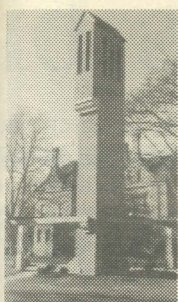


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Forum addresses curriculum issues

By BONNEE BREESE
Beacon Managing Editor

Multiculturalism means different things to different people.

This was just one of the aspects of the message delivered at the open forum on multiculturalism which was held during the week.

Ms. Ivy Rios and Dr. Willa Cofield Blackshear, multicultural instructional specialists for the New Jersey State Department of Education, hosted the two-hour forum.

Approximately 75 faculty, staff, and administration members attended the forum but there were not many students in attendance.

"I thought the forum was great, it allowed us (faculty and staff) to actually face some things that we might not otherwise discuss to each other as colleagues," said Dr. Vasu Choudhry, associate professor, engineering.

Every person in the room had to choose a partner, turn their backs to their partner and then make five changes to their appearance before facing each other again. Faculty, staff, and students thought this was interesting, trying to figure out the changes their partner had made.

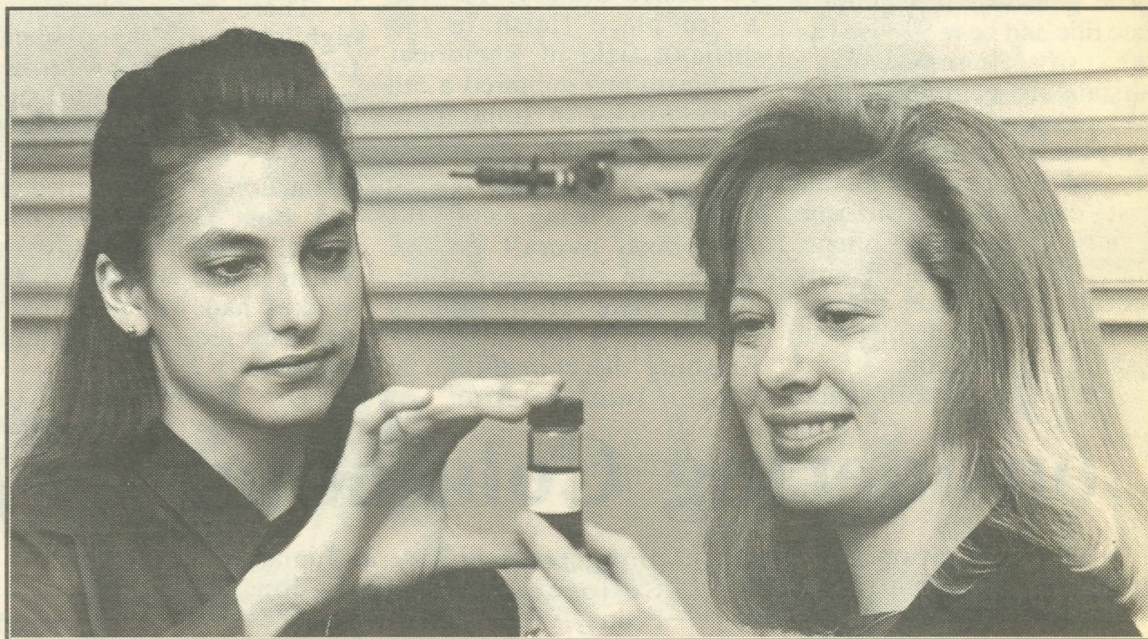
Next, each had to turn around and make ten additional changes to their appearance, that was much harder for the group.

Rios pointed out to the group that this is how most of us deal with cultural changes in curriculums.

"Obvious changes are made first, if curriculums were thought about further more input is put forth," said Rios.

Blackshear, on the other hand, discussed what exactly instructors need to make changes within their institutions, and personal lives.

"Communities must
See Forum, p. 2



Research grants awarded

Kim Gavel and Donna Zurawski were recently awarded research grants from state and national agencies to support their honors research in biology.

The National Honor Society for Scientists, Sigma Xi, awarded full funding to Gavel to support her research on the physical and chemical adaptations of acorns for dispersal by seed-eating animals, such as squirrels. A basic research grant from the Pennsylvania Academy of Science will allow Zurawski study the effects of plant toxins on parasite infections in mammals.

"The results of both projects will have an important impact on the study

of plant-animal interactions as well as on applied research that is derived from such basic ecological studies," commented Dr. Michael A. Steele, research advisor to Gavel and Zurawski and assistant professor of biology.

Steele expects the results from the student's research will be published in scientific journals next year.

Gavel plans to continue her education with a masters degree and possibly a Ph. D. in environmental toxicology. She has received several scholarships, including the Charles B. Reif Scholarship in biology, and the Presidential Scholarship. She has maintained a 4.0 grade point average for the past five

semesters and has held a place on the dean's list since her freshman year.

Gavel is the secretary and layout editor for the Chemistry Club, a member of the Biology Club and the Earth and Environmental Science Club, and a teaching assistant for the biology department and the ITEC Center.

Zurawski is also a Presidential Scholar and has received awards as a three-year member of the women's basketball team. She is on the Dean's List and a member of the Biology Club.

Zurawski plans to attend graduate school and obtain a degree in Ph. D. in Wildlife Science.

Let the games begin!

MISSIE CHINCHAR
Beacon Staff Writer

For all of you who were shunned out of Winter Olympic competition in Albertville last week, this weekend is your chance to shine.

It's Winter Weekend time again!!!

For anyone who is unfamiliar with Winter

Weekend it is best described as Wilkes University's own version of the winter games.

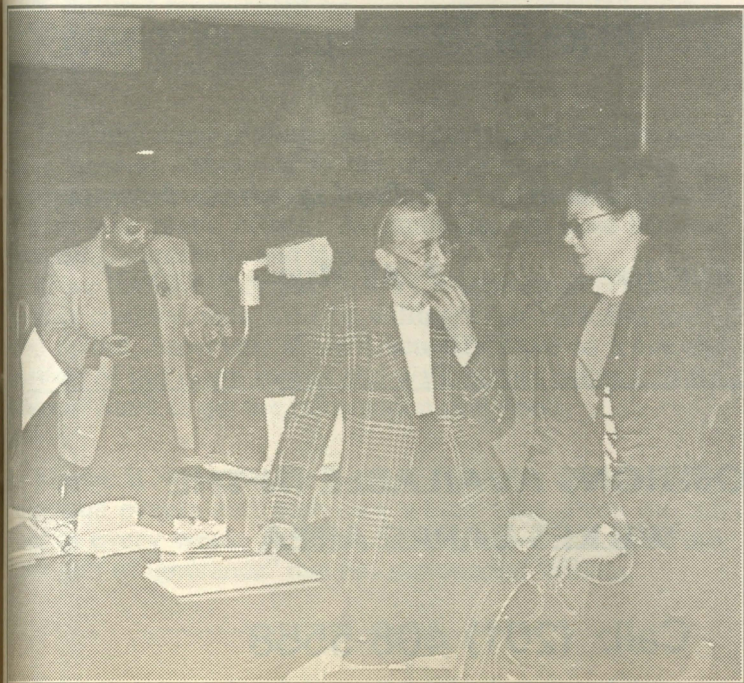
"Cereals" is this years theme for the 540 students participating in this years events.

According to Tom Wittman, Student Government President, this year's games will have a new twist. "We've decided to include a tug of war and a

relay race this year for more competition", said Wittman.

Student Government anticipated a total of 32 teams for the competition, but as Wittman stated, only 27 teams beat the registration deadline.

The 27 teams have been separated into four conferences: North East, North West, South East, and South West. There will be conference winners as well as
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Forum- Members of the Wilkes community discuss multicultural issues Monday night

Speech and Debate Union scores big

From all over the commonwealth they came to participate in the Annual Pennsylvania State Individual Events Speaking Championship Tournament.

The goal was to capture a state title and be recognized as one of Pennsylvania's outstanding communicators. One hundred twenty-five competitors gathered for two days of competition on the host campus of Luzerne County Community College. The state Individual Events Speech Association offered ten different categories of speaking competition.

The Wilkes Speech Union

made their presence felt by winning 6 trophies. Al Mueller moved into the winner's circle with five victories. He captures a 2nd place in the areas of Entertainment Speaking and Persuasive Oratory. He won a 3rd place finish in the difficult field of Rhetorical Criticism and captured a 5th place trophy in Impromptu

discourse. Al rounded out his victories by being named the 2nd best overall public speaker in the competition. Team mate Holly Evans picked up a top honor by finishing the competition in Prose Interpretation of

Literature with a 6th place trophy. New team member Karen Anderson entering just her second intercollegiate competition completed the Wilkes entry.

There were two major highlights at the tournament for the Wilkes public speakers. The first came when it was announced that Wilkes had earned the distinction of being named the 3rd Best Overall forensic school in the Commonwealth. When it was announced that Wilkes had won this honor the team received a standing ovation.

Dr. Kevin Dean, the

Director of West Chester University, the top overall winner was quoted as saying of Wilkes "They have quality where we have quantity."

The second highlight came when it was announced that Wilkes' Al Mueller had earned the right to represent the state of Pennsylvania in the Interstates Oratory Contest. Interstates Oratory Contest is the oldest continuing running public speaking contest in the U.S. This year will mark the 125th running of the tournament. The rules are that each state in the U.S. can send its two persuasive speakers to host a city for

competition to determine the top persuasive speaker in the nation. In addition each student will have his/her speech published in the Interstate Oratory Yearbook. This announcement marked the first time in the history of Wilkes University that a member of the student body will be representing Pennsylvania in competition.

Al and his forensic coach will make the trip in late April to Austin, Texas for the national competition.

The Wilkes Speech and Debate Union is coached and directed by Dr. Bradford L. Kinney, chair of the communications department.

Considering Columbus

In celebration of the upcoming 500th anniversary of Columbus's discovery of the New World, the Political Science and History departments at Wilkes University will sponsor a

lecture "Thinking About Columbus", given by Dr. David Sowell on Thursday, March 5th at

7:30 pm in room 203 of the Arnaud C. Marts Sports and Conference Center. Admission is free and open to the public.

Sowell's lecture on Columbus's discovery focuses on the perspective of the natives in the lands conquered by the Spaniards and the subsequent effect on their lifestyles.

Dr. Sowell is an assistant

professor of history at Juniata College in Huntingdon, Pennsylvania where he teaches courses in Latin American and United States Civilization and History. His articles and essays have been published in a variety of journals and texts in both the United States and South America.

Recipient of several grants and awards, Sowell has traveled to Bogota, Columbia to complete research for his dissertation.

In 1986, Sowell received his doctorate from the University of Florida where he also received his masters degree. He graduated from Grand Valley State College with a bachelor's degree and received an A.B. from Western Kentucky University.

Don't forget...

The Cousteau Society Lecture will be held tonight in the CPA beginning at 8 p.m. Be there!!!

Weekend

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Volleyball opens the Athletic competition beginning on Friday night at the Marts Center following the opening ceremonies slated for 6 pm.

Saturdays events begin at 9 am at Ralston Field and include the bat spin, keg roll, roll in the sack, ameba and dodge ball.

Scheduled for Sunday are

blind basketball, the relay race and the tug of war beginning at 2 pm at Ralston Field.

The four conference winners from Friday nights volleyball matches will venture back to the Marts Center Sunday night at 6pm to decide the overall champs.

So now that the XVI Winter Olympics are behind us, let the games begin here at Wilkes University.

Forum

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stand up for themselves, then people will come to help but, you must make the first step," said Blackshear.

"Those people that come to help you are 'allies' they are very important to helping a community in a successful multicultural change," added Blackshear.

Both Rios and Blackshear strongly stated that curriculums should be inclusive of all cultural aspects (race, gender, class, etc.) so that students feel good about themselves.

They suggested that institutions limit racism and ethnocentrism, by providing a curriculum base that covers all ethnic and cultural backgrounds.

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Building bridges

If it is necessary, omit one bridge over the river, go round a little there, and throw one arch at least over the darker gulf of ignorance which surrounds us
----- Henry David Thoreau

What Thoreau alludes to in this passage from *Walden* is just as important an issue today as it was 1854. We are constantly surrounded by this "gulf of ignorance" because we continue to avoid the realities of our complex society.

One of the biggest problems we face today is our reluctance to accept the customs and traditions of the many diverse cultures which compose our society. We have a definite tendency to ignore cultures which we do not understand.

EDITORIAL

This week at Wilkes, students, faculty, and staff attempted to bridge the gap between cultures by celebrating the university's first Multicultural Awareness Week.

The events which continued throughout the week included an Open Forum sponsored by the Wilkes Programming Board; a Multicultural Festival on Tuesday and Thursday in Stark Lobby which includes flags, artifacts, food, music, and native dress representative of the various cultures of Wilkes' International Club members; and a poetry reading on Wednesday night featuring poets and playwrights Amiri Bakara and Rashidah Ismaili, whose volumes of works focus on the disorders of society, racism, and culture.

The efforts of everyone who worked to organize this week's activities should be applauded. All of this hard work and dedication, however, seemed to go unappreciated by many of the students on our campus.

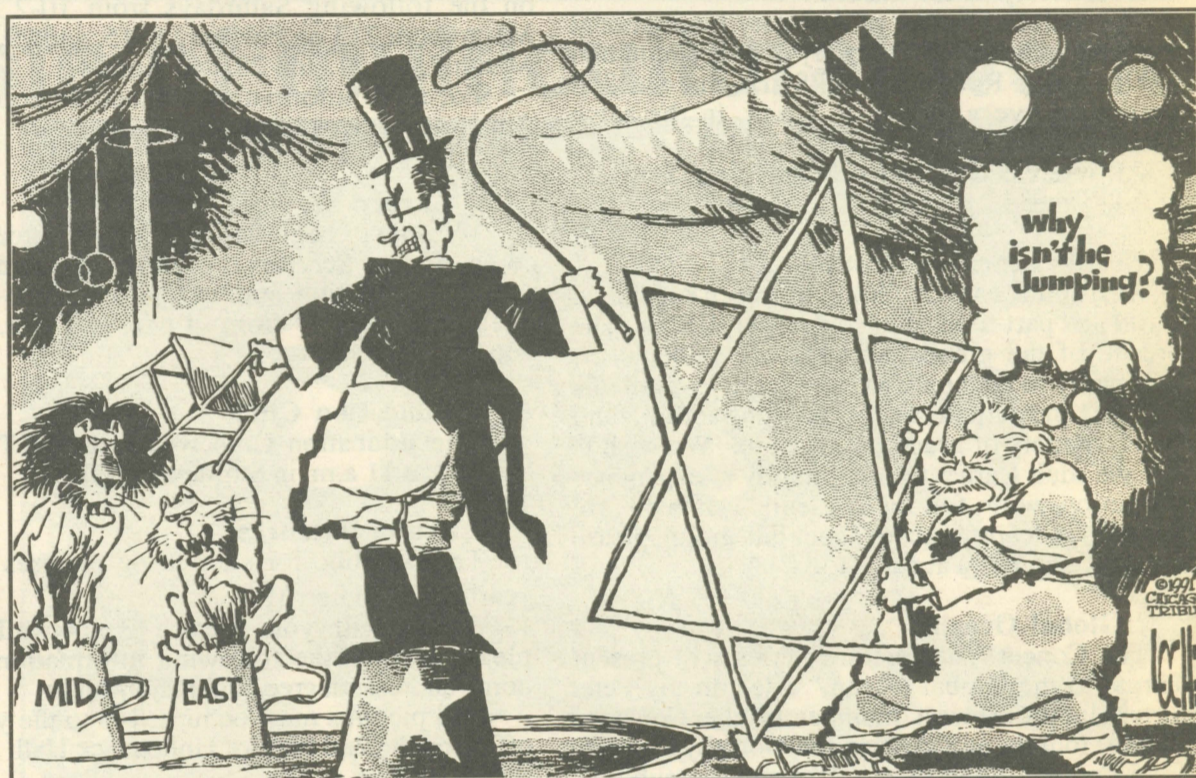
At the forum Monday night, there were more faculty and staff members than there were students, and many of the students at the poetry presentation Wednesday night were English students who were required to attend the event by their professors. These events, like many other activities on this campus, seemed to go virtually unnoticed.

Is it because we want to continue to be ignorant of the other cultures represented on our campus, or is it just that we're too lazy to get up and turn off *Beverly Hills 90210* to attend one of these activities?

A combination of these two factors is probably the most likely answer. Many of us are willing to learn about the customs and traditions of another culture, as long as it doesn't take much effort. As students, we have become increasingly apathetic and lazy.

If we could simply pop in a VCR tape on the culture of another country, then we'd be willing to sit back and learn. God forbid, however, if we'd actually have to leave the comfort of our dorm rooms and walk across campus to the lobby of Stark to get the information first-hand.

Maybe if we took the time and energy to attend the numerous events and activities which take place on our campus every week, we'd be better able to navigate the "dark gulf of ignorance" that has surrounded Wilkes.



What have we learned this week?

After a week of multicultural events on campus, we should all be a little wiser and more educated in cultures from around the world. The organizers of this week should collectively and individually be praised for all the effort put forth to motivate, educate, and stimulate students, faculty, and staff on the differences which exist among us all.



*Shades
of
Culture*

**Bonnee
Breese**

We learned this week, that it is not our choice to decide how we were brought into this world (what ethnic background we have); we learned that hatred kills and teaches numbness; we learned that there is good in everybody's culture; we learned that differences are okay and that we can live with and appreciate them. We learned, we learned, and then we learned some more.

What will it take for us all to reach inside of ourselves and say 'I'm okay, you're okay?'

What will it take for us to think in a culturally positive form, spiritually, physically, mentally, and intellectually?

This week's events brought the importance of people to the forefront of the minds of everyone who attended. That's right plain 'ole people. People like you, people like me, and people whom we haven't yet met.

Let's wake up people and smell the coffee!

It's time for us to make a change in this world. It's time for us to make the difference. It's time for us not to blame others for things that we cannot attain for ourselves. It's time for us to remove ourselves from what we believe is righteously right. It's time for us to take chances and be daring. It's time for us to take charge of our lives for the enhancement of the lives of others.

We owe this to ourselves, we owe this to our children, we owe this to our parents.

Our parents, the ones who suffer from tunnel vision.

Our children, those that are already born and those that have not yet been born.

Ourselves, are we willing to learn, appreciate, and accept a culturally mixed society?

I am, you are, he is, she is, we are all human! Did you notice that? We all eat, breathe, sleep, and use toilet facilities.

We are no different than the person whom we sit next to in the classroom, in the office, on the bus, or in a church pew. We are all people.

People make this world what it is today, but people cannot destroy this world.

People, meaning you, me, everybody. You can make a difference. The cycle begins with you.

**We're looking for a few
good writers!!!**

If you're interested in writing
for the student newspaper,
please come up and see us
sometime!!!

2nd floor of Hollenback Hall

Editor's note: Don't forget to submit your opinions, comments, and letters to the Editor to *The Beacon*, 2nd floor of Hollenback Hall (across from the library).

Campus announcements

° Amnesty International

The Wilkes Chapter of Amnesty International meets the 2nd and 4th Thursday of every month at 11:00 a.m. in Room 209 of Stark and the 2nd Tuesday of every month at 3 p.m. in the same location.

All interested students, faculty, and staff are invited to attend.

° Adult Learners Group

An Adult Learners Group has been organized for full and part-time adult students at Wilkes. The purpose of the group is to provide students the opportunity to become aware of services available to them, participate in social interaction, and discuss matters of academic concern. We wish to offer the adult learner the opportunity to experience interaction with fellow students. If you are interested in learning more about this group, please contact Kathy Pesta at ext. 4156.

° Global Ocean

The Concert and Lecture Series will present "Threat to the Global Ocean," a lecture by Peter Burtchell, the newest member of the Cousteau Society, tonight at 8 p.m. in the Dorothy Dickson Darte Center. Admission is free and the public is invited.

° For Sale

— Used Personal Computer equipment for sale. If interested, contact Peter Bailey in the Wilkes Small Business Development Center at extension 4339.

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° Tax Assistance Program

Wilkes students are again offering free income tax assistance as part of the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program. The help is available on the following Saturdays from 10-2 p.m. in Marts room 213 on February 8, 15, and 29, and on March 7, 14, 21, and 28, and April 4.

For more information contact the accounting department at extension 4708.

° Career Services

It's time to begin looking for a summer job or co-op. Career Services is offering an informational seminar regarding summer jobs and co-ops on Tuesday, March 17 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in SLC 166.

° Education Club

The Education Club will meet on Tuesday, March 3 at 11 a.m. in Sturdevant Hall.

° Senior Pictures

The deadline for submitting pictures for the yearbook is March 31.

Along with your picture (3 x 4 wallet size), please include the following information: name, home address, degree, and major/minor.

All pictures must be turned in to the yearbook office on the 2nd floor of Hollenback Hall.

° Apartment Photos

Any students living in off campus housing who would like to have their apartment photo in the yearbook, please write your name, address, and phone number on a piece of paper and submit it to the yearbook office on the 2nd floor of Hollenback Hall.

° Open House

The Admissions Office will hold its annual Spring Open House on Saturday, March 14. The program schedule for the day will include registration at the Marts Center from 9:30 to 10 a.m., a general meeting with university officers in the Gymnasium from 10:15 to 11 a.m., campus tours and lunch from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., a financial aid workshop from 12:30 to 1:10 p.m. and department meetings from 1:15 to 3 p.m.

° Tour Guides

Any students interested in assisting as tour guides for the Open House on March 14 should contact the Admissions Office at extension 4400.

° Shopping Trip

The Chemistry Club is sponsoring a shopping trip to the Franklin Mills Shopping Outlet on Saturday, March 21. Cost of the trip is \$17 per person. The bus will leave from in front of Stark at 8 a.m. and will leave Franklin Mills at 4 p.m. For more information, contact Shelley or Charlotte at extension 2036 or 829-9736 or Helen in the Chem. Dept. at extension 4620 (SLC 261).

° Sordoni Gallery

The Sordoni Art Gallery will feature "Nature as Muse" Sunday, March 1 through Sunday, March 29. These contemporary works based on landscape will include paintings, prints, and photographs by American artists in a wide range of styles from realistic to abstract. A preview and opening reception will be held on Sunday, February 29 from 6 to 8 p.m. Gallery hours are daily 12 to 5 p.m. and Thursday evening until 9 p.m. For more information, contact the Gallery at extension 4325.

Just a reminder...

All announcements must be received by 6 p.m. each Tuesday in order to appear in Thursday's issue.

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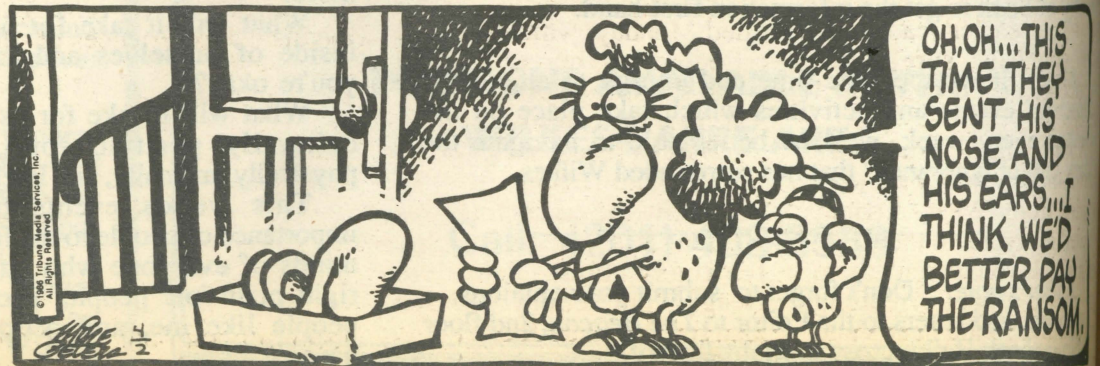
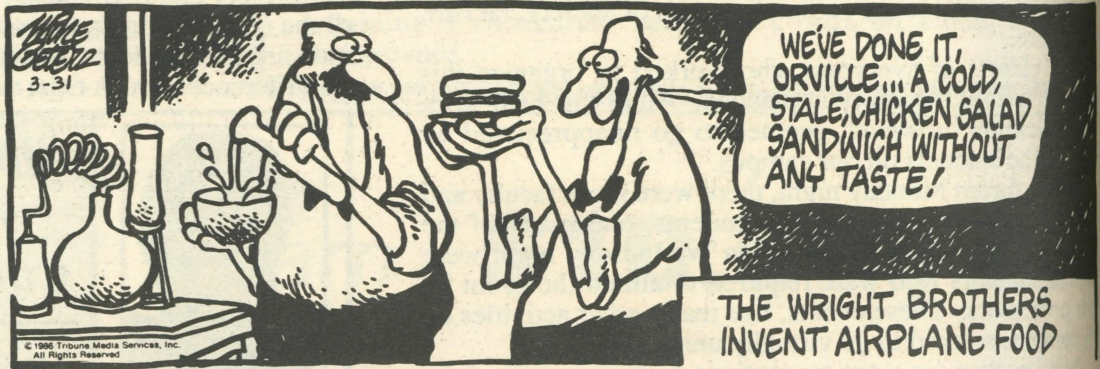
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FEATURES

Students get taste of multicultural world

By BONNEE BREESE
Beacon Managing Editor

If you love to dine on fine cuisine hopefully you took the opportunity to indulge in the multicultural week's international feast on Tuesday.

From 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., the SLC lobby was filled with foods from around the world.

The Japanese table included tantalizing delights, members of the International-American Assoc.

Club prepared Japanese Chicken Shish-kabobs, Japanese pickles and Onigiri balls with seaweed and delicate Japanese seasonings).

"What we have chosen to prepare for today's event is a representation of food from the whole country of Japan," said Takehiko Serai.

"Japanese don't have regional dishes, everyone eats the same foods throughout the country," Serai added.

From India, there were healthy snacks and a dinner dish. Snack foods included spicy vegetarian Vadi and Samosa. For dinner it was Tandoori Chicken with rice.

Tandoori is a style of cooking in Pakistan, which uses special spices included to enrich their dishes with a delectable flavor," said Dr. Ansu Choudhry, associate professor of Engineering.

"What most people don't know is that India and Pakistan have been separate

countries since 1947, after the Ghandi movement and when British rule was defeated."

"This is why we (India table) don't have more to offer the Wilkes campus, some of the students and staff didn't want to participate because Pakistan was not being represented or advertised," added Choudhry.

For Israelian food, Ana Guzman's father drove in from New Jersey with a Caribbean seasoned dish of roast pork which represented the Puerto Rican taste.

From Indonesia, Chicken Pie was the creme de la creme, which surprisingly had a sweetly seasoned chicken center for the person with an undoubtedly sweet tooth.

Dan Brisk, a freshmen, music major said, "I think this is a good event, it educates the student body about different ethnic backgrounds."

"This type of event allows them (students) to better understand cultures around the world, maybe this will help to eliminate some of the racial tensions that exist," Brisk added.

Other samples available at the feast include Homus, a Lebanese side dish and appetizer, made of Chick peas with Tahini spice. This dish represented Syria and was donated by Nedoff's Restaurant, Hazle Avenue in Wilkes-Barre.



MUNCHIES — Wilkes students enjoy samples from multicultural feast

Marla Vandermark's mother made the Greek dish, Baklava and Spinach pie.

To represent Poland Vandermark's Mom also made Nut Roll. Everything at that table was extra good, made with that motherly touch.

Lucy Liao from Taiwan, a Wilkes graduate student, who has been in America for only eight months made an array of edible delights for the event.

Taiwanese Lobster chips, Chicken with oyster sauce, Chicken with soy sauce and Chicken salad made for Taiwanese taste buds but, good enough for anyone to eat. All of these dishes melted in your mouth.

Malaysian Satay, a barbecue chicken dish, Curry puffs, and Fried bananas made by Wilkes sophomore Adila Abdulah, were treats to all who ate them.

Peking Chef donated Lo Mein and Fortune cookies,

famous Chinese dishes well-known to the American palate.

Paul Azimov, Wilkes student, who came to America only four months ago said, "I've never seen anything like this before at a college or university, in Russia there are many foreign students but we never got to eat food from their countries."

All-in-all, if you missed this event you want to make sure that you can attend next year.

Two poets one message

Ismaili and Baraka at CPA

By BONNEE BREESE
Beacon Managing Editor

One from the continent, Africa, the other from the streets of America. Two poets met if you've ever read their work you have surely not experienced their deep-spirited messages.

Amiri Baraka/Leroi Jones from America and Rashidah Ismaili from West Africa, attracted everyone in the CPA, last night. If you weren't there you missed a poetry reading that will live in the hearts and minds of all who were there.

Ismaili read many selections that she wrote as a reflection to her meeting and knowing James Baldwin (famous Black American writer). She also read a poem titled Monday, which she said reflected on her childhood when she spent a great deal of time near the ocean.

Baraka read a selection he titled, The Mind of The President, he said, this was written as a response to his feelings about President Reagan but, could be used also for President Bush.

Baraka's work is

enchanted with the sounds of jazz, specifically John Coltrane, while Ismaili's work is enchanted with the sounds of African music.

Ismaili's poetry echoes the anguished experiences of the African people being stolen from their continent. While Baraka's poetry expresses the anger of the black American as free yet oppressed people.

Both writers were fantastic, if they're in your town or here again, go and see, hear, and feel the spirit of the black man and the black woman in rare form.

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Meat Market IV: The Produce Zone

This week, gentle reader, yours truly, the Pundit For The People, has been running on an insane brew of adrenaline, sugar, caffeine, and hydrocarbons. As a result of his fanatical dedication to his major, and having three exams within 33 hours, he's lost what was left of his sanity. Not even Heisenberg would be uncertain that the ol' Swami is totally burnt.

Onward... It seems that everyone is caught up in "Dear Abby" fever. Perhaps it's because spring is coming. Maybe it has to do with the number of sunspots. Who knows, it could even be related to the price of tea in an obscure district of China.

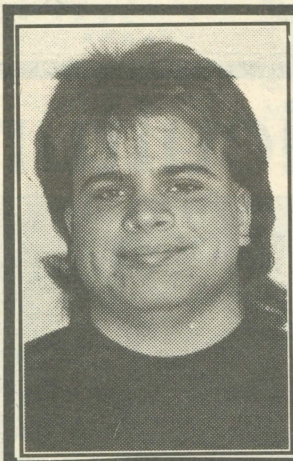
Please write in about something else. I can't really say much about the "meat market" that I haven't said already. However, I persevere. Calgon! Take me away!

MARKET ANNOUNCES PRICE CUT FOR SPAM

Hey Great Swami:

When I made the statement about Wilkes being a meat market, it wasn't meant to be a blanket one. I simply wanted to raise some awareness about some prevailing attitudes toward females among our illustrious male population. (FYI: I don't go to parties at all. I'm in the "minority" that's here at Wilkes to get an education.) Lately, though, some of the episodes in my life that caused me to write that letter 2 weeks ago happened to me and others in the loose circle I travel in. At the risk of getting too personal I'll just say that those episodes of which I speak basically had to do with a guy that someone liked or just conversations that I've been in the presence of or overheard in the cafe line.

One thing I've learned at WU is never to go into the cafe during dinner not looking your best, because 2 out of every three tables are occupied by guys and most of them are scrutinizing every female that walks past. It's like we're all on display and being compared to the bimbos on beer commercials. This may seem pretty benign now, but eventually we'll all be out there dealing with each other on a professional basis. The bottom line is that the



THE BOTTOM LINE

Jarrod Norton

dangerous attitude of disrespect toward women causes society to regress and adds another burden on those of us trying to succeed. I don't expect to restructure society, but something had to be said. How many of you are interested in a girl because of her personality and entire package rather than just thinking "Yeah, she'd do it." —The original anonymous

Well, I'll take the package deal, the one that comes with the free steak knives.

I never intended to get this sort of thing started. TBL was supposed to be a Q&A column. Abby! Save me!

As my English teacher in high school used to say, "Coherent, Cohesive, Succinct." We're writing text aplenty saying the same thing over and over and over... rather like the Energizer Bunny... it keeps going... and going... and going...

DON'T ABUSE THE PRODUCE

To Some Anonymous Dude browsing among the ground round:

I was surprised and pleased to read your response to last week's TBL. At first I was of the opinion that no male would bother to comment on the meat market situation. It would have crushed me to think that no guy on campus cared what the anonymous female generalized about his kind. You have almost reaffirmed my faith in the "nice guy" and for that I thank you.

Because I am taking your word that you are indeed a sensitive male, I hope you can answer a question for me. Why is it that so many guys are "posers?" My friends and I, both here at Wilkes and at

home, have discussed this subject time and time again -- granted, we are even sick of it. [Tell me about it. — JN] We cannot understand why a man will be the sweetest creature on earth when you're alone together, and then ignore you completely when others are around. Anonymous dude, please tell me why a "nice guy" would do such a thing. It has happened to me more than once and more than once have I lived to regret personal emotions and things I said and did that came back to haunt me.

I admit that, unfortunately, that the nice guy is expected to be little less than a superhero. Girls don't (or shouldn't) give a damn about the jerks, but they do expect a lot more from the guys they think are nice. When a jerk hurts you, you dismiss it from your mind, realizing that he's swine, [list deleted]. But when a "nice guy" hurts you, it runs deeper, because you never expected it to happen.

What "nice guy" hurts a girl? Are we to assume that the men in question were really jerks to begin with? Simply became jerks? Are being swayed into jerkdom by their friends? Someone, help! — One who speaks for many

"Sash of Cash" I have this The sneaking suspicion that the window be'st like our tuition Like a smile and unlike a frown, it goeth up but cometh not down!

— DJC

Before I say anything earth-shattering, I'd like to make a comment regarding future letters. SHORT! PLEASE! Granted, this has served a purpose, but I really think that what was said could have been said in a lot fewer words.

However, my thoughts on this whole meat market thing:

"Poser" and "nice guy" are mutually exclusive. If he's a poser, he isn't really a nice guy, is he?

You're right, though. Nice guys are expected to be everything. Maybe that's why there are so few of them — it's a result of attrition. It's so hard being a nice guy that they change majors to something easier. (Wow... just like Engineering attrition.)

It seems to me that you consider the "nice" guy who hurt you to be a jerk. Did you even stop for a second to think that he may not have been able to do anything about it? More often than not, a nice guy is caught in a no-win situation (to this I can personally attest), and he has to pick the option with the least damage. You may have come out on the short end of this, but it may not necessarily have been his fault.

Enough of the soapbox. Maybe this will help both sides of the war of the sexes to better understand each other.

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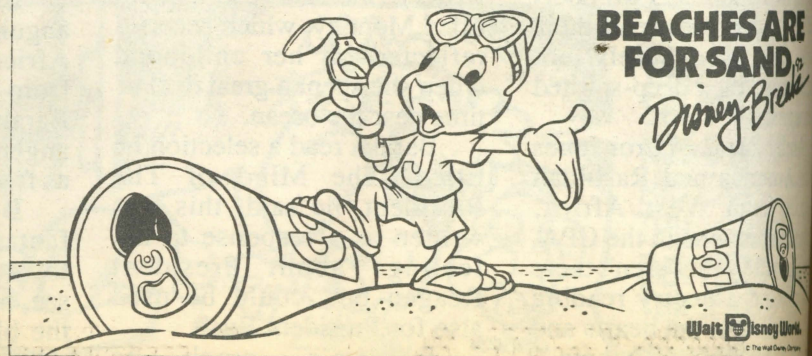
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SPORTS

First season brings excitement for Haag

By BOB SIMMONS
Beacon Assistant Sports Editor

Coming into the 1991-92 Lady Colonels basketball season, Coach Karen Haag was unsure of what to expect, however she was very excited and optimistic about what laid ahead of her.

Coach Haag knew she had a lot of talent returning but she was worried about how the team would react to her and the new system she was bringing in.

It didn't take long for Coach Haag to learn that the group of ladies she had were very coachable and very willing to work hard to get the job done.

"The ladies rose to the occasion every time they had to and proved time and time again to everyone they had a lot of guts," said Coach Haag.

At the start of the season the Lady Colonels roster consisted of ten players, however it would drop to eight very quickly.

The lack of players played a big role in the Lady colonels season. "I felt we were in every game only to get down the stretch and have nothing left to give because of the lack of bodies we had," said Coach Haag.

She added, "sometimes our best effort was not the best to win. Many of our games were out of our hands."

Despite all the adversity that the Lady Colonels faced they hung together through it all and proved its not the quantity but quality that counts.

"These ladies were a great group to work with. They turned what could have been a nightmare, due to injuries, lack of numbers, and just one freshman, into a good season," said Coach Haag.

Coach Haag also credited her colleagues with being, "a wonderful group to work with."

"This is the best season I've had as a coach in terms of enjoyment," said Coach Haag.



Quality--Lady Colonels relied on quality instead of quantity

Reese guaranteed winning season

By MISSIE CHINCHAR
Beacon Staff Writer

The Colonels guaranteed their 37th consecutive winning season under Coach John Reese with a 28-18 victory over visiting Millersville University.

The grapplers displayed a balanced team effort in the match winning 5 of it's 10 bouts as they upped their dual meet record to 11-8.

Chris Rickard and Eric Feese added another win to their respective records. In the 158 lb match sophomore John Stout shut out his opponent 6-0 to put the Colonels ahead.

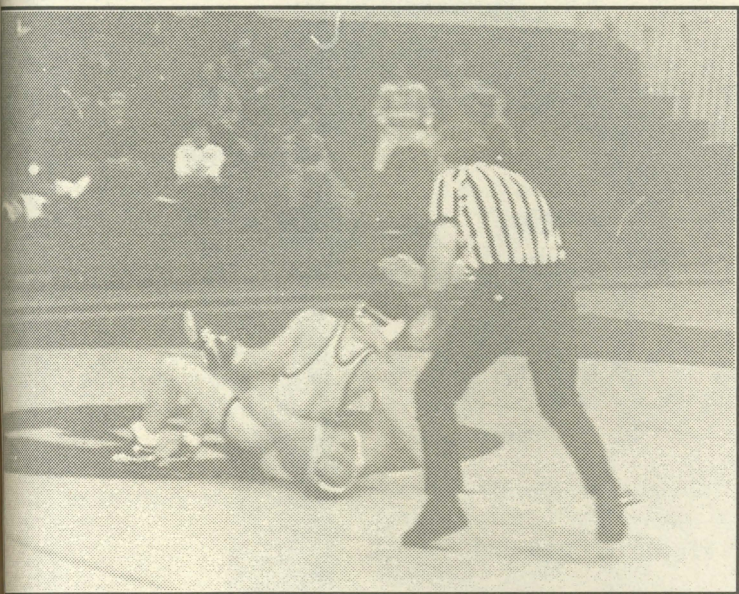
But the duo of Dave Bonomo (134 lb) and heavyweight Reggie Stancil pinned their opposition to solidify the win for the blue and gold.

Sunday Wilkes traveled to take on NCAA powerhouse Bloomsburg and came away with a tough 34-9 loss.

The Colonels dropped their first five bouts until Stout won the 158 lb class, bettering his record to 6-4 on the year. Reggie Stancil refused to give up that easily pinning the Bloomsburg HWT with :54 seconds left in the period.

Saturday is the final regular season match for Wilkes at the University of Penn. This will be the last bouts for senior members Dave Bonomo and Dearn Tufankjian.

Post season action begins March 6 where the EIWA tournament will be held at Penn as well.



Again--Grapplers secure another winning season

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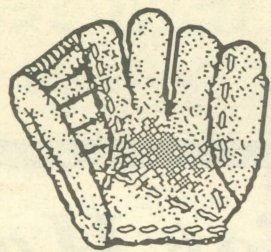
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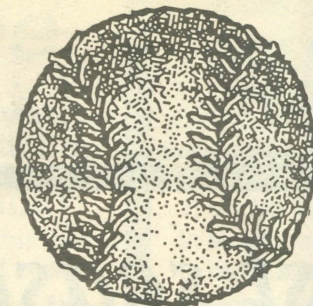
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Sports



Colonels finish campaign

By J.R. RUPP
Beacon Sports Editor

The Wilkes University men's basketball team has completed their 1991-1992 basketball campaign with a 123-107 double overtime victory over Juniata last Saturday at the Marts Center.

The Colonels placed seven players in double figures to capture the season finale.

Joe Natale scored 20 points and pulled down 15 boards while John Harlan also chipped in with 20 to lead the Colonels.

Also scoring in double digits for Wilkes was Jeff Gregory with 18, Matt LaBuda added 17, Rob Watkins and Phil Marko with 15 apiece, and Corby Swan chipped in with 11.

The contest was close throughout as the Indians held a slim one-point halftime lead. Wilkes did the same in the second half to force overtime number one. After knotting at 8-8 in the first overtime, Wilkes took control by out scoring the Indians by 16 to wrap up the victory despite being out-rebounded 59-42.

The game included four technical fouls, 57 common fouls, and 91 total free throws shot. The 230 points set a Wilkes record for most points combined in one game.

The Colonels finished the year with an overall record of 10-15, 3-7 in the MAC Northeast.

The Colonels started off their year in a tournament that consisted of Division II teams. Wilkes played competitive basketball but ended up with a fourth place finish.

Starting off with such a tough schedule may have worked on the confidence of the Colonels.

"The Division II tourney was sort of a confidence breaker and that was not good because the MAC schedule came right after that," said head men's coach Ron Rainey.

However, the tough start did not set the theme for the rest of the year. The Colonels finished strong winning seven out of their last eleven games. "We hung in tough all season long and we worked a lot with the younger kids which helped with a strong second half," said Rainey.

The Colonels also competed in two other tournaments taking second place in both of them.

In Wilkes' own "Colonel Classic," the Colonels knocked off Misericordia before losing to Widener for the championship. In the Elmira College tourney the locals won the semi-final game with a 71-33 thumping of Lehman before falling to the host school, 64-61.

Junior Joe Natale was the on court leader for the Colonels this past season. Natale was the top gun in scoring with a 12.3ppg average and was also the top glass cleaner with a 8.7ppg average.

Natale netted 309 points on the year and needs just 39 more to reach the 1,000 mark for his career.

John Harlan finished the year with 283 points for a 11.7ppg. Harlan also connected on 50 out of 129 shots from outside the three point arc.

Rainey is looking to next year with excitement. The Colonels will be graduating only two players and will have 17 returning players.

Freshman Rob Watkins led the team in free throw shooting with a .84 percentage.

Senior captain Jeff Gregory who had a 8.6ppg average tied with Harlan with a .82 percentage from the charity stripe. Gregory was also the team assist and steals leader with 68 and 34 respectively.

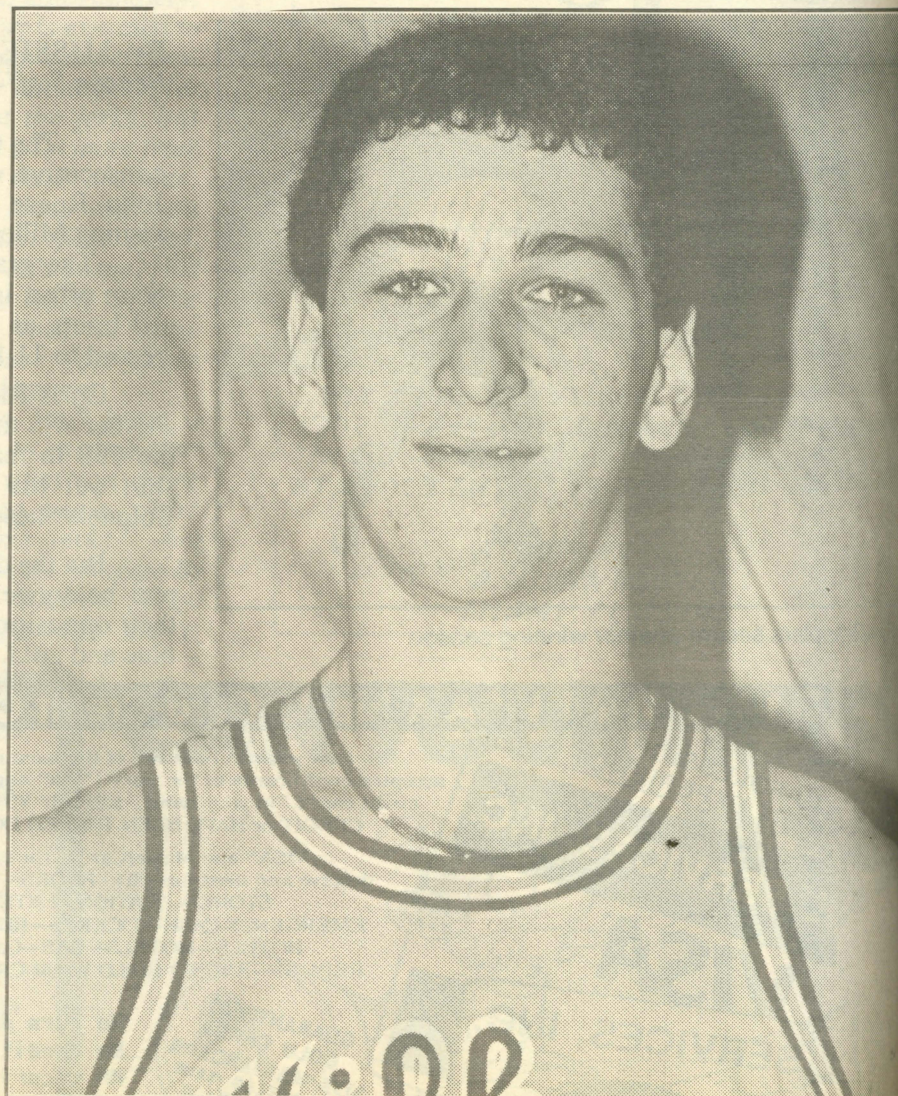
"I was happy with the way the younger guys stepped up to contribute the latter half of the year. Labuda, Watkins, Marko, and Chris Patackis all contributed," said Rainey.

Looking to next year all 17 players have had playing experience and the scheduling of games is a little easier for the Colonels. Rainey feels that this could make the Colonels very competitive and in contention for a shot at the MAC's.

"We had a strong finish, and now we have to take that attitude to the off season with us. We have to work as individuals and keep a positive attitude," said Rainey.

Rainey added, "we know what it takes and to be able to work as a team will be our biggest goal. We are looking for teamwork."

As the winter season fades away to the brighter surroundings of spring, Wilkes basketball looks ahead to next year and the hopes of a successful season.



Tops--Joe Natale statistical leader for the Colonels

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