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BY COREYYANOSHAK Beacon Managing Editor

This summer, as you watch baseball games on TV or go to see a game at Yankee Stadium,

be sure to watch out for a former Wilkes University baseball player, 1995 graduate Kevin Gryboski.

After spending a few years in the mileagues, Gryboski has made the opening-day roster for the Seattle Mariners, a Major League Baseball

"It's rewarding to see he's getting a shot after paying his dues for so many years," said Joe

"It's great to see a former player, now a major-leaguer, still involved with one of the college's

best-kept secrets -

the baseball team"

Joe Folek Head baseball coach at Wilkes

Folek Wilkes head coach, who also coached Gryboski when he was a Colonel. "The longer he hung around without getting injured, the better his chances were. He just kept climbing the ladder."

Gryboski will join a pitching staff of 11 total pitchers, but will be anxiously awaiting some news on his other teammates.

The Mariners are without a true left-fielder as Brian Hunter is no longer with the team and volving numerous pitchers is in the works so that Seattle may acquire an outfielder. It is not believed that Gryboski will be involved in the trade, but with other pitchers being sent away, Gryboski may move up in the pitching order and become a significant factor for the Mariners.

"We always thought it was possible, absolutely," noted Folek. "But what's good is how

New Haven Ravens, the AAaffiliate of the Mariners, earning him a look at this year's Spring Training camp.

The Bishop Hoban graduate was signed out of college, where he was part of the last baseball team to win the Middle Atlantic Corporation championship. Gryboski and fellow hurler Bill Noone were both signed out of college, but only Gryboski remains in the professional ranks.

"It's great to see a former informed sources say a deal in- player, now a major-leaguer, still involved with one of the college's best-kept secrets - the baseball team," said Folek, whose Colonels are 11-5 this season.

Gryboski's senior year saw the Colonels capture the Freedom Conference and M.A.C. championships, a team which included two current coaches in Mark Youngblood and Bob Klinetob. Klinetob was Gryboski's catcher while at



Photo by Adam Polinger

Nate Lipton leads the Colonels to first place.

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Third candidate for **Dean visits Wilkes**

BY DAWN SCHWARTZ Beacon Staff Writer

Walter Mathews, the third candidate for Dean of the College of Arts, Sciences, and Professional Studies, visited Wilkes on Monday, March 27 and Tuesday, March 28.

While he was here, Mathews had quite a busy schedule. He took a tour with a Student Ambassador on Monday, held several meeting with the faculty and staff, and participated in a presentation of questions with available students on Tuesday morning, as well as many other planned activities. Fortunately, he was able to put aside some time to sit and talk with The Beacon in order to let the student body find out a bit about him.

Mathews has served as Long Island University's Dean of Arts, Sciences, and Professional Studies for the past ten years. His duties are extensive and include academic program planning, review, and accreditation, institutional research and setting up international relations programs. He has been serving as LIU's International Liaison since 1998. He was a 1993 Fulbright Scholar in Japan and Korea, has been a Professor of Educational Leadership since 1988, and he was Dean of Southampton College in 1995 and 1996.

Mathews has received various degrees from several schools. These include a Ph.D. in Educational Administration in 1971, a B.A. in Physics in 1964, and Masters in Philosophy and Secondary Education in 1970 and 1967, respectively.

Walter Mathews has had several of his works published, a total of 6 books, 3 book chapters, and 26 journal articles. His topics range from homosexuality and feminism to technology and computer programming, with many issues in between.

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

Thank you! Donna M. Thornton, Student Activities Coordinator

Scholarship luncheon held to Dean honor donors and recipients

BY LEIGH ANN HAMILTON Beacon Staff Writer

Have you ever wondered who is donating the money to pay your tuition? Or even, what scholarships are offered at Wilkes and who are the receipients of the these choalrships?

On Thursday, March 23rd, Wilkes University held a Scholarship Luncheon to honor the donors and the recipients of the numerous scholarships offered at Wilkes university.

According to President Christopher N. Breiseth, "Thousands of Wilkes students throughout the years have had part or all of their education paid for through one or a combination of these scholarship funds. Our ability to award scholarship assistance to worthy students, both to recognize their talents and abilities and to help them financially stay in school, is absolutely pivotal for our long-term success," he said.

He added his deepest thanks to the generous scholarship donors in helping students achieve their educational goals at Wilkes. There are presently 130 endowed and annual scholarships that have been established at Wilkes in the past six decades.

Financing an education is not easy these days. Breiseth noted that, "long gone are the days when a summer job or part-time work could cover a year's tuition. Then there is the old saying that goes along with



President Breiseth and Alissa Antosh were just a few of the many attendees at the Scholarship Luncheon held last Thursday, March

being thankful,"anything worth having is hard work."

Junior, Greg Collins, is the recipient of the J. Blanchard Carr and Hildegarde Finger Carr Scholarship. He spoke at the podium before the beginning of the meal about the issue of simply being thankful. 'There are so many ways we can say thank you," he began. "A note will do sometimes. Other times flowers and gifts will do. Saying thank you is done by instinct, just out of our emotions. There are no hidden agendas. Showing appreciation and saying thank you can have many positive outcomes. Just a note or a few words can mean so much to people," he confidently stated.

Collins is a double major in engineering and physics. The scholarship he was awarded was established in 1988 for a student in his major of good character. "Saying thank you, it is a phrase that we do not hear often enough," he said.

One scholarship donor who spoke at the luncheon summed it up like this,"I love Wilkes with all my heart. I also love my church and Wyoming Seminary. Good luck to all the students at Wilkes," she said.

Local bank helps to fund

BY BETHANY STEFANEC Communications Assistant

Through its recent donation of \$2,000 to Wilkes University's annual Community Business Campaign, M&T Bank is helping to fund scholarships and grants for Wilkes students in need.

Wilkes's Annual Giving Office launched the 1999-2000 campaign in January. Since that time, approximately 50 volunteers from the Wilkes-Barre business community have been soliciting 450 local companies to reach the \$110,000 campaign goal. The

Community Business Campaign is a part of the overall \$1 million Annual Fund Campaign which kicked off last June.

"M&T Bank is proud to be able to support Wilkes University and the scholarship and grant opportunities for students," said John Jablowski, Jr., assistant vice president, Government Banking, M&T Bank. "This contribution strengthens M&T Bank's commitment to the Northeastern Pennsylvania regional community and the enhancement of its educational opportunities."

M&T Bank is the principal

bank subsidiary of M&T Bank Corporation (NYSE:MTB), the nation's 37th largest independent, publicly owned commercial bank holding company on a proforma basis, with over 21 billion in assets as of June 30, 1999. M&T Bank has more than 250 branch offices including 19 in Northeastern Pennsylvania.

For information on Wilkes University's Community Business Campaign, contact Carol Maculloch, Annual Giving Program Manager, at (570) 408-4302.

ated 12 courses. These courses are as follows: Leadership and Administration in a Multicultural School Setting; Administrator Ef-

fectiveness; Systems Analysis in Educational Administration; Administrative Perspectives of Futures in Education; Management Technology; Core Practicum in Educational Administration Computers in Education; Computers and Society (audio tape); The Professional Philosophy;

Experimental Design; Educational Testing and Evaluation (Sri Lanka); Managing with Both Sides of the Brain; and Administrative Perspectives of Cognitive-Level Matching.

He has also been involved in various Community Service projects. The most recent of these include Friends of the Locust Valley Library-Charter Member, friends of Old Westbury Gardens, Half Mile Daily Litter Pick Up, and Locust Valley Civic Association.

Now that everyone has been informed of Mr. Mathews' experience and expertise, there are a lot of more personal aspects to this candidate. Mathews was born and raised in Philadelphia. He attended a Philadelphia grade school and high school. He went on to college and attended the University of Wisconsin where he attained a liberal arts degree.

When asked what he finds intriguing about the university, Mathews said that he enjoys the small community and the tight atmosphere that Wilkes has.

He is used to teaching at a school made up of over 30,000 students. He feels that it is important as an administrator to know the students on a personal level. He also finds the architecture of the older buildings on campus appealing. He is pleased by the mixture of turn of the century houses among new, modern buildings. He felt that the



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Dean Walter Mathews was the third cand Dean that visited Wilkes last Monday and Tuesday.

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Professors present at pharmacy meeting

BY PAULA GENTILMAN
Communications Assistant

Four Wilkes University facly gave presentations at the Pennly Vania Society of Health System Pharmacists (PSHSP) 21st mid-year meeting held in Pittsburgh. Over 400

people participated in the PSHSP's mid-year meeting.

Dr. Anne Lin, from Mountaintop, chair and professor of Pharmacy Practice at the Nesbitt School of Pharmacy at Wilkes University, co-presented a workshop on "Drug Safety Surveillance and Post-Marketing Review" with Donna Ross of Stadtlander's Drug Company. Lin also served on the

conference planning committee.

Dr. Nicole Sparano, from Kingston, assistant professor of Pharmacy Practice, presented a professional development program on "Pharmacist Documentation for the Patient Record."

Two other Wilkes faculty participated in a communications workshop that was designed for professional development. Dr. John Conry, from Forty Fort, assistant professor of Pharmacy Practice, discussed "Preparing and Presenting In-Services." And, Dr. Jane Elmes-Crahall, from Larksville, associate professor of Communications, presented "Negotiating a Persuasive Argument: Advocating to a Committee."

On Thursday March 30, recognized photojournalists Gary Fabiano and Tom Zuback, will hold a lecture/slide show about their work.

It will take place at 4:00 PM in the Miller Conference Room of the Student Union Building. Both men have had their work published in national magazines such as "Time" and "Rolling Stone."

The presentation is open to all Wilkes students and faculty. For further information, please contact: snyderdc@wilkes1.wilkes.edu.

Blood Drive on April 13, 2000

In need of blood donors, please contact Mary Hession, Director of Volunteer Services and Campus Interfaith, at ext. 5904.

Freshmen Auction

Come buy your friends in the Studnet Union Building on Tuesday, April 4th from 11 PM to 1 PM. Also, have the chance to win a \$35 gift certificate. For more information, please contact Marcus Sowcik at ext.5574.



Congratulations to all of the participants and everyone who helped in making Wilkes University's India Cultural Night, which took place on Sat, March 25th, a great success!

Student honored for Adult Learner of the Year

BY BETHANY STEFANEC
Communications Assistant

Steven R. Galle, of Wilkes-Barre, was recently honored as Wilkes University's Outstanding Adult Learner of the Year at an awards dinner sponsored by The Luzerne County Adult Education Council.

Galle and fellow honorees from College Misericordia, King's College, Penn State Lehman, and Luzerne County Community College received commemorative plaques in recognition of their achievements.

Galle is a graduate of E.L. Meyers High School, began his undergraduate work at Luzerne County Community College and transferred to Wilkes University in 1998. He has maintained an outstanding grade point average, earning him a place on the Dean's List every semester.

Although he lives off-campus, Galle has remained active within the Wilkes community as vice-president of Psi Chi, the psychology



Corina Niculescu-Mihai, from Foster Township, Coordinator, Part-Time Programs; Steven R. Galle, from Wilkes-Barre, Wilkes University's Outstanding Adult Learner of the Year; Henry R. Steuben, from Dallas, Director of Part-Time Programs

honor society, as a member of the Psychology Club, and as a student tutor.

He has also used his secular knowledge in both building construction and general repair to volunteer for the Habitat for Humanity program. Galle will receive a bachelor of arts degree in psychology during Wilkes's upcoming Spring Commencement Ceremony, on Saturday, May 20. His future plans include graduate studies in which he will pursue a master of science degree in psychology.

Letter to the Editor

Parking Tickets and Horse Droppings

To Whom It May Concern:

The subject of my letter has to do with the outrageous number of parking tickets that are being placed on cars in Wilkes-Barre, especially near Wilkes University, each day. I, myself, park near campus on Northampton Street. If there is no spot on that street which is very often, I then park on Washington Street in the public lot. Many people other than the people attending church across the street on the weekends do not occupy the lot.

To be constantly receiving parking tickets is unfair to the other Wilkes Students and myself. This is because, first off, I have class from 8am to 5pm four days a week. This schedule includes no time to make the 12-minute walk to the parking lot and back every two hours to place another \$2.00 in the meter. My time between classes is limited to 10 minutes. Secondly, if the city of Wilkes-Bare has enough money to pay multiple people to write out parking tickets each day, then they should also hire someone to clean up horse feces that is littering on the sidewalk from the town horse. It has been multiple times in my experience that I have had to dodge horsing droppings on my runs across the Market Street Bridge. This is disgusting, and if the cop riding the horse cannot take the responsibility to pick up the feces, hire someone to do it.

In conclusion, I believe that it is unfair for the city to be issuing such mass quantities of parking tickets especially near a campus where a majority of students are commuters. The students are the community around here. They help many businesses survive (like all of the pizza shops). The city is wasting a substantial amount of money paying multiple meter maids to ticket vehicles and making little profit off the tickets, which they issue. Perhaps if the meters did not require being paid every 2 hours and were cheaper, people would pay them.

Thank you,

Kevin Siegel

The Beacon says... Pay your tickets with change. Make City Hall work for their money. Also, go to the Police Station and tell them you lost your ticket so they have to go search through all the tickets. for the week.



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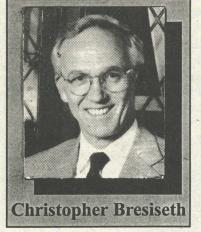
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A Word from the President

One of the men standing beside Pope John Paul II during his recent (March 23) historic visit to Yad Vashem, the memorial in Jerusalem to the Jewish victims of the Holocaust, has ties to Wilkes.

Jerzy Kluger, a boyhood friend of Karol Wotyla in Wadowice, Poland, was awarded an honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters from Wilkes University in 1998. Through our mutual good friend, Joseph Andrea, of Dunmore, we were able to bring Engineer Kluger to Northeastern Pennsylvania for a memorable week of ecumenical activities, highlighted by a special convocation in the presence of 800 people representing a broad range of religious faiths.

At the ceremony, we honored Dr. Kluger's efforts in helping Pope John Paul strengthen relations between Catholics and



Jews, including the establishment of formal diplomatic relations between the Vatican and the State of Israel. The Holy Father sent his special blessings on that occasion.

The unique relationship between these two friends has been fundamental to the Pope's efforts to help heal the terrible wounds from World War II, including the carnage at the Auschwitz concentration camp, where Dr. Kluger's sister, mother and grandmother

were killed. The influence of Dr. Kluger's friendship was revealed in the 1998 book, "The Hidden Pope," by Darcy O'Brien.

Dr. Kluger let Mr. D'Andrea know last week that he would be introducing the Jewish survivors from Wadowice to their old boy. hood acquaintance at Yal Vashem. Like many of those who met Dr. Kluger when he came to our area, I felt that I was part of the extraordinarily historic moment in Jerusalem when I saw on television Pope John Paul put his hand on Jerzy Kluger's shoulders as he greeted his childhood friend from Wadowice.

Editor's Note: An accompanying article about Dr. Kluga will be included in next weeks Beacon. Time and space did not allow for it to be included this

Satirical Interludes: The Second Coming

As some of you may know, I e-mail The Beacon Staff my column every week. And just about every week, they change the format (i.e., combine my paragraphs) and they somehow manage to throw in a few misspellings (i.e., "alot" instead of "a lot" in last week's edition). I think I have a legitimate complaint, which I am publicly expressing with my name. Another error directly related to me was that my name is not "Mark Allen," as Leigh Ann Hamilton stated in her article "Future events discussed at Presidents' Senate meeting."

Now, I agree with President Breiseth that anyone who makes a complaint should at least have the courage to sign his/her name. There is no excuse for anyone to make a complaint and not take responsibility for it. However, I'm a little tired of hearing The Beacon Staff complain about all the complaints they get. (Yeah, so I'm complaining too, what's new?) The Beacon Staff always get complaints; they always have and always will. So, either deal with it (part of why I think you get a scholarship) or get out.

No one forced anyone to join The Beacon Staff; it's some-

By Marc Eakin

thing one does out of interest. Take the criticisms for what they're worth; take them and improve The Beacon or simply ignore them. Not a hard thing to do. If The Beacon Staff really don't want to hear people's criticisms, why run an ad that says, "Send ideas & suggestions to beacon@wilkes.edu?" I mean, make up your minds!

Anyway, I was going to dedicate my entire column to Donna Thornton and my dog but I just needed to get that off my chest. Donna feels that I have forgotten about her. Dearest Donna, I could never forget about you! Even if I develop Alzheimer's, I'll still remember to enough for this week. I hope en ask you for \$0.65 every time I see you! How could I ever forget the day you, Mary and I spent as the WU Secret Service? I'll never forget the beat-down you put on that anoying old manI respected you even more after that day! I have only found two other people in the world that share my twisted sense of humor, and you are one of those two. That is a bond stronger than my addiction to alcohol!

To the only other person on the second floor of the SUB that Ire spect and call friend, I dedicate this column to you Donna Thornton!

Almost two years ago, m roommate (Lisa McClintock) and I became the proud owners of a yellow labrador, we named Ross He has brought a lot of joy to m life, and made me seriously con sider whether or not I should have children someday. Like me, Ross enjoys an occasional alcohol beverage and a long walk with some one I love. Some people have said that Ross is "psycho" and a "little short for his breed." I will per sonally have to kick the #%* the next person that disses m dog! Word up.

Well, I guess that will be eryone get to enjoy life as I have for the past three weeks and that everyone gets to own a great do like Ross. Feel free to e-mail m at eakinmr@wilkes.edu with am comments, questions, or crit

Editor's Note: At the request of Marc Eakin, The Beacon chose not to edit his column soa not to offend the columnist.

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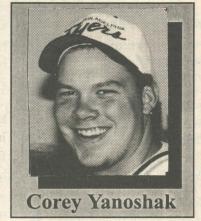
That amounts to seven games in five days, totaling 55 innings, without any extra frames.

Now, I'm not a diehard jock who thinks that their work should be done for them and classes should be optional; but I am an advocate for athletic participation being worth a credit. I think that anyone who plays a sport should receive a credit for that semester.

The baseball team is just one example. Every player on that team will be at the baseball field from around noon to 6:30 PM each weekday and from 10:30 AM to 6:30 PM on the weekends - and that's just for home games. Add on a few hours for traveling and another hour or so if they need treatment from the trainer and you're talking about spending nine hours at the ball field each day.

Why not be rewarded by giving those athletes a credit for their work this semester?

I know that every student at Wilkes is here for education first and extra-curricular activities second. And I also know that there's a reason they're called "student-ath-



letes" and not "athletic-students," but the time these athletes put into their seasons takes away from studying a little bit.

It's not the coach's fault because students should be able to manage both studying and playing, but after a long stretch of games and practices, it's hard to gear up for a big test the next day.

Let's look at it this way. Athletes still need to take 12 credits to be eligible to play their respective sport. Athletes still need to earn the appropriate number of credits in their respective field of study. But why not give them a break when it comes to free electives? Why force them to take an extra class that they won't learn anything from when they could use that time during the season?

To earn three credits, students are required to attend three credit hours of class each week for 15 weeks. Athletes have that time covered before the season starts. How many hours does the football team put into pre-season workouts, watching films, lifting weights, and attending meetings? I would bet that they could accumulate over 25 hours of "football stuff" in one week. That's half of the semester in class-time.

I'm not saying the hours should be equivalent to class-time, but maybe a few credits. What if an athlete earned one credit his or her freshman year and two in their sophomore? As a junior, they would again earn one credit and as a senior, two. That gives the average four-year athlete six credits, or two less classes. That's not much. That's not giving them an easy way out - they still have to earn 120 credits on their own to graduate. But in the long run, those six credits could mean their degree.

The time and effort put into a sport is immeasurable. The fact that you're doing what you want to be doing should be enough. Enjoying a fall soccer game or a winter basketball game should be plenty to make you want to do your best. Athletes should need no coax-

ing to play their sport.

But that's exactly the point. Athletes don't expect credit for what they do. They weren't promised an easy ride through college. But they're putting in the time and effort, for the school. Why not have the school pay them back?

The softball team was on the verge of playing games after classes ended last year. How can you gear up for finals when you have the conference tournament on the same day? I saw ladies come to their semi-final game last year at King's late because they had to take a final. That's a whole different story, in my opinion, though, and a whole different topic. What if those same softball players had received three or six credits? Maybe they wouldn't have had to take that class and maybe they would have won that game and been MAC champs? If only...

I do believe that everyone deserves some leeway. I apply this concept to gym classes, also. The mandatory gym classes should be worth a credit. It's not easy to give a damn about a class you get no credit for.

Sports are different, because you should give a damn about playing the sport and doing what you enjoy. But as bad as it sounds,

maybe athletes do deserve some special treatment.

The whole campus was in an uproar when the men's basketball team went to the Final Four in Virginia two years ago. The library had a big spread about the team and its accomplishments. Now wouldn't it have been nice to reward them with a credit or two, just for bringing pride to the school?

Everyone who plays should get the credit(s) they deserve. Can you say that 80 football players don't deserve credit because they didn't play? They practiced and put in the hours just like everyone else. Some baseball players will have 120 at-bats and some will have five, but that doesn't mean they don't deserve it.

Some very smart kids are spending a lot of time on athletic fields. Taking a few classes away from their hectic schedule won't hurt anyone.

Besides, if life gets too tough, there's always the old story of the guy who played a sport after dropping out of Wilkes.

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

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Double-Teamed

One guy and two girls discuss the issue of cheating

"Cheaters never win!"

by Corey Yanoshak

The subject of cheating has invariably come into your life at one point or another. I'm not talking about getting the answers to a test, I'm dealing with relationships.

Now I know right off the bat the typical answer for both genders.

Guys: We're young. We've got to experience everything there



is. It's too early to get tied down just yet.

Girls: Men are pigs. They're going to cheat if they're given the chance. We would never cheat on our boyfriends.

Okay, maybe this isn't typical for every student at Wilkes, but these are two common answers.

Where has cheating entered your life, you ask? *The Jerry Springer Show*, a personal experience, watching some friends doing it, whatever. It didn't have to be personal, but I'm sure you've encountered it in one way.

Back to the case in point. Personally, I don't know how cheaters do it. My only true personal experience and practice makes perfect.

rience was "going out" with two girls at once when I was in ninth grade. But it wasn't all it was cracked up to be. Plus, I got caught. Even if I wanted to cheat now, I'd be afraid I'd get caught, but I don't want to, so whatever.

The question I pose to a guy is how do you get away with it?

Let's say your girlfriend is in town and you spend the weekend with her. One night, you go to a party and meet one of her good friends, who also happens to be one of your "good friends." The two ladies hug and reminisce for a little bit. You say "Hi" and what not, but nothing much. Then you go home with your girlfriend for the night. The following night, after your girlfriend leaves, her friend stops over to say goodbye, but never leaves. I just could not comprehend how that could play out. I guess these people need credit for their performances, but it seems to me like they're set for an episode of Springer - "Guys who sleep with best friends hours apart."

But now for my advice. First would be not to do it. When it's all said and done, it didn't mean anything and you're probably going to regret it. Remember my good buddy Brandon Walsh? He slept with another woman and his girl-friend found out. They were a great couple, but one hour of lust led to months of heartache. Sure, the marriage almost went as planned later in the relationship, but what if you're not as lucky? Realize what you're doing before you do it.

For those that don't realize it, here's a little guide to get you through: Always act casual. If she asks you whose panties they are, reply, "they're for you, but now you ruined the surprise, thanks a lot." Or, if she asks why you smell like perfume, tell her she smells and to stop her nagging. Oh, and this is a good one, if she asks about the spent condoms in the garbage, inform her that it was for her benefit because you want everything to be perfect and practice makes perfect.

"Cheating - Don't do it!" by Holly Sabecki

You know how it goes, you find out the boy/girlfriend cheated on you and then you're stuck trying to put the pieces together of that once happy existence. Sure, it occurs everyday to those poor, unlucky souls, but what happens to the people who never have to experience the cheating life? Well, if you are really that fortunate - good for you!

It can be so hard these days to not see a couple arguing over who cheated on who. So, if you do get cheated on (or you're the one doing the cheating) how are you supposed to deal? Well, my advice to you is to get out of that relationship and fast! Then, just forget about the whole thing. I know, I know, enough time should be given for the whole 'getting over you stage,' but let's face it, we're talking about being cheated on, not dumped. And, if you don't know how to get over things, a good thing to do would be to hang out with the people you care about and the whole thing will seem like last week's Politics test. Besides, there are more important things to worry about than who your boy/girlfriend was grinding with at that big party last night.

Finally, since there are those lucky few who have never had to deal with this sort of problem, you may have found yourself the perfect match. If so, hold on to them, you'll be sorry if this sticky situation clutches on to you!

"How does it feel?"

by Dawn Schwartz

Being in a loving, caring relationship can be the greatest thing in the world. But, if your beloved is sneaking around with somebody else, your whole life begins to change. There are ways to get over being cheated on and there are ways to get revenge, but let's face it, even the thought of being played sucks! So, I guess in order to make anyone and everyone who's ever been cheated on feel a bit better about themselves, I'm gonna put myself on the line and tell a bit about my personal cheating experiences (keep in mind my generosity of doing this for you!) ...

Imagine cheering at an away football game without your oh so wonderful boyfriend smiling at you from the crowd. Sounds pretty nice, huh? Well, how nice is it when his ex girlfriend strolls up to

you at the fence where your squad is cheering and loudly says "I've been with your boyfriend." Yep, happened to me about a year ago. Oh yeah, I wanted to cry or maybe even jump over the fence and strangle her, but I didn't. I remained calm and with the help of a few amazing friends, I got through the night. But, before moving on I did tell her exactly what I thought of girls who messed with other girls' boyfriends. You just can't help it sometimes. You have to get that last word, an oops that little bit of revenge in order to keep the dignity that she tried to take away from you. So, did I leave him? No, not then, I was naïve enough to believe that it was just a lie to break us up. Uh-huh, and maybe all those other girls were ly-

So, speaking of those others, let me introduce you all to yet another incident that took place in my dysfunctional relationship. Can any of you say that you've been followed while driving by a group of girls whom you don't know? Hmm, maybe all you studly guys can. But anyway, did these girls (who were at least 2 years younger than you) actually approach you to give a detailed account (with the time and date included) of the night she was with your boyfriend? Yeah, I've heard that line before too. Makes ya feel real good actually. Ya know, the thought of your guy with another girl that you're old enough to babysit for.

My final occurrence is to illustrate how non-deserving of all these horrible acts I was. I spent a lot of time with my friends and on one night I was alone with a male friend. Hmm, did I let nature take its course and hurt my boyfriend? No, of course I didn't! I didn't even think of doing it and neither did he... So, I guess what I want to know is why is it so easy for some to cheat while others would rather die before doing it?

I guess to wrap up I'll inform you all of this: I did get rid of the cheater, which is what anyone being hurt should do. No one deserves to be lied to or humiliated, and cheating is the ultimate example of both. So, girls and guys, if you're in a relationship and you think your significant other is cheating, talk to her/him about it. And for those of you who know that you're being played, leave and quick. Just get out of the relationship and don't ever look back cause lets face it, you're better than some lying guy/girl who is just in it to get theirs...

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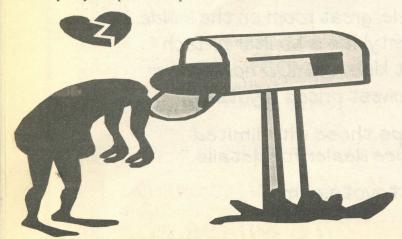
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Showtime With Kathleen Awad

The Ninth Gate: Great job! Hats off to the directors of this film! The "independent foreign film" quality hat this movie exudes is what had me relaxed in my reclining seat from the beginning. Before the introductory redits were finished, I just knew that this was going to be good. This film takes us on an international ride that full of intrigue, suspense, culture and history. Obviously most of the movie was filmed abroad to tell a ightening story that dates back centuries. Lingering throughout the film, is a scary message throughout the Im that is confirmed at the end, and the viewer leaves the theater with heightened awareness. The Ninth Gate

The Sixth Sense: I guess that I was among the few who still had not seen this film, but now that I have seen Ilcan say that with very clever writing the viewer is completely taken in until the last 6-8 minutes of the film. bund myself actually jumping in my seat at least twice during the film at some very convincing surprise-fright mbellishments. I enjoyed this movie and it is one of those that have you thinking about it for awhile during the the home. You find yourself saying things like, "Oh, yeah, that's right, that makes sense now," while mulling wer the scenes of the movie. Although it was very good in terms of writing, acting and direction, it was not one withe "best films ever" that easily gets a ten out of ten (like The Hurricane), but it definitely deserves a nine out

The Whole Nine Yards: After just seeing a beautiful performance by Bruce Willis in The Sixth Sense, it is and to believe that he agreed to do this movie. Obviously The Whole Nine Yards was not meant to reflect any al-life situations and was meant to be strictly funny, but it just rolls one more ridiculous plot into the next, aking fine actors look desperate for work. Nothing in the movie is funny and nothing makes sense and I'm haid that as a mobster movie fan, even I was checking my watch throughout the film. The Whole Nine Yards gets a five out of ten.



Book at the stars with Madame Brandi

Virgo (August 23 - September 22) You'll have some awkward feelings spring up on you this week. Although it might be embarrassing, the moment will pass.

Libra (September 23 - October 23) Avoid being caught between a rock and a hard place. You might find yourself listening to some conflicting advice. You'll need to find the answer yourself.

Storpio (October 24 - November 21) It's time to start spring cleaning! Get rid of all of the baggage you accumulated through the winter.

Sagittarius (November 22 - December 21) Stay on your toes. You might be on a bumpy ride this week. If you're standing in the end you'll prove to yourself you can get through anything.

Capricorn (December 22 - January 19) Finances might become a problem this week. Pay careful attention to detail and you should be able to avoid an unfortunate situation.

Aquarius (January 20 - February 18) A tight schedule might be a downfall for this week. A fun and exciting opportunity will arise; be sure to take advantage of it while it's there.

lisces (February 19 - March 20) The attraction you've been feeling for that certain someone is about to explode! You won't be able to ignore it much longer.

Aries (March 21 - April 19) Don't be afraid to ask questions. Your chances of realizing what is going on

Taurus (April 20 - May 20) Your personal relationships are improving at a quick pace. This week will show m even faster advance.

Gemini (May 21 - June 21) Your quest for love is about to fall short this week. Take some time off, but

Cancer (June 22 - July 22) If you don't play your cards right, you'll be wiggling out of a tight spot. Be sure to keep an eye on the obvious.

60 (July 23 - August 22) It's time to make a bold statement. This act will get you noticed by someone of mportance.

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Want to win a trip to the Big le? Then pack your bags and gthem with you to Casino Night Friday, March 31. The night of begins at 8:00 PM in the Ball-, located on the second floor Student Union Building.

emment, Casino Night has been

a long time tradition for many people. Matt Jagusak, president of the senior class, is looking forward to going for his 5th time, "because this year I am going to New York! I am winning that trip!"

Aside from many cool prizes such as a microwave, VCR, Nintendo 64, Wilkes Bookstore items, telephone, a camera and many Brought to you by Student others, the grand prize for the night is a trip to New York City. One person will win this mini-vacation to the city and get to choose three of their friends to go along.

This whole night of excitement is only \$3, so brush up on your blackjack skills and luck at the roulette wheel and show it off tomorrow night. Once again Jim Karole, a magician, will set the evening just right during lunch and dinner with his card tricks and teasers. See you all there.

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he Main Event With Crazy Bob

"I don't want no Bobs. A Bob is a guy that can't get no love from me..." So what's the good word my wonderful rowdy funky spunky lovable huggable hardcore ghetto gangsters of Wilkes-Barre? That's what I like to hear. This week we're going to wrap up the interview, salute the president, shamelessly promote my friends, and maybe if we have time debate the issues of psychological egoism versus altruistic behavior. First I want to say something about President Breiseth. I don't think we're giving this dude enough credit. As much as I hate to be an outcast in this school by not complaining, no other college president attends all of the school functions, writes a weekly column for the school paper, and always has positive things to say with helpful advice. A big double Crazy Bob thumbs-up goes out to President Breiseth.

At this time I'm am happy to bring you Part II of my interview with the unbelievably amazing Serena. Crazy Bob: Hello again Serena. Glad you could make it. What's happening on April 19th?

Serena: Well Crazy Bob the show is the Gary Albright Memorial Show to held at the Allentown Fairgrounds, Wednesday April 19, with all proceed going to Gary's wife. Talent will include many WWF and WXW wrestlers (more information at wxwwrestling.com).

Crazy Bob: And what role will you play at this show?

Serena: I will be escorting some of the wrestlers to the ring. That should be great. I know The Rock is doing an autograph signing that afternoon and some big names like Rikishi, Too Cool, Gangrel, Headbangers, Sabu, Rob Van Dam, "Superfly" Jimmy Snuka, and even the hardcore legend himself Cactus Jack will be

Crazy Bob: On a lighter note, lets play a little word association game. I'll say a name and you tell me the first thing that comes to your head. Are we down?

Serena: Sure thing CB. Groovy.

Crazy Bob: In no order of importance, lets kick it like only my crazy cats in WXW can. Afa the Wild Samoan, Vince McMahon, Ed McMahon, Hulk Hogan, Bushwhacker Luke, Plato

Serena's Response: The boss, money, phony, old, who?, philosophy.

Crazy Bob: Interesting. What's your take on the sexuality that is in wrestling now and being a female manager, what's your role in all of that?

Serena: To an extent the sexual overtones are expected but sometimes I feel the lines are crossed. An example would be Miss Kitty at the Armageddon pay per view last December. I feel that you can be sexy without being sleazy and that's the image I would like to portray. Ya know Crazy, leave just a little to the

Crazy Bob: Remember Ugly Kid Joe? They were pretty cool.

Serena: Yeah they were; I like some of their music.

Crazy Bob: What does the future hold for Serena right now?

Serena: Well CB as the old saying goes the sky is the limit but right now I'm taking one step at a time. Crazy Bob: I'm really looking forward to the Gary Albright Memorial Show. And exactly when will we be

Serena: We will be getting married at the Wilkes Wrestlemania Party, held in the ballroom on April 2.

Crazy Bob: Sounds sweet. I think I could get John Bosha, the next Student Government President to be our witness. Vote Bosha. He's "pro" wrestling.

A big thanks goes out to Serena of WXW for her time and putting up with my nonsense. If you just can't wait for the Memorial Show, then WXW returns to Hazleton on Friday April 7th. This Friday, however, "Scrambled Eggs Radio Show" (90.7, 5:00) will feature more of the same chaos and debauchery. I dig it my crazy cats and dogs. You kids play nice.

Gonzales case gone

BY JASON BROCIOUS

Beacon Staff Writer

By Tuesday, Lazaro Gonzales, great uncle of Elian Gonzales, still refused to sign an agreement to give up Elian to the Immigration and Naturalization Service for deportation to Cuba if their court appeal should fail.

Armando Gutierrez, who speaks for Elian's family in Miami, claims that the INS officials are acting on behalf of the President or Cuban Dictator Fidel Castro. The court hearing will happen the week of May 8. However, if Elian's great uncle refuses to sign the document, INS said that the boy's permission to stay in the United States would

end Thursday morning.

The boy came to America after fishermen found him floating in an inner tube off the Florida coast after eleven people died seeking refuge to the U.S. (including Elian's mother). Since that time, the boy has stayed with his family in Miami, who have been fighting for his rights to live in the United States.

Meanwhile, his father in Cuba and Fidel Castro have demanded his return to the communist island nation. Some fear that Castro may even use military force to remove the boy from his Miami residence. His family claims that he wants to stay in the United States, but some argue that they have influenced him in such a way that he is not able to make that decision for himself.

The case has recently become even more complicated. Just recently, Diane Sawyer spent two days with the boy. During their interview, Elian told her he believes his mother isn't really dead, and she is somewhere in Miami. Many believe that this is why he wants to stay in the U.S. rather than return to his father in Cuba.

Whatever happens, the government would like to bring the case to an expedient end. However, demonstrators are threatening to form a human chain around the home in protest if INS officials come to take the boy away. Unfortunately, this matter is becoming uglier and more complicated as time goes on.

From the Bench... By Joe Porto



Photo By Joe Porto

Addie Groblewski is enlightened by one of Porto's many thoughts.

Infinite nothingness, and infinite time. It's black. No, it's m even black because you can't distinguish between colors anymo In fact, you don't even know that it is nothingness. You don't even

Are the hardcore science guys right? Is there nothing when yo die? Does your life end completely, and leave your body rotting the ground only to have worms crawl all over? I can't say that I agree with these guys on that issue. And then there are discussions con cerning souls, and whether or not they exist. Some claim that we aren't anything more than a few electrons whizzing around. The extend this argument into saying that the only differences between people are purely chemical.

Maybe it's the fact that I don't want to accept the idea that then isn't anything else after death. Perhaps I'm too proud to think that pain of a headac the only difference between me and every other Joe is that he has however, is more one less proton than I do. It might be because I'm greedy. I want to occasional find out everything when I die. I'm hoping there's some kind of in capacitate stant gain of all of the knowledge in the universe. Yes, I have problems with curiosity -- it gets me everytime.

But this good-old Christian still holds on to ideas of the afterlife and souls and all that jazz. Consider all of the different thoughts and lar headache tha feelings that run through your head each day. Is it conceivable that mately 26 million. putting a little spin on an electron changes these thoughts or feel, cent of them we ings? When someone walks into a room and we smile is it because our body sees some good-looking neutrons there?

Then we dive even further into the issue to realize that if all this is true, life is pointless. There is no end result. Which maybe looking at it from another angle might be good, that is it forces us to live our ever, migraine is current life as best as we can, because it's the only one we have n without a cure. W

Now we step into another tangent of this mess I started, examinder and severity ing why we are here. Those science guys are claiming it's some son aches. of freak accident that life started. I'm sure the conditions of creating Signs and s life are pretty tough, but I'm not too keen on believing that it was graines include it random event that will never happen anywhere else in the entire universe. I'm not trying to take sides between the creationists and the evolutionists. In fact, my beliefs incorporate both of their philosophies.

Pondering these kinds of issues gives me a headache. What's worse is no one can give you the right answer. What's important's that you stick to what you believe in. Make sure that you can support it a little bit, otherwise you might sound like someone who just jumped on the bandwagon.

If you see me out on the bench with a raised eyebrow and deep in thought, you know I'm thinking about one of these tough mysteries. So sit down and tell me your thoughts.

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The awards by the people for 1999

special to The Beacon KATHLEEN AWAD acon Staff Writer

Let the People Discount lollywood's Decision Best actor: enzel Washington (For his performance in The Hurricane). Best acress: Julianne Moore (For her perormance in The End of the Affair). Best supporting actor: Michael Kane (For his performance in The Cider House Rules). Best supportng actress: Angelina Jolie (For her formance in Girl Interrupted).

Best Picture: The Hurricane Best Director: Sam Mendes I would like to give the readers o have not yet seen American eauty a brief overview. The film ens with Spacey masturbating in

e shower (not a big deal) and con-

ues from there to his pedophiliac

eduction of a teenaged girl and

then to discovering the pleasures American society. of smoking marijuana which he purchases regularly from a teenaged neighbor who is being physically and mentally abused by his racist

Meanwhile, Annette Bening who plays Spacey's wife is having an extramarital affair with a real-estate colleague (Spacey proclaims that he does not care). The movie covers the identity crisis stage that teenagers enter and seriously divulges the fact that one of the teens would like for her lover to kill her father. The movie continues in this fashion until the shocking conclu-

Now it is time for my opinion on the Academy's choice of American Beauty for the 1999 Best Picture award. It is a total shame that Hollywood has celebrated this film, thereby tantalizing the norm in

Don't get me wrong; I can recognize good directing when I see it,

It is a total shame that Hollywood has celebrated this film, thereby tantalizing the norm in American society.

but the fact that Sam Mendes did a splendid job in directing American Beauty should not lull us into celebrating the content of this film. Yes, the actors appearing in American Beauty were all very good and the question that I ask is, "Why couldn't Mendes have used his

awesome talent on something constructive that people everywhere could enjoy?" Perhaps he could learn from Steven Spielberg and Roberto Benigni about what a gifted director accomplishes, by presenting worthwhile content to a public who is eager for good material and just waiting for the work that we know that he could produce. I sincerely hope that we the people will be heard; and that in the future, gifted directors are rewarded for films like the following, and that this caliber of film will once again be celebrated. The Red Violin is very possibly the greatest film ever made. This is a beautiful cultural trip that takes us back hundreds of years to follow the life of the famous Red Violin, created by a master craftsman and master musician for his expected first child who tragically dies along with his lovely wife in child-

birth. He subsequently paints the newly finished masterpiece red with the precious blood of his loved, one and as a broken man he rises up when finished and turns to hang it from the ceiling along with the others for sale. It remains the most beautiful and best sounding violin in history and the passing through the numerous hands over hundreds of years makes way for a compelling story. The Red Violin was released as an independent film last summer. It is insulting that "Hollywood" does not have enough faith in the American people and in their intelligence to launch and back this absolutely exquisite film.

I have taken the liberty of listing the top five movies ever-made in my opinon. They are: Fiddler on the Roof, Schindler's List, Amadeus Mozart, The Hurricane, Sobebor (in their respective order).

When it's not just nother headache

YANDRIA BIAGIOTTI on Staff Writer

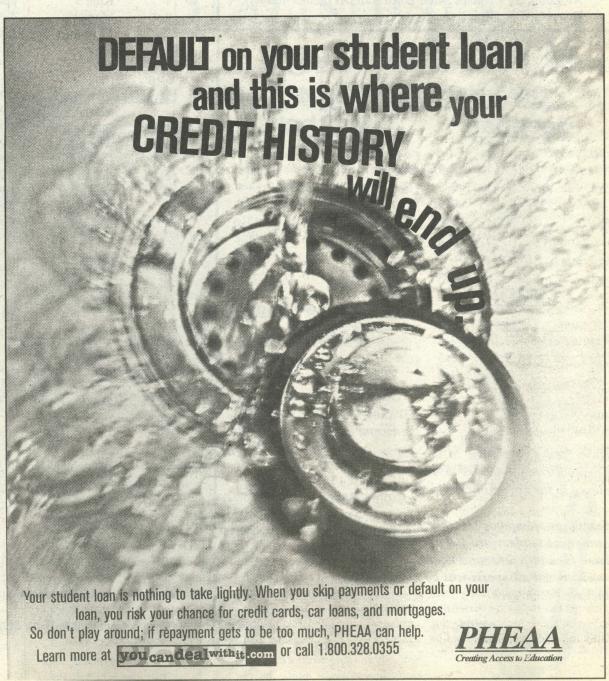
If you're like most people, 've felt the occasional throb and in of a headache. A migraine, wever, is more than the nuisance an occasional pounding head. It nincapacitate you from some of e's normal activities for up to days

A migraine is a type of vascuheadache that affects approxiately 26 million Americans, 70 pernt of them women. Migraines monly begin in childhood, adoence, or early adulthood, and d to taper off in frequency and nsity as you grow older. Howr, migraine is a chronic disorder hout a cure. With treatment, you be able to reduce both the numand severity of migraine head-

Signs and symptoms of mies include intense head pain, sea and vomiting, and in mie with aura: flashes, blind spots her visual disruptions prior to nset of the headache. A mie usually begins with intense, ing pain on one side of your that may gradually spread. It nes its severity in minutes to our or two, and lasts for hours o days unless treated. The frecy of attacks can range from to one in several months and migraines have the same pat-

Luckily, there are many treatments available for those who suffer from migraines. Mild pain relievers may be beneficial for mild to moderate migraines. Such pain relievers include Aspirin, Tylenol, Advil, Aleve. For the more severe type, there are many prescriptions available that will aide in relief so it is important to see your family doctor. After taking medication when symptoms initially appear, some people feel better after resting in a dark room or sleeping. Biofeedback and relaxation therapy may be helpful for some people. An advantage of biofeedback and relaxation therapy is that, unlike medications, these approaches are not associated with side effects.

There are many self care techniques that may help in living with migraines. Try to keep a diary to detect possible clues to what triggers migraines. Be sure to note the exact time when the headache started, how long it lasted and what made it stop. Note what food you ate in the preceding 24 hours, unusual stress, how you felt and what you were doing when the headache began. Avoid foods that appear to have triggered migraines in the past. Ask your doctor about muscle relaxation exercises and techniques that may help to reduce the number of migraines. Avoid oversleeping on holidays and weekends, and avoid sleep deprivation. There is a way to fight back against the pain.



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| 6 | MAC Championship | TBA | | | |
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Games in bold are MAC Freedom League Double-headers. All games are 9 innings unless noted with DH (double-header). Home field: Artillery Park

M.A.C. Standings

Freedom Conference/Overall

| Baseball | | Softball | | | |
|------------------|-------|----------|-----------|---------|------|
| Wilkes | (3-1) | 11-5 | Allentown | (2-0) | 15-3 |
| Allentown | (3-1) | 8-9 | King's | (2-0) | 14-1 |
| Del. Val. | (3-1) | 9-5 | Scranton | (2-0) | 3-4 |
| Dr ew | (2-2) | 7-7 | Lycoming | (1-0) | 8-4 |
| FDU | (1-1) | 4-9 | Wilkes | (0-1) | 11-6 |
| Scranton | (0-2) | 5-8 | Del. Val. | (0-2) | 0-4 |
| King's | (0-4) | 4-10 | Drew | (0-2) | 6-8 |
| | | | FDU | - (0-2) | 6-6 |

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| Scranton | (1-0) | 2-0 |
|-----------|-------|-----|
| King's | (1-0) | 3-6 |
| Drew | (1-0) | 2-5 |
| FDU | (1-0) | 1-0 |
| Wilkes | (0-1) | 0-2 |
| Lycoming | (0-1) | 0-1 |
| Allentown | (0-2) | 0-2 |

Italicized games are MAC Freedom League games to be played in the upcoming week.

Standings are updated weekly. Statistical leaders are calculated for a different sport each week, so not all sports will be included each week.

Totals are current up to the previous Tuesday, unless noted.

Conference Leaders Baseball

Average - 1. Joe Doran, .500, 4. J.J. Sodaro, .457 Doubles - 1. J.J. Sodaro, 9 Triples - 2. Corey Yanoshak 2 Home runs - 1. Doran, 4, 2. Scott Garger, 3 3. Nick D'Amico, 3 RBI - 1. Doran, 19 Stolen Bases - 2. Matt Diltz,

5 ERA - 1. Joe Casey, 1.20, 2. Doran, 1.42, 5. Nate Lipton, 2.64 Wins - 1. Lipton, 4-0, 5. Casey, 2-1

K's - 2. Lipton, 32
Team Batting - 1. - .362
Team ERA - 1. - 4.00

| SOFTBALL (11-6) | | | | | |
|-----------------|------------------------|------------------|--------|--|--|
| DATE | OPPONENT | TIME | SITE | | |
| March | A CAMPAGE AND A STREET | shipped of which | | | |
| 17-18 | Salisbury Invite | 2-2 | away | | |
| 23 | Misericordia | L 2-1, W 5-1 | away | | |
| 25 | Lycoming | L 3-2, T 2-2 | away | | |
| 30 | *King's | 3 PM | Kirby | | |
| April | | | | | |
| 1 1 1 | FDU-Madison | 1 PM | Kirby | | |
| 4 | Scranton | 3 PM | away | | |
| 8 | Allentown | 1 PM | Kirby | | |
| 10 | Baptist Bible | 3 PM | Kirby | | |
| 13 | Marywood | 3 PM | away | | |
| 15 | Drew | 1 PM | away | | |
| 18 | Susquehanna | 3 PM | away | | |
| 20 | Lebanon Valley | 3 PM | Kirby | | |
| 21 | Moravian | 12 PM | away | | |
| | C. of New Jersey | 2 PM | away | | |
| 22 | Delaware Valley | 1 PM | Kirby | | |
| | | | | | |
| 28 | MAC Playoff | TBA | King's | | |
| 29 | MAC Championship | TBA | King's | | |
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Games in bold are MAC Freedom League Double-headers. All games are double-headers. Home field: Kirby Park

| | MÉN'S TENNIS (0-2) | | | |
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| DATE | OPPONENT | TIME | | SITE |
| March | | | | |
| 18 | King's | ppd. | | Ralston |
| 19 | Moravian | 4-3 L | | away |
| 27 | Lebanon Valley | ppd. | | Ralston |
| 25 | Drew | 7-0 L | | Ralston |
| 29 | Marywood | 3 PM | | Ralston |
| April | | | | and a second |
| 1 | FDU-Madison | 1 PM | | away |
| 4 | Albright | 3 PM | | Ralston |
| 5 | Elizabethtown | 3 PM | | away |
| 8 | Allentown | 1 PM | | away |
| 9 | Cabrini | 1 PM | | away |
| 10 | Messiah | 3 PM | | Ralston |
| 12 | Scranton | 3 PM | | Ralston |
| 15 | Lycoming | 1 PM | | away |
| 20 | Susquehanna | 3 PM | | away |
| | | | | advisoing |
| 22 | MAC Team sem | is | TBA | |
| 24 | MAC Team finals | | TBA | A Calquina |
| 28 | MAC Ind. Champ | | TBA | |
| 29 | MAC Ind. Cham | p | TBA | |

Games in bold are MAC Freedom League matches. Home Court: Ralston Field

| GOLF (0-0) | | | | | | |
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| March | | | | 12 Fate 217 - 150 | | |
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| 5 | Misericordia | 1 PM | | away | | |
| 7 | Misericordia | 1 PM | | W-B Muni | | |
| 18 | Lycoming | 1 PM | | away | | |
| 19 | Scranton | 1 PM | | away . | | |
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| 30 | MAC Champions | hip | TBA | Delaware | | |
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Home course: Wilkes-Barre Municipal Golf Course

Golf team walks of ends match

BY COREY YANOSHAK Beacon Managing Editor

The Wilkes University at team went down to Lebanon Valley College to open their 2000 capaign with a quad-match include College Misericordia, Messiah College, and the host school.

Golf

The team, coached by Brunn, Jr., walked off the course the middle of the match, failing finish 18 holes, disqualifying the from competition for the day.

Since the Middle Atlant Corporation does not accept in feits, the team will receive an decision for the match, keeps their record at 0-0.

The team will continue as usual after the forfeit.

The next match will be Tuesday at Albright College Widener University.

The golfers will be home once this season when they he Misericordia on April 7 for a 18 match at Wilkes-Barre Munica Golf Course in Wilkes-Barre Township.

The team practices daily 3:30 PM on their home course

New name for M.A.C.

The current athletic of ference for all Wilkes University sports has recently und gone a name change.

What used to be a Middle Atlantic Conference now called the Middle Atlantic States Corporation. The MA abbreviation will continue to used, but the actual name will be different.

Also, the two division within the M.A.C. have character names. Prior to the character wilkes' division was the Fradom League and the opposition was the Commonweal League. Now, the two league have become conferences, maining them the Freedom Conference and Commonwealth Conference.

The name changes will affect sports and their seasons

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Game-Time...

with Kevin Sickle

Letting off some steam

These past few days have been boring. It's been a slow start to the sports week.

The weekend brought excitement when, in local action, although the Bishop Hoban Lady Argents and the Bishop Hannan Lancers didn't bring home state gold, they made us proud. Even me, a G.A.R. Grenadier. Nationwide, the Sweet 16 was narrowed to an unexpected Final Four of Michigan State, Wisconsin, Florida, and North Carolina.

In a non-sports realm, the Oscars brought interest, only not from me. Why waste 4 1/2 hours of my precious free time watching acceptance speeches? There wasn't even a good sports movie to root for. I still think For Love of the Game got the shaft, but that's just me.

Well, since I didn't have a column last week, thus disappointing my loyal readers (all four of you; thanks, Mom, Dad, Grandma, and Mr. Flannery back at G.A.R.), maybe I could resort to something from the past two weeks.

Let's see...what has occupied the sports limelight since my pencil last hit paper two weeks ago...that's right, the NCAA tournament.

I don't know if all of you out in "Wilkes-land" have heard of it. You see, it's the biggest showcase of any college sport. It's the best 64 Division I basketball teams vying for the right to be called National Cham-

Maybe that's where the problem lies. Maybe you are so excited about the Colonels' NCAA tournament run...nope, that can't be it. They unfortunately haven't played for THREE WEEKS!

As you can see, the frustration is mounting, and if you could see me now, you'd see a ticked off, red-faced writer. "What's his problem?" I'll tell you what's ruffling my freshman feathers. Hey, maybe that's the problem. I'm a lowly freshman who's not used to the college life's ladder of success.

As a senior at G.A.R. last year, my column always got some kind of reaction. Sure, most of it was criticism, but at least people responded. That's it. I was at the top of the high school ladder and haven't remembered how long and hard I had to work to get that respect.

Wait a minute...at the top of this page it only says my name, no class, so I guess that's not the answer. If not, what is? You've got me.

In my previous column, I made my selections for the Big Dance, and boy was I wrong. Big time. I started out O.K., with one of my sleepers winning (Pepperdine over Indiana), and seven of my 11 early exits doing just that. After that, well, let's just say my 80 year-old grandmother could have picked them better. Only one of my Elite 8 teams (Michigan State) got that far, and I only have one team left, those same Spartans.

Now, I have been known to have one of the worst sets of picks in the Final Four pool (and that's why I no longer fill out brackets), so I knew that some of my picks were off. That's why I put my e-mail address at the bottom of my column. I figured that with a few wrong choices, I'd get a few responses, but with all of those mistakes, I was hoping for a full inbox. That, needless to say, was not to be. I didn't get a single e-mail.

Maybe it's that you all are so busy with work that you never get the time to watch a game, see Sports Center, or even pick up a local paper to see who won. Maybe your computer crashed and you didn't know that there are three places on campus to go to use a computer. Maybe (and I hope this is the right answer) it's because you are all so nice that you wo divisions didn't want to hurt a guy's feelings. If so, I thank you.

Every week as of late, The Beacon's writers, be it Shak, or now I, to the change have expressed their disappointment in Wilkes students. Corey pleads was the Free for you complainers to make a change by having your opinions put in print. I've told you my complaint. Both of us basically have the same nmonwealth beef - no student participation. Those of us with controversial columns e two leagues put our e-mail addresses at the bottom. We're open for comments and complaints. Drop us a line. We want to make The Beacon better, but we need your help.

Well, I'm done for the week. I hope all of you out there find a few free hours today to enjoy baseball's opening day, or was that yesterday? Whatever. Just enjoy America's Pasttime, no matter where it's played.

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Tennis opens M.A.C. with loss

BY COREY YANOSHAK Beacon Managing Editor

Saturday was a day of firsts for the men's tennis team.

It was their first match on their home court at Ralston Field. It was their first match in the Middle Atlantic Corporation Freedom Conference. And it was the home debut of newly-hired head coach Mike Hromchak.

Unfortunately, the team could not pull off its first win of the year as they were swept by the Drew University Rangers, 7-0, in front of a decent-sized crowd on a sunny afternoon.

The team falls to 0-2 on the year and 0-1 in the M.A.C.

Number one singles player Jason Brady fell 6-4, 6-2, while Joe Scordino, at number two, dropped a 6-4, 6-4 match with a 6-2 win between the two losses. Seth Gurian dropped a heart-breaker 7-6, 6-2 in the number three slot, while number four player Kevin Siegel lost 6-2, 6-2. Jason Leach and Ed Bednarz finished off the singles matches with a 6-0, 6-0 defeat and a 6-2, 6-0 loss, respectively.

In the doubles matches, the Colonels came close, winning one match, but dropping two out of three matches.

Brady and Scordino fought to a 9-7 loss to Carreras and Alter.

Bednarz and Leach then dropped a 8-1 decision to Munjal and Chrobak.

Siegel and Gurian then came through with a 8-5 win over Rohela

The doubles win was Siegel's second win of the season as he also teamed with Bednarz in a 4-3 loss to Moravian.

The tennis team had yesterday's match postponed and is back on Saturday at FDU.



Photo by Adam Polinger

Kevin Siegel has won both of his doubles matches this year, with two different partners.

Pens make some noise as season winds down

BY MATT SEMCHESKI Beacon Staff Writer

The Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins came into this past weekend knowing that two losses would eliminate them from playoff con-

Also, knowing that they would be playing two tough teams in Kentucky and Philadelphia along with a gritty Cincinnati team, the Pens knew that their fate would most likely be decided either Saturday or Sunday.

Friday night the Penguins hosted the Cincinnati Mighty Ducks at the First Union Arena in front of a sold-out crowd. The Ducks struck early as Maxim Balmochnykh whistled one past Michel Larocque high to the glove

Gregg Cincinnati's Naumenko looked sharp throughout the first, denying all of the Penguins' shots. Ducks forward Frank Bantham gave his team a two-goal lead nine minutes into the second, capitalizing on a Josef Melichar roughing penalty. With less than five minutes remaining in the middle session, Tom Kostopoulos knocked in a Mark Murphy rebound to cut the lead in half.

The third period brought some flashy goaltending as both netminders showed off their skills

stopping everything that came their way. When the final horn sounded the Pens were just one loss away from elimination.

Saturday evening started out

looking like a Penguins victory despite a Kentucky goal just 51 seconds into the game. After that first goal, Wilkes-

Barre took it to the Thoroughblades for the rest of the period, scoring three times on goals from Kostopoulos (2) and Darcy Verot.

Mike Craig slid the puck past Tyler Moss to cut the lead to one. Verot answered back with less than a minute left in the period, sending a backhander past Johan Hedburg to extend the Penguins lead.

Then came the third period that brought total Penguins collapse. Jarrett Deuling scored at 3:39 to make it a one-goal lead and Chris Lispett's goal three minutes later tied the game.

Both goalies stood strong in net throughout the rest of the third and the five-minute overtime. The players weren't satisfied with the tie but it kept them in playoff conten-

Sunday, the Penguins made the trek down the turnpike to visit the Philadelphia Phantoms for a late afternoon contest. The Phantoms came out in a blaze, lighting up Moss with three goals in the first period. Dean Melanson, Tomas Divisek, and Mark Greig all found the back of the net in the early ses-

During the first intermission reality set in on the Penguins; they were forty minutes away from elimination. The next twenty minutes turned out to be a complete turnaround from the first as Wilkes-Barre lit the lamp four times throughout the second period.

Phantoms goalie Dan Murphy was beat by John Slaney, Sven Butenschon, Greg Crozier, and Verot to give the Pens a onegoal lead heading into the third. Dennis Bonvie added an emptynetter to seal the victory with 25

With the victory, the Penguins are still in playoff contention, though realistically they won't see any post-season action this year.

Contact Semcheski at hhl20@hotmail.com to chat about the local hockey club.



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Bittersweet: Colonels split, tied for fire

Six-game home unbeaten streak snapped, road-trip coming up on weekend.

BY DAVID DIMARTINO Beacon Staff Writer

The Blue and Gold went into last weekend's action riding a five-game home winning streak.

It didn't take long to improve that streak to six as the Colonels pounded out 16 hits in a 10-3 drubbing of Drew University in the first game of a twinbill.

Senior Nick D'Amico was the story in this game, going four of four with three runs batted in and a double away from hitting for the cycle. On D'Amico's first at bat, he hit a ball over the left-field fence for his third home run of the season. D'Amico also scored three runs in the contest as he added an in-the-park home run, a triple, and a single.

The pitcher of record was senior Nate Lipton as he picked up his fourth win in the 2000 campaign. Lipton sees his ERA drop to 2.64 in 30.2 innings pitched, and he has struck out a team high 32 batters, while only walking 11. The win was the third complete game of the season for the senior.

Freshman Ryan Palos had a late inning,

Baseball

pinch-hit, two-run home run, his first career ding-dong and first career RBI's.

Drew only had seven hits in the game; one of those hits was a solo home run in the fifth inning by catcher Justin Marcucci.

In the second game, the Colonels ran



Photo by Adam Polinger

Head coach Joe Folek (r) talks over a situation with pithcing coach Jerry Bavitz at a recent game.

into some trouble as they faced Drew pitcher Joe Keiser. Keiser showed great command of his pitches, allowing only four Colonel hits in an 8-4 Ranger win. Keiser struck out five in the complete game victory.

The loss dropped the Colonels to 11-5, giving them their first Freedom League defeat, making them 3-1 in the league. Drew improved to 7-7, 2-2 in league action.

Although the Colonels got little offensive help, one positive was junior J.J. Sodaro, who hit his first home run of the season. Sodaro is hitting .457, second only to senior Joe Doran, hitting at a .500 clip. Sodaro also leads the team with nine doubles.

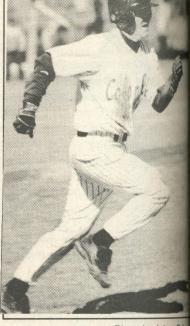
Doran was the losing pitcher for the Colonels giving up six runs in four innings of work. Doran dropped to 1-2 but still has an impressive 1.42 ERA.

The Rangers were lead by centerfielder Eric Laub, who was 3-4, with two runs scored.

Even with the split, the Colonels were plagued by poor fielding, committing 12 errors in the two-game stretch.

The Colonels will be back in action this weekend as they travel to FDU-Madison for a Freedom League double-header on Saturday, then trek to Philadelphia on Sunday for a twinbill with Gwynedd-Mercy at 1 PM.

Two of the team's games this past week



Lead-off hitter Matt Diltz has five st bases on seven attempts, hitting let and batting .405 with 15 hits.

have been cancelled due to the bad weat Tuesday's game at Marywood has been scheduled for this Tuesday and Wednesd game with College Misericordia has h postponed with no make-up date.

BY MATT REITNOUR Beacon Staff Writer

Just like Dorothy said in The Wizard of Oz, "there's no place like home."

After opening their 2000 season in Myrtle Beach, SC, then traveling to Salisbury, MD, the Wilkes University softball team will open their home schedule today at 3 PM at Kirby Park with cross-town rival King's College.

The Lady Colonels will now play three of their next four contests at home, including this Saturday when MAC Freedom Conference rival FDU-Madison comes to town.

Last Saturday, Wilkes opened up their Freedom Conference schedule with a doubleheader in Williamsport versus Lycoming College. Wilkes wasted little time getting things started offensively in game one. Liz O'Neill led off the game with a single before junior Robyn Mendygral hit a two-run shot over the right-field fence to give Wilkes a 2-0 lead.

Unfortunately, the runs wouldn't come

as easy the rest of the day as the Lady Warriors buckled down and scored one run in the third, fourth, and fifth innings to gain a 3-2 lead heading into the top of the seventh.

After the first two Wilkes batters were retired, freshman left-fielder Brooke

Shreaves hit a double with the top of the lineup following. But, like the Lady Colonels had done half a dozen times early in the game, Shreaves was left stranded and Wilkes was 0-1 in the conference. Shreaves finished the game with two hits, while Mendygral had three in the losing effort. Junior Alice Fink took the loss after six innings of work, allowing three runs on nine hits.

Game two started just as the cloudcover arrived, forcing both teams to battle each other with the threat of impending rain. Once again, the Blue and Gold had a tough time scoring runs.

Wilkes trailed 2-0 heading into the sixth inning before sophomores Sandy

Mullen and Kim Chapman nailed RBI singles to tie the score 2-2. Then came the lightning, thunder, and rain.

Wilkes played well defensivlely between the rain drops, but was unable to score in the seventh inning. Sophomore pitcher Lisa Hartman got out of trouble as the rain picked up in the bottom half of the final frame before the umpries called the game. The game was suspended at 2-2 and will be made up at a later date.

Senior captain Kerianne Geist had two hits, along with Mendygral, whose batting average is a team-high .392.

Wilkes split last Thursday in Dallas, PA, with College Misercordia in another DH. Wilkes was again hit by the inability to score with runners in scoring position as Fink took the loss for Wilkes. Wilkes dropped a 2-1 decision in game one as the Lady Colonels are 1-4 in one-run games this season.

But to their credit, the Lady Colonels came out hot in game two and beat the Lady Cougars 5-1. Hartman picked up her fifth win of the year, with just two defeats on the mound. The sophomore went the distance the sixth time this season and saw her drop to a team-low 1.43.



Senior captain Liz O'Neill is hitting at .300 clip for Tom Dunsmuir.

Softball opponents' batting

average over 17 games.

The number of double-plays the baseball team has surrendered.

The number of baseball players

hitting over .300.

Number of hits by the three

softball freshmen.