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•Liberal Arts students can expand experience with assistance.

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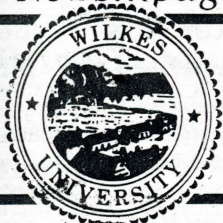
•Students and faculty beautify property.

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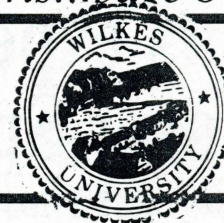
WILKES SOFTBALL TEAM CONTINUES TO DOMINATE

•Lady Colonels undefeated in MAC Freedom League.

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Campus investigation begins

By COLLEEN HERRON
Beacon News Editor

Wilkes University launched an investigation this week into recent sexual harassment charges filed against the school and one of its professors.

Wilkes University and Chemistry Department Chair Dr. Ralph C. Gatrone, have been named the defendants in a suit filed by former student Marian Zivny, Mountaintop, in Luzerne County Court of Common Pleas.

The suit filed by Zivny and her attorney George Oschal, also a Wilkes alumnus, accuses Gatrone on several counts of stating that he allegedly created a hostile and intimidating learning environment by supposedly ridiculing the plaintiff publicly, making derogatory comments about women in general and questioning the parentage of Zivny's children.

The situation dates back to June 1995, when Zivny was hired as a staff member in

the capacity of stockroom manager by the chemistry department under former presiding chair Dr. Owen Faut, a position she allegedly would later be denied of by Gatrone.

Upon hearing the initial complaints, Dean Jane Lampe-Groh called a meeting, during which the suit claims Gatrone told the plaintiff she had made enemies in the department and would forever be considered a "persona non grata".

After Zivny spoke with Vice President of Academic Affairs, J. Michael Lennon, Dr. Diane Polachek was assigned to investigate the claims. Polachek called Zivny and told her several professors substantiated her claims the Gatrone attacked her personally and academically, however the university did not take any disciplinary actions.

"With the exception of the lawsuit, no student has initiated a formal harassment complaint using our well-established harassment policy and procedures for dealing with such matters," was the statement given by Wilkes University.

Gatrone was unavailable for comment.

Student to expand talent abroad



Photo by David Parfitt
Diane Arale

By CHRISTINE TONDRICK
Beacon Staff Writer

After only three years of experience singing before an audience, Diane Arale has been chosen as one of 35 professionals and students in the nation to attend the prestigious Trieto Musica in Rome, Italy.

Arale, a junior majoring in music education will attend the three week long seminar from July 4 to the 26.

"I'm ecstatic. I didn't think I would get it. After I found out I was going, I walked around in a daze," she said.

While there, she will participate in daily study and performance in operatic literature, baroque vocal ornamentation and Italian language and culture from world renowned performers such as Nyela Basney of the American Symphony Orchestra.

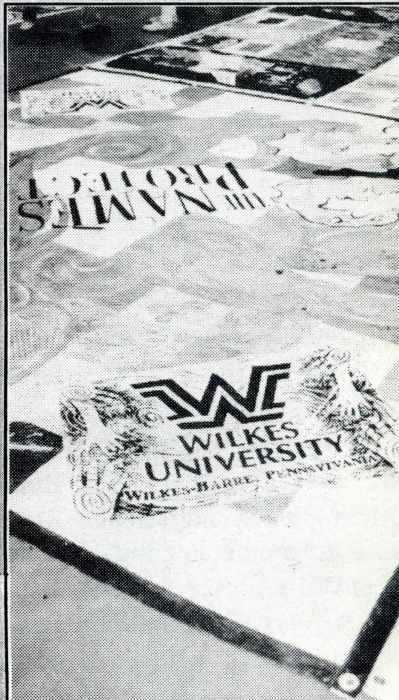
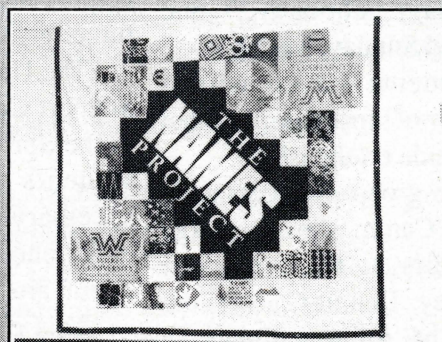
"I've always dreamed of studying in Italy, and now my singing talent will finally get me there," Arale said.

Although Arale is ecstatic about her trip, she is not ecstatic about the cost. Total fees for the trip cost approximately \$2700. Arale is receiving the maximum \$250 from Wilkes' Undergraduate Research Support Committee which funds students participating in academic projects, but she will have to come up with the difference.

"I'll be maxing out my credit cards until I can raise the funds to pay the bills," Arale said.

Arale, who is working full time and putting herself through school, will be giving a recital to help raise money for her trip. The performance will feature Arale accompanied by her vocal instructor, Eillen Hanisch and pianist Ellen Flint, singing excerpts from Mozarts "The Marriage of Figaro." The recital will be given at the Dorrancetown United Methodist Church on Wyoming Avenue in Kingston on May 14 at 8 p.m. The public is welcome to attend.

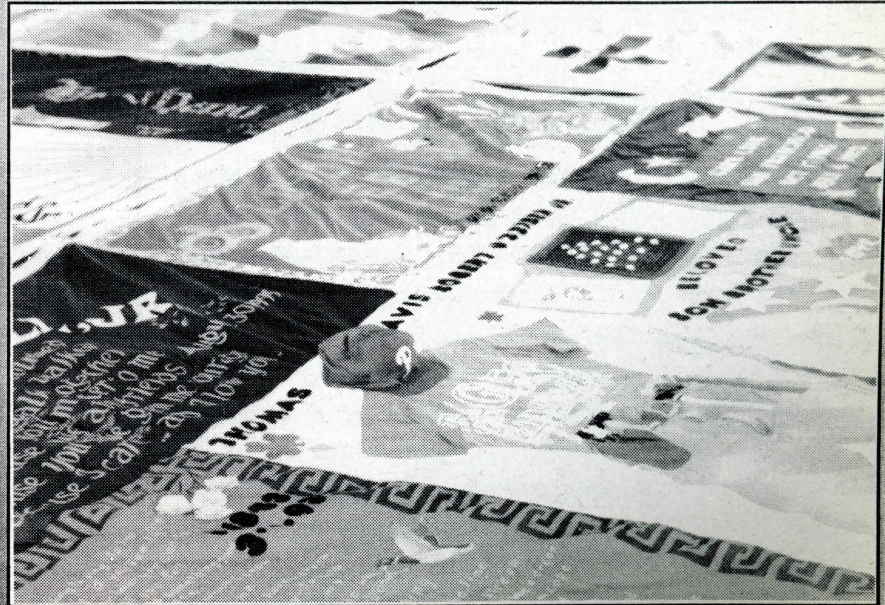
Anyone interested in making a contribution to help fund Arale's trip can do so at the department of Music, Theater and Dance located in the Dorothy Dickson Darte Center.



The NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt draws a concerned crowd

AIDS is an epidemic that will affect us all at some point in our lives. The way we deal with and help prevent, future cases lies behind programs such as this. None of us know what tomorrow may bring. Educating one another is the only way to prepare for whatever may lie ahead.

Read the tale of one student as she goes through HIV testing. See "HIV: the agony of the unknown" page 5.



Photos by David Parfitt



Students experience new world over Spring Break

Student needs being met

Grenada churches chosen over beach side

By AMY CONNELLY
Beacon Staff Writer

Most Wilkes University students spent their Spring Break lying on a beach, enjoying their free time.

But, 10 Wilkes students spent their break in Grenada repairing Anglican church schools.

This alternative Spring Break trip was sponsored by the offices of Volunteer Services and Campus Interfaith.

Alternative Spring Break trips have become an annual event at Wilkes.

"This years trip provided the students with an opportunity to experience a new culture and a different

way of life," said Amy Mazur, director of Volunteer Services.

The students departed Thursday, February 27 and returned Sunday, March 9.

Students stayed with a number of host families that also reside on the island.

The group also contacted Dennis Carter, who is in charge of affairs at the American Embassy. Dennis Carter is the father of Andrew Carter, a former Wilkes student.

Attending the trip were: Carrie Bohonick, Christine Buff, Amy Blake, Cindy Sieto, Stephanie Follmer, Todd Vinovrski, Taria Aman, Bob Banko, Joe Scorcino, and Mary Rose. The group was accompanied by Mazur and Mary Hession, director of Campus Interfaith.

By AMY CONNELLY
Beacon Staff Writer

A fairly new campus committee is working towards helping students reach their future goals.

The University Research Support Committee, started in the Spring of 1996, helps students get the monies necessary to expand their experience in the field of liberal arts.

This committee consists of faculty and chairmen who give money to students in order help pay for the accommodations necessary for them to attend such events as conferences and competitions.

The committee can give the students up to \$250 toward each of their individual projects.

Funding is also donated

by two anonymous donors, incorporated with the liberal arts department.

The committee weighs the proposals based on their merits. At this point, eight students have submitted proposals for money, but have had to be turned down.

The liberal arts department on campus is the only group to offer this service at Wilkes University.

Students interested in submitting a proposal can contact Dr. Jane Elmes-Crahall, Dean of Liberal Arts Robert Heaman, or Dr. Harold E. Cox, History department chair or Dr. James P. Rodechko, history department professor.

Even if it's simply to help you pay for the gas to get somewhere, Dr. Elmes-Crahall said to let the committee know. If you don't propose, you can receive the funding.

Students who have benefited thus far:

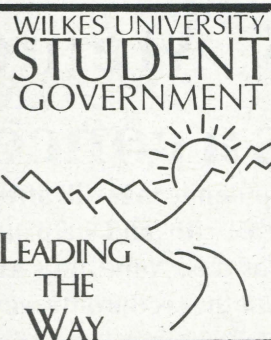
- Theresa Havel, Psychology Major Presented her paper, "Divorce and Coping Strategies," at the Eastern Psychological Assoc. meeting in Philadelphia, PA in March, 1996 (\$200)
- Regina Frappolli, Communications Major Attended National College Media Convention in Orlando, FL in November, 1996 (\$250)
- Christine Pavalkis and Christine Tondrick, Communications and Ed. Ed. majors Participated in "WOW!" shoot in Washington, D.C. in November, 1996 (\$275 total)
- Jennifer Adam, Music Major Participated in the National Student Conducting Competition in San Diego, CA in March, 1997 (\$250)
- Michael Kaschak, Psychology Major Presented his paper, "Nonsense Syllables," at the Eastern Psychological Association's meeting in Washington, D.C. in April 1997 (\$250)
- Diane Arale, Music Major Participate in the 1997 Orvieto Musica Festival in Orvieto, Italy on July 4-26, 1997 (\$250)
- Brian Kaschak, History Major Presented his paper, "Saint-Simon: The Influential and Prophetic Nature of the New Christianity," at the Alpha Phi Theta regional conference at Widener University April 12, 1997 (\$55)
- Jessica Fernandez, Music Major Participation in classes and performances at the Opera International's 1997 Summer Sojourn in Ravenna, Italy on June 3-24, 1997 (TBA)

By JESSICA BEIRBOWER
Beacon Staff Writer

Student Government is starting to work on things for next year. Budget requests were due into Amy Blake this past Tuesday. Elections for president of Student government, IRHC, OCC, and CC will be presented in the next week.

Some of the upcoming events include: IRHC'S Fruit Basket distribution and their Final Exam Study Break.

But the main event is the Third Annual Block Party, which is sponsored by OCC. The Block party is being held over in the Ralston Field parking lot and starts at 1 p.m. Transportation will be provided over to the party. There will be food vendors and games including the dunk tank, velcro wall and the bungee run. Battle of the Bands, which is sponsored by the Programming Board will be from 1 to 5 p.m. and immediately following the competition, the Pee-Pees will be playing from 5 to 7 p.m. Come and enjoy the fun. Admission is only \$2.



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WILKES-BARRE- Thinking about law school, but not too sure about the tests? You may want to look into the LSAT preparatory courses being offered this May.

Sponsored by Wilkes University, Saturday, May 10 and Sunday, May 11 it will be taught by Professor James Yoho of the Political Science Department. The course, designed by Bruce Spiegelberg, an experienced-university professor who has been teaching test preparation workshops since 1980. His firm, Spiegelberg Associates, has a well known reputation for compiling workshops of this caliber. The course will run from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. both days. Cost of the course and materials is \$200 for Wilkes students and graduates, and \$225 for all others. For more information contact Judy Sullivan @831-4462.

Take a walk through the only take a few minutes. Street you'll see the ground. In the trees Benches seat ram school's dismissal most unappealing what we refer to as Greenway."

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To the Editor:

I am interested to know if the *Wilkes Universe* or any other Wilkes publication will be doing a remembrance of the Flood of '72.

My remembrance is of the following Spring. I was graduating. Taking a walk on the dike, I began to feel a wetness on my face. The tears began to flood my soul. Gradually I realized what I was feeling. The tears were not ones of relief, not ones of sorrow, nor even regret. Nor were they ones of simply having survived the ordeal of the flood. Rather they were tears I shed because I did not know what the future would bring.

My tears soon turned to laughter and I tread off the dike and into the future.

So if you have a remembrance let it be one not only of tears, but also one that points to the future.

The water will rise again and deepen and gather across the campus, much as the challenges that await us all.

For when darkness of the water seeks to drown all soul

We must, yes, we must, laugh at the danger.

Gather one another perhaps under a blossoming cherry tree and challenge what lies before us.

For you see that is my other memory of a campus covered in mud and facing extinction.

A gathering of students, faculty, friends brought the campus back to life.

Thanks for taking the time to read this.

Rich Mendelson

To the Editor:

The *Amnicola* staff would like to thank all the members of the Wilkes University community who participated in having their photograph taken for the Faculty, Underclass, and Club Photo sessions in February.

Over 100 administration, faculty and staff were photographed between the November and February photo sessions. This is a significant increase over the past year. After viewing the proofs we are positive those photographed will be pleased.

The underclass photo session went better than we expected and we exceeded our goals. The possibility of an underclass section continuing for future books is not unlikely after the participation we had for our first trial year. We will make some changes next year, based on your suggestions.

Club photo nights had a positive showing just as the 1995-1996 year did. We would like to thank each and every club that participated. Another highlight of this year was that a significant amount of clubs submitted information about their club events compared to last year. This is a big help to the yearbook staff in developing layout and stories. If your club would still like to inform *Amnicola* about one of your events, please e-mail:

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Thank you again for your cooperation in making the 1997

Amnicola a success!

Sincerely,

Michael Beachem

Amnicola Photography Editor

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Take a walk through the Wilkes campus. Trust me it'll take a few minutes of your time. On South Franklin Street you'll see Mr. Fenner's tulips peaking through the ground. In the trees you'll see robins of all shapes and sizes. Benches seat rambunctious students anxiously awaiting school's dismissal. But most noticeable and at the same time most unappealing is the vast mud land that stretches across what we refer to as the Fenner Quadrangle, a.k.a. "The Greenway."

Last time I checked, a greenway refers to a green grassy corridor of undeveloped land in or near a city that is designed for recreational use," as stated by Webster's dictionary. Obviously Wilkes got the "undeveloped" concept correct, but also proved to be colorblind.

Since the winter's first snowstorm, we've witnessed piles of mud building up along what Wilkes refers to as the "center" of campus. When "The Greenway" was first designed, administration's main objective was to attract as many students as possible. Its structure was designed to attract playful football games and peaceful lunches, giving it an overall college campus-look. However, it looks more like an intriguing spot for mud baths. It's springtime folks. We should be lounging, laughing, and liking the new "Greenway" that is supposedly "bringing us all together." But I don't see too many students gathering.

So being the patient Wilkes students we are, we've been able to handle it thus far. But a problem now exists. This weekend marks the Spring Open House as well as the Third Annual Block Party, which prides themselves as being major Wilkes University events. Due to the Block Party's success in previous years, Off Campus Council has invited all area colleges to join in the fun. Now, if "The Greenway" is supposed to be the center of our campus, then why is it the Block Party is being held at Ralston Field? Could it be because we're embarrassed about the appearance of our campus? And how will prospective high school students feel about our mud land? They can only hope it's completed in two years.

I have to admit the trees spruce up "The Greenway," no pun intended, but we're still far from looking as professional as we advertise ourselves to be.

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This week in History

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April 19, 1775: The Battle of Lexington and Concord took place; the Minutemen lost eight men while the British took 273 casualties.

April 14, 1861: The Confederates captured Fort Sumter in Charleston, SC.

April 15, 1861: President Lincoln called for 75,000 volunteers to join the army.

April 19, 1861: President Lincoln blockaded Southern ports, cutting off vital exports and aid.

April 14, 1965: President Lincoln was assassinated by John Wilkes Booth in Ford's Theater, Washington, DC.

April 18, 1865: General J.E. Johnston surrendered 31,200 men to General Sherman at Durham Station, N.C.

April 14, 1894: Thomas Edison's kinetoscope (motion picture) was given its first public showing, having been invented in 1887.

April 18-19, 1906: An earthquake and subsequent fire in San Francisco left 503 people dead and \$350 million in damages.

April 15, 1920: Nicola Sacco, 29, a shoe factory employee and radical agitator, a Bartolomeo Vanzetti, 32, a fish peddler and anarchist, were accused of killing two men in a Massachusetts payroll holdup.

April 17, 1961: Cuban exiles, trained, armed and directed by the U.S., invaded Cuba's "Bay of Pigs" in an attempt to overthrow the regime of premier Fidel Castro, but failed.

April 15, 1972: The US resumed bombing Hanoi and Haiphong after a four-year lull in retaliation of the North Vietnamese attacks across the demilitarized zone.

April 18, 1978: The US Senate voted to turn over the Panama Canal to Panama on December 31, 1999.

April 20, 1983: President Reagan signed a compromise, bipartisan bill designed to rescue social security from bankruptcy.

April 17, 1991: The Dow Jones Industrial Average finished above 3000 for the first time, closing at 3004.46.

April 17, 1993: A federal jury found two Los Angeles police officers, Sgt. Stacey Koon and Officer Laurence Powell, guilty and two officers not guilty of violating the civil rights of motorist Rodney King in 1991.

April 19, 1993: A 51-day siege of the Branch Davidian compound by federal agents ended when armored vehicles pumped tear gas into it; shortly after noon, the compound was leveled by fire, leaving about 80 cult members dead.

The Near Side

with Rick Tym

I have only one question for those of you who paid attention to the Master's tournament this past weekend: how long do you think it will take Nike to stitch a swoosh on that green jacket? And on a side note: I'm truly happy for Tiger Woods, who is without a doubt the driving force of this year's professional golfer's tour. However, if I see one more replay of the press conference which followed the last round at Augusta on Sunday, I'm going to puke. I'm sick of his victory being a racial thing. He's a great golfer, and because he's a great golfer, he won (actually, he kicked everyone else's ass, if you want to be perfectly blunt about it). If Tiger Woods was green, yellow, purple, polka-dotted or pinstriped, it still wouldn't change the fact. Half of the racial tension in the world today stems from the problem that the media presents it that way.

Well, the grass is starting to grow in "The Greenway," or the Fenner Quadrangle, or whatever the hell you want to call it. That can only mean one thing (which you wouldn't be able to tell with the weather we've been having): spring is here—sort of. You don't have to look and see if the grass is growing outside to tell if it's spring at Wilkes, though. There's a much easier way to notice that the temperatures are warming up without actually going outside. I'm sure upperclassmen can attest to what I'm about to say. Did you ever go to see one of your professors on a warm, sunny afternoon at 2:30 or 3 p.m. only to find their door shut and locked? Forget about going to your department office after 3 p.m. on a nice day—it's an unspoken rule that you must get out as soon as possible on a spring afternoon. Hell, I tried to check my mail last Friday at about ten to four only to find the door locked.

I think that the attitude of this place has severely declined over the past four years. Wilkes was a different place when I was a freshman, and better things were supposedly on the way. I'm not trying to bash Wilkes University—God knows I'm gonna miss it when I'm gone—but I think the entire staff (with some exceptions, of course) should take a retreat to get their stuff back together. Everyone around here is really, really burnt out with all of the things that have been going on, including the students as well as the faculty and staff. Change is a good thing, but best done in moderation. (I think I read that somewhere once). All I'm saying is that maybe if people were given a little time to breathe around here, I could send a fax at four on a Friday afternoon if I needed to.

Don't take what I just said the wrong way, Wilkes. Everybody needs a break, and you can see it on the faces of everyone on the campus (especially mine). But don't worry, there's only two more weeks (and one more *Beacon*) left. For some of us, it's the end of an era. For others, it's just the beginning. There's a lot that could be said about that, but I'll save it for my last column of the year (and my academic career here at Wilkes). Be sure to go out this week and catch the Block Party over at Ralston Field this weekend—it'll be a blast, especially with all the good stuff going on like the three-on-three tournament, Battle of the Bands and special guest band the *Pee Pees* (if you don't know about them, then you haven't been living in NEPA over the past year—which may not be a bad thing). Use this opportunity to take a break and relax, Wilkes.

Have fun and be safe, and I'll talk to you all next week.

Roving Reporter

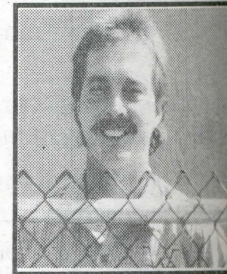
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What do you think about the newly planted trees in "The Greenway?"



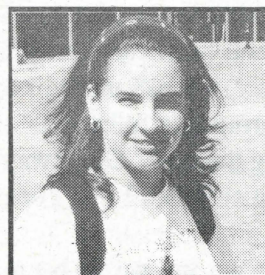
Ruth Hughes

"I haven't seen the trees in 'The Greenway.'"



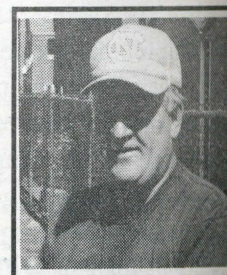
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"I don't think there ever should have been cement laid in 'The Greenway.'"



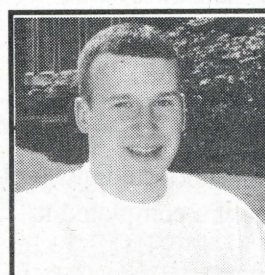
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"I think it's stupid."



Donnie Ricko

"I think it's a good thing. It makes Wilkes look more like a real school."



Don Smith

"It's really going to spruce up the campus and make it look nice."



Kendra Vreeland

"I think it's great...more trees to climb! That's what we need."



Ken Hanadel

"I think the trees will look very nice when they're done."



Melinda Mondel

"What's 'The Greenway?'"

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By DIANA DAVIS
Beacon Staff Writer

On Sunday, April 13, Wilkes University students, faculty members spent time planting and helping to develop an area of land known as the Friendship Garden. The garden is located at the Ratchford Station and is literally a part of the Corbett House, a historic, powered house built in 1890. The Ratchford Field Station covers nearly 150 acres of hills and thick forests.

HIV

By CHRISTINE GAY
Beacon Features Editor

Due to the sensitivity of this article, the person who has chosen to remain anonymous has chosen to protect privacy.

"Commercials on the radio, even on the radio, they all pushed it and get it done," said for me, I need to know.

When we hear an announcement, it's easy for yourself, "no, not me."

HIV is a phenomenon that plagues our generation.



Across Campus

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Friendship blooms at the Corbett House



Volunteers get down and dirty!

Photo by J.J. Fadden



Colonel Corbett leads project in his wife's memory.

Photo by J.J. Fadden

DIANA DAVIS
Beacon Staff Writer

On Sunday, April 13, several University students and community members spent the day planting and helping to develop an area of land known as the Friendship Garden. The Garden is located at the Ratchford Field Station and is literally "on the roof" of the Corbett House, a solar powered house built into a hill. The Ratchford Field Station consists of nearly 150 acres of hills, meadows and thick forests.

The land was donated to the University several years ago by Colonel William and Dr. Frances Corbett, and has since been used as a "natural laboratory" for undergraduate students.

The area has also been used in conjunction with a wide variety of courses including geology, limnology, hydrology and environmental science.

The Corbett House was built on the land in 1982, and is used year round for a variety of social, community and educational functions.

It is also used as a day retreat center, a guest house and now with

the aid of student volunteers, this land will be the sight of the Frances Corbett Friendship Garden.

When Colonel William Corbett's wife was dying she told him she wanted a garden that would bring people together. A garden that was out of the ordinary and lent itself to all different types of flowers.

When she died, Colonel Corbett dedicated his time to making his late wife's dream come true.

Enlisting in the aid of Walter Chamberlain, a landscape architect, Corbett began to transform the land around the Corbett House into the garden his wife envisioned.

The Friendship Garden is named for its theme "a garden of, by and for friends, and is maintained entirely by volunteers."

"The garden is a year and a half old," said Chamberlain, "There are four planting sessions a year. Our goal is to get people involved so it can take off. We hope to turn this into a garden where students can come and not only plant flowers but also study and enjoy the beauty."

Stephanie Geyer, assistant director of public relations, has been working on the project since the beginning, and was a close friend of Dr. Corbett.

"Frances was a very generous

and caring person. We really want to get as many students as possible to contribute and help make her garden everything she dreamed of it to be," said Geyer.

When asked when the garden will be finished, Chamberlain said, "It'll never be finished and has yet to be discovered."

For more information on how to volunteer, plan a visit or make a donation, contact: Donna Lennon at (717) 287-7604

dplennon@wilkes.edu, Dr. Sid Halsor at (717) 831-4617 or shalsor@wilkes.edu, or Stephanie Geyer at (717) 831-4772 or geyer@wilkes.edu.

HIV: the agony of the unknown

CHRISTINE GAYDOS
Beacon Features Editor

Due to the sensitive nature of this article, the person interviewed has chosen to remain anonymous. Names have been changed to protect privacy.

"Commercials on t.v., sound bites on the radio, even the AIDS quilt, they all pushed me to just go and get it done," said Niki, "I did it for me, I need to know."

When we hear and see these announcements, it's easy to say to yourself, "no, not me."

HIV is a phenomenon that plagues our generation. Even with all

the information that has been gathered on this virus, the epidemic threatens everyone.

HIV doesn't know age, race, sex or sexual preference. Anyone can fall victim.

Programs such as the NAMES Project AIDS Quilt which recently visited the Marts Center certainly do put the power of the virus in perspective, however that doesn't mean people are adjusting their behavior.

"It's unfortunate that college students, especially, aren't heeding all the warnings. I'm just as much to blame. Higher education doesn't necessarily include common sense," said Niki.

"Once a month the

Pennsylvania Department of Health has free STD screening. I heard about it and decided I needed to know. I went on the appropriate date of the screening. It was a simple blood test. There was even counseling before and after the test. The nurse was really great," Niki added.

"I wish more students were taking advantage of this service. Education is key to stopping this disease," said Jean, a nurse at the STD clinic, "It's important to make the step and come in for the test."

"It takes two weeks for results to come in, you make an appointment to come back before you leave. I am ready to spend these next two weeks on pins and needles,

my future is hanging in the balance," said Niki, "Any way you look at it, I will be better off knowing. If negative, I can learn from this experience, and if it's positive, I'll have to try and give myself a fighting chance by getting medical attention."

"I have been trying to keep myself as busy as possible, but your mind wanders. I don't think I have ever known fear like what I have experienced since the test. I wish I knew all of this before being unsafe like I was," said Niki, "I know I sound like a commercial, but I hope anyone at risk goes for a test, and everyone learns to make smart decisions. You're worth it."

"So many students think they

are invincible, but none of us are. All I can do is try to stay strong through these next two weeks. I am hoping for the best, but who knows," Niki added.

Everyone is encouraged to go for a test, available the first Friday of each month by appointment at the Pennsylvania Department of Health located on South Main Street.

You can leave initials, so as to remain confidential. Feel free to call 826-2071 for more information regarding the free clinic.

Students are also encouraged to bring any questions they have about HIV or any other STD to Health Services on the first floor of Evans Hall.

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HOROSCOPES With Carrie Nepa

Aries (March 21 - April 19) You've been in high gear this week. Take it down a notch and try to enjoy your weekend. You only have a few weekends left here with your friends. make the most of them.

Taurus (April 20 - May 20) You've got a lot of will power, but your stubborn tendencies are going to get in your way. You'll be working against yourself, getting no where fast. Try to relax as much as you can.

Gemini (May 21 - June 21) Your schedule is packed and your mind is in ten different places. Make it a point to get your focus soon or the end of this semester could be much more difficult than necessary. Concentrate on what really matters.

Cancer (June 22 - July 22) Getting away for a while might be a relief, but beware. You may want to get back as soon as you get there. Be patient and remember to take deep breaths to get you through.

Leo (July 23 - August 22) You are a social butterfly this week, but try to keep on top of your responsibilities. Do not let your school work slip, you may not be able to get back on track. Balance your time.

Virgo (August 23 - September 22) You have been down in the dumps lately, and you may not even know why. Take some time for yourself to find the root of the problem, and learn to work from there. It has to get better than this.

Libra (September 23 - October 23) You have decisions to make that may cause some trouble. Though you aren't normally dependent on anyone, try and let your friends in. They may figure it all out.

Sagittarius (November 23 - December 21) Your personality reflects all your attitudes, both good and bad. Be aware of who you run your mouth in front of. Your words might come back and haunt you

Capricorn (December 22 - January 19) A surprise is waiting for you. It may not happen in the next 24 hours, but you should be prepared for shock later this weekend. If it has to do with your latest love interest, be weary of moving too fast.

Aquarius (January 20 - February 18) You are very relaxed this week, enjoy it while you can. Go out and take care of all those little errands that you have been putting off. Do a little shopping for yourself, you deserve it.

Pisces (February 19 - March 20) Love may be a subject that you aren't willing to discuss, but it is time to face the music. Let that special someone know about your true feelings, the sooner the better.

Scorpio (October 24 - November 22) Financial worries are making you crazy. It may be time to get it together and join the work force. Your parents shouldn't have to take care of these bills for you.

ATTENTION ALL STUDENTS:

The School of Business, Society and Public Policy cordially invites you to a brown bag lunch being held Tuesday, April 22 at 11:30 a.m. in COB 107. At this time, Dean Gary Giamartino, Ph.D. will give a talk about his recent trip to Saudi Arabia. The talk is entitled: "Future Shock: Economic, Social, and Political Development in Saudi Arabia". All are welcome to bring their lunch and listen to Dean Giamartino's exciting experience in Saudi Arabia.

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Wilkes drop Free

By JEREMY GELBER
Beacon Staff Writer

The Wilkes University baseball team dropped four games this week to 11-14 overall and the Middle Atlantic Conference Freedom

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Scranton came out with a winning end of the game. Wilkes got four runs and three runs scored. Mike Viglone. Chris Tyukody went three for four with a homer, two runs scored, and two RBI for the Colonials. Leading the way

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Wilkes' baseball team drops four games, ends Freedom League season

By JEREMY GERBER
Beacon Staff Writer

The Wilkes University baseball team dropped its four games this week, falling to 11-14 overall and 3-7 in the Middle Atlantic Conference Freedom League. On Thursday, April 10, Scranton Municipal Golf Course was the site of a hitting display by both Wilkes and the University of Scranton.

Scranton came out on the winning end of the battle 21-4. Wilkes got four singles and three runs scored from Mike Viglone. Chris Trukody went three for six with a homer, two RBI, and two runs scored, while Curtis Kroesen added two hits and two RBI for the Colonels. Leading the way for

Scranton was Ryan Kelley who went five for seven at the plate.

The doubleheader on Saturday against Drew was postponed for a day on account of rain. The extra day did not help the Colonels. Wilkes lost the opener by the narrow score of 6-4. The hitting for Wilkes was led by Jim Domzalski, who went three for four with three RBI while Kroesen went three for four with two runs scored.

The second game didn't prove much better for Wilkes. Drew dominated the game, posting an 11-0 victory.

Scranton defeated the Colonels 8-7 at the Lackawanna County Stadium on Tuesday for the Royals second victory of the week over Wilkes. The loss to Scranton was the Colonels' final MAC Freedom League

game of the year.

Viglone knocked three singles and had two RBI for Wilkes. Randy Yerger had two singles, a triple and scored two runs for the Colonels.

Domzalski was two for four with an RBI for Wilkes while Ryan Flynn added two hits, two runs scored and an RBI.

Scranton scored seven runs in the first three innings. Dan Moretski pitched well in relief for the Colonels, throwing five strong innings and surrendering just four hits and only one unearned run.

Today the Colonels travel to East Stroudsburg for a doubleheader beginning at 1 p.m.

The Colonels take part in the Eastern Tournament this Friday and Saturday. On Wednesday Wilkes plays at Misericordia at 3 p.m.

Colonels win one of three on the links

By JEREMY GERBER
Beacon Staff Writer

The Wilkes University golf team played in two close matches this past week.

A tri-match was played at the par 72 White Deer Golf Course, Lycoming's home course. A total of 10 strokes separated the first place team from the last place team.

Lycoming earned two wins with a team total score of 435, defeating both Wilkes and the other visiting team Misericordia.

Wilkes, with a team score of 440, split the match as Misericordia ended with a team score of 445.

On Saturday, Wilkes visited the University of

Scranton at the par 72 Scranton Municipal Golf Course in Mt.Cobb. Due to bad weather conditions, the match was shortened to nine holes. The scores were then doubled to obtain an 18 hole score.


Scranton earned the win by a score of 412 to 426. Scoring for Scranton was medalist Al Wilcox, 79; Kevin Mulin, 80; Steve Donovich, 80; John Kravish, 80 and Keith Heslin, 84.

The top players for Wilkes were Gary Quinn, 82; Andy Noble, 84; Jeff Moisey, 86; Rick Burns, 86 and Jeremy Gerber 88.

Results from Wilkes' quad match versus Allentown, Alvernia and Misericordia on Tuesday, April 15, were not available at press time.

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Wilkes softball tops in MAC Freedom League after five victories this week

By **MICHAEL NOONE**
Beacon Sports Editor

The Wilkes University softball team continued its dominance of the Middle Atlantic Conference Freedom League with five wins this week, including victories over archrivals King's College and the University of Scranton.

The Lady Colonels defeated the Lady Monarchs 5-2 in the opening game of a doubleheader. Shannon O'Neill, Suzanne Fisher, and Kerianne Geist had RBI hits for Wilkes during the opening contest. Senior Amy Rosengrant struck out seven and pitched the complete game for the victory. The win improved Rosengrant's record to 10-2 on the year.

The Lady Colonels came dangerously close to dropping their first Freedom League game of the year during the nightcap. After five innings the Lady Monarchs had a 2-1 lead. Julie Smith was pitching well for King's, setting down Wilkes batters in order three times. The King's defense had not committed an error to that point in the game.

Coach Kevin Vrabel's Lady Colonels stepped it up in clutch time, tying the score at 2-2 in the sixth, and then scoring five runs in the seventh to post a 7-4 victory. The sweep improved the Lady Colonels' record to 15-5 overall and 6-0 in the MAC Freedom League. King's dropped to 10-9-1 overall and 2-4 in the MAC Freedom League.

Danielle Benson's ground out in the sixth knocked in Wilkes' Nicole Del Priore to tie the score at 2-2.

The Lady Monarchs

stranded a runner at third base after six innings because of a

in the bottom of the sixth inning. Then in the top of the seventh, the King's defense fell apart and the Lady Colonels erupted for five runs. The Lady Monarchs' four infielders committed four errors and allowed the Lady Colonels to bat around in the seventh.

O'Neill, Jamie Derhammer, Fisher and Benson had singles during the Wilkes rally.

The Lady Monarchs attempted a last ditch comeback, scoring two runs during their last at-bat. Doreen Burke and Stephanie Kowalonek each had RBI hits before the comeback effort ended.

Carrie Wilkes pitched the final two innings in game two to pick up the victory and complete the sweep. Carrie Wilkes is now 5-2 on the year.

The Lady Colonels traveled to the University of Scranton on Saturday to take on the Lady Royals in a doubleheader at Schautz Stadium. The Lady Colonels won the opener 8-3. The first game was stopped

after six innings because of a



Photo by Dave Parfitt
Sophomore Danielle Benson is one of a group of young players who have helped make the Lady Colonels the number one team in the MAC Freedom League.

combination of wind, rain and ice that had been bombarding the players since the fourth inning. The nightcap was postponed, with no make-up

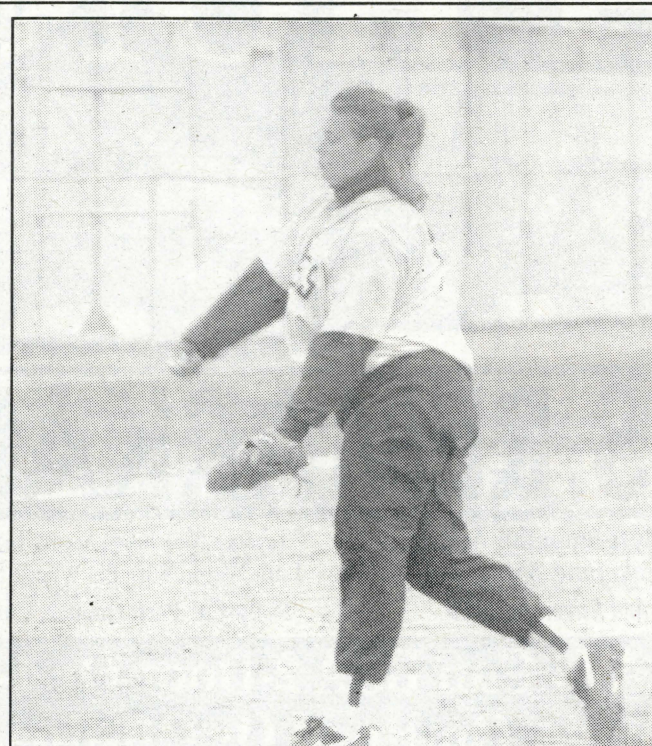


Photo by Dave Parfitt
Amy Rosengrant has a record of 12-2 on the year. The senior picked up three wins and a save this week for the Lady Colonels.

date set.

Wilkes' Amy Rosengrant went against Scranton's Stacie

Gilbert in the first game's pitching matchup. However, the expected pitcher's duel did not pan out as the Lady Royals gave up two runs to the Lady Colonels in the first inning. Wilkes then shelled Gilbert for five runs on four hits in the second to take control of the game.

Christy Palilonis led off the second inning with a single and Liz O'Neill reached on an error. Shannon O'Neill then walked to load the bases for Derhammer, who singled in

Palilonis. With the bases still full, Fisher was hit by a pitch, scoring Liz O'Neill for another Wilkes run.

A sacrifice fly from Geist and singles from Kristen Cookus and Rosengrant brought three more Wilkes runs across the plate to make the score 7-0.

The Lady Colonels got their other run in the top of the sixth on an RBI groundout by Fisher.

Rosengrant continued her strong senior year pitching performance by striking out eight while giving up just five

hits in six innings. The victory gave Rosengrant an 11-2 record on the year.

The Lady Royals tried to chip into Wilkes' 8-1 lead, scoring two runs off two doubles and a walk in the bottom of the sixth. However, Rosengrant ended the Scranton comeback by striking out two batters and getting a flyout to end the inning. The game was then called due to the weather conditions.

The Lady Colonels returned home on Tuesday to take on Marywood at Kirby Park. Rosengrant continued her pitching dominance for Wilkes in the doubleheader, posting a 6-0 shutout victory in the opener and picking up the save in the nightcap, an 11-5 Wilkes victory.

Rosengrant pitched a three-hitter in the opener, striking out eight while not walking anyone. Shannon O'Neill went two for two in game one for the Lady Colonels. Fisher was one for two with an RBI triple for Wilkes and Liz O'Neill was one for two with an RBI.

Carrie Wilkes was the winning pitcher for the Lady Colonels in the second game. Rosengrant came on in relief, striking out four for the save.

Shannon O'Neill, Cookus, Geist and Fisher had two hits each in the nightcap. Geist had a double with two RBI and Fisher had a triple and two RBI.

The Lady Colonels are now 18-5 on the year, 7-0 in the MAC Freedom League. Wilkes hosts Lycoming at 1 p.m. Saturday in a doubleheader with first place in the MAC Freedom League on the line. Wilkes currently holds first place while Lycoming is second with a record of 16-2 overall and 9-1 in the MAC Freedom League.

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