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Application deadline is near Resident assistants help students away from home

By BRAD HAYS
Beacon Staff Writer

The term "resident assistant" conjures up many images about what RA's do: from a person who is there to help in times of trouble, to a person who is there to write you up for breaking the rules. Just how is an RA selected, and what are some of their duties?

Marc Garnet, Director of Residence Life, says that RA's are selected by first having an RA interest meeting in mid-January. This is so the Residence Life Office can get a feel as to how many people are interested in the job.

Next, applications are handed out. The candidates then carefully read over the application, which lists the rules that the RA's must follow. The candidates must fill out the application and return it to the Residence Life Office no later than 4:30 p.m. on February 16.

Next, recommendation forms are sent out by the Residence Life Office. The possible RA's can use faculty, administration, or current RA's as references.

Then, the current RA's are separated into two groups. There is a male group, which consists of two males and one female, and a female group, consisting of two females and one male. The male group then interviews the male prospects, and the female group does the same with the female prospects. These interviews conclude by March 11.

After these interviews are conducted there are interviews with the professional Residence Life staff, which consists of Marc Garnet, Patty

Pretti, Cathy Tigie and Leigh Major.

Garnet said that the qualities they look for in potential RA's are leadership and an outgoing personality. "They must also be mature, responsible people, understand school policy and be able to create harmony within the dorm," said Cathy Tigie. The interviews with the Professional Residence Life Staff conclude April 2.

The application slips are then put into three different piles: yes, no and maybe. The Professional

Residence Life staff then goes through the maybes, and over spring break all the possible candidates are informed as to whether or not they will be an RA.

The exact duties of an RA are to be on duty during the week and weekend and to supervise the floors. Besides these rules, the RA's are responsible for administrative details, helping to provide control (such as setting an example by adhering to the rules and regulations of the Uni-

versity), helping to establish a healthy residence hall environment, assisting individual student needs and participating in hall government programs.

Chad Lojewski and Heather Shocker, the RA's on Evans fourth floor, both say that the most important function of an RA is discipline.

Lojewski says that the positive benefits of being an RA are

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*Chad Lojewski
Evans, 4th floor*

that one meets a lot of people and gains communication and leadership skills which can be put on a resume. Patty Pretty also says that RA's learn CPR and First Aid, which can come in handy later in life. The RA's also receive free room and board.

Lojewski says that being an RA will look good on his resume and will help him in working with people. "I'm glad I'm an R.A. It's a great job."



R.A., Leanne Carabetta talks to residents of Waller North., (L-R) Megan Welliver, Susan Conway, Deborah Yendrack, Melissa Bernhart

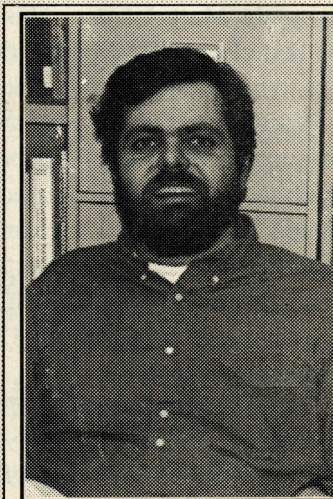
Biology professor named to research post

By MARLENE MATOSKY
Beacon Staff Writer

Dr. Michael Steele, assistant professor of biology at Wilkes University, is currently organizing an International Colloquium on the Biology of Tree Squirrels to be held at Powdermill Biological Field Station, Carnegie Museum of Natural History in the spring of 1994. It will draw experts on tree squirrels from around the world.

In addition to the colloquium Dr. Steele does research on plant and animal interactions. He focuses on seed dispersal and seed predation by small mammals. Christine Giest and Leila Hady-Chikh, biology undergraduates, and graduate biology student Joyce Hazle assist Dr. Steele in his research.

Although Dr. Steele does a



Dr. Michael Steele

lot of research, he said that he would not leave Wilkes because of the project. Dr. Steele says the research is, "just an opportunity to expand research programs and conduct field research at reputable field stations."

Wilkes hosts novice tourney

By LYNN KRUTZ
Beacon Co-Copy Editor

Over 65 competitors presented speeches at the 10th Annual Colonial Novice Tournament on February 5 and 6 at Wilkes University. The forensic competition was hosted by the university's Communications Department and the Speech and Debate Union.

Schools from three states competed during the tournament which is the only novice competition to be held during the second semester on the East Coast. Bloomsburg University, Towson University, the University of Pennsylvania, Villanova University, West Chester University, Westmoreland Community College, and York College all fielded teams for the two-day event.

Students competed in nine individual events including Informative Address, Poetry Interpretation, Persuasive Address,

After-Dinner Speaking, Single Dramatic Interpretation, Impromptu Address, Prose Interpretation, Extemporaneous Speaking, and Dramatic Duo Interpretation.

According to Al Mueller, Student Coordinator for the tourney and Speech and Debate Union Captain, having a tournament for beginning public speakers at this time of the year is important for teams with new members since most of the other spring tournaments are state and national competitions.

The tournament is also unique because the focus is primarily on student participation. Mueller, Michael Butchko and Lynn Marie Rosencrance, all student members of the Wilkes Speech and Debate Union, organized and ran the competition. Judges were varsity members of participating teams.

WHAT'S GOING ON...

Yearbook pictures will be taken of **graduating seniors** and seniors selected to **Who's Who** on Tuesday, February 23 from 1 p.m. until 8 p.m. in room 203 of the Marts Center. This is the **last chance** for May graduates to have their pictures taken by Varden Studios. If you have chosen a private photographer, a black and white wallet size photo should be submitted to Karen Mason, second floor of Conyngham Hall, by March 1. Appointments may be made by contacting 831-4238.

The **Admissions Office** is seeking students to serve as **tour guides** for the Spring 1993 Open House on Saturday, March 13. A meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 10, at 3 p.m. in Chase Hall.

A **new campus organization** is being formed. The Student **AIDS Awareness Committee** will hold its first meeting on Thursday, February 18 at noon in SLC 361. The club will help plan the next World AIDS Day at Wilkes. Also, the club hopes to bring the Project NAMES AIDS Quilt to the Wilkes' campus. For more information contact Debbie Zehner in SLC 367 at Ext. 4753.

CAREERS and the disABLED Magazine will host a **career fair and conference** on Feb. 25-26, 1993 at the Washington Hilton and Towers in Washington, D.C. For more information on attending or exhibiting write CMC, 200 Connecticut Avenue, Norwalk, CT 06856-4990, or call 203-853-0500.

Applications are now being accepted for **graduate fellowship programs** sponsored by the U.S. Department of Energy and administered by the Oak Ridge Institute for Science and Education. To be eligible, students must have received their undergraduate degrees in a science or engineering discipline by May/June 1992. Selection is

based on academic performance, recommendations, and a statement of career goals by the applicant. For more information call Tom Richmond or Cheryl Terry at 615-576-2194 or 615-576-9558.

Sigma Publishing is now seeking, by invitation only, submissions for their newest publication, *The Book of American Collegiate Poetry*. Those interested should write immediately: Sigma Publishing, 4217 Highland Rd., Suite 188, Waterford, MI 48328.

The **Pennsylvania Associated Press Managing Editors Association** is awarding a \$1,000 scholarship and a paid summer internship to the winner of their **Ralph Flamminio Memorial Scholarship**. Juniors who plan to pursue a career in journalism, have print experience and reside or attend college in Pennsylvania should send a cover letter, a college transcript and several of his/her favorite clippings to: Ralph Reichart, chairman, APME Scholarship Committee, c/o The Bradford Era, P.O. Box 365, Bradford, PA 16701.

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The Jewish Community Center will sponsor Dr. **David I. Barras Family Health Fair** on Monday, March 22 at the Wyoming Valley Mall from 10:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. **Free screenings** are being offered for glaucoma, blood pressure, hearing, vision, oral cancer, podiatry, postural and fitness testing.

Terri Libenson, whose comic strip "Zero" appears in *The Times Leader*, will be the guest speaker for **February's Luncheon Forum** hosted by the Jewish Community Center's Lecture Committee. The forum, which is free and open to the public, will begin at noon on February 18 at the Jewish Community Center.

Scholarship applications are available for members of the **Selected Ready Reserves** for the 1993-1994 school year from the Department of Veteran Affairs. Applicants must be interested in careers in nursing, or occupational and physical therapy. For more information call (202) 535-7528.

The Open-book format for the **Fundamentals of Engineering (FE) exam** is being changed so that each test-taker will only be allowed to use a supplied-reference booklet. The FE exam is one of the first steps in the engineering registration process. The new format will be implemented for the October 1993 exam.

David Copperfield will perform at the Kirby Center on March 3 at 5:30 and 8:30 p.m. Reserved seats are available at the Kirby Center Box Office, Triangle Pharmacy-Mountaintop and all Ticketmaster outlets. For information call 826-1100.

The **Christopher Video Contest** for College Students is accepting entries until June 11. Entries must be five minutes or under in length and express the theme: One Person Can Make A Difference. For entry forms call (212) 759-4050.

February 27 is the deadline for entries for the 1993 **Mrs. Pennsylvania America Pageant**. Applicants must be at least 18 years of age, married at least six months, and at least a six-months resident of PA. Call (412) 225-5343 for more information.

The Northeast Theatre Ensemble will present "**Love Trilogy**" at the Scranton Cultural Center. Performances will be given February 11-14 and February 19-21. Curtain is at 8 p.m. each night with the exception of the Sunday shows which open at 2 p.m. Students will be admitted for \$5. For tickets call 344-5252.

The Afa Open, a regional juried art show, will be exhibited at the Afa Gallery in Scranton beginning on March 6. The exhibit is open to all visual artists. Artists are invited to submit up to two works for jurying. Works will be accepted at the gallery on February 27 and March 3 and 4 from noon until 5 p.m. each day. For information call 969-1040.

Volunteers are needed to share nature with school children who visit the **Bear Creek Nature Center** on field trips. Training series will be held on March 25, April 1, and April 8 or March 26, April 2, and April 9. The training programs will be held from 9 a.m. until noon. Anyone interested should call (717) 472-3741, before March 18, to register. There is no fee for the program.

Does your dorm or apartment have any interesting stories that you would want to be published in this year's *Amnicola*? If so, then we would like to hear about them. The dorm or apartment with the best story in the form of an article will have a special feature done on them. Please drop off all submissions at the Amnicola office on the 2nd floor of Hollenback Hall by Feb. 18th. Include your name and phone number where you can be reached.

All clubs and organizations must first prove that they have taken part in some type of community service before making a fund request to Student Government. As well, a copy of each club's constitution must be sent to the Student Government Office, care of Gail Humphrey.

Attention: Undergraduates, Graduates, & Alumni

Career Placement will be recruiting nannies in the Max Roth Center on Thurs, Feb. 11, 1p.m.-4p.m.

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Free tax help

Wilkes University students will offer free income tax assistance as part of the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program. The help is available on Saturdays February 13 and 27 and March 13 and 27 from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. in room 213 of the Marts Center.

Accounting majors who have completed the Taxes Course will be available to help prepare income tax returns for elderly and low income individuals.

VITA offers the free assis-

tance to people who file Form 1040EZ, Form 1040A, or a basic Form 1040 Federal tax return. Students can also alert taxpayers to special credits and deductions for which they may be eligible.

Taxpayers who visit the VITA program should bring this year's tax package, wage and earnings statements (Form W-2) from all employers, interest statements from banks (Form 1099), a copy of last year's tax return if possible and other relevant information about income and expenses.

Reception slated

The Wilkes Alumni Association will host a reception prior to the Wilkes University men's basketball team's match-up with the University of Scranton on Wednesday, February 17, at the Roth Balcony on the second floor of the Marts Gymnasium.

A game ticket, pizza and drinks are \$3 at the door. The reception will begin at 6 p.m., followed by the game at 7:30 p.m.

Tour guides needed for open house

By WENDY RAUGHLEY

Beacon News Editor

The Admissions Office is asking students to give tours during the Spring Open House on Saturday, March 13.

Assistant Dean of Admissions Bruce Bunnick said, "the more, the merrier."

Last year, there were 37 tour guides for the more than 500 admissions candidates and their parents that visited Wilkes for the Open House.

Several work-study stu-

dents who are year-round tour guides have already volunteered. However, the Admissions Office is looking for other students to help show the prospective freshmen around campus.

There will be a meeting for all interested students on Wednesday, March 10, at 3 p.m.

The Open House will begin with registration at 9:30 a.m., a general meeting with university officials at 10 a.m.,

a financial aid meeting for parents at 11 a.m., lunch and tours from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m., and an academic information fair from 1 p.m. until 3 p.m.

Organizers hope to have chairpersons from every department to represent all majors on campus at the information fair. Bunnick said that the chairpersons can discuss career goals and specific requirements for each department.

Free chiropractic treatment

KINGSTON — College students often suffer pain. Not because they enjoy it, but because they can not afford treatment. Conway Chiropractic Center, Wyoming Avenue, Kingston, is opening its doors to anyone needing their help on Saturday, February 13.

Doctors with a Heart is the largest doctor sponsored charity in the world with over 15,000 physicians nationwide. This program offers health care at no charge as a way of returning to

the community a small amount of the good it has given the chiropractic profession.

If you or someone you know has athletic injuries, neck or back pain, headaches, or other physical injuries you can take advantage of this day of free service.

According to Wilkes senior Chris Law, a physical therapist assistant at the center, services will include consultations for new patients, spinal exams, x-rays, adjustments, and any

other services that are required.

In lieu of payment, the center is asking for patients to help the less fortunate by bringing canned good donations to the center. The canned goods will be given to VISION, Volunteers In Service In Our Neighborhoods, which helps the homeless of the Wyoming Valley.

Call 287-7070 to make an appointment at the center for this Saturday.

Security Report

Window broken

A small window was broken in the front of the Annette Evans Alumni and Faculty House shortly before 5 a.m. January 27. A witness says he heard glass breaking and saw two cars pulling away from the curb. No rock or other foreign object was found inside the building.

Car tipped

A car was found tipped on its side in a parking lot at the Arnaud C. Martz Center. The Wilkes-Barre Police Department was contacted, and officers assisted Wilkes security in righting the vehicle. The owner was not a student, and no items were missing from the car.

Sign taken

A blue directional sign that says, "King's College" was removed from the corner of Academy and Franklin streets sometime Tuesday afternoon. Anyone who has any information is asked to call King's College security.

Valentine's Dance

Sunday
February 14th

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Editor's note: This poem was read at the 1993 Presidential Inauguration. It was the second poem read at an inauguration. The first was Robert Frost in 1961.

The Rock Cries Out to Us Today

by Maya Angelou

A Rock, A River, A Tree
 Hosts to species long since departed,
 Mark the mastodon.
 The dinosaur, who left dry tokens
 Of their sojourn here
 On our planet floor,
 Any broad alarm of their of their hastening doom
 Is lost in the gloom of dust and ages.
 But today, the Rock cries out to us, clearly, forcefully,
 Come, you may stand upon my
 Back and face your distant destiny,
 But seek no haven in my shadow.
 I will give you no hiding place down here.
 You, created only a little lower than
 The angels, have crouched too long in
 The bruising darkness,
 Have lain too long
 Face down in ignorance.
 Your mouths spelling words
 Armed for slaughter.
 The rock cries out today, you may stand on me,
 But do not hide your face.
 Across the wall of the world,
 A river sings a beautiful song,
 Come rest here by my side.
 Each of you a bordered country,
 Delicate and strangely made proud,
 Yet thrusting perpetually under siege.
 Your armed struggles for profit
 Have left collars of waste upon
 My shore, currents of debris upon my breast.
 Yet, today I call you to my riverside,
 If you will study war no more.
 Come, clad in peace and I will sing the songs
 The Creator gave to me when I
 And the tree and stone were one.
 Before cynicism was a bloody sear across your brow
 And when you yet knew you still knew nothing.
 The river sings and sings on.
 There is a true yearning to respond to
 The singing river and the wise rock.
 So say the Asian, the Hispanic, the Jew,
 The African and Native American, the Sioux,
 The Catholic, the Muslim, the French, the Greek,
 The Irish, the Rabbi, the Priest, the Sheikh,
 The Gay, the Straight, the Preacher,
 The privileged, the homeless, the teacher.
 They hear. They all hear
 The speaking of the tree.
 Today, the first and last of every tree
 Speaks to humankind. Come to me, here beside the river.
 Plant yourself beside me, here beside the river.
 Each of you, descendant of some passed on

Traveller, has been paid for.
 You, who gave me my first name,
 You Pawnee, Apache and Seneca,
 You Cherokee Nation, who rested with me,
 Then forced on bloody feet,
 Left me to the employment of other seekers—
 Desperate for gain, starving for gold.
 You, the Turk, the Swede, the German, the Scot...
 You the Ashanti, the Yoruba, the Kru,
 Bought, sold, stolen, arriving on a nightmare
 Praying for a dream.
 Here, root yourselves beside me.
 I am the tree planted by the river,
 Which will not be moved.
 I, the rock, I the river, I the tree
 I am yours—your passages have been paid.
 Lift up your faces, you have a piercing need
 For this bright morning dawning for you.
 History, despite its wrenching pain,
 Cannot be unlived, and if faced with courage,
 Need not be lived again.
 Lift up your eyes upon
 The day breaking for you.
 Give birth again
 To the dream.
 Women, children, men,
 Take it into the palms of your hands.
 Mold it into the shape of your most
 Private need. Sculpt it into
 The image of your most public self.
 Lift up your hearts.
 Each new hour holds new chances
 For new beginnings.
 Do not be wedded forever
 To fear, yoked eternally
 To brutishness.
 The horizon leans forward,
 Offering you space to place new steps of change.
 Here, on the pulse of this fine day
 You may have the courage
 To look up and out upon me,
 The rock, the river, the tree, your country.
 No less to Midas than the mendicant.
 No less to you now than the mastodon then.
 Here on the pulse of this new day
 You may have the grace to look up and out
 And into your sister's eyes,
 Into your brother's face, your country
 And say simply
 Very simply
 With hope
 Good morning.

FORUM

EDITORIAL

Who Said We Don't Have Spirit?

Give us a "W"; give us an "I"; give us an "L"; give us a "K"; give us an "E"; give us an "S." What do you get? WILKES!!

Colonel Bob came out in a puff of smoke -- that's what people are saying about last week's pep rally.

For the first time in the history of this fine institution, a pep rally was held to boost the spirit of our campus, according to Coach Reese. It seems as if this type of activity on this campus is long overdue.

That evening our "Grappling" wrestlers, the women's and men's basketball teams, as well as some of our own campus clubs and organizations all had their night to show off their stuff without throwing a ball, wrestling a body, or promoting their club views.

This school has been in existence since 1936 and has never had a pep rally. Wouldn't you think that maybe this is one of the reasons why students are so unsupportive of events that go on year-to-year, semester-to-semester? Certainly, the next good time a pep rally might be held is right before the big Wilkes vs. Scranton basketball game on Wednesday, February 17. Wouldn't it be nice if Royal fans couldn't get into the Marts Cenetr because it was packed with Colonel fans?

Thanks to Colonel Bob, Wilkes Colonels' fans are coming out in full force these days and they are showing what Wilkes students are really made of.

Again, this past Saturday we showed our spirit. Many students found Navy and Gold good enough to paint themselves with when they showed up at the Wilkes vs. King's College game -- impressive. Some of the Wilkes guys in the crowd looked and sounded as if they belonged to some big college. Not. Wilkes folks? For the first time in awhile, YES.

While on the subject of sports, school spirit and how this could be a winning combination, has anyone noticed that most of our administrators, staff and faculty never show up for the women's basketball games?

The Lady Colonels ranked second in the conference for almost their entire season, but lost the drive along the way somehow. Could this be attributed to the fact that when the Lady Colonels come out of the locker room after their game, the bleachers, empty for their game, are now packed with fans for the men's matchup? Maybe or maybe not; one will never know until next year because this season is just about over.



Matt Hrabousky is a senior at Coughlin High School. His cartoons appear weekly in *The Beacon*.

Letters to the editor...

Editor, *The Beacon* :

Dear Editor:

I am writing to you in response to a letter written by Dr. Beck, advisor of the Communications Club, concerning their fund request at the Student Government meeting held on November 11, 1992. Dr. Beck came to the Student Government meeting with the impression that Student Government has lots of money to give out. When asked about doing a fundraiser to help support their projects, she said she feels the students involved in the Communications Club are also involved in other clubs which do fund raisers; therefore, she should come to Student Government first. The fund request was for traveling expenses and an honorarium for two guest speakers (one for each semester) and for copying and mailing costs for a newsletter which they would like to continue to produce. The Student Government body was very interested in the Communications Club but made their decision based on three things. First, Student Government wanted to see how many students would be benefitting from the guest speaker in the fall semester and to see what kind of publicity was made by the Communications Club to make the event successful. Second, it is not Student Government's policy to fund newsletters, and the cost of this should be defrayed by the department. Third, Student Government does not function as a bank, and the funds that can be allocated are very limited; therefore, Student Government expects clubs and organizations to make every attempt to raise money themselves and then come for financial assistance to

make up the balance. If Student Government does not feel members if the club are dedicated to helping their club, the club should not receive funding.

In reference to Dr. Beck's suggestion of allocating money all at once, this suggestion is not plausible for many reasons. First, it would not be prudent financially to exhaust all of Student Government's resources at the beginning of an academic year because many projects arise during the course of the year which require funding. Second, if Student Government allocated funds for "planned" events and these events did not take place, a great amount of money would be wasted. Also, if it's a "planned" event, there should be "planned" fund raisers. Third, Student Government is exactly that, a Government of Students, many of whom must work during the summer and school year and have a complex academic schedule; these students' first priority is academics, and it would be unfair to have them neglect their responsibilities in order to hear requests from 61 clubs and organizations at the beginning of the semester.

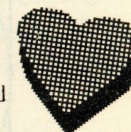
Sincerely,
Wendy Maguschak
SG Recording Secretary

We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone so very much for the fine presentations they prepared and delivered on World AIDS Day. It was obvious that each participant spent a great deal of time gathering accurate information, organizing the material, delivering the presentations in a professional manner and, in general, educating the public on the various aspects of HIV and AIDS. Their efforts are applauded!

As we look ahead, we are certainly planning on World AIDS Day as an annual event, and we would hope to have input from the students, faculty and staff of Wilkes in the years to come. We are most concerned that the HIV/AIDS awareness is not limited to one day out of the year. Therefore, we are currently attempting to develop some kind of ongoing program that will help us to maintain education and awareness throughout the year. We welcome any feedback from the Wilkes Community on how to achieve this goal.

Once again we thank the participants for their extraordinary efforts and congratulate them on making World AIDS Day a successful day of education.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Debbie Zehner and
Dr. Michael Steele



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JUMPING THE FENCE

By LANCER BENSON

Beacon Columnist

Walking up any given stairwell in the Stark Learning Center (around the middle of the day for the best effect), one notices a certain quality about the air. It becomes thick and congested, as well as often reaching a toxic potency rich enough to burn the eyes. This is due to an accumulation of cigarette smoke, which is most dense toward the upper floors. This is especially conducive for the maintenance of a person's health who happens to be late for class and taking those deep aerobic breaths with each stride up the steps. Of course, late or not, running is probably preferable to a long, leisurely stroll through such a potpourri of spring-fresh fragrance. However, if one strains one's eyes, one will be able to witness ash trays in the mist. Because these smoking facilities are stationed at each doorway in the stairwells, I assume such a stairwell environment is acceptable to the University, if not preferred by it. Therefore, it is with this that I have no quarrel.

However, have you walked through the SLC lobby lately (or should I say crawled, in accordance with fire fighter's safety standards)? It has the traits of a mine fire. It looks and smells something like a smoldering vile pit of biodegrading eggs, cadavers and road kills. Through the smoke that rises from it, you can spot the endless flickers of burning cigarettes. The scene resembles a mass of road flares laid out after a bad accident on a very foggy morning. Perhaps most violating is the taste left on your tongue of the insides of a dozen people's lungs after every breath you take. Nothing quite like sampling the disease-susceptible, charred mucus linings of other individuals.

On a more concrete note, please look up at the ceiling tiles the next time you are in the lobby. Did you know there was a day that they once resembled something close to white? Now they are yellow and brown. Around the ceiling vents they are black! Also, notice the signs that read "NO SMOKING IN CARPETED AREA." Now look about the carpeted area and lament the cigarette burns and ashes on the many table tops as well as in the carpets, couches and chairs. (Sitting in ashes is almost, but not quite, as good as smelling and tasting them! Mmmm!) Despite the signs, ignorant people are still compelled to

smoke in the carpeted area and shake their ashes and throw their cigarette butts wherever they please, the consequences of which are the increase of everyone's tuition.

Perhaps these people are suffering from confusion and having trouble determining between carpet and tile. In any case, it shows no consideration for those who do not smoke. The carpeted area, by its nature, is harder to maintain than the tiled area. Sadly, this is probably the only reason why it is designated for non-smokers. Nevertheless, this intended sanctuary for non-smokers should be respected. While a pack or more of cigarettes may get one person through his or her day, it may hinder the person next to them from doing the same. Why should everyone's hair and clothes smell like they spent the whole day at a back ally night club?

Furthermore, this disgraces the University. Since the SLC is the largest and busiest building on campus, it is safe to assume it gets plenty of visitors, including prospective students. What type of message does this blatant disregard for fellow human beings and authority send out?

Finally, why is this rule so difficult to enforce as well as follow? The security desk *overlooks* the carpeted area.

If you smoke and hang around the Stark lobby and you don't mind your innards, teeth and breath resembling the ceiling tile above you, that is your business. It is your right to smoke as much as you want in designated parts of the Stark lobby. This right is granted to you by the University. The best part is that no one is trying to take that right away from you!

Believe me, I know what a long school and work day is by now (I think I'm on the Wilkes' seven year plan). If someone took away my right to the full enjoyment of many fine beers at the end of my day, I think I might die. If, hypothetically, there was a hardwood floor beer area in the lobby, I'd be there.

Unfortunately for me, I don't have such an area. If you smoke, you do! Half the lobby is yours - the tiled half. Please feel free to take advantage of your vise to the utmost. I would. Just be sure to respect your fellows.



The Scent In the Wind

by Al Mueller

In last week's column I alluded to the "recent core debacle." This week, I am going to tackle the root cause of all our problems with the core- namely, the lack of a common mission at Wilkes University. Ask any member of the Wilkes community what the guiding mission of the institution is, and you'll get hundreds of different responses. As a result working toward improvement at Wilkes is like shooting an arrow at a target while blindfolded - you know what you have to do, but you don't know in which direction to proceed. However, Wilkes is not solely to blame for this situation. No, Wilkes is only part of a massive disintegration of the system of higher education in the United States.

During the cold war federal dollars poured into colleges and universities so that they could produce students better equipped to deal with the Soviet menace. Today, though, the Soviets are our allies, for all intents and purposes. So, colleges and universities now lack both the flow of money and the guiding purpose. However, there still is hope.

The November 2, 1992 issue of *Newsweek* suggested that we reinstate the old combination of education and entertainment into our nation's curricula. This is not to say that professors should wear tap shoes to classes. Rather, colleges and universities need to build up departments and core curricula that genuinely interest students. We must not force students to take classes that have little or no consequence - like the Core Studies class at Wilkes. Yet, in many cases, that is exactly what we are doing. So, it should come as no surprise that the June 5, 1991 *The Chronicle of Higher Education* argues that many U.S. colleges and universities are really inefficient high-priced secondary schools.

The April 4, 1941 issue of *Nature* stated, "Competitiveness relies on the quality of education." Yet, a casual glance will tell you that the quality of education in the United States has finally hit sewer level. What Wilkes, as an institution, needs to do is to begin realizing that neither professors nor the textbooks they use are infallible. Education must remain an ever-changing, ever-experimenting process for it to be viable. Yet, by relying upon old, outdated ideas, it is almost a given that we will get nowhere - and fast.

Therefore, what I suggest this campus needs to do is forget about recruitment. Instead, let's worry about formulating a common mission statement that (a) reflects the interests of the students; (b) meets the needs of Wilkes as an institution and (c) promotes the quality of education. For once that has been accomplished, the rest will come naturally. Then, and only then, will Wilkes truly work.

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Panelists -

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All guests are invited to attend a brief Sabbath worship service at Temple B'nai B'rith at 6:45 p.m. Refreshments will be served before and after the forum.

FEATURES

Jazz Quartet gets the C.P.A. tapping

By JENNIFER JAMES

Beacon Staff Writer

The Shirley Scott Quartet performed at the CPA on Monday evening as part of the Jazz at Wilkes series. The quartet is known for its organ jazz.

Shirley Scott amazed the audience with her playing and improvisational skills. The quartet (Scott, trumpeter Terell Stafford, tenor saxophonist Tim Warfield and drummer Aaron Walker) performed old classics, such as Irving Berlin's "Remember," and more contemporary music, like "Shade of Boo," written by Warfield.

The quartet hosted a unique question-and-answer session



Shirley Scott on organ, trumpeter Terell Stafford, tenor saxophonist Tim Warfield and drummer Aaron Walker performing Irving Berlin's "Remember."

with the audience after intermission. After the concert the quartet invited the students in the audience to jam with them.

The quartet performed for a nearly packed house. The show itself was full of energy and life, capturing the audience's attention. Not a foot in the house was left untapped.

Scott is currently the band leader for the new Bill Cosby show, "You Bet Your Life," and she has long been the house pianist at Count Basie's Club in Harlem.

The next concert in the Jazz at Wilkes series will take place March 29 and will feature the Bob Kindred Quintet.

Wilkes presents Children's Theater

The Wilkes University Department of Music, Theatre, and Dance will present *Dorothy Meets Alice or the Wizard in Wonderland* as its annual Children's Theatre production on Friday, February 12 at 7 p.m. and Saturday, February 13 at 2 p.m. in the CPA.

This year's presentation will be the story of two of literature's most unforgettable young ladies, Alice and Dorothy. The plot centers around a young boy, Judson, who, while doing a school assignment, falls asleep and has a wondrous dream. In his dream, the characters of both *The Wizard of Oz* and *Alice in Wonderland* join in an exciting fantasy.

The production will feature a bright, colorful, and innovative set, classical costumes, and a story-line which is full of surprises. The show

promises to be great entertainment for children between the ages of two and ninety-two.

The Children's Theatre production is an annual event for Wilkes University theatre students. All aspects of the production are in the hands of the department students.

Wilkes sophomore theatre arts major, Tom Jarmiolowski of Mountaintop, is directing the production. Recipient of the Amedeo Obici and Thomas P. Sangiuliano Scholarship at Wilkes, Jarmiolowski has played major roles in such University productions as *Into the Woods* and *Noises Off*.

Other members of the production staff are: Paula Lettiere, designer; Jamie Kurtz, technical director; Jeremy Goode, stage manager; Angela Dymond, musical coach; and Jennifer Wenkowsky, pianist.

Wilkes Cultural Affairs Committee to host clarinetist

The Wilkes University Cultural Affairs Committee will host Clarinetist Robert Olivia on Monday, February 15 at 8 p.m. Held in conjunction with the University Concert and Lecture Series, the program will take place in the CPA.

The recital program will include Schuman's *Romances*, *Grand Duo Concertant* by Weber, Poulenc's *Clarinet Sonata*, *Three Miniatures* by Penderecki, and *Sonatina* by Horvitz.

Olivia began playing the clarinet at the age of five, first studying with his father and subsequently with Edward Green. Olivia graduated from Wilkes College in 1986 and went on to earn a master's degree from the Manhattan School of Music.

Olivia was recently selected as a winner of the Artists International Young Art-

ists Competition in New York City. In conjunction with that award he will perform in a series of recitals and concertos which will culminate in his Carnegie Hall debut on April 3. Olivia will perform "Autumn" by Wilkes faculty composer Bruce Reiprich at Carnegie Hall.

As a soloist he has appeared with the Plainfield Symphony in New Jersey and the Orchestra of the South Shore in Massachusetts.

In 1991 Olivia was one of five clarinetists awarded a fellowship to the Tanglewood Music Festival. In addition he has been Principal Clarinet of the International House Chamber Orchestra in New York City.

Olivia won the Silver Medal in the Columbia International Chamber Music Competition in 1989 and since then has performed in recitals throughout the northeast.

Professor Santos to be honored in the C.P.A.

The Wilkes University Department of Music, Theatre, and Dance will honor Professor Emeritus Rosendo Santos with the presentation of a concert of his music on Saturday, February 27. The program will begin at 3 p.m. in the CPA.

The program will consist entirely of works composed by Santos, featuring a new work, *Academic Symphony*, dedicated to Wilkes University President Christopher Breiseth and performed by the Wilkes University Wind Ensemble.

Santos has been a member of the Wilkes faculty for 24 years. He was given Professor Emeritus status during commencement exercises last spring and remains an active adjunct professor in the department.

Santos, a self-proclaimed conservative when it comes to the melodic and harmonic language of his own compositions, believes that "music should be beautiful and sensible."

Letters from Wyoming

BY ANDY GULDEN

Co-Copy Editor

Valentine's Day is rapidly approaching, and I'm still without my Zsa Zsa. Heavy is the heart that is without a washed-up celebrity. Nevertheless, the show must go on, so I will continue to regale you with insights from the mind of a man plagued with senioritis.

I was perusing *The New York Times* last Friday, and an item caught my attention which, in addition to being interesting in and of itself, provides the perfect springboard for this week's discussion. Apparently, the New York Zoological Society, which runs the Bronx Zoo, the Central Park Zoo, the Queens Zoo and the Prospect Park Zoo, has decided to drop the word "zoo" from the names of these establishments. In its place will be the rather unwieldy moniker "Wildlife Conservation Park."

The reason for this change, according to William Conway (the society's president), is that the word "zoo" has taken on a less-than-noble meaning in our nation. For instance, a noisy classroom or dormitory might be called a zoo, as might the New York Yankee dugout. Conway apparently feels that these examples are not comparable to a place full of wild animals.

If you have actually read this far into this piece, you may be wondering, "What relevance does this have to my own little world?" Well, my friend, your own little world is filled with people who are trying to control your language. They feel that, by doing this, they will be able to control your thoughts. To that end, various groups have suggested (and, in some cases, succeeded in implementing) changes in our vocabulary. For instance, black has been replaced by "African-American," American Indian by "Native American" or "indigenous peoples," women by "womyn," oriental by "Asian-American" and handicapped by "physically challenged" or "handicapable."

First of all, these terms are, at best, inaccurate, or, at worst, completely non-sensical. Just like the term "Wildlife Conservation Park," which conjures up images of trees and veldts, not candied apples and crying two-year-olds, many of these terms are not being used correctly. The term "Asian-American" excludes Russians, Indians and other peoples who are Asian but not oriental. "Native American," "indigenous" and "African-American" describe places of birth, not heritage or skin color. I'm a white, American-born male of German ancestry, but I don't refer to myself as a Native indigenous German-American. I'm simple an American. Furthermore, words like "womyn" and "handicapable" are not even part of the English language. I'm not sure what they mean. The way I figure things, if it's not in my computer's dictionary, it's not a word.

The more serious problem resulting from this debate is not a function of grammar but of accomplishing the goals of the movement in question. Feminists would like us to change our entire language by removing all gender-related terms. They argue that our choice of words dictates our thought patterns. However, these groups are wasting far too much time changing "chairman" to "chairperson" and are not worrying about the issues at hand. Women like Susan B. Anthony and Elizabeth Cady Stanton didn't worry about vocabulary. They focused on securing the right of suffrage for women, and they succeeded.

Martin Luther King Jr. represents the same idea from the black perspective. He didn't worry that blacks were still called "negroes." He addressed the true issues: voting rights, school segregation and equal opportunity employment. Because of this ability to focus on that which is important, he was able to accomplish more than any other individual in the Civil Rights Movement. Jesse Jackson will find that, until he stops worrying about whether he's black, "African-American" or "a person of color," he will accomplish very little in the realm of substantive reforms.

I'm certainly not suggesting that we return the word "nigger" to our everyday vocabularies. This is a term so historically steeped in racist identification that it would be impossible to add it to our language without removing 20 years of progress from the Civil Rights Movement. What I AM saying is that we need to stop focusing our attention on words. A racist is a racist. That is why he chooses to use the word "nigger" or "gook" or "chink." No matter how many changes we make in our vocabulary, he will continue to think the way he does. Words don't form thoughts. They are only a reflection of what has happened in our minds.

What we need to do is educate these people. We need to show them that all people, regardless of color, origin or sex have the same capabilities, the same emotions and the same faults. We cannot accomplish this goal through words. We can only do it with action.

Contest: On a lighter note, some of you may be aware of my distaste for Mr. Michael Bolton. For those of you who share this feeling, Radioactive Records is sponsoring a "Kill Michael Bolton Sweepstakes." They're asking for "the most creative, radical (or) ludicrous demise for Evil Mike." If you have any ideas, send them to Kill Michael Bolton, c/o Radioactive, 1775 Broadway-7th floor, NY, NY 10019. Show them that Wilkes students really do care.

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8. Henry Rollins
9. Soul Asylum
10. Ween
11. The Smiths
12. Ned's Atomic Dustbin
13. Faith No More
14. Tori Amos
15. Arrested Development
16. Sundays
17. Erasure
18. Matthew Sweet
19. Messiah
20. Belly

21. Ministry
22. 10,000 Maniacs
23. Alice In Chains
24. Social Distortion
25. Neneh Cherry
26. Nudeswirl
27. Simple Minds
28. Inspiral Carpets
29. ...Dead Letters
30. Elvis Costello and the Brodsky Quartet
31. B-52's
32. Mary's Danish
33. R.E.M.
34. Sting
35. Peter Gabriel

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3. 311 - Music

Compiled by Andy Gulden
Music Director at WCLH



Programming Board presents classic film night. "Lawrence of Arabia" in the CPA on Sunday, Feb. 14 at 7 PM

Da Ponte String Quartet to be presented in C.P.A.

WILKES-BARRE-Inconjunction with the Concert and Lecture Series, Wilkes University will host the Da Ponte String Quartet in a performance with internationally-renowned pianist and composer Seymour Bernstein on Saturday, March 6 at 8 p.m. in the CPA.

The program is one part of a series of special events being offered to the public in conjunction with Bernstein's day of residency at the University.

The same day, Bernstein will offer a piano masterclass, with registration beginning at noon. The masterclass is being co-sponsored by the Northeast Chapter of the Pennsylvania Music Teacher's Association (PMTA) and the Department of Music, Theatre, and Dance of Wilkes.

Concurrent with Bernstein's masterclass, additional masterclasses in violin, viola, cello and chamber music will be offered by Da Ponte

members Ferdinand Liva Jr., Gabriel Gordon, Mark Preston and Myles Jordan.

The masterclasses will be held from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. in Dart Hall. Admission is free to local PTMA members and to Wilkes students, faculty and staff.

Founded in 1991, the Da Ponte is the only string quartet in the state schooled in the Hungarian tradition. The ensemble has received outstanding acclaim from critics and some of the world's greatest chamber musicians.

Visiting guest artist Bernstein has studied with such eminent figures as Alexandar Brailowsky, Nadia Boulanger, Georges Enescu and Sir Clifford Curzon. In 1969 he made his debut with the Chicago Symphony Orchestra playing the world premiere of Concerto No. 2 by Heitor Villa-Lobos.

This Week In History Compiled by Wilkes University's History Club

February 9, 1775—British Parliament declares Massachusetts to be in a state of rebellion following several uprisings.

February 15, 1862—General U.S. Grant takes Fort Donelson from Confederate General

Simon Buckner and forces the Confederate army out of Kentucky.

February 12, 1926—*Rhapsody in Blue* by George

Gershwin a big hit.

February 14, 1816—Richard Allen becomes the first bishop of the African Methodist Episcopal Church.

February 10, 1947—United States Supreme Court upholds constitutionality of busing.

February 10, 1962—Soviets trade spy Rudolph Abel for captured U-2 pilot Gary Powers.

February 10, 1964—British band The Beatles make their U.S. debut on the "Ed Sullivan Show."

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Top 10 Valentine's Day Presents for Your Ex:

By Andy Gulden

10. A nude picture of Rush Limbaugh
9. Video tapes of Super Bowls XXV, XXVI and XXVII (for Bills fans only)
8. An evening with Michael Bolton
7. The results of your latest Herpes test
6. A one-way ticket to Minersville
5. A lifetime, binding maintenance contract with ABM
4. All the money you get from selling your books
3. Flowers (only if he/she has serious allergies)
2. Heart-covered boxers sprayed with pepper mace
1. A noose with a sign in the center that says "You Are Here"

Dennis Finnell speaks at Wilkes

By STEPHANIE KRAMER
Beacon Staff Writer

On Thursday, February 4 the Wilkes University Department of English was privileged to host a reading by the accomplished poet Dennis Finnell. The reading, held at 8 p.m. in the CPA, was well-attended and long-awaited.

Finnell served as the 1993 Allen Hamilton Dickson Poet-in-Residence over the January intersession. This extraordinary experience was made possible through an endowment donated to the University by Dorothy Dickson Dart in memory of her father, Allan Hamilton

Dickson. Students who were fortunate enough to participate in Finnell's Advanced Workshop in Poetry found it to be an unforgettable experience.

The reading began with some of Finnell's students reading from the works they wrote and revised in the workshop, which met daily over intersession. Finnell first thanked everyone for making him feel at home while staying in Wilkes-Barre, then proceeded to read from his book of poetry entitled "Red Cottage."

Finnell has a wonderful gift of being able to say a lot in just a few very powerful words. His

poetry talks of real-to-life events; the "tangibility" of the subjects of his works made them all the more treasured by the audience. Among such works read were "Altar Boys", "The Queen Bee under the Waterfall" and "Red Cottage" (also the title of Finnell's book of poetry in which all of these poems appear).

The reading concluded with a book signing by Finnell and a reception sponsored by the Manuscript Society. This was certainly an enjoyable night out for anyone interested in contemporary poetry.

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Said Samatar, a recent analyst for ABC's "Nightline" program, will discuss his experiences during his last visit to Somalia, his native land, on Thursday, February 18th at 8 p.m. at Wilkes University's Dorothy Dickson Dart Center for the Performing Arts. Admission is Free!

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S P O R T S

Future looks bright for JV Colonels

By **NICOLE SIMMONS**
Beacon Staff Writer

The junior varsity basketball team has been working hard this season, and their record of 4-2 shows their dedication.

Since their return from intersession, the Colonels have played and won three games.

The first game was against the University of Scranton. Coach John Dunne wanted the team to penetrate to the basket and "kick it out for threes." Dunne continued by saying, "I told the guys if we work hard (and) go after offensive rebounds, I'll let them shoot." Dunne let the Baby Colonels do just that in their 93-72 victory over Scranton.

In that game Kevin Gryboski scored 20 points, Jason Kerr had 18, Scott Opal

scored 14 and Dan Williams chipped in 13.

In the second game since their return the Colonels beat Baptist Bible College, 78-59. Kerr scored 18, while Merritt Kearns had 15 and Gryboski contributed 13. Coach Dunne praised Jim McCool, even though he did not score. "We need him to rebound. He just goes after the ball relentlessly on the boards."

Most recently, the junior varsity defeated Muhlenberg College by 29 points. Muhlenberg started three players who were over 6 feet 6 inches. Dunne was a bit worried by the fact that Wilkes' tallest starter is 6-5 Gryboski. However, Kearns made a few moves early in the game which gave Wilkes the advantage they needed to start to break down Muhlenberg.

Nevertheless, Muhlenberg was ahead by 10 points at

halftime. Dunne decided that a full-court press would be the best strategy, even though his team was not experienced with that defense. "The guys worked on it (full-court press) once in the beginning of the year," said Dunne.

The plan worked. Six minutes later, the Colonels were up by 30 points. After that, according to Dunne, the junior varsity was ready to "cruise to victory."

Against Muhlenberg, Kearns had 23 points, Mike Relves had 17 and varsity player Chris Parker tossed in 17. Kerr was 6-for-6 from the foul line, while McCool was 7-for-8.

The team has been developing since last semester. The biggest turnaround has been Jason Kerr. Dunne said that Kerr is much more confident than he was earlier in the season.

Dan Williams and Joe Nattress have also been giving steady performances. Nattress is a hard worker who fills in at the guard slot to give the starters a rest. "He gives a solid performance," said Dunne.

Another player to watch is newcomer Andre Torres, who has played in every game since joining the team.

Dunne admits that he can't say enough about everyone. "It's made it a lot easier for me as a first-year coach. Every single guy has given me 100 percent. They play hard and use their heads to create shots for each other."

The Wilkes junior varsity basketball team will be playing their next game this Saturday against Baptist Bible College.

Arthur Ashe An "American Hero" gone from the tennis circuit

By **BOB SIMMONS**
Beacon Sports Editor

"A true American hero and a great example to all of us," was the way President Bill Clinton described Arthur Ashe Sunday after the news of his death.

Ashe had been hospitalized with pneumonia for a few weeks in January and was ill off and on for months.

Ashe contracted the AIDS virus from a blood transfusion in 1983 and died from AIDS-related pneumonia Saturday at New York Hospital.

Ashe was born in Richmond, Virginia on July 10, 1943.

The playgrounds of Richmond were the places where Ashe learned the game of tennis and learned it well.

Ashe left Richmond to pursue a tennis career which saw him win the Wimbledon championship and the U.S. Open. He is the only black man ever to win both of these championships.

Ashe revealed to the world that he had the HIV virus on April 8 after he was forced into the announcement by a newspaper threatening to make the claim.

Ashe joined the fight against AIDS and made many aware of what the disease was and how someone could contract the virus which eventually leads to AIDS.

Ashe has been credited for a number of accomplishments, not only in the tennis world but off the court as well.

Fortunately for us, we got to learn a little more about this dreaded killer - AIDS - from a man who would never quit no matter what the odds.

Arthur Robert Ashe was a champion on the court as well as off the court. He will be truly missed.

Grappler's face hard times

By **BILL PHILLIPS**
Beacon Staff Writer

The Wilkes University wrestling team is facing hard times. With an overall record of 10-7 the Colonels have lost their last three matches to Army, Franklin & Marshall College and the University of Pittsburgh.

The Colonels have been on the road for the entire month of January and will not return home until a February 20 match against Syracuse University.

Wilkes has suffered some key injuries in the past four matches. Dave Haltowski (177 pounds) is out for the season. Scott Stepe (167) is out for at least one match with an injured wrist. Ron Miller (158) will sit out with an injured shoulder. Senior Captain Ray Markulics is out with a ruptured appendix. Mike Evans (150), who is 14-1 and was named EIWA wrestler of the week, is out for a minimum of one match with injured ribs. Evans is currently ranked second in the EIWA and is the first Wilkes

wrestler to receive the wrestler of the week award.

"We're working with a patched up line-up," said head coach John Reese. "It's going to be a tough stretch with the injuries, but, if we get everyone healthy, we should be pretty competitive."

The Wilkes grapplers will compete in the Coppin State Duals, an eight-team tournament, in Baltimore this Saturday. Wilkes will wrestle three times in the tournament.

"We have performed inconsistently," said Reese. "We've done poor versus bad teams, and that hurts us. We are looking for our wrestlers to pull us through and help our young guys. We need to put all the pieces together for a winning season."

Heavyweight Heath "King Pin" Fleisher, a freshman, is second in the league in falls with nine. With a young, talented team scattered with experienced veterans, the Colonels can expect a strong finish heading into the EIWA Tournament.

Lady Hoopsters refuse to hang their heads

By **DAVID McCABE**
Beacon Sports Writer

The Wilkes University Lady Colonels' record stands at 15-6 overall and 3-4 in the Middle Atlantic Conference Northwest (MAC NW) after tough losses to Susquehanna University (72-56) and the University of Scranton (93-74).

Coach Karen Haag thought the team played well against Susquehanna. "We got the shots we wanted, we just couldn't put the ball in the basket." The Lady Colonels shot just 27.3% for the game.

In the loss, Junior Stacey Boyer led with 19 points and nine rebounds while Senior Missie Chinchar scored nine and also pulled down nine boards. Freshman Jamie Land added eight points, and Senior Colleen McGarry and Freshman Michelle Shaffer had seven apiece.

Against Scranton, Chinchar had a big night with 24 points and 10 rebounds. Boyer and Land each added 15 in the losing effort.

According to Coach Haag, "we can't hang our heads after these losses. We lost to two very good teams. We must continue to do what we've done all year."

The Lady Colonels have three MAC NW games remaining. The first is at home against Juniata on Saturday. Tip-off is set for 2 p.m.

As for the playoffs, the Lady Colonels have to win their remaining games and get help elsewhere for a MAC berth. There is an outside chance for a NCAA bid, while the East Coast Athletic Conference (ECAC) playoffs seem likely.

Cheers & Jeers From Bob Simmons

Now that the Buffalo Bills have made history by losing three straight Super Bowls, all eyes and televisions will be focusing on the NBA and the NCAA.

However, the baseball world made the headlines this past week with the one-year suspension of Cincinnati Reds owner Marge Schott.

Baseball's ruling executive council completed a two-month investigation of the 64-year-old owner and said it found evidence that "overwhelmingly and convincingly supports the conclusion that Mrs. Schott frequently and repeatedly used terms" offensive to blacks, Jews and Japanese.

Mrs. Schott was fined \$25,000 and suspended for one year from the Reds. She may attend games, but she must sit in the executive suite, not down by the playing field from where she is accustomed to watching her team in action.

The suspension will begin March 1, and Mrs. Schott may apply for reinstatement on November 1 if she attends and completes multi-cultural training programs.

Now there's a punishment for you- pay a \$25,000 fine, sit in air-conditioning, cushioned seats while watching a baseball game at the stadium and the killer: attend classes.

The \$25,000 fine to most of us is a lot of money, but, to a person who owns their own team, it's pocket change.

The cruelty of having to sit through a baseball game in an executive suite while the temperature on the playing field may be as hot as 80 or 90 degrees is too much to take.

Finally, having to attend classes to most of us is pretty tough, and, for Mrs. Schott, it may be the same.

The \$25,000 fine to Mrs. Schott is nothing. The biggest problem there is how she'll pay it, in \$100's or \$50's. Let's not even talk about the executive suite, because it upsets me so much. The biggest problem with having to attend classes for Mrs. Schott will be where her limo will be able to park.

I hope that none of the members of the ruling council have young children, because the punishments that they hand out are far to severe for any child to handle.

All-time home run leader Henry Aaron, a senior vice president with the Atlanta Braves, said, "I know Marge is laughing all the way to wherever it is she is going."

Mr. Aaron is absolutely right.

What were the council members thinking when they came up with this punishment?

The council must have been meeting at a local "watering establishment" when they came up with this.

Then Mrs. Schott's lawyer, Robert Bennett, said the owner agreed to accept the penalty.

Now there's a surprise!!!!

Mr. Bennett also said Schott was "very upset and very depressed that she was singled out. She feels many others in baseball made similar comments."

Maybe this sort of thing will stop not only in the Reds organization but in the world.

People are the same no matter what color their skin is or how tall they are or how fat or skinny they are - people are people and that is something we all must learn, because we are all here together, so let's get along with one another.

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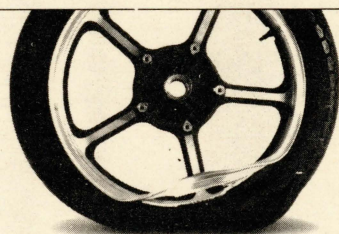
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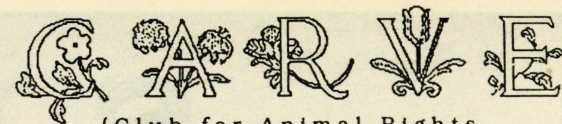
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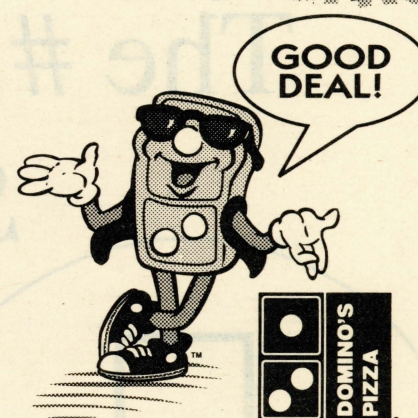
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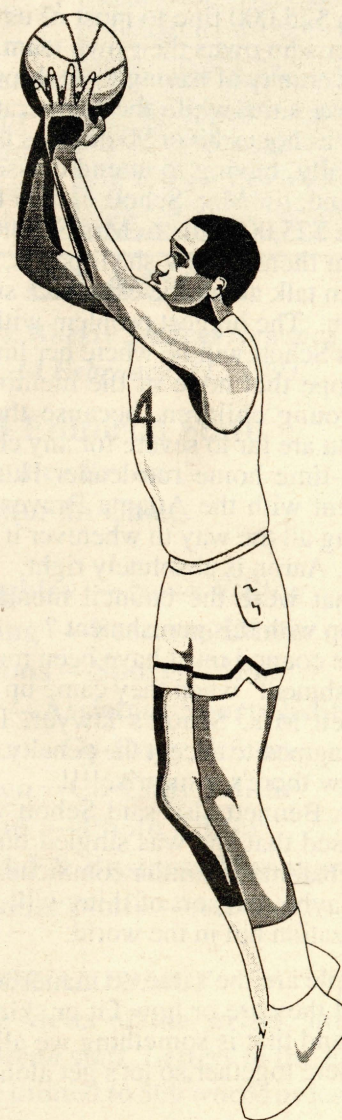
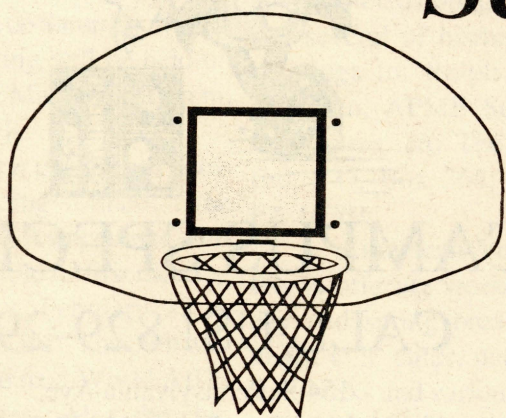
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