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**Ladies' photos by Michael Beachem**  
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## Local volunteers help families build their dreams

By KAREN COOK  
Beacon News Editor

Did you ever wonder what it would feel like to build your own house? Did you ever wonder if you had the resources to build a house?

Families around the world are getting the resources they need to help them accomplish this goal with help from Habitat for Humanity, an organization that was started in 1976 by Linda and Millard Fuller, designed to help families become home owners.

With assistance from volunteers, donations and management expertise, Habitat for Humanity builds and restructures homes for

families in need.

Habitat sells the houses at no profit to partner families and the families pay an interest free mortgage over a fixed period.

Small monthly payments made by the family, including taxes and insurance, are repaid within a seven to twenty year period.

These funds are deposited into a revolving "Fund for Humanity." This fund aides in the construction of future homes.

New homeowners are also required to contribute to the building or restructuring of their home by giving at least 500 hours of their service, otherwise known as sweat equity, towards the completion of their home.

This requirement was established to decrease the cost of the home and increase the pride of ownership within the family.

Each Habitat for Humanity sponsored or affiliated project is controlled by one of the local Habitat boards.

Families interested in the program apply to the local board in order to be considered a partner and are chosen based on their need, eagerness to become a partner in the program, and ability to repay the loan.

The Wyoming Valley Habitat for Humanity chapter is currently rebuilding two houses on Bowman Street.

The organization is on

site every Saturday from 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Volunteers are welcome to help out on site.

Wilkes University's Volunteer Services organized a group to volunteer on October 4 and they are taking another group on Saturday, October 18.

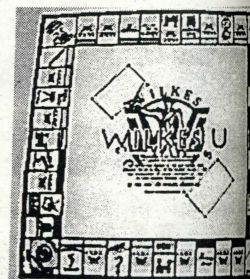
"You don't have to be

skilled to participate," said Amy Mazur, director of Volunteer Services. "There's always a site leader to explain how things are done. They work right along with us."

If you are interested in volunteering your time, contact Mazur at extension 5904.

### ON SALE NOW! Wilkes IABC "Monopoly" T-Shirts

Proceeds go to the Communications Department Scholarship and "Wilkes Today." Look for T-Shirts during tailgating at the Homecoming Football game or contact Dr. Jane Elmes-Crahall ext. 4162.



## Homecoming: where to be and when to be there

This year, Wilkes intends to not only celebrate the 1997 Homecoming, but to celebrate 50 years of Wilkes Homecoming history.

The Homecoming activities begin Friday with the Annual Homecoming Golf Tournament. The tournament will take place at Irem Temple Country Club in Dallas.

Registration for the captain and crew format match will begin at 10:00 a.m., with a shotgun start scheduled for 11:00 a.m.

A \$75 entry fee includes greens fee, cart rental, refreshments, dinner and prizes.

On Friday, at 4:00 p.m. there will be an interdisciplinary science presentation in the Arnaud C. Marts Center.

Pam Walsten from

Chrysalis Laboratories will be the guest speaker.

The "Friday Night Frolic" Alumni Reception will begin at 7:30 p.m. in Rumours, located in the basement of the Marts Center. Food and beverages are included in the \$6 cover charge.

For students, the Annual Homecoming Dinner Dance will be held Friday night at the Genetti Hotel and Convention Center on Market Street.

Cocktails will be served from 6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. and dinner will begin at 7:15 p.m.

The theme for this year's Homecoming Dance is "Celebrate."

Saturday morning from 9:00 a.m.-11:00 p.m. there will be information on hand at the Annette Evans Alumni House on the events taking place on campus throughout

the weekend.

Maps, a schedule of events, and tickets for the football game will be available at the Alumni House.

The Wilkes campus bookstore will be open from 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. on Saturday. Alumni will receive a 10% discount on all merchandise with the exception of textbooks. The bookstore will also have merchandise available at the football game.

The faculty of the School of Business, Society, and Public Policy will host a champagne bagel brunch for alumni from the Accounting, International Studies, Business Administration, Political Science, Economics, and Sociology departments.

The brunch will be held on the third floor of the Classroom Office Building and admission will cost \$5 per person.

The traditional "Return to the Hill Alumni Homecoming Celebration" will begin at

11:00 a.m. at the Munson Fieldhouse, in Edwardsville.

The event costs \$5 per adult and \$3 per child 10 years-old and younger.

At 8:00 p.m. on Saturday night there will be a Multicultural Alumni Reunion held at the Riverstreet Jazz Cafe, located on North River Street, Wilkes-Barre.

The Sordoni Art Gallery will be open from 12:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. The Art Gallery is featuring "Jimmy Ernst: Paintings from 1940-1982."

Child care will be available on both Friday and Saturday evenings from 7:30 p.m.-12:00 p.m. at the Annette Evans Alumni House.

Donations of \$10.00 per child or \$30.00 per family of three or more will be accepted.

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# Wilkes alumni to honor Groh for 50 years of service

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The Wilkes University Alumni Association will honor Wilkes professor emeritus Alfred Groh in recognition of his 50 years of service to the institution and also to the local arts community.

Groh will be awarded a plaque at a ceremony during the University's 50th Annual Homecoming "Top of the Hill Celebration" at 11 a.m. on Saturday, October 18.

The ceremony will take place at the J. Donald and Marion E. Munson Fieldhouse, Edwardsville.

Groh joined the University, then Bucknell University Junior College, in 1946, as an instructor, teaching composition and

creative writing and also directing theatrical productions.

After directing his first play, "The Barrets of Wimpole Street," Groh became involved in the arts community.

He since has had a hand in the development of cultural programming both at Wilkes and in the Wyoming Valley.

Seeking a facility to serve as a cultural center at Wilkes, Groh worked to create Wilkes Dorothy Dickson Darte Center for the Performing Arts.

He was instrumental in the planning and design of the theatre, which was completed in 1965 through funding from the Darte family.

The Darte center was a far cry from Chase Theatre, the converted carriage house that

previously had served as the only venue for performances

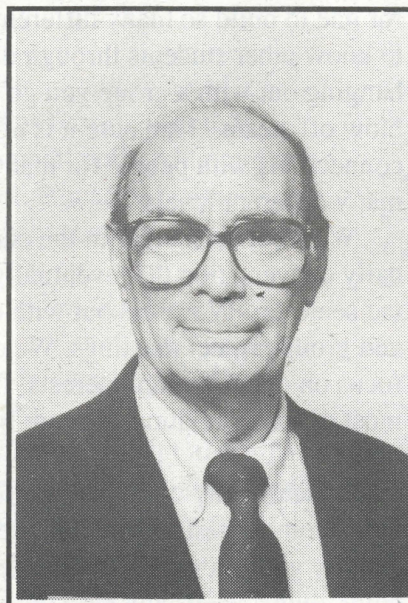


Photo courtesy University Relations  
Alfred Groh, Professor Emeritus of English and Theatre Arts

With the arts benefactor, Annette Evans, and first Wilkes president Eugene Farley, Groh helped to establish the Fine Arts Fiesta in Wilkes-Barre to showcase the talents of Wyoming Valley artists and performers.

He still serves as advisor to the volunteer board that plans the annual May event, now in its 43rd year.

Throughout his tenure at Wilkes, Groh has served as an English and drama instructor, director of cultural activities, director of the performing arts center, and as a special assistant

He retired from teaching in 1988 and remains active within both the University and arts community.

Most recently, Groh has published the "I'm a" series of children's poems aimed at inspiring children to take an interest in poetry.

With titles such as "I'm an Ant" and "I'm a Politician," the poems use experiences familiar to children to teach moral lessons.

The work, which is now being marketed as a multimedia series to educators and libraries nationwide, illustrates Groh's commitment to teaching children to appreciate the arts.

on the BUJC and Wilkes College campus.

for college advancement and cultural affairs.

## Pulitzer Prize winning author to speak at Wilkes

By SARAH KARLAVAGE  
Special to the Beacon

Pulitzer Prize winning author John Updike will be coming to Wilkes University on Tuesday, October 21, 1997 at 8:00 p.m. for a reading and commentary at the Dorothy Dickson Darte Center for the Performing Arts.

The students and faculty of Wilkes University are encouraged along with the public to enjoy this free event.

Updike's appearance is sponsored by the English Department's Allen Hamilton Dickson endowment, Fleet Pennsylvania Services Inc., The School of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences, and Wilkes University Cultural Affairs.

John Updike is originally from Shillington, Berks County, Pennsylvania.

A reception and a book signing will follow the reading sponsored by the Manuscript Society and Sigma Tau Delta. Seating is

limited, so early arrival is encouraged.

In addition to the Pulitzer Prize for fiction, Updike has been awarded the Howells

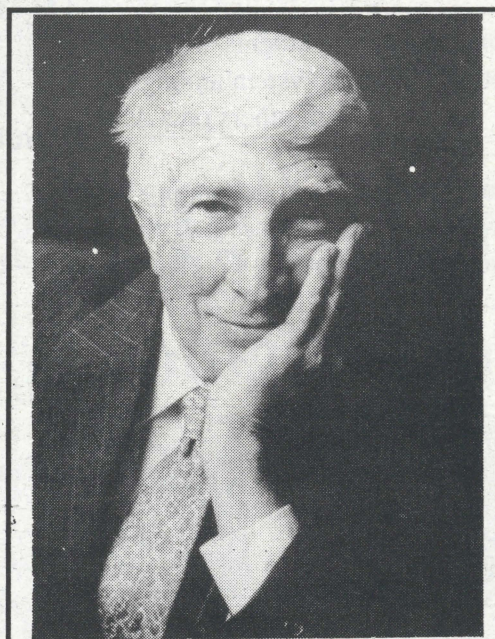


Photo courtesy University Relations  
John Updike will be on campus for a reading of his work.

Medal from the American Academy for Arts and Letters, National Book Award for Fiction and National Book Critics Circle Award.

Updike is best known for *Rabbit, Run*, *The Centaur*, and *Pigeon Feathers*. *Toward the End of Time* is his most recent

novel (1997).

John Updike, a novelist and poet, often writes about middle class repression, sexuality and Pennsylvania life.

Dr. Patricia Heaman, chair of the English department, commented on this year's guest speaker, "It is a great privilege to have John Updike at Wilkes. He has been a major voice in American literature in the second half of our century.

"It's especially exciting to have him read here because he is a native of Pennsylvania and because the landscape and culture of eastern

Pennsylvania plays a large part in his works.

"We're also pleased to have forged a relationship with Fleet Pennsylvania Services, our community co-sponsor, that will enable us to bring public figures of John Updike's stature to our

campus," said Heaman.

Cindy Yevich, Vice President for community relations at Fleet said, "It's very exciting for our organization to partner with Wilkes University on this

event. Mr. Updike's visit is a great cultural opportunity not only for students and faculty members, but for the entire community at large. We're delighted we were able to help make it possible."

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### Letters to the Editor guidelines:

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Dear Editor,

We are writing in response to last week's article entitled "Did you vote for Homecoming Court?" As members of Student Government, we were offended by the article and would like to address its inaccuracies.

First of all, we believe that the date and time of nominations were well advertised. Signs were posted at the Darte Center, Cafeteria, SUB, Stark, COB and the library, as well as on the bulletin board outside of the alumni house. During nominations, posters were visible in both Stark and the Cafeteria, and the students manning the box, frequently stopped people and asked them to vote. Elections were even extended until 2 p.m. in Stark because so many students were voting. The fact that more people voted this year than last year shows that students were indeed well aware of the nominations.

As far as publicizing in *The Beacon*, we would like to explain the present situation. At the beginning of the semester, SG requested and was granted a page in *The Beacon*. Soon after, we were told that we could have only half a page, and most recently that we would have half a page only every other week. Student Government events occur every week on campus, not every other week. How can we be expected to report SG news if we are not even given the chance? This week is the biggest of the semester, but it is an off week for SG half page. Guess we won't be able to publicize Homecoming events in *The Beacon* !!!

In regards to the comment that off-campus students were excluded, it is important to note that of the 22 people nominated, 10 were off-campus or commuter students. In light of this representation, we feel that it is inaccurate to assume that off-campus students did not know about the nominations.

In considering the fact that 12 SG member are on the court, we ask you to consider who has been nominated and/or has won the crown in the past. At the last three Homecoming's, the winners have all been either SG members, RA's, or athletes. Whether or not it is fair, it is common for the most visible and active figures on campus to be nominated for the Homecoming Court. As the past had shown, the three groups that are consistently the most visible are the athletes, RA's, and members of student organizations, including SG. All of these groups contribute to the University, and as we see it, being nominated to the Homecoming Court is an honor. Those who are on the court do so much for this campus that we believe ALL members of the court deserve this honor. We wonder why *The Beacon* has decided to attack SG, and has chosen to ignore the other two groups that make up the majority of the court. Of the 22 nominated for the court, 9 are RA's, and 9 are athletes. With all three of these groups well represented, what personal grudge does *The Beacon* staff hold against Student Government that allows us to be singled out as unfair?

Sincerely,  
Amy Blake, Jill Fasciana, Dan Haradem,  
Tricia Petrucelli, Mike Rosh, and Jeanette Snyder

## On-Campus Opportunities

One of the greatest opportunities of college is the ability for one to build so many different relationships. You can get to know other students through dating. Another option is hanging out with a group you go to parties or bars with to blow off steam. I am sure it is agreed that we make connections with people for many different reasons and on many different levels.

We meet each other in the classroom and share simple daily conversation that eventually build to friendships later in the semester. We stress out with each other at study sessions and group project meetings. We chat at club meetings and focus on our common interests. In my opinion, however, the most dynamic relationships are built within the residence halls.

Watching my dorm prepare for this weekend's Homecoming festivities I have realized how much positive activity goes on within the Wilkes residence halls. Buying paint, dying sheets and blowing up balloons has strengthened the friendships within my hall.

Often without realizing it, fellow residents are the people that students who live on-campus spend most of their time with. Roommates, suitemates and fellow hall members in general, are always there from best to worst moments. They are the ones who we borrow toothpaste from when we run out. They are the ones we order pizza with at all hours of the night when faithfully watching ER each week. They are the ones we cry to about our disappointments and argue with about trivial matters.

Comparable to a family away from home, the residence hall community is definitely an essential component in the college experience.

Within the dorm rooms and lounges, residents aren't just making friends, but constructing a support system amongst their peers and learning how to interact with others on a day-to-day basis.

I hope all the dorm residents participate in decorating their homes this weekend. I also wish the entire Wilkes community a happy and safe 50th Anniversary Homecoming Weekend, as well as extending a warm welcome to the many Wilkes alumni that will be returning to celebrate with us this weekend.

### Join us in the Big Apple!

The Commuter Council is sponsoring a bus trip to New York City on Wednesday, 11/26.

Leaving Stark at 9:00 a.m.

Leaving NYC at 7:00 p.m.

Cost: \$13.00 per person

Sign up for the trip on October 20th. Where?

Stark Lobby - 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

There is no school on Wednesday, 11/26. Come along and beat Black Friday shoppers or enjoy a show.

## Think Spring Internships!

Students interested in interviewing for spring semester internships and co-op programs should visit the Co-op/Internship office, Max Roth Center, 215 South Franklin Street, 2nd floor, or contact Carol Bosack, 408-4645, or [interns@wilkes1.wilkes.edu](mailto:interns@wilkes1.wilkes.edu) for information.

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John Sieko

"Kicking King"





## From the top rope with Rich Quigley

Now the madness has truly begun! First I had to sit through a Penn State game which practically ripped out my heart. But then the unthinkable happened as Florida lost, thus propelling the Nittany Lions back to the #1 spot in every college football poll. Although my predicted score for the game was exact at the end of the third quarter, Penn State cashed in on two late scores to cap the very exciting game. It is hard to believe I am actually writing this column this week, but as the saying goes, "If ya dish it, ya gotta take it."

Believe me, on Saturday afternoon while thinking of what I wrote last week, I took it alright, right up...well, you know. Anyway, here's the column you've earned and I promised. The answers to last week's quiz will be included and designated by the question number appearing in parenthesis following an answer. Enjoy.

After defeating Ohio State last Saturday, Penn State appears primed for yet another run at a national title. Coach Paterno, who began coaching in 1966 after replacing the legendary Rip Eagle (2), had his team ready for a mad dash to the Rose Bowl. The win against Ohio State averaged a 38-7 setback to OSU last year, with PSU's other loss coming against Iowa (3).

Running back Curtis Enis, who ended the day with 211 yards rushing, has pulled himself back into Heisman Trophy contention. If he does win the prestigious award, he would be the first Penn State recipient since John Cappelletti in 1973 (1). One of the reasons for the success of Enis is the solid play of Penn State's dominant offensive line, which is anchored by Phil Ostrowski, Eric Cole, Kevin Conlin, John Blick, and Ryan Fagan (5).

The most surprising contribution to this year's team is the steady play of quarterback Mike McQueary. This red-haired lad has started reminding most PSU fans of another overachieving quarterback that lead Penn State to the national title in 1986, John Shaffer (4). Although McQueary does not garner the attention that Kerry Collins did a few years ago, he is just another guy who maximizes his efficiency while playing within Paterno's team-oriented system.

Whew, that was hard on the hand as well as on the mind. Thanks to everyone who responded to the quiz. The majority of you got four out of five correct, so the shipment of PSU winter knit caps with the puffy balls on top will be arriving soon. The lesson to be taken from this quiz, however, is that if you want to name your kid "JoePa," you've got to know something about Rip Eagle. We'll talk again soon. In the meantime, keep cheering.

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## Satirical Interludes

with Marc Eakin and Quinn Kirk

Well, we hope you all enjoyed the concert on Tuesday and with any luck, the floor held. Since this is the Homecoming issue of *The Beacon*, we decided not to say a damn thing about it. We would, however, like to comment on the Homecoming nominations and the front page article entitled, "Did you vote for Homecoming Court?" Was someone a little too upset that they weren't nominated? For those that complained about the nominations not being publicized, open your eyes! There were signs everywhere and who the hell doesn't, or can't, walk through Stark Lobby to see the table set-up? To all off-campus students: Stark Lobby is not in the cafeteria and yesterday, you too were granted permission to access these areas as residents do. One of the male nominees is the president of the Commuter Council and we could mention various other members of the court that live off-campus, too. We would like to congratulate the very deserving members of this year's Homecoming Court!

Well, according to Rich Quigley's article last week, we're not Penn State fans, but look next door to see a real fan! Way to go Rich! Here at Wilkes, our fans prefer to drink themselves into a stupor and never set foot inside the stadium-unless they feel the urge to use the restroom - and sometimes that's not enough to get them in! Speaking of drunkenness, let's be safe this Homecoming weekend and make use of the shuttles to and from the dance.

Do any of you remember the video game, "Frogger?" You know, the little green frog that had to fight it's way across traffic to get to safety? Do ya' ever feel like the frog? The major difference between the frog and the campus pedestrians is that we can't hit the restart button when we become one with the administrators. And, other less agile individuals, wear protective gear and "may the force be with you!"

To our fans/cult in the Wilkes University Security Department, thanks for your support and keep up the good work!

Have a great week, and as always, everyone (administration included) is encouraged to write us e-mail telling us what you think. We love to hear from you all.

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## Roving Reporter

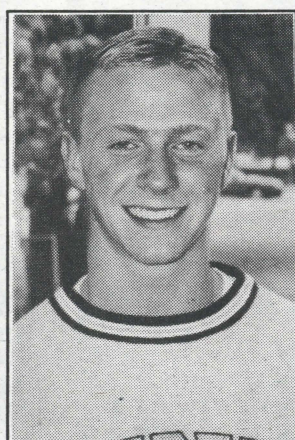
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### "How are you going to celebrate Homecoming weekend?"



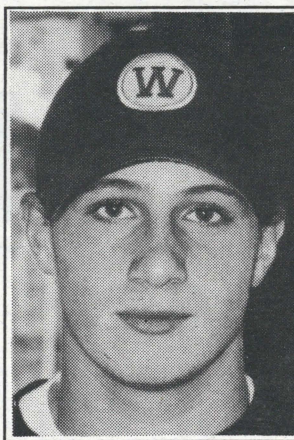
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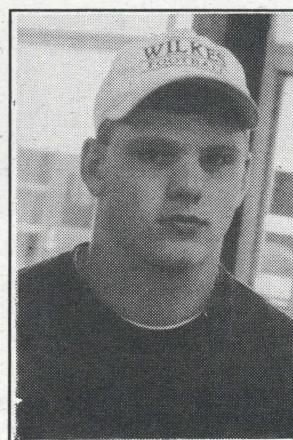
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"Spending quality time with my friends."



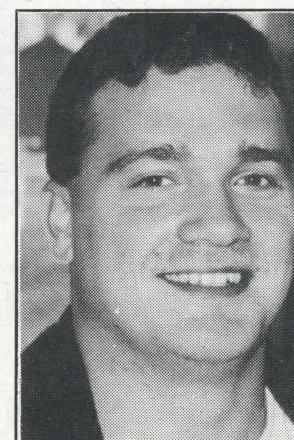
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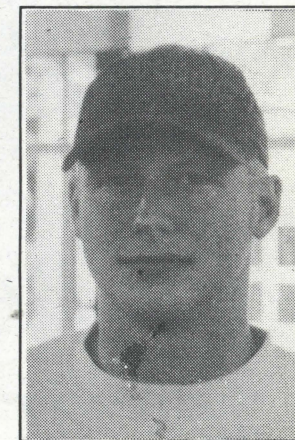
Russ Brobst

"Hang out with the guys."



Mike Getchey

"Celebrating with Roach at Dock's."



Neil Rine

"Spending time with Mom."



# DAY BY DAY

A student's guide to  
Wilkes University  
Activities

Thursday, Oct. 16

- VOTE for Homecoming King and Queen in SLC lobby from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and in the Cafeteria from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

- Pep Rally at the Bell Tower, 9:30 p.m.

- Post Pep Rally Party immediately following the Pep Rally until 12 a.m. Food and music!

Friday, Oct. 17



CELEBRATE!!

*50th Homecoming Weekend*  
see page 2 for scheduled events

Saturday, Oct. 18

- Habitat for Humanity needs volunteers.

Help from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
Call Amy at ext. 5904 for details.

- Conservatory Faculty Recital, Darte Center, 7 p.m.

Sunday, Oct. 19



GET OUT AND  
VOLUNTEER!

Monday, Oct. 20

- Flint, Hanisch Recital Darte Center, 7 p.m.

- Posters for Pharmacy poster contest are due in the Pharmacy Science Office by 3 p.m. Posters will be displayed on the 3rd floor of SLC.

Tuesday, Oct. 21

- Beacon staff writer and photographer meeting, 11:30 a.m., FREE PIZZA

- Amnicola meeting at 11:30 a.m., 3rd floor Chase Hall

- Author, John Updike, Darte Center, 8 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 22

- Campus Interfaith Talk-It-Out, 5 p.m., Alumni House

**Fall  
Events**

## CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 1997 HOMECOMING COURT



Photo by Lisa McClintock

*The Beacon* wishes all Wilkes students and  
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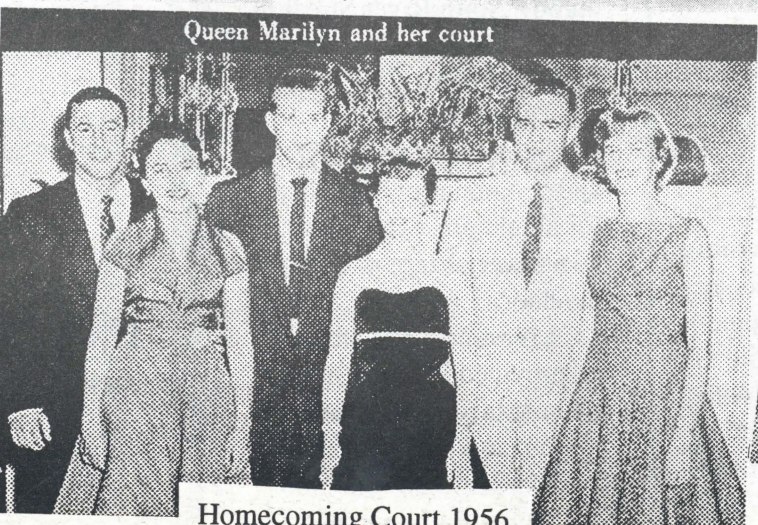


Pep Rally 1977



Homecoming Court 1966

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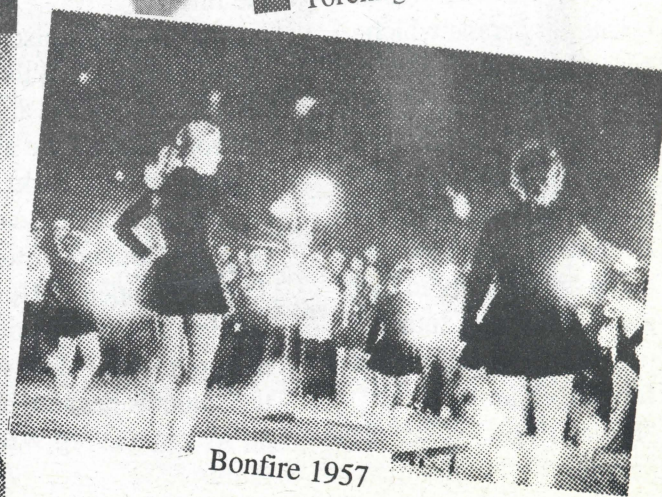
Queen Marilyn and her court



Colonel Bob 1986



Torchlight Parade 1951



Bonfire 1957



## Celebrating 50 Years:

Then and Now Tradition Never Seems  
to Fade Away

By LAUREN CASTELLI  
Beacon Features Editor

When sitting around with a group of friends, many times conversations are about what you have done throughout the years and what you want to do in the future.

Well, here at Wilkes there is one particular time of the year when students can share their experiences with those who are a little older and wiser.

This weekend, Wilkes will celebrate the Golden Anniversary of Homecoming. Students from the past five decades will gather in hopes of reuniting with old friends.

In the past, Homecoming has been celebrated with bonfires, parades, dorm contests and sporting events. This year will not be much different.

Although there won't be a bonfire, the Homecoming Pep Rally will bring together the Wilkes student body to get ready for the big weekend.

In the 1970's, Homecoming was celebrated with a parade. The parade circled Wilkes and the dorms were judged for the one with the most school spirit. The parade also included floats made by various clubs. City and college officials took part in leading the way around town.

In 1951, there was a torchlight parade which passed through Wilkes-Barre into rival territory. The route of the parade passed right through the King's campus. This rivalry has lasted 50 years and it is not likely to fade away in the near future.

Another familiar trait for Homecoming is the "Friday Night Frolic." This year marks the first time

that it will be held outside of the Annette Evans Alumni House. The function will be moved to Rumours, because the number of alumni simply outgrew the house's capacity.

This year, people will be coming back for the first time since they graduated from Wilkes. In the past decade alone, new buildings such as COB have been added to the campus. The diversity of the campus and its activities will also be exciting for the alumni to see.

The Alumni Association is honoring Al Groh for his service in the Wilkes community. For nearly 50 years, Groh has worked at Wilkes and was a member of the Class of 1941, when Wilkes University was known as Bucknell Junior College.

There is a reason why Homecoming is so special. It is a time for students to see what others were like when they went to Wilkes.

Homecoming has different meanings for different individuals. Bill Goldsworthy, President of the Alumni Association, said, "As a part of the student body, Class of 1976, Wilkes Homecoming allowed me to talk to and interact with Wilkes Alumni concerning their careers and how Wilkes helped them and how it will effect me in the future."

Goldsworthy also said, "I encourage the Wilkes students to interact and network with all the alumni that are coming back. Their experiences could possibly help the students of today. The whole idea of Homecoming is to get the old and new alumni together with the students because after all we are one big Wilkes family."

## The Ultimate Alternative

By CAROLE MANCUSO  
Beacon Staff Writer

Many Wilkes University students could not wait for fall break to get here. With all the midterms and last minute papers that were due, the stress level on campus was at an all time high.

Students packed up and left last Friday night with no regrets. All they were looking forward to was rest and relaxation. Some were ready to let loose and party.

Paul Tomszyk, a junior majoring in business administration, said "I went to Ithaca to spend time with my friends from my former college. We hunted and did guy stuff."

"I went home to spend time with my family and to hang out with friends from high school," said Jenn Brown, a freshman majoring in communications.

These were great ways to recuperate after barely

surviving the first half of the semester. However, many of the students did nothing but sit around the house to catch up on their favorite shows.

Instead of spending your fall break being a couch potato, you could have spent it with Volunteer Services and Campus Interfaith because they had planned the ultimate alternative.

On October 10th, a trip to Rigley, Maryland was scheduled in order to work at a shelter for homeless women and children.

Unfortunately, this trip had to be cancelled because out of the entire campus, only two people applied for the alternative fall break trip.

In previous years, the alternative break trips have drawn in many eager students. For these trips, the amount of applicants was between 8 (which is the minimum) and 30. So what happened this year?

"Just because it's

service doesn't mean it can't be a lot of fun," said Mary Hession, Coordinator of Campus Interfaith.

This year's alternative spring break is to Tijuana, Mexico. Volunteer Services and Campus Interfaith will be working with children at a local center.

They will also be helping out with minor repairs on the center. They will also travel to the Mexican/American border to catch a glimpse of what it is like to see the entrance.

"I think it is a valuable experience for anyone who participates. Today's companies look for well-rounded people, and students who participate will be more marketable," said Amy Mazur, Coordinator of Volunteer Services.

So, next time you are sitting on your couch during break, remember there is always an alternative you can turn to.

## Minority Graduates Reunite

**WILKES-BARRE--**The Multicultural Student Coalition advisor Gina Z. Morrison, Al Zellner, head coach of the wrestling team, Jennie Bullock, Assistant Director of Alumni and Wilkes alumna, Tawanda Sanders Dunbar are organizing a spectacular reunion to welcome back past Wilkes minority graduates for Homecoming weekend.

The reunion will be held at the Riverstreet Jazz Cafe on 667 North River Street in Wilkes-Barre, on October 18th, at 8 p.m.

The reunion is a celebration of "diversity" and "community," and open for all alumni. There will be a cover charge of \$10 at the door.

Live entertainment will be provided by blues artist, Shemekia Copeland and rhythm and blues group, Smooth Enough.

Smooth Enough is a

talented musical group made up of Wilkes Alumni Gary Scott, Corby Swan, Kermit Douglas. Refreshments will be served throughout the night.

Many students are expected to attend the reunion because this is a first time ever event.

Andita Parker-Lloyd, a 1996 graduate of Wilkes, said, "It is important for us to have events such as the reunion, because it gives us a chance to reminisce about the past and discuss the present and future that the minority students and faculty are building at Wilkes."

There will be a table set up at Homecoming to welcome all the alumni and their families.

Current Wilkes students are invited to come on out to celebrate with the Wilkes minority alumni at the Riverstreet Jazz Cafe.

It will be a night full of fun and everyone will get to hear success stories from the people who shaped the Wilkes multicultural community as we know it today.

For further information about the MSC reunion, contact Jennie Bullock at 408-4132.

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## Critic's Corner: Dan the "Movie Man" "Wishmaster"



Hello fellow movie watchers.

Tell me, have you ever heard the old saying "Be careful what you wish for?"

Well, in Wes Craven's new film "Wishmaster," Craven brings this vision to life. An evil Babylonian genie tries to bring his own hellish world into this world. During his time on Earth, he grants wishes to people with negative side effects. For example, if you said you wish you didn't see something, he would make you blind. The only person who can stop him is a woman with a magical jewel. But will she make the wish to end his rain of terror? The fate of the world is in her hands. I'll admit this film did have me screaming to get out of the theater, not because it was scary. I was screaming to get my money back because it was a terrible film. A genie taking over the world doesn't appeal to me. Personally, I find a good horror film to either have some sense of reality, or the use of traditional characters.

"Halloween" contains a bit of reality when Michael breaks out of a mental hospital and the traditional vampires and werewolves are classic horror film characters. When I hear the word genie, Robin Williams from "Aladdin" comes to mind.

Now, Wes Craven has done some good work in the past. Hell, I for one thought that he would be making a major horror comeback after the movie "Scream." But after seeing this film, I thought it was a major letdown for him. I guess once in a while we all have taken some bad advice. I just hope his new movie "I Know What You Did Last Summer," will showcase Craven's true talent.

As far as the acting goes, the genie was terrible. When he said his name it sounded as if he had a sore throat, and he did a pretty bad job of being evil, too. There weren't many familiar faces in the cast other than Robert Englund (a.k.a. Freddy Kruger) who played the arrogant art director. Personally, I thought he would have been better with razors on his hands and a striped sweater.

There is really not much to say about this film I suggest that you don't bother to see it. I mean, it was rather terrible and there wasn't much to the dedicated horror fan. NO STARS for this one!!! Save your money. Hell, I wish I could get my money back!

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## Circle K Reunion

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Cost \$10.00/person

## ALIGNING THE PLANETS WITH MADAME ZELDA

**Libra (September 23-October 23)** Fall break is behind us now. Its time to get back to work. Focus on your studies and this week will be great.

**Scorpio (October 24-November 21)** You'll be getting a letter from an old friend. Make time today to write back or you'll just keep putting it off.

**Sagittarius (November 22-December 21)** The weekend went too fast for you and now you can't wait for another vacation. Thanksgiving is still far away. Keep your mind occupied and focused and it will fly.

**Capricorn (December 22-January 19)** Homecoming is this weekend and you're nervous about your date to the dance. Well, take it easy! Be yourself and love will emerge.

**Aquarius (January 20-February 18)** One of your classes seems like it's too much for you to handle. Skipping it everyday will get you nowhere. Get a tutor and keep trying! You can do it!

**Pisces (February 19-March 20)** This week someone will thank you for something you did a long time ago. It took a lot for that person to say something, so tell them you appreciate it.

**Aries (March 21-April 19)** You just spent your last \$5 on pizza. You need to budget your money and not spend it on things you do not need.

**Taurus (April 20-May 20)** A relationship you thought was going down the tubes has suddenly come back to life. This will continue for awhile, enjoy it!

**Gemini (May 21-June 21)** You went to the concert last Thursday and met someone great. You've only talked once since then but don't give up hope. It will come together soon.

**Cancer (June 22-July 22)** You recently saw a friend you had not seen in awhile this weekend. You're upset because you didn't get a chance to say good-bye. Call, write or send e-mail. It's not the same as talking face to face but it will do for now.

**Leo (July 22-August 22)** A friend has recently become more. This is good. Go with it. You'll really like the results!

**Virgo (August 23-September 22)** You're feeling a little low on energy lately. Start eating better, start exercising, or both! You'll feel better soon!

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## The Unsung Heroes

By BECKY LANDIS

Beacon Sports Editor

Dedication, and all of the hard-working individual players who put their team in front of their own personal glory creates the unsung heroes.

They sacrifice spotlights and headlines for the satisfaction of knowing that they were a big part of the victory, even if they were not recognized.

For Wilkes, it is players like Layne Rarig, Brandon Carlin, Jim Poepperling, John Siekonic, Frank Bennett and Jake Schlichter who may not come up with a lot of individual tackles a game, but they do their jobs

above and beyond what is necessary for the game. They are the players who take their marked men out of the game physically,

**"The offensive line means everything to me."**

**-Mike Hankins**

mentally and emotionally.

"Without those guys, nothing could be possible. They are strong and they play their hearts out. I owe all of my success to the offensive

line and fullbacks," said Hankins.

On Wilkes' offensive team, yes there is more to the offense than our Sophomore Super-Star, Mike Hankins. Providing coverage for this year's leader in rushing is Dave Kish, Joe Ruddy, Dan Natitus, John Williams, Jason Nocella, Larry Zeller and our two tight-ends, Augie Mitschke and Scott Veith.

In the rest of the fall sports, there are unsung heroes as well. Whether it is the defensive marks or offensive attackers. Even sometimes the goalies are unsung heroes as they sacrifice their bodies in order to keep the ball out of the net.



Photo by Frank Tom

Field Hockey goalie, Pam Truszkowski makes a save.

## Happy Days Are Here Again

By BECKY LANDIS

Beacon Sports Editor

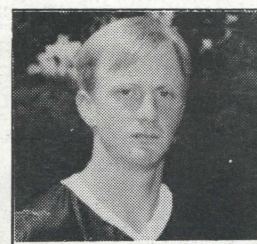
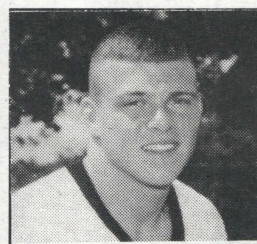
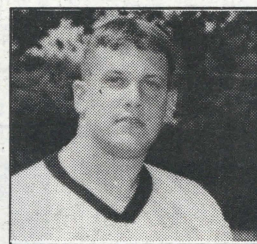
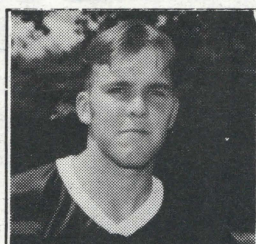
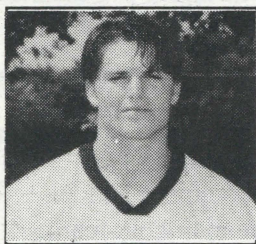
Left to right: Jason Weaver, John Siekonic, Walter Hall, Mike Hankins, John Joseph and Joe Sinkovich

Although it may not seem it lately, "Happy days are here again," and here is the proof.

It was recently discovered that among the Wilkes football team we have the "Happy Day's" crew. Among the dynamic six are:

At 5'9" and 180 pounds is #19, Jason "Chachi" Weaver. "Chachi" starts as corner back and graduated from Berwick High School. When he is not destroying the other team's offensive line, he enjoys golf, weight lifting, *Pink Floyd* and *Pearl Jam*. "Chachi's" motto: "Practice with purpose, play with passion."

Also at 5'9" and 180



pounds is #23, John "Malph Ralph" Siekonic. "Malph" starts as strong safety and graduated from Bethlehem Catholic High School. After "Malph" decapitates the other team's quarterback, he also enjoys golf and weight lifting along with *Wu-Tang*, *Grave Diggaz* and log rolling. "Malph's" motto: "The weak become strong and the strong become champions."

John "Richy" Joseph is our #6 wide receiver out of Coughlin High School, who stands 5'10" and 170 pounds. When "Richy" is not making the other team's defense look foolish he enjoys basketball and playing with computers. "Richy's" motto: "Potential

is interesting, performance is everything."

Walter "Mr.C" Hall is a 5'11" Junior from Shenadodoah Valley High School. "Mr.C" plays various positions which include strong safety, line backer and special teams. When "Mr.C" has time to relax, he enjoys fishing, hunting, weight lifting, and U2. He is an Elementary Education major and wishes, "That all of my fingers were straight." His motto to live by: "When you strike at a king strike to kill, if not retribution is swift and fatal."

At 5'9" and a solid 185 pounds is Mike "Potsy" Hankins who wears the magical number 20 at running back. "Potsy" graduated from

Elkton High School Maryland, and enjoys weight lifting, rap, basketball, and his puppy, Sparky. "Potsy's" motto: "Show me the money."

"Big Al", Joe Sinkovich, will only be at our Homecoming game in spirit due to illness. When he regains his health he will be wearing #42 and playing

outside line backer. He is a solid part of our defense. He had seven tackles in last week's game against Wesley.

All of the "Happy Crew" are here to make sure that this Saturday will indeed be a happy day. They will lead the Wilkes football team to a victory over King's.

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## Colonels Fall To A 2-3 Record Tennis Captures First Win

By BECKY LANDIS  
Beacon Sports Editor

It was once said that if things were meant to be, they would be. Last Saturday's game for the Colonels just was meant to be.

Tim Caron started things off for Wilkes by making his field goal to put the Colonels up 3-0. Neil Rine continued the scoring streak by running the ball in for a touchdown. Caron added the extra point to increase the Colonels' lead 10-0 in the second quarter with 11:48 remaining.

After that, things just did not go as planned for the hard working Colonels. Wesley would take the lead and leave with a 31-17 victory.

The Wesley coach

commented after the game, "This is the toughest damn team we will play all year."

Caron was 2-2 in extra points and kicked his personal best of 39 yards.

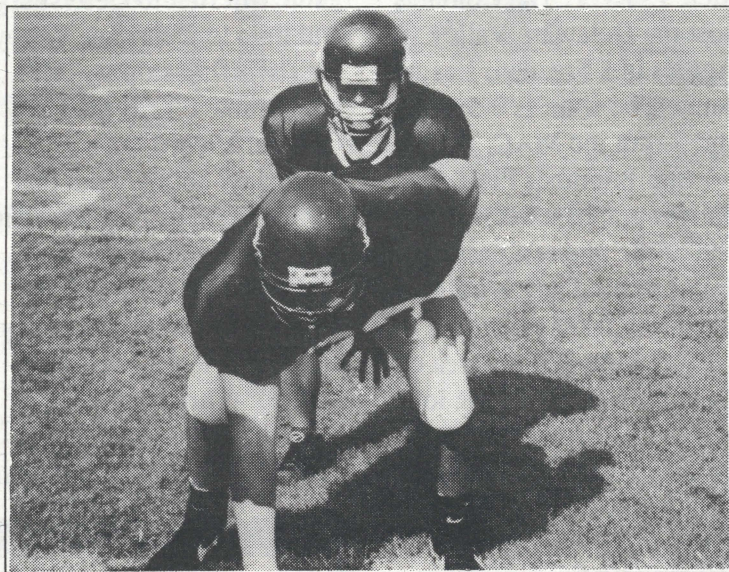


Photo by Frank Tomaszewski  
Quarterback Neil Rine warms up in pre-game.

The Colonels now fall to 2-3 overall and will face King's this weekend for the 50th Annual Homecoming game.

By GREG COLLINS  
Beacon Staff Writer

After a three year wait, the women's tennis team has finally won. Last Wednesday, in a home match against Allentown College, the Colonels broke their win less streak with a 6-2 triumph. Wilkes got a strong performance from everyone, winning four of the six singles matches and both doubles matches.

The fabulous freshmen, Mary Waldorf and Marny Dickson, both raised their season total to four victories, more than the entire team had all of last year. Beth Buckland and Dolly Chaudhari also chalked up wins for Wilkes.

In doubles, the team of

Nicole Weiss and Courtney Scott won their second match in two weeks. The pairing of Natalie Miller and Beth Buckland also were victorious.

Wilkes had come close to winning in their previous match on October 4th against Lebanon Valley. However, the Flying Dutchwomen fought back from a tie in singles to win two of the three doubles matches. The final score was 5-4, Lebanon Valley.

This is the final week of action for Wilkes before the MAC Conference Tournament. The Colonels close out the season in Bethlehem as they take on the Moravian Greyhounds today.

### The History of the Mayor's Cup

By JEFF REICHL  
Beacon Staff Writer

As many of you may know, this Saturday, Wilkes hosts King's at Ralston Field. This is an important match up, not only because it is the Homecoming game for Wilkes, but it is also a game that has some tradition and history behind it.

It all started back in the 1940's, when Wilkes and King's first began this long series. A business man by the name of Mr. Pearce, thought that it would be a great idea to present a trophy to the winning team of the game.

Hence, the name of the trophy was named the Pearce Trophy. The winning team would then keep the trophy for the year. If the team won for three consecutive years, then that team was awarded the Pearce Trophy.

Unfortunately, this series was terminated in 1952, when King's no longer incorporated a football team in their athletic program. Decades later, in 1993 the series was once again

renewed, and the rivalry between Wilkes and King's was revived.

Last year, Mayor Tom McGroarty thought that it would be a great idea to bring back this tradition. So, last year began the presentation of the Mayor's Cup. It was brought about to increase the rivalry between Wilkes and King's, and to promote athletics in both schools.

The Mayor's Cup is suppose to symbolize a college town atmosphere, and at the same time give the athletes something to play for.

At the conclusion of the game, the mayor, or one of his associates, present the Mayor's Cup to the president of the winning school. Every year a plaque is placed on the cup, which contains the score of the game.

Last year, Wilkes was victorious by the score of 13-0, and President Breiseth received the Mayor's Cup from Deputy Mayor Drace. This Saturday, Wilkes will be looking to win for the second straight year.

### The Golden Anniversary of Wilkes Homecoming

By MATT REITNOUR  
COREY YANOSHAK  
Beacon Staff Writer

This weekend, the Wilkes Colonels look to add another mark on their Homecoming streak when the King's College Monarch's come to Ralston Field. This weekend also marks the 50th Homecoming Weekend, a weekend which has in the past been a good and bad weekend for the football team.

In 1946, Bucknell University Junior College, the precursor to Wilkes University, played their first game against King's College. Bucknell Jr. College beat King's by a score of 7-0, and finished the year 6-0.

Wilkes College started its first football season in 1947 under Coach George F. Ralston. In those first two years of the outstanding tradition which still stands today, Ralston compiled a 12-1-1 mark in starting the Wilkes football team.

"The best team ever I think, was the 1949 team, with less than 40 players," noted Ralston. "We got a lot of World War II vets, who

were older than today's guys, and just wanted to vent their energy and desire. Our equipment was bulky and heavy. It was made of leather and even some steel," said Ralston. "The only face mask we ever had was the one I made, and it was only because a player had hurt his nose."

"There are so many differences from back then. Today's team and my team are like night and day," commented Ralston. "That was a great rivalry we had with King's," said Ralston. "There was 10,00 people at the games, and we had the greatest pep-rallies. I really miss the spirit, camaraderie, and the overall rivalry with King's."

Some of Wilkes' best Homecoming years were 1967-1969, when the Colonels out-scored their opponents by a combined score of 147-0. That streak included the largest win ever, a 69-0 thumping over Haverford College in 1967.

From 1980-1984, Wilkes lost five straight games, including the worst ever Homecoming defeat, a 59-0 loss to Susquehanna in 1983. Wilkes played a variety of opponents during this stretch,

from Delaware Valley to John Hopkins. King's was not yet played during Homecoming until after this stretch.

The Colonels come into this year's game with a four game winning streak, including a 28-27 comeback win over Juniata last season. During their streak, the Colonels have thrown up some serious points on the score board, scoring more than 25 points in each of the four wins.

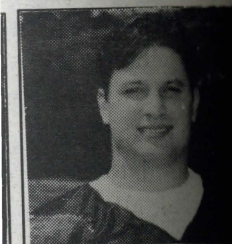
But winning the Homecoming game hasn't always been a given, as a 13 year span from 1980-1992 was less than profitable in the win column. Wilkes only produced three wins during that time, and hit a real tough road on the "Homecoming Tour."

Hopefully, the Colonels will avenge last week's upset and improve their record to 3-3, and make this a successful Homecoming, but remember coach Ralston's goal, "Friendship through contest."



Photo by Frank Tomaszewski  
Tomaszewski makes a save.

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# The Five Homecoming Sports Lady Colonels up record to 6-6

By **JANUARY JOHNSON**  
Beacon Staff Writer

For 1997, the traditional Homecoming continues at Ralston Field and Artillery Park. Each year, the Homecoming events have proven to be a blast. Why? Because of these five sports...

Sport number ONE... football! The Wilkes Colonels will be taking on the kids down the block, the King's Monarchs. Coming into the game, the Colonels have a 2-3 record, and hope to go .500 with a victory against the 1-4 Monarchs. The Colonels lead this rival series 9-2. The last time King's beat Wilkes was in 1952 with a score of 34-13.

The Homecoming game is also being played for the big Homecoming victory.

Sport number TWO... Women's soccer! The Lady Colonels hope to kick their way past Allentown's Centaurs. As of October 16th, the Lady Colonels have a 2-10 overall record, and a 2-3 record in the MAC. Head Coach Kevin Vrabel and his team hope to pull out another win on their Saturday home-game winning streak. The game starts at 2:00 p.m.

Sport number THREE... field hockey! The Lady Colonels take on the Drew Rangers on Artillery Park at 12:00 p.m. Head Coach Addy Maletesta's team begins the

week with a 5-6 record and plan to be over .500 by coming up with a big win against the Rangers.

Sport number FOUR... Men's soccer! The Colonels host the Delaware Valley Aggies in a Freedom League game. The team is 8-5 overall and 3-0 in the MAC.

Sport number FIVE... Tailgating! Last but not least, one of the greatest pastimes on Homecoming day is tailgating. The party takes place in a specially marked off area of Ralston Field's parking lot. The fun begins before men's soccer game and continues on throughout the day. Best of luck to all the teams.....  
**GO WILKES!**

By **JOSH BURGESS**  
Beacon Staff Writer

The field hockey team took to the road last week for a two game trip first to Gettysburg and then to Delaware Valley.

Their first stop wasn't a memorable one as the Lady Colonel's lost 1-0 on Thursday, but they put that behind them as they thought about their next game.

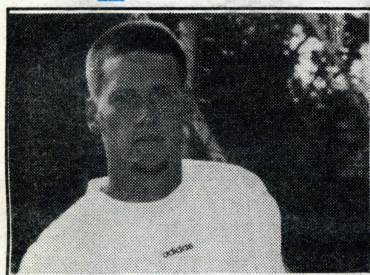
On Saturday, the team traveled to Delaware Valley and didn't leave empty handed. Three different players scored including Jeanette Uhl, Sara Clause and

Lisa "The Work Horse" Werkheiser. "The Work Horse" scored two goals in the Colonels romp of Delaware Valley 4-1.

This was the toughest the team has played all year and the results showed.

The Colonels returned home on a rainy Tuesday and drugged through the mud to take on the Crusaders from Susquehanna. Carrie Chipeco stole the show as she scored two goals in a 2-1 win. This win brings the team to 6-6 record for the year. The team travels to Moravian this Thursday.

## Sports Figures of the Week



#2  
**Scott Kowalski**

Soccer  
Sophomore

6'2"  
180 pounds  
Freedom High School  
Bethlehem, Pennsylvania

**LIKES:**  
Dave Mathews, Grateful Dead, basketball and fishing  
Scott's motto:  
"Do the best with my life no matter what the circumstances."  
Undecided



#23  
**Alison Juralimon**

"A.J."  
Soccer  
Sophomore

5'9"  
105 pounds  
Morris Knolls High School  
Denville, New Jersey

**LIKES:**  
Painting, Phish and The Sundays  
"A.J.'s" motto:  
"To enter each path I take in life remembering the path I was just on."



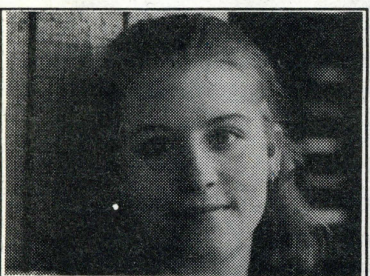
#21  
**Sara Clause**

Field Hockey  
Sophomore

5'4"  
110 pounds  
Coughlin High School  
Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania

**LIKES:**  
Cranberries, Indigo Girls and Tori Amos  
Sara's motto:  
"Choice not chance determines destiny."

Elementary Education



#2  
**Courtney Scott**

Tennis  
Sophomore

5'8"  
145 pounds  
Seton Catholic High School  
Dupont, Pennsylvania

**LIKES:**  
The Beatles, baseball, hockey and playing the guitar  
Courtney's motto:  
"Things have to get better."  
Psychology Major



#12  
**Shanna Henninger**

"Sh-na"  
Volleyball  
Junior

5'6"  
150 pounds  
Nazareth High School  
Nazareth, Pennsylvania

**LIKES:**  
Softball, playing sports and spending time with her family  
"Shanna's" motto: "Live life for today."  
Pharmacy Major



Captain  
**Heather Tahan**

Cheering  
Junior

4'11"  
112 pounds  
Wayne Hills High School  
Wayne, New Jersey

**LIKES:**  
Hiking, swimming, gymnastics and country music  
Heather's motto:  
"Live life to the fullest."  
Environmental Science Major

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## Lady Colonels Drop Pair to Misericordia

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

Women's soccer (2-11 overall, 2-3 in the MAC Freedom League) lost to Misericordia Friday by the score of 3-1. They also dropped a close one 1-0, on Tuesday to Baptist Bible. However, Coach Vrabel said, "We played our best game yet."

On Friday, the women's soccer team took on College Misericordia at the Cougar's Den. Wilkes kept it close early, but Misericordia proved to be too tough in the second half.

Misericordia scored first to go up 1-0, but Jess Rhode quickly tied it all up with a skimming header off of a corner kick from Laurie Labbe. That is how the first half ended, everything evened up, 1-1.

Wilkes came out pumped up but the Lady Cougars proved to have too much offensive fire power for the

Lady Colonels. Misericordia came out and scored two second half goals and sealed their home field victory.

On Tuesday, Wilkes came out angry and tried taking it out on Baptist Bible. Unfortunately, Baptist Bible scored early on a break-away and that is all they needed as they stole one away from the our Lady Colonels, 1-0.

Denise Schembari said, "Our defense has become more aggressive which helped us to deny shots on goal."

The Lady Colonels are looking forward to their four game home streak which continues into next week. They will match up with King's today, Thursday, October 16th at 4:00 p.m.

"Our team has finally put all necessary components together in order to capture the upcoming victories," said Laurene Kocylowski.

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