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Faculty meetings closed to students...

What we can't see

By **BHAVIKA A. PATEL**
Beacon News Editor

Have you ever wondered what faculty members discuss during their monthly faculty meetings?

Do you think that students have a right to attend these meetings?

As it currently stands, faculty meetings are closed to Wilkes students. Shouldn't students be allowed to have a say in what is happening with their education and with their school, especially because they are paying tuition to get the education that they get?

For those who do not know too much about faculty meetings, they take place on the first Thursday of every month in the Rite Aid Auditorium. All faculty, including the President and Vice-President, are required to attend. In the faculty meetings, issues such as the curriculum, personnel, and the budget are discussed and voted on.

Since the establishment of the school, it has been a Wilkes University law that students not be allowed to attend the faculty meetings. This does not stand to change anywhere in the near future.

Recently, Dr. Jane Elmes-Crahall, Head Chair of Faculty Affairs and Professor of Communications, was presented the question, "Why are students not allowed to attend faculty meetings?" She gave quite a few reasons of why students should not be allowed to attend faculty meetings. The number one reason seemed to be the issue of confidentiality.

"Many of the issues discussed, such as curriculum changes, establishment of certain programs, are only in their preliminary changes. Therefore, having students attend or printing it in *The Beacon* means

knowledge to the public. Public knowledge would also mean that Wilkes' competitors would find out, and this would mean jeopardizing the issues in their preliminary stages," explained Crahall.

Crahall also stated that if students wanted to express their viewpoints and opinions, they could choose to do so by becoming a member of one of the many standing

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-**Dr. Thomas Baldino**
Chair of Social Sciences and Communications

committees.

Most of the standing committees are comprised of faculty members and one or two students. The students and the faculty members work together in discussing such issues as academic standards, the curriculum, and student life.

Some of the current standing committees are the Curriculum Committee, Admissions and Financial Aid Committee, and Academic Standards Committee. These committees are where students can play an active role in setting the standards for Wilkes.

In response to Crahall's comments, Dr. Thomas Baldino, Chair-

person of Social Sciences and Communications and Professor of Political Science commented, "I would respectfully disagree. I think students should be allowed to attend faculty meetings. Not all curriculum matters should be kept secretive. Students should know when the curriculum is being established, revised, eliminated, etc. when it's being discussed in the faculty meetings. However, there are certain issues such as personnel, the budget, that students should not be made aware of."

Also, in regards to the issue of the public finding out about issues in the preliminary stages, Baldino replied, "Just as the students or the paper would make the public aware, what's to keep faculty members from talking?" When talking to Crahall, this issue was presented. She responded by saying, "You can't control that. Faculty members talking amongst themselves is much different from inviting a professional, such as a new reporter, to write about it. However, faculty members do know that it's the school's reputation at stake and take the school's best interest at heart."

Dr. Robert Seeley, Associate Professor of Economics, agrees with Crahall. He states, "It is reasonable not to have students attend faculty meetings because faculty members need the freedom to exercise their opinions without being watched by students."

Not all professors share the same view though. Dr. William Terzaghi, Professor of Biology, stated, "I don't have a strong prejudice against students attending. I would have thought that students wouldn't really care to attend." He also thought that, "stu-

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Wilkes faculty receive grants for their departments.

'We're in the money'

By **JILL STANKOSKI**
Beacon Staff Writer

Wilkes University is in the money since it has been granted three separate federal grants totaling 2.3 million dollars. These grants will be used for student-driven projects.

The three departments that will receive grant money are the Wilkes University TRIO program, Upward Bound, Education and Biology Departments.

Upward Bound is designed to help first-generation college students get a higher education. This program serves 125 area high school students each year. Of these 95% of the Upward Bound graduates will enter a higher institute of learning. The Wilkes proposal that was submitted for the grant scored 112 out of 115 points. Anne Thomas, director of Upward bound, said, "We are delighted to have been judged on a national level."

The success of the Wilkes Upward Bound Program is given to the committed faculty who work

toward academic excellence and to the students who want to gain personal achievement and development.

The amount granted to Upward Bound is \$1,278,968. Anne Thomas, Director of Upward Bound, said, "Our local Upward Bound has been recognized as a strong, vital program that provides top-notch services to our students. We look forward to continuing our tradition of excellence while striving to implement new initiatives that will help our students achieve their goals."

The National Science Foundation awarded the Biology department \$833,731 for a four-year research grant for support of the project "C-RUI: A Multidisciplinary Approach to the Ecological and Evolutionary Interactions Between Food-Hoarding Animals and the Oaks."

The project will be directed by Wilkes professors Dr. Michael Steele and Dr. William Terzaghi.

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Wilkes' student teachers participate in workshop, "Surviving and Thriving in the First Year of Teaching."

Student Teachers participate in workshop

Wilkes University's student teachers recently participated in "Surviving and Thriving in the First Year of Teaching," a workshop which featured a variety of options and strategies to help new teachers motivate and maintain the interest of their students, and also minimize disruptions.

The workshop was presented by Steve Sassaman and Kathy Schmied, of Performance Learning Systems, Inc. (PLS), an educational and training design organization. PLS and the Wilkes Education Department have had a collaborative relationship for more than 25 years, including a master's degree program incorporating four PLS-developed courses.

PLS is dedicated to meeting the educational, training, and development needs of active educators and school leaders throughout the United States, Canada and Australia.

PLS has developed the largest consortium in teacher education with the sponsorship of 34 state and provincial teacher organizations and over 100 colleges of teacher education. It has taught over half a million teachers in workshops and graduate-level courses based on the latest educational and brain research and developments.

Faculty

dents from Student Government should be permitted to attend, but not just any students because of confidentiality."

When students were asked the question on whether they should be allowed to attend faculty meetings, most agreed that they should be allowed to attend.

From *The Beacon* standpoint, Corey Yanoshak, managing editor, commented, "I think that students not be being allowed to attend faculty meetings is a bad policy. Students have a right to know what's going with faculty, the school, etc. Although there may be good reasons that students shouldn't attend the meetings, if it's concerning the students, they should still be allowed. When students are not allowed to attend the meetings, it makes it seem as though the faculty is hiding something."

When asked the question, "How would the *Beacon* be an advantage to students being allowed to attend the meetings," Yanoshak replied, "We would have meetings covered on a regular basis, and we would have an accurate report to the students about the happenings of each meeting."

Assistant Editor of the *Beacon*,

Joanna Gaydos, strongly expressed her opinion by commenting, "We should be allowed to know what goes on at each faculty meeting because it's our curriculum too."

Another point that Gaydos brought up, which Dr. Crahall agreed with, is that because "there are a million rumors flying around, letting us print the happenings of the meetings would clear up these rumors."

Seniors Heather Tahan and Student Government President, Matt Sowcik, agreed that the students should be allowed to attend the faculty meetings, but their viewpoint is, that "if Student Government meetings are open to faculty, the faculty meetings should be open to the students."

Tahan also commented, "If Wilkes University is 'for the students' we should be allowed to attend the meetings."

Several faculty members refused to give comments on this issue. However, all the faculty members that agreed, disagreed, and refused to comment did agree on one thing, and that is that if students were allowed to attend the faculty meetings, some faculty members would probably behave in much more of a mature and professional manner.

Wilkes to hold evening open house

The public is invited to attend Wilkes University's Winter Open House on Tuesday, December 7, from 6:30-8:00 PM in Room 214 of the Arnaud C. Marts Sports and Conference Center, 274 South Franklin Street, Wilkes-Barre.

Wilkes staff and faculty will be on hand to answer questions and provide information on full or part-time admission, financial aid, gradu-

ate studies and career services. Guests are encouraged to bring their transcripts for evaluation by Wilkes personnel.

Prospective Wilkes students can choose from more than 50 majors and concentrations and 13 professional programs. For more information or to register, contact the Office of Part-time Programs at 1-800-WILKES-U, ext 4235.

WAQS host holiday party

The Wilkes Alliance of Queer Students (W.A.Q.S.) will host a holiday party on Friday, December 10, beginning at 6:30 PM in Annette Evans Alumni House.

This is a potluck dinner. Anyone interested in coming should bring

food to contribute to the dinner. The party, which will be festive and gay, is open to all members of the Wilkes family.

For further information, contact faculty advisors Jim Harrington at ext. 4428 or Nick Tirone at ext. 4534.

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Accounting seniors receive job offers in NY

By **BETHANY STEFANEC**
Communications Assistant

A semester before they will graduate from Wilkes University, two accounting seniors have accepted full-time job offers from the prestigious New York accounting firm Deloitte & Touche as the result of successful internships with the company. They will begin work in September, 2000, and will sit for the CPA exam for the first time the following November.

Kelly McDonough, of Ashley, Pa., and Christine Saba, of Hanover Township, Pa., spent more than two months in Long Island and Manhattan, N.Y., respectively, as audit interns for Deloitte & Touche. They trained for their intern positions in the World Financial Center in Manhattan for one week before beginning their duties. Once integrated into the

company, McDonough and Saba traveled to various sites with senior members of the firm, including staff accountants, managers, and partners. They performed audits, which included testing financial statement accounts for accuracy.

McDonough and Saba showed interested in Deloitte & Touche after attending a presentation given by Wilkes students who had previously interned with the firm. With the help of Cynthia J. Chisarick, Exeter, Pa., associate professor of accounting, they located contacts within the company and prepared and sent out their resumes. After completing the interview process, they received internship offers. Upon their return to Wilkes, both McDonough and Saba received full-time job offers over the telephone.

For the two months, McDonough and Saba commuted to their work sites from Adelphi University, where they lived in



Brian Marshall, Christine Saba, Kelly McDonough, and Andy Dulik

dormitory suites. For recreation, they participated in events held specifically for the company's interns, such as a dinner cruise and holiday-themed celebrations.

They also flew to Scottsdale, Arizona for an internship conference. More than 700 Deloitte & Touche interns gathered at the Scottsdale Conference Resort from as far away

as Amsterdam and Germany.

Deloitte & Touche is ranked eighth in the Fortune 500's list of the "100 Best Places to Work," and is the highest-ranked accounting firm. Mentors and counselors are assigned to all of the firm's employees to provide professional advice and guidance.

FREE bus trip to this Saturday's away game at the University of Scranton. Two bus's will be leaving at 5:00PM on Saturday in front of the Student Union Center. Seating on the two buses is on a first-come, first-serve basis, so make sure you are there on time!

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Nursing program receives accreditation

Wilkes University's Baccalaureate and Master's Nursing Programs have been granted accreditation for a 10-year term by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE), the maximum length of time any school can achieve. Presently, Wilkes offers the only program in eastern Pennsylvania and is one of only four in the state to have this accreditation.

The accreditation process involves an intensive self-study followed by a thorough review by the accreditation commission and a three-day on-site visit. The visitors evaluate curriculum, faculty and students. The process is intended to hold nursing education programs accountable; to evaluate the success of a program in achieving its mission, goals and outcomes; to assess the extent the programs meet accreditation standards; to inform the public of the purpose and values of accreditation; and to foster continuing improvement of nursing education.



Wilkes University's Nursing Program professors.

Accreditation is an important indicator of quality. CCNE assesses how well nursing programs achieve their stated mission and how these programs promote their educational philosophy, goals and outcomes. CCNE conducted 76 on-site visits of nursing programs across the nation in 1998-99. Of the programs visited,

less than half of them were awarded a full 10-year accreditation.

Wilkes presently offers a traditional Bachelor of Science Program with a major in Nursing; a specialized program which sees Licensed Practical Nurses (LPNs) through a bachelor's degree and Registered Nurse (RN) licensure (the LPN to

BS-RN program) and another specialized program (the RN to BS) which allows an RN to complete the Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing and an accelerated program to allow an RN to graduate with a BS and an MS (Master of Science) simultaneously; and a traditional Master's Program with a major in Nursing which prepares BS graduates for the role of a clinical specialist.

The Wilkes Nursing Program was acknowledged by CCNE for the strength of its clinical program, faculty support, program's reputation, community service of both faculty and students, commitment to the Nursing Programs, student success on the NCLEX-RN (state board exam), Nurse Anesthesia students' success on the certification exam, caliber of the students and their ability to apply theory to practice and the faculty strength in gerontology.

"Accreditation is one of the factors that employers and graduate

schools consider when they evaluate graduate nurse candidates," said Mary Ann Merrigan, Ph.D., R.N., chairperson of the Wilkes Nursing Department and associate professor.

Merrigan also commented, "Every one of the Wilkes nursing graduates gains immediate employment, often selecting from several job offers in such areas as acute care, long-term care, community health and college health nursing, but also including industry, clinics, schools, pharmaceutical companies and the military."

CCNE, an autonomous arm of the American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN), ensures the quality and integrity of baccalaureate and graduate programs that prepare effective nurses as part of its effort to contribute to public health. CCNE is the only national accrediting agency devoted exclusively to the evaluation of baccalaureate and graduate programs in nursing education.

Grants

The Wilkes Biology faculty are interested in recruiting interested students who are seriously about doing a in-depth intense research in any areas covered by the project.

The project will employ a range of experimental approaches to determine how behavioral decisions of food-hoarding animals influence dispersal, establishment, survival, ecological, and genetics of Paks across North America.

The project will bring together 15-20 undergraduate per year from the Biology, Chemistry, and Environmental Sciences.

A significant percentage of the funds will be used for undergraduate salaries, and the focus of the project is also to prepare undergraduate at Wilkes for doctoral programs in the sciences.

The Education Department secured a grant of \$192,244 for capacity Building Grant to recruit and prepare technology-proficient future educators who will use modern learning strategies to prepare K-12 learners in low-income and predominately rural area of Northeastern Pennsylvania.

According to Dr. Barbera N. Bellucci, director of Student Teaching, said, "In the coming decade schools will require 2.2 million new

technology-proficient teachers who are prepared to offer active and authentic learning experiences to K-12."

Wilkes University draws the majority of its student teachers from Northeastern PA. These students do their field work in the region's schools and then most of the new graduates apply for employment in the local school districts.

Bellucci also added that, "It is critical that students in these communities have full access to the power of modern learning media and strategies, high standards and proficient teachers."

The grant will provide training for the Education Department faculty in modern instructional strategies, curriculum design and technology leading to the comprehensive redesign of the preservice teacher education curriculum.

Congratulations to all of the departments that received grant money. Education is the key to success and success is the future.

The more money, grants, and funding that institutes of higher learning have, the more opportunities the students will have to participate in research and it also gives them more advances in technology as we move into the next century.



Joseph Tedesco presents the MVP award to President Breiseth.

First Union Bank presents MVP

By BETHANY STEFANEC
Communications Assistant

At the conclusion of the Wilkes University/King's College inner-city football game, First Union Bank representative Joseph Tedesco presented Wilkes president Dr. Christopher N. Breiseth and Janet Mercincavage, vice president for Student Affairs at King's College, with the annual "First Union Most Valuable Player Scholarship" awards.

Jason Phillips, a Wilkes senior Biology major

from Port Carbon, Pa., and Francis Corchado, a King's senior Communications major from Edison, N.J., were selected as the 1999 MVPs by representatives of both schools and First Union.

As a result, Wilkes and King's each received a \$1,000 contribution to their general scholarship fund in the name of the MVPs, to help provide financial assistance to needy students. While Wilkes and King's each received a special plaque which lists all past First Union MVPs that is housed at each school.

A Word from the President

with President Christopher Breiseth

Welcome to crunch time. Over the next few weeks most of our separate activities come crashing together. For me these include a critical meeting of the Strategic Long-Range Planning Committee, a public meeting on the Middle States Self-Study Report, a two day meeting of the Board of Trustees on the Vision and Mission of Wilkes University, a trip to Washington to attend the annual meeting of the Middle States Accreditation Association (where I will be chairing a panel), a special meeting at Lebanon Valley College of the Middle Atlantic Conference presidents, athletic directors, admission directors and financial aid directors discussing financial aid and athletics, to name a few. For students, you have final projects and papers and, of course, final examinations. If you are seniors, you are also taking steps

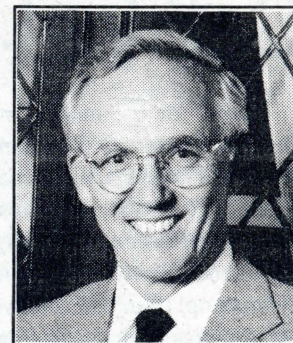
to apply to graduate schools or for employment opportunities after graduation. For faculty, winding up the semester means assessing final projects and papers and designing and grading final examinations. These lists do not include the preparations for the holidays, including travel for many of us, and the present buying and letter/Christmas card routines — and the generally supercharged emotions that go with the holiday season. All this goes on as the weather turns cold and we turn inward to our offices and rooms (and I hope for many of you, the Farley Library). For students unresolved social situations, including roommate relations, can challenge the optimistic bounce felt when autumn was still at its peak. Mood cycles are a part of all of our lives — for all of our life. This is a time to

strive for a deeper understanding of not only our personal needs (these are likely to be more demanding in this crunch time), but also the needs of those around us. Part of what we all gain from this special place called Wilkes is a supportive community. It only achieves that if we are in fact finding ways to be supportive of each other. In these ever shorter and colder days, with the work piling up around us, we have the opportunity to confront the fact that none of us is an island. We need each other — and that means giving as well as receiving. Dig deep to find your inherent optimism, work hard, and think about those around you. Find time to smile and even share your favorite joke with someone who has no choice but to put up with you — until the end of the semester. If you do this well, you will be eager to get back to Wilkes

after the holidays (and whatever happens with Y2K). And your friends will be eager to get back together with you.

This message is not season's greetings. It is more by way of helping you finish the semester in good shape so you can enjoy the special season ahead.

I want to congratulate Student Government on their initiatives to study the revenue needs for quality student activities at Wilkes. In carrying out the responsibility which is theirs under the Student Government Constitution, they made the recommendation to my cabinet to raise the Student Fee for Academic Year 2000-2001 (!!!). We were impressed with the care they took both in analyzing the needs and in testing student opinion on this controversial subject. Experiencing the kind of criticism almost all politicians face when talk-



ing about the need to increase taxes (even for the most desirable objectives), they had the courage to carry through with their conviction that the unusually low Wilkes Student Fee must be raised significantly (although the dollar figure they recommended — \$100 per semester is still well below our competitors) if the quality of student activities is to improve. My cabinet will include the recommended increased fee in the preliminary Fiscal Year 2001 budget presented to the Board of Trustees in February for their approval.

Happy crunching.

Letter to the Editor

Staff writer receives anonymous letter, writes back

I received mail at *The Beacon* office on Wednesday November 17, 1999. This was very exciting to me because I love to receive mail.

However, when I opened the letter, it was an article I wrote that had been critiqued by a person who obviously disagreed with the article.

The article that I am referring to is in the November 11 issue of *The Beacon*: "Taste of Wilkes: a hit with all involved."

The anonymous person implied that "Evidently you were at another event—or wrote this review in your dorm without ever attending Taste of Wilkes."

In response to that comment, I was very much there and I was mingling, bought raffle tickets, and even had a bite to eat. While I was there talking with everyone about Taste of Wilkes (sorry that I missed you), I observed that the atmosphere was filled with a karma of happiness and tranquility.

The main reason why Wilkes hosts Taste of Wilkes is for a charity

benefit. People from the United Way, faculty, administration, and students all came out to share their support for this noteworthy cause. The anonymous person said "I am not in the consensus. I found the overall event to be a great disappointment from past years, I'm sorry to say."

I too am sorry that you did not have a good time and that you had to eat lunch at the SUB. I respect your opinion, but yet, on the flipside, many people did have a good time (see quotes in *The Beacon* article). Also a lot of money was raised for a good cause.

Here is a thought for this anonymous person: maybe next year you can help with the planning and serve a dish or make a dessert for the event. Then you will have a reason to speak up.

Next time sign your name to your work.

Jill Stankoski
Beacon Staff Writer

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Satirical Interludes: The Second Coming

by Marc Eakin

Wow! Beth Danner's article, "Student Shadows University President," in the last edition of *The Beacon* was monumental and elucidating! It almost makes me want to shadow the President for a day, or perhaps I could be his intern next semester! I won't get my hopes up! I don't think university officials care for people that question and critique WU. Instead they seem to prefer those that blindly accept the status quo and give the "correct" answers and statements. My hat is off to those that can do this and look at themselves in the mirror every day!

Has anyone ever read the "Statement of Institutional Mission and Goals" found on page eight of the Wilkes University Bulletin? If not, take a minute and do so. Gee, doesn't Wilkes sound like a wonderful institution of higher education?

Now step back into reality! I want to know what happened to the "Wilkes Tradition" of "making higher education accessible to ambitious but underprivileged youth" and Dr. Farley's vision of "a rigorous academic program which would require students to

meet high standards and enable them to compete successfully in leading graduate and professional schools."

As a Wilkes student, I feel that the school is about one thing: money. I wouldn't even mind paying the outlandish tuition year after

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year, if I felt that I was getting an education that enabled me to "compete successfully in leading graduate and professional schools." The first real indication that WU is about money came my freshman year, when the Financial Management/Financial Aid Departments treated me very poorly — the first of many such encounters. I'm positive that I'm not the only person that received this warm "Welcome to Wilkes!" I guess it's ok to treat

college students in such a manner. It is, after all, the blindly accepted status quo!

Here's a question I'm sure many students have been asking themselves: "Why are they digging the Green Way up again?" Throughout my five years at Wilkes, I have seen some pretty stupid things. The first was during my freshmen year when the school put in brand new sidewalks, tore them out a few weeks later, and then put sidewalks back where they had just torn them out! Should we expect another tuition hike to cover this momentous project?

Well, I guess I'll try to write a positive paragraph now! My Thanksgiving break was wonderful! College students, at least those who do not still live with their parents, have a unique and extraordinary opportunity to take their families in small doses! It's not the same as just living far away from your family because then you're still expected to keep in touch. When you're a college student, not keeping in touch with your family just means that you're devoting all your time and energy to studying and getting good grades!

I hope Mary Waldorf enjoyed the cake and ice cream at her friend's 21st birthday celebration, and that all members of the Wilkes' Family enjoyed their holiday!

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Behind closed doors, for none of us to see

When the faculty meets each month for their regular meetings, have you ever wondered why the students are not regularly informed of what goes on.

The Beacon has been trying to cover faculty meetings to report the agenda to the students each week, but has been denied access to these meetings as they are closed to the students.

If you have read the front-page story on this topic titled, "What we can't see," you can see that there are good reasons why these meetings aren't allowed to be attended by the media. From the point of view of a newspaper, we have to understand their right to privacy and not wanting their agenda to be made public outside the school. I haven't stated that I agree with this, but the reasons listed are fair.

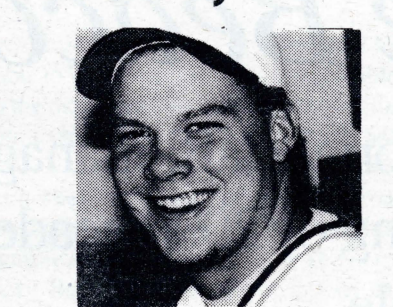
But what about the point of view of the students? Don't we, as students, have the right to know what's going on behind these closed meetings? We are paying \$16,000 for our education and are told that we can't attend meetings that affect our educa-

tion. Student Government meetings are open to the public, so there's nothing hidden from the faculty or administrators, so why doesn't it work that way with everyone? Why aren't these faculty meetings open to the students?

Some professors are worried about rival schools, such as King's College and College Misericordia, finding out what goes on. They don't want any information leaking out to these schools, so *The Beacon* is not allowed to cover and report these meetings because people will read about the meetings and the contents will be accessible to everyone in the area, not just Wilkes.

Okay, we don't even have to cover the meetings, but why do the students have to be shut out. There are groups which faculty reports to, which then report back to Student Government, allowing information to be available to all students who wish to go to the Student Government meetings or contact members of the reporting group.

This could also be helpful as we can collaborate with this group and



Corey Yanoshak

report, second-hand, what they tell us, making the information available.

But what if this group is not being told something? What if the teachers are hiding something? It makes sense why the faculty don't want other schools to find out about the meetings, but I think it looks like they're hiding something. We're told that students haven't been allowed in the meeting for years and why start now, but why not? Students have a right to know first-hand what goes on at these meetings if they involve the curriculum or students.

Subjects such as professors' tenure and hiring employees are under-

standably not for the students' interests, so these are the matters that should be discussed behind closed doors. But not everything should be.

At city council meetings, the public is invited to come to the meetings and freely ask questions or make comments. These meetings are also covered by the local papers. Any interested resident can attend the meeting and let the council members know how they feel about what's going on.

Why couldn't this work for the school?

Numerous Wilkes' students have expressed an interest in this subject and have said they would attend faculty meetings if they were open to the public. They want to know what's going on inside the school and with their professors. They have a right to be able to do this and it's a shame that they aren't able to.

The front-page article also states that "if students were allowed to attend faculty meetings, some faculty members would probably behave in a much more professional manner."

It's good to see that the faculty

can talk about their co-workers, but they won't allow students to witness this. Students are always expected to be on their best behavior and at many events, there is security to ensure this. But the faculty, they're allowed to have some of their own time to act as they choose, although they're representing the whole school and each student enrolled.

Our faculty are making decisions which will affect everyone involved, so why can't everyone be involved? This just sounds a little ironic to me. I still have the feeling that the students are being kept in the dark, when we should be right next to everyone else.

"For the students" is a motto associated with our school, so why aren't the students allowed full access to everything which involves them?

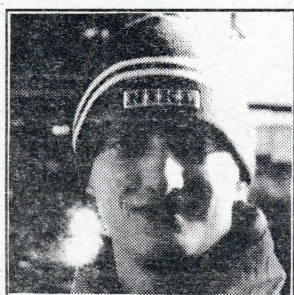
I would think that the only way things will change are if the students speak up and express their interest.

Corey Yanoshak is the Managing Editor of *The Beacon*. The opinions expressed in his column are those of his own and not *The Beacon*.

R o v i n g

with Shak.

What are your plans for New Year's Eve?



-Steve Toth

"Go hide in a cave with Rick Leibig and Rob Shudder."



-Amy Miller

"Staying home and having a small party with friends."



-Dom Delorosso

"Band practice."



-Rich Ali

"Trying not to stand next to someone with a bomb in Times Square."



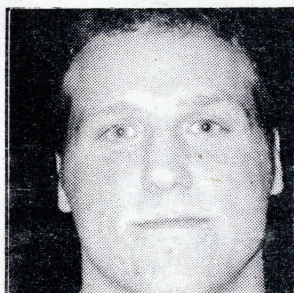
-Susan LaCoe

"Stay home with my family."



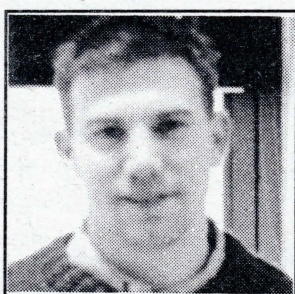
-Amy Swiatek

"Stay home with my family, which is a yearly tradition."



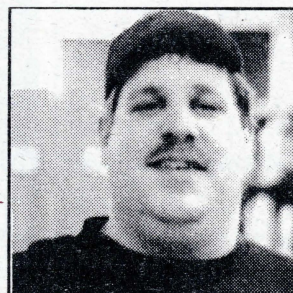
-Chris Shannon

"Party like it's 1999."



-Michael Majeski

"Going to Rhode Island to hear the Pat Magee Band."



-Doug Howard

"Bartending at Shenanigans."



-John Akanowicz

"Go home and celebrate with my girlfriend and a bottle of champagne."

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The Beacon

is accepting applications for editorial staff, managerial staff, staff writer and staff photographer positions for the spring of 2000 academic year. Work study money, credit, and scholarships are available.

Positions Include:

Managing Editor (1/2 scholarship)

Sports Editor (1/4)

Features Editor (1/4)

Circulation Manager (work study)

MAC Computer Technician (ws)

Staff Writers (credit)

Assistant Editor (1/4)

News Editor (1/4)

Advertising Manager (1/6)

Copy Editors (1/6)

Web Page Manager (ws)

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Have you previously served on *The Beacon* staff? If so, in what capacity?

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What changes would you like to implement to improve *The Beacon*?

Previous or related experience in position for which you are applying:

What other qualities make you a strong candidate for the position?

**** Please attach two tear sheets or work samples to this application ****

Applications must be dropped off c/o Joe Valenti at *The Beacon* Office, 2nd Floor, Hollenback Hall, or e-mail the information to: beacon@wilkes.edu or jvalenti@ptd.net by December 8, 1999. Applicants for editorial and managerial positions must know their services will be needed for at least ten hours per week and must be available on Wednesday nights. For further information, call *The Beacon* at 408-5903.

Positions at *The Beacon* work like this...

As this semester winds down, so to does your school newspaper, *The Beacon*. And before you ready yourself for finals and make plans to get home, make sure you get your application in if you're interested in working for *The Beacon*. Applications are due by December 8 for the spring semester.

I know many of you do not care to apply and have no interest of working for your paper, but for any of you that are intrigued by the idea and need to know more, I will give a layman's description of the jobs here at *The Beacon* and you can decide for yourself if it's something you would be interested in.

Applications are being taken for all positions by e-mail at valenti@microserve.net or by dropping them off in our mailbox or at our office on the second floor of Hollenback Hall in the proper folder.

Interviews for all positions will be held on Monday and Tuesday of finals week.

Managing Editor

First and foremost, the head of the paper. He or she is responsible for making sure the paper is completed and ready to print on Thursday mornings. Also responsible for the Opinions Pages, which can include anything he or she desires, mainly a few column writers and a photographer, along with a weekly column. The 1/2 scholarship received is well-deserved as he/she puts in the most time and has the most liability and responsibility.

Assistant Editor

Created last semester to aid the managing

editor with the overall organization and running of the paper. Must be able to layout pages and other duties come from the managing editor. Helping hand in the front page layout.

News Editor

The first few pages each week are News Pages and this section editor is responsible for assigning stories and photographs, while keeping in touch with University Relations and handling press releases. He/she is also in charge of the front page, which must include a picture, while also having the option of national news.

Features Editor

This section editor is responsible for features and entertainment-related events which occur on and off campus. Features Pages include event summaries, reviews, and columns, along with feature stories of students and faculty.

Sports Editor

This section editor handles all of the sporting events on campus. He or she may have a sports column included, along with professional sports, but must concentrate on Wilkes athletics. Responsible for assigning events and photographers, along with feature stories on athletes.

Copy Editors

He/she is the person(s) who reads the articles before they are published. After section editors edit their pages, copy editors read through every article twice for spelling, punctuation, content, style, flow, and other grammar mistakes, which section editors must then correct.

Business Manager

Responsible for selling advertising and billing those clients. Ad rates are decided beforehand and he/she must answer calls/letters/e-mail regarding advertising and must find new advertisers throughout the area.

Circulation Manager

He/she is responsible for mailing out the subscriptions each week and delivering the papers around campus each week. Papers can be distributed during the club period on Thursday.

Web Manager

Responsible for putting articles onto our website each week. Selected stories are saved onto a disk each week and the web manager must place them onto *The Beacon* website, while putting the previous week's articles into the archives.

MAC Technician

Responsible for keeping the computers up-and-running and making sure the e-mail account is working. Must have a knowledge of computers and be able to trouble shoot to keep the paper going smoothly.

In General

Section Editors (Opinion, News, Features, and Sports) have the same amount of pages each week, which is determined by the managing editor. For a 12-page paper, each section editor is responsible for three pages, or four pages each for a 16-page issue. Main duties include assigning stories, editing stories, sizing pictures, placing articles onto PageMaker pages,

looking over layout, and physically laying out the pages. Each section editor and assistant editor receives a 1/4 scholarship, while circulation, web, and MAC tech. receive work study. Copy editors are eligible for a scholarship or credit. Time involved includes a weekly meeting on Monday nights, working on pages on Tuesday and having your individual pages done on Wednesday, while leaving time for the copy editors to read everything twice.

Writers

Can earn a credit by writing nine stories throughout the year. Will be assigned an article each week by the respective section editor and must meet a Monday evening deadline, which varies with the event date. No experience is necessary.

Photographers

Will be assigned to events by the respective section editor and can earn a credit with nine published pictures. Must have access to a camera and sometimes transportation. Film and developing are done on account, as long as the film is handed in on time.

In General

Writers are graded on three main aspects: deadline, content, and quality. Deadline is most important and articles do not have to be error-free, as long as they contain basic facts on the event, quotes from people involved, and are not biased, opinionated, or copied.

Descriptions written by current Managing Editor, Corey Yanoshak.

Why work at *The Beacon*?

• Get paid

You can receive a scholarship or work study money which can take away a good chunk of your tuition.

• Earn credit

The Beacon will now be offered as a three credit writing intensive course. Students can receive three credits by writing three 10-inch stories each week. Writers will be assigned their stories by editors for each week.

• Gain experience

For communications majors, there's nothing better than on-the-job experience. At *The Beacon*, you can see the whole process of putting a newspaper together and all the little things involved. Just being a writer is something that looks good on your resume.

• Free pizza

Every Wednesday, Januzzi's, an advertiser in *The Beacon*, sends free pizza for the final night of publication. Hey, it beats paying for food.

• Pleasant environment

Although there's a lot of work involved, the staff has a lot of fun and it makes for an enjoyable week of work. You get paid and have something for your resume, but it's not your typical monotonous job.

A basic week at *The Beacon*

• Monday

Weekly meeting with the editorial staff to go over previous paper and discuss the next issue with the advisor.

• Tuesday

Deadline for stories. Read through stories and make corrections before placing them on the respective pages. Once placed, pages are read by the copy editors and final preparations are made.

• Wednesday

Pages are read through by the copy editors and changes are made until the paper is near-perfect. Wednesday is layout day and pages must be completed by Wednesday evening. The advisor is in on this night for consultation throughout the night as final alterations are being made. All pictures must be picked up on this day to be included in the layout.

• Thursday

The paper is picked up early in the morning and the finished product is dropped off between 11 AM and 1 PM. It is then distributed to all ends of the campus for the students to see. Stories for the following week are also assigned on this day, as well as pictures. Each editor is responsible for checking messages and ads are discussed for the following issue. The length of the following paper is determined on Thursday or Friday.

From the source...

Corey Yanoshak: It's a great feeling to see what you did in print and to know that everyone on campus will be reading what you wrote. The comments that you receive may not be complimenting, but at least you know you're getting people to read the paper.

Joanna Gaydos: It hasn't been easy, but it's a good experience, fun most of the time, and employers dig it. It makes you a well-rounded person.

Erika Baltrusaitis: I like meeting people that I wouldn't have met otherwise, taking photos, and being a part of the sports team.

Bhavika Patel: The scholarship money. It can also be a lot of fun and it's rewarding to see your name in print.

Joe Porto: Free pizza and getting paid, along with the cool nicknames.

Larry Lewis: Free pizza and the sense of camaraderie I feel with the staff.

Harris Ahmad: I like the controversy it causes and the bickering it leads to.

Joe Valenti: I get great satisfaction in guiding students to meet the challenges of the media.

Vanessa Scheffner: Being able to have a part in the transformation of the early stages of a paper to the finished product.

Scott Veith: It's been enjoyable to have a variety of jobs here and it has helped launch my career in the newspaper business.

TECHNOLOGY BYTES

With Brian Trosko



People like concise lists. Top ten lists. So, without further ado, here's my list of the top ten technological achievements of the past millenium.

10. The Steam Engine. Okay, there aren't many of these around any more, but these early heat engines eventually gave rise to the internal combustion engine, which allowed us to transport food and get injured folks to the hospital before they croak.

9. The Germ Theory of Disease. Back in the day, you could die from a shaving cut, and being wounded in battle wasn't much better than being killed. Figuring out that sickness wasn't actually caused by small demons living in your belly helped put a stop to that sort of thing. Now, thanks to antibiotics and vaccines, you can lop your own leg off with a chainsaw and crawl through two miles of mud and festering muck to reach help, and they'll still be able to keep you alive. Pretty good.

8. Gunpowder. One of the older innovations on this list, gunpowder gave man the ability to propel small bits of metal at very high speed into other people or animals. It also let man begin to learn how to blow stuff up, so it's pretty important. Where would opening day be without it?

7. Mendelian Genetics. His work went ignored for more than 30 years, but Mendel's discoveries are enormously important for modern society. The fact that we can produce so much food that the government pays farmers to not grow as much as they can can ultimately be laid at Mendel's feet.

6. Hops in Beer. Beer's been around several thousand years, but people only started putting hops in it several hundred years ago. Okay, so that makes it taste bitter, which is a good thing despite what the folks at Keystone would tell you. But beside that, hops are an excellent preservative, which for a long period of time meant that beer was one of very few beverages you could transport for a long distance and still be able to drink when it arrived.

5. Reliable Birth Control. This is a big one. Really. Just think how complicated your life would be without it. Kinda scary, huh?

4. Heliocentrism. Figuring out that the entire universe does not, in fact, revolve around the Earth went a long way towards curtailing mankind's tendency towards hubris, and more importantly began the rational examination of the universe and our place in it. And, in 1992, the Catholic church officially apologized for treating Galileo so poorly, so that's okay.

3. Calculus. Newton and Leibniz and a few others all sort of came up with this one at roughly the same time, but Newton usually gets the credit. In any event, it's the fundamental basis for all of modern physics, where "modern" is since about 1650 or so. While it can truly be a cast-iron pain-in-the-tuckus to learn, it's absolutely crucial in order to really understand how the whole darned universe works. It also led the way for:

2. General and Special Relativity. Absolute time? Nope. Absolute distance? Nope. Absolute simultaneity? Nada. Take everything you know about how the universe works when you're walking to school, and throw it out the window, because it's just an approximation. In the real universe, length and time depend on how fast you're moving, and on what you're moving relative to.

Completely counterintuitive, and yet extremely accurate, this achievement led the way to:

1. The Atomic Bomb. An indirect consequence of $E=mc^2$, I'd say that any technological achievement which gives us the power to totally destroy everything else we've ever built or achieved really has to take the top spot. At 5:29:45 AM on July 16, 1945, the world became a much more dangerous place. Play nice, kids.



Madame Brandi Sees

Virgo (August 23 - September 22) If you are standing on the sidelines, people may assume that you're not part of the game. Get active!

Libra (September 23 - October 23) Don't turn your head this week. There are those who are plotting against you when you look the other way.

Scorpio (October 24 - November 21) You will be amazed at how in tune you are with your inner soul for the week. Use it to your advantage.

Sagittarius (November 22 - December 21) Venturing forth into the unknown will leave you scared, but curious. You must find your way past the darkness to run freely in the light.

Capricorn (December 22 - January 19) Finding yourself stingy lately? Try and turn the tide with open generosity. You'll find the rewards are worth it.

Aquarius (January 20 - February 18) You will be faced with a grim challenge this week. It will be difficult not to cower in its presence.

Pisces (February 19 - March 20) Your shy side has been acting up again. It's time to turn on the charm and get more outgoing.

Aries (March 21 - April 19) Make sure you understand the differences between being lonely and being alone. An emotional roller coaster is on its way.

Taurus (April 20 - May 20) Ideas are flowing quickly down the creative river lately. Don't smother them!
Gemini (May 21 - June 21) You've set yourself in the same old routine. Spice it up and do something

Cancer (June 22 - July 22) This week has opened up somewhat sour. Things are about to take a turn for

Leo (July 23 - August 22) Be honest with yourself. You can't fool yourself much longer. Take the first step,

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USWF Wrestling makes a debut at the Marts Center

By ROBERT E. HANSEN
Special to The Beacon

USWF Wrestling invaded the Marts Center on Friday, November 19, to deliver the very best in fun, excitement, and family oriented entertainment. A handful of wrestling fans from both Wilkes University and the Wilkes-Barre/Kingston area gathered at Wilkes to experience the adrenaline-pumping, heart-stopping, classic pro wrestling action that the USWF had to offer.

There was some delay early on but soon the festivities were underway. After the referee, President Bob Bailey, and commissioner Marty Green were introduced, the matches began with a bang. The opening contest was filled with fast-paced fight for a shot at the lightweight title later on that evening. All three combatants put on an excellent display of technical expertise, martial arts, and high-flying offensive maneuvers. Lightweight contender Shockwave defeated rivals Abunai and Jardi Franz to gain a title shot later that evening.

Next was a segment that set up the night's main event. USWF Heavyweight Champion "The Living Legend" Larry Winters paraded

to the ring with the protection of an entire entourage, in particular the stunning Miss Asia. They are collectively known as the Foreign Exchange. This motley crew consists of Larry Winters, The legendary Sheik, and the Black Sultan, led by Miss Asia. Larry Winters began to start a ranting speech and to the delight of several irate youngsters, Kid USA interrupted Winter's shenanigans. He was firing away with fists of fury until President Bob Bailey promised him a title shot at Winters that same night with a special guest referee.

The action just kept going, as the near 300-lb grapplers Danger and Black Caesar beat one another to a double disqualification. The Canadian Mountie did anything but serve law and order as he bashed the Black Sultan to a bloody pulp with a chair. Tag Team Champions the Darkside Demons fought off challengers the All Knights. The big men in black ran to their Canadian foes through a sea of chaos, because they were so eager to brawl that they didn't wait for the referee! The Darkside Demons once again retained the tag team championship in an exciting match-up.

During intermission, many fans got the opportunity to meet and greet their favorite USWF stars. Kid USA, Miss Asia, The Sheik, and others were more than happy to take time out to sign autographs for the kids. They then announced a few birthdays, and dove head-first right back to the action.

Three more contests were left. The legendary Sheik made an ap-

All the neighborhood children and students alike had a fun time at USWF wrestling since it is so rare that wrestling comes directly to Wilkes.

pearance and put away Fracture Franzberg, a disliked wrestler completely decked out in blue. The crazed fans had a strange alliance to the seasoned Iranian veteran, despite his origin. It did not matter to the people that he was from an opposing nation. What mattered was that he was a childhood hero to some, and that he

was going to destroy another unsuspecting victim with his dreaded Camel Clutch. The Sheik walked away with the duke.

The number one cruiserweight contender Shockwave returned from earlier action that evening. He went on to defeat the 200-lb Brooklyn, NY native Chris Michaels for the USWF Lightweight title. Shockwave received a standing ovation for his efforts.

Finally, it was time for the highlight of the night — the main event. This match was scheduled for one fall, and it was for the USWF Heavyweight Championship. There was to be a special guest referee. Uncharacteristic of the reigning champion, Larry Winters entered first. He was accompanied to the ring by the beautiful Miss Asia who was sure to help him in some underhanded deed. Winters, although cocky and arrogant, looked ready for battle, as no one was going to take away his precious gold. Suddenly, Bruce Springsteen's "Born in the USA" blared over the sound system. Then, the special guest referee surprised the audience as he turned out to be USWF President Bob Bailey himself! The challenger, Kid USA

sprinted to the ring and proceeded to pound away at the champ. He brought with him a steel chair painted with stars and stripes as backup. The two combatants took their battle all over the Marts Center as everyone in the crowd followed them to keep up with the action. Before anyone knew what happened, Bob Bailey was knocked out and a second referee came out to finish the job. Winters had gotten himself disqualified, however, which means that he still gets to keep the title. Kid USA had won the battle but not the war. This feud is far from over, but for the time being the Marts Center settled. This event was expertly sponsored by the Wilkes University Programming Board. All the neighborhood children and students alike had a fun time at USWF wrestling, since it is so rare that wrestling comes directly to Wilkes. The wrestlers themselves were overheard commenting that they were impressed with the work the WUPB put into the show, especially with the stage that was built. Even the wrestlers, who were undoubtedly sore from the night's action, had a good time at Wilkes University and will hopefully return in the near future.

The Main Event With Crazy Bob



"Because I want to be a cowboy, Crazy." Welcome to the Main Event, the only column in *The Beacon* with the top let back and the sunshine shining. As much as I dug the Thanksgiving break, it's good to be back with my crazy cats and dogs in this funky town.

I don't want to cram the USWF down your throats because I'm sure that's already in here somewhere, but the power of the pen tempts me to throw in my inevitable two cents. It seemed like the kids that were there had a good time. Sure, the crowd wasn't huge. But the people there were freaking nuts! I enjoyed myself, and I hope the Programming folks did too. They put in a lot of hours for that thing. I dig them.

Just a note: Who was that horrible ring announcer? Never in ten years of watching wrestling have I seen a more ridiculous sight. The kid was downright goofy. Mark my words, he'll never work in this town again!

I attended the ECW show at the Kingston Armory on the twelfth. One of the great things about ECW is that even when the show is not a TV taping, they put on their best performance with their best athletes anyway just because that is what you paid to see. That is why I was surprised to see no Sabu or Rob Van Dam. Sabu never comes to the Armory for some reason, probably to avoid that weirdo in the second row with the glasses and Sabu T-shirt.

One new wrestler in the opening tag match stood out. He was Kid Cash, who has a striking

resemblance to the nation's favorite trailer park pimp Kid Rock. The man has got some guts, and a touch of charisma to boot. I shook his hand back by the RF Video table (RF Video Official Motto: Even WE don't rewind!). New Jack and friends fought the Baldies in a bloody mess. It was good to see Chris Candido back in action, along with his stunning fiance Tammy Lynn Sytch. They sure are a cute couple. It makes you feel all warm and fuzzy inside.

Here's a fun fact for the kids to play with. Former USWF Junior Heavyweight Champion H.C. Loc has just recently signed with the subject at hand, ECW. H.C. Loc was trained four years ago at the USWF Wrestling Academy, now known as Crunchers. Good luck to that funky monkey with his new job.

That's all I got for wrestling. The Bobman would like to ask everyone to sign the petition to bring the *Scramble Eggs* Radio Show back on the air. I don't know the whole story as far as the WCLH people go, but I do know that the show has some true talents who are now being wasted. It was creative, funny, and probably the only enjoyable program on Wilkes radio. This school is infected with some sort of mainstream virus where no one can do or say anything without some club (the school's word for "clique" these days) complaining because they are afraid of the competition. Send the hate mail to hansenre@wilkes.edu. Dig you all. Remember to drink YooHoo.

Yuletide Spectacular hits Scranton

One of the region's greatest family traditions continues as the Northeastern Pennsylvania Philharmonic performs its ever-popular holiday concert, "Yuletide Spectacular." This year, the Philharmonic will perform four concerts. They are scheduled for December 10, 8:00 PM and December 11, 2:00 PM at the F.M. Kirby Center for the Performing Arts. The Scranton Cultural Center will present on December 11, 8:00 PM and December 12, 2:00 PM.

"Yuletide Spectacular is sure to appeal to people of all ages as we celebrate the magic and wonder of the holiday season," Glenn Roberts, Executive Director of the Philharmonic.

This program will include many of the holiday favorites audiences have come to know and love, including Leroy Anderson's *Sleigh Ride*, Lalande's *Christmas Symphony*, and selections from Tchaikovsky's *Nutcracker*. Concertgoers can also expect a visit from ol' Saint Nick himself, who has cleared his schedule to appear with the Philharmonic. Tickets are available by calling the Northeastern Pennsylvania Philharmonic's box office at 570-457-8301.

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Jealousy. Jealous individuals are often insecure and envious of others' success and attributes. Such individuals lack the finances, motivation or means to achieve or obtain what others have. Jealous emotions may lead to acts of rage or deception,

which in turn may foster some unneeded violence. Unfortunately, many victims of jealous people have no idea that they are being resented. Frequently, victims are surprised, hurt and confused by others' deceptions. Interestingly, it requires little effort to feel jealous toward another compared to the hard work and discipline required in achieving that

which is envied. Today and forever, recognize times when you feel jealous of something or someone, then utilize that emotion as fuel toward obtaining the same. In addition, learn to recognize jealous remarks and comments made by others and do your best to avoid the negativism. It will only bring you down.

Be aware of 3 strains of Hepatitis

By **ANDRIA BIAGIOTTI**
Beacon Staff Writer

Hepatitis is inflammation of the liver caused by one of the five or more hepatitis viruses, hepatitis A, B, C, D, E, and others. Other common causes include alcohol abuse, use of certain chemicals and drugs, and autoimmune disorders.

The most common symptoms of hepatitis are tiredness, or fatigue. Some people experience flu-like symptoms, such as loss of appetite, nausea and vomiting, fever, weakness, and mild stomach pain. Less common symptoms are dark urine and yellowing of the skin and eyes (jaundice). The only way these viruses can be positively identified is through blood tests. Early diagnosis and treatment are crucially important. While there is no guaranteed cure for chronic hepatitis B or C, a

significant percentage of people who are treated do improve. For example, hepatitis A and E, milder forms, are spread through contaminated foods or water, while hepatitis B, C, and D, more serious forms, are spread through contact with human blood or by sexual activity (primarily B). Hepatitis B and C have the greatest potential to damage your liver in the long term. There is a vaccine for the prevention of hepatitis B, but not for the other strand, hepatitis C.

The most common types of hepatitis are hepatitis A, B, and C. Hepatitis A is the least serious form. A small proportion of individuals with hepatitis B develops chronic disease, in which the illness lasts longer than 6 months. Chronic hepatitis B and chronic hepatitis C are the most serious forms of hepatitis. Both pose risks of long-term medical complications, especially if left untreated.

There are many ways to prevent infection. Some ways include never sharing needles or personal items such as razors, toothbrushes, nail files, and clippers (anything that can hold blood); if you have multiple sex partners, use a latex condom; if you must get a manicure or body piercing, be sure only sterile instruments are used; it's better not to get tattoos (the needle and possibly the injected ink both transmit the disease); there is no need to worry about contact with everyday items such as hair brushes, combs, eating utensils, or glasses.

The hepatitis B vaccination is available through Wilkes' Health Services which costs \$75 for 18 yr olds, and \$120 for those older than 19 and is a series of 3 shots, given at 1, 3 and 6 month intervals. Be sure to make this a priority in the near future!



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Most bars will have some selection of finger foods to choose from, and Whiskey is no different. What separates Whiskey from many other bars is the quality of the food. Of special note are the cajun wings and the supreme nachos, which are covered with every topping imaginable. And if you catch Happy Hour on Mondays and Wednesdays from 9 to 11, all food is half-price, making a dozen wings a mere two dollars.

Drinks:

Whiskey offers the usual selection of bottled beers and mixed drinks and has five brews on tap. Everything is reasonably priced, with dollar drafts all of the time. During Happy Hour, all drinks are half-price, with bottles for a buck and a quarter and pitchers for \$2.50.

Entertainment:

Whiskey offers a pool table, a foosball table, two dart boards, and a pair of Megatouch machines. And unlike some bars, you usually do not have to wait very long to use any of these. If you enjoy live music, you would be wise to stop by on Tuesday nights to catch some of Stingray's bluesy acoustic and vocal stylings. Unlike most cover bands, he brings back blues tunes from the fifties and sixties which have been all but forgotten in today's pop music society.

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Conte captures 133-pound title

The Wilkes University wrestling team ranked eighth out of 13 teams last Saturday at the Kutztown University Wrestling Invitational. Four wrestlers for the Colonels placed in the contest, including senior John Conte, who captured the 133-pound title for the event.

Conte finished 4-0 to win the 133-pound title. He opened with a 7-2 victory over Joe Bentz of Kutztown, then defeated Yves Lamitice of the American International University 6-4, and advanced to the final round when he topped Jason Street from Delaware State University with a win on a technical fall in 2:35, and pinned Shippensburg University's Jason Zinn in 3:39 for the championship.

"I did struggle a little in the early matches but as the day went on I felt as if I wrestled better," said Conte of his perfect 4-0.

"I feel the coaches prepared us well for the tournament, which enabled me to perform better."

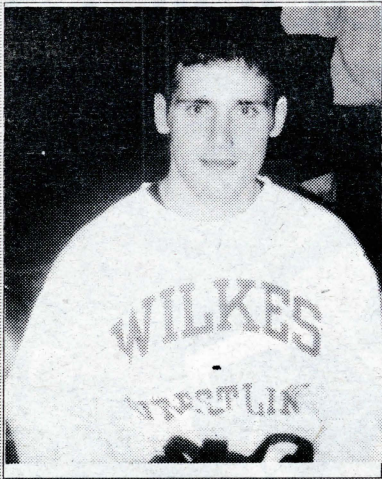


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John Conte finished 4-0 to win the 133-pound title at Kutztown last Saturday.

Senior Corey Luce and sophomore Elijah Shutt both placed at 125 pounds for the Colonels. Luce finished fourth and Shutt placed fifth, with Luce topping Gloucester College's Louis Ott in a majority decision, 15-7, and then beating Jabbar Floyd from American Inter-

national in overtime to move into the semi-finals. Luce was then pinned by Shippensburg's Jeff Putt in the semi-final round, before dropping a 5-3 decision to Kutztown's Brian Burzynski in the third-place bout. Shutt won four straight matches after losing his opener to end in fifth place. He lost to Burzynski by fall in 3:30 in the first round. Shutt proceeded to pin Princeton's Andy Redman in 3:45, posted an 8-1 victory over Bridgewater State's Brian Quinn, pinned Jabbar Floyd from American International in 1:40, and posted a win by decision over Mike Styer of Princeton.

The final Wilkes wrestler to place was sophomore Scott Henshaw at 149 pounds. He fell 7-3 to Chad Wivell of Kutztown in the first round, and then won his next five matches including a pin on Bridgewater's Nate Gormen in 3:37.

Wilkes is on the road to the York Invitational this Saturday, December 4 at 10:00 AM.

Field hockey team receives honors

Several members of the field hockey team have amassed honors after a spectacular 1999 season in which the Lady Colonels won their first Middle Atlantic title in Wilkes history in addition to the Freedom League crown.

Head coach Addy Malatesta was named Coach of the Year after bringing the Lady Colonels to MAC and Freedom League victories. Over her eleven-season career she has accumulated 110 wins, 85 losses, nine ties, and was named Coach of the Year in 1994. She has also led the Lady Colonels to five Freedom League titles, three ECAC championships, and a spot in the 1995 NCAA tournament.

"The best thing about our season was not only winning the championship but the chemistry that was evident from the very first week of August," said Malatesta. "I felt like the players stayed together as a team all the way through the playoffs. I believe that contributed to our success this year."

Sara Clause was named MAC Freedom League Player of the year as well as a first team Regional All-American this season. She led the Freedom league with 19 goals, 14 assists, and 52 points as a Wilkes forward. She also holds the Wilkes individual season records for goals and points, and is tied for most assists.

Also named first-team players are senior goalkeeper January Johnson and senior defensive back Suzanne Fisher. Johnson held her opponents to an average of 1.49 points per game while amassing 201 saves and four shutout wins, including a 1-0 victory



Photo by Erika Baltrusaitis
**Coach of the Year
Addy Malatesta**

over nationally-ranked Lebanon Valley College in the MAC championship game. Fisher played a crucial role in the defense that allowed only five goals hit the net against Freedom League competition this season. This is her second straight first-team honor.

Named on the second all-star team are junior defender Karen Bradley and sophomore forward Jill Henry. Bradley contributed with excellent defensive play as a starter in all 22 games for the Lady Colonels, holding opponents to an average of one goal or less in 12 out of 22 games.

Said Bradley, "The biggest thing is that we stuck together and picked each other up and work well as a team."

Henry racked up 13 goals, two assists, 26 points, and ranked second on the team for both goals and points.

On a final note Malatesta added, "I have to credit the seniors for the example they set and their leadership."

Roller hockey knocks off undefeated U-Pitt

By MIKE BURKE
Special to The Beacon

The Wilkes Roller Hockey Team traveled to the Sports Dome in Canton, Ohio the weekend of November 19-21. Following a six-hour trip, the team looked to improve their 2-6 record. The team had practiced diligently for two weeks to prepare for the tournament following their breakthrough effort on Long Island.

On Saturday morning, the team prepared to face Kent State in a highly anticipated match-up. From the opening face-off, Wilkes knew that this would be their most physical game of the season. Despite their best efforts, the team fell behind early in the first period and never recovered. A late goal-scoring surge in the fourth came too late, and in a game riddled with penalties, Wilkes fell to the Golden Flashes, 5-3.

Still reeling from their loss to Kent State, the team took on Syracuse later that afternoon. Although the Orangemen were winless coming into the game, they streaked to a 3-0 advantage early in the first. Wilkes fought hard to regain momentum in the game, but the early lead proved to be insurmountable, and Wilkes suffered their second loss of the weekend by a score of 6-2.

On Sunday morning, the team looked to avenge their two previous losses as they took on the Long Island University Southampton Stingrays. This time, Wilkes scored early and often, and never looked back en-route to an 8-1 thrashing. Captain Chris

Jarzyk and freshman Russ Silcox each scored a hat trick, while assistant captain Dave Peer scored four points. Rob Hersker and BJ Kosich added assists.

Later that afternoon, Wilkes squared off against the University of Pittsburgh's "A" team. Undefeated and untied, Pittsburgh was tied for the division lead, and had the top goaltender in the division. Regarded as heavy underdogs, Wilkes focused on keeping the game close.

Although being outshot 42-12, Wilkes had defeated Pittsburgh by a score of 4-2. Pittsburgh suffered their first loss of the season, dropping to 11 - 1.

In a hotly contested first period, the team held Pittsburgh to a 1-0 lead with tight defense and good forechecking.

The Panthers opened the second period with a quick goal, and Wilkes found themselves behind 2-0. Wilkes, however, was not about to give up. Dave Peer opened the scoring for Wilkes minutes later, driving home a rebound off a shot by Chris Jarzyk, past the sprawling Pittsburgh goaltender at 3:42 of the second. The half ended with Wilkes trailing 2-1.

The third period began with relatively conservative play by both sides

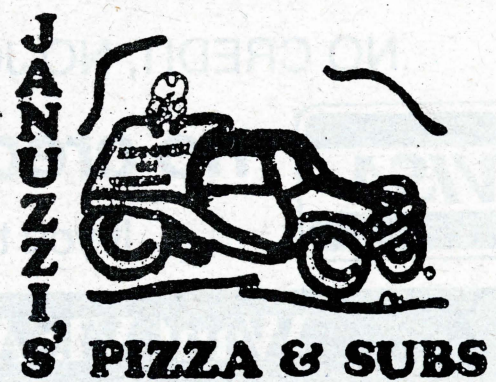
until Chris Jarzyk struck again. Circling behind the net, the captain banked the puck off a crowd in front and past Panther goaltender Colin McGrath, knotting the score at 2-2. Following Jarzyk's goal, both teams bolstered down on defense.

The crowd watching the game intensified, and both teams sensed that the next goal scored might decide the outcome. Pittsburgh threatened throughout the third and early fourth periods, but outstanding defensive plays by Jason Renninger, Eric Bonnaci, and BJ Kosich, as well as solid goaltending by freshman Mike Burke, kept the game tied. With 1:08 remaining in the fourth, Russ Silcox took a pass from Rob Hersker and rifled a wrist shot through a screen in front and into the net, giving Wilkes the lead.

Pittsburgh was stunned, but immediately took a time-out and attempted to rally. Pulling their goaltender with under a minute remaining, the Panthers desperately tried to tie the game, but Wilkes would not succumb to the pressure. Russ Silcox iced the game with 25 seconds remaining, scoring an empty net goal, his second goal of the game.

The final buzzer sounded, and the biggest upset in the Mid-Atlantic Region this season was complete. Although being outshot 42-12, Wilkes had defeated Pittsburgh by a score of 4-2. Pittsburgh suffered their first loss of the season, dropping to 11 - 1.

At the midway point of the season, Wilkes sits in the middle of the pack at 4-8.



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King's tops Wilkes' grapplers, 21-18

By **COREY YANOSHAKE**
Beacon Managing Editor

Neither of the wrestling coaches for Wilkes University or King's College expected anything different than what has happened the last two years when they met.

A key overtime decision helped Ned McGinley's Monarchs improve to 3-0 on the year, while Al Zellner's Colonels could not pull off enough wins as they fall to 3-3 with a 21-18 loss.

"They always do their best against us," noted McGinley, whose college career was wrestled at Wilkes. "They always save their best for us and there's so much emotion involved."

Dave Rohrback took down Wilkes' Chris Shannon in overtime to give the Monarchs an 18-9 lead with three matches left. Shannon, in his first match all year, got caught after taking a shot at Rohrback's legs.

"Sometimes he's too stiff," commented McGinley of the Coughlin grad, Rohrback. "He saw an opportunity in OT and got behind for the points."

Jason Schlingman picked up a crucial pin in the previous match

when he stuck Wilkes' Gary Mensinger with 30 seconds remaining. Schlingman was up 19-11 with seven takedowns when he took Mensinger right to his back.

"Gary did a great job, but he got aggressive at the end," said Zellner of his 184-pounder. "We're still put-

"We don't have their kind of tradition and this is positive for our program."

**-King's Coach
Ned McGinley**

ting it altogether and we know we'll be better in the second semester."

Eric Kelly held off Corey Luce in the next-to-last match, hiking his record to 9-1 with a 3-2 decision. Kelly used an early takedown and held off Luce to secure the victory for McGinley.

"We don't have their kind of tradition and this is positive for our program," said McGinley. "It's definitely special and it's always a great dual meet."

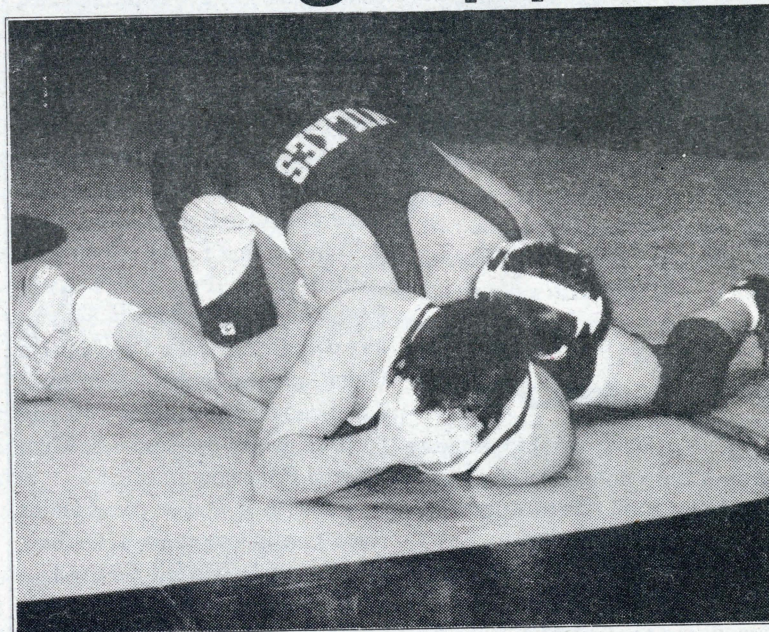


Photo by Erika Baltrusaitis
Scott Henshaw pinned Joe Potolicchio in 6:39 in Wednesday's match against King's College.

Joe Jamison and Mike Clark both earned 6-3 decision to get the ball rolling for King's as Josh Mendoza and Jason Hills were on the losing end.

Scott Henshaw tied up the score when he caught Joe Potolicchio at the 6:39 mark.

"We did what we expected to do," commented Zellner. "We fig-

ured it would come down to Luce and John Conte and Kelly is a smart wrestler who's tough to beat and Corey couldn't."

Conte came up with a pin in the final match, but it was not enough, although it came with five seconds left in the match.

Wilkes' captain Duane Ritter staved off Jess Martinez to give

Martinez just his second loss of the year. Ritter rode Martinez out in the third period after an escape proved to be the deciding factor.

"We haven't had any matches decided by more than three points," said Zellner of the King's/Wilkes two-year rivalry, which King's now has a 2-1 advantage. "It always comes down to one or two matches and this will continue no matter who is coaching."

KING'S 21, WILKES 18

- 125 - Eric Kelly (K) dec. Corey Luce, 3-2
- 133 - John Conte (W) pinned Tom Derhammer, 6:55
- 141 - Joe Jamison (K) dec. Josh Mendoza, 6-3
- 149 - Mike Clark (K), dec. Jason Hills, 6-3
- 157 - Scott Henshaw (W) pinned Joe Potolicchio, 6:39
- 165 - Duane Ritter (W) dec. Jesse Martinez, 2-0
- 174 - Vince Malanga (K) dec. Kevin Baker, 11-5
- 184 - Jason Schlingman (K) pinned Gary Mensinger, 6:29
- 197 - Dave Rohrback (K) OT dec. Chris Shannon, 3-1
- HWT - John Ohl (W) OT dec. Gregg Wood, 3-2

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Lady Colonel's season off to winning start

By DAVE DIMARTINO
Beacon Staff Writer

In the preseason, the Wilkes University women's basketball team was picked to finish near the bottom of the Freedom League in the Middle Atlantic Conference's Coach's Poll.

But wait, did anyone bother to ask coach Karen Haag and her squad what they thought?

Since nobody did, the Lady Colonels are answering their critics by playing the games and reeling off three of four, including three straight.

The pinnacle of these victories came Tuesday night in a thrilling 74-69 win over the Lady Aggies of Delaware Valley College.

The Lady Colonels were lead by three players who recorded double doubles in scoring and rebounds and four of the five starters scored in double digits. Senior Alison Pikulski headed the team with 22 points and 12 rebounds. Sophomore Lauren Elwood added 17 points and 12 boards and senior Katie Watkins turned in her regular 16 points and 12 boards. Watkins came into the match-up averaging 14.3 points, which leads the team, and 7.0 rebounds, which is second on the squad to Pikulski's 8.3.

The Lady Colonels had an 18-point lead at the ten-minute mark and held off a strong Lady Aggie run headed by Delaware Valley College's senior guard Jeanne Waznak, who lead all scores with 26 points. But clutch free throw shooting with under a minute left by senior Jill Ronkowski (8pts.) and junior Robin Mendiagral



Caitlin Lee attempts a shot while Alison Pikulski anticipates the rebound in last Tuesday's game against Marywood.

(11 pts.) capped the win for the Lady Colonels, despite committing 21 turnovers. The loss dropped the Lady Aggies to 1-1, 0-1 in the Freedom.

The Lady Colonels opened up their 1999-2000 campaign in Boston with a split in the Emmanuel College Tip-Off Classic. Wilkes dropped the first game 56-43 to Rensselaer Poly Institute. Watkins lead the team with 14 points and eight rebounds. In the consolation game the Lady Colonels broke into the win column with a 61-48 victory over Rutgers-Newark. Ronkowski had a team high 14 points after coming off a season-ending knee injury last year.

In the home opener, the Lady Colonels beat the Marywood Univer-

sity Lady Pacers 64-54. The win was highlighted by Watkins as she put an exclamation mark on her great career at Wilkes by toppling the 1,000 point plateau midway through the first half. Watkins finished the game with a team high 17 points. Elwood, Pikulski, and Ronkowski rounded out the scoring as they each chipped in with ten points.

Watkins now sits in sixth place in Lady Colonel scoring history with 1,025 points behind Kim Smith (1,309pts.)

The Lady Colonels are back in action tonight as they travel to Ithaca College, with tip-off starting at 7:00 PM.

Men's soccer players receive honors

Receiving Middle Atlantic Conference Freedom League first team honors is Wilkes University sophomore men's soccer player Bill Schneider.

Schneider contributed to the 12-7-1 overall season record and helped the Colonels attain a spot in the ECAC and MAC championships with a team-high of eight goals and eight assists.

Three other Colonels were given second team honors including sophomore Seth Nye, senior Josh Hite, and senior Tim Seymour. Nye had a solid season by holding opponents to an average of 1.64 goals per game while starting all 20 games, stopped 108 shots and registered 4.5 shutout victories. Hite, who returned this season after studying overseas last fall semester, graced the field for his final year. Along with Seymour, who has earned second unit honors for four consecutive seasons, the two teamed up and formed a defensive barrier for the Colonels. Hite also contributed

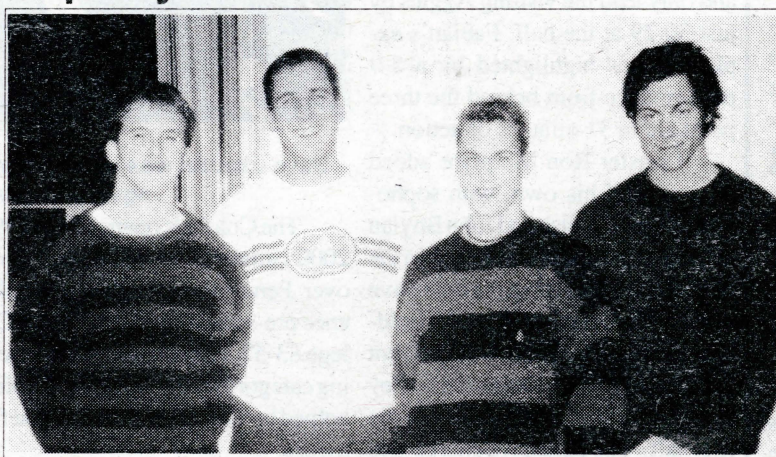


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Standing left to right are men's soccer players Seth Nye, Tim Seymour, Bill Schneider, and Joshua Hite.

two goals and two assists on the offensive end for the Colonels, while Seymour had two goals and five assists.

"What we achieved and failed to achieve this season was a product of teamwork, not of individual efforts. Awards like these can be flattering and ego boosting but by no means do the recipients alone deserve more credit than the rest of the team," said Hite.

"On behalf of the seniors," said Hite, "We would like to praise Jarrad Max's dedication to the team as he battled through mono and his 4th concussion in the last two years, and thank Coach Phil Wingert for four years that we will always remember."

That's what I say



with SCOTT VEITH

After four long, hard seasons, the Wilkes football seniors are champions. Jason Phillips, Mike Hankins, Tony DaRe, Brandon Carlin, John Williams and Floyd Allen fought every day for four years to be here. They finally did it. ECAC Southeast Region champions!

But the one player who deserves the title more than all the rest doesn't even get mentioned. His name has never been in the paper for making the game-winning catch. He's never scored a touchdown. He's never kicked a field goal. He's never even cracked the starting line-up. But still, he deserves the championship more than anyone else.

Malverne Innis showed up at camp in 1996 as the smallest freshman on the roster. Of the 160-odd players trying to impress the coaches, Innis was the least likely. He was 5'5" and weighed no more than 145 pounds. He was not recruited out of high school. He didn't even know what position to play.

During his freshman season, Innis played every position on the field—for the scout team, that is. He let the upperclassmen take turns pounding him into the ground. If the coaches needed someone to catch punts in practice, Innis volunteered. If they needed someone to carry the footballs out to the practice field, Innis volunteered. If the linebackers needed a tackling dummy, Innis volunteered.

Innis had at least four different numbers during his career. As a defensive back, his number should have been somewhere between 1 and 49, but if coach said he was to wear number 65, he wore it. His philosophy was "If I get a jersey, that means I'm on the team. Some people aren't that lucky."

Innis was never the biggest, fastest, strongest, tallest, smartest, most talented or most recognized player on the team, but he had the biggest heart. He sacrificed his body, his pride and his aspirations for the good of the team.

Innis worked his way onto the special teams unit for his senior season, and was one of the unit's leading performers. At least once a game, Innis would make a play that looked to the fans to be impossible for such a small man.

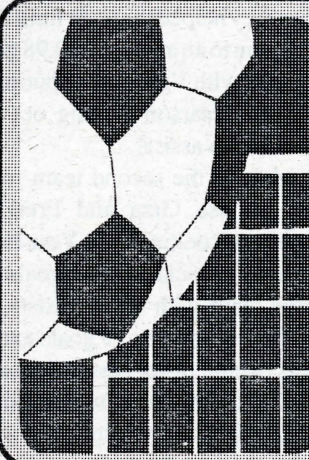
But the fans can't see how big a player's heart is.

Innis is one of the few players who will take less from the program than he gave and be happy with it. He had fewer than 100 varsity plays and performed in more than 200 practices. Most people would leave the team with numbers like that. Most people are not as devoted as Malverne Innis.

And when the final gun went off after the team's ECAC Southeast Region win over FDU-Madison, it was Innis with the biggest smile on his face and the biggest tears in his eyes.

Hankins, Phillips, DaRe and Carlin may get their names in the record books, but Innis is the team's Most Valuable Player.

Head coach Frank Sheptock said players leave this program as good athletes and fine young men. When he made that statement, I'm sure he had Innis in mind.



Like sports? Got a favorite Wilkes team? Tell us all about it and write for *The Beacon*. Contact Erika, Sports Editor at x5903, or email us at beacon@wilkes.edu

Sheptock garners first ECAC playoff victory

Wilkes defeated FDU-Madison 27-6 in the ECAC playoff game Saturday, November 20.

By **COREY YANOSHA**
Beacon Managing Editor

One can see just how much Saturday's 27-6 ECAC win meant for Wilkes as 6-2, 275-pound defensive lineman Brandon Carlin shed a tear reflecting on his career and how it has ended with a championship.

Frank Sheptock has installed a championship mentality throughout his program and finally has the hardware to back it up as Wilkes captured the ECAC Southeast trophy on a wet and muddy afternoon in front of a thousand fans against FDU-Madison at Ralston Field.

"To be considered a championship program, you've got to win some championships," said Sheptock, whose only other playoff game was a 24-21 loss to Frostburg in his first year at the helm in 1996. "I've always told them that there's no experience like a championship experience and I can't put into words how satisfying this is."

Freshman quarterback Jeff Marshman lit the Jersey Devil defense for three touchdowns and 133 yards on a 14-for-16 first half. On the Colonels' second play from scrimmage, Marshman connected with full-back Don Hindmarsh from seven yards out and Will McLaughlin's first of three PATs was all the cushion Wilkes would need.

Carlin set the Colonels up with a fumble recovery on FDU's third play, which Justin Holmes forced.

"It's been a roller coaster of a year, but we ended it on a great note," said Marshman.

Mike Hankins added a 15-yard

TD run in the third quarter as he totaled 92 yards on 24 carries to cap his career. Unofficially, Hankins gained 1,000 yards for the third time in his career, going 19 yards over the century mark with the playoff game.

"It's been four hard years and they say it's hard to beat the same team twice, but this was a total team effort," said the Freedom League Player of the Year. "It's just a great way to go out in a career."

Marshman used six different receivers in compiling a 21-for-31 day with one interception and 232 yards. Ryan James caught six passes for 58 yards and an eight-yard score, Brian Miller hauled in an eight-yard TD toss, Frank McCabe pulled in 82 yards on four grabs and Jason Phillips ended his career with five catches for 43 yards.

"We responded when everyone questioned us," noted Phillips. "This will be something to build on and it feels good to play like we did in the beginning of the season."

Sheptock added, "This will be a mark the seniors leave on a program. They're a great group and this is the crowning moment of their career."

Colin Grenon caught a 21-yard TD pass from Mark Polifrone for FUD-Madison's only points of the game as the Jersey Devils were held to just 210 total yards, while Wilkes racked up 319.

"This is unbelievable because so many teams aren't playing," said Tony DaRe, who finished with five tackles. "This is the sum of four years and to finally come out on top means the program doesn't have to start over next year."

Wilkes scored twice in the second quarter to take a 20-6 lead into half as the Colonels end the season at

7-4. FDU drops to 5-6.

"This is a springboard for our program," commented Sheptock. "The last third of the season was tough because we knew what we were capable of, but we stayed committed to our values and work ethics."

Erik Stanislawczyk led all tacklers with 11, followed by Mike Ortiz with nine. Jermaine Richardson led all Wilkes defensemen with seven tackles, while Holmes had two sacks. Jamie Connel added six tackles, five solo, while Jason Weaver and Brian Hosler each picked off a pass.

"Coach promised us a championship and he put it in front of us," said Carlin, who has four tackles. "Right now, I just think of the memories and realize I won't set foot on the field again."



Photo by Erika Baltrusaitis

Mike Hankins was named the Freedom League Player of the Year.

Fabian's second half explosion pushes Colonels

By **MATT REITNOUR**
Beacon Staff Writer

In the 68-51 win over Delaware Valley College Wednesday night, senior guard Chad Fabian saved the day, and the game.

Fabian scored a game high 27 points including 22 in the second half to power the Colonels to their fourth win of the season and 33rd straight on the floor of the Marts Center. Fabian picked up the scoring slack when senior guard Dave Januzzi left the game just 8:26 into the first half with a foot injury. Januzzi sat out the rest of the game with the injury.

The Colonels started off slow, and only lead the visiting Aggies by just 30-29 at the half. Fabian's explosion was highlighted by a 5-9 performance from behind the three point arc in 31 minutes of action.

Transfer Ron McIntyre added 11 points of his own, with sophomores Kevin Walsh and John Boylan adding six points off the bench in the win. Wilkes picked up the defensive intensity in the second half by holding the Aggies to just 36.8 percent from the field after Delaware Valley came out and shot 50 percent in the first half. The defensive charge was led by Fabian with seven steals and sophomore Greg Barrouk's three steals.

Coming into Wednesday night's game Januzzi was leading the Colonels offensively averaging 18.3 points per game. Januzzi, a pre-season All-American, was named MVP of the Frostburg, MD. Tip-Off Tournament after scoring 25 points in the championship game, a 74-60 win over North Carolina Wesleyan on November 20.

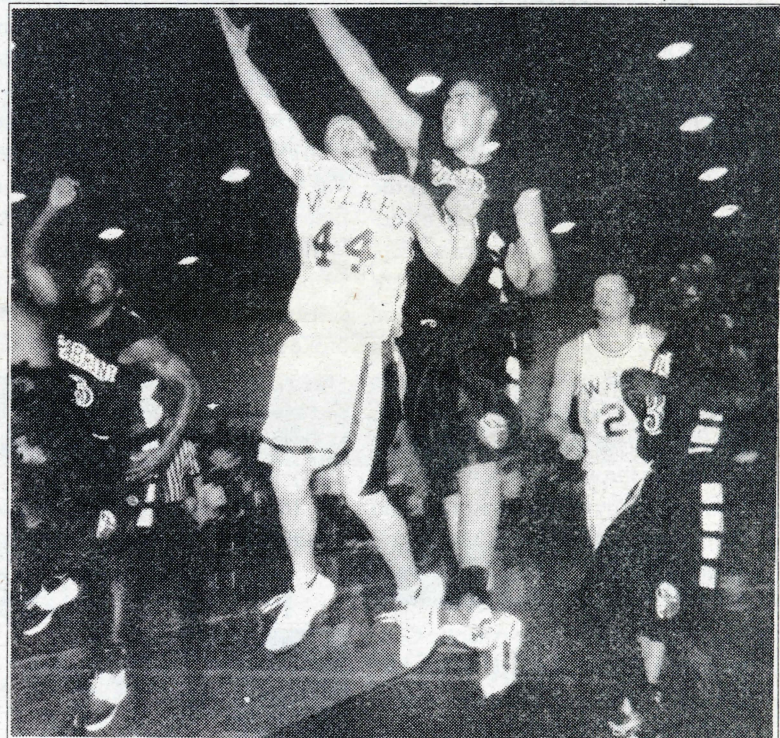


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Dave Januzzi was injured last night a few minutes into the game against Delaware Valley College.

The Colonels opened their 1999-2000 campaign at home with a win over Pennsylvania Athletic Conference pre-season favorite Cabrini College 83-57. Fabian again led the scoring category by throwing in 17 points, helped by Januzzi's 12 points and five assists.

Wilkes' opened the season November 19 with a 97-65 win over Lincoln University. In the Frostburg Tourney Walsh and Fabian were named to the All-Tournament Team.

Wilkes is currently third in the country in the D3hoops.com poll. Wilkes is the only MAC team in the top 25 with their 4-0 record. Wilkes travels to the John Long Center on the Scranton campus to take on the Royals in a key MAC Freedom League match-up Saturday at 8 PM. Wilkes

will be back in action in the Marts Center next Wednesday night when they host cross town rival King's College at 8 PM.

GAME NOTES:

Wilkes is currently ranked No. 3 in the recent D3hoops.com poll.

Wilkes has not lost a home game since the 1997 MAC play-offs when they were beaten by Lebanon Valley.

Student Government will be running a fan bus to the Wilkes-Scranton doubleheader on Saturday night. The bus leaves at 5 p.m. from in front of the Student Union Building and is a first come first serve basis. Last year's game at the John Long Center was sold out.

Women's soccer standouts are now MAC all-stars

The Wilkes University women's soccer tied a school-record for wins in a season in 1999 and earned a berth in the ECAC playoffs for the first time in school history. Four members of that squad have been selected to the Middle Atlantic Conference Freedom League all-star units.

After a record-tying season and making it to the ECAC for the first time in school history, as well as breaking the school record with nine shut-out victories, four Lady Colonel soccer players were awarded a spot in the Middle Atlantic Conference Freedom League's first and second all-star teams.

Players named to the first team included Kim Vance and Katie

Pearson, two girls that played crucial roles as defensive backs in the Lady Colonels' outstanding season. Together they helped the team limit their opposition to an average of 0.98 goals per game, with Vance contributing an assist and Pearson dishing out one goal and two assists.

Making the second team roster were Larissa Giza and Freedom League co-Rookie of the Year Holly Shiber. Giza racked up six goals and led the team with seven assists this past season, and has 19 goals and 11 assists overall in her past two seasons at Wilkes. Freshman rookie Shiber played aggressively despite her injury to score four goals and had six assists for the Lady Colonels.