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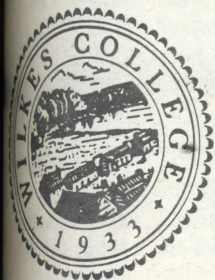
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150 rally outside Weckesser

Students protest graduation site

WILKES-BARRE — In a show of unity, approximately 150 students protested the administration's decision to hold graduation in the Marts Center.

The protest began in the early morning hours of the morning when students gathered outside Weckesser Hall and moved to the S.U.B. where the students were addressed by President Christopher Breiseth.

Breiseth told the students the ceremony would still be held in the gym.

The students responded by saying if necessary, they will take the fight up until the day before graduation.



Photo by Donna Yedlock

1969 or 1989? — Students gather outside Weckesser Hall this morning to protest the decision to hold this year's graduation in the Marts Center.

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S. Senator

Bill Bradley tabbed as commencement speaker

by Michele Corbett
Beacon News Editor

WILKES-BARRE— United States Senator Bill Bradley will be this year's principal commencement speaker.

The Arnaud C. Marts Sports and Conference Center is the scheduled site of the event Saturday, May 27, at 4 p.m.

"Senator Bradley was, early on, our choice as principal speaker for this particular commencement in the new Marts Sports and Conference Center," said Wilkes President Dr. Christopher N. Breiseth.

"His distinguished reputation as both a scholar and athlete personifies the Wilkes mission, which includes providing our students an education that develops the whole person,

both mind and body," he said.

During the ceremonies, the honorary Doctor of Humane Letters will be bestowed upon Senator Bradley.

After a college athletic career highlighted by All-American honors at Princeton University and an Olympic Gold Medal, Senator Bradley studied at Oxford University as a Rhodes scholar.

He graduated with honors in 1967 after earning a Master's Degree.

As a member of both the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, and the Committee on Special Aging on the Federal level, Bradley is of special interest to this area.

Senator Bradley played professional basketball with the New York Knickerbockers from 1967 to 1977, during which time he

started for the two world championship teams in 1970 and 1973.

Bradley converted from "roundball to the hardball politics of the senate" in 1979 and has since been recognized by his party as a leader and role model especially in the areas of environmental issues, and tax reform.

Bradley, while considered a liberal generally, nevertheless has appeal across the political spectrum and is a likely presidential candidate in the '92 race.

The College is holding a press conference during Senator Bradley's visit on May 27.

This is Senator Bradley's second visit to the Wilkes-Barre area. In October 1986, he stumped in support of Wilkes trustee Rep. Paul Kanjorski, who was seeking his second term in Congress.



Sen. Bill Bradley

Photo by Donna Yedlock

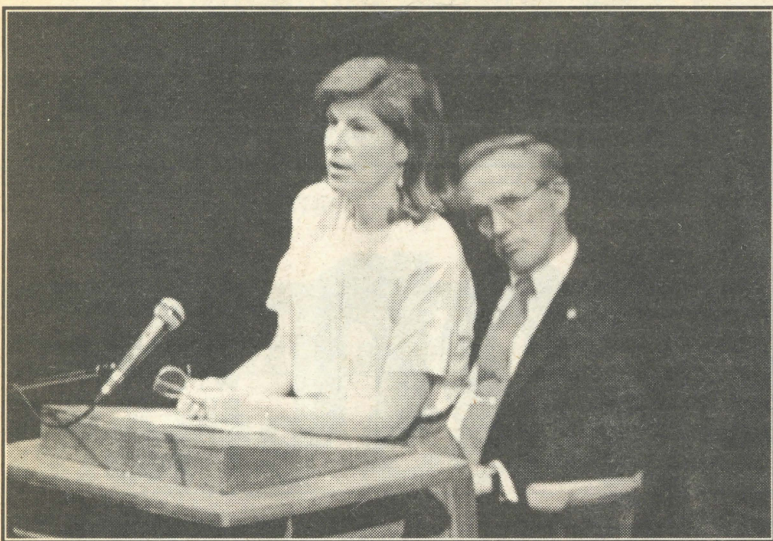
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Legal correspondent Nina Totenberg speaks at Wilkes



Nina Totenberg, legal correspondent, speaks at the Eighth Annual Installment of the Max Rosenn Lecture Series. Wilkes President Dr. Christopher N. Breiseth is seated behind her.

by Dave Kaszuba
Special to the Beacon

As Nina Totenberg was introduced at the Wilkes College Center for the Performing Arts last Tuesday, a tremendous round of applause greeted National Public Radio's award-winning legal affairs correspondent.

Approaching the micro-

phone, Totenberg quickly noted that the reverberating welcome caused the platform to shake.

But Totenberg, the guest speaker at the Eighth Annual Installment of the Max Rosenn Lecture Series, also shook — or at the very least captivated — the audience with her candid views on the legal system.

Among the opinions she offered? That the Supreme Court

would soon reverse the "Roe vs. Wade" decision which legalized abortion; that Attorney General Richard Thornburgh is, to a great extent, motivated by personal ambition; and that former president Ronald Reagan probably will not be required to testify at the Oliver North trial.

"Roe vs. Wade," the last case scheduled for the current court term, will be reviewed on April 26.

"If you want to leave the status quo as it is then you don't challenge the status quo," Totenberg reasoned. "My expert opinion is that 'Roe vs. Wade' will be reversed."

Totenberg said that Justice Anthony M. Kennedy, who was appointed under the Reagan administration, would likely be "the fifth vote to tip the balance" in favor of the conservative stance on many issues, including abortion.

She also believes that if "Roe vs. Wade" were reversed, the Republican Party would, in the long run, suffer as a result. "There's an enormous yuppie vote out there and a vast amount of these people go to the polls," Totenberg said. "When Mrs.

Yuppie, who's the vice president of a bank, realizes that she is pregnant and can't have an abortion that she might want, she suddenly becomes a one issue voter. That's something she wouldn't have been in a million years."

Totenberg, not one to pull punches, continued to manifest her admirable candor when she turned her attention to new Attorney General Richard Thornburgh.

"Some things are not easy to say, especially in Pennsylvania," she said. "Richard Thornburgh was a very capable governor here, but it's fair to say that the consensus of those of us who cover him is that he's the most political Attorney General

we've ever seen."

According to Totenberg, Thornburgh hopes to have "a national political future." She even thinks that he might be aiming at a vice-presidential nomination in 1996. Perhaps the most intriguing political issue of 1989, however, is the trial of Oliver North.

Totenberg, who has been covering those proceedings in Washington D.C., expressed doubt about whether or not North would be found guilty.

"I'm not all sure that I'd want to convict Oliver North," she said, citing the impressive defense being mounted in the courtroom.

Deaf actress "speaks" to enthused crowd

by Chris Augustine
Beacon Staff Writer

WILKES-BARRE — What would it be like to be unable to hear the chirping of a bird or someone's praise or criticism of your work? For Phyllis Frelich, not being able to hear has been a way of life that she was born into. Tuesday evening, though, she showed the large crowd that gathered in the Marts Center that deafness is not a handicap, it's just a communication barrier that is easily overcome.

Frelich was born in Devil's Lake, North Dakota; she is the eldest child of two deaf parents and has seven deaf siblings. She attended numerous schools for the deaf where she was taught that learning to speak was more important than learning to use sign language. "If I would sign, my teacher would slap my hands with a ruler," she said.

Sign language then became an escape for her and other students who couldn't learn to speak. According to Frelich, "Signing made communicating natural, where speaking was not natural."

Frelich said that speaking is an almost impossible thing to learn by many deaf people. She equated it to asking a hearing person to describe accurately what it would be like to be deaf.

Upon graduating from high school, Frelich enrolled in Gallaudet College. At that time Gallaudet was the only college in the country that specialized in deaf students.

Frelich's dream in college was to graduate with a degree in theater, but Gallaudet did not offer such a program. Consequently, she majored in library science. She was told in library science that "whatever town your husband works in you can get a job." When she graduated from college, though, she did not have a husband.

Frelich became involved in every production that Gallaudet College put on and always kept her dream of working in the theater alive in her heart. She was told repeatedly, however, that a career in the theater was an "impossible dream." That is until she met David Hayse.

Hayse asked if Frelich would be interested in starting a touring company known as The National Theater for the Deaf. She agreed and became a founding member.

Since the inception of The National Theater for the Deaf over twenty years ago, Frelich has become an increasingly prominent spokesperson for the civil rights of the deaf.

As a result of her hard work and determination, Frelich has furthered the efforts to make sign language a viable form of communications. In fact, sign language is now the third most-used language in the United States.

Unfortunately, according to Frelich, "It's because of our language that we are considered a cultural minority." She feels that the recent hiring and firing of a deaf person as the president of a major university in the Washington D.C. area has aided in the national awareness of civil rights for the deaf.

Frelich said that she is repeatedly asked if there is anything "special" that can be done for deaf people. Her response was, "Why should deafness be the most important thing about us? It's not!" She said that deaf people want exactly what everyone else wants — equal jobs, equal opportunities, and equal rights.

Frelich ended her lecture on a positive note by stressing once more that an ever increasing percentage of the population is learning how to speak using sign language. She concluded by saying, "Now I have to be careful what I say in public. There are eaves-watchers everywhere."

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Up in smoke — Barre through the coed dorm

Barre

by Michele Corbett
Beacon News Editor

WILKES-BARRE — sooner had Wilkes students make their way home for break than those who Barre Hall were called return to campus and was left of their belongings fire gutted their campus.

"By and large, reacted very well in recalls and collecting the said Mark Allen, associate Student Affairs of Residence. The March 23rd thirty-four students to their choice of available campus or to the Sheraton near campus.

The Dean of Student and some resident associations during the days that followed an unfortunate event in order the fates of the Barre Student Business Affairs proposed the hotel option.

The fire victims at their chosen rooms until this spring semester. Allen, they will receive consideration in the room process next semester.

The decision has been made as to whether to move Hall or not. If it is open students affected by the

Students into co

by Becky Steinberg
Beacon Staff Writer

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in smoke — Barre Hall is shown after a three-alarm fire ripped through the coed dorm during spring break.

Barre Hall gutted

Michele Corbett
Beacon News Editor

WILKES-BARRE — No
er had Wilkes students begun to
their way home or southward
break than those who lived in
re Hall were called and asked to
to campus and gather what
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guttured their campus home.

“By and large, the students
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Mark Allen, associate dean of
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The March 23rd fire forced all
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spring semester. According to
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consideration in the room selection
process next semester.

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Hall or not. If it is opened, those
dents affected by the fire will be

Students forced out into cold by gas leak

Becky Steinberger
Beacon Staff Writer

WILKES-BARRE — A gas
leak was discovered in the early
morning hours of March 17 in
Wilkes' Chesapeake and Delaware
territories on Northampton Street.

The night maintenance man
noticed a strong odor of gas near the
ement of the dorms while doing
s rounds at approximately 4 a.m.

The police and gas company
were called as the students were
being evacuated.

given first option to return.

Barre Hall was coed and
housed freshmen through seniors.

Allen pointed out that most
students were surprised in learning
that their personal belongings
weren't covered by the College's
insurance. Students must claim their
losses on their parents' homeowners
insurance.

Two students, Scott Jack and
Micheal Naholnik, lost everything.

The fire took most of the be-
longings of another pair while the
rest of the ill-fated Barre residents'
belongings sustained varied degrees
of smoke and water damage.

According to the fire chief, the
left side of the first floor received the
heaviest damage from the fire which
began electrically under the floor
near the furnace.

It was determined that the fire
smoldered for a few hours from 7
a.m. It then gathered furry as it
burned out the floor and spread up
and between the walls of the build-
ing.

Paul Gillespie, Wilkes Secu-
rity, noted that the fire was indirectly
discovered. Someone, possibly a
passerby smelled smoke in the area.

An investigative engine was
sent to the vicinity of Frank and Ross
Streets where the fire was discovered
and extinguished by 10:15 a.m. The
chief stated it was a three-alarm fire.

“The students of Chesapeake
and Delaware were moved into
Evans Hall around five a.m. when
they were able to rest in the rec room
where coffee and donuts were avail-
able,” said Jane Lampe-Groh, Dean
of Student Affairs.

The source of the leak was at
the curb line on Northampton
Street.

The Pennsylvania Gas and
Water Company had the gas turned
off to repair the leak before students
were able to return to their rooms by
7 a.m.

MS fundraiser this weekend

by Scott Robbins
Special to the Beacon

WILKES-BARRE — On April
9 at 9 a.m. the National Multiple
Sclerosis Society of Northeastern
Pennsylvania will hold the Super
Cities Walk For Multiple Sclerosis.
The fund raising event will start at
College Misericordia and proceed
around Harvey's Lake back to the
college.

There will be plenty of rest stops
and refreshments along the way, and
at the halfway point there will be a

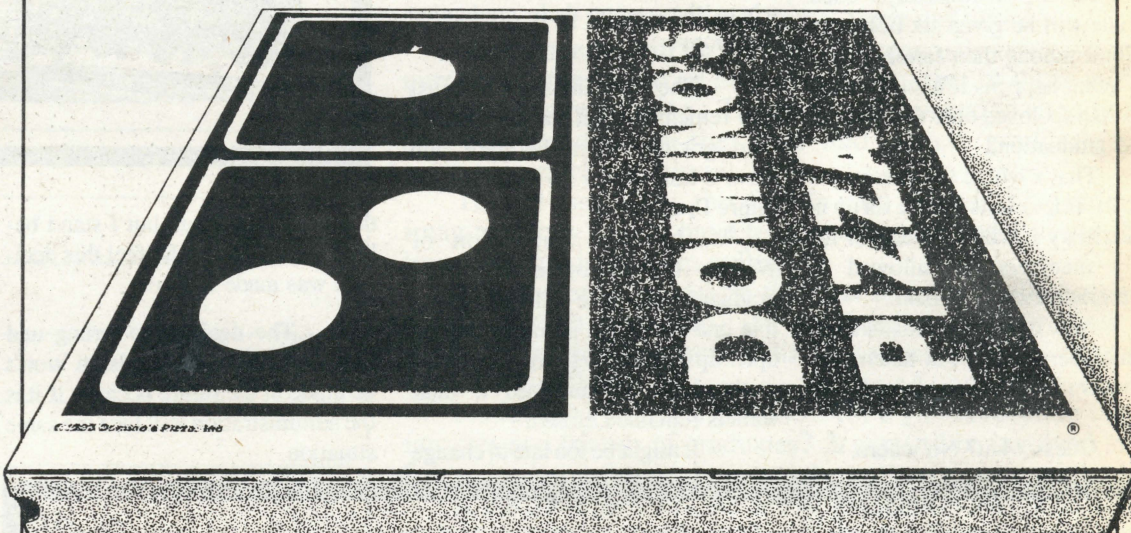
Beach Party at Sandy Beach with
Beach Boys style music. Hot dogs,
hamburgers, and summer salads
along with plenty of refreshing soft
drinks will be served. The event will
bring walkers from Scranton and
Wilkes-Barre.

The walk will raise money to aid
many people who have been afflicted
with multiple sclerosis, and to help
research find a cure for the disease.
An estimated quarter of a million
Americans have multiple sclerosis
with nearly 200 new cases diagnosed
each week.

Nancy Williams, formerly in-
volved with the local MS Society and
victims of MS, stated, “I really feel
there is going to be a major break-
through in the next ten years. It could
be next month or next year, but it is
going to happen.”

With your help and many oth-
ers' we can be assured of finally
finding a cause and a cure. Come join
your fellow Wilkes students for this
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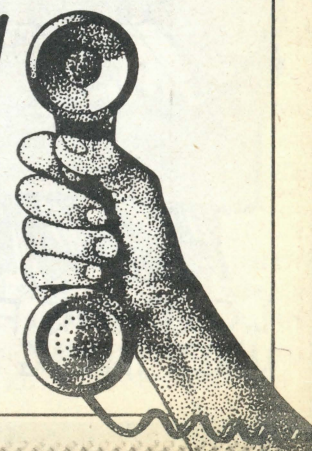
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Opinion/Editorial

Seniors have the graduation blues

If you walked by Weckesser Hall this morning you probably noticed the first student protest on campus in approximately 6 years.

The administration's decision to hold this year's graduation in the Arnaud C. Marts Sports and Conference Center is very unpopular with seniors and many underclassmen.

When it's time for my graduation from Wilkes, I don't want to graduate in the gym so I can sympathize with this year's seniors.

The thought of family members watching their son or daughter graduate on a television after sinking a big chunk of their family finances into a college education is appalling.

As of Wednesday, each graduate will be given six tickets to distribute among their family members. What happens if a student has more than six loved ones that want to attend graduation?

That's where the televisions come in. Televisions will be set up in the auxiliary rooms of the gym for family members not allowed to watch graduation in person.

Now that the graduates family members have been taken care of, where will their friends be seated?

Guess what? No where.

Due to the limitations on the gym's seating capacity underclassmen will not be allowed to attend this year's ceremony.

OPINION by Tom Obrzut

Recent alumni and the college's contributors might also be barred from the ceremony. But you can bet your bottom dollar that some of the college's biggest contributors will be seated in the VIP section in the first row. What a shame.

Many students say the decision to hold the ceremony in the gym was made without their input.

As you saw this morning many of them feel Ralston Field is where they want their graduation ceremony.

The administration must also remember that the decision to hold graduation in the gym will leave a lasting scar on the college's future fund raising.

The final impression of Wilkes the approximately 450 graduates will have will be a negative one and when it comes time to open up their wallets for their alma mater don't be surprised if their wallets remained closed.

It might be too late to change

this year's decision, but I stand behind the students who feel this decision was made in error.

The decision is wrong and hopefully the same decision won't be made in the future because if it is the administration will face the same situation.



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Wilkes

The University Student Government them "elitist." The Wilkes College Government.

COMMENT by Chris Augustine

As we head the year of unpopular Student Government elections, it is increasingly evident the major reasons that vote in these elections are the candidates are the ones they cannot run for the Student Government.

The current S.G. revised as recently as students to run for pre-write-in candidates, served one full year Wilkes. In theory this seem acceptable to many it is excluding many from the student body from government and chance of Constitution so clearly deserve.

At a recent S. Board meeting this was brought to the attention of members present. varied for each member the common theme of ignorance of the Constitution was clearly explained to the Government President.

Sweigert commented that student government is not allowing students to be on the Wilkes Student Government to become President.

The reason for this is that he thought that the Wilkes Student Government was better suited to handle responsibilities that were the job of the President.

According to many college student governments though, Wilkes Student Government is the chief student representative. Some went on to say that the government at Wilkes had an attitude of government that of the Soviet Union.



Businesses that plan to hold will soon be paying to song-writers.

The Sounding Board

Wilkes Student Government: Elitist?

The University of Scranton Student Government President calls them "elitist." The students at Wilkes College call them our Student Government.

COMMENTARY

by Chris Augustine

As we head through another year of unpopular Student Government elections, it is becoming increasingly evident that one of the major reasons that students don't vote in these elections is that qualified candidates are being told that they cannot run for the position of Student Government President.

The current S.G. Constitution, passed as recently as 1985, forbids students to run for president, even as write-in candidates, until they have served one full year on S.G. at Wilkes. In theory this practice might seem acceptable to many people; yet it is excluding many members of our student body from getting the fair treatment and chance to lead that our constitution so clearly states we deserve.

At a recent S.G. Executive Board meeting this very topic was brought to the attention of the elected members present. The reactions varied for each member, yet a common theme of ignorance of the rules of the Constitution was exhibited.

After having the problem clearly explained to him, Student Government President Charlie Sweigert commented that "the student government is better off by not allowing students who haven't served on the Wilkes Student Government to become President."

The reason for this seemed to be that he thought that members of the Wilkes Student Government were better suited to handle the duties and responsibilities that went along with the job of the President.

According to numerous area college student government presidents though, Wilkes College's Student Government is hand-picking the chief student representative. He went on to say that the student government at Wilkes is taking on an attitude of government much like that of the Soviet Union.

For their part, the members of the executive board said that they weren't aware that a problem of this magnitude existed. Yet they did acknowledge that there is a problem with a turnout at elections. Perhaps this isn't just a coincidence.

One member of the executive board tried to equate the Wilkes College election turnout to that of the turnout in the election for President of the United States. He said that, "If people in this country won't vote in a national election how can they be expected to vote in a student government election?"

When examining the facts, though, about 50% of the eligible voters turned out to vote in the 1988 Presidential elections, whereas only one-third of the students at Wilkes turned out in last year's election.

It seems pretty clear that the lack of competition and enthusiasm are the prime contributors to the dismal turnout at the elections. According to Sweigert, "There is no competition for the positions and as a result the elections aren't pumped up."

Why is there a lack of competition for posts that could normally shape the lives of all of the current and future students at Wilkes?

One probable example can show that competent candidates are being denied their rights as citizens of the United States and therefore could be causing these problems.

A student — "Carol" — transfers to Wilkes after completing two years of college at another institution. Carol had been a member of

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Put graduation where it belongs

In their latest show of indifference towards the feelings of the student body, the administration has decided to stage this spring's commencement exercises in the Arnaud C. Marts Center rather than the traditional Ralston Field.

The process that led to this decision, as well as the actual decision itself, in the opinion of *The Beacon*, is wrong.

Once again, the administration has told the students, in this case the senior class, that despite the money they pay and the work they do, their voices will not be heard.

The voice of the student should be the most important on the campus of any college. This, however, is not usually the case.

It seems that at Wilkes College, the pecking order is John Wilkes Club members (big money donors), Board of Trustees members, administration, BIG SPACE, faculty, and students.

When the big picture is looked at with a microscope, the only people that the school *really* couldn't survive without are the faculty and students — the two voices most commonly ignored.

According to the administration, at this point the gavel has been dropped and the verdict returned. Graduation, whether we like it or not, will be held in the gym.

As we all know, the gym, with a seating capacity of 3000 in the bleachers and a legal safety limit of 3500, is not prepared to handle the crowd that a Wilkes graduation is used to having. (In the past, at Ralston Field, guests were unlimited.)

Now students will be told that they can only bring a certain number of guests and an even smaller number of those will be allowed in-gym-seating. The rest will be asked to sit in one of the other rooms in the gym and watch graduation on wide-screen, closed-circuit TV's.

This is not what the family and friends of graduates imagined they would have to go through in order to see their loved one graduate from college.

The students should be the first to be consulted when it comes to such decisions. It's not that irrational to allow the graduates to decide where their four years of heavy debt and hard work will end.

As for the gym, why not use it for a giant reception for the families and friends of graduates? It can still be involved in the festivities but it doesn't have to take such a controversial role.

If the gym becomes the site of graduation for good (as long as that lasts these days), Wilkes College will once again take a step away from the tradition that has made it what it is.

Graduation will become the Belltower reincarnate and the lustre of the bright and beautiful Marts Center will be forever tarnished.

Is this what you want?

Thumbs up: to the students involved with organizing the school's first protest in six years. Good luck in obtaining a goal you truly believe in!

Thumbs down: to whomever is responsible for the latest additions to the pre-registration forms. In case it got past you, we are now being asked to disclose our religious preference and race on these forms. The least they could have done is add a disclaimer saying that answering the questions is optional. If they want this information there are more direct ways of getting it. Not covertly slipping the questions onto a registration form and having the registrar people fill the spaces in for you when you refuse.

Thumbs down: to whomever is involved with the parking fiasco that happened at Ralston Field some weeks ago when the Irem Shrine Circus was in town. People were told by Armory officials that they were allowed to park in the Ralston Parking lot. The lot closes at 4:00 p.m. and all of the cars that were in the lot at 4:00 p.m. were locked in. A Wilkes baseball player was kind enough to get someone to unlock the door, but it takes ignorance to lock a lot that has a lot of cars.

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Wilkes Theatre Update

Student directors strut their stuff

by Michele Broton

Beacon Assistant Feature Editor

At a time when the views and opinions of students are being ignored, the Wilkes College Theatre Department is giving two seniors an opportunity to "strut their stuff," theatrically of course.

The first play, *The American Dream* by Edward Albee, is directed by Patrick L. Shields, a senior theatre and English major at Wilkes.

According to Shields, *The American Dream* is a dark comedy and social satire, and he warns the public that "it may offend." With its comments on middle-class American society, *The American Dream*, is filled with sarcasm, cynicism, and ironic humor.

"In my show, there are also students who have graduated and have come back to do this....They're coming back to work on this show, not for money, but for pleasure," says Shields of Don Semyon and Rebecca Schmidt, the two alumni in his cast.

Rounding out his cast are Jennifer Hussey, a sophomore at King's College, Jason Delcampe, a Wilkes freshman, and Christine Brunnock, a sophomore at Wilkes.

The second show, directed by Jeffrey Eline, is *Chinamen* by Michael Frayn. Described by Eline as a "British comedy," *Chinamen* is unique because "it has two actors,

who, between them, play seven different characters."

The actors who are pulling off this incredible feat of talent are Maureen O'Hara, a junior at Wilkes, and John Domzalski, a Wilkes senior.

According to Eline, "the student directed one-acts with full stage set, costumes, and lighting, represent the culmination of a theatre student's college career, bringing together all elements of theatre from directing the play to printing the tickets."

"They're a wonderful experience," says Dr. Marti LoMonaco, of the theatre department. "The only way to learn to direct is to do it."

For a theatre student, hands-on experience is a vital necessity, something that is often unavailable at larger colleges. Adds Director of Theatre Karl Ruling, "This is one of the few places where undergraduates get to do that (get hands-on experience)."

So, the experience in directing is necessary, but where does that leave the actors? Well, for the most part, it leaves them in a very nice situation.

Domzalski, a veteran college actor, comments that, "I enjoy it very much....you get to work with your peers in a more relaxed atmosphere...it's easier to feel more open and outgoing."

That doesn't mean, however, that the productions are done in a



Seen are eight students involved in the one-act plays. Pictured are, seated from left, Maureen O'hara, John Domzalski, Christine Brunnock, Rebecca Schmidt, and Jennifer Hussey. Standing, from left, Jeffrey Eline, Jason Delcampe, and Patrick L. Shields.

haphazard manner. "Everything you see is done by students...as much hard work, dedication, and pride is put into the student shows by the students as is put into the faculty directed shows by the faculty," says Shields, "the student productions are not different from any other production you will see at Wilkes."

This weekend, April 7 and 8, the

collection, under the group heading of *Night of One-Acts*, is being presented at 8 p.m. in the Center for the Performing Arts. There is an admission for students as well as the general public of \$1.50 on Friday evening and, because of a special intermission buffet, \$3.50 on Saturday. For ticket information, contact the Wilkes College Box Office at 824-

4651, ext. 4540.

On a final note it must be added that these shows are comedy, pure and simple, and that, according to Domzalski, is the best reason to see them. "We can give you Hamlet, and show you all the depths of human psyche, but we can also reveal how the theatre can make you laugh your ass off."

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student government while attending the other college; she even held the position of president. Her junior year is spent trying to acquire friends and figure out Wilkes. She almost certainly couldn't haven't gotten a position on Student Government.

She now prepares for her senior year with the aspiration of helping her school by becoming S.G. president. The dream will end there as she is not eligible to run for the position that she desires.

What is the Wilkes Student Government trying to hide?

Every one of the area colleges that were contacted allow all students to take part in the entire election process. Students are allowed to run for every position as well as vote in the elections.

Every college, that is, except Wilkes.

Student Government Vice President Scott Barth, in defense of

Wilkes S.G., stated, "We aren't a body that works alone...we don't exclude anybody."

Clearly the evidence doesn't support that statement.

Exclusion is defined as the act of being shut out of something. In this case the Student Government is surely shutting out members of the student body.

The Student Government still doesn't see this as a problem, though. When asked recently if there is a chance to have the Constitution amended to favor all students instead of those select few who are chosen to run for president, the reply was, "If there is truly a problem, we will discuss it. Then if it is feasible we will discuss a change."

Answers like that seem to provide more proof that the much criticized members of Student Government aren't devoted to working for the entire student body.

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Bacon News Editor

WILKES-BARRE — In an announcement to the press earlier this week, Wilkes College President, Dr. Christopher N. Breiseth announced his resignation as the College's top administrator.

According to his statement, "My time has come and gone at Wilkes and I feel it is time for me to move on to bigger and better things. I will always love and miss Wilkes."

Breiseth said that his decision was caused by an offer from the prestigious Harvard University to come aboard as their president.

Robert K. Bloehardt, the man that Breiseth will replace, is said to be taking the vacant position at College Misericordia.

"Harvard is a small step up from Wilkes but I think it is the right move for me at the present time," said a teary-eyed Breiseth.

"My family has established roots in the Valley and we will miss it terribly."

The move is said to have nothing to do with the early acceptance to Harvard offered to Breiseth's daughter, Lydia.

In a related story, an inside source at Weckesser Hall

stated that the favorite to take over the reins of Wilkes College is former President of the United States, Richard Milhous Nixon.

"I cannot comment on that at the present moment, however, I can say that he [Nixon] has been approached and he told us that he would think about it," said Executive Assistant to the President, Dr. Robert Heaman.

Nixon was forced from his presidential post in what is still being touted as the biggest cover-up in Washington history.

Historians, however, have recently dug up information that points to pure Nixon innocence.

"I was framed. It was a prank. I had nothing to do with this thing. I left town and I came back and [John] Ehrlichman and [J.R.] Haldeman told me that they had broken into the Democratic headquarters and, because I am president, I must take the blame," responded Nixon.

If Nixon does take the position he would be only the fifth president in the history of Wilkes College.

Preceding Breiseth, who served from 1984 until this year, was Dr. Robert Capin,



Former President Richard Milhous Nixon, pictured above, is rumored to be Breiseth's replacement.

who served from 1976 until 1984; Dr. Francis Michelini, who served from 1970 to 1976; and the first president of Wilkes, Dr. Eugene S. Farley who served from 1947, the Wilkes received its charter officially changing it from Bucknell Junior College to Wilkes, until 1970.

"I really think that Dick has put all of that behind him and would make a wonderful college president," said political analyst Sam Donnel-

son. "He could really teach those kids a lot about the world around them."

"Despite losing a wonderful president in Chris, I think that there is no better choice than Dick," said former Nixon White House correspondant, Dan Rather. "I honestly believe that all of his bad press is behind him. He may be old [74] but look what Reagan did at that age."

If he accepts the job, Nixon

plans as his first official act, to paint the traditionally gray Weckesser Hall white.

"If I do take the job, I feel that the best way to breed a true presidential feeling would to paint the administration building white in order to have our own White House," Nixon said.

Breiseth is expected to be leaving for Boston at the end of next month to begin the gradual shift of jobs.

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Bacon says yes to Nixon

The staff of The Bacon would like to express their endorsement for former-president Richard Milhous Nixon for the position of president of Wilkes College.

It would seem that the past is behind the former national leader and he is prepared for the challenge of being the fifth president in the history of Wilkes.

Wilkes can use a leader the calibre of former top administrators, like Dr. Christopher N. Breiseth.

We will miss Dr. Breiseth but look forward to the future of the Nixon years.

Congrats to a real legend

The Bacon would like to express their congratulations to the Colonel's own Wayne "Chum" Henninger. Chum became the first Colonel to surpass the 2000 mark in career points.

He passed former teammate Jim "The Microwave" Nolan on the all-time list.

Henninger's feat becomes all that more amazing when you realize he only netted 9 in his frosh season as a back-up to Colonel legend, Marc "Gravy Train" Graves.

Good luck in the pros Chum, we'll miss you.

Goodbye, Fireplug!

The Bacon would like to express their regrets in having bid farewell to a coaching legend, Dave Martin.

Martin leaves the assistants post for the Colonels to trim the blue grass in Kentucky. Martin will take over for scandal ridden Eddie Sutton, and the Kentucky Wildcats.

"He's the next Adolph Rupp," said Colonel coach Ray Rainey. "He will do wonders for their program. I only wish he would stick around and do those things for us."

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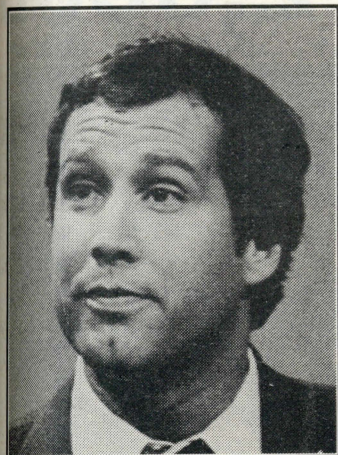
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Ed Koch
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"Anybody but Mario Cuomo, maybe Bernard Goetz, he's got balls."



Fred Sanford
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"My son Lamont, he ain't never had a good job."



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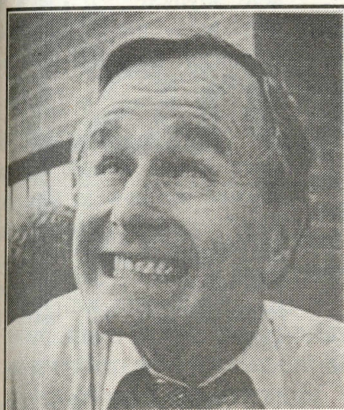
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"Dean of Student Affairs Jane Lampe-Groh, we look alike."



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"President? You don't need a president. You need a king!"



Jimmy Carter
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"My mother Lillian, she's got spunk!"



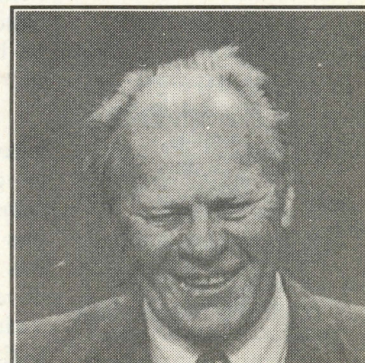
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Jeanne Kirkpatrick
Former U.N. Ambassador
"Me, I need the job."



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"Me, I need the job."



Gerald Ford
Former President
"I hope Nixon gets it. That would mean I was next in line."

Sports

Colonels shock Georgetown, 77-71

"Chum" Henninger hits his 2,000th

by G.F. Bloomsburg
Beacon Sports Writer

WILKES-BARRE — The legend lives on.

Wayne "Chum" Henninger scored 47 points, including his 2000th, to lead the Wilkes Colonels (14-0) to a stunning 77-71 upset of the top-ranked Georgetown Hoyas last night at the Marts Center.

The Colonels' win is already being hailed as the greatest in NCAA basketball history. Scheduled as a Marts Center drawing card and program-enhancing opponent by Colonels head coach Ron Rainey, the Hoyas couldn't have expected much competition from the Division III Colonels.

Henninger had different ideas.

The 5'10" senior guard, who also chipped in with 22 rebounds, 13 assists and 11 steals for the first "quadruple double" in Wilkes history, negated a 32-point performance by Georgetown's All-American center, Alonzo Mourning.

The Colonels jumped out to a 16-6 lead, as Henninger converted four three-pointers in the opening six minutes. Mourning scored the game's next 12 points as the Hoyas assumed an 18-12 lead.

Henninger's uncanny ability to pick the pocket of opposing point guards showed itself again last night as he gathered five of his steals during the first half's final ten minutes. His punctuating dunk after a steal at the first half buzzer gave the Colonels a 34-30 lead and sent the overflow crowd of 5,000 into a frenzy.

Mourning opened the second half with 8 consecutive points, giving the Hoyas a 38-34 lead. The game swayed back and forth for the remainder of the half until the Hoyas seemingly took control with three minutes remaining, as a Mourning slam gave them a 71-62 lead.

What followed was incredible. Henninger scored the contest's final 15 points, beginning with a dunk in the lane over Mourning, who fouled him.

After hitting the foul shot, Henninger displayed his awesome defensive talent, pinning a Mourning shot against the backboard and gathering it in. He dribbled downcourt and, despite being guarded by three Hoya defenders, sunk a trey from 30 feet.

He hit three more three-pointers, the final one from halfcourt, to seal the victory.

"I just felt it was time to

take control of the game," Henninger said. "No one has been man enough all season to get in Mourning's face. I wanted to show him that we play serious basketball at the Division III level."

Rainey couldn't say enough about Henninger's performance.

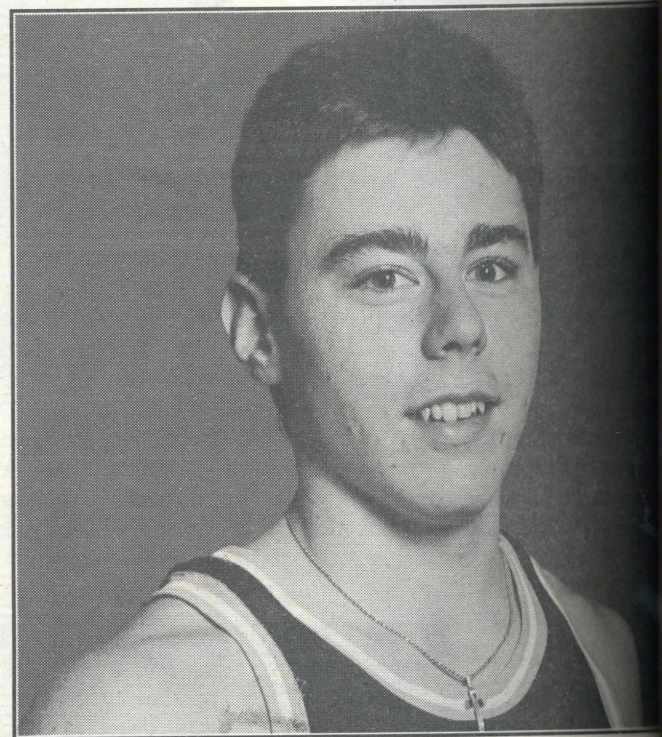
"Thank goodness for Chum," he said. "He's the best player we've ever had at Wilkes, possibly the best in NCAA history."

That's a strong statement from Rainey, but it may be accurate when one considers that Henninger amassed his point total in just over a season-and-a-half. (He scored nine points in his freshman year and sixteen during his sophomore campaign.)

His accomplishments have not gone unnoticed by the NBA. Said Marty Blake, NBA Scouting Director: "Until now, Mourning was generally considered the top player in the collegiate ranks. But Chum has jumped ahead of him. I've never seen such a combination of leaping ability and shooting touch. He can name his price in the draft."

Georgetown head coach John Thompson agrees with the accolades.

"His intensity is unbelievable," Thompson said.



Wayne "Chum" Henninger scored his 2,000th point.

"He's the type of player who makes basketball the game it is today."

"Chum took it right to me," Mourning said. "He's the toughest I've ever seen, no doubt about it. I don't look forward to facing him in the NBA."

Henninger hates to see his Wilkes playing days end.

"I've had such a good

career," he said. "I'm looking forward to playing against guys like Magic and Isiah, but I'm going to miss Coach Rainey. Coach Martin, my teammates and all the fans who packed 'Chum Dome.'"

"I'll love you all forever."

The feeling is mutual. Chum.

Dave Martin lands top Kentucky job

by Martin O'Rourke
Beacon Sports Writer

WILKES-BARRE — The Wilkes basketball program suffered one of its greatest losses in recent history last Saturday.

No, the Colonels didn't drop a game to archrival King's or Scranton.

No, superstar "Chum" Henninger did not declare hardship.

What could be worse than that you ask?

Assistant coach Dave "Fireplug" Martin, perhaps the brightest young mind in the game today, announced his resignation from Wilkes effective immediately. Martin signed a lifetime contract with the Kentucky Wildcats, replacing Eddie Sutton,

who resigned earlier in the month because of pressure from alumni who demanded Martin to be hired as the team's next mentor.

Sources say Martin will make close to \$1 million a year to go along with a five-story mansion on a ten acre plot. It was also reported that Martin was offered a limousine with a driver but declined that offer, stating, "I just love the 'Silver Bullet' too much. I don't think I could ever part with that baby. I've had so many good times in there."

C.M. Newton, the new athletic director at Kentucky, held a press conference Saturday to announce the hiring.

wanted all along," Newton said. "He is a Bob Knight disciple and, we feel, the best young coach in America. Some people say the asking price was too high, but he is worth it, believe me. Besides, the alumni support for him was overwhelming."

Martin, who coached under Knight during Indiana's 1987 championship season, drew nothing but praise from his former boss.

"Anybody who says Dave Martin doesn't deserve the job can go to hell," Knight belatedly. "They don't know anything about basketball. He was the mastermind behind the final minutes of that title game. He designed that play to get Keith

Smart open for the winning jumper. The man's a genius."

On the Wilkes campus, shockwaves ran through the players' minds and hearts.

"I just can't believe it," said sophomore Steve Tate as tears gushed from his eyes. "He was the only reason I came here. I always dreamed of playing for that good old 'Fireplug' and now he's gone."

Junior Tom Doughty was close to an emotional breakdown.

"Let me tell you something," he sniffled. "Dave Martin was like a big brother to me...to all of us. How could Wilkes just let Kentucky come in and rape us like that?"

"I don't think I can play here anymore. If Coach Martin will have me, I'll transfer to Kentucky, even if I have to be a waterboy."

"I've known Coach Martin since I was a little kid and he showed me how to shoot a jump shot," said Jim Nolan, who was also fighting tears. "I owe him everything. He will never be replaced and I'll never forget him."

Neither will we. How can we? He was the greatest coach this school has ever known.

The "bluegrass" state just becomes blue.

Myt

by Chris Taroli
Beacon Feature Writer

The word "myth" has had many meanings throughout time. Myth is virtually synonymous with something that is false. But, of course, is not the true meaning. Myth comes from the Greek word *Mythos*, which means a type of literary narrative, such as the Bible, the Vedas, and the Koran. It is this type of story which we will try to interpret.

These myths have their roots in primitive folk tales. They are the product of a culture, not an individual. Myth deals with things "in the beginning"—the creation of the universe, of life. They are stories of the gods or supernatural creatures taking part in extraordinary events at an unspecified time. The period is so far removed from our own recorded history, from prehistory, that it seems apart from ordinary human experience.

Every myth is presented as an authoritative account (at least by its teller) regardless of the tension or with experience. Myths tell of the adventures, struggles and how they came to be. The sun, moon, water, how they tamed the winds, they taught man to plant and domesticate the animals.

Myth and religion are related. Myths help shape religion by providing it with a god, and a hero, just as ritual.



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Myth: The center of all truth

Chris Taroli
Feature Writer

The word "myth" has had many meanings throughout time. Today it is virtually synonymous with something that is false. But this, of course, is not the true meaning of the word. Myth comes from the Greek word *mythos*, which means story. In its true sense is a genre, a type of literary narrative, such as *The Bible*, *The Vedas Sanskrits*, and *the Koran*. It is this type of myth which we will try to interpret and understand.

These myths have their foundations in primitive folk tales and beliefs. They are the product of a society, not an individual. Myths usually deal with things "in the beginning" — the creation of the universe, of the earth, of life. They are specific accounts of the gods or superhuman figures taking part in extraordinary events at an unspecified time. This period is so far removed from our recorded history, and even prehistory, that it seems to exist apart from ordinary human experience.

Every myth is presented as "truth" as an authoritative, factual account (at least by its believers) regardless of the tension it creates in experience. Myths tell of the adventures and struggles and how they came to liberate the sun, moon, water, and fire; they tamed the winds; anhow they taught man to plant corn and domesticate the animals.

Myth and religion are closely related. Myths help shape the religion by providing it with a history, a hero, just as ritual provides

behavior patterns, and temples and icons provide the places and objects of worship and reverence.

But how do we interpret this narrative? What does it contain that we can use? Is it the ultimate word of a supreme being, or is it just the documentation of the way a primordial people viewed reality?

Most scholars do not believe that myths are divinely revealed, and to claim, for example, that Adam and Eve are historical fact is to push for an overliteral interpretation.

The following is a smorgasbord of some renowned scholars and their theories on myth:

Euhemerus, a Greek scholar of the second century, believed that all myths were based on historical fact, or were exaggerated events of real people; Max Muller, a linguist of the 1800s, thought that all myths were the personification of nature; Sir Edward Tylor, an anthropologist of the 1800s, theorized that myths were a result of people's efforts to account for unexplainable happenings in their dreams; Bronislaw Malinowski, an anthropologist of the 1900s, believed that people simply created myths to satisfy the tension that was caused by their not knowing why something happens; and finally, Sir James Frazer, an anthropologist of the 1900s, wrote that myths originated from the natural cycle of birth, growth, decay, death, and rebirth.

There are many mythologies which are pertinent to a certain people or to a certain geographic region. Each culture has its own way of explaining the reality before it. Myths were these people's way of interpreting and quantifying natural

Myth vs. reality

Chris Taroli

events; they were their particular perceptions of human beings and the cosmic view. It was a way for them to sustain their social and cultural patterns, their moral system, and their history, a way of collectively representing their institutions and values and stabilizing their ideology.

More modern interpretations of myth have steered away from the society and concentrated on the individual. Jung proposed that myths represented archetypal images. These archetypes, or "primordial images," were shaped by the repeated experiences of our ancestors, and are made known to us through myths, religion, dreams, and literature.

These images contain detail, plot patterns, and characters. These basic patterns and symbols, which are found in the collective, or racial unconscious (we must accept that the unconscious exists or none of this makes any sense), when perceived, evoke emotions, attitudes, and responses.

Jung focuses on the commonalities of myth: the gods, the heroes, the deeds, the themes. In order to express something objectively, primitive man, since he didn't have the scientific method, would write it down in the form of these symbols and allegory, which apparently come to the conscious level under certain

conditions. The archetypes are perceived as something that is "familiar" and yet "strange."

Myths employ literary license, not scientific theory. Poetry and fiction require a great deal of imagination — a state of mind which can go beyond this world or things perceived. Myths are patterns in human thought. They express truths about the human condition, about the "phenomenon of man." To understand humans, we must understand their diversity, which can be found in culture, and culture in myth (but not only myth).

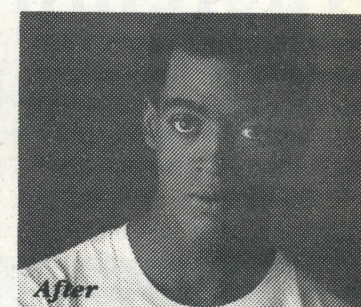
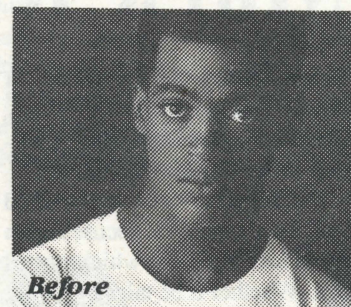
To recognize the patterns and similarities in the many mythologies is to question just how different we really are.

Humans are humans. We're all in the same boat together. Religious pluralism has caused many problems. There are those who can't see the beauty in diversity — people who lack imagination, who can't understand the "why" of culture or cultural

differences, who are locked into good and bad and right and wrong.

We must have an understanding and control of our animal selves before we can begin to approach, or appreciate, our spiritual selves. By reading myths and the mythmakers we can gain insight into how humans behave, how we and others behave, and to gain guidance and counsel in facing up to the trials and tribulations of what it is to be human, which really hasn't changed much (at least our inward life) in the generic sense.

To understand life we need experience. One person can only experience a limited amount. But in reading myths and literature we can gain, through the imagination, many wonderful, scary, and bizarre experiences which would otherwise go unknown. The more experiences one has, the more one can relate to and understand his world, the more one can be tolerant, and, one hopes, happy.



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Vigil planned

A "Symbol of Light" vigil will be conducted next Wednesday, April 12, at 7:30 p.m. by students opposed to the administration's decision to hold this year's graduation in the Marts Center.

Students are asked to assemble at the Belltower at 7:30 p.m. for a march to Ralston Field, where they feel graduation should be held.

All students, faculty and staff are invited to participate in this event.

Participants are asked to bring their own source of light (i.e. lighter, flashlight, etc.) for the vigil.

If it rains the vigil will be conducted on Thursday evening, April 13.

Harpsichord concert is delightful experience

by James Harrington
Special to the Beacon

On Thursday, March 29, the Wilkes College concert and lecture series presented Christa Rakich, one of America's most prominent harpsichordists and organists, in concert in a performance of Johann Sebastian Bach's "Goldberg Variations."

Rakich, who is a faculty member at Boston's New England Conservatory of Music and at the University of Connecticut in Storrs, presented a performance of this major work which was virtuosic, scholarly and elegant.

The harpsichord which she used in performance was built for her by one of North America's finest builders, Willard Martin. The instrument is a duplicate of an eighteenth century French harpsichord with two keyboards. Not only was it built to

reflect the tonal and mechanical aspects of harpsichord building in France during the Baroque period, but it also contains intricate paintings produced by Martin's master painter inside the case of the instrument.

In the "Goldberg Variation, Bach summed up everything done in the variation form before him, brought the form to a new level of breadth and grandeur, and carried on harmonic explorations that foreshadowed the future development of music. Two extremes meet in it. On one hand it contains passage after passage of the most airy, light and frolicsome music in the spirit of "entertainment." On the other hand, it is one of the most profoundly "learned" of Bach's works in which he set himself and solved intricate problems of polyphonic writing.

Ms. Rakich, who was a finalist in Bach competitions in both Brug-

ges, Belgium and Nuremberg, Germany, obviously understands both the artistic and intellectual aspects of the music of the great Baroque master.

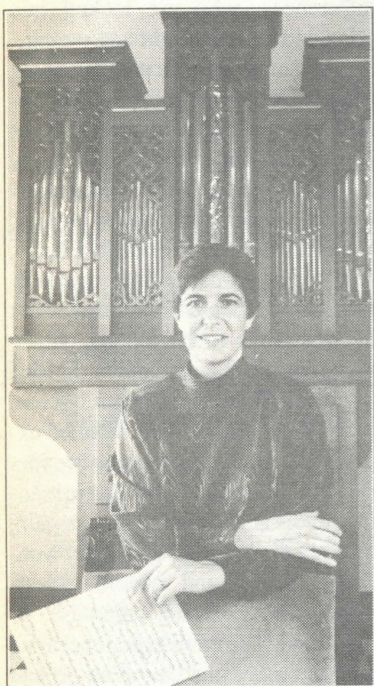
All the variations are based on the harmony of the opening aria, but not in all the variations are these harmonic steps clearly heard. In playing a keyboard instrument which is not capable of producing changes in dynamics (loudness and softness), one must be sensitive to subtleties in rhythm and touch and emphasize the spacing between notes, important harmonic changes, and the intricate details of ornamentation.

Ms. Rakich's sensitivity to lyricism and her exciting rhythmic drive communicated splendid artistry to the audience. It was refreshing to hear a keyboard performance which was not taxed by sheer flamboyance and display of gymnastic clanging on

the keys. During the ninety minute program the audience was treated to creative musicianship which was performed with complete technical control.

It was also a delightful experience for the listeners to hear music performed on an instrument for which it was intended. Baroque music sounds best on original instruments or on replicas of original period instruments, as one can better hear and understand the artistic concept of the composer. Rakich also managed to present this major work as a whole; each variation was treated individually, but one never lost sense of full scheme.

The Wilkes College Concert and Lecture Series will, one hopes, continue to present such stunning performances as the concert by harpsichordist Christa Rakich.



Christa Rakich

Musician Mark Rust to entertain at S.U.B.

"Mark Rust has charisma, charm, and a hell of a lot of talent."

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The Cuckoo's Nest
London, Ontario.

"Rust's performances are a little like watching a knight in shining armor. He touches upon all the correct issues, universal topics everyone can relate to."

Peter Rothbart
Ithaca Times

Mark Rust's music and stage

presence reflect the harmonies of nature and the simplicity and beauty of life as he has known it while growing up in the Catskill Mountains.

The author of over one hundred songs, Rust's material focuses upon the timeless topics to which we all relate. Whether it be tales of family or friends, struggles and stress, past memories or future dreams, Rust will captivate you with lyrics revealing a wisdom beyond his years.

Rust sings with strength and clarity, accompanying himself on guitar, piano, banjo, mountain and hammered dulcimer. His charismatic personality combined with a delightful blend of wit and humor, creates a clear and consistent vision of the world as he wants it to be.

His love for his audience is genuinely conveyed and immediately returned. Rust captivates his audience and quickly makes them an integral part of the performance, and in that moment, they become his family.

Yet, the songs, the voice, and the instruments, are still not the whole story. Rust infuses his concerts with an infectious sense of fun as he shares his down-home anecdotes and humorous stories. In the end, you have been treated to a voyage through your own experiences during an evening that is both memorable and moving. His music will

touch your heart and leave you laughing.



Mark Rust

by Cathey Slebodnick
Beacon Feature Reporter

Do you move



Cathy T.
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Ridiculous to make
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Dave Jan.
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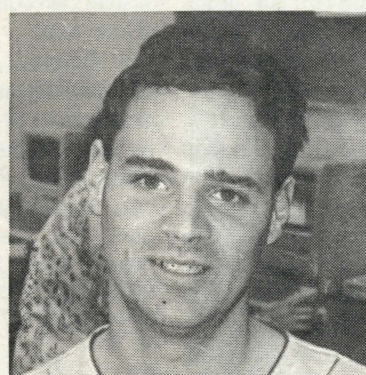
Cathy Tighe
Sophomore

Ridiculous to make parents and relatives watch their son/daughter graduate on T.V. after they've spent four hard years in college.



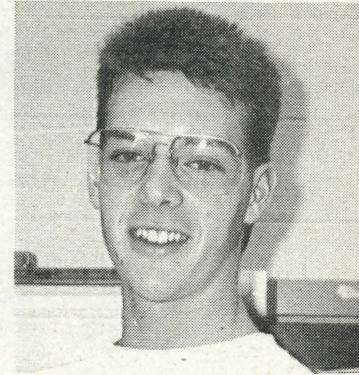
Chris Collins
Junior

Yes, because Wilkes College will be alienating an entire class who will be alumni and they should have the final decision in where they graduate.



Andy Renner
Junior

Yes, seniors have the right to graduation outside even though the president wants to showcase the gym. Seniors only graduate once, the gym will always be there.



Chris Nebel
Senior

Yes, I've been here for four years and I should be able to graduate where I want to after I've paid for it. I also think they are just trying to show off the gym.



Dave Janiczek
Junior

Yes, because there is more room for friends and family to come to the commencement.



Michelle Dominick
Sophomore

Yes, because it's not as crowded and hot, and you could have more people.



Laura Masso
Freshman

Yes, because I think that majority rules and they should give them what they want. Tell the seniors to boycott graduation.



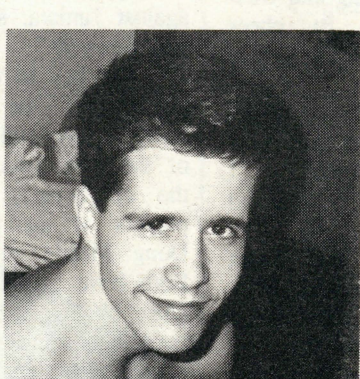
Suzanne Batory
Sophomore

Yes, the students should have a voice and I think a person's family and friends should be able to witness their graduation with them.



Jeff Lobalbo
Freshman

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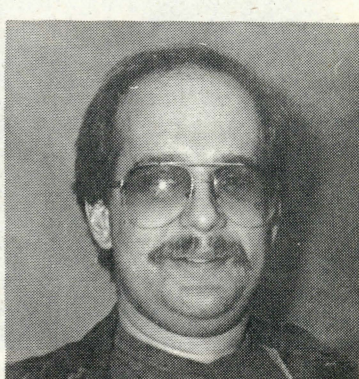
Paul Stern
Senior

Yes, because more of your family could be there and it's more scenic.



John Newman
Senior

This is a graduation, not a wrestling mania.



Gary Nestor
Senior

Yes, so more people could view my graduation in person, not on television.

Sports

Bauer loses in first round

Schroat misses All-America spot

by Jim Clark
Beacon Sports Editor

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla. — You can look at the menu but you just can't eat...

Howard Jones wrote it and Mike Schroat experienced it.

Schroat, a junior, won his first three matches in the 158-pound class at the NCAA Wrestling Tournament on March 15-18 before dropping his quarterfinal match. Yet, Schroat remained alive in consolations, just one victory away from coveted All-America status.

Instead, Iowa's Mark Reiland defeated Schroat, 7-3, and reached the promised land.

Schroat was left to ponder what could have been.

"I definitely could have defeated Reiland," he said. "I just wasn't mentally ready."

"It was the same with my quarterfinal match. (Schroat lost to Michigan's Joe Pantaleo, 17-6.) He shouldn't have beaten me by that score."

Head coach John Reese, who didn't make the trip and sent assistant coach Andre Miller in his

stead, had an explanation for Schroat's lack of concentration.

"When you lose, as Mike did in his quarterfinal, it's sometimes very difficult to get going again," he said. "That's why in tournaments, you'll see a good number of superior wrestlers beaten after they have lost once."

The first-time jitters may have also played a role in Schroat's downfall.

"When you get there for the first time, it's such an experience," Reese said. "You're in awe and very tight and nervous."

Schroat had been shooting for All-America since winning the 161-pound title at the Wilkes Open in January.

"You have to believe you can accomplish something before you're able to do it," he said. "This experience will help me next year."

Schroat finished the season 19-1-3 and placed third in the Easterns to earn the trip to Oklahoma City. What aspect of his repertoire improved enough to spur such a complete year?

"My aggressiveness improved," he said. "Also, I was

in better shape than I've ever been in my life. That allowed me to set the tempo."

"Mike was the most consistent wrestler for us this year," Reese said.

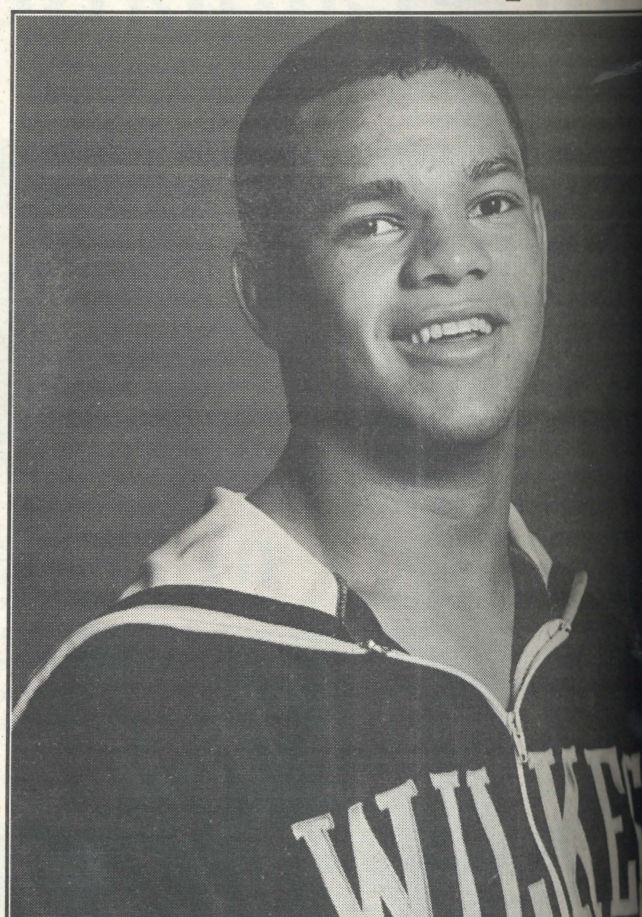
Before his two losses, Schroat defeated Maryland's Scott Buckiso, 10-6, Fresno State's Wade Zimmerman, 10-6, and Brown's E.C. Mulhaupt, 8-7.

Senior Brian Bauer lost in the first round to Oklahoma State's Cory Baze. Their match was tied 2-2 when Baze pinned Bauer at 4:39.

"I got stuck in a bad position," Bauer said. "I was riding him and I got too high and was nailed."

"No doubt about it, it was a great way to cap my career. Mike (Schroat) will be better off for his experience next season. He's one of the best in the nation."

"Brian had an excellent year," said Reese. "He hung in there and always made weight. He often wrestled when he wasn't feeling well. He gave us three solid years. I hate to see him go."



Wrestler Mike Schroat won three matches at Nationals.

Arabis to pace netmen

by Ray Ott
Beacon Assistant Sports Editor

WILKES-BARRE — Tennis anyone? For the answer to this question, just drop by the new all-weather tennis courts at Ralston field and take a look at this year's edition of the Wilkes men's tennis team (0-2).

Last year's Colonels squad struggled through a long and frustrating 0-10 season. But cheer up, fans. A repeat performance is not expected.

"I'm really optimistic about this year's team," said third year head coach Phil Wingert. "I think we can surprise people and we should be able to go .500."

"We have the best talent we've had in my three years here. We have depth from top to bottom. In the past, our top few players were talented but that was about it. All indications point to a promising season."

In order for the Colonels to have a respectable campaign, number one singles player Chris Arabis must play to form. Arabis, a junior, has been the num-

ber one singles player since his freshman year. He is a serve and volley type of player and has all the tools to have a big season.

"I'm in the best shape of my career and I'm ready to play," Arabis said. "I was playing my best tennis in my three years recently, but I injured my foot and it has slowed me down a bit. I played well against the number two player in the conference against Juniata, so I hope to do well this year."

The key to this year's squad might just be its freshmen. Wingert has landed possibly four of the most talented freshmen in the conference. The brightest players of the rookie crop are Doug Meade and Jerry Matteo. Both have a lot of tennis experience playing for clubs and have been active, competing year-round in indoor competition. Lamont McClure and recent walk-on Robb Whinney round out this year's diaper parade.

"All of the freshmen have nice strokes and I like their styles of play," Wingert commented. "They are a good group

of young players."

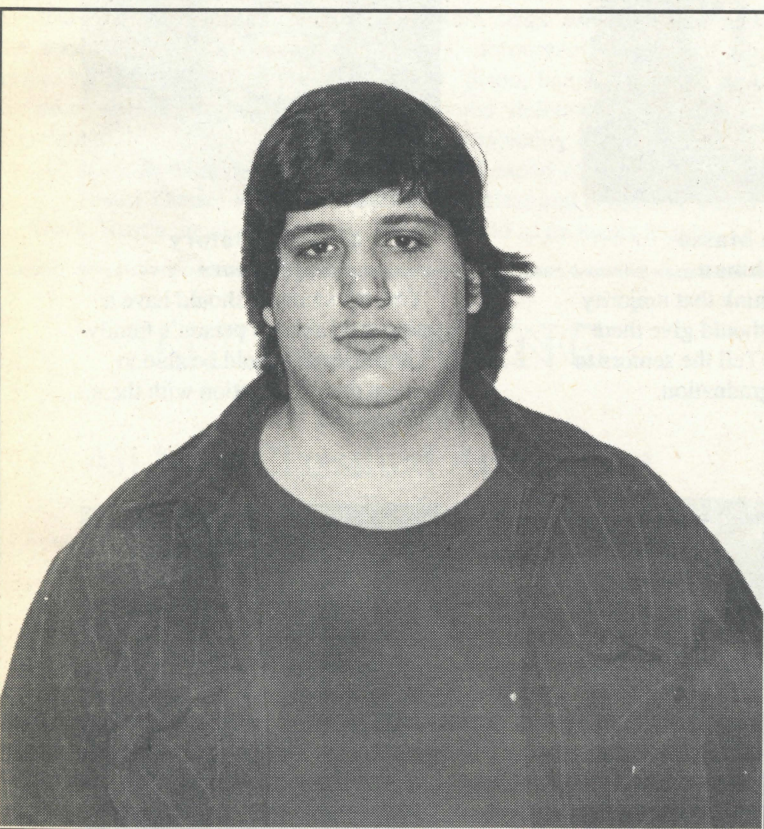
"We have a lot of promising freshmen who have a chance to win a lot of matches for us this year," Arabis added.

Two familiar faces from last year include junior Dumitru R. and sophomore Spencer C. Both lettered for Wingert last season and will be counted on for experience and leadership.

The team also has three perclassmen who are out for the first time. Senior Bryan S. and sophomore Chris Shenefield will all battle for a spot in the six.

The Colonels dropped their home opener to Juniata, 8-4, with freshman Jerry Matteo earning the team's only victory. They then traveled to Moravian and were defeated, 5-1. Again, it was a freshman, Doug Meade, who rung up the only win.

The Colonels will take on Susquehanna today at 3:30 p.m. at Ralston Field before traveling to Albright on Tuesday and returning home Wednesday to Lycoming.



Kenneth Ettinger
NCAA tourney contest winner

Kenneth Ettinger, a sophomore from Wappingers Falls, New York, won the ball of wax! He picked Michigan to reach the final, but had Arizona tabbed as the champion. He won anyway. What a wonderful life!

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by Jim Clark
Beacon Sports Editor

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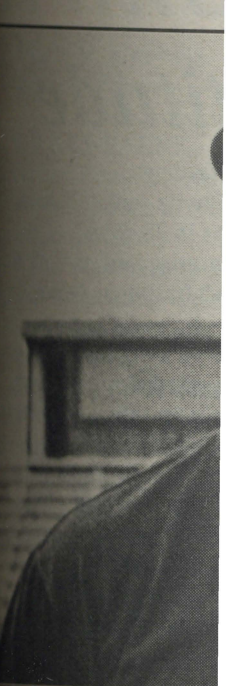
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Cella wins tournament

Schmidt's golfers dart to a 7-2 record

Jim Clark
Heron Sports Editor

WILKES-BARRE — Seven wins in one day isn't a bad way to start a season.

After the Susquehanna Tournament on March 28, head coach Willie Schmidt and his golfers ended themselves with a 7-2 record. And as an added bonus, sophomore Rob Cella was the top scorer of the 63 participants with a 77.

"I'm optimistic about our chances this season," said Schmidt, who is in his 20th year as a golf coach. "We have a half dozen or eight kids that can do it right. Then we have three to five more kids who have a chance to do well."

Sophomore Scott Brady, Cella, junior Keith Kopec and his sophomore brother Mike, sophomore Bob McDonnell, freshman Bob McNally, senior Joe Mokay and freshman Charlie Rome were identified by Schmidt as his top

guns.

"Cella is playing number one right now because he's shooting the best scores," Schmidt said.

"The biggest thing this season is that there is more competition for positions than in the past. I encourage that. I want the kids to get to the point where they think they can threaten for any position."

What type of psychological effect does Cella's winning a tournament have on the rest of the team?

"It pumps them up," Schmidt said. "They're happy for him. But, again, I want them to get the competitive nature so that they would want to go after his spot."

Schmidt is happy with the promise of the upperclassmen on the roster.

"We're a very young team," he said. "We have only five upperclassmen, so the young players have a chance to develop.

We have some youth and I'm happy about it."

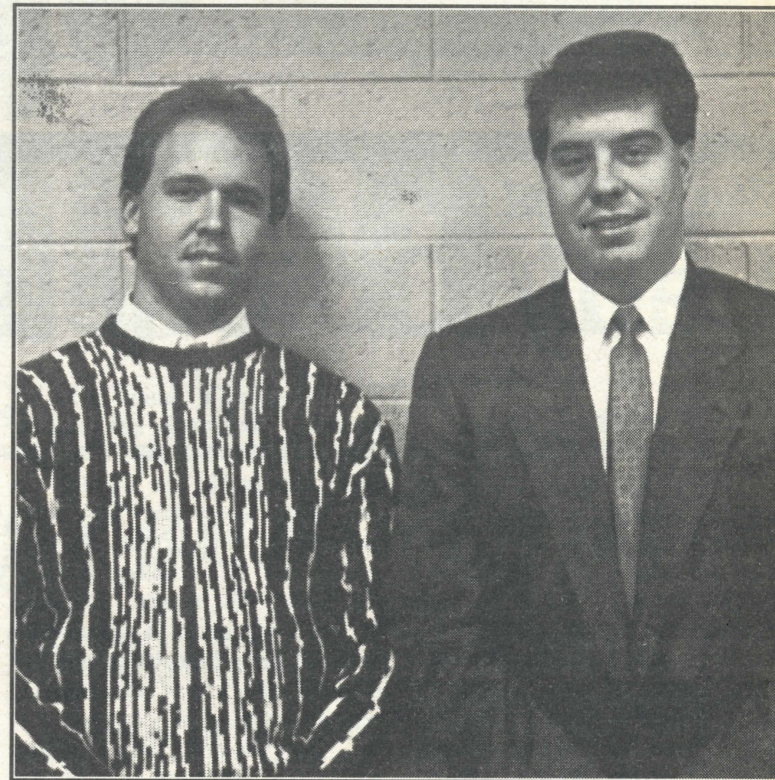
The rainy weather has played havoc with Schmidt's practice schedule.

"Bad weather can wipe out a spring sport," he said. "Our home course, the Irem Temple in Dallas, isn't even open yet. Luckily, I've been able to sneak our guys down to Wyoming Valley Country Club and some of our guys have been playing on their own."

"It's tough because we don't play in a league, so this lousy weather messes with the schedule. Sometimes when we are available to play on a certain day, the other team has other obligations."

"As the weather gets better, the quality of play will improve. Then, we'll know better how the other MAC teams are shaping up."

The Colonels play at Scranton today.



Wilkes golf captains Joe Mokay and Charles Rome.

Softballers display talent in surge

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twelve at bats to go along with seven walks. With her arm right, she can throw people out at first."

A strong feature of this year's team could be its depth. The bench is filled with plenty of talent.

Sophomore Angie Miller will see plenty of time at third base. Jodi McNeal will back up Kennedy behind the

plate. Michelle Gauthier and Michelle Toth will battle for positions in the outfield.

Players who could see time in either the infield or the outfield are junior Lori Trombetta and freshmen Joanne Esposito, Chris Krushinski, Gina Costanzo, Gina Lupina, Michelle DeSantis and Stephanie Rebels.

Expectations are high for this year's ball club and the team's quick start has led no one to believe otherwise.

The squad began the season in Virginia on March 17 by pounding Hampton College, 16-4 and 12-0 in a twinbill. In the first game, Rebels went three for four with a double and Hosler banged out two hits. In the nightcap, the Lady Colonels managed only two hits but were the recipient of 12 bases on balls. The game was stopped after the fifth inning because of the ten run rule. Skrepenak got the win in the opener while Bodner re-

corded the victory in the second game.

The finale in Virginia was against Virginia Union. Bodner got her second straight start and shutout, striking out eight while allowing only one walk.

Wilkes suffered its first defeat of the season against Bloomsburg University on March 22, dropping a 4-1 decision. The Lady Colonels bounced back on March 28, sweeping their second doub-

leheader of the season against Mansfield University. They won the opener, 11-6 behind Bodner and the second 9-0, as Skrepenak tossed a no-hit shutout.

Wilkes will be traveling to King's today and Juniata on Saturday. They will return home on Monday against Marywood and Tuesday at Scranton.

Spring has sprung and that means only one thing, "The boys...uh, check that, girls of summer" have arrived.

Attitude, defense will carry Colonels

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look real good defensively," Bavitz said. They will be relieved by junior Todd Werner and sophomore Brian Scherer.

Centerfielder Ken Chakon is "the best in the league" according to Bavitz. He will be joined in the outfield by sophomore leftfielder Ed Kwak. Kolbicka will split time in right field with sophomore Mick Melberger. Scherer may also see time in the outfield.

"The difference this year will be experience," Evanina said. "We have a great attitude and great chemistry."

"We're very strong. A great thing is that any of our freshmen can step in and play at any time. They have a lot of ability."

"We mean business this year. We're out to win. I think we got away from that last year."

The Colonels dropped an 8-7 decision at Albright yesterday. Ulicny absorbed the loss in relief.

The Colonels opened the season Monday with a doubleheader at Messiah. They split, losing the opener, 4-2 and claiming the nightcap, 4-1.

In the loss, Francis walked six and struck out

seven Falcons while surrendering eight hits. Messiah jumped to leads of 2-0 and 3-0. Evanina gathered two hits and Koblicka one for the Colonels.

Evanina struck out six in the second game as the Colonels' offense provided some tangible results.

Salterelli hit a fourth inning RBI sacrifice fly to tie the score at 1-1. In the seventh, Caldwellaler hit a sacrifice fly with the bases loaded and Melberger singled to left to drive in two for a 4-1 lead.

The Colonels' season was delayed because of the wet weather, with three games being cancelled. Those postponements hampered team preparation, according to Bavitz.

"It hurt us because we had to jump right into our league schedule," he said. "We usually like to see what our young guys can do before league action starts. There's a heck of a difference in between hitting in practice and hitting when it counts."

"We're in a tough league. Elizabethtown, Susquehanna, Messiah and Juniata are all excellent teams."

"I'd really love to see our guys when because they spend so much time preparing."



Third baseman Rob Pietrzyk will be a key cog for the Colonels.

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Win 5 of first 6

Lady Colonels are coasting along

by Ray Ott
Beacon Assistant Sports Editor

WILKES-BARRE — The grass is green, the sun is shining, and spring is in the air. That can mean only one thing: it's time to play ball. Or, in this case, softball.

The Wilkes Lady Colonels have kicked off their season in grand fashion, winning five of their first six non-conference games under the direction of first year head coach Vince Trivelpiece and third year assistant Tom Dunsmuir, which has created a great deal of optimism.

"I think we have a pretty good team," Dunsmuir said. "The team still has a lot of work to do but they should have a good season. If we play well, we have a shot at winning our conference."

They are led by four returning starters: slick-fielding second baseman Jill McGuire, catcher Melissa Kennedy, and pitchers Jen Bodnar and Kim Skrepenak.

McGuire, a junior, was an all-MAC performer last season. This year, she will be the leadoff hitter and anchor the infield. In two years, McGuire has committed only three errors. Despite getting off to a shaky start at the plate this season, McGuire has still managed to score nine runs and draw four walks, and her speed at the top of the order is very important.

The pitching staff, perhaps the team's strongest suit, is anchored by Bodnar, a senior, and Skrepenak, a junior.

So far this season, Bodnar has started four games and completed all. She has a 3-1 record and in 23 innings, she has allowed only nine earned runs for a 2.73 ERA. She has also struck out 18 batters.

Skrepenak has started two games and won and completed both. Against Mansfield University, she chalked up a no-hitter. In 12 innings pitched, she has allowed only two earned runs for a remarkable 1.16 ERA while striking out 18 opponents

and yielding only four hits.

"Our pitching staff is doing a fine job," Dunsmuir said. "Jen Bodnar has good control. She doesn't walk anyone and that is a big plus. Kim Skrepenak has been doing great. Her pitches have a natural rise which really helps her."

The key to any successful pitching staff is always a fine catcher. Handling the duties for this year's edition of the Lady Colonels will be senior Melissa Kennedy.

"Melissa is really good behind the plate," said Dunsmuir. "She is smart and handles the pitchers really well. She can also throw runners out. It's still early but she is going to have to start hitting if we are going to do anything in our conference."

The infield is expected to consist of freshman Denise Carson at first base, McGuire at second, junior Lisa Balestrini at shortstop and sophomore Missy Naholnik will handle the hot corner.

"Carson is really good at first. She has a great glove and a good arm," said Dunsmuir. "Balestrini is a transfer from Bloomsburg and one of the best hitters on the team. Naholnik is a converted outfielder and still has a little to learn about



Second baseman Jill McGuire leads the 5-1 Lady Colonels.

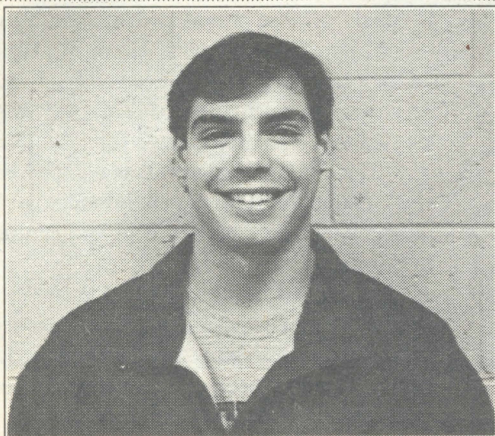
playing third base but should be all right."

Roaming the outfield will be freshmen Dawn Hosler and Lorrie Petrulsky. Hosler will be stationed in right while Petrulsky grazes in center. The leftfield job will be shared by pitchers Bodnar and Skrepenak when they

are not on the hill. "Petrulsky has good arm and a strong arm. She probably throw a strike to the plate from center," Dunsmuir said. "Hosler is playing excellently. She has seven

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Colonel of the Week



THE COLONEL OF THE WEEK IS SOPHOMORE GOLFER ROB CELLA. A NATIVE OF WEST PITSTON, PA, CELLA WAS THE LOW SCORER (77) OF 63 PARTICIPANTS IN THE SUSQUEHANNA TOURNAMENT ON MARCH 28.

"He's our number one player right now," said head coach ROLLIE SCHMIDT.

Colonels "out to win"

Bavitz fosters a fresh attitude

by Jim Clark
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WILKES-BARRE — Every successful team needs a catalyst. According to senior shortstop/pitcher Bill Evanina, the Wilkes Colonels (1-2) do have one, although he comes from an unusual spot.

"Most teams have a player as a catalyst, but I think Coach (Jerry) Bavitz is ours," Evanina said. "Last year, it was his first season. This time, he's coming in and has a full year of preparation. He's fought adversity and pushed us. He's the difference."

Bavitz modestly disagrees.

"Baseball is the sport that a coach controls the least," he said. "Basically, it comes down to the kids. This team has worked awful hard. I hope it pays off for them in wins."

Evanina and sophomore Scott Francis anchor the starting rotation. The four other starters will be seniors Eric Price, Jamie Brasington and Brian

Josefowicz and freshman Jeff Yankow.

"We need six starters," Bavitz said. "Because of the rainouts, we have 31 games in 38 days."

The bullpen will be comprised of seniors Chakon and Rob Pietrzyk, and freshmen Adam and Bill Ulicny.

"We'll juggle our infield," Bavitz said. "I want to have three seniors who are good defensive players."

Evanina, when he's not pitching, starts at shortstop. "Billy gets on base a lot," Bavitz said. "A lot of the change in attitude has to do with Billy."

First base is manned by Price and third base is held by Pietrzyk. "Pietrzyk led the team in home runs and runs batted in last year, and Price led in hits," Bavitz said. "It's good to get two offensive forces back." Second base will be shared by John Evans and Mike Kolbicka.

The catching chores will be shared by sophomore Jason Cadwalader and freshman Lou Salterelli.

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Dave Garber

Wilkes

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WILKES-BARRE — Ty Garber and Renee Strucke, both seniors, have received their acceptance at Harvard University, respectively.

While maintaining perfect academic standing, Renee is completing a double major in chemistry and biology while Renee is majoring in chemistry.

According to Strucke, the professors "were all the ones we had seen. This was our professors' recommendation like those of our professors."

Other institutions at which they were being considered include Johns Hopkins, Cornell, Rockefeller University, Pennsylvania, Hershey, Temple University, and Washington.

Garber and Strucke agreed to spend the summer internships at la