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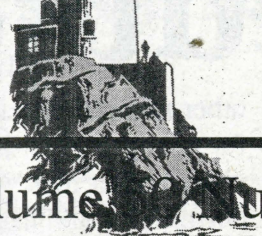
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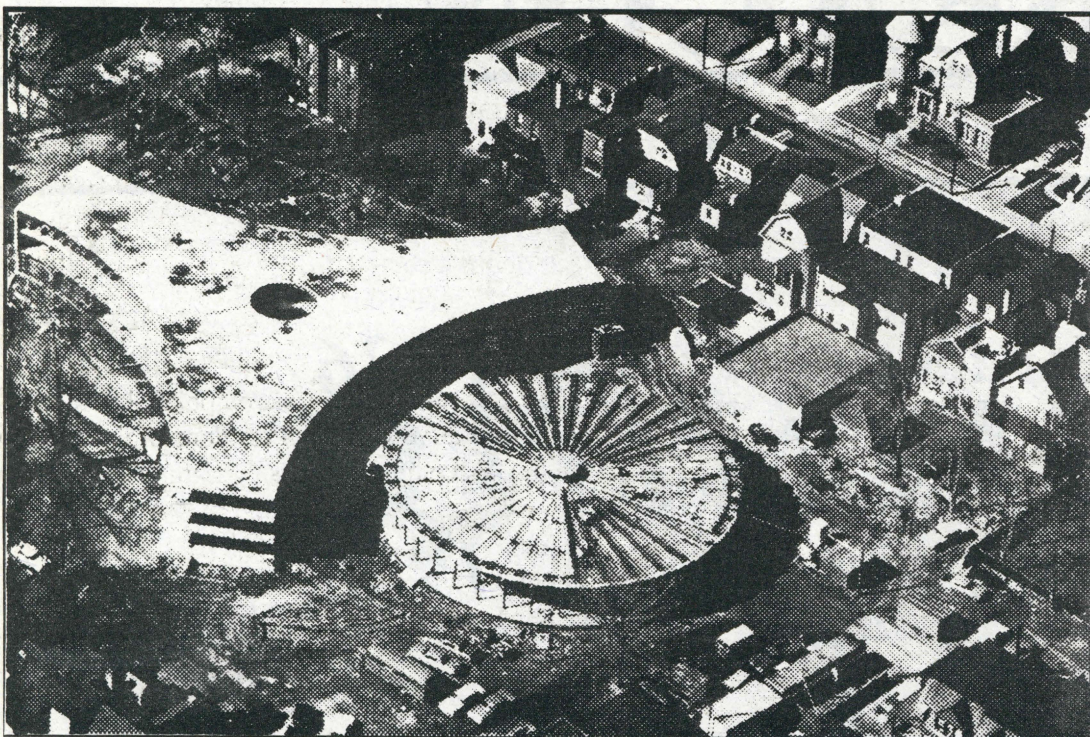
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Dorm Rises On Schedule



AERIAL VIEW

Pictured is the dormitory-cafeteria complex, scheduled to house 264 men students.

CONSTRUCTION ON DORM-CAFE BEGINS IN NEAR FUTURE; TWO BUILDINGS ACQUIRED

Friday, May 21, 1965

By CAROL OKRASINSKI

Construction of the College's dormitory-cafeteria to be located in the Wright Street Redevelopment Area will begin within the next few weeks. Walter Mohr, director of development, stated that the final approval of plans is expected shortly and bids will be sought. The Y-shaped structure will be one of the most modern ever to be built in the Wyoming Valley.

The construction site, an area of 2.9 acres, at one time accommodated some of the city's oldest dwellings and made up the core of a block which comprised some of its finest homes. At present, the land is used as a student parking area.

Deeded to College

The area, which is bounded on the north by South Street, on the south by Ross Street, and on the other two sides by the dwellings on South Franklin and South River Streets, has been deeded to the College by the Urban Development Authority. Construction is scheduled to begin by July 1, and completion is anticipated by the fall semester of 1966.

Entrance to the new structure will be on Wright Street, off South Street. The male dormitory will accommodate 264 students, and the dining hall will handle 700 at two seatings. The dormitory will be three stories high with a full basement that can be used for recreational and storage needs. The cafeteria, with a modernistic, circular fanned roof, will be one story high.

The College has recently acquired two buildings which will be ready for use by next semester. The Frances Chase residence located at 76 West South Street will be used as a men's dormitory.

The College anticipates acquisition of other buildings to be used as dormitories for the fall semester. Greater admission requests and the desire by the College to accommodate as many qualified students as possible has caused a serious housing problem which will be eased considerably by the new facilities.

Friday, March 18, 1966

By CHRIS SULAT

Walter Mohr, Director of Development at the College, has announced that, due to the mild winter, the construction on the new dormitory-cafeteria is following the proposed work schedule. Thus, the brickwork complex should be open for habitation beginning in the fall semester.

The dining hall is designed to seat some 700 students. Contrary to the present cafeteria, it will be equipped with wall-to-wall carpeting which has proven to be easier to maintain than asphalt tile.

The new dormitory, which will house 264 men, will be proctored by Arthur Hoover and five

other men. In preparation for next year, Hoover has visited other men's dormitories and made inquiries as to students' suggestions.

All the dormitory rooms will have built-in closets and desks. Individual beds, built-in lighting, wall-to-wall carpeting, and electrical heating will add to the students' comfort. Each floor will contain a lounge and three separate study rooms which are to be used exclusively for study purposes. There will be two students living in each room.

All furnishings of the approximately two million dollar complex have been chosen to complement the structures themselves.

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Friday, June 12, 1970

Graduation

More than 500 seniors from Wilkes were graduated as members of the class of 1970, receiving their diplomas in the gym on June 1st. The commencement followed the traditional baccalaureate ceremony, held the previous day in the gym.

At the baccalaureate, Dr. Eugene S. Farley, retiring president of the college delivered the address "To Rebuild the Broken Image"—his last major address as president of the college, a post he has held since it was chartered as an independent liberal arts college in 1947.

The graduates gathered on Chase Lawn to begin the procession leading the twenty-third annual commencement. At the gym, the seniors heard Kenneth G. Northrop, president of Holt, Rinehart and Winston, New York publishers, deliver the graduation address. A 1951 Wilkes graduate, Northrop spoke on the theme, "The 1970's-The Quality of Life."

The formal ceremonies climaxed a hectic week, beginning Wednesday, May 27, at the Treadway Motor Inn with the annual semi-formal dinner dance. A picnic at Dr. Farley's farm was another exciting event on the senior's schedule, taking them back to the place they had been greeted as freshmen four years before. Following the graduation, seniors and their families were feted at a party at the Treadway sponsored by the Wilkes Alumni Association.

The graduation followed a traditional schedule. At Baccalaureate, George Conway, a member of the graduating class, offered the invocation. Following Dr. Farley's address, Richard Chapline and Liscotte Schmidt presented a musical selection by Beethoven.

The Benediction was offered by Reverend Dr. Julie Ayers. Dr. Ayers also offered the invocation at commencement. Following Mr. Northrop's graduation address, degrees and certificates were conferred by President Farley.

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Breaking new ground on South Street

By **KRYSTYNA LUKASZEWSKI**
Beacon Staff Writer

The groundbreaking of the long-awaited Student Center-Dining Commons is set to for Thursday, April 30, 1998 at 10 a.m.

The festivities will take place at the West South Street building site between South Franklin Street and South River Street. In the case of inclement weather, the location will be held in the lobby of Pickering Hall.

The new building will include many features which will be used by the students of the university.

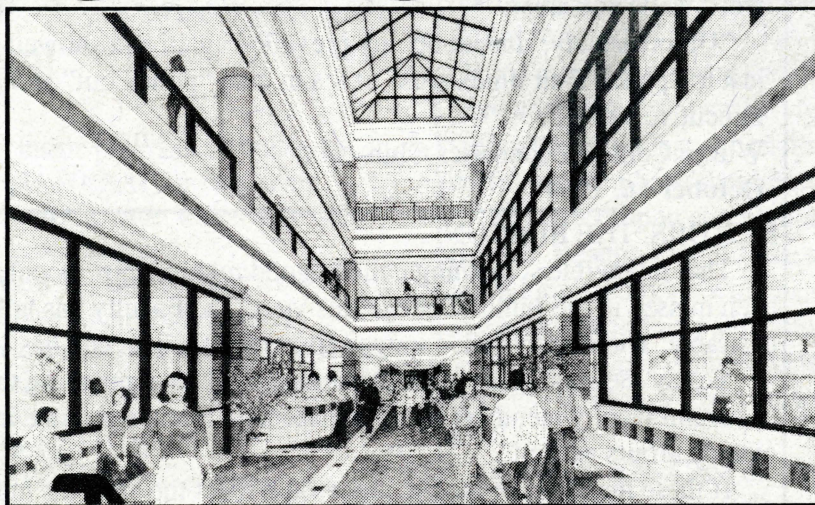


Photo courtesy Highland Associates

The new Student Center will contain a branch of Pioneer American Bank, offices and a new cafeteria.

A new cafeteria will have restaurant style seating and a balcony so students can eat their meals overlooking the Susquehanna River.

To replace the mailroom,

currently located in the basement of the bookstore, a new one will be in the new Student Center. There will be a large banquet room that students can use

for various events. Pioneer American Bank will also be moving in to offer students banking services on campus.

There will also be several offices housed in the new building.

There will be a number of speakers at the groundbreaking. Heather Tahan, Student Life and Media Representative will be giving the welcome at the ceremony.

C.J. Copley, Student Government President will also be speaking at the ceremony.

"This is a building that's going to bring great opportunities to the university and it will bring the university together," said

Copley.

President Breiseth will also say a few words at the ceremony.

Carol Maculloch, coordinator of special events and stewardship, offered an interesting note to the festivities.

According to Maculloch, "the groundbreaking ceremonial shovel that President Breiseth will use is the same shovel that was used on June 4, 1989, when the dirt was turned over for Stark Hall."

The entire Wilkes community is encouraged to attend. For more information on the groundbreaking, call the development office at 408-4300.

Class of *firsts* plans last days at Wilkes

By **MARY TAMBASCO**
Beacon Staff Writer

The Class of 1998 is a class of firsts. The first to graduate on the Fenner Quadrangle, the greenway (weather permitting). They will also be the first class to leave a portion of the class members behind as they will graduate with their doctoral degrees from the newly formed School of Pharmacy with the Class of 2000.

Most of all they are actively the first class to institute Service Challenge in order to perform community service activities during this 1998 senior week.

According to Michael Beachem, Class of 1998 President, the biggest event which will bring all the seniors together for one last time is the trip to Baltimore, Maryland. The previously scheduled

Manhattan cruise has been cancelled.

In turn the trip to Baltimore, Maryland was decided upon as being a more cost efficient trip. The trip will cost \$15.00 per person.

Seniors can sign up by getting in touch with Jennie Bullock or Beachem. The trip is scheduled for May 13, 1998, the bus will leave approximately 7:00 a.m. and return around 10:00 a.m. Tickets are first come, first serve.

Besides the major class trip, seniors can also look forward to a week of celebration beginning on May 9 and ending with commencement on May 16th. Seniors are urged to check out the Senior Class homepage at <http://wilkesl.wilkes.edu/~srassoc> in order to be aware of any changes.

Senior Week kicks-off on May 9, beginning at

3:00 p.m. at which time a Senior Awards Ceremony will be held to honor all students with exceptional grade point averages at the Dorothy Dickson Darte Center.

Following the ceremony a reception will be provided between the hours of 5:00-6:00 p.m. Then at 9:00 p.m. the seniors will take part in, "One Last Look," a candlelit walk across campus.

Sunday, May 10 is Mother's Day and no events are planned for the morning hours. However, from 7:00 p.m.-11:00 p.m. there will be a social at Murray's Inn located at 290 South Pennsylvania Blvd. (free of charge).

On Monday, May 11 seniors will participate in their first service challenge. These service challenges allow seniors to volunteer in one

community service project in which they also receive a T-shirt with their class logo.

From 12:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. will be the senior picnic, weather permitting. A rain date is set for 12:00 p.m. on May 12 at Ralston Field.

The night will end at 2:00 a.m. at Gonda's "Bottle Night" located at 111 North Main St. This event is hosted by Wilkes P2 Class of 2000. On Tuesday, May 12 the second service challenge will take place and that night students can work off the calories at Stanton's Bowling lanes, bowling against King's College seniors.

Wednesday, May 13 is the class trip to Maryland.

On Thursday, May 14 seniors are reminded to pick up their cap and gowns. At 10:00 a.m. there's a Fine Arts Fiesta being held in Public Square.

The President's Dinner

Dance at the Woodlands Inn and Resort from 6:00 p.m.-12:00 a.m. will be held that night as well.

At 1:00 p.m. on Friday, Commencement practice will be held in the gymnasium and afterwards will be the Presidents Reception for Graduates and their families in Weckesser Hall. There will be a social at Market Street Square from 10:00 p.m.-2:00 a.m.

Seniors are to arrive at Commencement location at 12:00 p.m. and be ready for senior class photos at 1:00 p.m. At 2:00 p.m. the 52nd Annual Commencement will begin.

Beachem and Melinda Sorber, seniors, will both be speaking.

"Also, I hope that the seniors take advantage and benefit from these events because they will truly be memories to hold on to." said Beachem.

The Grand Finale - Part 2

Not many people leave a position, thinking that it goodbye only to be reinstated in that same position a short time later. It is a strange feeling—almost like a rebirth. I should know. I am one of those people.

At first, I viewed this reassumed responsibility as a curse, for I was looking forward to a sort of R & R, while someone else handled all the headaches, worries and gripes. As the semester progressed, I realized how fortunate I was to have this second opportunity. The Beacon Staff had a chance to really unify our efforts by building on our first semester's mistakes. Except for a few instances, there was a real sense of teamwork on the staff this semester, that was absent the first semester. Everyone pulled together and produced what I believe to be a series of very good publications.

Throughout this year, we have tried to maintain a serious outlook on the campus—for rarely is news humorous. We also tried to keep a consistent editorial policy of fairness, right to criticize and objectivity. In addition to these, the second semester we changed the look of the Beacon doing away with a cover picture.

This semester has been a milestone for everyone on the staff. We have survived severe staff rearrangements, equipment breakdowns at the most inopportune moments, a shortage of news and money, and almost any other kind of affliction one can imagine.

But we made it. The 1980-1981 Beacon editorial staff can be proud of itself, for I don't believe that there has ever been such a tumultuous year for the Beacon in college history. Hopefully, this attitude of accomplishment and survival will carry into next year—making for an even bigger and better Beacon.

Next year's staff is very capable and I feel comfortable knowing that the Beacon is in safe hands. The editors are bright people, an overall top-notch crew. The Beacon will benefit from experience in the news and sports departments, talent and creativity in features, overwhelming competence in the business department, and CC's loss was the copy department's gain. All together they should be great.

Now that next year's staff is settled (well almost), it is time for us soon-to-be-alumni to plan our lives after graduation. (Is there life after Wilkes?) Someone once asked me where ex-Beacon editors went after graduation. While I was tempted to say "Damnation in the eternal fire," I resisted and tried to remember the alumni editors that I'd known. I realized then that if precedence has any value, I'll be proud to follow in the footsteps of those who have served as Beacon editor-in-chief before me.

As for the negative elements of being a Beacon editor. There were many. However, Mother always told me, "If you can't say something nice, then don't say anything at all." For once I will listen to her and remain silent. Besides there isn't that much room on this page.

Finally, thanks to all those who helped me this past through the daily Beacon traumas this past year—you know who you are. And to those of you who didn't help, but only tried to hurt in any way you could, I will apply Mother's philosophy and say nothing, for you know who you are, too.

To the class of 1981, Good Luck. See you on the 17th.

With this last issue of the academic year, Patti Sparlow, a senior communications major, officially ends her two-semester term as Editor-in-Chief of the Beacon.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

The Economics Club would like to express its thanks to the Administration for the help they gave us in our "Pig Contest."

Although the program was not a financial success, we feel this endeavor was a worthwhile endeavor.

Unfortunately, student apathy prevailed again and showed that most students are content just to "punch their time cards" at 8 a.m. and "punch out" at 5 p.m.

Executive council

Wilkes College Economics Club

October 16, 1964

EDITORS. THE BEACON.

That intangible something called "good relationship" is only one of the things that have been missed in the Junior College this year. The Faculty has talked about co-operation as desirable. The students have longed for it, but such an end has yet been reached.

To say the least many students have remarked concerning the the seeming unwillingness of certain faculty members to co-operate with them, not alone in the classroom, but in outside affairs as well.

If these members of the Faculty would meet the students half way, co-operation would be a fact instead of a pipe dream.

-W.T.

December 17, 1936

Dear Editor:

It was brought to my attention that some individual in our student body had placed an unauthorized notice on the blackboard in Pickering Hall to the effect that the S.A.M. meeting was cancelled. The notice caused several members to miss the meeting held at 12:00 noon on Tuesday, February 3. The notice was also falsely signed with the name of one of the S.A.M. officers.

I cannot help questioning the intelligence of the person responsible for that notice. I am also sure that that person would not have the courage to admit his guilt to me personally or to any other member of the S.A.M. Chapter.

I am only consoled in knowing that students whose character shows disregard for the rights of others are in the very minority at Wilkes.

With regret,

David D. Compton

February 6, 1959

Kampus Kwizzer

September 13, 1956

QUESTION: What do you think of Wilkes now that you have been here for a little while?

May Anchel, Milford, PA; McClintock; transfer student:

"I transferred from Penn State to go to a smaller school where there is a more personal and friendly association with the students and faculty."

Peter Perog, Bogota, NJ; Ashley Hall; freshman:

"Since I have been here I have found the students very friendly including, shall we say the - er - ah girls. I think I am going to like it here."

Mike Lozman, Brooklyn, NY; Ashley Hall; freshman:

"Wilkes is pretty darn nice. It's extremely friendly here and I like the campus atmosphere. The dorms impress me more than anything else. The rooms are spacious, and the buildings are beautiful."

Gail Drayton, Brooklyn, NY; Sterling Hall; freshman:

"It's small - giggle - don't quote me. Oh! Come now! Surely there is something that - why you are taking all this down. Back to the dorm."

Ceil Older, Harrington Park, NJ; Sterling Hall; freshman:

"I like everything about Wilkes so far, especially the faculty and the students I have met. I am a four year student and I am looking forward to all four years of it."

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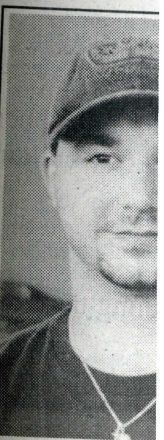
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Letters to the Editor guidelines:

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 4:30 p.m. on the Monday prior to publication.

Dear Editor,

In the past few years, many athletic programs at Wilkes have experienced a rebirth. One example of this is our basketball team's recent national success. However, other teams have been neglected, and for the most part gone unnoticed.

This spring, though, the Athletic Department took a step in the right direction with the hiring of men's tennis coach John Seitzinger. Bringing life to a once-dead program, he led the team to three wins this season. More importantly, though, he began establishing a solid foundation for the future. He has attempted to bring in some local high school talent.

Also, Seitzinger has increased next year's schedule from twelve to nineteen matches and has included a fall season in the team's plans. His most noteworthy achievements, however, have been creating a positive attitude amongst his players and instilling excitement where it was previously lacking.

Congratulations to the Athletic Department on the hiring of Coach Seitzinger. This big step was important, and similar steps must now follow in other programs. Once these steps are taken, overall success will ensure and Colonel pride will abound.
Greg Collins

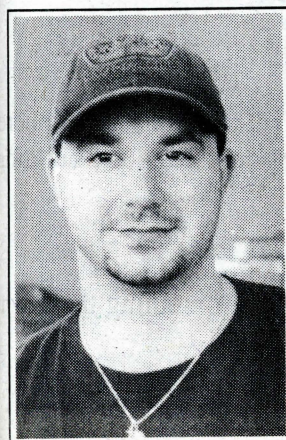
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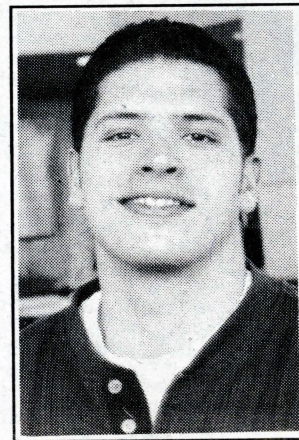
Mike Barrouk
"Enjoy life and party."



Melissa Rasnick
"It was the best of times. It was the worst of times."



Mike Mecir
"It's about time."



Jason Nocella
"Thank you one and all it has been a great ride."

Until we meet again...

I have saved writing my last editorial column until the very last minute for fear that the tears won't let me see the keyboard. It may seem ridiculous to a non-Beacon member, but I am very sad to see the end of my two semesters as Editor in Chief of the Wilkes University Beacon. I have placed more time, energy and pride in this newspaper than I have anything else ever before. I cannot express all of my feelings about this position, or more importantly, the wonderful people I have met here in one column.

However, upon completion of my duties here at the freakin' Beacon I would like to take this opportunity to leave a few thoughts with the most brilliant staff ever to be associated with this publication.

Karen- Your genuine kindness is incomparable and invaluable. I know that you will bring them to the next level.

Lauren- You CAN do anything. I believe in you. Keep breathing and repeating that to yourself.

Scott- Don't argue with the Editor in Chief and you'll be alright. Thanks for stepping up when we (I) needed you.

J.J.- You definitely got it done. Thanks for teaching me to be me, even if others don't like it.

Diana- Smoking is bad for you no matter how happy it makes you.

David- Start studying the A.P. Handbook for next year, you'll need it. Never stop smiling.

Matt- Your antics always lightened those tense layout moments. Thanks for helping me practice my wink.

Frank- "Good times." Your creativity was invaluable. Sorry about all of the annoying ad phone calls.

Amy- We hardly knew you were here. Thanks for getting our paper out there.

Paul- Our Mac Daddy. Thanks for handling our frantic calls. What would we do without our slaves?

Dr. Kinney- Thank you for supporting me from the very beginning. You have been one of our biggest fans.

Lynn- You are the personification of success, and you have passed that to each staff member. Your enthusiasm and encouragement launched us to where we are today. I appreciate you always going the extra mile for us. I also want to thank you for your friendship. Your understanding meant more than you know. You truly are my heroine.

Thanks again to every staff member for the long days and nights, and for all of laughs we shared along the way. I wish you each the best of luck for the future. You are all dynamic individuals who will continue to achieve at Wilkes University and beyond! God bless you and keep you.

Congratulations to the 1997-1998 Beacon staff for being awarded first place in the American Scholastic Press Association's annual newspaper competition.

We also wish to announce the 1998-1999 staff:
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WILKES COLLEGE BEACON

'WEINIE ROAST' PLANS REVEALED

Theta Delta Rho members are busily making plans for their yearly excursion into the woods, fondly known as "The Weenie Roast." These plans include digging up 1. dates, and 2. the required \$2.00. Women of TDR have chosen Saturday night, Oct. 25 to converge on Wolfe's Grove. The evening entertainment will consist of dancing, singing, and making noise. People who do this sort of thing are bring hula hoops, scratch a good book.

The affair will start to be presented April 24 and 25 by the girls can leave the General Hospital Nurses' Association. The Crewnecks, popular singing group, have been on a personal appearance tour through Connecticut during the past several weekend. They have been entertaining various disc jockey shows, and awaiting the release of their new Rhapsody recording, due within the next few weeks.

Moncey M. Allyn Jones, Butler Hall resident, will have an appointment for a peak. Ballots will be sealed until the "Ball". This will be a separate program in Washington, D.C., during the Easter vacation. Miss Verna Hitchner of Ramsay, New Jersey, spent the weekend supervising Miss Shirley Hitchner, a resident of Catlin Hall. The "Cindy", on...



Barbara Cusick and Wayne Walters in the leading roles of Annie Oakley and Frank Butler of Kobland in care of Gore

Wilkes Donates 51 Pints of Blood

In an interview earlier this week, Mr. Robert Partridge, director of Performing Arts on the college blood drive, announced that ten pints were donated Friday and 41 on Monday for a total of 51 pints.

The drive which closes today is not expected to reach the quota of 200 pints. It was hoped that Wilkes College could surpass all other colleges in the country in blood donations. A turnout of 40 new wardrobes.

Best Dressed Title



Those girls chosen to compete in the Best Dressed Coed contest on February 27 are, lona Chiampi, Mary Lynne Strevell, and Michelle Hastie. Dugan, and Elaine Geida.

A member of the Annicola, Mary Anna Zezza is a senior elementary education major from West Pittston.

Michelle Hastie, Sophomore Not Letterwomen. He and she lives in

T-SQUARE TROT NEXT FRIDAY NIGHT

Next Friday will be the night for all the girls to get out their feet and the boys their checkered and trot down to the college Trot sponsored by the Club of Wilkes College.

THETA DELTA RHO SPONSORS ALL-COLLEGE TEA

The All College Tea sponsored by Theta Delta Rho will be held from 3 to 5 next Monday, November 22 on the second floor of the Dormitory cafeteria. Everyone is urged to attend.

Chairman of the affair is Patricia Fox. Her committees are: Hostess, Eellen Louise Wint; invitations, Ruth Wilbur and Jessie Roderick; publicity, Patsy Reese; table decorations, Doris Merrill; refreshments, Margaret Smith; cleanup, Peggy Stevens and Marian Thompson. Assisting him are Cynthia Dysleski; decorations, Towell; entertainment, Paul Gibbons; publicity, Jane Neddoff.

'PLAYBOY' IS THEME OF GORE HALL PARTY

Last Saturday night Gore Hall held its first annual party with 40 people in attendance. The theme of the affair was "Playboy". The magazine supplied the hall with an abundance of free decorations such as streamers, cartoons, napkins, pin-ups, and different posters bringing about the theme. The party, which was well received, lasted from about 8 p.m. to 12:30. The residents of Gore served a buffet beverages. George of Gore, and Arthur tended along with S. Gore, the dorm's dog. Any group interested in decorations for a similar party should contact Kobland in care of Gore.

THE SHOW GOES ON — Four of the Curtains production, "Girl Crazy", run hearsals prior to tonight's first curtain. Millie Gittens, fresh out of a hospital by Fred Cohn and Eleanor Detro brush up on one college comedian Howard "Skinny" Ennis musical routines in the show. Miss Gittens, rushed to last weekend, has received special permission from her valesce for three weeks after the show. Her insistance the show lends meaning to the old saying, "The show goes on."

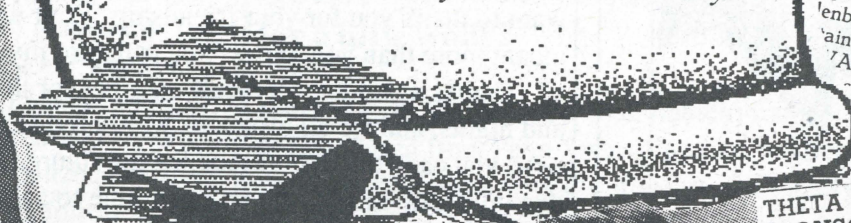


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Truth and loyalty.
In our work as in our pleasure
Guide us as a friend;
We shall always love thee.
Loyal to the end.

Thou shalt lead us onward
In search of finer things.
May we find the wisdom
That thy spirit brings.
May our deeds of love and service
Ever swell thy fame--
Wilkes, we stand to greet thee!
Glory to thy name!

Words and Music by Eleanor C. Farley



Beacon

Key editorial positions for the campus newspaper, Beacon, were chaired by Dr. St. Miss Bednar is vice president.



MARIETTA BEDNAR Editor-in-Chief

She is currently serving as executive editor of the Beacon. She has been a member of the Beacon's editorial board for several years. She is currently serving as executive editor of the Beacon.

Suck-

What you've been told is that we at the Beacon, in response to numerous inquiries and after a long and undercover investigation, have uncovered the "hot spots" on campus. The following are the "hot spots" on campus.

COEDS COME



Beacon Editors Announced

MAY 6, 1993

editorial positions for the 1971-72 school year were presented and accepted by the Publications Committee. Marietta Bednar, a veteran staff reporter, was named editor-in-chief, following the recommendation of The Beacon's editorial board. Dr. Stanley B. Kay, who was chairman of the committee, is vice president and social secretary of the 76 West South St.



MARIETTA BEDNAR
Editor-in-Chief

An English major, she has been active in the Reach Out tutoring and advisory council. She is the daughter of Mrs. Amelia Bednar. Ann Gomer, vice president of the Beacon, will serve as next managing editor. She is an English major and has served as a reporter on The Beacon, covering the Moss's office and directing assignments. From Northfield, N.J., Jo Ann will be a senior next year. She has also been named as a resident assistant by Deans. She is the daughter of Mrs. Frank Gomer. Mary Covine has been appointed news editor for the coming year. She is currently serving as exchange



JO ANN GOMER
Managing Editor

resident assistant next year. From Nicholson, Pa., Hedy is a resident of Sterling Hall, and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Wrightson. Gary Horning, currently serving as sports co-editor, will move over to the news staff in the position of exchange and features editor in the fall. From Troy, N.Y., Gary is a member of Webster House.

Friday, February 20, 1959

Suck-Face Sights:

it! What you've been waiting for! We at the Beacon, in response to your inquiries and after much deliberation and undercover work, have succeeded in uncovering the top "suck spots" on campus. These spots, however, so disapproved, are showers in Pickering Hall, the environment of the mood for an exotic and some coconut oil, a tribal drumbeats (primitive) playing softly in the background and you have a tropical guaranteed to please. Or table top in Stark.

This offers a challenge to those who crave adventure, for there is the present threat of being interrupted by a security guard or a student in a place to study.

1. Ralston Field. This is especially for those who want to back to nature.
2. The Public Relations, Affairs, and External Affairs (That's what they're there for).
3. Any room marked "High Voltage." Don't let the sucker you. These rooms supply the satisfying environment. Caution: these rooms should be avoided by those with weak hearts.

COEDS COME



Debate team sweeps final tournament

WILKES-BARRE -- The Wilkes Speech and Debate Union ended its 1992-1993 at the 20th annual National Forensic Association's Championship Tournament, setting three new milestones and making this year a banner season. Almost 1000 competitors gathered at host Bloomsburg University hoping to achieve a national ranking at the four-day championship contest.

These two finalist rankings raised the number of awards won by Mueller in his four years at Wilkes to 123, making him the highest award winner in the 45-year history of the debate program at Wilkes.

The two awards also gave the team another first—83 awards, the most ever in a season, were won by Debate Union members this season.

In addition to these honors, the Union also picked up its most impressive victory in the



As They'll Perform in 'Girl Crazy'

TRES CHIC Knits Lead in Fashion; Jewel Neckline Is Vogue

by Maryann Wilson
Mlle. Mag College Board Mem.
Knits are making noteworthy fashion news this fall and winter. Three piece knits are especially designed for the career woman. For daytime business the coordinated pieces constitute a chic costume. Jackets are most often collarless and feature long, three-quarter, or show length sleeves. The oversleeves usually sleeveless and jewel neckline.

Kickline To Perform; Flare Added to Costumes

Beauty and clockwork precision will be the note of the day tomorrow, when Wilkes College will see the Kickline performing for the first time this season. New touches of color have been added to the navy blue princess style costumes; the full circular skirts will be accented by yellow affeta lining and the bodices will feature monogrammed letters, in yellow felt.

One and all to see twelve of true-blood school Half-time tomorrow! A book featured this week collection of critical essays is called Stendahl. The essays all lived in the 19th century. Since Stendahl have had enough time and his works by modern interpretations. The essays included in this French into English. The French into English. The essays pertain to Stendahl the remainder of himself.

An Educated Man or Woman
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has faith in the power of ideals to shape the lives of each of us;
knows that mankind's progress requires intellectual vigor, moral courage, and physical endurance;
cultivates inner resources and spiritual strength, for they enrich our daily living and sustain us in times of crisis;
has ethical standards by which to live;
respects the religious convictions of all people;
participates constructively in the social, economic, cultural, and political life of the community;
communicates ideas in a manner that assures understanding, for understanding unites us all in our search for truth.

-Formulated and adopted by the Wilkes College faculty as a guide to learning

ELEVEN CO-EDS NOMINATED FOR "CINDERELLA" TITLE

by Jean Shofranko
Initial plans for the Cinderella Ball got underway this week as members of the Student Government counted ballots which were cast by the student body for the nomination of Cinderella candidates.

Senior girls chosen candidates for the coveted title are Marion Christopher, Ann Dixon, Nancy Payne, Lois Wasserstrom, Mary Louis, and Beverly Gates.



Curses, Failed Again!

TRAVIS-BEY NAMED "ATHLETE OF THE YEAR" FOLLOWING VOTE BY BEACON SPORTS WRITERS

Spunky Skatback Gains Recognition By Wide Margain May 14, 1965

The Beacon "Athlete of the Year Award" was presented to Ted Travis-Bey, a resident of Butler Hall, by Clark Line, the Beacon's sports editor, at the annual Awards Assembly yesterday.

Travis-Bey has distinguished himself as a member of the Colonel football squad, not only this season, but over the past several campaigns, and copped the honors by an almost unanimous vote of the sports staff.

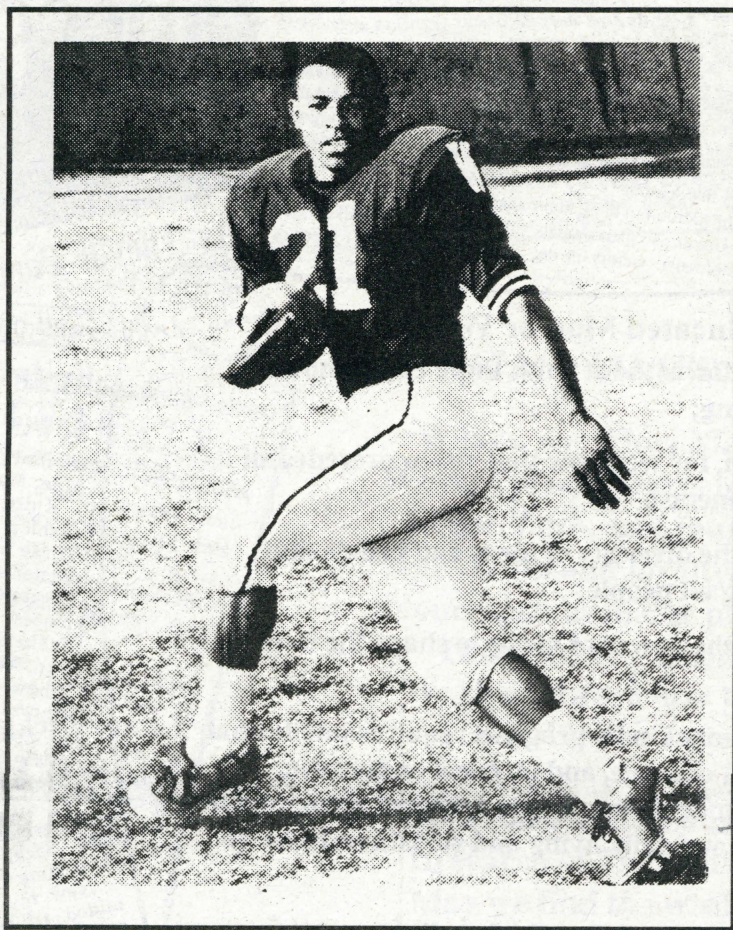
As a freshman, Travis-Bey was the Wilkes signal caller, and then switched to halfback as a sophomore, where he has played the past three years.

The diminutive Colonel scatback has been named Beacon "Athlete of the Week" on several occasions, and has gained recognition in the Middle Atlantic Conference polls. In 1962, Travis-Bey was among the "Top Ten" in MAC rushing averages, while receiving certification as an All MAC halfback.

Switch to Wingback

Travis-Bey, an exciting broken field runner, was placed in the wingback slot when coach Rollie Schmidt tried out the wing-T formation this season. As the blocking back, it was feared that Travis-Bey's running game would be hampered. Despite the handicap, however, he came in fourth in team rushing with 197 yards on 44 carries for a 4.5 yard pre carry average.

The statistics turned out to be even more surprising as



TED TRAVIS-BEY

Travis-Bey turned his speed and maneuverability to new endeavors by leading the team in kick-off returns, running back nine kick-offs for 230 yards and a 25.6 average. He also led the team in passes caught, latching on to 11 ariels for 208 yards and the only airborne Colonel touchdown.

As if this was not enough, Travis-Bey intercepted two passes which he returned 24 yards, to wind up second in that category.

Previous Honor

This season, Travis-Bey was selected by the sports staff of the Beacon as the football team's Outstanding Back, in compiling 14 points for the season.

Travis-Bey has gained promise not only from his coach and teammates, but also from the spectators,

friend and foe alike.

Travis-Bey resides in Phoenixville, Pennsylvania, where he attended Phoenixville Area High School. While at Phoenixville he played football, baseball and basketball. He carried over his court skills to the Wilkes squad this season, playing for the Colonels for the first semester. Also in high school, Travis-Bey was president of the student council, Key Club advisor, and named All Chestmont football roster for 1959-60. Needless to say, he has lettered for three years at Wilkes.

Travis-Bey's selection as "Athlete of the Year" seems apropos. In the estimation of the sports staff, he epitomizes the attributes of the award, both on the field and off.

Lady Colonels Make the Playoffs

April 27, 1995

The Lady Colonels clinched an MAC play-off spot for the second year in a row after wins over Scranton and Delaware Valley. The softball team is 12-6 overall and 7-3 in the MAC.

In the doubleheader against Scranton, Wilkes lost the first, 6-5 in eight innings, but bounced back for a 10-3 win in the second game.

Kellie Cookus was the big hitter for the Lady Colonels going 3-4 with a double and an RBI. In the second game, Cookus was 4-5 with a double, triple, and three RBI's. Kathy Moran was 3-4 with 4 RBI's and Kristen Cookus was 2-3 with four runs scored. Tricia Kirk was the winning pitcher.

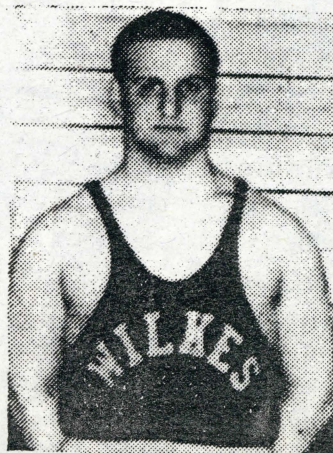
The Lady Colonels lost two games to LeMoyne College of New York. This occurred after the MAC member Upsala College dropped softball from their program, losing the first game, 6-2, and the second,

14-5. In the first game Steph Hastings knocked in the only run with an RBI single which scored Carrie Wilkes and Shannon O'Neill. Kristen Strack and Christy Palilonis each went 2-3. In the second game Hastings had a two run homer Kristen Cookus and Kristen Stack went 2-3.

Wilkes swept Delaware Valley in a doubleheader 9-1 and 9-8. Tricia Kirk was the winning pitcher in both games. Steph Hastings, Kellie Cookus and Gretchen Schlanghauser each had an RBI, with Amy Rosengrant adding two. In the second game, Amy Webb, Christy Palilonis and Shannon O'Neill each went 3-4, with O'Neill hitting an inside-the-park home run in the bottom of the eighth inning to win the game.

Leading hitters for the Lady Colonels include Kellie Cookus with a .475 average followed by Kristen Strack with .438, Kathy Moran with .435, and Christy Palilonis with .436.

ELIAS TO COACH SHICKSHINNY February 10, 1956



Jerry Elias

Jerry Elias, who graduated from Wilkes this month, has been named head wrestling coach at Shickshinny High School starting immediately.

Elias, who was captain of the Wilkes mat squad, football manager and baseball, will guide Shickshinny's first venture into the mat sport.

While at Wilkes, he was treasurer of the Lettermen's Club and wrote sports items for the Beacon. He graduated with a bachelor of science degree in business education.

He is married to former campus coed Jean Dearden.

The Beacon would like late Dave J. Rebecca B. being selected con sports writers and con the Beacon the Year.

Jannuzzi starting guard 1997-98 Wilkes University Men's Basketball team that finished fourth in the this past season.

Jannuzzi points in a game times this season. Baker was on both the volleyball team and the basketball team year.

Baker is 1 all-time rebounder in Lady Colonels ball history a time leader in the volleyball.

Softball

By COREY YAR and ELISABETH Beacon Staff Writers

The Lady Colonels picked up a key FDU-Madison, then dropped the 8-5, putting the Colonels out of contention. Will head coach Kevin needed to sweep Devils in order to complete the season. Robyn Mendenhall

1997-98 Beacon Athletes of the Year

Dave Jannuzzi

Rebecca Baker

The *Beacon* Staff would like to congratulate **Dave Jannuzzi** and **Rebecca Baker** for being selected by *Beacon* sportswriters, editors and contributors as the **Beacon Athletes of the Year**.

Jannuzzi was a starting guard on the 1997-98 Wilkes University Men's Basketball team that finished fourth in the country this past season.

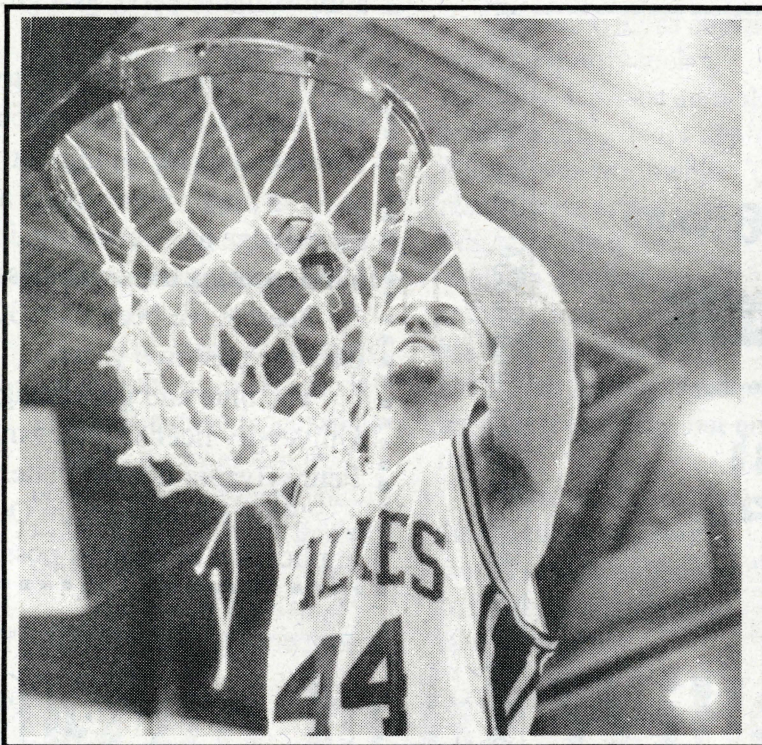
Jannuzzi scored 32 points in a game four times this season.

Baker was a starter on both the volleyball team and the women's basketball team this year.

Baker is both the all-time rebound leader in Lady Colonel basketball history and the all-time leader in blocks for the volleyball team.

BASKETBALL HONORS

- * MAC Co-MVP
- * MAC 1st Team Selection
- * GTE District Academic All-Region
- * NCAA Final Four All-Tournament Team
- * Columbus Multi-Media Regional All-American
- * ECAC South 1st Team
- * MAC Academic Honor Roll



CAREER RECORDS (BASKETBALL)

- * 1st All-Time in Rebounds
- * 3rd All-Time in Scoring

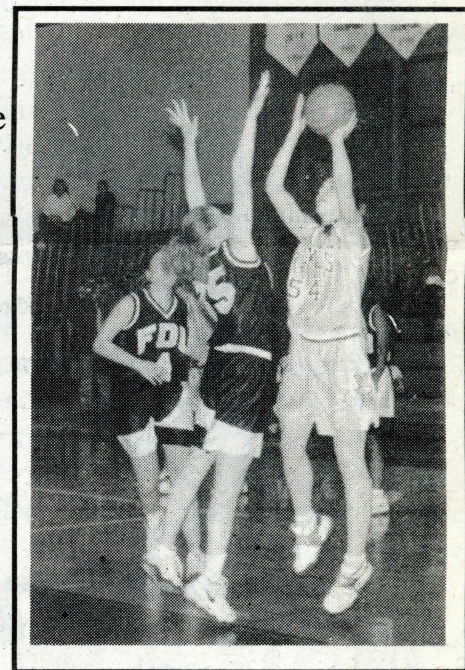
CAREER RECORDS (VOLLEYBALL)

- * All-Time blocks leader

BASKETBALL HONORS

- * Columbus Multi Media Regional Player of the Week (2/5/98)
 - * MAC 2nd Team
 - * MAC Academic Honor Roll
 - * MAC Player of the Week (2/16/98)
- #### VOLLEYBALL HONORS
- * MAC All-Academic Honor Roll
 - * GTE District 2 Academic All-Region

Photos: (LEFT) by J.J. Fadden
(RIGHT) Beacon File Photo
Athletes of the Year Dave Jannuzzi and Rebecca Baker



Softball closes out season at Albright

By **COREY YANOSHAK**
and **ELISABETH PISANO**
Beacon Staff Writers

The Lady Colonels picked up a key win against FDU-Madison, 3-0, but then dropped the nightcap, 8-5, putting the Lady Colonels out of playoff contention. Wilkes, under head coach Kevin Vrabel, needed to sweep the Jersey Devils in order to make the MAC playoffs, but failed to complete the sweep.

Robyn Mendygral led

Wilkes with two hits. One of Mendygral's hits was a triple that knocked in two runs for the Lady Colonels. Alice Fink earned the win on the mound, giving up only two hits. Fink continued her brilliance with six strikeouts and only two walks.

"It was disappointing to only get one win because we played well. It's a tough way to end the season," said Mendygral. "We knew we had to win both, but the second game just slipped

away from us."

The Wilkes Lady Colonels went on to finish off their season on Tuesday, April 28. They closed out their season with a doubleheader at Albright College in Reading.

The first game was won easily by Wilkes as they overpowered their opponent 11-0. Wilkes got good individual performances, especially from Fink. Fink a freshman, lead the Colonels to the victory by hitting a

three run homer. She also threw her second consecutive shutout, only allowing five hits.

Another player who helped bring home the win for the Colonels in game one was senior Christen Cookus. Cookus had three hits, as did junior Jamie Derheimer.

Game two of the doubleheader did not go as smoothly for the Lady Colonels. The Colonels fell short by two runs, dropping the game by a score of 5-3 to Albright.

Carrie Wilkes, one of the teams captains, and Daniel Benson each had two hits.

The doubleheader at Albright wrapped up the season for the Lady Colonels. They finished the regular season with a record of 21-14. However, there is a possibility that the Lady Colonels may continue their season. Next week they will anxiously wait for the announcement to see if they qualified for the ECAC tournament.



Around the world . . .

No immunity for Lewinsky

relationship with Lewinsky and urged her to lie about it.

WASHINGTON (AP)--A federal judge is said to have ruled that former White House intern Monica Lewinsky does not have immunity from prosecution. The T.V. networks report the judge's ruling is under seal. Independent counsel Kenneth Starr is looking into whether President Clinton had a sexual

Indigo Girls show cancelled

COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA (AP)--A South Carolina High School principal has canceled a free half-hour concert by the Indigo Girls.

The grammy-winning

lesbian duo was dropped from the May seven Irmo High School talent show after parents complained about their sexual orientation and about having a rock concert during class time.

Principal Gerald Witt had earlier approved the visit after listening to one of the group's recordings.

The school newspaper had arranged the concert through a network of high school newspapers across the country.

Honk if you're from Wilkes

By MARY TAMBASCO
Beacon Staff Writer

The Alumni Association is currently selling Wilkes University license plates. The license plates are on sale for \$20 and orders can be placed in the Alumni Office, located in the Alumni House.

In order to get a license plate you have to fill out an application through Pennsylvania Department Of Transportation (PennDOT).

Penn DOT also requires that the individual is a resident of Pennsylvania and the plates design must meet the requirements for Pennsylvania license plates.

Bill Goldsworthy, class of '76 and president of the Alumni Association, came up with the idea for the license plates in order to promote Wilkes' alumni and to serve as a great part of public relations.

"They are a good way to show Wilkes pride," said Sandra Nicholas, executive director of Alumni Services and Development.

The plates are to stand as a reminder of the knowledge and success gained as well as to serve in advocating the awareness of Wilkes University.

There have been over 300 of these plates sold over the past two years.

The blue and gold design of the Wilkes University license plates match the colors of Pennsylvania license plates.

"Stop by the Alumni Office and pick up an application as soon as possible," said Nicholas.

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The knife, a powerful educational tool?

By **LISA RUGGIERO**
Beacon Staff Writer

If you're like most Wilkes' students, you probably have no conception of what happens in the Biology and Psychology departments. Many students would be surprised to discover that students learn about surgery by practicing on live animals.

According to Dr. Valerie Kalter, a professor in the Biology department, the animals are treated humanely.

Students in the medical anatomy and physiology, comparative physiology and the parasitology classes use live animals to learn a variety of very important medical procedures.

These courses are electives and are not required for biology or allied health majors; biology and pre-physical therapy majors usually select them.

Students also have the option of not working directly with the animals.

According to Kalter, juniors and seniors typically elect these classes, with class size averaging about ten people.

"The classroom animal experiments performed at Wilkes are typical of those conducted at most colleges and universities, including other colleges in the Wilkes-Barre area," said Kalter.

Students in the Psychology department who elect to take the Physiological Psychology class also use animals in their research, although the animals are not alive. Students in this class dissect sheep brains to understand the structure and neural behavior of the brain. Dr. Francis Brennan, associate professor of psychology said, "The focus of the course is to understand the brain mechanisms and it is more powerful to see it 3D."

The majority of students opt to participate because it gives them experience; some students discover that they want to become surgeons following graduation during these classes.

"The use of animals in research has historically been

justified on the basis of generating reasonable findings that may be extrapolated to the human level with confidence," said Dr. Lester Turoczi, chair of the biology department.

"It was truly a valuable experience because it supplemented and reinforced the material from the textbook," said Valerie Karpinich, a student in one of the classes.

An anonymous student who previously took a course which used animal research said, "No, I don't think it was worthwhile. The results were pretty basic, so I didn't think it was valuable. I'm not against animal research so long as it's used for something novel like developing a cure for cancer or AIDS, but not for this."

Frogs, used to explain the functions of nerves, muscles, and the heart and rats, used to clarify the functions of the

reproductive organs and the blood glucose levels are the only animals used in these classes to demonstrate several techniques.

Students are taught the actual surgical procedures in addition to the principles of anesthesia and how systems respond to hormone treatments. One lab illustrates the effects of insulin or epinephrine injections by taking blood samples.

Kalter stresses that these animals are not butchered or tortured. There is even a special lab that allows students to observe the stages of anesthesia and to learn in what stage they can operate.

The animals are sacrificed according to the National Institute of Health (NIH) standards, meaning there is no pain and excess animals are not used.

There are alternatives to animal research, but Kalter stresses they are impractical in this case.

According to Kalter computer simulations can not compare to the experience a person can gain by working with real beings; also, a computer can not simulate the actual workings of systems.

"We would not have treatments for cancer, heart disease, and a variety of other ailments without animal research. People who oppose it and have to take medications should consider where these developments originated," said Kalter.

"At Wilkes, we are sensitive to issues that require ethical and humane use of biological specimens. To this end, we have alternative methods to certain live animal usage including computer simulations but do indeed continue with those procedures in a responsible fashion that can not be satisfied by these alternative approaches," said Turoczi.

Turoczi continued, "We hope to continue refining our approach so that the least number of animal specimens need to be utilized for important research and teaching purposes."

When questioned about the use of animal research in the Pharmacy department, Dr. Arthur Kibbe, chair of the department, stated that no animals are used and that all experiments are done by computer simulation.

"We hope to continue refining our approach so that the least number of animal specimens need to be utilized..."
-Dr. Lester Turoczi

Now you can help Wilkes-Barre's finest

By **KRYSTYNA LUKASZEWSKI**
Beacon Staff Writer

It's the job of the police department to fight crime in Wilkes-Barre, but sometimes that can be hard to do. There are just not enough police officers available to patrol every neighborhood all the time. They also don't know what is normal activity for certain areas.

This is where the Crime Watch comes in according to Lt. Patrick Rushton, the Crime Watch Coordinator. The purpose is to get people

to watch what is going on in their neighborhoods and to keep an eye out for anything suspicious. "We want people to be out there as our eyes and ears," said Rushton.

According to Rushton, the Crime Watch in Wilkes-Barre covers all of the city, from some groups who are in charge of a couple of blocks, to some who are in charge of whole neighborhoods. There are 12 Crime Watch groups total in the area.

Once a group of residents decides to start a Crime Watch group, the police are very pleased to help out. Police will come to the first meeting

to give advice on how to run the crime watch effort, including crime prevention tips such as how to secure your house from intruders.

The police will then inform residents of problems that have been occurring, so that the people will know what to look for while on their watch.

Some Wilkes students have been a part of this program. C.J. Copley, a senior, got involved with the Crime Watch during his sophomore year.

"Involvement is the best way to ensure positive change," said Copley.

Besides the standard Crime Watch, the students started a bicycle patrol that rides around the campus and the nearby streets at night to look out for anything suspicious. The students would also escort students back to their dorms or apartments. Approximately six to eight students were involved with the bike patrols.

When asked if more students should get involved with the Crime Watch, Copley answered, "Definitely, people downplay the importance of the Crime Watch looking, listening and reporting."

For more information on

how to get involved with the Crime Watch, call the Wilkes-Barre Crime Prevention Office at 826-8105.

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A student's guide to
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RLO picks the cream of the crop

By JASON EVANS
AND ELIZABETH PISANO
Beacon Staff Writers

April 6 was a big day for some students here at Wilkes. That was the day a select few were informed, by the Residence Life Office (RLO), that they would become a Resident Assistant (RA) for the fall semester.

The process was a little nerve-wracking for some. First, there was the general application, then the interviews and of course the waiting.

Sophomore Jill Ronkowski was one of the few selected and anticipates the challenge that will await her when she comes back after the summer break. "It

seemed like it took forever for them to make the announcement, but once they did, I was a happy camper," said Ronkowski.

The one immediate drawback for the new recruits is that they will not find out where they will be living in the fall until later on in the summer.

Angela Collins, another new RA, stated, "It would be nice to know now (where I will be placed), just so I have an idea of where I'll be and who will be in my dorm, but I'll find out soon enough."

The new staff attended their first meeting with the current RAs on Tuesday night.

They were able to get a taste of what was to come.

The students will be heading back to school on August 23 so that they can be properly trained.

Carrie Wilkes, an RA in Rifkin Hall said, "It can be really intimidating at first, but once you get the hang of it, the positives will far outweigh the negatives."

So now, they wait. "I guess the hardest part will be moving out of my apartment and not living with my roommates anymore," said Ronkowski.

Though it may seem like a time consuming job to perform, it does have its rewards. Free room and board for each RA is the compensation.

However, the new RAs have many new restrictions,



Photo by J.J. Fadden

New additions to the Resident Life staff

such as only being able to go home five times a semester.

Darren Hack, director of Residence Life, said, "I've worked with the Residence Life program for four years. It's a terrific program with

terrific students. That's what makes our program successful."

The new RAs are coming to a Residence Hall near you this fall.

Having a gay time at Rumours

By JASON SARREY
Beacon Staff Writer

The openly gay comedian Jason Stuart performed in Rumours on Monday, April 27.

Stuart is an experienced performer. Having started 16 years ago as an extra on a TV show, Stuart received a break when he sent his picture to the company which televised this program.

He has also appeared on the "Drew Carey Show," "Comedy Central's Make Me Laugh," and even in the motion picture "Kindergarten Cop."

"It's who I am. I don't have anyone else to be but it's a double edged sword," Stuart replied about his being gay helping or hurting his career.

Stuart was the first gay comedian to perform out of the "closet" His favorite performance was at the Montreal Comedy Festival in

Canada but his most memorable show in front of a sold out crowd in Houston, Texas.

Stuart deemed this his most memorable performance because outside of the arena were picketers with slogans such as "All Gays Must Die" on their signs. Although there was a lot of tension outside of the arena, inside Stuart received a standing ovation.

Stuart began the night by immediately picking the crowd apart.

Stuart referred to the women sitting in the front as "adorable Barbie dolls." He went on to tell about how he used to play with Barbies as a kid and how he would dress up the Ken doll in woman's clothes.

Stuart was obviously mad at the late appearance of audience members. Stuart told them to sit in the front, though only two of them did so. These two brave souls

were Malcolm Singleton and Terry Martin.

This is when the show really took off. Stuart was on their case all night making fun of their clothes and how they acted. Stuart ended his act with his rendition of "Somewhere Over the Rainbow" and then took questions from the audience.

"I enjoy performing at colleges and the question and answer period with the students. I think it is important to have people like me perform at different colleges," Stuart said.

Stuart's performance was sponsored by "The Experience," which is an organization for gay people to teach them how they can better express themselves. Also, it may make it easier for them to come out in the open about their sexuality.

The organization was co-founded by the late Rob Eichberg and David B. Goodstein.

Running to the fun



Photo by J.J. Fadden

Pia Chatterjee and Matt Bledsoe take part in this year's Block Party activities. On Saturday, April 25, the area surrounding the Bell Tower was rocking. There were plenty of games to choose from such as big glove boxing, foul shooting and knock the foot through the sharks mouth. Live bands performed in the annual Battle of the Bands and "Hairy Boatswain" won the compition. A beer tent was also provided for those who were of the legal drinking age.



Critic's Corner with Dan Lavelle

"The Big Hit"

Hello fellow movie viewers.

Well ladies and gentlemen, the year has come to an end. Although I have been busy writing last minute papers, I was able to squeeze in some time to see one last film, "The Big Hit." I was hoping to end this year with a blockbuster. You know a film that everyone would want to rush and see after finals. Unfortunately, I was rather disappointed.

In "The Big Hit" a group of contract killers plan to make a little extra money by kidnapping a film director's daughter. There is just one problem. The girl is also their boss' goddaughter. So, now this group of hitmen are being hunted down by every hired gun in the business. This film had great potential of becoming a great action flick, too bad it was done so sloppy.

First off, John Woo was a producer in this film when he should have been the director. Woo is very famous for directing action films, both in Hong Kong and here. "Hard Target," "Broken Arrow" and "Face/Off" are some of his American productions. Plus, he was chosen to direct "Mission Impossible 2," which will be out in 1999. I strongly believe that he could have made this a better film, if he was the one in the director's chair.

Then there is Mark Wahlberg playing the lead role. This man is not much of an actor or a singer. Heck, this guy shouldn't be in entertainment in general.

I was hoping that Lou Diamond Phillips and Avery Brooks would put on good performances to give some life to this picture. However, this never happened.

Phillips plays Cisco, one of the members of the hit group. Personally, I thought he was good in "Courage Under Fire." After seeing this film, I think he just hurt his career. He had a tendency of over acting and giving miserable speeches. Don't be surprised if he seems to disappear from movies for a while.

Then there is Brooks, who plays Paris, the hit men's boss. You might recognize him as Commander Sisco from "Star Trek: Deep Space Nine." I thought he would be the perfect man to play the boss. When you see and hear him, he gives off this serious business attitude. Unfortunately, his part was rather small and there is a part where he acts ridiculous and ruins the mood of his character.

To put it bluntly, this movie was pathetic. It was so bad that I am not even going to bother to give it any stars. After seeing it I thought two things. One, why did they make it? Two, since they did they should have done a better job. Avoid this film if at all possible. You might have better luck in the summertime catching a descent flick.

Untill then, this is Dan "The Movie Man" Lavelle signing off until next year. See you at the movies.



ALIGNING THE PLANETS WITH MADAME ZELDA

Taurus (April 20 - May 20) This summer expect a lot of surprises, nothing is as it appears. Don't draw the wrong conclusions about these surprises, go with the flow and your summer will be great!

Gemini (May 21 - June 21) This summer TRAVEL, TRAVEL!!! Go to all the places you've never been and always wanted to go! Have a great time and don't let anything stop you.

Cancer (June 22 - July 22) Set your goals high this summer. If you concentrate and work hard you will definitely reach them.

Leo (July 23 - August 22) Enjoy visiting friends and taking vacations. When you're home its just one big party. Have FUN!

Virgo (August 23 - September 22) This summer brings a new sense of freedom. You'll have a whole new direction, expect a big change in life!

Libra (September 23 - October 23) Use these couple of months off of school to catch up with those friends you haven't seen in months.

Scorpio (October 24 - November 21) This summer will inspire you to get things done. Read that book that just sit on your shelf and other things you have been putting off.

Sagittarius (November 22 - December 21) Don't go crazy spending money this summer. Be careful with your budget, you need to save up!

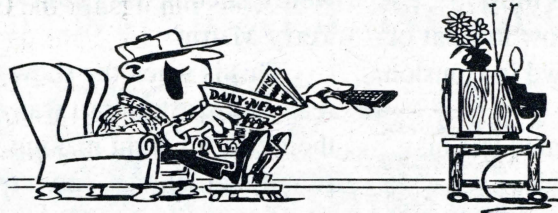
Capricorn (December 22 - January 19) A summer job will lead to something more in your future. Take advantage of this.

Aquarius (January 20 - February 18) A credit card is a very BAD idea, the summer will make you want to spend. Be wise, be careful, but have fun.

Pisces (February 19 - March 20) This summer family members make strong demands on your time. Cooperate as much as possible, but let them know when their asking too much.

Aries (March 21 - April 19) Your summer will be chock full of progress and productivity. You'll achieve all your ambitions.

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TV. Timeout with Derek Bleiler

Any time a television show reaches the 200th episode mark, you know it's a good show. "The Simpsons" celebrated that mark on April 26. A show hated by teacher and parent groups all over America in the early days is now in its 11th year and still going strong.

The show's creator Matt Groening is now a multi-million dollar man and Simpson paraphernalia is everywhere. First we saw the T-shirts, then the toys. Now the comic books and screen savers are on store shelves. "The Simpsons: The Complete Guide to Our Favorite Family" is a book explaining what happened and who was the guest character voice in every show for the last ten years.

The 200th episode saw Homer run for city sanitation director. He won, beating the character whose voice was provided by funny-man Steve Martin. Homer, of course, was a boob about his job and ran the department into the ground. Eventually the entire town of Springfield was moved ten miles down the road to escape all the built up garbage. The band U2 made a guest appearance, their second on the show. Seems people in Hollywood love "The Simpsons." Actors and bands are lined up to give their voice to the show. There is even a three year waiting list.

"The Simpsons" are funny because they deal with real issues, most of the time. Anyone who watches the show has to see some part of their own family in the Simpson home, whether it be Marge and her attempts to keep the family together or a younger sibling like Lisa, smart and never getting in trouble.

"The Simpsons" are on FOX every Sunday night at 8 p.m. If you stopped watching in the past few years, go back. It's even funnier now that we are older. This is truly the best cartoon in the business. If you don't watch the season finale, you will find yourself saying "D'oh!"

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Colonels close out with a win

By **ROBERT MORCOM, JR.**

Beacon Staff Writer

The Wilkes University baseball team lost a twin-bill to the Allentown College Centaurs this past Saturday. The two losses knocked the Colonels out of the Middle Atlantic Conference (MAC) playoff contention.

In the first game, the Colonels were seemingly on their way to victory as they cradled a 7-5 lead into the bottom of the seventh inning. The Colonels coaching staff then sent freshman Bill Smith to the mound for the save.

There was one out in the first inning when Allentown's Corey Sneck stepped up to bat. Sneck stepped up in a big way as he blasted a three-run homer to give the Centaurs an 8-7 win.

In the second game, things started off just as they ended in the first game. The Centaurs were hitting the ball all over the field. Wilkes' starting pitcher Joe Duran lasted only two-and-one-third innings.

The Colonels made a couple of surges, but Allentown proved to be too tough once again. The Centaurs won the game 12-4 and the

Colonels' record fell to 20-14 on the season.

The two Allentown wins ousted the Colonels from the MAC playoffs.

The Colonels faced off against The Marywood University baseball squad for their final outing of the



Photo by Frank Tomaszewski
Senior Augie Mitschke awaits action at his first base position.

season on Wednesday afternoon. The game was highlighted by a eight run rally in the top half of the ninth inning to come out

victorious against the Pacers. The Colonels took home a 12-4 victory to bring their win total to 22. This marks the second highest total of wins in a season earned by a Wilkes baseball squad.

Augie Mitschke lead off the big ninth inning by walking and eventually scoring a run. Freshman catcher Corey Yanoshak and senior utility player Curtis Crosen also reached base safely and took advantage of solid baserunning to score runs of their own. Mike Viglone singled and scored a run and Jim Domzalski scored on a wild pitch.

Crosen, Mitschke and sophomore Nick D'Amico each banged out three hits in the game to pace the Colonel offense.

Sophomore hurler Nate Lipton earned the victory in the contest as he went eight strong innings for the Colonels. He struck out six batters and only walked two men to maintain the strong control that he has displayed all season.

Freshman Bill Smith closed out the victory by shutting out the the Pacers in the bottom of the ninth as he recorded two strikeouts of his own.

That's what I say



with
SCOTT VEITH

Through all of our digging and searching through old BEACONs to put together this week's spectacular commemorative issue of the publication, I came across entirely too many sports and activities that are no longer available at Wilkes University. At one time, Wilkes had a swimming team, a bowling team and a section of the BEACON dedicated to the numerous intramural sports and dorm league activities.

Although plenty of Wilkes students enjoy themselves through the competitive activities available through intramurals today at Wilkes, the intramural program is horrible in comparison to what it used to be. An eight game basketball schedule and a five game softball schedule is hardly enough to give Wilkes students enough time to get into a competitive mindset.

Another missing entity that we found in the old editions of THE BEACON was an Athlete of the Year. The current sportswriting staff was called upon by me, the sports editor, to incorporate this selection procedure once again. Every writer, photographer or editor who has contributed to at least two editions of THE BEACON or wrote three or more articles for the sports section was entitled to both a male and a female selection. Voters were also presented with the right not to vote.

To my surprise, nearly all writers, editors and photographers who were contacted to cast a vote either casted a coherent vote for both a male and a female candidate, or exercised their right not to vote.

Other males that recieved votes for Male Athlete of the Year were senior baseball player Jim Domzalski, senior football player J.J. Fadden, senior baseball/football player Augie Mitschke, senior basketball player Mike Barrouk, junior basketball player Brian Gryboski, sophomore basketball player Scott Cleveland and freshman baseball player Corey Yanoshak.

Other females who recieved votes from our panel of voters were senior volleyball/softball player Carrie Wilkes, senior basketball/softball player Kristen Cookus, senior volleyball player Melissa Pammer and senior soccer player Megan Haddad.

Although this year's balloting only entitled voters to select a first place selection, the voting went smoothly. Next year, the ballots will call upon voters to select a first, second and third place selection for both Males and Females.

I would like to extend congratulations to every athlete in the Wilkes community. We at THE BEACON know how hard it is to be a student athlete, no matter how difficult your schedule or how well you play the sport you chose to call your own.

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Fadden, Mitschke and Poepperling play in All-Star event

By **SCOTT VEITH**

Beacon Sports Editor

On Saturday, April 18, three Wilkes University football players displayed their skills in the National All-Stars Bowl in a small town near Cleveland, Ohio. The game was played at the stadium of Perry High School located in Perry, Ohio. Wilkes seniors J.J. Fadden, Augie Mitschke and Jim Poepperling showcased their talents in a national invitation game that included athletes from all of the NCAA's major divisions.

Some of the individuals who participated in the game hailed from such Division I football powerhouses as Penn State University, University of Wisconsin, The Naval Academy, and University of Illinois.

The three Wilkes athletes represented the Red All-Stars in the contest.

Mitschke, who was the starting tight end and punter for the Colonels this past season as well as the past

unit of the Red All-Stars took advantage of Mitschke's punting skills by converting his booming aerial displays

Fadden and Poepperling both played on the defensive side of the ball for the Red All-Stars. Fadden played

Red All-Stars Coaching Staff to try his hand at the outside linebacker position.

Both Fadden and Poepperling showed strong defensive prowess. Poepperling recorded a half-a-dozen tackles from the unfamiliar position, and Fadden tallied nine stops from the same defensive end position that he represented the university at in three all-star games in the past six months. Fadden also recorded four pass deflections.

Fadden said, "Pep (Poepperling) and I made more plays than tackles. Our defense did a pretty good job, and Pep played well at his new position."

The Blue All-Stars managed to score their final touchdown with less than one minute remaining in the game. The final tally read 14-3 in favor of the Blue All-Stars.

well from his traditional defensive line spot and Poepperling was called upon to play a more versatile role than he used to play as a member of the Wilkes Football team.

Due to the overabundance of talented athletes on the Red All-Stars that played the middle linebacker position during their respective regular seasons, Poepperling was chosen by the



Photo Courtesy of J.J. Fadden

Augie Mitschke, Jim Poepperling and J.J. Fadden are shown here on the sidelines of Perry High School Stadium at the National All-Stars Bowl.

three seasons, represented the school well through his punting skills. Mitschke nailed three punts that sailed over 60 yards. The special teams unit and the defensive

into turnovers in favor of the Red All-Stars. This all-star competition was Mitschke's second all-star performance since he completed his career as a Wilkes gridder.

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Sodaro swings a big bat for Colonels

By **RANDY LONGENBERGER**

Beacon Staff Writer

When you think about the power hitters in the game of baseball, 6'3", 240 pound giants come to mind. The big names of McGwire, Canseco, Fielder and Griffey may head that list of giants. A 5-9', 175 pound guy would certainly not be on a list of home run hitters, until you look to the current MAC baseball standings and find Wilkes second baseman J.J. Sodaro there.

"I have a short, compact swing, but I have a lot of bat speed and that helps," said Sodaro. With a compact swing, Sodaro has managed to belt a total of twelve home runs including three round trippers away from the friendly confines of Artillery Park. With a short 300 foot left field fence at Artillery

Park, J.J. says, "I like the field a lot because I'm a dead pull hitter, but I feel as though I would still be up there in the statistics even if the fence was further back."

Colonel Coach Joe Folek had nothing but positive things to say about his young second baseman. "Everybody sees his offensive ability. What they don't realize is how good he is on defense. He has good hands and a great arm, and he also turns a mean double play," said Folek. Coach Folek agreed with J.J. saying, "He is a pull hitter that swings a nasty bat. He's the type of guy that you want in the middle of the order and he proves that he should be there."

The coach credits Sodaro for his hard work and he speaks very highly of Sodaro and his accomplishments. What Coach Folek may not

know is how highly Sodaro thinks of the coaching staff.

Sodaro said, "The coaching staff and players make for a good atmosphere." So far that atmosphere has gotten the Colonels over twenty wins this season, and for the first time in twenty years.

Despite hitting third for the Colonels all season, Sodaro said, "I try to see the ball and hit it. I like to be in the bottom of the order because I see more fastballs. Pitchers don't expect much from you in the bottom of the order so I get to see more straight pitchers."

Baseball players have always been said to be superstitious and Sodaro is no different. "I used to be very superstitious, but now I'm not because I have been accidentally breaking them. I never liked to look at stats

until the end of the season but August Mitschke taped a copy of the team stats to my locker the one day, so I had to see it," Sodaro said.

Superstitious or not, Sodaro has risen to the college baseball challenge this spring and is doing it as a freshman. It will be interesting to see if the Colonel season comes down to a couple swings of Sodaro's big bat.

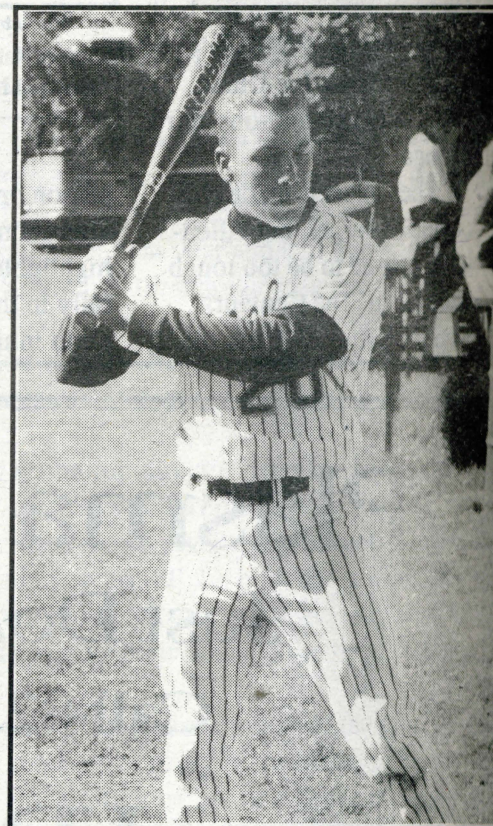


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J.J. Sodaro, Wilkes' freshman baseball sensation, gets set to swing during batting practice at Artillery Park.