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\$7.5 million project coming to South Street

WILKES-BARRE —

Wilkes University has selected the final design for a new \$7.5 million Student Center/Dining Commons on West South Street in Wilkes-Barre.

Groundbreaking is expected in the Spring of 1998. The 48,000 square foot center is the latest piece of a multimillion dollar campus expansion plan started in 1993.

The architect for the project is Highland Associates of Clark Summit.

"This student center/dining commons design is the result of thoughtful planning by the students, faculty, trustees, administrators and architects," said Wilkes President Christopher N.

Breiseth.

"This is an exciting time for Wilkes students. They

will have most of their extracurricular activities housed in one central state-of-the-art location.

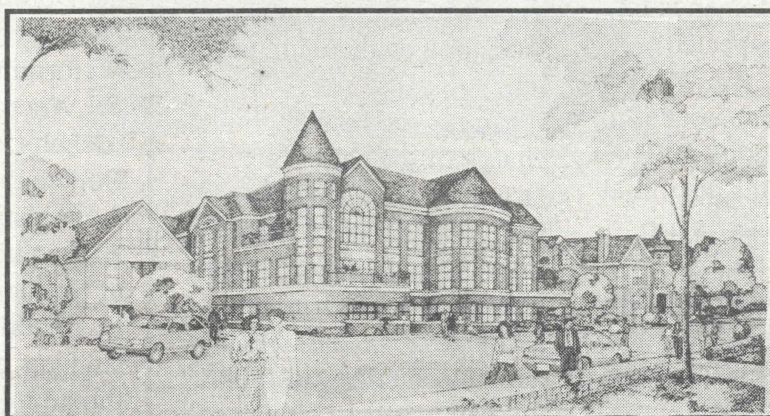
"This is just the latest major investment the

University is making to improve the quality of our downtown Wilkes-Barre campus.

"We are committed to improving the quality of student life both in and out of the classroom.

"This kind of major

improvement makes the Wilkes campus even more beautiful and also benefits



Sketch Courtesy Highland Associates

The proposed student center and dining commons is coming soon.

colleges and universities in several states to determine what features should be

included in the new center. The best ideas have been incorporated into the design.

The three story building will feature 48 rooms including a food court dining

commons seating 400 students.

In addition, students will have a cafe, bookstore, student government offices, meeting rooms, a large dance/entertainment/

movie area, information office, TV lounge, game rooms, bank, mail facility, and a student activities club all under one roof.

Amenities include a mall-like space on the first floor, a three-story atrium with skylight, two gas fireplaces and a patio with a balcony looking out over the Susquehanna River.

"We want to make sure the student needs are met, as well as the University's need to build a center that compliments the architecture of our campus and our neighborhood. This design meets the goals," said Paul A. O'Hop, Vice President of Business Affairs and Auxiliary Enterprises.

Governor Ridge preparing for round two

By SCOTT VEITH
Beacon Copy Editor

"Welcome to Pennsylvania; no new jobs allowed." This was the philosophy that current Governor Tom Ridge of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania believes was in place before he took over the reigns of the gubernatorial position just four years ago.

Since his tenure began, Governor Ridge has brought Pennsylvania from the 45th ranked state in the area of new job creation, to

Thursday, January 15,

at 11:15 a.m. at the F.M. Kirby Center for the Performing Arts in Wilkes-Barre, Governor Ridge and his supporters held a press conference to announce his campaign for re-election in the upcoming election.

During his fewer than twenty minutes at the podium, Governor Ridge discussed the area of new job creation.

Despite the leaps and bounds of improvement that have taken place during the Ridge/Schweiker years in office, Ridge said that he and his supporters will not be

satisfied until Pennsylvania is the number one state in America for new job creation.

Also discussed for this campaign were the areas of tough domestic violence laws, juveniles being tried as adults, rigorous public education standards, and personal taxes for low income families.

Ridge said that, with concentration in these areas, this would be a "campaign for Pennsylvania's future."

Governor Ridge also pointed out that, during his tenure in office, Pennsylvania taxes have been reduced by \$2 million

and injuries sustained by laborers during working hours are also down, which is a fact that Ridge attributes to safer working conditions.

Although he did not state any plans to reform the current welfare system, Ridge said, "We will eliminate, completely, the personal income tax of families of four making \$25,000 or less."

Ridge also voiced his displeasure with the current standards that are in place for one to become a certified educator in the state of Pennsylvania.

He said that the

education standards in Pennsylvania public schools are too low, and the ease with which one can become a certified educator is a cause of this.

He announced that high school diplomas will now be recognized as "New Pennsylvania Achievement Awards."

He said that these diplomas will not only prove that the individuals receiving them are competent enough to be high school graduates, but they will automatically be considered "ready to work" after they receive a high school education.



Around the world . . .

Impeachment a possibility

WHITE HOUSE (AP)--

A leading congressman says if the new allegations against President Clinton are proven true, impeachment proceedings would be an option.

Whitewater

prosecutors are now trying to determine if Clinton had an affair with a White House intern and then tried to influence what she told investigators about it.

Clinton's spokesman, Mike McCurry, released a statement Wednesday morning stating that Clinton is "outraged" by the charges and that he never had an "improper relationship" with the woman.

At the briefing Wednesday afternoon, McCurry rejected several attempts to get him to expand on that statement or to elaborate on what would be a proper or improper relationship.

Iraq still not budging

BAGHDAD, IRAQ

(AP) -- The Chief U.N. Weapons inspector is suggesting he might call Iraq's bluff.

Richard Butler says he might send inspectors to Iraqi presidential sites in a matter of days to test its resolve to keep them off-limits.

Butler has just finished two days of talks in Baghdad, during which he couldn't persuade the Iraqis to back down.

Iraq is proposing that the U.N. freeze its demand

for access to presidential sites until more talks take place. Butler has told Iraq that the proposal "flies in the



face" of U.N. demands for access to all suspected weapons sites.

The U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, Bill Richardson, calls the initial report from Butler's trip "quite disturbing."

British foreign secretary Robin Cook said Iraq cannot be allowed to select which sites inspectors visit.

Iraq denies it has any of the deadly germ agent.

Asia's finances affecting U.S.

WASHINGTON

(AP) -- Fallout from Asia's financial crisis is being felt all across the U.S.

The federal reserve says most parts of the country are feeling an impact.

The central bank says U.S. manufacturers report a downturn in demand from Asia for everything from industrial machinery to processed food.

The findings are in the fed's latest "beige book" survey of regional economic conditions. The results will figure into the central bank's next meeting on interest rate policy in early February.

Even with the Asian-related weakness, the fed says the U.S. economy continues to grow at a moderate pace and labor markets remain tight or very tight.

Postmaster General retiring

WASHINGTON (AP) --

The man who runs the U.S. Postal Service is resigning.

Postmaster General Marvin Runyon says he'll go home to Nashville, Tennessee, next month and look for a challenging new job.

In his six years in charge of the nation's largest civilian employer, Runyon is credited with improving delivery of first-class mail while trimming administrative staff. He also added technology to speed up mail processing during his tenure.

The postal service began turning a profit after years of red ink.

However, Runyon was accused of breaking federal law by taking part in talks about placing *Coca-Cola* machines in post offices while he owned Coke stock.

The conflict of interest investigation ended in a civil settlement.

F.B.I. boss to retire

PHILADELPHIA (AP) --

Today is Bob Reutter's last day as Philadelphia's F.B.I. boss. After 29 years with the F.B.I. he is leaving the post he held for six years to become senior director of administrative services for Independence Blue Cross. Starting February 2, he will oversee the medical insurer's facilities and procurement.

Hats off Class of '98

By CARA DURSO
Beacon Staff Writer

Thursday, January 15, 1998 wasn't just another ordinary day for some students at Wilkes University, 83 anxious students, some teary-eyed, some with ear-to-ear grins, dressed in caps and gowns proudly marched down the aisle of the Dorothy Dickson Darte Center for the Performing Arts.

Whether receiving a bachelor's or a master's Degree in Business Administration, Liberal Arts and Human Sciences, or Science and Engineering, these students had one common thread that held them together. They were all about to graduate from Wilkes University.

The Commencement Speaker for the afternoon was Dr. Jon Larson, President of Luzerne County Community College.

Larson discussed the technological changes that would occur in the work environment in the near future.

His advice to the graduation class was, "YOU hold the keys to your life. YOU are the architects of your future."

Two honorary degrees were also awarded. Dr. Charles Myers and Dr. Lester Saidman were the recipients. These men inspired and helped design the Wilkes College/Hahnemann Medical School Program in which many doctors from Northeastern Pennsylvania have attended.

Together, Myers and Saidman have provided more than one hundred years of medical assistance to the people of Wyoming Valley.

Other speakers at the 1998 Winter Commencement included Dr. Jane Elmes-Craball, professor of Communications, Eugene Roth, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, and Susan A. Talbot, a graduate with a perfect average in Business Administration.

With heads held high the graduates received diplomas, their tickets to the "real world" and the afternoon came to a close.

This would be the first time the entire Class of 1998 would stand as one. Some made promises to keep in touch. For others, January 15, 1998 would be the last time they would ever see one another.

Priority Notification

At 1:50 a.m. an apartment at 97 Ross Street was forced entered and the occupants were required to lie down on the floor as the intruders searched the apartment.

Witnesses described the intruders as four black males wearing ski masks. A gun was used to shoot the lock off the apartment door. The men fled the scene. There were no arrests and no suspects at this time.

This did not occur on University property, however, because of the incident's close proximity to campus it is important for the university community to be aware and exercise additional precautions related to personal security matters.

Issued by Mark Allen, Associate Dean of Student Affairs on 1/14/98.

"Pharmacy Practice" makes perfect

by PAULA GENTILMAN
AND LAURA SCHMIDT
Special to the Beacon

Wilkes pharmacy faculty and students are changing the community's perception about pharmacy practice.

Pharmacy is a fast paced profession that is changing everyday, and because of Wilkes' newest academic school, pharmacy practice is changing in northeast Pennsylvania.

The study of pharmacy practice concentrates on the clinical principles behind prescribing medications. In addition, the curriculum provides students with the knowledge of how to monitor patients for side effects, drug interactions, and efficacy.

At the present, the pharmacy practice department consists of four faculty members.

Three of the faculty members, Dr. Wendi

McKinzie, Dr. Nicole Sparano and Dr. Hieu Tran, were all added to the staff in the fall of 1997.

McKinzie, a critical care specialist, is an assistant professor of pharmacy practice. She received her bachelors and doctorate degrees from St. Louis College of Pharmacy.

She then went on to complete a two year critical care specialty residency at the University of Kentucky Hospital in Lexington.

Sparano is an assistant professor of pharmacy practice specializing in family medicine.

She attended Rutgers University for her bachelor's of science degree and received her doctor of pharmacy from Medical University of South

Carolina.

Before coming to Wilkes, Sparano completed a specialty residency concentrating in

his bachelor's degree in pharmacy and his doctor of pharmacy from Philadelphia College of Pharmacy and Science.

After completing his doctoral degree he completed a fellowship in cardiovascular therapeutics and clinical pharmacology in Hartford, Connecticut.

Guiding the team of professors is Dr. Anne Lin, drug information specialist and chair of the pharmacy

practice department. Lin, who came to Wilkes in 1996, helped establish the department and develop the practice component of the curriculum.

Lin received her undergraduate and doctorate degrees in pharmacy from

St. John's University College of Pharmacy and Allied Health Professions. She then went to the Medical College of Virginia Hospitals to complete her clinical residency.

The professors are optimistic about the future of pharmacy practice at Wilkes and in the region. "Pharmacy is becoming a fast paced profession. When Wilkes students graduate they will have all the abilities to practice anywhere, which is essential," said Tran.

"Wilkes is a leader in changing pharmacy education. Since the program is new, we do not have to tear down a traditional way of doing things.

"We can build our own program for the future. Wilkes students have an advantage over other pharmacy graduates," added Sparano.



Photo Courtesy University Relations
Pharmacy practice faculty is ready to shape Wilkes' pharmacy program.

family medicine in St. Louis.

Tran is an assistant professor of pharmacy specializing in cardiology. He has an extensive background in cardiovascular therapeutics. Tran received

is a good idea to have your mail held or a neighbor pick up your mail.

It is recommended that you let your neighbors know that you will be away and how you can be reached in an emergency.

While away, it is also important to make your home look and sound lived in.

One way of doing this is by putting timers on a couple of lights and possibly a radio or television.

Joining a neighborhood crime watch is a good way to meet your neighbors and prevent crime.

For more information on security both on and off campus you can contact Lt. Rushton at 826-8105 or Chief Cookus at 408-4989.

You can visit the Wilkes Security web page at <http://wilkes1.wilkes.edu/~security/>

Protecting your property

by KAREN COOK
Beacon News Editor

Crime is an issue that affects everyone. College students are no exception. Whether it is in the dormitory or off-campus there is always a risk you could be a victim of crime.

"There is always an opportunity for crime, the trick is to prevent the crime from happening," said Chief of Wilkes Security, Gerald Cookus.

There are steps that can be taken to prevent crime from occurring in your residence.

According to Cookus and Wilkes-Barre Police, regardless of where you live, awareness is crucial to crime prevention.

Lieutenant Patrick Rushton of the Wilkes-Barre Police Department

said, "You have to be aware of what's going on around you. Pay attention to who's coming in and out of your apartment."

Rushton went on to say, "Treat your home as though it's your parents home, they wouldn't let just anyone in.

Know who's there and if you don't know them, ask them who they are and why there are there."

An important tool in crime prevention is a lock. Locks should be in place on your doors and windows, especially windows at ground level.

A good lock is important; however, it has to be utilized.

Rushton suggests that homeowners install storm doors that they can keep locked yet still speak to someone who is at their door. He suggests you don't open the door until you know

who is there.

Along the same lines Cookus recommends that apartment dwellers use peep holes.

He suggested talking to your landlord about having them installed, they can be purchased at many hardware stores.

Lighting is also key to avoiding crime.

Good lighting around entrances, parking areas and stairways is helpful in deterring intruders.

Both Cookus and Rushton feel that knowing your neighbors is an important facet of crime prevention.

"Apartments are vulnerable. People know which apartments the students live in and also when the students are on break," said Rushton.

When you go away, it

Safety tips

- Leave at least one light on, inside and out, when you are away.
- If you are away, use a timer to turn lights on and off.
- If you have an answering machine, use it to screen unwanted calls.
- Notify the police or phone company of threatening or harassing calls.
- Buy high-quality locks, dead bolts, mortise or auxiliary locks and use them.
- Watch other houses or apartments and let your neighbors know of anything that's suspicious.
- Keep in touch with your neighbors.
- If you think someone is inside your home don't go in, call the police from a nearby phone.

Letters to the Editor

Letters to the Editor guidelines:

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

**Your opinion
belongs here.
We want to hear
from YOU!**

BLOOD SHORTAGE! YOU CAN HELP

The American Red Cross has advised that there is a blood shortage in Pennsylvania. With this in mind, Wilkes University will be sponsoring our second blood drive this year. Tuesday, February 3 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Rumours in the Marts Center. The highlight will be homemade lollipops. Plan to give! Remember, the life you save may be someone you know!

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Educating each other

Imagine being stranded in a small town in China. You have no means of communication in this environment. You don't understand street maps or signs in store windows. How could you possibly survive? It may be hard to believe but there are many Americans who are in this situation in their own country.

They may have been born and raised in the United States, but simple words or phrases may as well be printed in Chinese. Take a minute to consider how many times a day you rely on your ability to read and write in one day. The number is infinite.

Illiterate adults have to memorize their way around town because street signs and written directions are no help. They aren't able to read instructions on prescription bottles and risk their health. They have to make excuses for why they can't fill out a job application or help their children with their homework assignments.

Too often these people were overlooked in their elementary school classrooms and as a result were discouraged from higher education. Lack of education in conjunction with low self esteem often keep adults from seeking instruction in reading and writing.

I am currently participating in a class that aims to tutor adults in need. Some seek the ability to read while others are brushing up on lessons to help them get their high school equivalency certificates.

This program exhibits the essence of service projects. Volunteers have the opportunity to build a close one on one relationship with a stranger, as well as help those being tutored to gain the knowledge they desire and deserve. Not only are Wilkes students gaining three credits, but they are also gaining a friendship and an invaluable sense of accomplishment.

The university should offer more courses that offer students the chance to participate in this community, the opportunity to make a difference in the lives of others.

Education is not only about what we learn in the classroom. It is also about our ability to complete the cycle and pass on knowledge to others.

Do you need a job or additional hours for student employment on campus?

The campus employment office has the answer! Stop by the bulletin board outside our office on the third floor of the Student Services Building and check on available jobs for the Spring Semester!

You can also contact Cheryl Gibson, Coordinator of Student Campus Employment at extension 4347.

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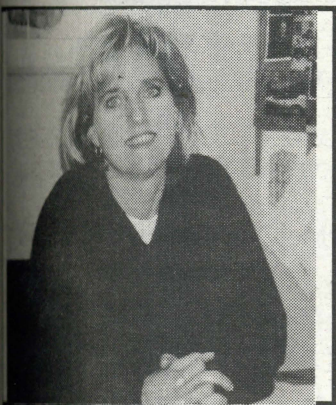
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The Beacon calling ...



Diane O'Brien has been the coordinator of Health Services located on the first floor of Evans Hall for eight years. O'Brien received her diploma of nursing from Wilkes-Barre School of Nursing. She received her Bachelor of Science degree in nursing from Wilkes University. She is currently working on her master's degree in Family Nurse Practitioning at College Misericordia. O'Brien has also worked in the Wilkes-Barre General Hospital Emergency Room for the past 16 years.

Do you think Health Services is well utilized?

"I believe it is well utilized by residents, but not as well with daytime and off campus students. I don't think the evening hours are used. If students came in at night, they could be seen a lot quicker."

Why do you feel a student wouldn't come to Health Services?

"The only reason might be that we are located at the end of campus. We are completely confidential, warm and welcoming and offer free services."

Do you enjoy your position as Coordinator of Health Services?

"Absolutely! I love it."

What is the best thing about being Coordinator of Health Services?

"Being in a young environment. It forces you to be more in tune with the younger age group. This is a nice change from working at the hospital. I get to work in both sides of the coin."

Yearbook Photos Update

Senior photos: Class of 1998 Senior portrait make-ups will be taken for the yearbook between February 10 and 12 at the Alumni House. Seniors should call 1-800-836-0558 during the week of February 2 to schedule their appointments. *This is the last opportunity to have senior portraits taken for the 1998 yearbook.* Pharmacy students who came in with the Class of 1998 are also asked to have their photos taken in their white lab jackets. Pharmacy students can contact Alyse Baumann with any questions. Fifth year seniors may choose the yearbook in which they would like to appear, however it is standard for them to have their photo taken with the class with which they entered college.

Faculty and Staff Photos: These photos will be taken February 10 between 10 a.m. and 12:30 p.m., 1:30 p.m. and 5 p.m., and February 11 between 12 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. and 8 p.m. as a make up for those not photographed in November. No appointment is necessary and this is at no cost to faculty and staff, as they will not have to purchase a package. All employees of Wilkes University are asked to have their photo taken.

All questions can be directed to Michael Beachem at extension 5038.

Would you like to visit the mysteries of the mythical past of Mexico?

Join Wilkes University and King's College beginning May 20 for nine days to see the sites of Mexico City, the Heart of the Aztec Empire, Chapultepec Park, Teotihuacan Pyramids, Guadalupe as well as three days on Veracruz Beach.

The package includes round trip airfare from N.Y. to Mexico City, tours, special attractions, registration, breakfast and dinner daily and a bilingual escort.

All this for under \$1,000.

Call Professor Bianco at Wilkes University at 408-4519 or Professor McGrath at King's College at 826-5900 at extension 5777 for more information.

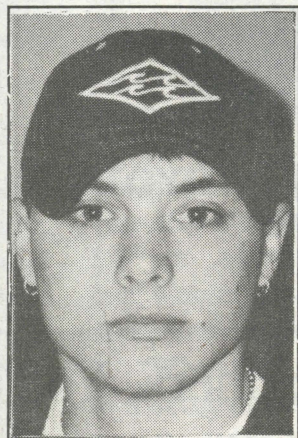
Roving Reporter by J.J. Fadden

"What are you looking forward to most this semester?"



T.J. McDonald

"A good season of baseball."



Kirk Leslie

"Playing golf for Wilkes and Winter Weekend."



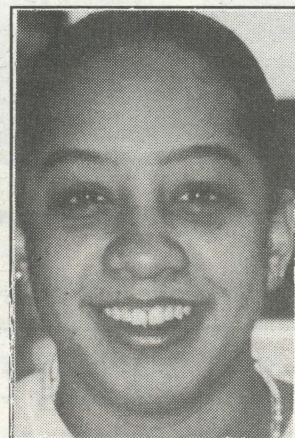
Mizele "Jacky" Nkoba

"My talk about my country on Feb. 19, COB 107 at 11 a.m."



Liz Burchill

"A successful basketball season."



Angela Collins

"Going home to Arizona."



January Johnson

"February."

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A student's guide to
Wilkes University
Activities

Sunday, Jan. 25



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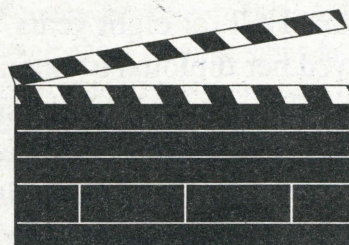
Thursday, Jan. 22

- IRHC meeting, basement of SUB 11 a.m.
- Programming Board General Meeting, 11:30 a.m., Marts 214
- Manuscript Meeting, 12 p.m., 3rd floor, Chase Hall
- Scripture Study, 6:15 p.m., Alumni House

Monday, Jan. 26

Friday, Jan. 23

- "In and Out" 7:30 p.m., CPA



Tuesday, Jan. 27

- Beacon staff writer meeting, 11:30 a.m.
- Amnicola Meeting 11:15 a.m., 3rd floor Chase Hall
- Commuter Council Meeting, 12:15 p.m., SUB Basement
- Circle K Meeting, 5:30 p.m., Alumni House
- Women's Basketball vs. Lycoming, 6 p.m.
- Men's Basketball vs. Lycoming, 8 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 24

- SHARE, 9 a.m., St. Mary's Rectory
- Wrestling vs. Western Maryland (Away)
- Women's Basketball vs. Scranton, 6 p.m.
- Men's Basketball vs. Scranton, 8 p.m. (Away)

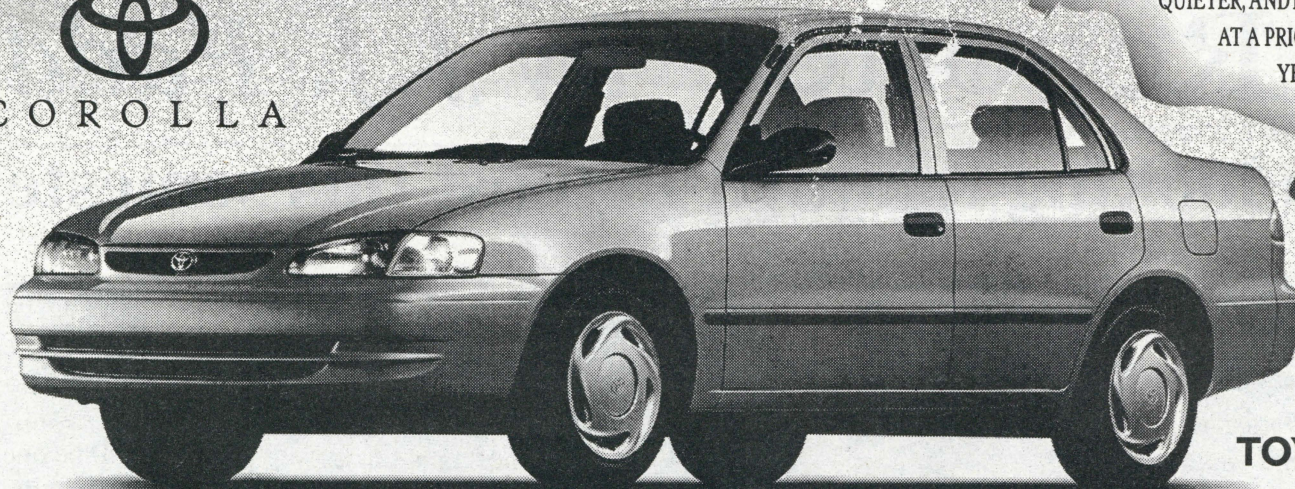
Wednesday, Jan. 28

- Campus Interfaith Talk-It-Out, 5 p.m., Alumni House
- Student Government Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Marts Center
- Wrestling at Albright with Haverford(Away)
- Chinese New Year Celebration, 8 p.m., CPA

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Looking for a few good leaders

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Staff Writers

Assistants are expected to keep the dorms as peaceful as possible, to strictly enforce school policies, as well as differentiate what problems need the most attention.

Along with these aspects, however, RA's must be willing to take on responsibility and become a surrogate brother or sister to their residents.

Many times, residents need help with classes, roommates, or problems they just need to talk about. It is important that the RA is willing to become apart of their residents lives.

Rich Quigley, a pharmacy major and RA of Evans fourth floor, said, "Some kids are away from home for the first time and don't have anyone to go to...that is why we are here."

Last year there were

between 60-70 applicants and only five spots to fill. This year there were over 70 people at the general



Photo By J.J. Fadden

An informal meeting of members of the Residence Life staff.

meeting, however, there are about 15 spots available, eight for women and six to seven for men.

The road to becoming an RA is long, but worthwhile. The first step was a meeting held with all the prospective candidates.

This meeting outlined what being an RA is and how the application process will

take place. Carrie Wilkes and Heather Bonner were two RA's who spoke to the group on the positive and negative aspects of the job. Even though free room and board is a very positive advantage that many students first look at, it is important to realize that with the positives come negatives.

Students were told that RA's are only allowed to spend the night away from the dorm five times in a semester. Many saw this as a severe cramp in their ambition of becoming a future leader on campus.

Once your application is in, three recommendations are needed from various members of the Wilkes community. These members can be current RA's or other staff members. The best

people to contact would be someone you know will give you a great review!

Finally, the most nerve racking and heart wrenching part of the process is the face to face interview. But wait. There is not just one, but two.

First, prospective RA's are asked to meet with a group of RA's, who will ask them a series of questions. Then they meet with one of the three members of the Residence Life Staff, lead by Darren Hack and Jackie Nkoba.

According to Nkoba, Resident Director of Evans Hall, "An RA must exhibit qualities of leadership, have the ability to interact well with others and handle difficult situations when they arise."

Do you think you would be able to fill these positions? Right now many of your friends and classmates are beginning the process.

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WILKES-BARRE--You on your TV. You flip through the channels.

Something catches your eye, the next thing you know, you're on the phone. What are you watching? It's QVC. Shopping with the convenience of never leaving your home, and better yet, never leaving your chair.

For one Wilkes University Communications student, the thrill of shopping on television and what goes behind the scene will soon be a reality.

Senior Communications major Emily Mika, of Wilkes-Barre, was awarded an internship with QVC for the spring semester 1998.

Mika was chosen from a large pool of applicants,

some of whom came from larger universities including Drexel and Temple Universities.

Mika interviewed at QVC several weeks ago and said she was nervous waiting for the phone call that would let her know if she was chosen for the 40 hour a week internship. A few weeks ago on a Thursday morning at 8:30 a.m., Mika's phone rang waking her out of a sound sleep.

"When they introduced themselves over the phone, my heart started racing," Mika said.

To the relief of Mika, her teachers, and those who had listened to her rant all week,

it was welcomed news that she got the internship and



Photo courtesy of University Relations
Mika travels to Philadelphia

became the first Wilkes student to intern at QVC.

Now that she knows she has been accepted, Mika looks forward to what lies

ahead.

Some of her duties include acting as the primary liaison with guests and their entourage during a visit to QVC as well as greeting and escorting guests to the Green Room. Mika will introduce the guests to the producer, show host, and other personnel as needed before a live appearance. She will provide technical support for guests, help with product setup, and research biographical guest information.

Mika said that she is happy to have the chance to work for QVC. Since the

show is based near Philadelphia, she will have to move there in order to accept the internship.

"I will gain so much experience working there, that I couldn't pass up the opportunity," Mika said.

Mika looks forward to a semester filled with new experiences.

Mika said, "I know that this will be one of the best things I can do to further my career and that is one of the most important things that I can do for myself right now."

The Wilkes Communications Department places approximately 25 interns each year.

For more information you can call 1-800-WILKESU.

Martin Luther King Jr.: Remember his dream

By LAUREN CASTELLI
Beacon Features Editor

As the new semester began, the holidays were not too far behind us, as students prepared themselves for the start of classes. Young children got back on their school buses and college students returned to campus for class.

But how many of them realize what an opportunity going to school is?

In the early 1950's many students were unsure if they would have the right to an education. The dream of one man, however, has helped alleviate these fears and helped open the doors of opportunity. This

inspirational leader was Martin Luther King, Jr. He was a great leader, mentor and friend for many Americans both in the past and present.

On Monday, January 19, the country observed the birthday of King, whose real birthday would have been January 15.

As a salute to King, the students of Wilkes University's Multicultural Student Coalition (MSC), participated in a community event which awarded high school students who have achieved academically.

Gina Z. Morrison, Coordinator of the MSC, introduced the group to the community and explained the activities the students were sponsoring in honor of Dr. King's memory.

"At the end of the program we all stood up and held hands and listened to the song, 'We Shall Over-

come.' I felt the electricity of togetherness in the room," said Floyd Allen, President of the MSC.

"I felt that the program went real well. It was as if the program had a spiritual and educational experience," said Terry Martin.

On Monday, the MSC gathered at Bi-Lo Foods, to help members of the community register to vote. The group was trained by the Luzerne County Voter Registration employees and

assisted anyone who wished to register. Twenty-three people registered to vote.

Not only was the MSC celebrating the memory of King, but so was the whole nation.

Even though Wilkes proceeded

with classes, it is important to remember that it was a day that others were able to give something back.

Corretta Scott King said it best when she talked of her husband. "The greatest birthday gift my husband could receive is if people of all racial and ethnic backgrounds celebrated the holiday by performing individual acts of kindness through service to others. Remember, it is not a day off-it's a day on!"

This is exactly what the Wilkes community did. Organizers of the Martin Luther King Day festivities are looking for more people to become actively involved in the community and in future programs.

If you would like to become involved you can contact Gina Z. Morrison at ext. 4731.



Easing children's pain

By SHELBY ROHWEDDER
Beacon Staff Writer

As a teacher at Saint Nicholas-Saint Mary's Elementary School in Wilkes-Barre, Sister Bernadette McCauley saw an increase in the number of divorced families among her students.

She decided something had to be done and starting the Rainbow Program in the elementary school seemed to be the answer.

Originally started in Chicago, the Rainbow Program has become a nation-wide project targeted to help children in kindergarten through grade eight whose parents are divorced.

McCauley said, "It is a chance for the children to exchange their feelings about what's going on in a small group with kids of the same

age, who have similar problems."

McCauley trained for the Rainbow Program in Montclair, New Jersey, where she learned to listen, to deal with a small group, and to follow the rules of the program.

Mary Hession also recognized the need to help these children and is

dedicated to get Wilkes students involved. Once a month, Hession organizes a special day for Wilkes students to spend with Rainbow Kids.

To the Rainbow Kids, a Wilkes student is someone they can look to for advice and to provide a stronger adult influence in their life.

Hession said, "We help

them realize they are special and let them know that it's not their fault."

Hession believes that it is beneficial for Wilkes students to get involved in the program because, "It

shows them that they can make a difference in someone's life."

McCauley also recognizes the importance of children's students interacting with the children.

McCauley said

"The Wilkes students are great with the kids. It gives the kids a chance to relate with older people who, in many cases, have dealt with the same issues."

With the examples that Wilkes students are teaching the Rainbow Kids, as the Rainbow motto states, "It doesn't have to hurt forever."

"It doesn't have to hurt forever"
Rainbow Kids Motto

The adventure of a lifetime

By LISA RUGGIERO
Beacon Staff Writer

Twenty students, faculty, and community members will have the chance to spend 12 days in Kenya, East Africa this summer.

Dr. Jim Merryman, Associate Professor of Anthropology and Sociology, is organizing the trip. It includes round trip airfare, nine overnight stays, full board, a professional guide, transfers and inter-city transportation, cultural meetings with Kenyans, game drives, camel trek and outstanding sightseeing. The price of the trip is \$3,150.00 for students and \$3,459.00 for non-students.

When asked why he was planning this trip Dr. Merryman said, "I can't wait to get back there myself. I've always brought Africa to the classroom, now I'm taking the classroom to Africa. Africa changed my life and I want my students to have the same

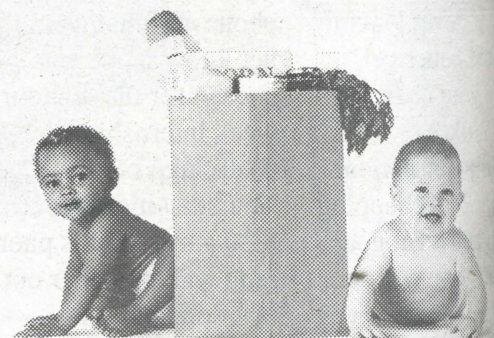
experience."

Dr. Merryman is very knowledgeable on about the continent of Africa due to the fact that he spent 12 years there; eight of them were spent in Kenya. He speaks fluent Swahili and also some Somali.

Dr. Merryman is prepared to take at least 20 people along on this trip. The trip can include as many as 40

people. An anthropological background is not necessary to take the trip, although any individual taking the trip will be willing to be exposed to African anthropology.

Students can even arrange for the trip to count as additional academic credit for an additional fee. Anyone interested in the trip can contact Dr. Merryman at extension 4043.



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Critic's Corner with Dan Lavelle

"Good Will Hunting"

Hello fellow movie viewers.

Long time no write. I hope every one had a nice break. Mine was somewhat average, but I managed to

see a few flicks here and there. Some were filled with excitement. Others were filled with drama. One film that comes to mind is "Good Will Hunting," which is a brilliant movie about a gifted young man who learns a few lessons in life. After seeing the film, I'm glad 1998 started with such a brilliant motion picture.

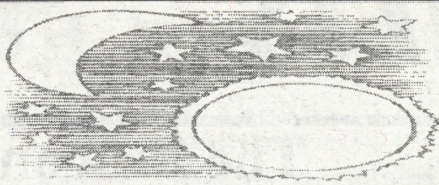
The two young actors, Ben Affleck and Matt Damon wrote and starred in the film. I must say, I am impressed with their work. The movie has a dramatic story line and a humor that could really catch one's attention. Plus, there was a great chemistry between the two actors on screen. They seem to know how to work well together.

Affleck played Will Hunting, the gifted young man who befriends Chuckie, the character portrayed by Damon. Both did a great job of acting in their roles.

Robin Williams gives a brilliant performance as Counselor McGuire, the man that tries to help Hunting (Affleck). This is not the typical, comedy crazed Williams we are used to seeing. He plays this character with a humanitarian feel. This is one of the best performances I've seen from him since, "Dead Poets Society." This just goes to show that Robin Williams can do a lot more than comedy.

Williams, Affleck and Damon should be recognized for this picture. It's definitely worth seeing. I'm giving this a high four and a half stars.

It's a great story filled with humor and an all star cast. When you get a chance, check it out. I'm hoping to see more films from Damon and Affleck.



ALIGNING THE PLANETS WITH MADAME ZELDA

Aquarius (January 20-February 18) The second semester has begun and you are now realizing last semester was cake compared to what you have come across so far. Don't worry too much, just apply yourself and you will surely do well.

Pisces (February 19-March 20) We are only back from break a couple of weeks and your bored with school already. Give it some time - it will get better soon.

Aries (March 21-April 19) You made a New Year's resolution this year and promised yourself it was one to keep. It has been hard for you to keep promises, but its never too late! Give it a shot!

Taurus (April 20-May 20) Winter break either went to fast or simply was not long enough. Now you're counting the days until your first weekend away or spring break. Keep yourself busy and it will fly.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) So you were home for almost a month and you got used to that good home cooking. Well your back to cafeteria food now - make due with what you have. It will make going home taste that much better.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) You got your grades and you were less than pleased. It will be hard to get that GPA up. Apply yourself and it will be no problem.

Leo (July 22-August 22) You got a job while you were home for break and saved a good hunk of money. Be careful and don't spend it all at once, you never know when your going to need it.

Virgo (August 23-September 22) This winter weather is getting you down. Do things to cheer yourself up. Brighten your day - especially now. The winter blues will be gone soon.

Libra (September 23-October 23) You've been at school for two weeks now and it feels like a whole semester has passed already. You're already tired and working too much. It may feel like an eternity, but the end of the semester will be here soon.

Scorpio (October 24-November 21) Extra cash is scarce. Look into on campus employment. You may get the job that someone who has transferred had, someone may have dropped out or maybe a new position is available. Look into it, you need the cash.

Sagittarius (November 22-December 21) Papers and projects have been assigned already. Get a head start on them, they will start to pile up and so will the stress.

Capricorn (December 22-January 19) You seem to be having a run of bad luck. Don't get caught up in it, things will start to work out soon, give it some time.

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That's Entertainment

Baby bop

TULSA (AP)-- The Hanson brothers, now have a Hanson sister to contend with. Their parents, Diana and Clarke Hanson are the parents of a seven-pound, six-ounce girl who was born on January 14 in Tulsa, Oklahoma. She's the seventh Hanson kid. Hanson's management has not confirmed the girl's name, but web sites are saying her name is Zoe Genevieve Hanson.

Elvis' former doctor, still former doctor

NASHVILLE (AP) -- Elvis' former doctor won't be able to be a doctor to anyone else for a while. The Tennessee Board of Medical Examiners has denied a request for a reinstated medical license from George Nichopoulos, also known as Dr. Nick. His license was revoked in 1995 after the

medical board found he had over-prescribed drugs to 13 patients, including Jerry Lee Lewis. Dr. Nick told the board he suffers from co-dependency and just wanted his patients' approval. He is currently receiving treatment for this problem. One board member says Dr. Nick has not come to terms with the charges and he should know that over prescribing is "unacceptable." Dr. Nick says he will keep trying to get his license back.

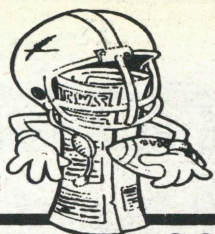
Backstreet boys lead recent concert grosses

LOS ANGELES (AP) -- Celebrating the New Year in Montreal turned out to be a wise choice for the Backstreet Boys. "Amusement Business" reports their shows, there from December 30 to January 1, nearly made 1.5 million dollars. This puts them in first

place for top-grossing concerts for the month-long period ending last week. Amy Grant's Nashville show was second, followed by Aerosmith with 1.5 million dollars for their Boston New Year's shows. Finally Barry Manilow for his post Christmas shows in suburban Los Angeles.

Today's Birthdays

Singer **Steve Perry** of Journey is 45.
Actress **Linda Blair** is 39.
Actress **Diane Lane** is 35
Rap DJ/Actor **Jazzy Jeff** is 33.
Actor **Olivia D'Abo** ("The Single Guy") is 29.
Singer **Marc Gay** of Shai is 29.
Actor **Balthazar Getty** is 29.
Singer **Kelton Kessee** of Immature is 17.



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Morellino and Conte show consistency

By **JEFF REICHL**
CAROLE MANCUSO
Beacon Staff Writers

Over the Christmas break, Wilkes hosted a tournament, the annual Wilkes Open, on December 29th and 30th.

Winning the 190 pound class was Roderick Franklin. He was the first wrestler from Wilkes to win the Wilkes Open in seven years. This two-time state champ from Ohio is a huge asset to Wilkes considering he also helps coach the rebuilding wrestling team.

"I would like to thank my friends, faculty, and team members for supporting me. I am looking forward to contributing to the team the remainder of the season," said Franklin on his triumph at the Wilkes Open.

Mike Morellino won the 167 pound weight class in the Kutztown tournament. This tournament took place on November 29th.

John Conte defeated three contenders from York College, The College of New Jersey, and Lycoming College to win the 126 pound class at the York Tournament on December 6th.

"I wrestled well in the tournament, and I hope to wrestle well in the upcoming

matches," said sophomore Conte.

As a team, the Colonels started off the season with one win and three losses.

They won against Lebanon Valley, and lost to Messiah College, Montclair State University and King's

guys, we have had to forfeit too many matches."

Other leaders for the Colonels besides the 18-3

mark that Conte has posted are Morellino with a record of 9-3 and R.J. George with a record of 8-2.

On January 17th, the Colonels traveled to New Haven, Connecticut to

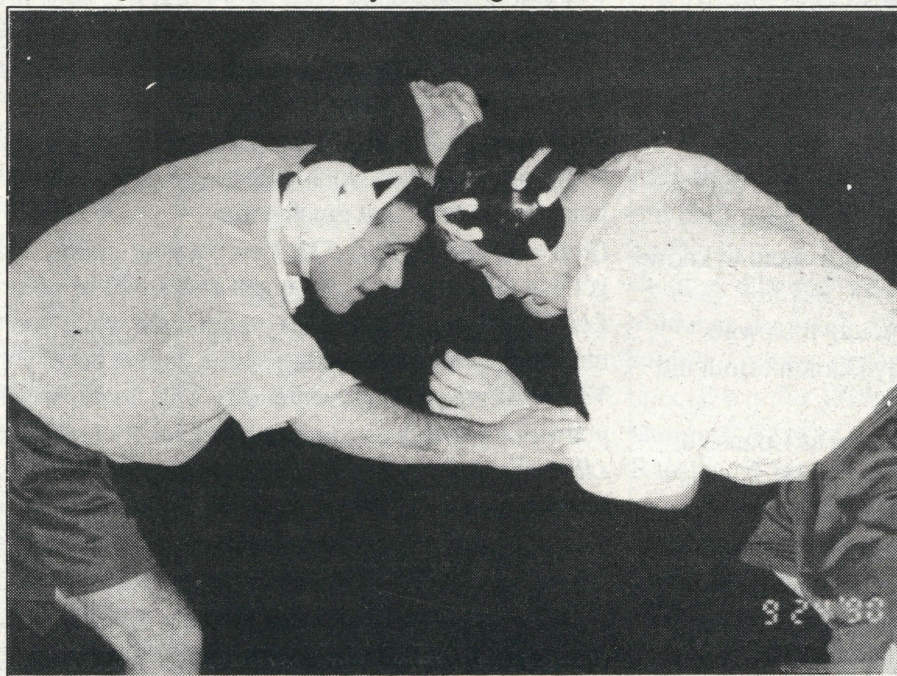
compete in a dual meet and to capture an on the road victory. That is exactly what they did as Wilkes beat Massachusetts Institute of Technology by a

score of 25-22.

However, Wilkes fell to the Coast Guard Academy, University of Massachusetts-Lowell, Bridgewater State University and Montclair State University.

In Wilkes' winning dual at 126 pounds Conte won by default 5-1 in overtime. At 134 pounds Josh Mendon won by default 6-1. At 141 pounds saw a win for Ed Thomas who won by majority decision 8-0. Wilkes also won a win by fall for Morellino at 177 pounds and a win by default for Jeremy Huggins at 275 pounds.

Conte was not the only Wilkes wrestler to win in his five matches, four of which were won by default and one win by a technical fall. Morellino saw three wins by default, one win by majority decision and one forfeit. Both proved to be consistent all season in what is the best, dominating the



John Conte and Jon Laudenslager are seen one of the few times when they are not so serious on the mat.

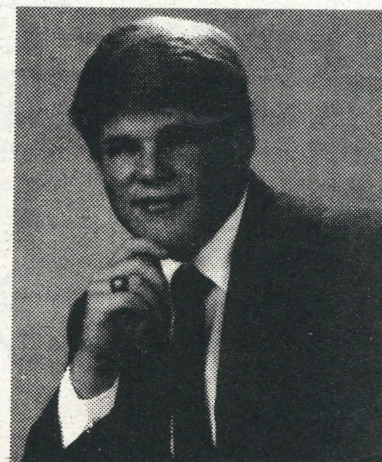
Photo by J.J. Fadden

College.

Conte, the team's leading wrestler to this point, said "We're a good team, but since we only have seven

in a dual meet and to capture an on the road victory. That is exactly what they did as Wilkes beat Massachusetts Institute of Technology by a

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Basketball in review

By **ROBERT MORCOM, JR.**
Beacon Staff Writer

When the Colonels started the season, they planned to win every championship possible. So far, they have played in two championship games, and won them both by favorable margins.

The Colonels won the Okidata Classic held at Widener University and the

Colonel Classic, which the Colonels hosted over 6-1, 142

Winter Break. The Colonels beat up on Old Westbury in the first

game of the Colonel Classic, and

then beat Widener for the second time this season to seal the championship.

Senior Mike Barrouk led the drive as he scored a total of 53 points in the tournament, and captured the tournament

MVP award.

In the championship game, sophomore sensation Dave Januzzi had 23 points and junior Brian Gryboski tallied six rebounds. Januzzi and Scott Cleveland were named to the All-Tournament team.

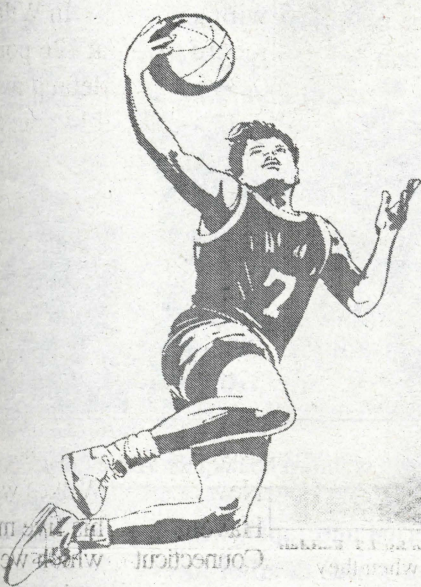
Two days later, King's College came into the Arnaud C. Marts Center looking for an upset. However, Wilkes proved to be the superior team for the tenth time this season.

as they beat the Monarchs 80-55.

Barrouk once again led the Colonels in scoring with 14 points while Januzzi and Chad Fabian each chipped in 11.

Cleveland, senior Jay

Williams, and freshman Artie Gotzmer each scored ten points. Gotzmer also had an alley-oop dunk in the second half that got the crowd on their feet.



Cleveland seals Colonel's twelfth

By **JASON EVANS**
Beacon Staff Writer

Only a week into the second semester, sophomore guard Chad Fabain has a pop quiz in a course he did not realize he registered for "Clutch Shooting 101."

With the Colonels clinging to a two point lead with under ten seconds left, Fabain drained his fourth three-point basket of the day to seal a 71-66 come from behind victory over Drew University on Saturday.

The Colonels battled back from an eight point halftime deficit and kept their composure in a game that was not decided until Fabian's triple that came off a Dave Januzzi pass.

What was Januzzi's mind set in the waning moments? "I tried to just penetrate and try to draw a foul or kick it out to Chad. I saw him open so I just passed it off and he nailed it."

As for Professor (Coach) Rickrode's opinion of the clutch shot: "We knew there'd be a day when he (Fabain) would make some shots that would win some

games. Give credit to Dave (Januzzi) who drove the lane and set up the open shot for Chad."

Fabain's four three pointers helped him to lead both teams in scoring with 19 points. Freshman Artie Gotzmer tallied 12 off the bench, and Januzzi posted 11 for the Colonels who moved to 11-0 (4-0 MAC) with the win.

All in all, Coach Rickrode was pleased with the win: "We knew it would be a war down there and I'm just happy to come out with a win, and to know that we won't have to play another regular season game in New Jersey."

On Tuesday night, junior forward Scott Cleveland also had a pop quiz, only this time the course was "Don't let the guy who has hit five three-pointers get a chance to tie the game 101."

Cleveland came up huge on defense with under five seconds left to block the three-point attempt of Delaware Valley star Jimmy Garrett and enabled the Colonels to prevail 76-73.

The Colonels trailed for much of the game until clutch shooting down the

stretch erased what was once a fourteen point Aggie lead.

Januzzi, Barrouk, and Artie Gotzmer all nailed clutch three-point baskets in the latter part of the second half to help the Colonels improve to 12-0 overall (5-0 MAC).

When asked about his clutch defensive block to protect the lead, Cleveland, in the most eloquent of terms, commented, "It felt pretty damn good."

Januzzi and Barrouk both checked in with 21 points apiece for the Colonels. Junior Brian Gryboski at 12.8 points per game average, scored 12 points. Januzzi also led the team in rebounds with seven, tying his season's best posted against Widener, proving beyond a doubt his all around basketball prowess.

In the most recent National division III poll on January 20, the Colonels were ranked number one in the Middle Atlantic Region. The Colonels have started to prepare for the long awaited on the road match-up against the Scranton Royals on Saturday.

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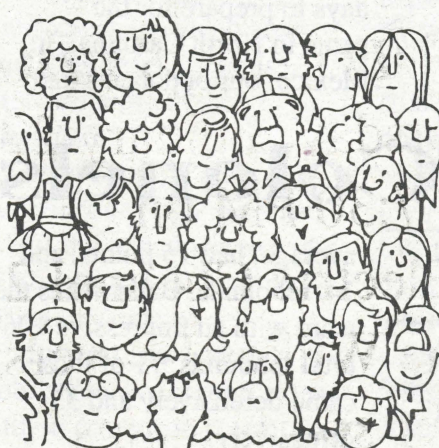
WILKES-BARRE-

The Luzerne County Chapter of the Wilkes University Alumni Association will host two alumni receptions prior to the Colonel's basketball games in the Arnaud C. Marts Sports and Conference Center.

The first was held Wednesday, January 21 at 5:30 p.m., before the women's basketball game against Delaware Valley. The second event will be held Saturday, January 31 at 6 p.m., before the men's basketball game against FDU Madison.

The event is once again

open to all Wilkes students, alumni and their guests. Cost for each is \$4 for alumni and



friends, \$2 for students. Both receptions will be held in the Rumours lounge, on the lower level of the Marts Center. Pizza, hors d'oeuvres and soft

drinks will be served.

The Wilkes University Alumni Association's newly formed Luzerne County chapter has been organized to plan events and activities that unite Wilkes alumni from the region.

The association provides financial and material support for the University and its students, while fostering a sentiment of attachment among alumni.

For more information, contact the Wilkes University Alumni office at 408-4130.

Fadden and Mitschke play in All-Star game

By **SCOTT VEITH**
Beacon Copy Editor

This past Monday, Wilkes University football players

J.J. Fadden and Augie Mitschke participated in the Second Annual USA III Football Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday Classic in Fayetteville, North Carolina. Both Fadden and Mitschke were All-Freedom League performers this past fall on the grid iron for the Colonels, and this game was one of the many ways that these two athletes have been rewarded for their efforts.

During the game, both Fadden and Mitschke saw significant playing time. Mitschke played in the second and fourth quarter as a tight end in the Black All-Stars' offense, and also participated on the extra point/field goal team and the punting unit.

Mitschke said, "It felt pretty good to be playing with the best players in the country. The coaches worked us hard, but we had a great time and I met a couple of good guys that could really play ball."

Fadden saw playing

time in all four quarters as both a defensive end and outside linebacker for the Black All-Stars.

Fadden managed to make a

about three months to prepare, compared to our six days."

The American All-Stars triumphed over

Football League.

Mills, better known as "The Father of Japanese College Football," shared his stories and experiences in coaching in

Shriner's Hospitals and Shrine game.

The Black All-Stars were victorious over the Red All-Stars in the contest

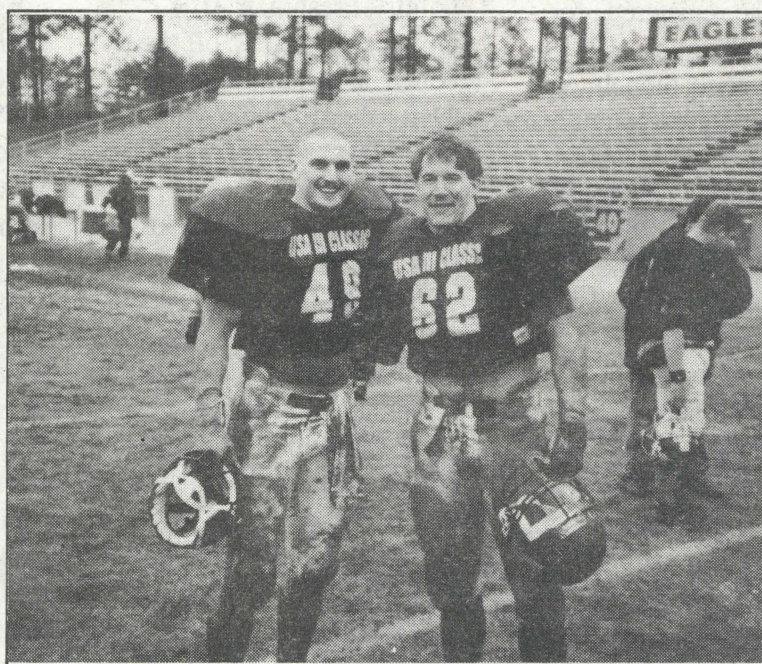


Photo by Scott Veith

Fadden and Mitschke are shown at the all-star game.



Photo courtesy of J.J. Fadden

Fadden is shown holding the Aztec Bowl.

dozen tackles, recover a fumble, record a sack, and deflected a pass.

Fadden also participated in the Aztec Bowl in Mexico City on December 20th.

When asked to compare and contrast the two experiences, Fadden said, "Both games gave me an opportunity to have great football experiences. The difference between Mexico and North Carolina was preparation and intensity. Each team had only two days to prepare for the game in North Carolina. In Mexico, our opponents had

the Mexican All-Stars by a score of 42-41.

The highlight of the weekend in Fayetteville for the two Wilkes representatives was the banquet held for the all-stars and their friends and family on Sunday night at the Fayetteville V.F.W. At the event, Fadden and Mitschke were blessed with the presence of such football legends as Chuck Mills and Larry Terry. They were also introduced to representatives of European professional football and the Arena

both America and Japan with motivating words to all of the all-stars and guests. Mills trails only John Heisman in NCAA schools coached with seven, and is the namesake for the Japanese College Football Most Valuable Player Award (The Mills Cup).

Terry, a former All-America performer at Wake Forest University was once a starting center for the Detroit Lions, and is also an accomplished poet.

In fact, Terry wrote a poem during his participation in the East-West Shrine College All-Star game which now serves as the motto for the

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senior players
the best of
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Cleveland
Ohio to play
in their last
all-star game

Lady Colonels regain winning record

By **REBECCA LANDIS**
Beacon Sports Editor

Over break, the Lady Colonels fell short on an upsetting loss to Albright College on January 12th, 72-68. In the losing battle, Katie Watkins, 11.8 points per game average, had 16 points, and Rebecca Baker, 14.0 points per game

average, had 15 points, and 14 rebounds. Baker leads the team with an impressive 106 total rebounds, 71 of those came defensively and 35 offensively.

The next heartbreak came when, once again, the Lady Colonels just could not pull past King's College, 67-62. Baker checked in with 19

points and 12 rebounds.

By mid-January, things turned around for the persistent Colonels. Wilkes shut down Drew University 74-59, and did not let up there either. They went on to hammer Marywood College 64-37. Don't think for one moment they were happy with a two game

winning streak.

In last night's match-up against Delaware Valley College, Wilkes stepped up there play to defeat the Aggies 68-48. Proving that not only the Wilkes' men can shut down the visiting teams. Wilkes posted 43 overall rebounds compared to Delaware Valley's 28 total. With the majority of the rebounds coming

from the defensive end.

The Lady Colonels managed not only to shake themselves out of a losing record, but pursued to recapture a overall record and for the first time this season, a winning conference record as a (3-2).