easy access to the physicians. This is important because it is the only way we can give accurate care. It gives us a bet-

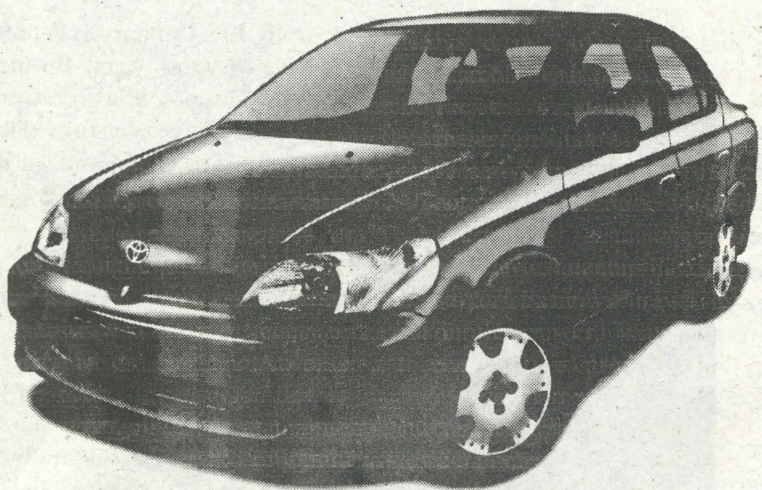
ter opportunity to check for drug disease and interactions and increase overall care for the patients," she said.

Pharmacy Manager of Acme Markets, Patty Melissen, introduced herself. "I'm here today to represent Acme Markets, which is part of a big company called Albertsons, which recently merged. Our company is a very small part of a national company," she said.

The pharmacy industry is growing today and so is the need for qualified people to fill positions. The pharmacy fair was a great opportunity for students here at Wilkes University to further explore their chosen field.

Just a reminder that applications are being accepted until April 21, 2000 for Orientation Leader positions for the Summer Orientation program. Stop by Student Activities for your application or if you should have any questions. Thank you! Donna M. Thornton, Student Activities Coordinator

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Double-Teamed

One guy and two girls discuss the role of friends in a relationship

"Gotta have your girlfriends..."
by Dawn Schwartz

Have you ever been lucky enough to have a great friend that you can talk to about anything? You can tell them your thoughts, fears, and feelings and you don't have to worry about how they'll look at you afterwards. Well, in my life I've been fortunate enough to have a few friends like that, and ya know what... They're all girls. Don't get me wrong, guy friends can be great to, but when it comes down to it, a girl needs female friends sometimes.

Girls can sit and talk with each other about which guys they think are hot, they can complain about their boyfriends together, and



they can cry to each other without feeling embarrassed. I mentioned that I've been lucky enough to have friends like this, so, let me tell you all a bit about the lengths these girls will go to for me...

First off, I've just gotten out of a really bad relationship. While I was in it, I sort of forgot who my real friends were (I disassociated myself from them) and once it was starting to end, I was afraid that I wouldn't have anyone there for me. Well, just when I started to think that it was going to be really bad, my best friend (who we'll leave nameless) sat me down and told me how things were. She told me that I do have a lot of people who care for me and that I shouldn't shut them out.

Another example of how great my friends are is this: They will defend me to anyone who might have a problem with me. In high school, I had many disagreements with many people and I thought that no one would see it my way. Well, I was sure surprised when my friends came to my rescue. They were all there to take my side and I really appreciated it.

I don't want to go into my whole life history, but what I'm trying to say is this: Guys can be great to talk to, but a female needs some girl friends for the stuff that the guys don't understand. And let me be the first to say, there's a lot of stuff that guys just don't get... So, thinking about this topic has made me more aware of who my friends are and how much I love each and every one of them, and I hope it's done the same for you.

"The benefit of Man..."
by Holly Sabecki

Through the years, I've decided that some of the most pleasant friendships I've been in were that of a male/female relation. Don't get me wrong, there is absolutely no problem with having best friends of the same sex, but I found that some of the most endearing occurred between guys and girls. Sure, there are many reasons I say this, but I'll use myself to show you what I mean.

For the past 7 years one of my closest and best friends just happened to be a male by the name of Brian. However, before telling the story of us, my definition of a "best friend" might deem useful. In my opinion, a best friend is someone who knows just what you're thinking at any given time, a person who knows everything about you and can help when situations get sticky. Well, Brian was just this person for me. We did everything together and I never felt strange telling him about my silly girly thoughts. While we had some of the best times, Brian was one of the only people who actually knew who I really was. Sure, I had an attitude in high school, but Brian always saw through it. The best part of our friendship, however, was the reassuring thought they I'd have someone to rely on forever. To be honest, I figured that if I still had Brian, I wouldn't need anything else.

Though Brian and I were best friends, other male cohorts fell into my life as well. Who knows? Maybe it was just my group of friends, but it seemed that every one of us had some special guy friend to talk to when it was necessary. What are the benefits of having male friends? Males, in my opinion, tend to be more honest when it comes to things like hair, clothes and makeup. I can't even tell you the number of times that a guy friend would notice a new change I donned before my female friends did! Also, whenever you're in a dating fix, guys have that "I understand my own sex" thing that can help when choosing a mate. They always know who's worth it and who's not. Another great thing about guys is that the thought of just having a guy to talk to rather than someone who expects "favors" in return is a nice reward. A good guy friend would be there just to be there, no games to be played! And, finally, I like the protected

feeling that I receive from having guy friends around. I know, I know, girls are tough and they can stand up for themselves, but I enjoy having a guy friend with me, ya know, just in case.

While it is a good idea to surround yourself with friends of your own sex there is no harm in having male pals, too. Believe me, when I think about the old times, 4 out of 5 were all memories that Brian and I shared. We were inseparable then and I kinda liked that. I just wish college turned out to be that same way...

"That's what friends are for..."
by Corey Yanoshak

Everybody needs friends. A person cannot completely rely on their significant other to be their only friend. I should know, because truth be told, I rely on mine quite heavily, for everything.

To start, friends shouldn't have to compete for time with your significant other. They should simply realize that you will be with him or her a lot more now and that you may not be going out with them as much. This shouldn't affect your friendship at all, because true friends will understand.

Second, your girl/boyfriend needs to realize that you are not going to give up your friends completely. Sure, you'll be spending more time with her and may not be partying quite as hard with other women, but you're going to be going out with the guys and she's got to accept that.

Now on to her friends. You've got to learn to accept her friends, whether they are girls or guys. She needs some space and her friends provide her with a safe haven when you're not there for her or when she's a little upset with you. Jealousy is good and I use it all the time, but she may have some male friends that she hangs out with and will continue to do so no matter how you feel. Of course, a girl that truly loves you will give up anything that you ask her to, but you might want to stay away from that for a little while.

It's not a bad idea to mix friends. Take some of your buddies to the same party she's going to so everybody gets along and you each get to hang out with the other's friends.

Just remember, no matter how little time you spend with your friends, the important thing is to be there for them. Sometimes one night at the bar a week is all it takes.

Letters to the Editor

Scrambled Eggs no longer cooking

Dear students, faculty, and loyal listeners,

On Tuesday, March 28th, a decision was passed down from the executive staff of WCLH to terminate the Scrambled Eggs radio program. It's tough to appreciate the decision, but I can (and will) accept it.

Perhaps the show crossed the line of "free speech" or maybe it was a simple cry of rebellion.

Either way I will always carry with me the fact that the program may have been one of the few ways that various students connected with each other.

Throughout the year I have received numerous responses, both bad and good, regarding the off-the-wall segments used in the show and the warped senses of humor required to create it.

I can honestly say that it was one of the most enjoyable experiences I have ever endured at this institution. Somewhere down the line I will look back and remember all the events surrounding the program and the repercussions that stemmed from it. From the time I asked a woman if she'd rather her husband be dead or impotent, to the time where Stanley Drive gave one of the most extraordinary performances ever in the studio.

I would like to take the time to thank some people who I owe a great deal of respect to. Jed and Leland (a.k.a. The Grateful Jed and Beatland), nothing would have ever came of the program were it not for your perseverance and determination. When they knocked us down, you continued to fight with me.

I admire your guy's strength and am grateful to you both for being the creative inspiration I needed at times. I hope you both got as much out of this as I did. To my groovy cat Crazy Bob, I must thank you for cleverly, yet shamelessly, plugging the show each week in your column The Main Event (which appears in *The Beacon* each week and can be found around the campus at all times).

I hope you succeed in the ring this summer and it's OK to enjoy the company of men in a platonic matter. To Hey Man, my mother, past guests, and all involved in the "supporting cast," you are all a part of the show that mattered most. You lent your voices, talents, and even tolerated a phone call at 2 in the morning for the sake of the program.

All of you are spectacular people who deserve as much gratitude as I can offer. I have to thank the executive staff of the radio station. I realize that I was irrational at times and that I may have been responsible for the majority of your headaches. But it has been a wild ride and you should all understand that, for what it's worth, it never would have happened without you. You are not my enemies. I thank you for allowing me to stir up the waters and you should be prepared in the future for more jerks like myself.

Finally, I must thank the listeners. The show was all for you to enjoy. I appreciated all the concern you expressed when the program was canceled and felt fulfilled when you would talk about the show with me. Thank you.

I don't know where I go from here. Contrary to belief people do not hate you when you appear to have what they want. Business is business and with it are the consequences. Besides, as a professor once told me, "You haven't worked in radio unless you've been fired at least once." Guess I'm off to a good start, eh Doc? Sincerely, Ryan Gurian

Philosophy and experience makes me the one

Dear *Beacon* readers,

I would like to start this letter off by introducing myself. My name is Cassandra Sutton and I am a junior History/secondary education major running for the position of student government president. The reason that I am writing this letter is to inform you of why I am for running for this position. I have been on student government now for three years. During these years I have been a representative for my class every year, and two years ago I served as the recording secretary on the executive board. Currently I am serving as the vice-president of student government. Through these positions I have dealt with many different individuals and I have gained incredible insight and experiences that I will take with me.

As for the reasons that I am seeking the position of student government president, here are a few of them: my philosophy of life, my experience on and with student government, and the desire to improve a good thing. To reminisce a little for all of you that know Jeff Zapotoczny

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First and Final Thoughts on four years at Wilkes

It all started four years ago. Four years ago I was determined I would never find better friends than ones I already had. Four years ago I was determined I was going to leave and never come back. Four years ago I was determined I was not going to ever graduate. I was wrong. It is amazing how fast my college years went by, but what's more amazing is how much I and everything around me has changed in these last four years. I can remember so clearly freshman orientation, I thought I was the coolest thing; I was wrong again!! And anyone that knows me will agree. I remember how scared I was when my parents drop me off and left me with my crazy first semester roommate, does anyone remember headband girl?? Freshman year was such a learning experience, learning how to get to the fourth floor of Stark, learning never ever take an eight o'clock class, and learning what not to eat in the old cafe (the turkey burgers were rough on the stomach). I also learned real quickly the social part of college, late night dance parties at 69 and drinking strong coffee late at night in Pickering Hall. I have also met a lot of interesting people along the way. I don't think I would have ever known what a pumpkin roll was without being at Wilkes University or ever got to experience the original tree kicker, only in Wilkes-

with Elizabeth O'Neill
Business Manager

Barre! I always complain about this area but Wilkes-Barre has helped me grow up. Where else would I have learned how to deal with slumlords, crazy people, and the O'Brians, who knew more curse words than me. The list is endless but the people and friends I've made here will stay with me the rest of my life and I am grateful to Wilkes for that. For all the bad memories I had to endure here there are times as many good memories. Every year seemed to out-do the year before, I know that Wilkes isn't the best place in the world but some people can't seem TO STOP SMILING AT other people when they are here. Wilkes has given me 638 reasons to love it, but that is to many to mention all. From Chesapeake and Barre to 379 and 64 it has been a wild ride, a ride full of Thanksgiving dinners, fire trucks, the village people, and shark attacks. And now I am forty-five days away from graduation and I am forced to leave a place I was determined never to like, and forced to leave people I was determined never to find and I am left with the best four years I never thought I would have. So to all those people here and have gone thanks for proving me wrong. P. S. Happy Anniversary to the softball team!!!

Satirical Interludes: The Second Coming

By Marc Eakin

I have been challenged to write a column without complaining. I'm not really sure if such a column is possible, but I like a good challenge once in a while!

For the past 22 years and 3 months my life has really, really sucked like an Orick Vacuum Cleaner. Hence I became the cynical pessimist that everyone knows and laughs at. Don't get me wrong, my cynicism and pessimism have served me well over the years, but I sometimes wonder if I'm losing my edge. I mean, how can I write a column titled "Satirical Interludes" if I'm not my sarcastic, bitter self? This is what I am about to find out.

I had resigned myself to being alone for the rest of my life. This was a fact I accepted and found to be rather comforting. I know what you're all thinking, "How could a stud like Marc Eakin think that he would be alone?"

It always confused me as well, but it was what I perceived as my reality. My life made sense then; I would go to school as long as I could live with my dog, and become a career alcoholic. After I became an upstanding alcoholic, I figured I would return to playing my drums and piano in some groovy new band. Oh, I forgot that I intended to become a porn star (ok, you caught me I'm already a porn star).

All of my friends/co-stars always told me that I would find the

love of my life when I least expected. I, of course, didn't believe them because I mean what do porn stars know? However, about four weeks ago I stumbled into the greatest person I have ever known, a person that can get beyond my cynicism and pessimism and sees my true self. This scares the Hell out of me! At first I tried to convince myself that this couldn't be happening, but slowly I am beginning to step back into a reality other than my own. As Dave Matthews says, in his song "Crash into Me," "Lost for you I'm so lost for you."

Anyway, the birds are chirping, the sun is shining, and I've started sunbathing in the nude again (I live at 77 West Ross Street for all those curious cats out there). That's right it's spring! It's this time of the year that it becomes very difficult to concentrate on one's schoolwork instead of going outside and taking a seat with Joe Porto on the bench!

You know, I've never actually sat on a bench on the fine WU campus. I think I need to slow life down a little and start enjoying it. As a matter of fact, I recommend this to everyone! Take a break from studying Organic Chemistry, Philosophy, Calculus, etc., because in the long run does it really matter whether you get a 3.5 or a 4.0? Take it from me, don't take life for granted and don't be so cynical and pessimistic all of the time. You'll be a much happier person and life will be worth living! Feel free to e-mail me at eakinmr@wilkes.edu with any comments, criticisms, or suggestions!

Since when is ignorance a virtue

By Jill Stankoski, Beacon Assistant Editor

Once again, a few students from Wilkes University managed to tick off the residents of South River Street and South Franklin Street. And once again, Steve Corbett felt the urge to inform the general public about the morals that the students at Wilkes have. This time what the students did cannot be taken down or simply melt away. It is much more severe. Especially when it is words, because words hurt especially when they are slurs against people and their religion.

These slurs such as "Hey Jews", "Heil Hitler" were directed at several teenage Jewish students during a party that mainly consisted of Wilkes University students and their friends. These Jewish students live across the street from the party house.

One would seem to think that Wilkes University would never have to face things like this. For one, look at all the diversity that is on this campus. There is always some type of multi-cultural lecture or event that include dancing, eating, and clothing from a specific culture. Hell, we even have classes specifically designed to help people understand diversity. Still people act in a way that helps support the tradition that college students are fat, drunk, and stupid.

The students that were harassed were not even at the party. They were simply standing outside having a cigarette and talking. The people

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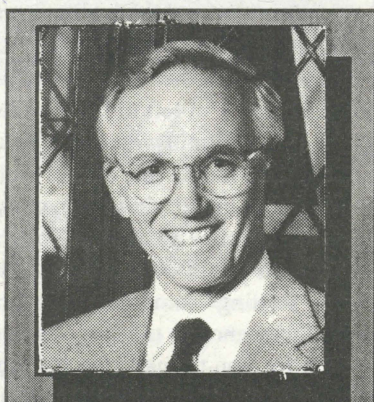
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A Word from the President

Since its beginning as Bucknell University Junior College, Wilkes University and Congregation Ohav Zedek have shared a neighborhood, benefactors and a mutual commitment to teaching our community about culture and difference. Both Congregation Ohav Zedek and Wilkes University share a mission to teach each generation the lessons of our past to promote an understanding of our common humanity and our common frailty.

Columnist and neighbor Steve Corbett has brought to our attention an isolated incident that took place between students studying at Ohav Zedek and students at Wilkes. After extensive investigation we have determined that the offensive words were uttered during a neighborhood snowballfight between two groups of students.

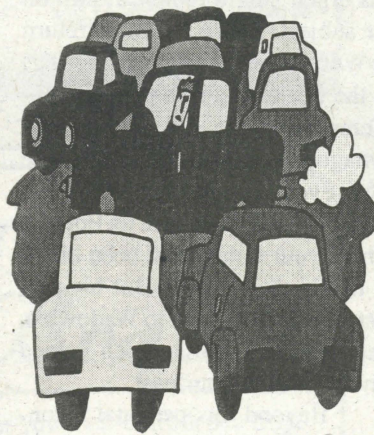
Prior to this one incident, and in the time since, there have been no reports of prejudicial comments or actions among these individuals living in such close proximity. While outward signs of anti-semitic prejudice in our community are rare, we are nonetheless saddened and deeply troubled when it does occur. A regrettable choice was made, one for which the University is profoundly disturbed and sorry.



Christopher Bresiseth

For Wilkes University and the Wyoming Valley this is a teaching moment, an opportunity for us to explore with young people ideas about ethnicity, religion and race. Not only is it a teaching moment for our young people, but also for the community. Those of us who yearn for harmony and cooperation far outnumber those who express a prejudice or insecurity through word or deed. We must persevere with commitment and cooperation to share our vision of a community that, as it grows increasingly diverse, is free from intolerance and intimidation.

Sincerely,
Christopher N. Bresiseth
President Wilkes University



Ignorance

that harassed them were acting out of pure and sheer ignorance. One boy said, "That even in NYC we did not hear stuff like this. We never experienced this until we came here." That is a powerful statement in my opinion. People live in a huge city and are not bashed for their religion but they come to this "so-called city" and are harassed probably by people who are not even from the greater Wyoming Valley or NEPA.

Wilkes University said that they are going to take action to find out exactly what happened that night. After being informed of the accusations last week, a Wilkes Administrator said he planned to meet with Ohav Zedek Rabbi Meir Rosenberg. University officials also plan to talk with the students to see if they can find out more about what happened.

Discrimination as defined by Webster's is the ability to detect as different and to observe subtle differences. My question to you is since when is different a bad thing? Each of us is different in the way we dress, the type of music that we listen to and even things we are born with make us different.

It makes me think how these ignorant people are going to act in the real world when they have people that are from the Jewish faith, African American race, and the female gender for a boss in their profession. Maybe everyone who attends Wilkes University should be forced to take sensitivity classes and be made aware of what is going around them and how to treat people. Who knows it might just work? nahhhhhh.

Jill Stankoski is the Assistant editor for The Beacon and the comments that she expressed here are her own and not a reflection of The Beacon.

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(the RD of Pickering 2 years ago) he told me to always stay out of the loop in all that I do and I will be better for that. You are probably saying what does that mean. Well the short and sweet of it is, to do the best at all that you do and stay out of the gossip and "politics" of everything, so that my decisions are not biased.

Secondly, through my experience I feel that by being on student government and by working with fellow students I have a strong understanding of what we as students need to do in order to make our University stronger for the students.

Lastly, I am willing to take the students input on campus activities and issues and seek ways to make our mark on Wilkes University.

Thank you very much for your time and I would like to conclude this letter with saying that I wish my opponents the best of luck in their campaigns for this position and may the best candidate become president of student government.

Sincerely, Cassandra Sutton

Free parking, refunds should be offered

To whom it may concern,

This letter is for anyone who is having parking problems this semester. We have your solution. We can give you free parking. All you have to do is park in the Pickering lot. The pole in this lot has been up for almost the whole semester! You can park in here for free and not get a ticket!

Don't be fooled like us. We paid \$60.00 to park here this semester and a lot of people are parking in there for free and without penalty. When we ask about putting the pole down, we are told that the pole is either up for a "valid" reason, or the pole is broken, why not give tickets to those that don't belong there? And isn't it a little odd that with the amount of money that we are paying for tuition they just can't buy the part to fix the pole? Exactly how much does this part cost? And if the order is in the transit, where in the world is it being shipped from?!

Practically every week cars are towed out of the Evans lot, but no one bothers to check the other main lots on campus. Students are always towed out of Evans because they are taking staff parking spaces, but anyone who wants to can park in Pickering, and no one cares.

When there was construction going on and parking was limited, there were times when we had trouble getting a spot even though we paid for a permit! Obviously, we don't feel that this is fair.

We are not blaming the students for this. If we had a free place to park, we would park there, too. And if Wilkes wants to let everyone park for free, that's fine too- as long as that privilege is extended to everyone.

We are not trying to cause trouble or single any one person out as the cause of this. We are just tired of giving Wilkes more money when it's not really necessary. Something should be done about this situation.

In closing, we feel that anyone who paid the \$60 to park should be able to go to the financial office and get a refund. It seems only fair.



Citation for Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters award to Jerzy Kluger at Wilkes University

Actual citation from President Christopher Breiseth, given on November 16, 1998.

Engineer Jerzy Kluger, you have navigated the tumultuous events of the twentieth century with great intelligence and a strong will to survive. Despite the terrible loss of family and friends in the Holocaust, you have become a true Citizen of the World.

You were nurtured and supported by your parents and grandmother as well as by the public schools in your native Wadowice, Poland before World War II. When Hitler invaded Poland in 1939, you and your father, a reserve Captain of Artillery, left Wadowice in uniform to join the Polish Army. Captured by the Russians, you both became prisoners in a Soviet labor camp in Siberia until the Germans invaded the Soviet Union in 1941 when the Polish soldiers were released to join the Allies against Hitler. While still in the Soviet Union, you trained and became a First Lieutenant of Artillery, one of only three Jews to graduate from the Polish Artillery Officers School. You reached the Middle East in time to serve with the Polish 2nd Corp and the British 8th Army in the North African Campaign against the Nazis. Thereafter you were an instrumental part as a topographical expert of the Polish Army's efforts in 1944 to recapture Monte Cassino in one of the most heroic battles for the Polish forces during the war. For your military service, you were rewarded the "Cross of the Courageous" three times and the "Silver Cross of Merit with Swords." After the War and after further education in Italy and England, you built an outstanding career as an engineer working and living in Rome. Importing used heavy machinery from America, you participated directly in the reconstruction of Europe. The tangible signs of economic renewal as well as cooperation between western and Eastern Europe are accomplishments to which you have directly contributed.

However, it is by way of a boyhood friendship in Wadowice, Poland, that history has selected you to play a unique role in the rec-

Karol Wotyła, later to become Pope John Paul II, a Jew and a Catholic, grew up as intimate friends in a pre-war Polish community with approximately 8,000 Roman Catholics and 2,000 Jews. Your father, Dr. Wilhelm Kluger, was the highly respected President of the Jewish Community, a lawyer and a man of great learning who believed that Poles of all backgrounds should live and work together in harmony. Your father expressed this belief, as well as his genuine Polish national pride, through music. The string quartet that played once a week in your home included two Catholics and two Jews. Your friend Karol, known to you then as Lolek, would often come to listen, sitting quietly in the background. You both recalled with pleasure the Saturday afternoon concert in the synagogue in 1937, organized by your father, and featuring the great singer, Moïse Kussawiecki, an occasion that brought Catholics and Jews together for a common celebration of music. In hindsight, it was the first time that someone who would become Pope had entered a synagogue since Peter himself did so. Subsequently, you would play a crucial role in initiating the idea for your friend, when he became Pope, to visit the old synagogue in Rome, in what became a truly historic event.

As boys, you played together, made mischief together, and knew each other's families intimately. In the case of Karol, this meant knowing his father, since his mother, brother and sister were dead before he was thirteen. You and other close mutual childhood friends from Wadowice were then and have remained a kind of family to Pope John Paul II, visiting frequently in Rome with the Holy Father and providing him personal intimacy and support.

Rediscovering each other in Rome in 1965, when Karol Wotyła became Archbishop of Krakow, your easy, joyous friendship was rekindled in an instant. He learned of your devastating personal losses and your resulting sense of alienation from your native Poland. You learned of his preparation for the priesthood, an underground activity forbidden by the Nazis. You learned that during those dark days of the war, Wotyła was drawn towards a careful study of the Old Testament, seeing a parallel be-

his subversive activities during the German occupation, he wrote and with his close friends performed verse dramas, the first involving David and Goliath, with later productions drawing on Job and Jeremiah. You learned that he struggled to understand the anti-Semitism that was raging through Europe and committed himself after the war to foster an open and honest recognition of the historic tensions between Jews and Catholics since the Middle Ages which, when ignited by Hitler's virulent anti-Semitism, had contributed to the Holocaust.

By granting you the first private audience after becoming Pope, John Paul II underscored your personal friendship and his sensitivity to the relationship between Jews and Catholics. While the Holy Father has discussed this pivotal relationship with you at length, whether on skiing trips or in the majestic surroundings of the Vatican, he also has urged you to represent him on the subject. He asked you to return to Wadowice to bring his greetings at the dedication of a plaque commemorating the site of your old synagogue, destroyed during the War, even though you had determined never to return to Poland, where your family had been killed at nearby Auschwitz. But his persistence led you back to Wadowice, beginning a process which helped give you back your past.

Beyond this personal reconciliation for you with your native town and country, you and Pope John Paul II have worked to achieve a constructive relationship between the Vatican and the State of Israel. In 1982, early in the process and during one of your trips to Israel, Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir, himself a Polish Jew, praised you for the great work you were doing in behalf of the Jewish people. When the official recognition of Israel by the Vatican occurred in 1994, you merited significant credit for your persistent diplomacy as a private citizen in bringing about this result. At the request of the Pope you also have helped resolve the painful controversy surrounding the location of the Carmelite Convent in Auschwitz.

It is characteristic not only of your friendship with the Holy father, but also of his appreciation of the Jewish people as the "older brothers" of the Christian people,

Through his official pronouncement and interpretations of Church history, your friend has contributed a perspective on the historic relationship of the peoples of the Old and the New Testaments, recognizing their shared tradition as well as their common humanity.

In supporting your friend's vision of this crucial relationship, unprecedented among previous Popes, and told with great power through the recently published book by Dacry O'Brien, "The Hidden Pope," you have taken personal and psychological risks with your past, as well as your future. That you and your friend did this together, while not requiring a conversion of the other, is itself emblematic of your mutual understanding and respect. You have made a profound contribution to humankind, drawing forth from the

horrors of World War II of hope and love, based upon a true, life-long friendship between two different but compatible souls. Helping great work is that lovely Catholic British officer-player you met in Cairo during war and subsequently. Happily, your Renee is tonight to share this recognition on her birthday.

It is singular honor of the virtue of the authority vested by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and by the Board of Trustees of Wilkes University to confer on you, Jerzy Kluger, the Doctor of Humane Letters Causa, with all the rights and privileges appertaining thereto. That the other Dr. Kluger is very proud of this moment of congratulations, Dr. Kluger.

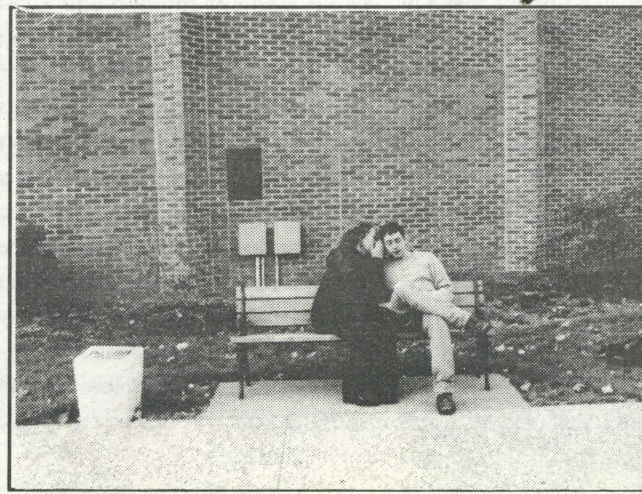
From the Bench with Joe Porto

Yes, "From the bench" has migrated over to the opinion column for the week. What happens is the other kids around here do any work for themselves, and they end up calling me to fill in. So now I'm left to fill the space with my masterful ramblings.

If the column were in my Features pages, I would have about an old Italian rule of life. Well, two actually. The first is to keep your mouth shut, the next is don't ever be a rat. They're less than perfect, but they have similar meanings. They're meanings are extremely useful, so let's get into the reasoning behind it.

"Ratting" someone out is a complete show of disrespect. If you were lucky enough to learn of some well-kept secret, there is no reason for you to make the information public. Most of the time it doesn't concern you anyway. People believe that it is their business to involve themselves in things that do not concern them. Perhaps lives aren't exciting enough, so they try and find it somewhere else. If it was meant to be a secret, chances are it should remain a secret. This isn't too complex is it?

The only thing that ratting accomplishes is getting someone in trouble, or getting yourself in trouble. Why go through all this trouble? So all my readers, I hope you follow this proud tradition. Don't get yourself or anyone else in trouble - it's usually not worth the





Showtime With Kathleen Awad

Final Destination: This is a special affect horror flick that keeps you on the edge of your seat for the entire movie. Yeah, there are some ridiculous moments, but they were inevitable with the science fiction theme. Actually I hate science fiction movies, but this one was different. It deals with the idea of cheating death; a subject that all of us have contemplated when daydreaming at some time during lives. I enjoyed *Final Destination* and it gets a seven out of ten for a horror film.

Here on Earth: This was a touching love story involving a young girl and boy who live in a small town full of big people with small dreams. Another boy is the young girl's best friend for life and experiences the heartbreak of the unrequited love that he has for her. Sadly this best friend helplessly stands by as she slowly slips completely away from him. They all find that in facing the tragedy of a fatal illness, priorities quickly fall into their correct place while the characters prematurely realize the unfairness in life. "It is better to have loved and lost than never to have loved at all", was once said and in this movie that is true for many. *Here on Earth* gets a seven out of ten.

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Look at the stars with Madame Brandi

Virgo (August 23 - September 22) Make sure you stay focused and keep your self-confidence high. Following these simple rules will get you out of a jam this week.

Libra (September 23 - October 23) Resist temptations in the near future otherwise you might get yourself into trouble. They will be stronger than you may realize.

Scorpio (October 24 - November 21) A change of heart this week will surprise you and your friends. Stick with it, because you need to be true to yourself.

Sagittarius (November 22 - December 21) Negativity will surround you soon. Don't let it get you down otherwise you might absorb some of its ugly qualities.

Capricorn (December 22 - January 19) The workplace has been a dreaded area lately. Times are about to change as a new team member is about to join.

Aquarius (January 20 - February 18) Shy away from secrecy this week. It's best to steer clear of this problem waiting to explode.

Pisces (February 19 - March 20) A surprising change in the tide will effect your life in an interesting way. Allow the changes to surround you and float.

Aries (March 21 - April 19) Words will be your downfall if you are not careful. Proceed with caution when explaining your actions.

Taurus (April 20 - May 20) A domestic problem has resurfaced. It will not disappear by ignoring it this time. Take some time out of your schedule and sort it out.

Gemini (May 21 - June 21) You will have an important realization in the next few days. Be sure to allow yourself enough time to meditate upon these new and exciting ideas.

Cancer (June 22 - July 22) Keep your guard up; you're about to come under attack. As long as you take things slowly, you'll be able to fend off most of the onslaught.

Leo (July 23 - August 22) Your sense of adventure will lead you rushing into an unsafe situation. It might be time to be a little more cautious.



The Main Event With Crazy Bob

"Bob, Bob, Bob of the jungle, friend to you and me—Would you believe, they put a Bob on the moon—You and me Crazy ain't nothing but —" BOOM! Only one product kills a third of the people who use it. Think. Don't smoke.

Well they finally gone and done it. WCLH has canceled the Scrambled Eggs Radio Show. God forbid we let anyone push the envelope. *The Beacon* gets away with questionable headlines and some idiot even reported on a masturbation contest. But we can't let anyone who doesn't conform to the stupidity of the masses say what they want because that would mean infiltrating the special club of WCLH. I've always said that there are no clubs in this school, just cliques that receive funding. This brings me to another thing I want to talk about. We'll be back right after these messages.

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Okay we're back with the Main Event. I promise we'll get to Wrestlemania in a minute. I hate politically correct people. I want to kick them in the head. Now I'm not a violent person. In fact I haven't been in a fight since the fifth grade when I was just a little Crazy. But certain people need a kick in the head. WCLH could use one. *The Beacon* could use one. I wouldn't mind one right now. English people deserve some swift kicks to the head.

I'm not referring to people from England, although that would explain the teeth, or lack thereof. You know who I mean. Do you ever take these really boring English classes (its okay; I'm an English Major) and you're sitting there listening to blah blah romanticism blah prose blah blah Wordsworth and there's two minutes left in class? Then some loser egghead who's never even heard of Crazy Bob starts in about how this piece of tripe made him feel last night, and would like to compare it to some other work he wants you to know he's read. So we're there for an extra ten minutes because Mr. Magoo over there wants to impress you with big words and how much reading he or she does. Well guess what herbs: while you were home reading Shakespeare I was Romeo with your girl so alliterate that for awhile.

Wrestlemania was fine and dandy. Once again I was right. The last man to score the pinfall won. But seriously, no one saw that one coming. That's the mark of a good Wrestlemania: the element of surprise. I dug it and I know everyone wanted Foley to win. You can't always get what you want, but if you try sometimes, you might find you get what you need. Those Hardy Boys are out of their freaking minds and I loved how Edge and Christian won without being seen for twenty minutes. The thing with Pete Rose has got to be the strangest of all Wrestlemania traditions. I'm writing this before RAW but I imagine it will be pretty insane.

If anyone in Fortinsky steals my Sobe I swear I'll do very bad things to your body. Let me know if you want tickets for the Gary Albright Memorial Show in Allentown on April 19; I'm not hard to find. If you need books on Douglas MacArthur I promise I'll return them this week. Rock on Ronnie. Someone asked me earlier what I had on tap for this week's column. I'd say we're just about kicked. Play it safe—I'm out.

Elian's father coming to U.S.

BY JASON BROCIOS

Beacon Staff Writer

On Tuesday, six visas were granted to Cuban persons involved in Elian Gonzales's custody and immigration case. The group, who hopes to return the boy quickly and easily to Cuba, includes Elian's father (Juan Miguel Gonzales), his wife and new baby, a cousin of the boy's, a pediatrician, and a kindergarten teacher. At that time, no arrangements had been finalized as to where or when a meeting would take place; however, one is expected soon.

Everyday outside the residence of the Gonzales family home in Little Havana, protesters involved with the anti-Castro Democracy Movement gather declare their message that Elian should stay with the family permanently. Some are so adamantly passionate that they have said they will "stop at nothing" to make sure Elian does not go

back to Cuba with his father. They have even been practicing a "human chain" around the home to prevent INS officials from removing the

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boy. Meanwhile, local and state officials (including Governor Jeb Bush) prepare for what many fear could result in violence. Previously, the Mayor Penelas had stated that it was not the responsibility of local

police to assist the federal government in this matter.

The movement to keep Elian within the United States is mostly driven by the political and social climates in Communist Cuba. Some family members claim that the father is unfit to be granted custody, but most Cuban Americans do not want to see Elian become a "Child of the Revolution." They say that Fidel Castro presents himself as the father figure to all boys in Cuba, therefore capturing their loyalty at a young age.

Many politicians, led by Al Gore, wish to offer permanent residency to the boy and his father to give them time for family courts to decide the case. However, there is nothing in the law strictly preventing Juan Miguel Gonzales from returning his son to Cuba. Most Americans (almost two-thirds surveyed in a recent poll) say that the boy should be returned to Cuba with his father.

Details, details by Beth Danner

All too often we forget to take some time out for ourselves to notice what we are all about and what is around us. It seems society now-a-days moves at such a fast pace, we hardly make the time to write a long over due thank you, let alone take advantage of an opportunity to look at life from a different perspective. We have become so desensitized to nature that we take for granted how pleasant a rainfall can truly be. How many of us gripe when we look out our window in the morning and see it pouring down rain? Oh, who wants to walk around in that? That's one of the first thoughts that cross our minds. I know I don't always want to trample out in that. But, so many of us, instead of jumping over those puddles and walking on the side of the street that doesn't get splashed by the cars passing by, we complain about the mud on our pants and how soaking wet our back packs are. I think rain should be the perfect opportunity for us all to take that step back from the hustle and bustle of everyday, and notice some of its detail for once. What more could you possibly ask for, then a calming rainfall and a comfortable place to think about absolutely anything?

Just look at everyone around you for one minute and watch what they are doing. Does it seem different from what you normally do on a day to day basis? Of course it might. These are things that we never seem to appreciate sometimes. Even if you just sit and watch those that pass by, we can learn so much about that person and how we might be able to learn from them. Lets take for example, what we do in class. When you see someone sleeping during a lecture, does that prompt you to fall asleep as well, or remain wide-awake to save yourself from embarrassment? I'm sure that thought has been pondered. So now think about how it changes what you do. Or how about what path you choose to walk from campus to a certain daily place? Each time is either a different route or the same. Not too complex of a thought, but did you ever think about why you either go the same exact way each time or why you don't? That's a bit more complex. Perhaps it's because we are creatures of habit, so we walk the distance with out a change. Yet for those that feel the need to change the scenery a bit, they fear monotony and the repetition of their surroundings.

These are the details I'm talking about. Everyone encounters opportunity to reflect how they think and why they think that. Not too many take time out though, to ponder these thoughts or at least choose not too. You'll be amazed at what is around if you just look at it. Step aside the chaos and note the detail of what you do and what is around you. Look at the signs hanging up on campus, and this time actually read what they have to say. And when you sit down for a bite to eat in the new student union, notice the clean tables and remember who cleaned them for you. It's not such a bad idea now to write that long over due thank you, you've been putting off. Maybe even stop for a break this week and watch the Weather Channel's forecast to see when it's going to rain next.



BY KATHI
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Take a picture, it lasts longer

BY KATHLEEN AWAD
Beacon Staff Writer

Two Dynamic Speakers appeared at Wilkes last Thursday sharing life altering stories and experiences. Speaker, Gary Fabiano from NYC had the audience at the new Student Union Building at Wilkes University totally captured by his award winning photographs of the devastating genocide in Kosovo. Fabiano is a 1989 graduate of Wilkes and left the university with the hope of being a successful painter of art, but changed his mind and decided to pursue photography. After having only one photography course, he went from painting pictures to having his photographs appear in the *New York Times*.

Because of his passion for photography and the shocking news reports of ethnic cleansing in Kosovo, Fabiano decided to fly to Kosovo on his own to uncover and expose what was really happening to the people. This whole experience was totally self-funded, thereby exhausting his savings. But by viewing what he has accomplished it is clear that no amount of money could outweigh the good that Fabiano has done in a gallant effort to expose the truth. Fabiano's work was presented to the audience in an excellent slide show with the beautiful music of Thomas Otten playing in the background. One of his slides showed a Christian family in an old wooden cart clutching perhaps their only possession, a wooden cross. They were being forced out along with their Muslim neighbors which is an indication that it was not only Muslims being persecuted. Fabiano showed black and white slides taken with Kodak 20-30 millimeter film. He explained that this film size required him to get right up close to the persons' face, which exuded the sincerity of his work. Fabiano explains that you could get close enough using a telephoto lens, but the photographs would be lacking in detail. Fabiano explains that without the non-verbal interaction that he specializes in, it would not be fair to the people who were the subjects of the photographs. Fabiano tells the listeners that eye contact and gestures are all that is usually needed to be able to "feel" welcome to do the shoot. An audience member asked if he was afraid at times while trying to put together this work in Kosovo and Fabiano said, "You don't show

fear over there and believing in what you are doing helps to conquer the fears that you have." He added, "I believe in what I am doing and I want to become them and to feel what they are feeling." *Life* magazine and the Columbia University School of Journalism awarded Gary Fabiano the 2000 Alfred Eisenstadt Award for runner up for the news essay division yesterday for his collection of photographs from Kosovo. *Life* magazine will feature his award winning photos in its special 2000 Collectors Edition issue which will be on the shelves and in the news stands April 10, 2000. In addition Fabiano was named last year, the first place winner of the professional division of the 1999 Kodak Black & White Photography Contest. The image chosen as the winner was also from the Kosovo war photographs.

The second speaker, Tom Zuback, is also a professional photographer and he entertained the audience with his beautiful collection of celebrity photographs. Tom explained to the audience that he is a legitimate paparazzi; not a "stalkarazzi". Zuback was also a graduate from Wilkes University in 1989 with a design degree. He wanted to become a graphic designer and went to NYC to pursue this dream on movie sets. But Zuback explained that when he noticed on the set that the still-photographers had more fun and less aggravation to deal with than set designers he decided to change his career to still-photography. Zuback showed them how a still-photographer stands next to the camera that is shooting the scene and is responsible for getting as many still shots of the scene as possible. The Public Relations companies then have the task of deciding which 15-20 shots of the thousand that he typically takes will be used to promote the film. Zuback had stills from films like *The Deli* to share with us in his slide show. He uses 35 millimeter film to capture stills that have landed his work in various national newspapers and onto the covers of popular magazines, such as *People* magazine and *USA Today*. *People* cover features a full-length shot of Oprah Winfrey, which gained national attention. Zuback explains that it is important to always get good eye contact with the subject and that most actors realize this and will look right into the camera. Outside on the "red carpet" for example at an awards show, Zuback said, "The

more professional celebrities will go right down the row looking at each photographer, who is calling their name." He added that things can get pretty hairy even at organized events like these and that a resourceful photographer will bring along a ladder to be sure to get their best shot of the stars on the carpet. One of Zuback's great full-length shots of Susan Lucci appeared on the cover of *The New York Post* with Lucci giving her well deserved 1999 Emmy a kiss and then at a latter date she posed for Zuback just after signing the issue. This made the *New York Post* sit up and take notice and on June 6, 1999 they ran Zuback's photo of her holding up the signed issue. Tom Zuback says that a savvy photographer can make a decent living as a celebrity photographer, but that still-photography in films is what he ultimately wants to be doing.

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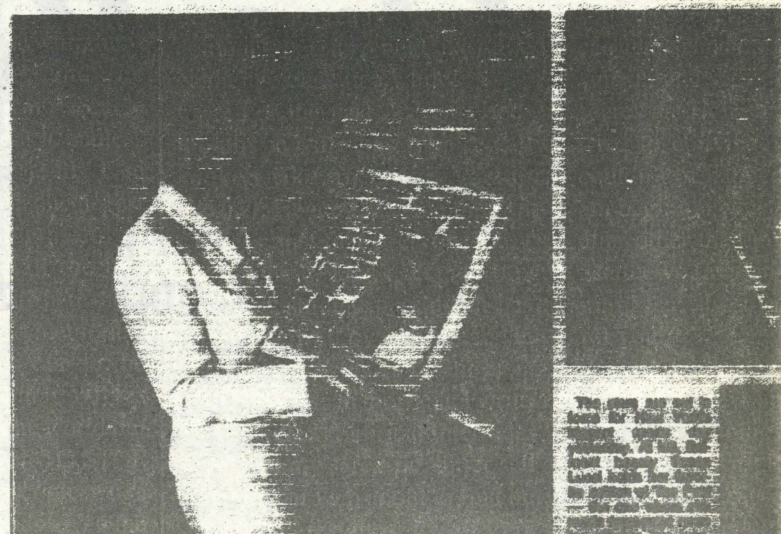
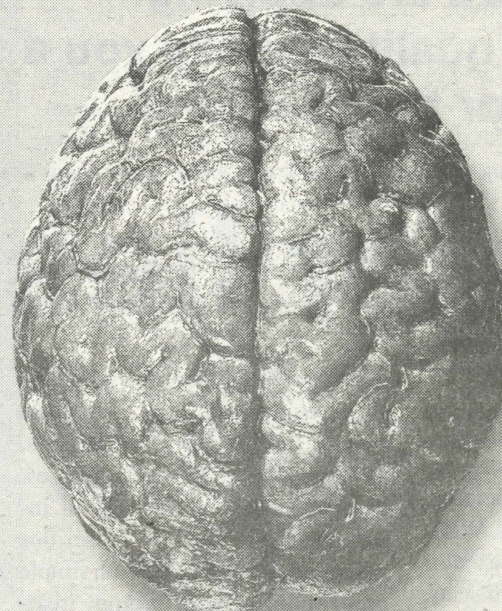


Photo by Tom Zuback

Tom Zuback catches Susan Lucci reading the *New York Post*.

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Danger lies hidden outdoors

BY ANDRIA BIAGIOTTI
Beacon Staff Writer

With the warmer weather coming, many of us will be spending more and more time outdoors. While the warm weather brings us outside, it also brings out the insects. Among which are ticks that can carry a number of illnesses.

Lyme disease is only one illness transmitted by ticks. Others include Rocky Mountain spotted fever, Colorado tick fever, ehrlichiosis and tick paralysis. A new vaccine against Lyme disease offers significant protection. But that doesn't mean you can tromp through the woods without being aware of tick-borne illnesses. For a moment, you

might consider banning all outings in the woods. But relax. The facts largely don't support such fears. Few people get tick-borne illnesses. Even fewer become seriously ill. Infections from ticks can be serious when left untreated. But with simple prevention, or with prompt treatment after infection, you can enjoy the outdoors without fear.

The typical combination of symptoms that occur with tick-borne illness is: a rash paired with flu-like symptoms. With a lyme disease infection, small, white, hard lumps can appear on the skin surrounded by a circular rash. Aches, chills, fever, arthritis, enlarged lymph glands and swelling around the joints are also common. Signs

and symptoms of later-stage disease (several weeks to several months after infection) are more serious. These can include joint inflammation, facial paralysis and heart palpitations. If detected early, Lyme disease responds well to a 3-week course of antibiotics. A recent study concluded that antibiotic treatment offers an excellent prognosis in early Lyme disease. A vaccine approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration is an effective way to prevent most cases of Lyme disease. The vaccine, marketed as Lymerix, is administered in three doses over the course of 1 year. It is not yet known for how long the vaccine provides protection. Booster shots may be required within a few

years of the initial vaccine. Experts recommend that people at increased risk for Lyme disease seek vaccination before tick season begins in warm weather months. People who live or work in grassy or wooded areas, especially in the Northeast, upper Midwest and Pacific Northwest, are at greatest risk for the disease.

There's much more you can do to prevent Lyme disease and other tick-related illness such as dressing appropriately, and making sure all of your body is covered, from the tips of your toes to the top of your head. The point is to offer ticks no point of entry. Consider using a tick-repellent. If you do, however, follow instructions carefully. Dur-

ing your time outdoors, keep away from tall grass and dense woods. After your outing, inspect for ticks. Check places where ticks might be hard to spot, including your scalp and genitals. Check your body for ticks. If you do find a tick, move it promptly and carefully. Use tweezers to grasp the tick by the head. Try to remove the whole tick without crushing it. If possible, place the tick in a plastic bag and take it along if you see your physician. Otherwise flush the tick down the toilet or bury it. Wash your hands after handling ticks. Tick-borne infections merit your attention. There are no reason to turn into a house prisoner. Take reasonable precautions and enjoy the outdoors.

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Slapshots

Home, Season Finale on Saturday

By MATT SEMCHESKI
Beacon Staff Writer

Now that the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins are officially eliminated from the playoffs, they really have nothing left to play for other than pride.

That is exactly what they did for the past three games, giving 100% every night, though coming up short twice. Last Friday, the Pens headed north of the border to Hamilton to take on the Bulldogs in what would be their final trip to Canada this season. The first period proved to be a defensive battle, with neither team lighting the lamp early on. Maxim Spiridonov put the Bulldogs on the board first, with a second period goal, his first of two on the night. Sven Butenschon quickly tied the game, scoring less than two minutes later from Tom Kostopoulos and Mark Murphy. Spiridonov struck again giving his team a one-goal advantage.



John Slaney answered right back, again tying the game. Brent Cullaton, playing in his first AHL game, scored for Hamilton with one second remaining in the second period. Wilkes-Barre seemed to get back on track in the third as Dennis Bonvie notched his fourth goal of the season to tie the game at three. Then the momentum shifted as Michel Riesen tallied twice in the

final session to secure the win for Hamilton.

Saturday, the Penguins traveled to upstate New York to match up against the Albany River Rats. Michel Larocque looked strong turning away fifteen of the sixteen shots he faced in the first period. Butenschon tied the game 4:06 into the second on a cross-ice pass from John Slaney while the Pens were the power play. Larocque surrendered only one goal in the second giving his teammates the opportunity to do some damage, which is exactly what Slaney and Greg Crozier did. They scored within five minutes of each other to give Wilkes-Barre the lead heading into the third. Stanislav Gron knotted the game at four with about eight minutes remaining in the third. Both goalies held their ground in the third sending the game into overtime. It didn't take long for the Bulldogs to capitalize on a Bonvie interference penalty that carried over from the third, as Jeff Williams scored just fifty-eight seconds into the extra session.

The Penguins returned home Tuesday evening to avenge their loss to the Rats. Both netminders stopped everything they faced in the first to keep the game scoreless throughout the early session. Albany got on the board first as David Cunniff beat Larocque shorthanded at 14:20 of the second. That proved to be the only goal of the second as Rats goalie Frederic Henry stopped just five Penguins shots. Wilkes-Barre exploded in the final stanza as Greg Crozier, Alexei Kolkunov, and John Slaney all scored to give the Pens the come from behind win. This game featured five fights including a decisive victory by a usually docile Sven Butenschon.

The Penguins have just three games left, two of which are at home. Wilkes-Barre will travel to Philadelphia this Wednesday and then close out the season with a two-game homestand. Friday the Pens will host Syracuse and then face off with Hamilton on Sunday.

Roller Hockey falls short of CRHL Final

Veteran-laden club finishes .500 after inaugural season

The Wilkes Roller Hockey Team ended their inaugural regular season in the Mid-Atlantic Region of the Collegiate Roller Hockey League on February 27 with a record of 12 wins and 12 losses, falling short in the playoffs to Rochester Institute of Technology. The Collegiate Roller Hockey League spans from coast to coast, including over three hundred of the top college roller hockey teams in the nation. The regular season, spanning nearly six months from October to March, featured extremely tough competition from Division I powerhouses such as Penn State University, the University of Maryland, and the University of Delaware, as well as extensive travel across the Northeastern US. Blue and gold jerseys could be seen promoting Wilkes University as far west as Cleveland, Ohio and as far east as the Hamptons on Long Island. Throughout the course of the season, every dose of adversity dealt to the Colonels was countered with an equal amount of improvement through persever-

Name	GP	G	A	PTS	PPG	PIM
<i>Offensive Stats</i>						
Chris Jarzyk	24	24	15	39	1	16
David Peer	24	18	11	29	3	0
Russ Silcox	10	16	0	16	1	26
Jason Renninger	23	0	9	9	0	0
Rob Hersker	20	3	5	8	0	6
B.J. Kosich	24	2	4	6	0	12
Erin Bonnaci	24	2	2	4	0	34
Jason Waterbury	20	2	1	3	0	12
Mike Burke	20	0	3	3	0	0
<i>Goalie Stats</i>						
		GAA	SH	SA	SV%	
Mike Burke	20	4.20	631	548	.868	

ance. The team strongly believes, as proven through their many wins over much larger colleges, that they can compete at the highest level in college athletics.

Founded only two years ago, Wilkes Roller Hockey has grown from a fledgling club into a program of thirty-one members and a traveling intercollegiate team of nine. Pickup games in the basement of the gymnasium have evolved into a twenty-four game regular season at a multi-million dollar facilities throughout the Northeastern United States.

Team captain and president Chris Jarzyk has been with the team since the beginning: "Not only is the CRHL a great opportunity for the team to compete at the highest level of competition in the country, it's also a chance for us to promote the University in areas that might otherwise have overlooked our existence." Assistant captain and vice-president David Peer has also been with the club from the start: "It is incredible to see how much this program has grown over the past few years. Without dedication on every member's part, the team would not be where it is today."

The Colonels hold five two-hour practices a week to stay in peak condition. The season was not without expense. Team members fundraised thousands of dollars throughout the season and also paid out of their own pockets to acquire jerseys as well as cover league fees, hotels, meals, and other travel expenses.

This year's squad featured the veteran leadership of seniors Chris Jarzyk (captain), David Peer (assistant captain), Jason Renninger, and junior Jason Waterbury (assistant captain). Sophomore Rob Hersker and freshmen BJ Kosich, Eric Bonnaci, Russ Silcox, and Mike Burke rounded out the roster.

The first half of the regular season, Wilkes' first foray into competitive hockey, culminated

with a somewhat disappointing 4-8 overall record. However, the team improved over the course of the first twelve games, and the first half ended with an upset victory over the University of Pittsburgh, ranked #2 in the conference, and #6 in the nation.

During the midseason break, Wilkes had the opportunity to participate against colleges of similar size in the Blue Jay Invitational, hosted by Elizabethtown College. Comprised exclusively of Division III colleges in Pennsylvania such as York College, Bloomsburg University, and Elizabethtown, the Colonels looked forward to facing an equal opponent. Their Division I experience proved helpful, as Wilkes steamrolled through the tournament with an undefeated 4-0 record, and easily claimed the tournament championship.

The new year was extremely successful for the Colonels. With an 8-4 second-half record, Wilkes drastically improved in the league standings and opened the playoffs with two wins over State University of New York at Albany and the University of Pittsburgh's B Team. In the Sweet 16, Wilkes was bounced from the playoffs by Rochester Institute of Technology, ranked 94 in the conference and #16 nationally, ending their season.

Next year's team looks promising, as the Colonels will return all but one player (graduating senior Jason Renninger) while adding three talented incoming freshmen.

Assistant captain and treasurer Jason Waterbury anticipates further improvement next season. "Simply put, our goal in 2000-2001 is to qualify for the Collegiate Roller Hockey League national tournament."

The national tournament, to be held in April 2001, features the top 32 teams from across America.

For updated information on Wilkes University Roller Hockey, visit: <http://mathcs.wilkes.edu/rhclub>.

Player of the Week

Softball player Lisa Hartman has been named the Player of the Week in the Middle Atlantic Corporation Freedom Conference after a remarkable week for head coach Tom Dunsmuir.

Hartman tossed consecutive no-hitters, including a perfect game in the second as the sophomore improves to 7-2 on the year.

Hartman no-hit 17-2 King's College last week as the Lady Colonels split a pair of games with the backyard rivals. The Northwest graduate then tossed a perfect game when FDU-Madison came to town on the weekend as Wilkes swept the Jersey Devils to improve to 14-7 on the year.

Hartman, last year's Rookie of the Year, finished the week with a .60 ERA, allowing just one walk and one batter to reach base on an error over both games. Hartman added six strikeouts in the 3-0 perfect game.

For the year, Hartman is second in the conference with seven wins and a 1.06 ERA, along with 32 strikeouts in 59.2 innings pitched.

Hartman had been pitching the second game behind Alice Fink but moved to game one before she tossed her first collegiate no-hitter.

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Spring Sports Schedules

BASEBALL (14-7)			
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	3:30 PM	away
8	Allentown (DH)	1 PM	away
9	Albright	1 PM	Artillery
12	Scranton	4 PM	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	(5-1)	12-9	Lycoming	(5-0)	12-4
Del. Val.	(3-1)	12-6	King's	(5-1)	17-2
Wilkes	(4-2)	14-7	Wilkes	(0-1)	11-6
Drew	(4-2)	10-8	Allentown	(3-3)	17-7
FDU	(2-2)	7-11	Scranton	(3-3)	4-7
Scranton	(0-4)	7-11	Drew	(2-4)	8-11
King's	(0-6)	6-12	FDU	(1-5)	9-11
			Del. Val.	(1-5)	1-7

Tennis

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

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.

Conference

Leaders

Softball

Doubles - 5. Robyn Mendygral 6
Triples - 4. Mendygral 4
Home runs - 4. Darby Wolfe 3,
2. Mendygral 2
RBI - 4. Mendygral 19
Stolen Bases - 5. Mendygral 9-9
ERA - 2. Lisa Hartman 1.06
Wins - 3. Hartman 7-2
K's - 2. Alice Fink 43,
4. Hartman 32
Team ERA - 2. 1.57

SOFTBALL (14-7)

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME	SITE
March			
17-18	Salisbury Invite	2-2	away
23	Misericordia	L 2-1, W 5-1	away
25	Lycoming	L 3-2, T 2-2	away
30	King's	W 1-0, L 3-2	Kirby
April			
1	FDU-Madison	W 3-0, 8-0	Kirby
6	Scranton	3 PM	away
8	Allentown	1 PM	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
	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 (0-4)

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME	SITE
March			
18	King's	7-0 L.	Ralston
19	Moravian	4-3 L	away
27	Lebanon Valley	ppd.	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	3 PM	away
8	Allentown	1 PM	away
9	Cabrini	1 PM	away
10	Messiah	3 PM	Ralston
12	Scranton	3 PM	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 (1-0)

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME	SITE
March			
27	Lebanon Valley	forfeit	away
April			
4	Albright/Widener	W	away
5	Misericordia	1 PM	away
7	Misericordia	1 PM	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

Home course: Wilkes-Barre Municipal Golf Course

Golfers at 1-0; Tennis drops a pair

BY COREY YANOSHAKE
Beacon Managing Editor

The golf team won their first match this season as they defeated Albright College on Tuesday afternoon, 457-467, in Reading.

Art Brunn, Jr.'s club improves to 1-0 after forfeiting a

Golf

match at Lebanon Valley last week.

For the Colonels, Jason Pantzer was low-round with an 80, followed by Kirk Leslie's 83. Sheb Shumar and Jon Elfie fired a 94 and 96, respectively, to round out the Colonels' top four.

Albright's Joel Harvey took home medalist honors with a 78. Mitch Lauver fired a 91. Sean Adams had a 98 and Tim Cummings 100 in the losing effort.

Wilkes played at College Misericordia yesterday.

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The men's tennis team dropped to 0-4 on the year after losing a heartbreaking 4-3 loss at FDU-Madison, then being swept by cross-town rival King's College, 7-0, at Ralston Field.

The team, coached by first-year coach Mike Hromchak, is 0-3 in the Middle Atlantic Corporation

Tennis

Freedom Conference after also being swept by Drew University.

In the 4-3 loss at FDU, Seth Gurian made the jump to number one spot, but dropped the match in three sets, 3-6, 6-2, and 7-5. Jason Brady dropped to number two and also lost in three sets, 6-4, 3-6, and 6-0. Joe Scordino recorded his first singles win when he won 6-2, 6-7, and 6-1. Kevin Siegel added a singles win with a 7-6, 6-4 victory. Scordino and Brady came away with a doubles win 8-6, while Gurian and Siegel recorded a 8-5 win to account for the three team points.

In the match against King's, the Colonels were held scoreless and they dropped all nine matches.

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Game-Time...

with Kevin Sickle

It's a bittersweet week in sports this week. It's the end of a great season, and the start of another. What started with Midnight Madness some five months or so ago rolled to a close with March Madness and the championship game Monday night as Michigan State was crowned National Champions for 1999-2000. What ended in October with the Yankees' twenty-fifth championship of the twentieth century, commenced Monday with the North American Opening Day of the Major League Baseball season for twenty-four teams. Some fans are saddened by the end of the college basketball season, and some are overjoyed at the beginning of the baseball season. I take both sides in this discussion.

I have to admit that I hadn't really paid as much attention to the college basketball scene this year as I have in the past, largely due to the fact that my Arkansas Razorbacks didn't fare too well until the SEC tournament. Other than that, I can't really explain my lack of interest, because the talent pool was much larger and more spread out this year than in any year in recent history.

My lack of interest almost made me miss out on one of the best performances in an NCAA final ever. I dragged my butt home from work on Monday night. If my father and brother hadn't been glued to the tube, I probably wouldn't have even watched the Michigan St.-Florida game. I'm glad they had it on though, because the sixteen minutes that I did see just about made up for the five months of college hoops that I missed.

I came in just before Mateen Cleaves went down. When he did, I was confident that he would be back and show the leadership that he had all season. He may not have had his best stuff when he did but, contrary to Dicky V's analysis, I don't think that the Spartans would have won that game without Mateen's leadership. He sparked his teammates and they helped give him the championship that he came back for his senior season to get. That's why he got the MOP (Most Outstanding Player) Award. It wasn't for his offensive displays in his team's first five tournament games or his 13 first half points, although that helped. He got the award because he's a natural leader and winner, and a great sportsman. He's one of a very select few.

More importantly for some was the unofficial opening day of the baseball season on Monday. Yeah, the Mets and Cubs played over in "the land of the rising sun" for two games, but who actually woke up at five in the morning to watch? Not me. Monday brought America's game back to America, and along with it came some great opening day performances.

Junior's opening day may not have been the picture-perfect one that all sports fans envisioned, but hey, he's still got 160 games to prove his worth. Mark McGwire didn't start the season with a homer; he didn't even play in the game. That's why there are 162 games in a season, Mark. You'll get your taters in. And what about the best hitter of our era, Tony Gwynn? His opening day is one to remember, but for the wrong reason. He was hit in the elbow by an Al Leiter pitch in the fourth inning of the Padres-Mets game. Once that heals, though, you know Tony will be back to his old form.

The dramatics that opening day in the States (and Canada) did bring were unexpected. Andres Galarraga, after missing all of the '99 season while battling cancer, came back to Atlanta and, if only for a day, made the Braves forget about that whole Rucker thing. Galarraga hit a go-ahead home run in the seventh inning, which proved to be the game-winner in the Braves' 2-0 opening day win over the Colorado Rockies. Craig Paquette stepped in for Mark McGwire moments before the Cardinals' opener and lined a three-run shot over the wall, propelling St. Louis to a 1-1 win over Chicago. Six players opened their campaign with two home run games, with Vladimir Guerrero hitting his for the lowly Expos in a 10-4 loss to the Dodgers. Gabe Kapler became the first player to homer in his first two at-bats with the Rangers, and his Texas teammate Ivan Rodriguez hit two as well as Texas defeated the White Sox 10-4. Toronto teammates Tony Batista and Shannon Stewart pulled off the feat as well, helping the Blue Jays to a 5-4 win over Kansas City. All in all, it was one of the best opening days for baseball in recent memory.

You couldn't ask for a better sports day. The best single-game sporting event of the year proved to be a great finish to a spectacular basketball season, with truly the best team taking home the Sears Trophy. The best sport of them all opened up what looks to be another very exciting season, and the big money players haven't even had a real impact yet.

Unlike those mopes who are sad that the college basketball season is over, I'm glad that I got to see the best part of it, and am eager to get to next season. I have something to fall back on now, though. My favorite sport threw out the first pitch on Monday, and I can't wait to see how the season unfolds. That's what's great about the world of sports; when one season comes to a close, another is there to pick up the slack. What would we do without sports? I don't even want to think about it.

Three-in-a-row, both ways

The baseball team has split their last three DH's, including two in the conference.

On a busy weekend for the baseball team, Joe Folek's club could only come out with two wins as the Colonels split a pair of double-headers at FDU-Madison and Gwynedd-Mercy on Saturday and Sunday.

In a crucial Middle Atlantic Corporation Freedom Conference double-header, Wilkes split with the Jersey Devils in Madison, NJ. The Colonels won the first game 11-2, but fell victim to some poor play in the beginning of game two, falling 13-12.

Nate Lipton threw another outstanding game, allowing just two hits as the senior improved to

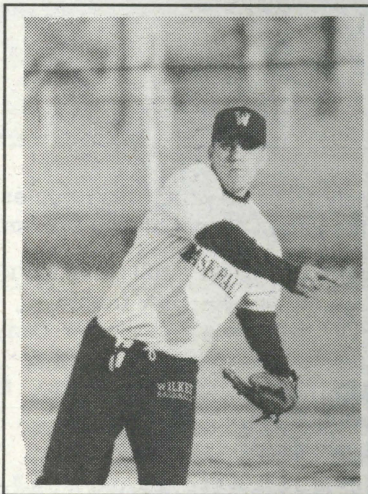


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Freshman outfielder Jon Bartell smacked three hits in a 11-8 loss at Gwynedd-Mercy.

5-0 on the year with a 2.15 ERA. Wilkes banged out 18 hits in the opener, but were plagued by four errors in the win.

In game two, errors once again proved costly as the Colonels committed four more errors on the day. After falling behind 7-1, Wilkes fought back to eventually tie the game at 12 with a seventh

Baseball

inning rally. Scott Garger keyed the rally with a two-run, two-out double, but was stranded on second when Corey Yanoshak popped out to end the Colonels' hopes.

Steve Toth came out for his second frame and ended up taking the loss when FDU floated a single up the middle with a runner on second as the Colonels fell to 4-2 in the Freedom Conference. Wilkes was once again solid at the plate with 14 hits, but three pitchers surrendered 12 hits to the Devils.

On Sunday, Wilkes traveled to Gwynedd Valley to take on the Griffins in a non-conference twinbill.

For the third straight time, Wilkes was victorious in the opener, but fell in the nightcap as Folek's club dropped to 14-7 on the year.

Wilkes committed a total of five errors on the day, while smacking 11 hits in each game, winning the first 9-7, but falling 11-8 in the second. Gwynedd-Mercy racked up 10 hits in game one and nine in game two, while committing four errors.

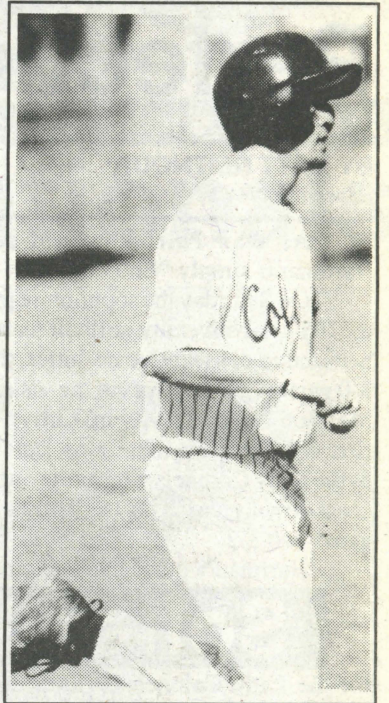


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Sophomore IF/OF Scott Garger was 6-8 on Saturday with a double to tie the FDU game at 12 in the seventh inning.

Joe Casey improved to 4-1 with a relief appearance of starter Ryan Palos. Palos, in his first season since being sidelined last year with elbow surgery, was plagued by three errors. Casey improved his team-best ERA to 1.64.

Joe Doran fell to 1-3 on the nightcap. The Colonels rallied late in the game, but could pull off the comeback win in the final frame.

For the year, Wilkes has allowed 121 runs with only 65 counting as earned runs. Jason Lenko and Doran have both allowed 24 runs with only nine being earned.

Junior transfer could fill hole in middle

Wilkes University men's basketball coach Jerry Rickrode has announced that 6' 5" forward Tom Stambaugh, who formerly starred at both Bishop O'Reilly High School and Lackawanna Junior College, has opted to continue his academic and athletic careers at Wilkes next fall.

Stambaugh chose Wilkes after also considering-Division I schools Central Connecticut, Coastal Carolina, American University, Winthrop, St. Francis (NY) and Campbell, along with Division II foes Bloomsburg and New Haven (CT).

"Words can't express how excited I am about having the opportunity to coach Tom Stambaugh," commented Rickrode. "He can do things on the basketball court that most players at our level can't do. He has the ability to not only shoot the ball from three-

point range, but to take the ball to the basket as well. His athletic ability is simply outstanding. I am looking for him to be one of the premier players in all of Division III."

Stambaugh was a first team Wyoming Valley Conference All-Star and a fourth team All-State selection during his senior season at Bishop O'Reilly. During his senior year he averaged 21 points, seven rebounds and four blocked shots per game. During his two seasons at Lackawanna he helped the Falcons post records of 23-4 as a freshman, and 27-5 this past season. Stambaugh averaged 16 points, eight rebounds and two blocks per game this year, earning a berth on the Region 19 All-Star squad. He also helped lead Lackawanna to a berth in the National Junior College Athletic Association National Championship Tournament, where they finished

eighth.

"I feel that Wilkes will be the perfect place for me," stated Stambaugh, who was a Dean's List student at Lackawanna. "It is close to home, which I like, and I think that I will fit in very well with the team. Coach Rickrode is also another big reason why I decided on Wilkes. He is an outstanding coach and I know I will enjoy playing for him."

"The most important thing about Tom is that he is an outstanding young man," continued Rickrode. "He comes from an outstanding family and is an extremely hard worker. His Junior college coach, Eric Grundhman, is a personal friend of mine and has nothing but great things to say about Tom."

Stambaugh, who plans to major in Sociology, is from Plymouth, PA.

The Back Page

Perfection acheived; Lady Colonels sweep

BY MATT REITNOUR

Beacon Staff Writer

As Dan Patrick would say, Lisa Hartman is simply "En Feugo."

On Saturday the sophomore pitcher for the Wilkes University softball team pitched her second consecutive no-hitter, this time a 3-0 perfect game win over the visiting FDU-Madison Jersey Devils in Kirby Park. Her first collegiate no-hitter was last Thursday as the Lady Colonels won game one 1-0 over cross-town rival King's. Wilkes dropped game two 3-2.

Hartman's gems came at clutch times

Softball

for the Lady Colonels. Wilkes entered the double-header versus King's with an 11-6 record, but more importantly an 0-1 record in the Freedom Conference. Hartman pitched seven strong innings last Thursday, holding the hot-hitting Lady Monarchs hitless. She allowed just two base-runners in the contest, one via an error and one via a base on balls in the top half of the seventh inning. Hartman struck out just one batter while picking up her sixth win on the season.

One no-hitter is rare, but back-to-back no-hitters is even more unusual. On Saturday Hartman again took to the hill in game one of the Freedom double-dip. She faced



Photo by Jill Stankoski

Erin Priestman has hit safely 15 times with three doubles, starting 20 of 21 games for the Lady Colonel of Tom Dunsmuir.

21 batters, the minimum amount in a seven inning game and struck out six. In the second inning she worked an FDU batter to a

full count before getting the strikeout to end the frame.

Her Lady Colonel teammates only

picked up four hits on the day versus FDU ace Jeannie Peterson, who entered Saturday's first game in need of just five strikeouts to break the school's all-time record in K. Peterson only fanned four Lady Colonel batters, and she couldn't get sophomore second baseman Darby Wolfe out. Wolfe hit a three-run homer in the fourth to produce Wilkes' only runs in the contest.

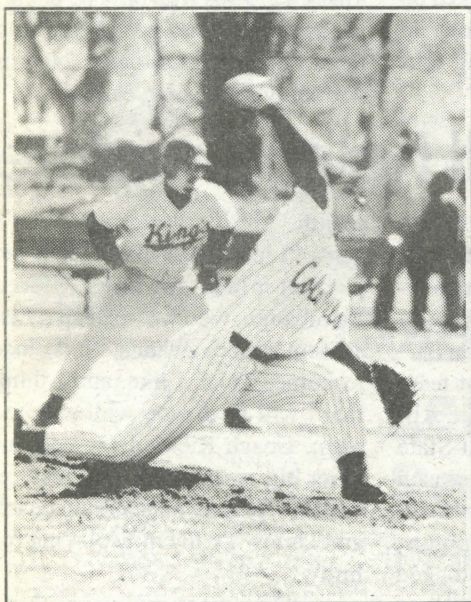
Following Hartman's no-hitter was junior pitcher Alice Fink, who is a pretty good pitcher in her own right. Fink, Wilkes' all-time leader in pitching wins, went just five innings as Wilkes blasted FDU-Madison 8-0 to up their record to 14-7 overall, 3-2 in Freedom. Freshman Melissa Babcock had two hits, including a two-run double in the first inning to propel the Blue and Gold. Babcock finished the game with a team and personal high four runs batted in while senior Kerianne Geist and junior Robyn Mendygral added two hits apiece in the winning effort.

For her efforts Hartman was named the Freedom Conference Player of the Week and the WNEP Athlete of the Week. She has allowed a run in 21 and two-thirds innings and is first in the Freedom with a microscopic 1.06 earned run average.

The Lady Colonels will be back in action today as they travel to Scranton to face the Lady Royals in a Freedom Conference match-up.

Co-Athletes of the Month

Nate Lipton: **Baseball** Lisa Hartman: **Softball** Robyn Mendygral: **Softball** Joe Doran: **Baseball**



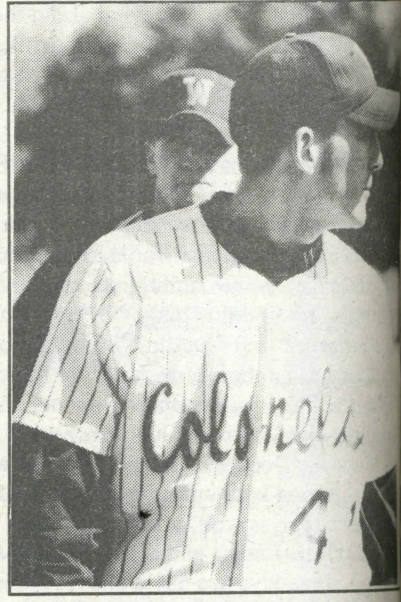
Nate Lipton earned male co-Athlete of the Month honors for March after posting a 5-0 record in his senior baseball season. The righty has three conference wins, along with 39 strikeouts and a 2.15 ERA.



Softball pitcher Lisa Hartman earned female co-Athlete of the Month for March after an unprecedented string of a no-hitter, followed by a perfect game. The sophomore has seven wins on the year with a 1.06 ERA, 59 IP, and just 44 hits.



Junior softballer Robyn Mendygral earned female co-Athlete of the Month for March with a solid month at the plate for the 14-7 Lady Colonels. When the team struggled at the plate, "Shooter" hit .403 with 25 hits and 19 RBI.



Senior Joe Doran (fr) split male Athlete of the Month for March after leading the Colonels with a .534 batting average. Doran leads the team in homeruns (5) and RBI (27), while also contributing 30 hits to go with a 3.08 ERA on the mound.

.983

Softball 1B Melissa Babcock's team-high fielding percentage.

.250

The baseball team's winning % (1-3) in one-run games.

3

The number of runs allowed in softball's last four games.

.368

Baseball team's batting average, compared to .285 against.