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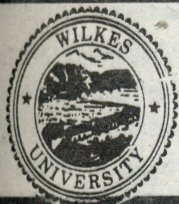
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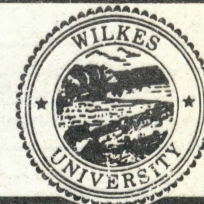
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Freshmen, freshmen ... EVERYWHERE



Photo Courtesy of University Relations

Freshmen pull together at summer orientation.

By SUSAN MCCARTY
Beacon Staff Writer

Although Wilkes has long been considered a small, private institution, the current upward enrollment trend may be an indication of a less intimate future.

According to Bernard Vinovrski, Dean of Enrollment Services, the enrollment for the 1996-97 year has surpassed last year's incoming student body of 360 by over 20% with the addition of 454 new freshmen.

Vinovrski said that 38% of the new students are residents of Luzerne and Lackawanna Counties, with residents of the

15 Pennsylvania counties and two New Jersey counties that make up the primary market, accounting for 11.5% of the new students.

The number of new students from outside those areas, the secondary market, grew by 41% this year.

"Because 70% of the new freshmen are housed on-campus, the dorms are currently at full capacity," Vinovrski said. "This university guarantees housing for four years, and this rapid growth could cause potential problems."

According to Vinovrski, an additional 168 transfer students are enrolled at Wilkes this year, with the greatest percentage See "Freshmen" on page 2

W-B a.k.a. College Town

By COLLEEN HERRON
Beacon News Editor

While the city of Wilkes-Barre is again abuzz with the return of students to area colleges and universities, Mayor Thomas McGroarty is finalizing plans to make them feel right at home.

College Town is a plan set for the future of Wilkes-Barre which entertains a hope for new local traditions and economic strengthening for the city.

Representatives from Wilkes University, King's College, Penn State Wilkes-Barre, College Misericordia and Luzerne County Community College are working together with members of the City and

Downtown Business Association to help promote upcoming events targeting students.

Mark Davis, Director of Wilkes University Relations, says that plans for College Town will "snow ball as long as students continue to support the initiatives that were presented."

Area citizens and students alike all seem to be supporting this new plan without question. Students who often wished to be recognized as part of the community are now being given the chance to be treated as citizens. Davis believes that as long as students recognize the responsibility that comes with this initiative these events will continue to be a

priority in Wilkes-Barre.

Some upcoming events set to kick off College Town are listed below.

•"A Wilkes-Barre Welcome for All Colleges," Sept. 12 on Public Square will help kick off the "All College Band Blast 1996."

•The "All College Band Blast," Sept. 12 from 5 to 7 p.m. will feature live performances by student bands from local colleges. The band "Bedford" will represent Wilkes University; "Civil Khao" will perform on behalf of King's College; LCCC's band is "Chair in the Moon."

•An "All College Mixer" will be held at the Ramada Inn sponsored by the Downtown

Wilkes-Barre Association. Food and soft drinks will be available. The winning band will be awarded a plaque at the mixer.

•Cafe Cinema, organized by the Cultural Council of Luzerne County, starts Sept. 6 at the Kirby Center. Each night the cinema will open at 7 p.m.

•"An All College Halloween Party" is also in the works.

•Mayor McGroarty is posing a unique challenge to two Wilkes-Barre college football teams. The football rivalry between King's and Wilkes is legendary, but this year there's even more than pride at stake. The City of Wilkes-Barre will award "The Mayor's Trophy" to the winner of the King's/

Wilkes game on Oct. 19. The winner gets to keep the trophy at their school for a year, but if they lose the following year, they must turnover to their rivals.

Mayor McGroarty thanked each of the colleges and universities for their support, vision and cooperation. He also recognized the generous contributions of the Downtown Wilkes-Barre Business Association, Boscov's Department Store and Blasi Printing. Owen Costello, representing the Mayor's Downtown Task Force coordinated the College Town events on Public Square.

Following numerous attempts to contact Mayor Thomas McGroarty, he remained unavailable for comment.



LCCC strike could mean more students for Wilkes

By **PATTY MEADUS**
Beacon Staff Writer

Luzerne County Community College, located in Nanticoke, has begun the 1996-97 school year in the midst of a controversy. Local area newspapers have recently reported that the faculty at LCCC is presently working without a contract.

According to Thomas Moran, LCCC president, instructors are operating on a revised three year contract that expired August 31, 1996.

"Right now the faculty is working on a day-to-day basis. The college is willing to work in conjunction with the union for a peaceful negotiation," he said.

Moran added that work stoppage is not imminent and the first concern of both the college and the teachers is the students.

James Paley, regional

director for the State Bureau of Mediation, is the mediator between the college and the teachers. He said they will return to the bargaining table to resolve the remaining open issues within the week. Paley also said the priority issue is salary.

At last week's negotiations the main issue was health care. Moran reported that the union managed to get a 35 percent health care co-payment proposal "off the table" which means that the faculty will continue to have fully paid health care. He addressed the negotiating teams in favor of keeping the health care status quo. Other issues discussed were job titles and early retirement.

Approximately 50 LCCC graduates transfer to Wilkes University every year.

Assistant Dean of Admissions at Wilkes, Joseph DeMelfi, said that a strike would not immediately affect Wilkes,

but could in the future.

"Students work on a timetable. If there's a strike at LCCC the students that wanted to transfer here in the spring would have that timetable thrown off. Hopefully, they will resolve their differences so it won't effect Wilkes down the road," he said.

Brian Overman, architecture coordinator and president of the LCCC teachers union, echoed the same concerns regarding the students.

Overman said, "Our first concern is always with the students; that's why we're here. We don't want to disrupt their semester. We're hoping to settle as soon as possible, but if we can't come to an agreement there will be a strike."

The unfortunate possibility of LCCC having to close its doors if a lingering strike does occur was disputed by the teachers' representative from the Pennsylvania State Education Association, Gloria Bartnicki.

"A lot of things have to occur

before that could happen. There has to be a clear and present danger that the students would miss too much of the semester, and tuition money has to be refunded. Then the college could go to court, seek an injunction to end the strike and force teachers to go back to work. It can get very complicated," said Bartnicki.

Thomas Leary, LCCC dean of Student Affairs, complimented

the dedication of the faculty and added that enrollment has not been affected by the publicity of the disagreement.

"For the seventh year in a row over 6,000 students are enrolled," said Leary. He added that none of the students have indicated concern regarding a strike.

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coming from area colleges and two-year institutions.

"On a yearly basis, nearly one-third of all transfer students to Wilkes are from Luzerne County Community College in Nanticoke; 20% are from Penn State branches; and a lower percentage are from the Keystone Weekender Program," Vinovski said.

Vinovski attributes this year's large influx of freshmen to a program aimed at communicating with prospective students through a series of mailed incremental messages, letters, and informational brochures, coupled with a group of volunteer student and university staff telecounselors who call interested parties and communicate with them on a personal basis. This year, Wilkes received 1800 applications.

According to Vinovski, selecting the right college is, at first, emotional. It then becomes realistic and practical. This service allows prospective students to build a relationship with experienced students and staff.

"Most people are not aware that there is an elaborate, sophisticated community plan in effect to attract students to Wilkes University," he said, "and this plan is working."

Vinovski said a similar program will be available for

transfer students next year.

Statistics show that approximately 77% of last year's freshmen returned to Wilkes for their sophomore year.

Michael Nolf, Coordinator, Student Activities, said it's important, from the students perspective, to offer a wide variety of entertainment, clubs, social activities, and sports in order to keep them interested and involved in college life, but the students have to let the staff and faculty know where their interests lie.

"The more they get involved, the more we can offer them in the way of activities," he said. "It's important to try to create a vibrant campus atmosphere for the students."

For the non-traditional students, Nolf said certain program times could be altered so those with families and other responsibilities won't have to come back to the campus at night.

According to Nolf, students should take an interest in what the college has to offer outside of the classrooms — such as the student government, the off-campus council, and the various clubs and organizations at Wilkes.

Cafe/Cinema conversation piece

By **KEITH PACYNA**
Special to the Beacon

Cafe Cinema, a monthly cinema series co-sponsored by the six area colleges and universities will open Friday, September 6, at the F.M. Kirby Center, with the area premiere of critically acclaimed, "I Shot Andy Warhol."

The film will begin promptly at 7 p.m. Doors for the cafe/gallery open at 6 p.m. and plan to remain open until midnight. Students with a valid ID can purchase tickets for \$3, and general admission is \$5 per film. Students may purchase cinema tickets for \$7.50 by calling the F.M. Kirby Box office at 826-1100.

"I Shot Andy Warhol" has been receiving excellent reviews in cities where it played this summer. "Furiously alive performance," said Janet Maslin of the New York Times. "Two Thumbs Up" from Siskel & Ebert. Peter Travers from Rolling Stones says it is "entertaining and provocative."

This is the first of three movies that will be shown at the F.M. Kirby Center this fall. The six colleges and universities in the area are co-sponsoring Cafe Cinema. Mary Harron, writer and director of the film will also be present to take questions and sign copies of her published screenplay, between 6:15 and 6:45 p.m. The book signing is being made possible by Mike's Library. The cost of each book is \$11. One dollar from each sale will be donated to the Cultural Council of Luzerne County to help fund the proposed Community Arts Center.

College town, U.S.A.

Well, it's that time of year again and I'm sure many of you are back in the same old swing of things. Late nights out and early morning classes — oh, how I enjoy college life. And beginning right now, so should you.

Aside from the hell-raising apartment parties, the free coupons to McDonald's and the wandering townies we've all come to love so well, the City of Wilkes-Barre, along with most area colleges, have even more to offer.

As of mid-summer, Wilkes-Barre has officially turned Public Square into the beginning of what could be a college town. Just imagine. For years, Wilkes and King's seldom shared as much as a back to school social, and now they want us to share the center of town. The objective of the city and the participating college officials is to change the downtown image by infusing college spirit into it. College related storefronts, "all college band blast," "all-college Halloween party," the list goes on. But now the question remains, will the "college" spirit be there? What will it take for you to be there?

No longer can we complain that "there is nothing to do in Wilkes-Barre." Finally, the city has taken a positive step to improve our college experience. But it doesn't stop there. The rest remains with us. It's up to us to get off our butts and do something. Instead of turning our noses up at the events offered, we should speak up and inform the administrators of what we want. It is not their college town that has been proposed, but our own.

So when Friday night comes, don't be lazy and park yourself in front of the television. Walk yourself a few steps to the new college town and gives Wilkes-Barre a chance.

Editor's Note:

Since this issue was The Beacon's first week back, no letters to the editor were submitted. We hope in the future that you will take into consideration that this is your newspaper. Make your opinion count.

Letters to the Editor guidelines:

Letters should include your name and phone number. They should be no longer than 250 words and must be signed in order to be printed. Letters will be printed in the order they are received and must be submitted by 4:30 p.m. on the Tuesday prior to publication.

**Next week,
look on the
opinion pages
for three new
columns and
much, much**

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• Established in 1947

• Awarded by the Associated Collegiate Press and the American Scholastic Press Association

• Printed on Thursday, 25 times a year, with exceptions for school holidays and final exams

• 1,100 to 2,500 papers are distributed weekly

• The deadline for articles and advertisements is 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday prior to publication

Do you like photography?

The Beacon is looking for student photographers to take photos for all areas of the paper, particularly sports.

Take six pictures and receive one credit.

No experience is needed.

If you enjoy taking pictures and want extra credits, this job is for you.

If interested, contact Dave at x2962 or Professor Nolf at x4167.

Upcoming Campus Events for September 5 - September 12

Any club or organization wishing to publish information in The Beacon, can contact us at x2962 or stop by at Hollenback Hall, 2nd floor.

Thursday 5

- SG nominations for replacement reps.
- Club Day 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Chase Lawn
- Volunteer Services and Campus Interfaith
- Information Night 7 p.m., Rumours
- Field Hockey-Misericordia 4:15 p.m. (A)

Friday 6

- "Twister" 7:30 CPA

Saturday 7

- Fall Open House, Corbett Property
- Field Hockey-Lebanon Valley noon (A)
- Volleyball-Luzerne County Recreational
- Tournament 10 a.m. (A)
- W. Soccer-Brockport St. Tournament 2-4 p.m. (A)

Sunday 8

- W. Soccer-Brockport St. Tournament 10-12 a.m. (A)
- World Literacy Day
- National Grandparents' Day

Monday 9

- 3rd week of classes begins -- YEAH!

Tuesday 10

- Amnicola mtng. 11:30 a.m., Hollenback Hall
- OCC mtng. 11:30 a.m., SLC 380
- CC mtng. noon, SLC 160
- Field Hockey-Juniata 4 p.m. (A)
- M. Soccer-Bloomsburg 4 p.m. (H)
- Luncheon for Hearst Scholars 11:30 a.m., Marts
- Education Club mtng. 11:30 a.m., COB 205

Wednesday 11

- Campus Interfaith "Talk It Out" 5 p.m., Alumni House
- SG mtng. 6:30 p.m., Marts
- Volleyball-Elizabethtown/Dickinson 5 p.m. (H)

Thursday 12

- Note-taking Workshop 11 a.m.-noon and 6-7 p.m.
- Conyngham, 3rd floor
- Programming Board mtng. 11:30 a.m., SLC 166
- SG elections for replacement reps.
- SG nominations for freshman reps.
- Health Sciences mtng. 11 a.m., SLC 101 - MANDATORY

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Amnicola, ready and waiting

from Michael Beachem, Amnicola Photography Editor

The Wilkes University Yearbook (a.k.a Amnicola) staff is excited about the new year and we hope you are too. There are a couple of things that we want you to be aware of:

- 1) First, your yearbook cost is included in your tuition, so don't forget to pick up your edition. Since you paid for your yearbook already, this gives us all the more reason to ask you for your assistance in making your yearbook special.
- 2) The 1995 yearbook is finished (in fact, it was finished last spring). Juniors and Seniors who have not picked up their copies may do so during the Amnicola meeting time on Tuesdays from 11:30-12:30 p.m. at Hollenback Hall (across from the library).
- 3) The 1996 yearbook is in production. This edition should be out by the end of the fall semester or early spring semester.
- 4) The Amnicola staff is looking for new members. Story writers, sports writers, layout designers, artists, business managers, etc. are all needed to help make the 1997 book the best ever. If you are interested, please stop by our office on Tuesday from 11:30 p.m. to 12:30 p.m.
- 5) There will be a new photography staff set up to take pictures for the Amnicola. If you are interested in just taking pictures, but do not plan to be a permanent staff member of the Amnicola, please contact Mike Beachem, Amnicola Photography Editor at ext 5043 (on campus or 831-5043 off campus) or e-mail: beachemt@wilkes1.wilkes.edu. An interest meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 12th at 11 a.m. in the Amnicola Office (second floor Hollenback Hall).
- 6) Also, the Amnicola will accept candid pictures taken by faculty, staff and students of events or friends on campus. Please note that we may not be able to use all the pictures submitted. Also, please submit print doubles because pictures may not be returned. Make sure your name and address is on the back of the photo. To submit a photo, place in an envelope and send to: Box 54 c/o Michael Beachem, Amnicola Photography Editor.
- 7) Dorm photos will be taken on Sunday, September 15th at the Alumni House. See your RA for the time and more detailed information.
- 8) Finally, I need to have some feedback from the underclassmen (freshmen, sophomores and juniors). You may respond to me by snail mail: Box 54, e-mail, or through a letter to the Beacon.

I need to hear from you soon concerning a certain issue. I want to know how you feel about having underclass formal pictures taken like they do in many high school yearbooks.

I have found that many colleges are including formal pictures and label the sections 1st year, 2nd year, 3rd year, etc. to eliminate the confusion of students in the 5 or 6 year programs. Wilkes has never done this because the interest was not there years ago.

Things do change, and I want to know what your opinion is now. Personally, I think formal underclass pictures are a good idea because we would be able to include commuter students (in the past they have been excluded since we have only pictured underclassmen in dorm and apartment photos). It would also feature students who missed their dorm photos. Dorm and apartment photos would still be taken and incorporated into the layout of the underclass section.

I have spoken with our photography consultant, Davour Photo Inc., and they said they would be willing to set up a photo session if the interest was there. Please let me know what you think ASAP.

COMMAND POST : CALL TO ARMS

2nd Annual Civil War Paintball Game

To relive the epic GETTYSBURG BATTLE - September 22, 1996 - can the rebels "TAKE THE WALL" or will the Union forces again prevail!!!

This September 22nd you can remake history at our DALLAS, P.A.

Host site location.

- ~ 300+ Player's
- ~ Paintball Rentals Available
- ~ Concession Stands, Indoor Restrooms

See next
week's issue
for more
information!!

- ~ Dining Hall and Picnic Area
- ~ Morning Civil War Games
- ~ Afternoon Big Game Open Play
- ~ Field Paint ONLY

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Volunteer Services & Campus Interfaith

September 5: Information night will be held at 7 p.m. in Rumours (basement of Marts). Come and investigate all the activities we have to offer and eat lots of pizza, too.

September 17: A community service fair will be held on Chase Lawn from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. A variety of different agencies will be available so you can find out how and when to volunteer.

September 20: International Day of Peace. Meditations on peace will be held at noon at the bell tower.

September 22: Volunteers are needed for the Riverside Rumble Wheelchair Race to help with traffic control. Volunteers will receive a free T-shirt.

September 30: Volunteers are needed to help serve food and interact with clients at the VISION Homeless Shelter which will be on campus that week.

Wednesdays: Campus Interfaith's "Talk It Out" will be held at 5 p.m. at the Alumni house. Come for fun, fellowship and dinner.

Mondays: Campus Interfaith sponsors a Christian Scripture Study at 4 p.m. in the basement of the SUB. All are welcome.

Teach English to Refugees: Volunteers are needed to help refugees learn English. Training is provided.

Bureau for the Aging: Volunteers are needed to help senior citizens learn computer processing skills. Lunch is provided.

Adopt-a-Grandparent: Come spend a little time with someone who could use your cheery smile.

Rainbow Kids: Once a month come spend quality time with children whose families are going through a divorce.

Project MOM: This is a tutoring program to help pregnant teens remain in school. Volunteers are needed to help during after school hours.

GED Classes: Volunteers are needed to prepare adults for GED classes at 53 Blackman St.

American Red Cross: Help is needed with basic office work, filing and typing.

SHARE: Refrigerator empty? Join SHARE food co-op. For \$14 receive \$30 worth of fresh meat and vegetables and fruit on the 4th Saturday of the month.

Habitat for Humanity: Every Saturday at 9 a.m. volunteers are needed to help build a home for a needy family.

Blindness & Visual Services: Students are needed to work once a week for a few hours, helping a blind person with shopping, reading and opening mail. A car is needed but you will be reimbursed mileage plus \$4.25 an hour.

REACH: The first REACH event for the year is being planned. We are holding a "Game Night" where students can play a variety of board games with the children. Date TBA.

Hotline: Check out all the volunteer opportunities available by calling the Volunteer Hotline at 831-5905.

To learn about these or other volunteer programs, stop by the Campus Interfaith and Volunteer Services office on the third floor of Conyngham or call Mary or Amy at 831-5904.

Calling all majors. Join The Beacon. x2962

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Bell vies for crown in Atlantic City

by CHRISTINE GAYDOS
Beacon Features Editor

For many of us, our fondest summer memories are of vacations, parties with friends, and possibly a summer job, but this was not true for one Wilkes junior. Melanie Bell, biology major from Vernon, New Jersey spent her time off from classes gearing up for the Miss America 1997 pageant.

On June 1, Bell won the Miss New Jersey crown in

Ocean City. Since then, she has made every attempt to balance all of her new responsibilities.

Bell spent long hours in her 1996 Ford Taurus, one of her Miss New Jersey prizes, running to and from scheduled appearances, including parades, speeches and intensive coaching sessions fine-tuning the skills she'll need to win the national crown.

"Each week is different. In the beginning of the

summer I focused on appearances, but recently, I've been trying to get ready the best I can for Miss America," admits Bell.

After all of this preparatory work, Bell feels as though she has much more confidence than her first entry in the Miss New Jersey Pageant when she did not win the crown.

"I feel since that time I have not only learned how to do my hair and makeup, but how to present myself and my

thoughts," says Bell.

Bell will be missing the first three weeks of classes, but this does not seem to be stressing her out at all.

As an honors student, Bell believes that she "can catch up and get back in the swing of things rather quickly."

Bell praised Wilkes administration, "Everyone at Wilkes has helped and supported me. I truly appreciate it."

Bell set off for Atlantic

City on September 2 along with the 49 other contestants.

All of the preliminary competitions will have already taken place when the top 10 finalists compete for the Miss America 1997 crown on September 14.

Watch for your fellow Wilkes student on Saturday night, September 14 at 9 p.m.

Also, look for a feature on Melanie Bell, Miss New Jersey, in the September 19 issue of *The Beacon*.

Wilkes grads move to professional schools

WILKES-BARRE — The Wilkes University School of Science and Engineering is pleased to recognize 26 Wilkes graduates who have been accepted to various health professional schools commencing with the fall 1996 semester.

The School of Science and Engineering offers programs in three general areas of the health sciences: allied health, premedical and pre-pharmacy. These programs continue to uphold a fine tradition in preparing undergraduates for professional schools in these areas. Through this curriculum, Wilkes students

prepare for careers in allopathic medicine, osteopathic medicine, dentistry, veterinary medicine, optometry, podiatry, physical therapy, occupational therapy, pharmacy, and health information management.

Students enrolled in programs leading to careers in the health sciences are offered an extensive counseling and advising system through which faculty advisors, as well as advisors in the Office of Health Sciences, monitor students' progress on an individual basis and help them prepare for application and admission

to a professional school.

Seminars that provide valuable information on career opportunities, admission test preparatory courses and financial aid are scheduled monthly. Wilkes undergraduate students can also take advantage of the many affiliations Wilkes has with professional schools, including: College of Optometry, and the Pennsylvania College of Podiatric Medicine.

The students who have been accepted into professional schools for the fall 1996 semester include: Medical College of Pennsylvania—Hahnemann University:

James Anoja of Catawissa, Philip Bosh of Wyoming, Gregory Dobash of Harvey's Lake, Michael Grasso of Kingston, Robin Minielly of Sayre, Tony Reed of Hughesville, Daniel Smith of Souderton, Susannah Stair of Trucksville, and Carrie Williams of Wilkes-Barre.

Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine:

George Gurdock of Duryea, Gaye Gustitis of Kingston, Joseph Machuzak (95) of Wilkes-Barre, Pierre Palandjian of Peckville, and Chris Rogers of Shavertown.

Creighton University School of Medicine:

Michael Bruno of West Pittston

Penn State School of Medicine:

Barry Carey of Berwick

Ohio University Medical School:

John Guerriero of Frenchtown, NJ.

University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine:

Paul Daniel (91) of Telford, Jennifer

Wandell (95) of Wilkes-Barre
New England College of Optometry:
Helen Chandora of Monsey, NY
Pennsylvania College of Optometry:
Bill Smith of Hawley, Michele Wasilowski of Kingston

Pennsylvania College of Podiatric Medicine:
Julie Mehta of Kingston
University of Delaware Physical Therapy Program:
Richard Siperko of Harvey's Lake
University of Maryland Physical Therapy Program:
Jennifer Brzogowski of Carbondale

Chicago College of Pharmacy - Mid-Western University:
Ray Miller of Mountaintop

For more information, call the Wilkes University Office of Health Sciences at 831-4140.

As a reminder to all Health Science majors: There is a MANDATORY meeting at 11 a.m. in SLC 101 on Thursday, September 12.

Beacon takes first place

The Beacon proudly announces that it has placed first in the American Scholastic Press Association (ASPA) award contest. The newspaper staff is extremely pleased to accept this award.

The 1996 ASPA contest had 470 publication entries. While this was *The Beacon's* first entry into the competition, 73% of the 1996 entries were repeats.

Each publication was first organized by the size of the college or university. *The Beacon* competed against other institutions with enrollment between 1701 and 2500 students.

In order to have been awarded first place, *The Beacon* scored between 850 and 1000 points. These points were awarded based on the evaluation of format, content and presentation.

Along with an official letter of congratulations came a few suggestions offered by the judging committee. These considerations for the future will help our advisor, editors, writers, photographers and computer technician to continue producing an award-winning publication.

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* FALL 1996 HOURS *

(Beginning Tuesday, September 3)

Monday	9am - 11pm
Tuesday	9am - 11pm
Wednesday	9am - 11pm
Thursday	9am - 11pm
Friday	9am - 6pm
Saturday	1pm - 5pm
Sunday	2pm - 11pm

Note: Classes/Workshops are occasionally scheduled in the lab, during which time the lab is CLOSED. Check for special notices posted on door.

Crossing cultural lines on campus

BY MICHAEL BEACHEM
Beacon Staff Writer

Over 60 guests from Wilkes University, King's College, College Misericordia and the local community were at the "MultiCultural Mixer" sponsored by the Office of MultiCultural Affairs on Wednesday, August 28th. This event was the "kick-off" for the 1996-97 year.

Gina Morrison, the Wilkes MultiCultural Coordinator noted that she, "was pleased, not only by the amount of students and community members who

showed up, but was extremely happy to see the positive exchange of communication across cultural lines."

Morrison noted that there has been an increase in international and multicultural students: 28 African-American, 15 Hispanic, three Native American and 57 Asian and Asian American, based on the statistics provided by the Wilkes University registrar.

Morrison is excited and says, "a new spirit of intercollegiate cooperation seems to have taken hold this year. This means a larger support system for the

multicultural communities of each college."

Glenda Race, a Wilkes senior, noted that she found the mixer very relaxing amidst all the excitement of the first week of school. It was also a chance not only to see old friends, but also to meet new ones who were freshmen, transfer students, or students from other area schools.

There are new activities planned in conjunction with the MultiCultural Student Coalition. A meeting to elect new officers will be held on September 12 at 11:15 p.m. near line two of the Pickering Cafeteria.

After this initial meeting, meetings will be held on the first Thursday every month.

Morrison also encourages students to take part in the Hispanic Heritage month in late September and early October. Films with Hispanic themes will be shown Thursday evenings and the cafeteria will feature Mexican cuisine.

Anyone interested in helping with Hispanic Heritage month or MultiCultural events are encouraged to contact Gina Morrison at extension 4731 or stop by her office, which is to the left of the security desk in Evans Hall.

PRISONERS WANTED!

The March of Dimes is searching for students who would be willing to be prisoners for their "Jail and Bail" fundraiser on September 30 and October 1 at Genetti's.

You will receive a free lunch for participating. Get some friends together and have them post bail to get you out of jail. Have fun, enjoy a free lunch and raise money for a great cause.

Get in touch with Amy at Volunteer Services for more information at extension 5904.

Alternative Anyone???

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Elijah Reynolds sold the home to his brother, William Champion Reynolds, who was a prominent businessman active in political affairs. Four generations of the Reynolds family lived in the home before it was sold to Wilkes College in 1957.

The home was renamed in honor of the artist, George Catlin (1796-1872) who had a reputation for his controversial work. Catlin was born in Wilkes-Barre and was educated to be an attorney. However, his true love was art. Catlin produced hundreds of sketches and paintings depicting the American Indian. His journals and art works have been used as resources to learn about American Indian life and culture.

Today, 24 women reside in beautiful Catlin Hall.



Photo by Dave Parfitt

Field Hockey starts Banter in the Booth season with tough test

with Michael Noone

Lady Colonels begin quest for fourth straight championship season

by MICHAEL NOONE
Beacon Sports Editor

Last season the Wilkes University field hockey team made its first ever appearance in the NCAA playoffs. Last year's playoff appearance capped off an era of dominance by the Lady Colonels that included three consecutive Freedom League championships.

Wilkes will need to place two All-Americans and eight seniors in order to win a fourth Freedom League title in as many years. All-time leading scorer Kim Maskel and three year starter Michelle Richardson were both All-American forwards for each Addy Malatesta last season.

"Our goals remain the same, only the faces change," said Malatesta. "We want to win a fourth consecutive Freedom League title and contend for the MAC championship. We ultimately want to earn one of the 16

spots in the NCAA playoffs at the end of the year."

Wilkes opens its season on Thursday, September 5, at College Misericordia. The Cougars have nine starters and 12 letter winners back from last season, when they finished 15-3 and won the Pennsylvania Athletic Conference title.

Last season the Lady Colonels defeated the Cougars 2-1 in overtime. This non-league game is the season opener for both teams.

The Wilkes defense will have to contend with Tricia Hoffman, Misericordia's all-time leading scorer.

The two teams meet at 4:15 p.m. at Anderson Field on the Misericordia campus.

Defense should be one of the strengths for the Lady Colonels this season. Last year Wilkes allowed just 16 goals with the goalkeeping tandem of Tracy Engle and Pam Truszkowski. Engle and Truszkowski combined for 115 saves and seven shutouts,

including six straight shutouts in the middle of the season.

Other key defensive players for the Lady Colonels include Noell Brooks, Lee Meyers, Heather Evanish, Alison Quick, and Sarah Reed.

Last season Brooks and Reed were both MAC Freedom League second team All-Stars. Brooks also earned second team regional All-American honors.

Scoring goals could be a problem for the Colonels in 1996. Just three players return to the lineup who scored goals last season.

Tonya Massenheimer led the returning players with four goals last year. Carrie Chipeco scored two goals during the 1995 campaign while Christy Palilonis added one goal for Wilkes.

Massenheimer, Chipeco, Palilonis, and sophomore Lisa Werkhiser are expected to lead the Lady Colonels' offense toward their goal of another championship season.

Sports serve a vital role in our society. They allow us to escape from our daily lives. They give us something to talk about with our friends and families. They are a driving force in our culture. This column will examine a sports story that people across the country are talking about each week.

This past week was a busy one for college students across the country. Students have been moving into dorms, starting classes, making sports history, and signing \$40 million endorsement deals. Last week 20-year old Tiger Woods won his third straight U.S. Amateur. No one in the history of the game had accomplished this feat. Woods did it in dramatic fashion, coming from behind to win the 36 hole final on the second hole of sudden death.

Woods has been winning national championships since the tender age of 15, when he won the first of three consecutive U.S. Junior titles. This week Woods announced he will forgo his junior year at Stanford and take his phenomenal talent to the professional tour. Tiger made his pro debut at the Greater Milwaukee Open, finishing tied for 60th. Woods showed flashes of greatness during his pro debut, consistently driving the ball over 300 yards and making a hole-in-one during the final round.

Woods's unprecedented potential makes him easily the most popular young golfer ever, and one of the most marketable athletes in all of sports. Huge galleries have followed Woods through all the tournaments he has played over the past four years.

Now Woods has taken his place alongside athletes such as Michael Jordan who transcend their sport, and who are sponsored by Nike. Woods signed a deal with Nike this week worth an estimated \$40 million dollars over five years. A new Nike commercial featuring Woods was produced to replace all of Nike's commercials during this past weekend.

Tiger, whose father is black and mother is Thai, is being heralded as a young and energetic role model for a sport that has traditionally been dominated by white, rich, elitest men.

Tiger is now poised for greatness. If he can withstand the pressures of his celebrity and the expectations of his fans, Tiger Woods could become the greatest golfer of all time and the standard-bearer for the future of the game.

Wilkes University's Sports Schedule for the Week

Field Hockey

•Thursday (5th):
at Misericordia
4:15

•Saturday (7th):
at Lebanon Valley
12:00

•Tuesday (10th):
at Juniata
4:00

Men's Soccer

•Tuesday (10th):
Bloomsburg @ Home
4:00



Volleyball

•Saturday (7th):
Luz. County Rec.
Trn. at King's
10:00

•Wednesday (11th):
Elizabethtown/
Dickinson @ Home
5:00

Women's Soccer

•Saturday (7th):
at Brockport St. New
York Trn.
2/4

•Sunday (8th)
at Brockport St. New
York Trn.
10/12

Young Colonels team hopes to improve with experience

By MICHAEL NOONE
Beacon Sports Editor

The Wilkes University men's soccer team opened its season this weekend with a pair of losses to College Misericordia and Wesley College.

The Cougars of College Misericordia defeated the Colonels 2-1 on Saturday at Ralston Field.

Dave Reinert of Wilkes gave the Colonels an early lead with his goal at 14:14 off an assist by Brian Wukitch in the first half.

Misericordia's Paul Zaengle tied the game with his goal just before halftime. Stephen Till was credited with the assist on Zaengle's goal. Mike Blasi netted the game-winning goal for the Cougars with about 10 minutes left in the game. Peter Anzalone assisted on Blasi's goal.

The Colonels fell to 0-2 on the year after Sunday's 4-1 loss to Wesley College. Wilkes trailed 1-0 at halftime and 4-0



Freshman Jarrad Max gives chase against Wesley College.

Photo by Dave Parfitt

late in the game before they posted their lone goal. Sophomore James Lacy scored the goal at the 78 minute mark off an assist from freshman Ed Lukowski.

Wilkes coach Phil Wingert takes a young team into the 1996 season. The Colonels have

only two seniors, just five returning players and 16 newcomers on the roster. Senior Brian Smith, junior Chuck Dunn and sophomores James Lacy, Jason Caddwallader, and Rob Rolland will be expected to provide leadership for the

young team.

During his freshman season, Lacy persevered through a number of injuries to lead the Colonels in scoring with 17 points, netting eight goals and one assist. Smith added one goal from his defender position while

Caddwallader added one goal. Rolland missed most of the year after suffering an injury just two games into the season. John Maroney and Silkowski are expected to be in goal during the second part of the season.

Coach Wingert is in his 15th year as head of the Colonels men's soccer program. The Colonels won the 1995 season with a record. Wingert's career at Wilkes is 129-97-21, making him the winningest coach in Wilkes soccer history. Times his teams have won more games, with the 1995 setting a school record of 12 victories.

Wingert has guided the Colonels to the post-season four of the past five years, winning the ECAC South Division championship and the MAC North Division title in 1992.

The Colonels' next game is Tuesday, September 10, when they host Bloomsburg at Ralston Field.

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