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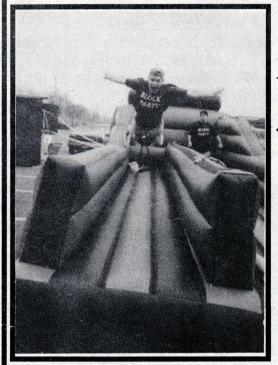
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A thrilling flight during the bungie run at last year's Block Party.

Come out and par

By TONI ODEN Beacon News Editor

If you're looking for a good time out with your friends, free music, and beer, then don't miss out on the second annual Block Party this Saturday on the Greenway. The day is going to be jam packed with activities, and admission is free, what more could a college student

The events planned are going to make this year's Block Party bigger and better than ever before. Some of the featured attractions are: the aerobatron, biosphere bowling, sumo wrestling, jousting, a bungie run, speed pitch, a dunk tank, a high striker, and a basketball throw. Advance tickets for the games will be on sale until Friday at a cost of \$3. If you wait until Saturday to buy tickets, they will cost \$5.

The beer tent will be located in a controlled area with supervision, and you must be 21 or older, with a valid driver's license, to enter. The cost per 16 ounce beer will be \$2.

Numerous food vendors will be set up in the vicinity of Stark Learning Center. All food purchased at the party must stay on the Greenway.

A big part of the festivities will be the "Battle of the Bands" featuring several college bands. Many Wilkes students will be participating, so be

sure to come out and support your friends.

For \$15, students can sign up to compete in the three-on-three basketballtournament. Entry forms are due on Friday, and the team that wins first place will receive \$150, the second place winners will get embroidered polo shirts, and a trophy will be awarded to the third place team. Teams can have up to five members.

The Block Party will take place from 1 pm to 7 pm on Saturday. Be there to join in on the fun and catch up with your classmates. Remember, admission to this event

The Block Party is being sponsored by Off-Campus Council, Student Government, Inter-Residence Hall Council, Programming Board, and the Alumni Association.

BLOCK PARTY SPECIAL ATTRACTIONS

- Aerobatron
- Biosphere Bowling
- Sumo Wrestling
- Jousting
- Bungie Run
- Speed Pitch

- Dunk Tank
- High Striker
- Basketball Throw
- Battle of the Bands
- Beer Tent
- Food Vendors
- 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament

The Off Campus Council (OCC) wants you to participate in the biggest event of the year. This Saturday is the second annual Block Party from 1 pm to 7 pm being held on the Greenway. Brian Adams, OCC President, and CJ Copley, OCC Vice-President, have been hard at work planning this exciting fun-filled day. Admission is free, so grab your college ID and driver's license and come join OCC in celebrating the best time of the semester before finals.



Sumo wrestling was a popular attraction at the

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By AMY CONNELLY Beacon Staff Writer

Yehuda Bauer, Ph.D., is one of America's foremost authorities on the Holocaust and will be speaking at Wilkes University. This Holocaust scholar will speak at the cooperative lecture on Sunday, April 28, at 7:30 pm in the Edward Darling Jr. Theatre of the Dorothy Dickson Darte Center for the Performing Arts.

Bauer's credentials as an educator, author, and lecturer are immeasurable.

Since 1977, Bauer has been a professor and holder of the Jona M. Machover chair at the Institute of Contemporary Jewry. He is also the editor of his field's main international journal, Holocaust and Genocide Studies.

He founded and serves as current chair for the Vidal Sassoon International Center for the Study of Anti-Semitism at Hebrew University.

Bauer is a member of including the executive committee of Yad Vashem, the Israeli Holocaust Memorial Center, the editorial committee of Yalkut Moreshet, the main Hebrew Holocaust Studies Journal, and also the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum's

Content and Academic Affairs Committees. He is a professor at Richard Stockton College in New Jersey and was a visiting professor at University of Hawaii in 1992 and at Yale in 1993.

The Holocaust Historical Perspective, Out of the Ashes, and Jews for Sale are a few of his 11 English language books on the Holocaust. In addition, he has published over 80 articles. At Oxford University in 1988 he organized the "Remembering for the Future" conference.

Bauer also serves as the current chair for Study Circle at the Home of the President of Israel on the Jewish people in the Diaspora and the State of Israel.

Bauer's speech, "Remembering for the Future: Failures, Lessons, and Hope," is free and open to the public. Mark Davis, Wilkes University Relations Director expects a good outcome for this event because anyone who is interested in the topic knows Davis also this man. commented that Bauer is an excellent speaker and has thoroughly researched this

Esther Davidowitz is the chair of the Cooperative Lecture Committee and the main planner for this event. The Committee has had this event planned since the end of last year. The lecture is being sponsored by The Jewish Community Center, Wilkes organizations University, King's College, College Misericordia, Luzerne County Community College, Penn State Wilkes-Barre campus, and Wyoming Seminary.

Bauer to speak WOW! Contract renewed

By LORI KASCHAK

Beacon Staff Writer

The educational children's television show, WOW!, has renewed its contract with WBRE-TV for its fourth consecutive year. Dr. Diane Polachek, associate professor of Education at Wilkes University, acts as host. Dana Alexander Nolfe, assistant professor of Communications at Wilkes serves as writer and producer.

Two Wilkes students will intern on the show. Christine Pavalkis will be serving her third semester, and Christine Tondrick will be in her second semester of the show.

"WOW! is a show we are proud to have on the air. I couldn't be happier about the renewal," said Larry Stirewalt, director of station operations for WBRE-TV. "WOW! is about the only show which targets the 7-12 year olds. You either have animation or teen shows, but WOW! fills the gap for that age group. I hope it's around for a long, long time."

The show airs Sunday mornings at 7:30 am on channel 28. This Sunday's show will be about camping. It was taped at Goose Pond Scout Reservation in Hamlin, PA.

Escort service offered

By AMY CONNELLY

Beacon Staff Writer

The Wilkes University Security Department has been running a vehicle escort service. It began on March 28 and runs between the hours of 4:45 pm and 6:00 am daily.

The vehicle is a four wheel Cushman Tram that can transport up to five passengers on each trip. "The service is available to all members of the Wilkes community upon request," said Gerald Cookus of the Wilkes Security Department. "You can arrange for an escort by calling security at ext. 4999."

Many other colleges and universities use such services with great success. These trams are helpful in getting around a college campus.

"The tram at Wilkes has been used, but not heavily," said Cookus.

An example of this service may be transporting groups to the Park and Lock Garage on Main Street from various locations on campus. The students, faculty, and staff at Wilkes can use this service whenever they need a ride, on, or near campus.

Learning disabilities discussed

By LORI KASCHAK

Beacon Staff Writer

Tuesday, April 16, Regina Corbett spoke to the Education Club at Wilkes about Attention Deficit and Hyperactivity Disorder. Corbett is the supervisor of special education for kindergarten through twelfth grade at the Lake Lehman

Mary Brown, early childhood education instructor at Wilkes and advisor for the Education Club, invited Corbett to come here and speak.

"Learning disabilities are something everyone will see," said Brown. "This is a topic which covers all age groups and grade levels from K-12. We wanted someone out in the field who works with these problems, to come in and speak to us."

Corbett talked about different methods identifying children with problems and also how to deal with these problems once they

have been identified. She gave advice on how to handle special situations and teach students with learning disabilities.

The meeting was open to the public and everyone that attended received an information packet on Ritalin, (used to control ADD/ADHD), how to deal with parents, other sources of information on the subject, methods used to identify problems, and a variety of teaching methods that can be used.

Research expense fund created

By CINDY KERN and LORI KASCHAK

Special to the Beacon

Money has been set aside for undergraduate scholarships and creative endeavors for liberal arts students. They now have the same opportunities as engineering and biology students to present their research papers at conferences.

Biology and engineering students have always received funding, not

only to pay for expenses incurred while presenting their papers, but also to pay for research expenses. Liberal arts students could always complete research papers and present them, but until now, they never received any funding to do so.

The Undergraduate Research and Support Committee consists of two students and three faculty members. Its function is to provide the funding to liberal arts students for expenses incurred while presenting research papers. Presently on the committee are Dr. Jane

Elmes-Crahall, communications professor, Dr. Jim Rodechko, history professor, Dr. Harold Cox, dean of liberal arts and human sciences, and Kathy Schmucker and Michael Kaschak, both Wilkes students.

The committee originated when Schmucker missed the opportunity to present her research paper at the Speech Communication Association's National Conference held this past November in San Antonio, TX. She missed the opportunity because of the lack of funding.

The paper is co-authored by Elmes-Crahall, who presented

the paper at the conference. After this occurrence, Schmucker began pressuring the Dean of Arts and Science for funding so students in the future can be reimbursed for expenses when presenting their papers.

The fund has an initial \$2,000 in it. Elmes-Crahall contributed \$1,000 of this amount. Each student who participates will receive \$250 for expenses incurred while presenting their papers. These expenses include hotel fees, meals, and travel expenses.

The first student to use this fund was Theresa Havel who presented her paper, "Divorce and Coping Strategies", at the Eastern Psychological Association held at the Marriott Hotel in Philadelphia, PA on March 29, 30, and 31. She also received funding from student government and the psychology club.

It is important for all students, especially those planning to attend graduate school, to do research papers. This funding make its possible for these students to present their papers.



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Seasons of change Letters to the Editor

"Not everything that is faced can be changed, but nothing can be changed until it is faced." - James Baldwin

What is it that we don't like about change? Are we fearful of the unfamiliar or does the threat of failure cause us anxiety?

Too often, our minds are locked on one set track and in seeing only black and white we leave no room for the shade of gray.

In adapting one set pattern, I've come to learn that while taking the time to stare at the closed doors behind us, we sometimes don't realize the many windows of opportunities that have opened before us. We tend to believe that better possibilities are non-existent, so we settle for the hum-drum of our everyday lives—hoping, waiting and anticipating.

Yet in that time, what we come to find out is that by resisting change, life becomes boring and tedious. A person who hardly ever changes begins to function more as a robot or a machine than a human being with feelings and emotions.

Everyone needs a certain taste of newness, excitation and freshness in their lives. To experience this, you can start by looking at the familiar people and places in your life in a different light. For instance, instead of viewing exams as a time of stressful endeavors, look beyond to the beginning of summer. When you walk past Capin Hall and come upon Mr. Fenner's bright red and yellow tulips, stop and take in the delic 'e beauty of the changing seasons. And walking through mpus, watch closely those bask in pleasure at the fresh air id bright sun.

Life is too short to dwell on the past feeling shame and contempt, or to dread the future feeling anxiety and apprehension. Change is everywhere. It's fresh, clean and full of possibilities. Accept it, don't run and hide.

So I close this year in saying that to simply live, is a wonderful privilege in itself.

Take the time to smell the roses, the change might do you good.

SIDEWALK CHALK ART CONTEST

THURSDAY, APRIL 25

ALL DAY LONG, starting at 11 am Bedford Hall - corner of River and South streets Chalk provided.

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Prizes awarded in Beginner and Advanced Categories. Prizes donated by local artists!!!!

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When: Sunday, April 28, 1996

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From: 11am-4pm

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ATTENTION:

- Alumni Bagel Breakfast @ the Annette Evans Alumni and Faculty House- May 4, 8:30 am-11:30 am, free and open to entire student
- · Anyone who had prblems voting, contact Mike Cook,, Political Science Club Vice President @ 825-8320.

To the Editor:

I'd like to respond to the two lab attendants who commented on the computer survey article in the last issue of the Beacon. First of all, the intent of the article was to identify areas of student concern for making a student's learning experience in the computer lab as user friendly and efficient as possible. The fact of the matter is that students as well as myself identified several areas of deficiencies within the computer labs. Let me be more definitive in my observations and factual information regarding these issues.

First, computer documentation is non-existent in all of our microcomputer labs in the COB. Do we see any evidence of SPSS, MINITAB, SAS, PASCAL, C, or FORTRAN manuals? If so, tell me where they are? The point I'm trying to establish is that both faculty and students need this

institution and quality research are truly viable objectives of this institution. In the business school meeting and at a departmental meeting both this year and last year. Yet nothing was done to accommodate our business student's needs. With attrition rates within the School of Business that are doubled the National Average, it is unwise to ignore students and faculty concerns when these issues are thoroughly justified and easily attainable. If we are truly concerned with student attrition, isn't this a plausible problem that we should resolve. Furthermore, the administrative "leadership" within the School of Business knows fully well that Corporate America is requiring more computer literate employees than ever before. So doesn't it follow that our administrative efforts be directed toward increasing our student's computer literacy skills rather than discouraging this growth?

Secondly, why not provide our computer lab assistants with the needed expertise required for fulfilling the expectations of their position. Student assistants could receive their skill training during the month of August. For example, at the U. of Cincinnati computer lab attendants are not only trained for their positions but are scheduled according to their expertise. Students with specific questions know when their problems can be properly addressed by the designated attendants.

Third, no one more than I, recognizes the lack of funding currently available for academic computing. In spite of the lack of adequate resources over the last 5 years, Gus Stangline has certainly performed a superhuman task. Since a \$100 dollar technology fee is collected yearly from our 1700 full time students and generates revenues in excess if 170000, why not designate a portion of the \$170000 to Gus Stangline so that he can provide the necessary resources for both students and faculty. With \$170000 of revenues generated yearly, I'm still dumbfounded as to why students are assessed 10 cents per copy for printing on our laser printers. Aren't our students entitled to something beyond the privilege of utilizing the computer hardware?

The fourth point I'd like to address is to the lab attendants who took exception to the news article which I, please note, didn't author. However, reference was made to 'My Expectations' of a NASA type microcomputer lab at Wilkes. The next time either of you are out and about visit a microcomputer lab at either Scranton and/or Lehigh Universities. In both setting you will see either a help desk or a resource center for students to receive software assistance or to check out needed documentation. Do you realize that the U. of Scranton has in excess of 20 professionals and/or lab attendants serving their students in academic computing? Until this year Wilkes had but one professional—Gus Stangline acting in this capacity. There is an old adage that is worth noting: "Anything that one has never experienced one never misses." The bottom line is that the scope and depth of academic computer services at Wilkes must be increased. We are attempting assistance to students completing Math 115, students who have not taken Math 114 and students who are not up to speed using recent Micro Computer applications. In order to intelligently respond to these needs, documentation of "productivity" and advanced software packages are essential, thus an expanded technology staff is needed to address these requirements.

Finally, I'd like to state that if Dr. Breiseth believes in making Wilkes University a school that is perceived as a quality institution, he will judiciously resolve these issues. We must recognize that in previous years Wilkes has been overly dependent upon the RCRC labs and the generosity of Dr. Bellucci in fulfilling its commitment to computer technology. It is now time for this University to step up and assume its responsibility for directing, funding and planning the future of academic computing and becoming more autonomous in all computer related matters.

Dr. Schwartz, Business & Economics Department

Letters to the Editor guidelines:

Letters should include your name and phone number. They should be no longer than 250 words and must be signed in order to be printed. Letters will be printed in the order they are received, and must be submitted by 5 pm on the Tuesday prior to publication.

New Policy: It is the policy of The Beacon not to alter any submitted letters. Grammatical errors are those of the author.

Idle Chatter with Michael Butchko

"Farewell and adieu to you fair Spanish ladies; farewell and adieu to you ladies of Spain;

for I've received orders for the sail back to Boston; and so nevermore shall we see you again."

In the movie "Jaws," which also happens to be the Zenmaster's favorite flick, Captain Quint sings this catchy little ditty often, in good times and in bad. With a tremendous amount of mixed emotions, the final Chatter is penned.

Last week, we bid farewell and adieu to some influential instructors. This week, it's time to say "so long" to some dear friends. As a student of rhetoric, I often feel that the term "friend" is overused, almost as incorrectly as when people "love" or "hate" something. Henry Brooks Adams says of friends, "One friend in a lifetime is much; two are many; three are hardly possible. Friendship needs a certain parallelism of life, a community of thought; a rivalry of aim." That said, the Chatter pays homage to three best friends.

The first one might never read this column, seeing as he attends that holy school down the block. Scott and I have been friends for the past eight years, and unlike most high school friends, we have been able to adapt and overcome changes in our environments and in each other. The beauty of this friendship is a refusal to admit that the friend has done anything wrong, and the unconditional acceptance and regard hardly anyone else can give. A toast to dedication: May there be many more NFL Primetimes, Weather Channel crashes, and Eight Track Flashbacks on VH1. Thanks for making the last eight years a hell of a lot better.

When it comes to inside jokes, this next person wrote the book. To have one friend who is like a brother is much, but having two are many, indeed. My contact with Noone started in the broadcast booth, and tapes of those games will provide some of the most cherished memories I have of Wilkes. Eventually, the schtick carried over into the classroom, with professors having the Political Science department's version of *Crossfire*. Next year, Mike takes over command of *The* Beacon's Sports Mothership (the keys are on their way). You are a great friend, and a trusted confidant, Cletus. Whether the humor is intellectual (occasionally) or bodily (always), it provided needed laughter at the most appropriate times. Get used to the 716 area code, and buy stock in the new merger of Nynex and Bell Atlantic. Most importantly, beware the penguins. Doobie, doobie, do...

Next, the Chatter addresses a more recent friend with an equally strong tie. I once read that love is friendship set to music, and I have been lucky to experience such a relationship for the past two years. Erin, ours has been a friendship of discovery as well as self-discovery. From your perspective, I know it hasn't been easy dating a perfectionist. Sometimes it's downright annoying. Yet as we grow closer together, I must admit that perfection has become the rule. It is an honor to know you, and falling and staying in love with you is an awesome experience. I still believe the best is yet to come, but in any case, thanks for sharing a part of your life with me, and for sharing in a part of mine. You're the greatest.

Finally, for you, the reader: thanks for reacting to this column, whether happily or angrily. I hope it gave you something to think about every week. It has given me much to contemplate for a lifetime. To my cohorts on The Beacon staff: you are all crazy, and I mean that in the sweetest possible way. Enjoy next year, and I'll think of you every Wednesday night.

What else can I say, but farewell and adieu...

Astute Observations with John-Erik Koslosky

Shortly after addressing Wilkes University's May 1995 graduates, author Norman Mailer divulged to a Times Leader reporter some of his views about "Generation X."

"... he acknowledged that the generation of young people now entering the work force is generally perceived as apathetic...," the reporter wrote.

Of course, the type of apathy Mailer was referring to is far too broad to adequately examine in the space I'm provided, but for one example, one has to look no further than our political participation.

Statistics say few of us vote.

But I will waste any space encouraging anyone to vote. I despised MTV's "Rock the Vote" campaign during the 1992 Presidential race. It might have motivated thousands of uneducated voters to run to the polls. The only remedy for poor political participation I found more appalling was the "motor-voter" bill, which allows oversimplified registration. Voter registration was as easy as it should have been before this measure was put on the table.

The apathy that is most disturbing is not the apathy that keeps so few Generation X'ers from voting. The apathy that is most disturbing is the apathy that results in so many fewer members of our generation making any attempt to understand the issues at hand—issues that have impacted and will continue to impact our lives.

While giving my father's Zenith remote control a workout a few months ago, I made a brief stop at MTV. The brevity of the stop resulted from the frightening scene that soon appeared. An MTV reporter was on a man-onthe-street assignment, surveying young adults about their voting habits.

Not surprisingly, a sparse few said they had never made it to the polls. The reporter proceeded to ask one group why they hadn't voted.

The response: They didn't know how to register.

The response provoked a segment in which the reporter takes the group to the local office of voter registration and instructs them how to complete the simple form.

The same individual who could not even figure out how to register to vote is now expected to make an intelligent decision on election day.

There is an old adage regarding lousy voter turnout. "If you don't vote, you are voting for the winner," the adage says.

An educated voter who avoids the pools on election day does himself a great disservice.

An uneducated voter who makes sure he casts a vote does a great disservice to everyone else.

Upcoming Campus Events for the week of April 25 - May 2

Thursday, April 25

• M B-ball- Susquehanna 3:30 pm (A)

Friday, April 26

- "Twinge" Concert- 8 pm, CPA lobby
- "Toy Story"- SLC 101
- · Geranium Sale deadline for orders

- Saturday, April 27 • W B-ball- FDU Madison 1 pm (H)
 - Evening of Dance- 8 pm, CPA
 - Block Party/Battle of the Bands- 1-7 pm, Greenway
 - Clean Sweep- 8 am-2 pm, Midtown Plaza

- Sunday, April 28
- M B-ball- Bloomsburg 1 pm (H)-DH
- BA/BFA Senior Exhibition- 12-5 pm, Sordoni Art Gallery
- Champer Singers- 3 pm, First Presbyterian Church

Monday, April 29

- Christian Scripture Study- 4 pm, SUB basement
- BA/BFA Senior Exhibition- 12-5 pm, Sordoni Art Gallery

Wednesday, May 1

- "Talk it Out" 5 pm, SUB basement
- BA/BFA Senior Exhibition- 12-5 pm, Sordoni Art Gallery
- BRAVO Dance, Children's Ballet

Thursday, May 2

• Blood Drive- 10 am-4 pm, Marts Gym

Tuesday, April 30

- M B-Ball- Muhlenberg 3 pm (H)
- BA/BFA Senior Exhibition- 12-5 pm, Sordoni Art Gallery
- BRAVO Dance, Children's Ballet

"Letters to the Editor" continued from page 4

I am writing this letter in response to the article printed in the March 28th issue of the Beacon entitled "Computer survey has surprising results." I have been Academic Computing Coordinator at Wilkes University since September 1988 and can you say without question that Wilkes has made significant advances each year in making computer facilities available to its students and faculty. I would like to review with you the facilities that are available to out students and faculty.

Currently the following facilities are available in Stark Learning Center for student and faculty use:

1. Computer Terminal Room -SLC 257: This room contains twenty Macintosh 7100 computer systems and one general purpose IBM high speed line matrix printer. Each computer has the following primary software installed: Microsoft Office (Word, Excel and PowerPoint). Claris Works, and eXodus the X Window Display software. Each system is connected to the Wilkes University campus wide data network as well as to the Internet. This room is open from 6 am to midnight seven days a week.

2. IBM-Alumni PC Laboratory - SLC403: This room contains twenty-five IBM 80486 microcomputer systems and four IBM dot matrix printers. DOS, Windows and UNIX operating systems are available on each system. Each computer has the following primary software installed: Microsoft Office and eXodus the X Window Display software. Additional software liscenced to the Mathematics and Computer Science Department is installed as needed. This laboratory is used for computer intensive classes and-when not being used for such-it is open as a general purpose facility.

Moving to the new Classroom Building (COB) we find that students and faculty have a large number of computer systems and software available for their use. They are as

1. ITEC Computer Classroom -COB002: This room contains thirtyfive Macintosh 7100 computer systems and various printers owned by the Pennsylvanian Higher Education Assistance Agency (PHEAA). These machines are for teaching K-12 teachers how to use computers in the classroom. While not available for student use, this facility is available on limited basis to faculty for class sessions.

2. Open Access Laboratory -

of two laboratories previoously located in the Stark Learning Center. By combining the Macintosh and PC laboratories students have access to both platforms on a consistent schedule. This facility contains thirtysix Macintosh computers, twenty-nine DOS/Windows computers, twelve dot matrix printers, two laser printers and one IBM high speed line matrix printer. Each system is connected to the Wilkes University campus wide data network as well as to the Internet. The following software is available on the Macintosh systems: ClarisWorks, Microsoft Works, StatWorks, and a suite of Internet access software.

The following general software is available on the DOS/Windows computer systems: WordPerfect 5.1, Lotus 123 for DOS, dBase IV for DOS. Lotus 123 for Windows. Microsoft Office Professional (Word, Excel, PowerPoint and Access), and a suite of Internet access software (FTP, TELNET and a Web browser).

Staffing of this facility is accomplished through the use of Work Study Students. These student assistants are available to help students with any problems they may have in using the equipment provided in the laboratory as well as to provide general laboratory supervision. Many student assistants have experience with the software available in the laboratory and are available for general limited assistance in that capacity. However, they are students also and may not be familiar with all of the software available in the lab.

The primary purpose of this facility is open for the students to both the Macintosh and DOS/ Windows microcomputer systems as well as to the Internet. While it is available to faculty on a limitedbasis for class instruction other rooms in COB have been provided for that purpose and their use is strongly encouraged.

3. Writing Center Computer Classroom - COB014: This classroom contains twenty Macintosh 7100 microcomputers and one laser printer. Designed by the English Department to support writing instruction, its primary use is as an instructional facility allowing faculty to use the microcomputer as an educational tool in the teaching of writing. Each system is connected to the Wilkes University campus wide data network as well as to the Internet. When the classroom is not being used for instructional purposes it is available to faculty and students during posted hours.

4. Computer Classroom COB105: This classroom contains twenty-eight Macintosh 7100 microcomputers and one laser printer. COB006: This room is a combinatin Its primary use is as an educational

tool. Each system has a set foundation software which includes MicroSoft Office, and a full suite of Internet software including a Web browser. All systems are connected to the connected to the Wilkes University campus wide data network as well as to the Internet. Each faculty member has access to this room by using their Wilkes ID card in the swipe reader located by the enterance to the room.

5. Computer Classroom -COB108: This classroom contains 486DX4/75 twenty-eight microcomputers and one laser printer. Its primary use is as an instructional facilty allowing faculty to use the Intel 80486 microcomputer as an educational tool. Each system is connected to the Wilkes University campus wide data network as well as to the Internet. Software available Microsoft Professional, SPSS for Windows, Lotus 123 for Windows, and a full suite of Internet software including a Web browser. Each faculty member has access to this room by using their Wilkes ID card in the swipe reader located by the enterance to the room.

In addition to the facilities listed above the following laborities are available but are restricted for special use by the managing academic department: Language Laboratory, Computer Aided Design (CAD) Laboratory, Computer Aided Engineering (CAE) Laboratory, Computer Simulation Laboratory and the Art Department Graphics

Beginning with the Fall 1996 semester, students with their own suitably equipped microcomputer will be able to access the campus wide data network and the Internet from their dorm rooms.

In short, Wilkes University has made and will continue to make a commitment to providing its student and faculty with the computers hardware, software and networking assets necessary for their education and research. Much planning and wise decisions have been made with regard to the campus wide data network, our connection to the Internet and the placement and availablity of computer hardware and software. (A large number of these decisions were made based upon the recommendations of the Information Technology Task Force which is comprised of students, faculty and administration.) Technology is a basic part of a sound education and Wilkes University students are able to access it. Sincerely,

Gustay J. Stangline Academic Computer Coordinator e-mail: gstang@wilkes1.wilkes.edu phone: 717-831-4459

To the Editor:

There has been a lot of discussion throughout the University about the hardware and software supplied by the computer lab in COB. Students are talking about outdated versions of application software such as Windows, Microsoft Word, Minitab, and especially Lotus. Students pay a technology fee of \$100 per year. What is this money being used for? Was any of this money for the two computer labs in COB that are constantly locked and unused? I feel this money should be used to train lab assistants and update software.

Special attention should be given when hiring students as lab assistants. I understand that the lab has to be monitored for security reasons, but as the University continues to use people as security guards and babysitters, then let's take away the title of "lab assistant". Is it fair to give someone a good job, that looks good on a resume when they have no idea of what they are doing.

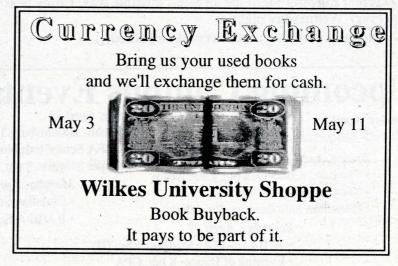
Scott Schwabe

To the Editor:

Were you ever typing a paper when all of a sudden your screen froze and you had to start all over? Or were you ever in a hurry to check your email and waited for the computers in COB to boot up only to find out that you couldn't access the internet? Or how about, trying to print without any success? These were some of my undesirable experiences that took place especially in the brand new, state-of-the-art COB computer lab. However, my biggest frustration wasn't being able to print my statistics lab assignments done in Minitab, a program we use in the internet. The program? The printer in COB that would print minitab was not hooked up. It just sat there for a couple of weeks. When I asked some of the lab attendants for help, some of them had not even heard of Minitab! "Minitab? What's that?" But I don't want to be unfair. There was a way to print my labs, I was told. All I had to do was send the printing command to SLC 257 lab and "just" walk over to Stark (2nd or 4th floors) and pick up my printouts, that's all! However, it turned out not that simple—what happened was that my printouts didn't come out until late in the evening when the job was completed in the morning!

At that point, I was very discouraged in doing my statistics lab assignments. What was supposed to be an experience for me became a frustration, for I didn't know what else would go wrong. That's when I decided that something had to be done. Thus, I teamed up with my statistics professor Dr. Ronald Schwartz to realize the 1996 computer survey that you've been hearing about lately. My intention was to find out from other students their level of satisfaction regarding our microcomputers labs. And if you realize that those are the feelings of 200 students who took this survey and not merely my opinion on this issue! The fact of the matter is that our computer labs are far from being accommodating to our students' needs. The survey is a proof that there is a lot of unsatisfaction regarding this service and all I ask is for this issue to be given proper attention it deserves, for how can one expect to survive in today's world without having access to technology?

Sincerely. Lucia Niero





Across Campus

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Mayhem and Music at Marts

By CHRISTINE GAYDOS and MELANIE MARKEY Beacon Features Editor and Beacon Staff Writer

In an attempt to tame his mass of fiery red curls, Carrot Top popped out frombehind the lid of a large black trunk in a bright green baseball cap with bright yellow letters reading John Deere. Swinging his head in a circular motion, a matching yellow tassel appeared, and the comedian hit the crowd with a joke about the hat being a rural graduation cap. This was just one of the catalysts that caused a wacky storm of humor Sunday night at the Marts Center.

His opening act was Mark Price, "Skippy" from Family Ties, and was a great mood-setter for a night of zany comical antics.

Price performed for half an hour, warming up the crowd and poking fun at his role on the popular 1980s sitcom. He also shared jokes about his family that the crowd obviously related to, judging by their chuckles. There was still fun left to be had, however. The main attraction was to appear momentarily.

The wild-haired, grinning comic began without wasting any time. Within seconds, laughter buzzed throughout the gym as Carrot Top worked with his many props.

Crazy colors and outrageous toys are just accessories to this grandiose young comic. The large stage was cluttered with his trunks of props, fog machines, and laser screens, all of which added to the spectacular show.

A unique mix of comedy and music, Carrot Top's show was an excellent comical performance and a rock and roll show rolled into one. The end of his act was unforgettable as he, "modeled outfits that accompanied the music in a rock montage that ranged form Guns 'n Roses to Elton John," claimed a Carrot Top fan.

Carrot Top's brand of comedy breaks from the norm of regular stand-up comedians. A few of the favorite jokes were the use of an oversized dog bone as means of home security, hoping thieves would believe that an equally large dog resided at the home.

Another favorite was a

scheme in which one might try to intimidate a pizza delivery person by wearing an identical outfit as theirs and mimicking each and every one of their moves.

Comical critics have suggested that Carrot Top, "is a fresh new Gallagher of our generation." In this case, though, the audience had to wipe away their tears of laughter rather than pieces of smashed melons.

The Montreal Gazette, in reference to a comedy festival held during the summer of 1993, called Carrot Top "an endearing mass of orange curls and hyperactivity, definitely the year's crowd pleaser...he came closest of all festival performers to causing mass convulsions of laughter in the aisles." His performance has touched all

that have witnessed the hysteria.

While the show was most enjoyable, it didn't end when Carrot Top walked off the stage.

Both he and Mark Price came down to the floor to sign autographs and mingle with the crowd. "They were very cordial, and interested in speaking with the crowd," shared one of the audience members.

While ticket sales may not have met expectations, a!! truly enjoyed themselves at this weekend's performance.

If you missed Sunday's show you are advised to kick yourself and stay tuned to Wilkes University's Programming Boards other special events in the future.

Multicultural Celebration



photo by Meghan LaVigna

By GLENDA RACE Beacon Staff Writer

On Monday April 22, at 8 pm the Kelileihua and Company Dancers brought the cultures of the Middle East, Tahiti, and Polynesia to Rumours.

The first dances featured were from Morocco, and

were followed by dances from Hawaii and other Polynesian cultures. One Hawaiian dance featured Meilami, whose name means "precious child."

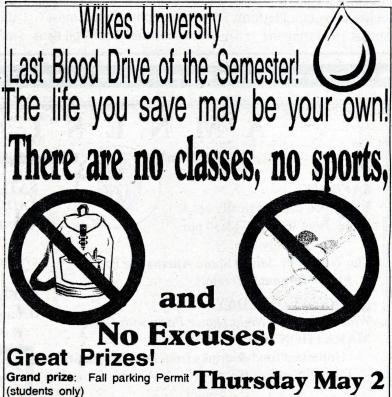
The following Hawaiian dance number "I am Going to the Island of Maui" featured three dancers, Kelileihua (a rare flower precious to the gods), Alohimaki (bright eyes), and Kahalani (heavenly dew). For this number the performers wore green, red and blue flowered dresses.

Kelileihua was joined by her brother, Keilani (from the heavens) in performing a Venetian dance. The music background featured fast paced drumming and the dance included intricate steps, the costumes for the Venetian dances were very ornate with brightly colored headdresses and grass skirts.

At the end of the presentation, members of the audience were invited to learn a Hawaiian dance to the song "Little Brown Gal." Although many were reluctant to try, learning a dance from another culture proved to be fun. The performance was followed by a reception where food was served from various parts of the world.

The dance presentation was part of Wilkes' celebration of Multicultural Awareness which is from April 21-27. It is sponsored by the Wilkes Multicultural Coalition.

Other events this week include an intercollegiate dance at Rumours on Thursday night, a presentation by Cheryl Stauffer on her internship to Kenya and the photo booth which will be featured at the block party on Saturday.



Great Prizes!

Grand prize: Fall parking Permit Thursday May 2 (students only)

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Listen close for Dr. Elmes-Crahall

By KATHLEEN **SCHMUCKER**

Special to the Beacon

This summer many students plan to relax without the sound of lecturing professors in their ears. Well, this may not be the case. Don't be surpised if you are changing the stations on the radio and you hear a familiar voice. The voice will be that of Dr. James Elmes-Crahall. Jane, as she is referred to by many students, has been asked to speak at the Chautauqua Institute and her speech will be carried on National Public Radio.

The Chautauqua Institute, a national historic landmark, is one of the most historic summer centers for education and the arts in the United States. Founded in 1874, Chautauqua has been a major influence in our country, reflecting and shaping the thought and the culture of our nation.

Dr. Jane Elmes-Crahall will be speaking on the Chautauqua Lecture Platform on August 16, during the

10:45 am time slot which has been labeled the most provocative lecture of the day. Following her delivery, she will stand for 20 minutes of questioning from a very well informed audience. The lecture platform, held in the 5,000 seat Amphitheater, has hosted nine United States Presidents as well as other national and world leaders.

Dr. Jane Elmes-Crahall will find herself on the same platform that such famous orators as Frederick Douglass, Anna Dickinson and Mark Twain stood on. "It is a humbling experience, part of it is in the history of Chautauqua. In the 19th century to be a speaker at Chautauqua meant one was at the top. Orators in the 19th century were also entertainment stars. Chautauqua orators were agitative. They pushed for strong ethical justice and spoke-of political reform."

A large number of the speakers at the modern day Chautauqua are authorities in their respective fields, most have published books on their area of study. Dr. Elmes-Crahall feels that this is a challenge to her as an orator. She compares it to the Freshman level speech at college. "I teach public speaking and political rhetoric, I also have published research but not books. I hope to be asked back. And, just as freshman year Speech 101 is the beginning of college, this is more of a career beginning, a new challenge. It is not a culmination of my career as a public speaker."

Each week of lectures has a theme. The theme for the week Dr. Elmes-Crahall is scheduled to speak is "The Value of the Spoken Word." The title of her speech is "Rhetorical Savvy and Political Campaign Civility." Jane feels that this speech will carry over from what she teaches in the classroom, "I challenge students to get involved in the political process. The skills that are learned in debate and public speaking carry over. Students become better critical thinkers. They possess a more informed critical voice, which will lead them to confront and challenge the actions of political candidates."

Dr. Elmes-Crahall graduated from Bloomsburg State College with a B.A. in Political Science and she received her Ph.D in Rhetoric and Communications from the University of Pittsburgh. Her doctoral research was on the role of gender in Geraldine Ferraro's 1984 vice-presidential campaign.

She joined the Wilkes faculty in 1985 after serving as the director of forensics and chairperson of the Department of Speech, Communication and Theater at Clarion University from 1974-1985. She and her husband, Brinley, reside in Larksville.

So, as you are driving this summer and hear that familiar voice, turn the volume up as Jane speaks from the Chautauqua Lecture Platform. Or, if you are in the area of Southwestern New York State, feel free to stop by Chautauqua and watch as one of our professors makes the Wilkes Community proud.

Help yourself find PEACE. Join us at the

Bereavement

Group

The last meeting of the semester will take place on Wednesday, May 1, 1996 at 6:30 pm in the basement of the S.U.B.

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Professor selected for forum

By MELANIE MARKEY

Beacon Staff Writer

For the second year in a row, a Wilkes University professor has been selected to participate in a National Security Forum. Dr. John Gilmer, professor of Electrical Engineering at Wilkes will be attending the 43rd Annual National Security Forum, June 2-7 at the Air War College, Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama.

Dr. Umid Nejib, Dean of the School of Science and Engineering was selected last year to participate. The forum is composed of 20 seminar groups of 11 US and foreign military Officers, Civilians, Government officials, and university faculty.

The selection of any university official begins with a nomination that is reviewed and either chosen or rejected. The process is highly competitive and it is an honor to be selected. Gilmar was nominated by Lt. Colonel Christopher F. Greco, of the ROTC department and eventually selected by the forum committee. When asked about the recent honor, Gilmar said that he, "feel[s] excited...and is looking forward to it."

HOROSCOPES

Aries (March 20-April 19)

Be sure to keep an eye out for a surprise in your mailbox. You don't know where this could take you. A new car? A big trip? Who knows...

Taurus (April 20-May 20) You may feel like now is the perfect time to relax, but you've got deadlines to meet. Get your act together, and save the fun for later.

Gemini (May 21-June 20) If you could only stop worrying so much. Give your mind and your ulcer a couple of days off. Finish all of your own work for now.

Cancer (June 21-July 22) That goal you've had in mind is about to become reality. Be it a job, or grade or relationship. It's about to come true.

Leo (July 23-August 22)

a good experience for the both of you. Take the time to figure out what you want and need in the idea another chance. your future.

Virgo (August 23-September 22) It may seem like the walls Capricorn (December 22are closing in on you, but don't be afraid. Your friends are there to support you when you are in trouble. There is a light at the end of the tunnel.

Libra (September 23-October 22) Get off the couch, let go of Aquarius (January 21the remote and start enjoying the world around you. Find a tree to enjoy some quiet moments under it, or get some friends together for a picnic.

Scorpio (October 23-November 21) Two is company, but three is a crowd. If you have felt like the third wheel lately, you probably are. Back off and give your friends

Sagittarius (November 22-Being away from a loved one is December 21) You might feel like the career choice that you

have made is all wrong. Give You're sure to find what will make you happy.

January 20) We all have our fears, but it's difficult to admit them sometimes. Admit to a friend what's been bothering you. Everything will soon be

February 18) It's time for you to hit the highway. If there's a road trip that you've been meaning to take, do it this weekend. It's guaranteed to be a good time.

Pisces (February 19-March 19) Put off making any big purchases until after this semester. Once exams are over you'll be in a better state of mind for such decisions.

Quick College Meals

Breakfast Burritos

Eggs 2 or 3, depending on how hungry

you are Milk a little bit (less than 1/4 cup)

Green pepper a very small handful, chopped Onion half of a small onion

Cheese grated, about 1 handful Tomato

optional, as much as you want, cut into bits

Tortillas

Salsa as much as you want

Pots and pans to clean up- 1 frying pan

Okay, so this is kinda like the Mc D's things they serve in the morning. But hey, you can copy fast food and make it taste better for a lot less than having to walk down the street and buy it.

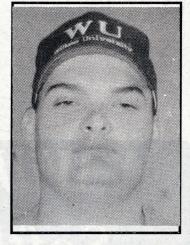
Butter the pan, or do something so the food won't stick (spray that no-stick spray on it if you have it). Crack the eggs in the pan, and pour in the milk. Stir it up and then heat it up while still stirring. When the eggs start to solidify, toss in the veggies. When it is all solid, throw in the cheese and let it melt on top. Stir minimally during this part. Turn the heat off and scoop it into the tortilla. Add salsa for taste.

from The College Student's Cookbook by D. Bahr

Roving Reporter with Michelle Tufaro "What do you plan to do this summer?"



"Going down the shore." Kathleen Vacca



"Moving to Seattle." **Brian Halpin**

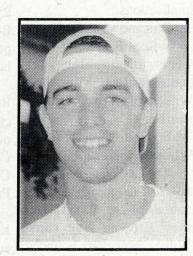


"Going fishing with Schyder." **Molly Baines**



"Hanging out with my friends."

Melissa Guida



"Work! Work! Work! and school.'

Dan Moretski

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Honors continue to mount for men's basketball

Conference men's basketball etc.). championship.

comprehensive trophy and year. scholarship program of its kind in college athletics.

Sears, in partnership with the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics (NACDA), awards more than 1,850 conference and 105 sport champion trophies in men's sports on all levels of intercollegiate athletics.

Sears and the NACDA also award more than \$260,000 per

WILKES-BARRE — The year in post-graduate academic Wilkes University men's scholarships to students who basketball team recently support athletic departments received the Sears Collegiate (e.g. cheerleaders, band Champions Award for winning members, student-trainers, the 1995-96 Middle Atlantic sports information assistants,

Wilkes finished the year at The award is part of the 28-2 and advanced to the Elite Sears Collegiate Champions Eight of the NCAA Division III program — the most playoffs for the second straight



Wilkes receives Sears Collegiate Champions Trophy



Head coach Jerry Rickrode accepts the Sears Collegiate Champions Trophy. Pictured from left to right are Mary Steinfast, Sears District manager, Rickrode, and Jeff Mader, Sears Wilkes-Barre

Lady Colonels eye playoffs (again!)

By MICHAEL **BUTCHKO**

Beacon Sports Editor

Wilkes University softball team, Saturday's doubleheader against the Jersey Devils of FDU-Madison has simple playoff implications:

Win and you're in.

Wilkes is coming off a week of doubleheader contests. Last Thursday, Wilkes split a pair of games with Drew University, losing 7-6 in game one and winning 9-1 in the nightcap.

The Lady Colonels held a 4-2 lead going into the bottom of the sixth, when they allowed five runs. Wilkes, however, bounced back in the second game scoring nine runs over the last two innings.

two runs scored. Shannon O'Neil had two hits, while scoring two runs for the Lady Colonels. The doubleheader split made Wilkes 9-8 on the year, 6-2 in the Middle Atlantic Conference Freedom League.

Last Saturday, the Lady Colonels dropped a twinbill to Lycoming, losing 9-1 and 4-2. fell short, losing 7-6. Both games saw strong pitching performances victimized by bad defense.

In the first game, Amy Rosengrant allowed only two earned runs. Rosengrant struck out seven and walked one. Carrie Wilkes scored the lone Colonel run on a Christy Palilonis RBI.

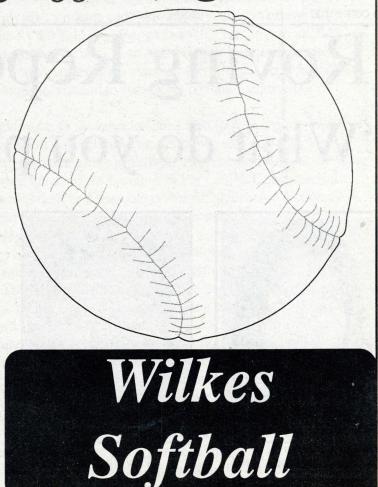
In the second game, Patricia Kirk allowed only one earned run. Offensively, Shannon O'Neil was two-for-three with an RBI.

Kristen Cookus was also Steph Hastings went two-for-three, as was Danielle

three-for-four with two RBI and Benson. In addition, Carrie Wilkes tripled and scored a run for the Lady Colonels.

> Wilkes then traveled to Selingsgrove to Susquehanna for another doubleheader. The Lady Colonels trailed 7-0 after five innings in the first game. Wilkes staged a valiant comeback, but

> Shannon O'Neil and Steph Hastings both singled to lead off the inning. Carrie Wilkes followed with an RBI single for the first Wilkes run. Jamie Derhammer made the score 7-2 with an RBI single later in the inning. A couple of wild pitches then led to two Wilkes runs. Christy Palilonis followed with an RBI triple. Amy Rosengrant then scored Palilonis on a fielder's choice. The loss dropped Wilkes to 9-11 overall on the season. The second game of the doubleheader was postponed due to rain.



With



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marching on, it's time for

The Beacon Sports Staff

to take a will return under of 1996. Enjoy.

Never fear, Beacon Sports new leadership in the fall
——The Staff

Beacon Sports Quote of
the Week
An anonymous fan,
consoling Greg Norman on
his disappointing final round
of the Masters:
"Glance up at the stars,
Greg. There are millions of
them. You are one of six
billion people on this one of
ours. Does it really matter if
you took a few extra strokes
to get a small white ball
into a hole?"

This Saturday, the softball team will face FDU-Madison in a game with playoff implications. It's just across the bridge, you know. GET THERE, MAN! The Lady Colonels battle the Jersey Devils at 1 pm. Support Wilkes athletics.

Baseball continues hot hitting

Colonels finish a strong second at Eastern Classic

Beacon Sports Editor

In sports, it's very difficult accomplish this feat, with the while striking out one. aid of a wind-blown pop up.

The Wilkes University Colonels finished second in the Eastern Classic Tournament, hosted by Eastern Mennonite losers bracket, winning two advance to the title game. games on Saturday.

them by a score of 5-1 on three. Friday. This meant an early Saturday.

Wilkes 14 VFCC 4

The Colonels jumped out to a 5-0 lead after two innings. Wilkes then scored seven runs in the bottom of the sixth to put the game away.

Domzalski was also two-for- wind-blown pop up. four, with one run and three

three-for-three, plus one walk, two runs scored. with four runs scored.

innings, team.

By MICHAEL BUTCHKO surrendering six hits and three runs. Novak walked only two, while striking out three.

Dave Kerestes pitched well to defeat a team twice in a short in relief for Wilkes. Over his period of time. Eastern two innings of work, Kerestes Mennonite College was able to gave up one run on one hit,

Wilkes 11 Eastern 1

The Colonels then advanced College this past weekend in to play Eastern College, and the Philadelphia. Wilkes advanced story was pitching. Wilkes to the title game through the downed Eastern, 11-1, to

Pitcher Brian Kaschak Wilkes fell into the losers pitched a complete-game five bracket after host Eastern hitter. Kaschak was masterful, Mennonite College defeated striking out five while walking

Offensively, most of the morning contest against Valley damage was done by three Forge Christian College on Colonels. Curt Kroesen was two-for-two, with two runs scored and two RBI. Chris Tyukody was two-for-three with two RBI.

EMC 14 Wilkes 13

The championship game against Eastern Mennonite Mark Grzebin and Jim College was a wild affair. After Domzalski were the offensive three innings, the Royals led two-for-four, with three RBI in the top of the seventh to tie and three runs scored. Both of the game at 13, but the Royals Grzebin's hits were doubles. scored the winning run on a

Wilkes was led offensively by Will Wronko, who went four-Leadoff hitter Randy for-five, with two runs scored Yerger did an excellent job of and three RBI. Catcher Ryan getting on base. Yerger was Flynn was three-for-four, with

Will Wronko, Brian Freshman pitcher Matt Kaschak and Ryan Flynn were Novak was the winning pitcher, named to the All-Tournament

Catching a playoff position



Catcher Ryan Flynn crouches behind the dish during a scrimmage. Flynn played especially well against Eastern Mennonite College in the Eastern Classic.

Wilkes 17 Misericordia

At 16-10, Wilkes returned to Dallas to face the Cougars of College Misericordia. In another high-scoring affair, Wilkes defeated Misericordia, 17-14.

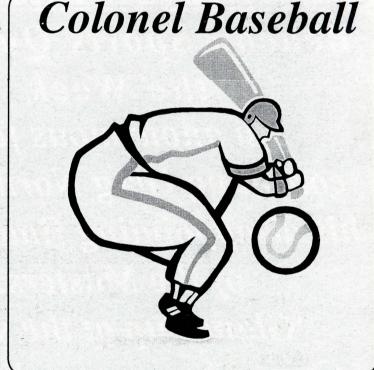
The Cougars held a 12-10 lead after six innings, but Wilkes stormed back. Wilkes scored four in the seventh, and three in the eighth to secure the win.

In the three-run eighth inning, Wilkes scored all three runs on homers. Randy Yerger keys for Wilkes. Grzebin was Wilkes, 8-7. Wilkes scored two hit a solo shot, and Chris Tyukody hit a two-run dinger.

> For the game, Tyukody was three-for-four with three runs scored and four RBI. Yerger was five-for-six, with three runs scored and four RBI.

innings to get the win, walking coming into the contest, and six runs with two outs in the three and allowing 13 hits. Grant held first place in the MAC sixth inning to put the game Yoder pitched the ninth to earn Commonwealth League. his second save of the season.

Albright 17



Wilkes 9

Wilkes ran into Albright take a 5-3 lead. College on Wednesday. Yerger also went eight Albright had a 24-5 record the fifth, but Albright scored

Wilkes jumped out to an early 3-0 lead by the fourth the year, and is in action next inning, but Albright responded. at Susquehanna on Thursday.

Helped by four Colonel errors, Albright scored five runs to

Wilkes retook the lead in away.

Wilkes falls to 17-11 on

Softball craving playoff spot...Page 10