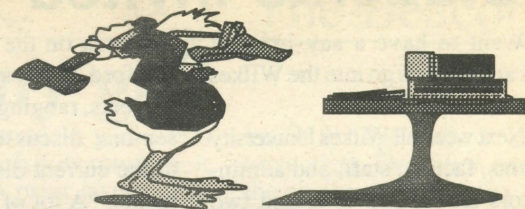


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Going nuts over squirrels



BY DAVE GRASSO
Beacon News Editor

It was just another average day in Kirby Park for Wilkes Students Bill Chase and Chioma Nugmezi until the police showed up. While Bill and Chioma were busy looking through binoculars observing the behaviors of squirrels in the park someone called the police accusing them of watching sunbathers and little children. "It was hard to believe that people would spend hours at a time observing the activities of squirrels in the park," said Junior Larissa Giza. In fact their

research would often be interrupted by people asking if they could catch the pesty squirrels in their yards with their traps. While the research seemed to be crazy to people watching in the park, the data they were obtaining was actually very scientifically ground-breaking.

In fact, research done by Wilkes undergrads and professors has been causing quite a stir on the national level. Such a stir that The National Science Foundation (NSF) has donated a total of over \$830,000 to three universities over a period of 4 years, with Wilkes University receiving \$570,000 of that amount.

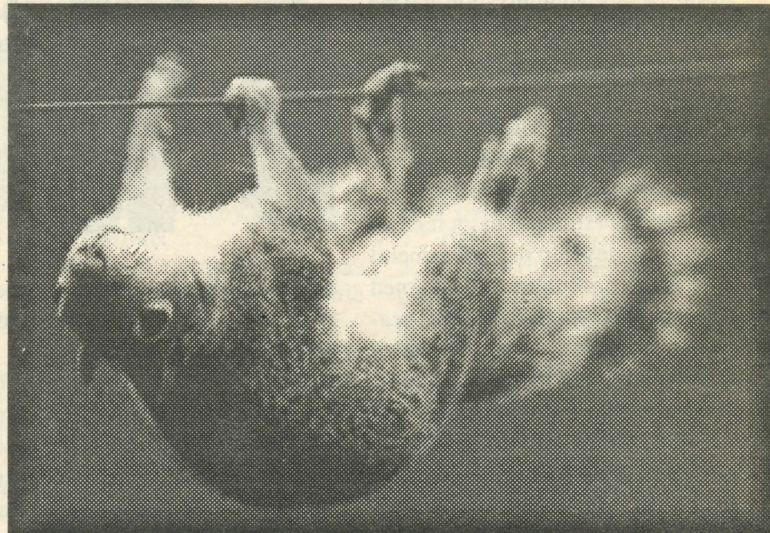
"I thought it was an excellent experience first and foremost. It was frustrating at times, but it was a great learning experience and I got more out of it than I expected."

- Junior Chioma Nugmezi

The grant was given on the basis of the scientific merit and potential that both the project and the universities have to offer.

Although the specific aims of the project can be quite technical, the general scientific goal of this

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Anyone want to hang out???

Women's Soccer team opens up Mayor's Cup at King's

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Bookstore blues

BY DAVE GRASSO
Beacon News Editor

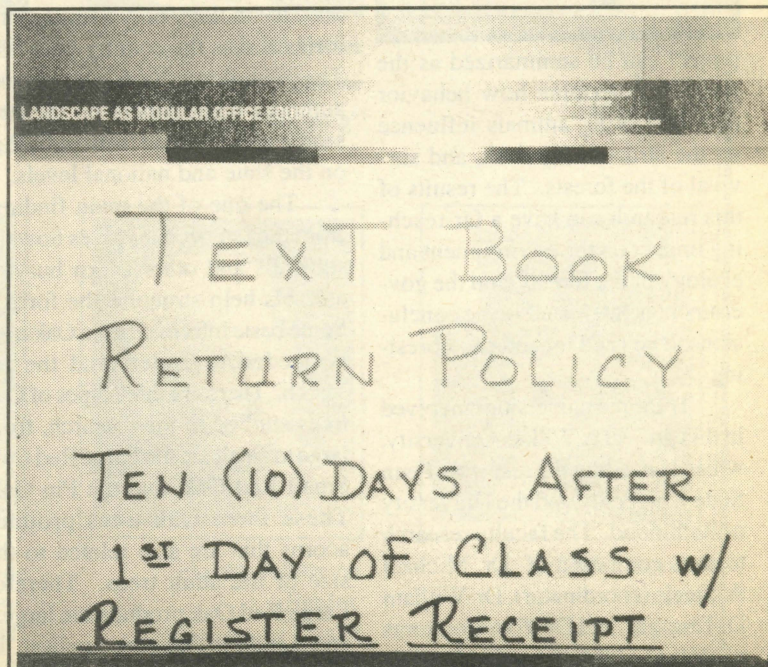
The Wilkes University Bookstore continues to baffle and enrage students every year with its policies on returns and purchases. The following is a list of rules and reasons why the bookstore has such policies according to management.

The bookstore allows a student to return a book that was purchased up to ten days after the start of classes. Even if you buy the books during the summer, you are still given ten days to return books for their full value. Susan Martin, bookstore manager, commented on the policy, "Ten days is sufficient time to decide on whether or not

you will be taking a class. After ten days we can't get the true value of the book back from the company." Yet many students feel that ten days is far from possible. "Its been three weeks since class began and I am still wondering what classes I should really be taking," said freshman Dave Kneal.

Another policy of the bookstore is that no book will be returned without a receipt; no exceptions. The reason for this, according to Martin, is that students have been known to steal books from other students (even their own roommate)

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One of the bookstore policies that has students stirred.

Students Invited to Open Meetings

Want to have a say in what skills and courses go into the Wilkes core Curriculum?

Next week all Wilkes University students, faculty, staff, and administrators are invited to attend two open meetings to discuss proposed changes in the core curriculum. The meetings will be held on Tuesday, September 26 and Thursday, September 28 in COB 107. Both meetings begin at 11:00 A.M. If approved by the faculty, administration and the Board of Trustees, the "new" general education core will go into effect in the fall, 2001-02 academic year.

According to Dr. Bonnie Bedford, Dean of the College of Arts, Sciences and Professional Studies, department chairs met all summer to develop the new general education curriculum. "We learned a lot about each other, and our academic programs, as we discussed what all Wilkes students need to learn while at the University. The exciting part has been exploring how to create a better learning environment for our students," said Bedford.

The hours of discussion and deliberation extended to students recently when Greg Collins, the student Government representative to the Curriculum Committee, organized a focus group to give student

feedback on the proposal to Dean Bedford. Collins explained that the students, ranging from freshmen to seniors, discussed their reactions to the current distribution requirements. "A lot of solutions to what students see as problems in the current core are addressed in proposal," said Collins. He added, "we



need to hear more opinions about the proposal before students can form a consensus."

Dr. Jane Elmes-Crahall, chair of the Faculty Affairs Council, agrees that further discussion on the proposal is needed. "This may be the most important discussion we have as a university this year. The general election 'core' defines the nature of the Wilkes curriculum, and student learning is the most essential part. It is important for students, as well as faculty and administrative staff, to understand that their

comments and suggestions about the proposal are important," she said.

The "core" is the part of the curriculum taken by all students at Wilkes. The proposed changes included a number of new courses. "Skills" area are proposed for all students, with clear goals, objectives, and assessment methods. In addition, a freshman foundations course is being considered.

The Tuesday, September 26 meeting will have chairs, deans, and other faculty explaining sections of the core proposal that they drafted. Questions will be welcomed. On Thursday, September 28, an open discussion on the full proposal can be modified, if necessary, before it goes to the University's Curriculum Committee for formal consideration. The proposal is scheduled to be presented to the Curriculum Committee in October.

Faculty and administrative staff will receive copies of the full proposal this Friday, September 22. Students and staff may pick up copies of the full proposal on Friday afternoon in the Offices of Dean Bedford (COB 103) and Graham (SLC 117), and Dr. Elmes-Crahall (Capin 204).

Contact Dean Bonnie Bedford at EXT 4600 for further information.

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and attempt to return it to the bookstore for its cash value. Still others have been known to photocopy an entire book and then attempt to return it. Other students have tried to return a book one year later claiming that they had just bought the book and decided to drop the course. This is why the bookstore is adamant about having a receipt.

Clothing returned, even a receipt, will be automatically deducted by twenty-five percent cost and only store credit is toward other purchases.

On a different note, the bookstore reports an annual net of \$10,000 to \$12,000 each year, an average of \$7,000 of that total reported stolen. Due to that fact, the bookstore will soon be installing surveillance cameras throughout the store.

Wilkes hosts annual family day

BY EVA NASILOWSKI
Beacon Staff Writer

On Saturday, September 21, Wilkes once again will hold its annual Family Day. This special day is an opportunity for students and their families to experience the atmosphere of campus life in ways they never have before.

The day long glimpse of campus life will include a varied menu of activities. Registration will take place from 9:45 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. in the Student Union Lobby. Students and their families will be able to have brunch, along with faculty and staff, at the Student Union Dining Hall, between 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Four complimentary meal tickets will be provided per family. Lunch can be purchased in the Student Union Building.

Athletic activities, on September 23 will include volleyball vs. King's scheduled at 11 a.m., football vs. Junita at 1 p.m., hockey vs. FDU-Madison at 7 p.m., and women's soccer vs. Keane College at 4 p.m.

Tickets for Saturday athletic events, and brunch will be available at registration.

Other activities include a prohibition of photographs of O'Neal at the Sardoni Art Gallery from noon until 4:30 p.m. A game huddle will take place at Murray's Inn, located at 290 S. Pennsylvania Boulevard from 6 p.m. At 8 p.m. there will be a census show, free of charge, at the Student Union Ballroom.

If you are interested, please call 1-800-WILKES, ext 4236.

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project can be summarized as the study to determine how behavior of food-storing animals influence on the structure, growth, and survival of the forests. The results of this research can have a far-reaching impact on the environment and ecology of the forests, and the government is interested in the conclusions to be used for future reforestation.

The three universities involved in this project is Wilkes University, which is heading the research, Penn State University and the University of Richmond. The faculty research team is composed of Dr. Michael A. Steele (coordinator), Dr. William D. Terzaghi, and Dr. Tom Contreras of Wilkes University. Dr. Peter D

Smallwood represents the University of Richmond and Dr. John E. Carlson is the participant from Penn State University.

This past summer twelve undergraduate researchers involved in this project. Ten of them were from Wilkes, one from Cornell University and one from Bryn Mawr. Dr. Steele commented on the quality of the researchers and research. "The research which these undergraduates did was as sophisticated and cutting-edge as any graduate or post-graduate research has been. They used technology only a few laboratories across the country possess." These students have already co-authored eight papers on their research and have had them published on the state and national levels.

The one of the main findings from the research involves how the squirrels and other acorn burying animals help structure the forests. Some basic information on Oak trees is needed to understand the research. There are three types of Oak trees studied in the research, from large to small are the Large Red Oak, Small Red Oak, and the Pin Oak. These three Oak trees produce acorns that are size related to the size of the adult trees. Therefore Large Red Oak produce the largest acorn and Pin Oaks the smallest. In

order for these trees to grow the best, the Large Red Oaks need to be spaced far apart from one another, the Small Red Oaks less than the Large Red Oaks, and the Pin Oaks need to be spaced close to



each other.

The question is, how do these acorns get the proper distance needed for growth. This is where the squirrels come in. The squirrels actually bury the acorns the actual distance necessary for maximum growth. It turns out that the squirrels cache the acorns according to

the energy content they contain. Generally the bigger the acorn the more the energy it contains. The more the energy, the more the squirrel puts into hiding the acorn from other squirrels. So when a squirrel

finds Pin Oak acorns it will spend a less time hiding them and thus will hide them close together. When a squirrel finds a Large Red Oak acorn it will spend a lot of time hiding the acorn even digging false holes at times and space them far apart. This way if another squirrel finds the Large Red Oak acorn it

will not find all of the high energy Large Red Oak acorns. When it comes time for the squirrel to dig up acorns for consumption, the squirrel will forget some of the acorns resulting in the germination of Oaks. So inadvertently, the squirrels are actually planting the acorns in the best structural formation for maximum forest growth.

One of the researchers, Dr. Terzaghi, used a new \$27,000 machine called a Li-Cor 6400, which measures the photosynthesis reaction of plants for the study. This machine was used to prove the Oaks photosynthesis success in different sunlight conditions in the forests as mentioned above. Dr. Terzaghi stated, "This Li-Cor 6400 is amazing and I have learned a lot from having the opportunity to use it." Dr. William D. Terzaghi headed this aspect of research. "Finding out how the different Oaks are adapted to different environmental sunlight conditions is a large part of the research," said Dr. Terzaghi.

The research team is continuing to gather some very new vital information which will help improve the environment for the future. This and other important and successful research is helping to place Wilkes among other prestigious universities in the country.

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Where did all the Hootenanny go?

I would just like to give a word of thanks to everyone that helped put out the first issue of *The Beacon* for this semester. I would also like to apologize to everyone that was with me last Wednesday. I will be the first to admit that I was a little on the cranky side at times and if memory serves me correctly, I think that I resigned at least 9 times last week. But, thanks guys for all the help and I know that the paper is just going to get even better as the semester goes on.

But for me, working at *The Beacon* is not just putting out a great paper, it is making memories and that is what college is all about.

While we are all sitting up in the office I tend to have headaches but I am not sure if they are caused from sitting at the computer screen too long or if it is because we are laughing and poking fun at things and each other.

Ok, enough of this memory making mishmash, it is time to talk about more serious issues that are going on at Wilkes. Well, if anybody has anything to contribute to this please feel free to address them to me because frankly I have

no clue what I want to discuss. Wait, I know what I am going to address this week.

Like for instance, did you ever look at the old yearbooks?? Holy smokes, they had so much to keep themselves occupied and they did not even have play station. I mean come on people. Wilkes-Barre back in lets say 1950 had many more department stores and was mainly a city of hustle and bustle but I think that we the students at Wilkes should adopt the "old-fashioned" ways of college life but with a twist. They used to have a beauty contests and Cabaret Parties. Most importantly though why when they had their Winter Carnival they went to a resort??

In 1950, cars and busses were loaded with 300 Wilkesonians and ventured to Split Rock Resort, spent the whole day sledding, skiing, tobogganing, and also playing games inside like cards, ping-pong, and other recreational activities.

But, I guess in the reality of Wilkes today, this will never be done. Back when Wilkes University was Wilkes College it was a much smaller institute of

learning and yet they had much more interest in what was going on with their campus and college.

Now, I am not the best person at math but something does not add up here. Does less students mean more activities?

Not only did Wilkes excel in social activities but also in academics. Back in 1964 when Wilkes had a debate team, they traveled to NYU where they beat Yale. Yale? Yes Yale. But not only Yale they also beat Wagner, Hofstra, and Lafayette. They were also known as one of the outstanding debating groups in the East.

Another thing that I am perplexed by is what ever happened to Theta Delta Rho? The sorority, who in 1950 led the school in the most activities such as the Weiner Roast, Gypsy Caravan Dance, Polynesian Paradise, Sweetheart Dance, and Mother's Day Tea.

BUSY- BUSY- BUSY these students were.

Next thing I would like to discuss is the Student Government which back in the good old days of 1964 had a 20 thousand dollar budget. I wonder if Stu-

dent Government in year 2000 wants to publish how much their budget is? In prior issues *The Beacon* actually had the breakdown of the start-up funds of each club. I wonder if that will ever happen again.

Also, when a colleague and I were looking through the archives of Wilkes history, we discovered that the old Student Government would form committees to address issues on campus. **Surprise, Surprise** Wilkes still had a parking problems and the Student Government formed a Parking Problem Committee with administrative personal that actually served on the committee.

Here are some of the ideas that the parking committee came up:

1. Filling the Susquehanna with rock from the mines and using the bed area for parking (rejected)
2. Parking under the sacred trees of the commons (rejected)
3. Paving Dr. Farley's lawn or in today's Wilkes President Bresieth's lawn. That may be an option for us.
4. The Beacon's idea: roping off S. River St from the Mar-

ket St. Bridge to the S. street intersection. They then convinced the city council that they **WERE** serious and the public realtions department convinced the residents of S. River that they were not serious.

After much debate between city council and the college administration a satisfactory trade was agreed upon; in exchange for a years subscription to *The Beacon*.

Well at least I can find some tradition that Wilkes is continuing to carry on and that is the party scene. On a Friday, in 1966, Wilkes hosted 27 local beer parties, 16 pajama parties, 52 demonstrations, 35 Penn State fraternity parties, and one piano recital. Saturday night consisted of cleaning up from the 27 local beer parties (well our neighbors do that for us), finding 527 lost Penn State Fraternity brothers meandering around Wilkes and piecing together one baby grand piano.

I hope that everyone is in favor of my plan. Everyone go to the next SG meeting and try to bring old traditions back with a year 2000 twist.

Jill Stankoski is the Managing Editor of *The Beacon* and her veiws are those of her own.

ROVING

E P O R T E R

"If you could be in an Olympic event, what would it be?"

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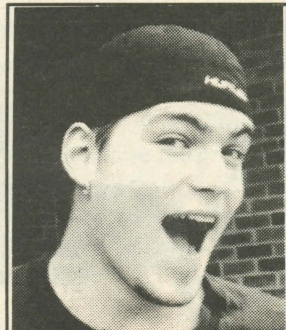
-Kathleen Startzel
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"I'd want to be in curling, if thats an event."



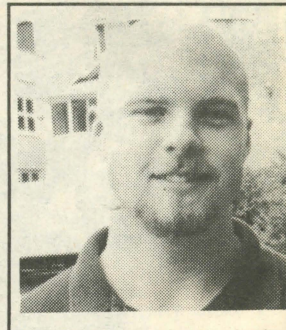
-Nancy Stover
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"Diving"



- Becky Gubanich
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-John Peifer
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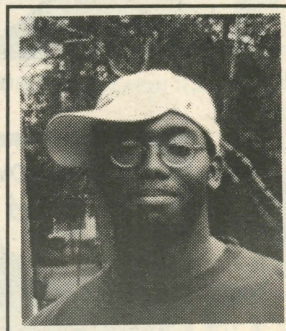
-Bob Banas
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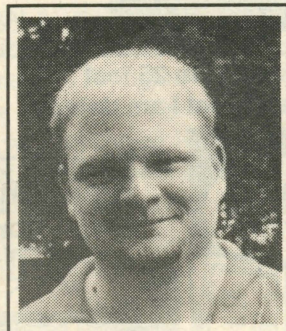
- Lorelei Getz
Sophmore
"Boxing."



-Chrystal Lee
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"Deadlifting Patterson."



-Thomas Patterson
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"I'd want to be the first person to win a broken ankle race."



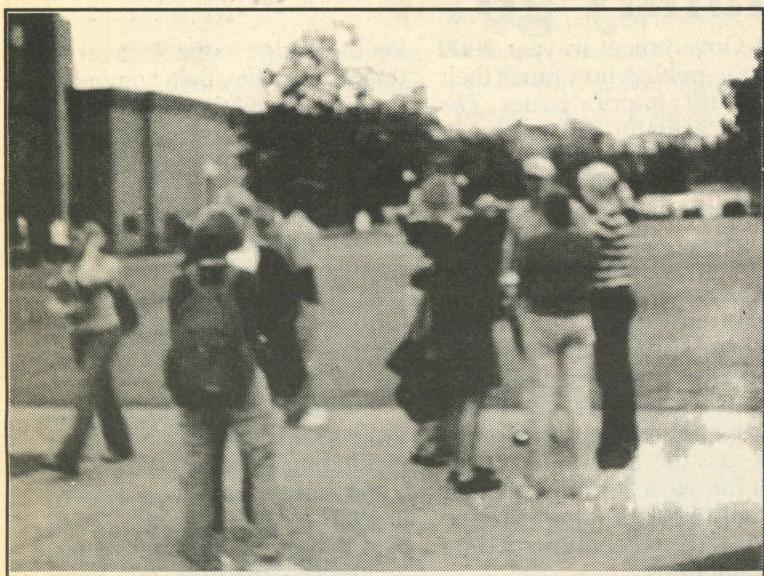
-Greg Johansen
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"Clean and jerk."



-Beth Danner
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"Co-ed naked twister."

Eye On Wilkes

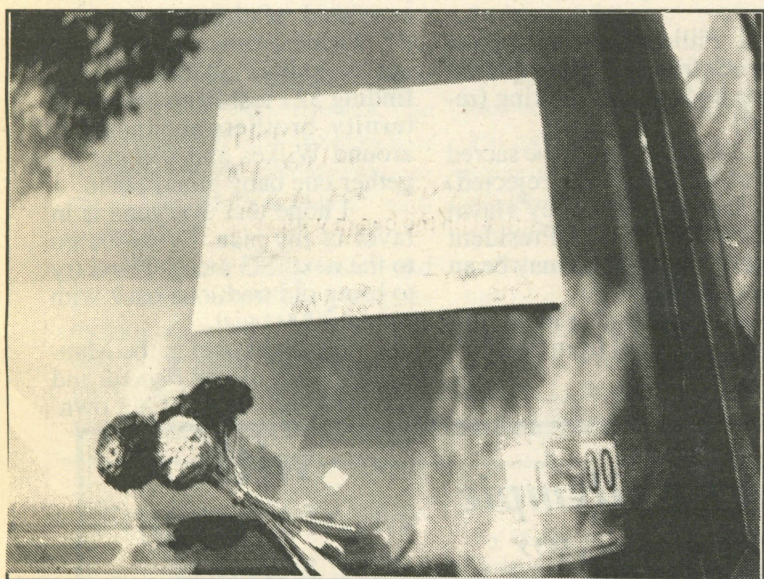
With Jill Stankoski



So many girls so little time



Can I get the digits now or later?



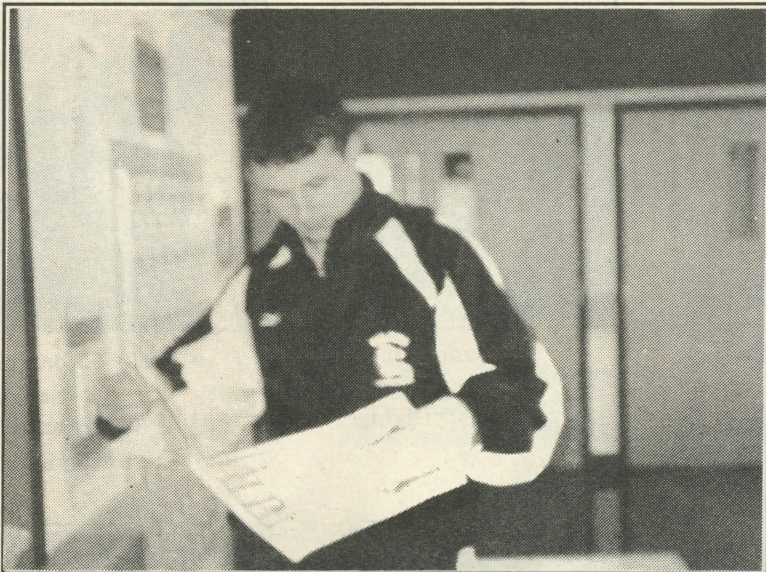
Every girl needs a boyfriend like this.



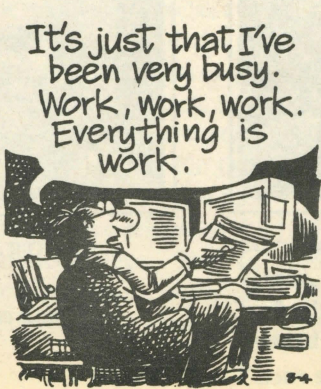
The car with the flowers is mine!!!



I have a pocket full of change and I am 25 feet in front of the car. Can you guess what I am doing?



Why am I not in *The Beacon*?



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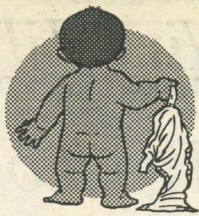
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The Main Event

With Crazy Bob



Girls, girls, and more girls! Watch what happens when good girls go bad on "Girls Gone Wild!" Real college co-eds! Real party animals! Watch the girl next door get out of control for only \$19.95! Purchase "Girls Gone Wild!" and "Spring Break Adventures" and get our new BEHIND the scenes video "Chicks in Thongs" FREE!

You're reading the Main Event with Crazy Bob, the only column in *The Beacon* that plumps when you cook it. Hot chicks are pretty cool. I should definitely spend more time with them. It is not uncommon for collegiate savants much like yourselves to use various mass media outlets as diversions from your studies of the liberal arts. This personally upsets me. I have always said that education takes precedence over every other facet of our beings, and this column is no exception. Because I care about each and every one of you deeply, I am going to take this opportunity to define and explain the functions of Immunoglobulin A.

Immunoglobulin A is a valuable part of our immune system. IgA not only affects our immune system but has an adverse effect on our psychology as well. It is a

hormone that rises under stressful conditions.

Okay dorks, now that I got all the cool kids to leave, we have to talk. First of all, you chunky kids have got to go. It wouldn't kill you to take the stairs every once in awhile. I'm sure Otis the elevator repairman would appreciate not having to tighten the cables and clean the M&M's up off the floor. What, oh yeah, like I was saying, so Hamlet and Ophelia share certain similarities with Romeo and Juliet but Shakespeare had different intentions with each of the tragic couples. While Romeo and Juliet exemplify impulse and a lack of control over emotions, Hamlet shows his obsession with vengeance to be a higher priority than love.

I vote that we rename the Student Union Building the Wilkes Education Students Union Center of Knowledge. Speaking of the big building in the middle of stuff, I like it when I'm walking up to the third floor and people going into the second floor don't know if they should hold the door open for you. They don't know which floor you're going to so they stare at you like a vegetable and try to push the door open wide enough just in case. Also, from now on I'm going to bend

over every time I pass the bookstore just to get it over with. I don't like stepping in water when wearing socks.

What happened to rock and roll? This Papa Smurf and Three Doors Down stuff just isn't cutting it. Just when it gets loud and aggressive it becomes this girly half-ballad about holding hands and emotions and junk. What happened to making noise and beating the hell out of people? Don't try to pass off music as a bunch of guys whining about getting dumped. Sometimes a man has to look down his pants and make sure he's still got a set.

Sunlight stimulates the pineal gland to suppress melatonin in the brain having anti-depressant effects. This effect, known as the Seasonal Affective Disorder, is most common in those "Girls Gone Wild!" videos mentioned above. These are the vacations we should be going on. One week of girls, booze, and island paradise sure hits the spot.

Instead, guys are hanging around Wilkes-Barre to dissect pig fetuses so if priceline.com is the travel guide for you, then you know what to do dog. Bust a move! This is Bob. **Go nuts.**



From the Bench

With John Heck

It sure has been a quiet week here on the bench, and for that matter it's been a quiet week all over the Wilkes campus. Between the episodes of alcohol poisoning, the multiple suicide attempts made by my neighbor, and the citations, these last few weeks have been pretty hairy, so don't start slipping now Wilkes, you were doing good for a while. With that said, let's get back to the bench.

The other day, while sitting on the bench with my good Irish friend and roommate Jaime Woodside, he and I reached one of the higher heights of philosophical thinking, which brought us to the conclusion that: "Sometimes we regret the decisions that we make in life. Often, blinded by the drive of youth, we do things to express our 'status' or other things to prove that we belong. We get lost in ourselves and try to be someone we are not. The resulting product is that we lose sight in who we really are."

There are so many decisions to be made concerning our studies and relationships, that people tend to lose focus on why they are here. People become accepting of things that are inherently wrong just to be a part of something. I've seen this happen far too many times. This loss of innocence is usually regarded as just a part of growing up, but you must realize that once it's gone it's gone. Only as you truly mature will you realize that 18 years of becoming "you" are damaged when you place yourself in a situation that requires you to go against YOUR personal code of ethics.

For those of you that I lost thus far in the article, I decided to make up a few examples to illustrate this point.

Let's take a freshman girl and for this article we can call her Danielle. Since her sophomore year of high school she has been dating the same guy, and if you asked her whether or not she would marry this guy she would have sworn up and down that she would. Going to an all girls Catholic high school, Danielle never really saw many other guys so when she came to orientation, she was overwhelmed with the wealth of men and just "went to town." As the semester progressed, she grew further and further away from her code of ethics by cheating on the man, whom she planned to marry. All this just because she wanted to be liked by the guys.

For this next example, we shall call our subject Mark. Mark was a "straight A" student all through high school, because his parents were very strict and he never really got a chance to go out and socialize like a normal kid. So, right off the bat, Mark was going out every night and getting wasted, he was socially accepted by his classmates and as far as he was concerned life couldn't get much better. After about two months, Mark was not doing well and he had practically stopped going to his classes. Socially he was great, he got wasted more in the last two months, than he thought he would have in his whole life living at home. But, like all good things in life, this one came to a quick end when he failed out. Mark lost all touch with what was important to him, because he wanted to be a part of something that he was held back from, for his entire life.

The point that I would like to reiterate, is that no matter what is going on tonight or what the "cool" people are doing, **never** lose sight of what is truly important to you.

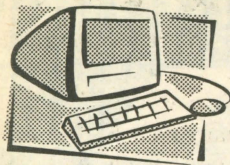


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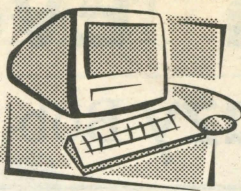
With Madame Ecstasy

Aquarius (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18) Start being more optimistic. Things are going to get a lot better soon, so smile!!
Pisces (Feb. 19 - Mar. 20) Everything seems to be going great! Any on-going conflicts will take care of themselves, so sit back and enjoy!!
Aries (Mar. 21 - Apr. 19) Don't lay low this week, work at what you want and it will be yours soon!!
Taurus (April 20 - May 20) Be good to everyone and they will return the favor, but watch what you say because sensitive ears may be listening!!
Gemini (May 21 - June 21) Your kindness will get you far this week! New friends are in the mist!!
Cancer (June 22 - July 22) Nothing can go wrong now, the future holds the greatest things for you!!
Leo (July 23 - Aug. 22) This week you must remember love comes and goes, but friends are forever!!
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Technology Bytes With Brian Trosko



"It is...sickening to know that our art is being traded like a commodity rather than the art it is." Those words were uttered by Metallica drummer Lars Ulrich regarding the file-sharing indulged in by Metallica fans across the Napster Music Community. By speaking them aloud, Lars proved that, in addition to being a competent drummer, he is also a big dumb idiot.

This is the first in a series of articles that will attempt to explain why he is a big dumb idiot, as well as clear up some misconceptions about Napster itself. Unless you've been living in a cave and communicating by Morse code tapped out on flat rocks for the past year, you're familiar with Napster, so I don't think I need to explain what it is.

But if U.S. District Judge Patel's court order to Napster to shut down is any indication, I need to explain how it works. Reading through the judge's order, it is readily apparent that she is under the profound misapprehension that Napster actually keeps thousands of illegal .mp3s stored on its servers and then transmits those files to users who request them. Putting aside for a moment the utter horror generated by the concept of people totally ignorant of how a technol-

ogy works being in a position to pass legal judgement on that technology, I'll just say that nothing is further from the truth.

When you connect to a Napster server, your Napster client looks at the directory where your .mp3s are kept and sends that file information to the server. The server assembles your list and the lists of all the other people who are connected at that moment into a sort of master database. When you search Napster for a file, this is the database that gets searched. When you see a file you want, and start to download it, the Napster server/client system sets up a temporary and direct connection between you and the host you're downloading from.

If Alice uses Napster and finds a Metallica song that she wants to download on Bob's computer, she downloads it directly from Bob. She doesn't download it from Napster, because it's not stored there. Napster doesn't serve as a middleman, funneling the file from Bob to Alice. It sets up a direct connection between Alice and Bob and the file takes that route to get to Alice. This is a very important distinction, because seen in the proper way, Napster is infringing upon nothing. It is breaking no laws. Napster is

essentially just a big list. Alice asks "Where's this song?" Napster says "Bob has it." Alice downloads it from Bob.

So what law has Napster broken in doing this? Nobody's been able to tell me that. Even some people who think Napster should be shut down yesterday can't tell me that.

Remove Napster from the picture. Just imagine that Alice asks where that song is and I happen to know that Bob has that information up as a hyperlink on a web page. What law have I broken? What if instead of hyperlinking it, I just put it up as text on a web page? Nope, still no laws broken. What if, instead of that, I just email Alice with the location, and she fires up an ftp client and downloads it from Bob?

Finally, to consider the absurdity of the court order, imagine that I simply tell Alice, in plain speech, that Bob has the file and where it is located. By the logic of the court order, I've done something wrong. If it's illegal for Napster to operate as it is, it must be similarly illegal for me to tell someone how to obtain an illegal file, even if I never possess or transfer that file myself. **That's ridiculous.**

Sure, Napster facilitates copy-

right infringement. Duh. But that's not illegal. VCRs facilitate copyright infringement, but the Supreme Court ruled that they were legal long ago.

If we're going to prosecute companies for making making copies easier, we need to prosecute Xerox, and Kinko's, and all the manufacturers of CD-R technology.

It is legal to sell books that tell people how to build bombs, or detail the chemical processes necessary for the refinement of heroin or the production of LSD.

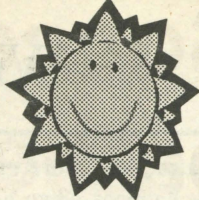
There are books published on how to be a professional hit man. All of these things are legal, even though they may be facilitating an actual crime.

But to read Patei's court order, if you tell someone where to go to download an illegal, copyright-violating file, you've broken the law. This makes no sense. The court order itself makes no sense.

The fact that a judge is ruling on a case in which she apparently has very little clue about the technology involved makes no sense.

Next week, I'll talk about how much Napster is hurting artists. Download nice now, ya hear?

In the clouds



With Rupal Kalariya

Well I made it through my 21st alive! It was quite an adventure. But enough about me. Homecoming is right around the corner! I didn't realize that it was coming up so soon— October 6th is the dance. For those of you that haven't had the Homecoming experience, DON'T miss out this year. The festivities begin on Thursday night with the pep rally and the announcement of the three king and queen finalists. Then on Friday night is the dance while on Saturday afternoon are the sporting events and halftime show. I think Homecoming is the best event that Wilkes puts on. So check it out— tickets are on sale now— and I promise it will be a good time. Some great memories always take place there. Speaking of great memories, I remember my Freshman year, living in Evans, and making the Homecoming banner and decorating the lounge. I think we've lost alot of spirit at Wilkes. I know I find myself making excuses too when it comes to going to games and supporting events, but we should realize that alot of hard work goes into these things. I used to be alot more active on campus, but it gets too depressing to hold events where ten people show. I would definitely like to put effort into having things like the "Mr. Wilkes Pageant" if I knew people would participate. If you have any suggestions about things to have, let me or someone on SG know. I guess I'll end with some of my words of wisdom... Life is too short to be unhappy. I know there are many people out there (especially us girls) that concentrate way too much on what we don't have or what we don't look like. It's all this pettiness again. Just remember everyone has their good and not so good points. So be kind, especially to yourself.



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Women's Soccer battles King's

By CATHY DONLIN
Beacon Assistant Editor

The Lady Colonels dominated King's on Tuesday with a 6-0 shutout at Monarch Fields.

With the win, Wilkes improves to 4-3 overall for first-year coach Melissa Elwell. The Lady Colonels also remain undefeated at 2-0 in the MAC Freedom Conference.

The women's team win also gives Wilkes University a 1-0 lead in the Mayor's Cup Series, which pits Wilkes vs King's in every sport.

Donna Rothrock started the pace for the girls with the first goal of the game. Although they had



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Junior Jill Lacy (in blue & gold), has been a steady contributor on and off the bench to the Lady Colonels 4-3 start.

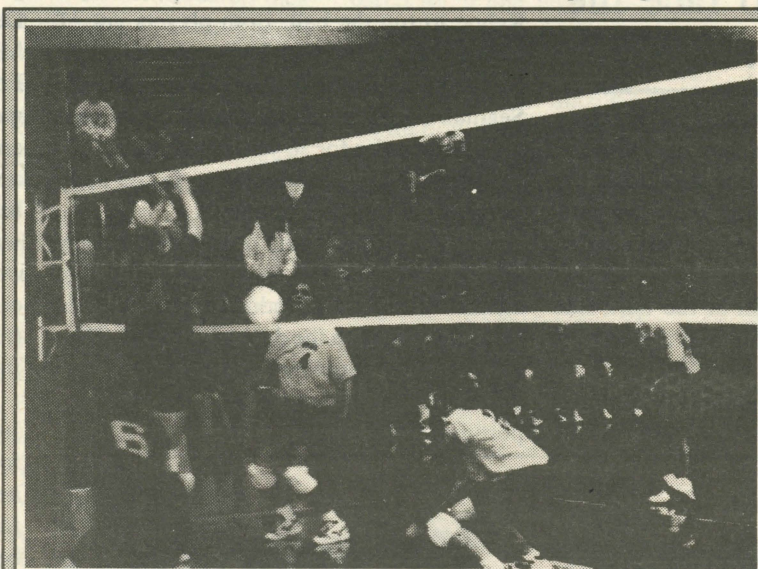
trouble finishing, they took the offensive for most of the first half.

Rothrock started the pace again in the second half with another unassisted goal. Katie Pearson, assisted by Karyn Pall, helped keep the pace going. Holly Shiber and Danielle McDonald each added a

goal.

Kim Hulme, also assisted by Pall, brought the Colonels their sixth goal.

Goalkeepers Adrienne Corrigan and Jennifer Pawleshyn, each had a save, blocking both Lady Monarch attempts on goal.



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Volleyball 1-3 at Scranton Tourney

The Wilkes University volleyball team posted a 1-3 record at the University of Scranton Tournament. The tournament moved their overall record to 3-7.

Wilkes dropped a pair of matches on day one of the event, losing to Eastern College, 3-0, and New York University, 3-0. On the second day, Wilkes opened with a 3-2 win over Allentown College, before dropping a 3-0 decision to Baptist Bible.

Mandy Kehler led the Wilkes spikers with 28 kills in the four matches. Stefanie Henninger dished out a team-leading 54 assists. Amber Brennar had 28 digs and Kristen Owen contributed 26 digs.

Baptist Bible College swept past Wilkes University in a collegiate volleyball match on Tuesday night in the Marts Center. The Defenders posted a 15-13, 15-13, and 15-9 win over the Lady Colonels to improve to 11-6 overall. Wilkes falls to 3-8 after suffering their third loss to Baptist Bible this season.

Henninger led the Lady Colonels with eight kills and 17 assists. Kelly Svecz, who had 10 service points, added seven kills for Wilkes. Brennan chipped in with nine points and 12 digs.

The Lady Colonels will return to action on Saturday afternoon at 12:00 p.m. when they host King's College in a Freedom Conference match.

Devil of a time

By COREY YANOSHAKE
Beacon Sports Editor

The Wilkes University men's soccer team had to settle for a 1-1 double-overtime tie with FDU-Madison in a Freedom Conference match at Ralston Field on Saturday afternoon.

The tie moves the Colonels record to 3-2-1 overall and 0-0-1 in the conference, while FDU-Madison moves to 1-3-1 overall and 0-0-1 in the Freedom Conference.

"We've been playing relatively well, especially with only one senior in the program," said coach Phil Wingert. "It's taking awhile to come together, but we've been in every game so far."

Wilkes got on the board first when Matt Bieber scored off an assist from Kyle Rush at the 22:36 mark of the opening half. The Devils would force overtime with 11:45 left to play in the contest when Scott Klien converted a Justin Capozzi pass into a goal to knot the game at 1-1.

"We've got a new defense. Bill Smith is our only senior and returnee on defense, so it's taking some time to get going," noted Wingert. "But our goal is to qualify for playoffs so we need to convert our chances."

The best scoring opportunity in the extra sessions came in the first overtime when Wilkes was awarded a penalty kick. Bieber drilled a low shot that Devils goalkeeper Sean Devore made a sliding save on to preserve the tie.

"We haven't taken advantage of our chances," added Wingert. "You only get so many chances in soccer that you can't afford not to capitalize on them."

FDU-Madison had a 25-15 shots on goal advantage, while Wilkes held a 7-3 edge in corner kicks. Seth Nye came up with 12 saves in goal for the Colonels. Devore finished with 11 stops for the Devils.

Wingert has been without the services of leading-scorer Bill Schneider, who is not expected back until next week at Lycoming. Junior Matt Diltz has picked up where he left off last year, netting a hat trick against William Patterson in New Jersey. Wingert is also looking to Ty Bowman, Tony VanScoy, and Kyle Mastellar to chip in on the offense.

"When Schneider was healthy, Diltz was out, and now Diltz is healthy, but Schneider's out; but Diltz has picked up the slack," said Wingert. "So we're spreading the wealth around a little bit."

Field Hockey struggling at 2-5

By COREY YANOSHAKE
Beacon Sports Editor

The Lady Colonel field hockey team dropped two decisions over the weekend, where they played two games on the campus of William Smith College, falling to 2-5 on the year.

Wilkes dropped a 6-2 decision to St. Lawrence University on Saturday, while falling 6-1 to host William Smith on Sunday.

Against St. Lawrence, Jill Wilson tied the game at one just before half, but the Lady Colonels gave up a late goal to go into the lockerroom down by two.

Wilkes' leading-scorer, Jill Henry, also scored for coach Addy Malatesta, but it was not enough as St. Lawrence scored three unanswered goals after Henry made it 3-2.

Desiree Podrasky notched 12 saves in the first game and 11 against William Smith as Wilkes allowed 35 shots on the weekend.



Field Hockey coach/Athletic Director Addy Malatesta is struggling to defend last year's MAC Championship.

Wilkes took a 1-0 deficit into the half against William Smith, but allowed five straight goals before ending the shutout.

Kim Whipple scored the team's only goal off of a Sara Ciotoli assist with 13 minutes left to play.

Women's Tennis opens MAC

The Lady Colonels traveled to New Jersey on Saturday to open their Middle Atlantic Conference Freedom League season, falling to Drew University 9-0 as Wilkes drops to 0-2 on the season, 0-1 in the league.

Adriana Solorzano fell at number one singles 6-2, 6-2, while Selena Bednarz dropped a 6-0, 6-0 at number two. Lori DeMarco lost 6-0, 6-2 at number three and Amee Mehta dropped a 6-3, 6-2 decision at number four. Angie Cardoso and Nicole Ripper lost by identical scores of 6-1, 6-0 at numbers five and six.

In doubles action, Solorzano and Bednarz dropped an 8-2 decision while DeMarco and Mehta fell 8-3. Cardoso and Ripper teamed up in the final match, falling 8-1 for first-year coach Jackie Ruane.

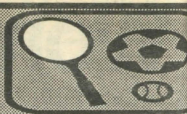
Who won the game?

Who scored?

Why don't you tell me and the rest of Wilkes - Write sports for The Beacon!



The Back Page



Ground game improving as do Colonels

By MATT REITNOUR
Beacon Staff Writer

The Wilkes University Colonels know there is no "T" in team. Just one look at the stats from the FDU-Madison game last Friday and you'll see they believe that statement to the fullest.

Wilkes opened the Freedom League portion of their 2000 schedule with an impressive 34-7 win over FDU-Madison Friday night. The win, coupled with a few shockers in the Middle Atlantic Conference, has the Colonels sitting with three other teams at 2-0 overall.

"It's beneficial to come off the road at 2-0," said Frank Sheptock. "The kids seem anxious to play at home and hopefully that will propel us to a stronger start."

Jeff Marshman threw for one touchdown and dove in for another to give the Colonels a 14-0 lead after the first quarter. Marshman hit senior wide-out Ryan James with a 23-yard scoring strike just 3:23 seconds into the game. After Will McLaughlin's PAT, the Colonels led 7-0 and never looked back. The Marshman to James connection was set up after a fumble recovery by sophomore defensive lineman Dustin Bernatovich.

The next Colonel score was highlighted by some good defense, then a scoring drive which resulted in seven Wilkes' points. After forcing the Devils to turn the ball over on downs, Marshman and his offense took to the field where they marched 70 yards in seven plays before Marshman dove over the top of

the goal line pile to score his first rushing touchdown of the season. Marshman hit Brian Miller with a 38-yard pass play to set up the goal line push by Wilkes. Marshman finished the night 16-for-32 for 261 yards and two

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touchdowns. He hit Brian Miller and James five times apiece, while connecting with senior tight-end Frank McCabe four times for 97 yards. His long reception was a 56-yard scoring pass which came in the third quarter and put the Colonels up by a 21-7 count. Wilkes led by only seven at the half, but scored 20 unanswered points in the second half.

Looking at the post-game statistics for the Colonels is like looking at teamwork in

ink. With Anthony Melchiorre and Thomas Patterson in street clothes due to injuries, the Colonels turned to Mike Lorady and Kyle Kehoe to run the ball. Both players got 11 carries apiece, and both backs scored touchdowns in the fourth quarter. Junior fullback Seamus Geddis even got into the action with his seven carries for 56 yards, including a 22-yard run to keep a drive alive in the early moments of the third quarter.

"We missed some opportunities early and that worries me, because we did that against Albright, too," added Sheptock. "But I was pleased with the defensive effort. They gave us three turnovers and we turned two into touchdowns, but we let some other opportunities slip away."



Wilkes opens its home schedule this Saturday when Juniata visits. The Colonels play just four home games this season, traveling six times.

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The defense was not in the giving mode Friday night, allowing the Devils just 19 yards total offense. The Colonels held the Devils to just 12 first downs and held receiver Mike Quigley to 51 yards on seven catches. Five different defensive players finished the game with five tackles, including Brian Badger and Mike DaRe, who had three solo stops apiece. Brian Hosler and Mike Verton each had five tackles, while freshman Steve Rogers was given credit for five stops in his first ever college start. The Colonels put 25 players on the defensive tackle sheet, including freshman Chris Caccavale, who registered his first two career sacks.

The Colonels are now 2-0 and host Juniata on Saturday afternoon at Ralston Field for the home-opener. Last season, the Colonels were 2-0 and traveled to Huntingdon to face the Eagles and lost 38-21. Wilkes last beat the Eagles in 1996 when Wilkes knocked off the visiting Eagles 28-27 for a Homecoming win. Juniata leads the all-time series 13-1.

"They beat us thoroughly last year," said Sheptock of Juniata. "We haven't talked much about last year, though. We just told the guys that this is a different year. Hopefully we learned from last year, but this is 2000, not 1999."

Noteable...

Lycoming College, the traditional powerhouse and main roadblock for Wilkes' playoff hopes, lost its first game in four seasons. Widener dropped the national power, 50-41 in overtime, showing the rest of the MAC that it is possible. Lycoming's loss will bring much more competitive season to the MAC and Freedom Conference.

Last season, Sheptock was inches away from dethroning Lycoming, taking their home game to the wire. Mike Hankins was denied an end-of-game touchdown that would have given Wilkes the win.

With a realigned MAC, Sheptock and his Colonels now have a better chance at playoff, needing only to win the MAC, not the Freedom Conference. So even if Wilkes loses to Lycoming, they can still win the league.

September 23

- Football vs Juniata, 1 PM
- Field Hockey vs FDU-Madison, 1 PM
- Volleyball vs King's, 11 AM
- Women's Tennis @ Allentown, 1 PM
- Women's Soccer vs Keane, 4 PM

September 26

- Volleyball @ Lycoming, 7 PM
- Women's Tennis @ Susquehanna, 4 PM

September 27

- Men's Soccer @ Lycoming, 4 PM
- Women's Soccer vs Drew, 4 PM

September 28

- Women's Tennis @ King's, 3:30 PM

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