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# THE BEACON

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## Masters of technology

By AMY ELLIS  
*Beacon Subscriptions Manager*

Over 500 area high school teachers learned they no longer have to venture far from their classrooms to earn a masters degree in classroom technology.

Thanks to Dr. Joseph Bellucci, professor of psychology and director of the Wilkes Regional Computing Resource Center (RCRC), Wilkes University now offers several new graduate education degree programs at off-campus sites.

The masters degree in classroom technology is designed to provide high school classroom teachers enhanced skills to integrate technology into their

## Alumni honors former Dean

By LISA RUGGIERO  
*Beacon Staff Writer*

Incoming freshmen will be happy to know that there is more financial aid available to them thanks to the recently established Stephen L. Flood '66 Scholarship.

Flood, who graduated from Wilkes in 1966, is president of A.A.G. International, a Wilkes-Barre company that deals in military memorabilia.

Flood is establishing the scholarship in honor of Dean George Ralston, the former Dean of Student Affairs at Wilkes.

"It was done for us back in the 1960's, and I felt the

curriculum.

Teachers who choose to enroll in specialized programs may earn a masters of science degree in education after completing thirty credits.

The graduate program is typically completed within two years; however, the timeline to complete this degree is extremely flexible.

Courses include introductions to Macintosh computers, the Internet, desktop publishing and educational computing.

The program's main objective is to educate teachers so that they will be capable of properly using and instructing on the use of computers purchased through their school districts.

"The program is not unique, but it might be the

tradition should be carried on by those graduates who have a close attachment to Wilkes," said Flood.

This scholarship should not be confused with the scholarship already established by Ralston.

Sandra Beynon Nicholas, Executive Director of Alumni, worked with Flood to institute the scholarship.

"We are very pleased that Mr. Flood is supporting our current students through the establishment of the scholarship. He is providing an excellent example for our alumni by helping Wilkes provide much needed financial aid," said Beynon Nicholas.

Ralston was the youngest

first of its kind outside of the commonwealth's two major cities of Pittsburgh and Philadelphia.

"It is the first such program for Wilkes," stated Bellucci.

Genuinely pleased with the program's growth, Bellucci noted Wilkes' first off-campus site originated last fall at the Bethlehem Area School District, which continues to remain the largest site overall.

By the spring of 1997, the Montrose  
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son of a dairy farmer, an athlete at the University of North Carolina and a teacher at Forty-Fort High School before coming to what is now Wilkes University.

Ralston is well known among alumni serving as a mentor to Wilkes students for over fifty years. Ralston was the athletic director, coach, dean of men, dean of student affairs, and currently, dean emeritus.

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Photo by Frank Tomaszewski

The presentation of the 1997 Homecoming King and Queen, Mike Rosh and Kristen Cookus.

## And the winners are...



Photo by Frank Tomaszewski

Wilkes-Barre Mayor Thomas McGroarty presented President Breiseth with the Mayor's Cup.





## Are you ready for a frightful night?

By KAREN COOK  
Beacon News Editor

On Sunday, October 26 at 7:00 p.m. the Wilkes University Programming Board is sponsoring "Tales for a Dark Night."

Scott Keely, an actor/playwright from

Minneapolis wrote and will be performing the one-man show in the Dorothy Dickson Dart Center for Performing Arts.

Keely has done hundreds of radio and television commercials, industrial training films, corporate videos, and public service

announcements.

After graduating from St. Cloud State University in Minnesota with a degree in theatre arts, he became a member of Actors Equity and the American Federation of Television and Radio Artists. While on a

nationwide tour of high schools, he began working on a one-person drama based on the life and writings of Edgar Allan Poe.



"Goodnight, Mr. Poe," was performed in 1977. It was the response from this performance that led to the creation of Avatar

Productions in 1979, which exclusively tours Keely's shows to colleges, universities, and arts organizations throughout the country.

"Tales for a Dark Night" is a show that is not intended for young audiences.

The material is designed for more mature audiences and is recommended for adults, college and university students.

## Tribute

Ralston still aides the alumni office with his current position as a special assistant.

The Flood Scholarship is a tribute to Dean Ralston's leadership and guidance. Specific requirements for the scholarship have not yet been established.

It will be based on financial need and awarded to first year students who meet the academic requirements. The scholarship has not been activated yet because Flood hopes other alumni who resided in Ashley Hall will contribute to the fund.

At least \$25,000 must be collected to establish a

## Technology

and Tunkhannock Area School Districts became additional teaching sites for the masters program.

However, this past summer proved to be the program's largest growth period.

Sites practically multiplied when Wilkes computer coordinators had to be sent out to sites including the Intermediate unit #19, the Hazelton Area School District, and the Wilkes-Barre Area School District.

Enrollment over the past summer maxed at more than 500 teachers/masters degree candidates.

Bellucci explained it is

scholarship and make it active so that there is enough money to continue the scholarship year after year.

"This scholarship honors a man who has given much of his life to Wilkes. It was Stephen Flood's generosity that established the scholarship in the first place," stated Vaughn Shinkus, Assistant Director of University Relations.

Ralston said, "I am proud and inspired by the purpose the scholarship serves. The scholarship will perpetuate the education for students in years to come."

more typical for higher enrollment numbers during the summer months when teachers are away from the classrooms.

Additionally, the courses are two to three weeks in length as opposed to three months during the fall. The current enrollment for this fall reflects an enrollment of over 400.

"Basically the program has been extremely successful for us," Bellucci noted.

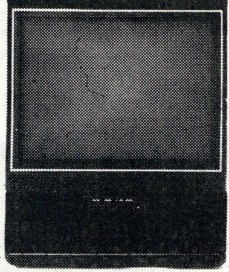
For additional information or to register for a course in the Wilkes Masters in Classroom Technology program, contact Dr. Joseph Bellucci or the RCRC at (717) 408-4674.

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# Wilkes-Barre native dedicated to helping others

By RICHARD ALI  
Beacon Staff Writer

Many Wilkes students don't realize how fortunate they are in comparison to millions of others.

People worldwide have taken it upon themselves to help others. Sister Mary Sponsa Beltran is one person trying to make a difference.

Sr. Beltran, a Bernadine missionary from Wilkes-Barre, has worked with abandoned and disabled children in Liberia for the past twenty-five years.

About five years ago, the civil war climaxed and Americans were ordered to vacate Liberia; however, Sr. Beltran refused to neglect the steadily increasing

number of paralyzed, deaf, blind and malnourished children.

Unfortunately, these underprivileged orphans, due to their physical disorders, were considered evil beings, and were therefore treated as outcasts. Sr. Beltran was and has been their only hope.

The Liberian embassy forcefully returned Sr. Beltran to the United States, but her prayers were answered when she was able to return to Africa with aide from her family and churches. The journey back was perilous, as she tolerated harassment from Liberian military personnel.

When Sr. Beltran finally arrived at the rehabilitation camps, rebel forces invaded, piercing a gun into her head.

However, the gun and all of the other guns contained no ammunition when they attempted to shoot her.

Sr. Beltran and the children were kicked out of their homeland, taking shelter on the Ivory Coast of Liberia, where everyone spoke French. This aggravated their situation, since they were not only without food, clothing and other basic necessities, they were also refugees.

For the rebels not to hijack supplies, a sea canister was the only reliable transportation technique. Sr. Beltran now feeds two meals of rice mixture to over five hundred children and adults each

day. She is now seventy-two and legally blind, but still musters the faith and courage to help others.

The saddest part of this story is that there are no sponsors to follow Sr. Beltran after she is unable to carry on.

You can help assuage this tragic situation by donating any used or unused items you can garner. These children have nothing; therefore, a simple pencil or story book

would be appreciated.

Medicine, sanitary napkins, baby pampers, ace bandages, latex gloves, towels, wash clothes, sneakers, sandals, socks, sheets, rice, barley, crayons, puzzles, underwear and other essentials would be greatly appreciated.

Please take your donations to Mary Hession, Director of Campus Interfaith, located on the third floor of the SUB.

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While the Wilkes University Student Government always welcomes the general student population to attend their weekly meetings, few ever take advantage of the invitation.

However, this Wednesday's meeting (November 29) should draw a rather large crowd. Why, you ask? Perhaps the "unveiling" of a new building on campus may interest a significant amount of Wilkes students.

Rather than conducting the usual meeting in the Marts Center, Student Government is going to hold an open meeting in Stark 101.

Regular procedures of the meeting will follow; however, there will be an open discussion on a rather current, hot topic: The new Student Union Building. Present at the meeting will be members of the Design Committee for the new Student Union Building, which includes architects, administrators and student representatives.

Members of this committee include Highland Associates, Ltd., the company contracted to work on the project; Paul O'Hop, Vice-President for Business Affairs; John Pesta, Director of Campus Support Services; Mark Allen, Assistant Dean of Student Affairs; Bob Saffian, Wilkes Staff Architect; Brian Kijowski, Chair of Student Life, Athletics and Media Committee; Gina Longo, Director of Student Activities; Heather Tahan, member of Student Government; C.J. Copley, Student Government president and Joe Jackloski, a concerned citizen.

This committee will speak about the plans for the building, listen to student concerns, and answer any questions students may have. In addition to a question and answer session, there will also be a slide show presentation which will include pictures of the interior and exterior, floor plans and other features of the new building.

"This is a perfect time for all students to take part, find out information and make suggestions for the future of Wilkes University," said Copley. Not only will students get the facts of this exciting new venture, they can also get a glimpse of what to expect when the Student Union Building is complete.

Student Government encourages everybody to attend this meeting. This may be the only time students may get an opportunity to speak up about ideas for the new building, since plans are going to be finalized soon.

Student Government meetings are every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. in Marts room 214. All students are encouraged to attend.

**Congratulations to the 1997  
Homecoming  
King Mike Rosh and  
Queen Kristen Cookus!!**

**Thanks to everyone who helped make  
Wilkes' 50th Homecoming a great  
success!**

## Upcoming Events:

Wednesday, October 29th - Student Government  
will be held in SLC 101 as an informational forum  
Thursday, October 30th - Halloween Party in  
Rumours

**How did you like this year's  
Homecoming?**

We love your comments/suggestions.  
Send them to [sg@wilkes1.wilkes.edu](mailto:sg@wilkes1.wilkes.edu)  
or call ext. 2910



## Letters to the Editor

### Letters to the Editor guidelines:

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

Dear Editor:

On behalf of the Wilkes University Alumni Association, I would like to extend thanks to the student body for making the 50th Homecoming celebration this past weekend a success. We appreciate all the effort that was put into student sponsored events, such as the dinner dance, pep rally and decoration of the dorms. The spirit you demonstrated was evident and appreciated by our returning alumni.

I also want to offer congratulations to the Homecoming King and Queen, Michael Rosh and Kristen Cookus and the residents of Doane, Waller and Barre Halls who took prizes for best decorated dorms. It goes without saying that the clean sweep by the men's and women's sports teams on Saturday helped make the weekend a sweet one for our alumni. Congratulations to the players and coaches who gave the Colonels a victorious weekend.

So many people contributed to this spectacular weekend, but I want to especially acknowledge *The Beacon* staff for an extra special Homecoming edition and to everyone who cooperated in making the various alumni events happen, including Gina Longo (for the use of Rumours), the Wilkes coaching staff for allowing us to use the Munson Field House and everyone on the maintenance, security and food service staff. Thank you, too, to Mark Davis and Vaughn Shinkus for the excellent public relations coverage.

The enthusiasm and good will that was evident during Homecoming was outstanding as over 400 alumni returned to campus to renew old friendships, tour campus and join with our students in the fine fall weekend. The level of participation by our alumni, some of whom came from as far as California and Montana, is proof of their commitment to Wilkes and their pride in being graduates. I hope our current students realize that you are forging life-long friendships and memories now and that you will be as proud of your alma mater as those alumni who returned this weekend.

Sandra Beynon Nicholas '85  
Executive Director for Alumni

Dear Editor,

On October 4th and 5th, Wilkes hosted Family Weekend in an attempt to show parents, grandparents, brothers and sisters what life at Wilkes is like. While I feel, overall, the idea was a success, a very glaring mistake was made. Among the list of activities scheduled for Saturday was the play "Company." Filled with sex scenes and bad language, this definitely was not a family show.

A number of younger kids, including my 8-year-old brother, were in attendance and had to sit through two-plus hours of it. But, kids weren't the only ones affected by it. I heard other adults making comments about its inappropriateness as well. I'm not saying the stage company shouldn't have put on that play, but rather it seems someone should have checked the calendar before choosing something like that for family weekend. I don't think that that's the way Wilkes University should be represented.

Greg Collins

Dear Editor:

I want to congratulate everyone who was part of the 50th Homecoming at Wilkes this past weekend. It was clearly the most successful in my fourteen years at the University. Alumni representatives judging the banner and residence hall decorations said the decorations were the most imaginative and highest quality in more than twenty years. The ambitious half-time entertainment, complete with antique cars and sky divers, as well as the cheerleaders doing a wonderful routine at mid-field, added greatly to everyone's enjoyment.

To Sandy Nicholas in the Alumni Association's office, I also want to express thanks for the orchestration of the many events for alumni up to and including the Multicultural reunion at the River Street Jazz Cafe. I don't want to slight anyone by not including them in this note of thanks but there were so many and various activities that I cannot include them all. The student committee that put the plans together deserve our gratitude. We all had reason to feel our Wilkes Pride.

Christopher N. Breiseth, President

## Keep the Faith

"Be not afraid, I go before you always..." The chorus sang the verses to my favorite hymn and the tears ran down my face. This song exemplifies the trust I place in God and the closeness I feel to my faith. Raised in an Irish Catholic family, religion has always played an important role in my life.

As a child, I'll admit it was force fed. Each morning I woke up, said my prayers at breakfast, put on my green plaid uniform and marched myself up to St. Cecelia's Roman Catholic Grammar School. I am sure it was the same for many kids who went to Catholic school. Religion was just another subject in school, sure we wore funny uniforms that the public school students didn't have to, we went to church together every Friday, but there didn't seem to be many other differences.

As a teenager, faith took a back seat to juggling school, work and a social life. Luckily as I got older, my parents chose not to force faith upon us. Instead, they stressed that it was a personal decision. So instead of heading to church every Saturday evening or Sunday morning, I thought it was more important to go my high school's football games or see the latest movies with friends.

I am happy to say that since then my faith has been rejuvenated. In my opinion there are tons of reasons to believe. Personally, faith has gotten me through the tough times that I couldn't have survived alone. Some people may prefer turning to a counselor to help them cope, but that never has and never will be for me. There is no mortal that can ease the pain or give strength like God can.

Often I find myself spending the noon hour at the afternoon mass at St. Mary's, particularly when the going gets tough. For me, there is no feeling of peace like the one I feel after a deep conversation with "the Man upstairs." In fact, I have no idea where I would be without these little pep talks.

Faith may not be one of the most popular topics on campus, but I feel it is definitely one of the most important. With so many religions around the world to choose from, I encourage students to search for beliefs that suit them, especially during these years full of self discovery and uncertainty. Religion can make a difference in your life now and can help you build a better tomorrow.

Dear Editor:

What a great weekend! I would like to commend and congratulate the entire Wilkes University family on a very successful 50th Homecoming Celebration. Everyone from the students, faculty, administration, security, food services, and campus services did an outstanding job in contributing to the success of the weekend. The dorm decorations were great. All three sports teams won their games on Saturday. We had returning alumni from all over the country who were very impressed with Wilkes University as it is today. The cooperation of Student Government, Alumni Board, and Wilkes Administration in planning and carrying out the weekend truly shows that working together...we can continue the tradition of *Wilkes Excellence!*

Sincerely,  
Bill Goldsworthy  
President, Wilkes Alumni Association

## Think Spring Internships!

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

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Megan Filipone

"It was good, but there were too many questions."



After a long few weeks of school this week. To tell from people who and call it a college week has to do with The primary whined that they know of being a looking for some taking advantage could not figure out no answers to the The only problem Is it because some geographically challenged the weight room. I some gay little sports place to watch Mo hang out with friends for the next couple or throw darts with beer on you and hit Listen, I'm not missing on those nights the atmosphere is expect meet that special someone romantic, even for me So, the next time you tiny room with ten or head on over to Rum piece of crap you've backflips off anything announcements around other reason that to ju

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## From the top rope with Rich Quigley

After a long week of tests and another Homecoming weekend leaving me physically drained, I find it difficult to use what small amount of energy I have left to write my column this week. After a few weeks of softening up a little, I'm sure a lot of you were looking forward to a possible bashing this week. To tell you the truth, I'm getting tired of answering complaints about those types of articles from people who don't want to assume responsibility for a problem. But, since I refuse to produce b.s. and call it a column, I will take it upon myself to complain about something. The problem I have this week has to do with most of the students here at Wilkes.

The primary group with which I find fault is the third and fourth year students who for years have whined that there is nothing to do here at night. Now, I'm not going to accuse people I don't even know of being apathetic. For one thing, I don't think you are. I honestly believe everyone is actually looking for something to do. That's why I find it so hard to comprehend why many students are not taking advantage of such an opportunity right here on campus. For two years as a resident student, I could not figure out why Rumours was not used as a student hang out spot. Last year as an RA, I had no answers to the many new students who asked the same question. But, this year it's finally here. The only problem is that turn-out is absolutely poor.

Is it because some of you don't know where Rumours is located? For those of you who are geographically challenged, it's directly under the gym in the Marts Center, right down the hall from the weight room. Is it because it's called a coffee bar? Let's get one thing straight, Rumours isn't some gay little spot for chain-smoking, haiku-writing, flip-flop-wearing mama's boys. It's a great place to watch Monday Night Football, see a live, ass-kicking band, attend a DJ-hosted party, or just hang out with friends. For those of you under 21, it's the closest you're going to get to a bar setting for the next couple of years. In fact, in some ways it's better than a bar. You can actually shoot pool or throw darts without some fat, smelly, full-bearded, motorcycle-riding guy named "Skull" spilling beer on you and hitting on your friends.

Listen, I'm not trying to accuse anybody of apathy. I'm just trying to let you know what you're missing on those nights you can't find anything to do. The food and the drinks are practically free and the atmosphere is extremely comfortable. For all you know, Rumours may be the place where you meet that special someone that you end up spending the rest of your life with. Wow, that's a little too romantic, even for me, but hopefully you're getting the point.

So, the next time you're about to call Domino's and blow twenty bucks on pizza while sitting in a tiny room with ten other people, most of whom are in dire need of a personal hygiene adjustment, head on over to Rumours. Watch the game on a 48 inch television instead of that tiny black and white piece of crap you've got in your room. Use the 2,000 square foot excess space to do silly little backflips off anything else that would not be possible in your room. Look for the posted announcements around campus to see what's going on every night at Rumours, and go over if for no other reason than to just get out. [quiglerc@wilkes1.wilkes.edu](mailto:quiglerc@wilkes1.wilkes.edu)

## Satirical Interludes

with Marc Eakin and Quinn Kirk

Congratulations to Mike Rosh and Kristen Cookus, the 1997 Homecoming king and queen! Homecoming was great this year! We especially liked the mugs and the dinner sure as hell beat eating in the cafeteria! While we have tried to avoid complaining about the cafeteria, the time has come to speak our minds.

For those resident students that risk entering the cafeteria battle grounds over the weekends, we wonder if you have noticed the repetitive nature of the weekend menu? Within the course of a weekend, you are bound to experience the following, or a combination thereof: "healthy baked fish," stuffed chicken breast, baked manicotti, mashed potatoes, chicken nuggets, rib sandwich - you get the idea!

We're tired of eating the same thing every damn weekend! Actually, we wouldn't mind if it were good food! Maybe that's all the cafeteria workers that work on the weekend know how to cook, but we don't think this is the case! The problem is within the management, not the cafeteria workers we all know and love!

We would also like to take this opportunity to wish Fran a happy birthday!

Hey, speaking of management, they have just recently stated that we will all know just how healthy the "healthy baked fish" really is. Yes, that's right, the long awaited nutritional information for the cafeteria food will be available in about a year. Is that the same year in which the Student Union Building should be complete?

Enough about the Cafe, how about the SUB! We love going to the SUB! Going to the SUB is, for the most part, a very pleasurable experience. There's never a dull moment while waiting for your food - the ladies are a riot! So, stop in and say "hello." Tell them Marc and Quinn sent you. We're not sure what it will get you - maybe you'll be sent to the end of the line!

As always, any comments, questions, IDEAS, or criticisms are greatly appreciated and encouraged. Send them via e-mail to the following addresses:

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## Roving Reporter

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### "What did you think of the Residence Life survey?"



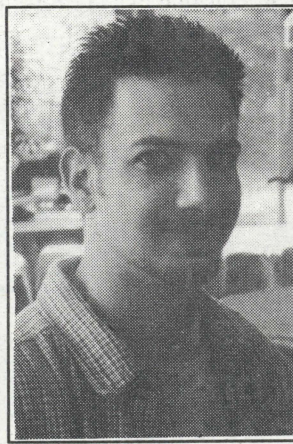
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"It was good, but there were too many questions."



Holly Filion

"I was busy."



Kevin Keegan

"Was that a survey or the SAT's?"



Amy Gutkowski

"It was too time consuming."



Chuck Wetzel

"It asked useful questions."



Dennis Fox

"It was a little repetative."

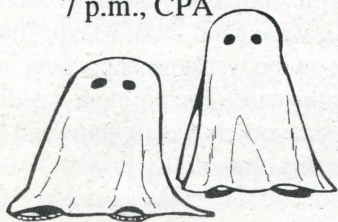


# DAY BY DAY

## A student's guide to Wilkes University Activities

Sunday, Oct. 26

- "Tales for a Dark Night," 7 p.m., CPA



- Daylight Savings Time Ends, set your clocks back an hour tonight

Thursday, Oct. 23

- Cheerleaders' Credit/Phone Card Sale, SLC lobby, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- IRHC meeting, basement of SUB 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.
- Programming Board Meeting, 11:30 a.m., COB room 13
- Rainbow Kids Day 2:15 p.m. to 3:15 p.m. call ext. 5904 for details
- Intercollegiate Choral Festival, Dart Center

Monday, Oct. 27

- *Into the Streets* through October 31



- Circle K meeting, Alumni House, 5:30 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 24

- United Nations Day
- Cheerleaders' Credit/Phone Card Sale, SLC lobby, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- Intercollegiate Choral Festival, Dart Center
- "Batman & Robin", 7:30 p.m., SLC 101

Tuesday, Oct. 28

- Beacon staff writer and photographer meeting, 11:30 a.m., FREE PIZZA
- Amnicola meeting at 11:30 a.m., 3rd floor Chase Hall

Saturday, Oct. 25

- Make a Difference Day
- SHARE, Soup Kitchen, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- SHARE, St. Mary's, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
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# Across Campus

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## Homecoming Brings New Additions To Wilkes Family Album



This past weekend, Wilkes University celebrated its Golden Age of Homecoming. Students, faculty, administrators and alumni gathered around campus to help bring on the Colonel Spirit. Homecoming Weekend kicked off with a Pep Rally on Thursday night. Students gathered in the cold on Chase Lawn eagerly awaiting the announcement of the final six candidates that would participate in the halftime festivities of Saturday's football game. While munching on hot dogs and hamburgers, students saw a performance by the cheerleaders and a parade of banners made by the various dorms on campus. Then the real action began. Friday night brought part of the Wilkes student body to Genetti's where all enjoyed a night of dinner and dancing. Others partied the night away at the Woodlands. This was definitely a way for students to kick back and unwind. Every now and then it is good for students to have a chance to spend time with friends in this relaxed atmosphere. Next on the agenda was tailgating. The crowd began rolling into the Ralston Field parking lot as early as 10 a.m. This was one of the largest turn outs for tailgating this year. The desolate parking lot turned miraculously into the biggest hang out on campus. Homecoming weekend turned out to be a great success. Not only did fans take part in routing the football team on to victory, but all the other sports as well. All in all this was one of the biggest turn outs ever and everyone cannot wait until next year to celebrate Wilkes pride once again.

See Page 8 for contest winners.

Photos by Frank Tomaszewski, Joshua Burgess, and Melinda Sorber



# Spiritual Survey Says...

**By SCOTT VEITH**  
*Beacon Staff Writer*

Besides formal ways of education which are important, a more valuable resource to college age individuals is that of a support organization which deals with homosexuality on campus.

One such organization is right here at Wilkes University. ALLY is a support organization that deals with gay, lesbian, and bisexual students and people who care about them. The organization holds lectures and attends conferences to help educate the public about homosexuality and that being "different" is O.K.

The organization consists of about thirty-five members from surrounding colleges who get together every other Thursday to talk about certain issues.

A student member here at Wilkes said, "ALLY does get support from some students but a lot of people just don't know about it."

Another Wilkes student commented, "ALLY is a group where I can be myself, talk about problems I am facing, and help educate people around me."

ALLY holds social gatherings such as National Coming Out Day celebrated in October, recreational outings, and educational lectures. The ALLY Organization at Wilkes is said to have more freedom on campus as opposed to other schools. ALLY does not discriminate and everyone is welcome!

ALLY will meet again on Thursday, October 30 at 8 p.m., at the Annette Evans Alumni House. This will not only be a meeting, but also a Halloween Party.

**If you have any questions,  
contact faculty advisor Jim  
Harrington at extension 4428.**

Recently, a random survey was conducted on the Wilkes University campus. This was used to help find the answers to some of these questions, as well as other questions dealing with religious beliefs.

One-hundred and fifty individuals, including students, educators, Wilkes employees, parents, and campus visitors, were surveyed to find out if they still believe in the religions they were brought up to believe in, and if so, how often do they visit their place of worship.

This survey concluded that, although the Wilkes community is represented by over 15 religions, over 50 percent of the individuals surveyed list Catholicism as their religion. Eleven percent say they hold atheistic beliefs, and eight percent claim to be Lutheran.

Nearly seven percent of the individuals surveyed hold Methodist beliefs, and both Baptists and Protestants made up four percent of the survey. Each of the following religions accounted for less than three percent of those surveyed: Presbyterian,

Jewish, Muslim,  
Pentecostal, Satanism,  
Buddhism, Mennonite,  
Confucian, Episcopalian,  
Russian Orthodox and  
Jehovah Witness.

Also asked in the survey was, "How often do you visit your place of worship?" Nearly thirty-percent of those surveyed said they visit their place of worship at least once a week. Twenty percent of those surveyed have not even been to their place of worship in over a year.

Larry Lewis, a sophomore engineering major at Wilkes, and a church organist for several churches in the Tunkhannock area has a strong opinion on religion.

Lewis said "I've heard too many differing opinions from pastors, priests, ministers and rabbis to put faith in anything they say. Sometimes, I get the impression that they just make up their sermons as they go along. I only go to church because it is part of my job."

Jason Householder, a sophomore biochemistry major at Wilkes who was raised Catholic, believes that "some people need to believe in God to believe themselves."

## ★Colonel Spirit Celebrated!

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## Congratulations to all the winners!



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

Hello fellow movie viewers!

Tell me, can you remember last summer? My summer consisted of a summer job where there was all work and no play. I wish that something interesting had happened to me. As I said in last week's review, "Be careful what you wish for." Chances are, I would have ended up like the four teenagers in the new horror film "I Know What You Did Last Summer."

The film begins in a small fishing town off the coast of North Carolina. Four friends were having the time of their lives on the Fourth of July, until they hit someone with their car.

Assuming that the person was dead, they decided to dump his body in a fishing bay and swear never to tell anyone about the incident. A year passes and the four friends are reunited in the small town. Someone begins stalking them and sending the group death threats because of what they had done last year. They only have a short time to figure out who is doing this before they end up dead themselves!

After seeing this film, I thought it was pretty rad, mostly because of the way it was written. The film was full of action and suspense and it definitely had a killer ending (and I mean that quite literally). Originally, this was a novel by Lois Duncan and was later converted to film by Kevin Williamson. Williamson was responsible for last year's horror hit "Scream," and the current follow up "Scream 2."

Another aspect of the film that I liked was the cast, Jennifer Love Hewitt and Sarah Michelle Geller, in particular. Hewitt is best known for her work as Sarah on Fox's "Party of Five," and Geller who plays Buffy in the television series, "Buffy the Vampire Slayer." I think that this is the first time both actresses were cast in a major film role, both doing very well.

Most of the suspenseful theme music was composed by John Debney. Some other films that he composed music for include, "The Relic," and "The Long Kiss Goodnight." Debney seems to know what note to strike at the right time to make you jump out of your seat. Music from bands such as Type-O Negative, and Kula Shaker are also included in the soundtrack. The song that I found interesting was Type-O Negative's version of "Summer Breeze." The original version of this song had a soft, sweet melody. Type-O Negative's rendition makes it dark and dreary to fit the mood of the film.

I give this film a green light and ★★★★★. It was very well written, had great music and a good cast. This is one slasher film that is definitely worth seeing.

Critics note: Last week, I made a reference that director Wes Craven was involved in the new horror film "I Know What You Did Last Summer." I made a mistake. Wes Craven had nothing to do with this film. I apologize if I had thrown anyone off track in my review and I promise to look more carefully into the facts about a film before writing.

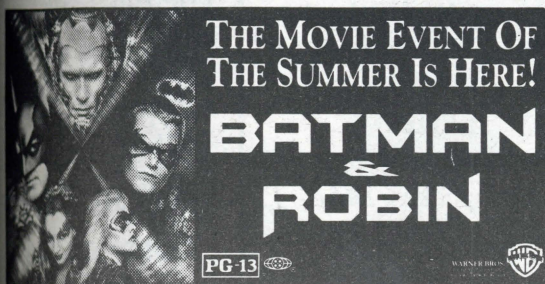


### "Tales for a Dark Night"

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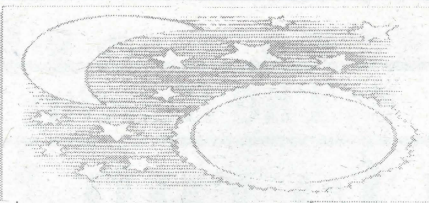
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## ALIGNING THE PLANETS WITH MADAME ZELDA

**Libra (September 23-October 23)** Midterms are over. You are a little nervous about your grades. Don't worry, things will work out great!

**Scorpio (October 24-November 21)** You're worried about a friend. Talk to them about what you're thinking and about what you think they should do. Things will work out.

**Sagittarius (November 22-December 21)** A friend you haven't seen in a while will surprise you soon. Spend a lot of time with them, you may not see them for awhile.

**Capricorn (December 22-January 19)** Someone you know is having relationship troubles. Let them tell you their problems and offer them suggestions. It will help.

**Aquarius (January 20-February 18)** A person who seemed insignificant has developed into something more. Let it happen, you will be surprised with results.

**Pisces (February 19-March 20)** Tickets to a concert you have been dying to go to will soon fall into your hands. Go and have a great time.

**Taurus (April 20-May 20)** Your stress level has risen to an all-time high. You need a break, go home, visit some friends or spend time doing something you enjoy.

**Gemini (May 21-June 21)** So, things didn't work out with a trip you were supposed to take recently. Don't give up! You will find a way!

**Cancer (June 22-July 22)** We are in the home stretch, half a semester to go. Don't count the days, make the days count.

**Leo (July 22-August 22)** You are a procrastinator by nature. If you sit back on things you have to do now, you'll regret it! Get started!

**Virgo (August 23-September 22)** Registration for the spring semester is soon. If you take care of it now you will have the perfect schedule and you will be very happy with it.

## Calling All Writers!

**We need you!** The Beacon Staff is looking for those students who are interested in writing for Features, News and Sports. Many of you are probably scared to write because you have never done this before. Don't worry experience is something you can gain by becoming a member of the staff. Stop by on Tuesday at 11:30 p.m. to sit in on a story meeting and enjoy a free lunch!

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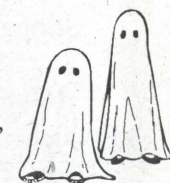
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# Sports

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## Soccer looking to run 'Freedom' table

By MATT REITNOUR

Beacon Staff Writer

After a slow beginning which saw them at 3-5 on September 20, the men's soccer team turned up the heat as autumn began.

As of October 20, the Colonels are the hottest team in the MAC, winning eight in a row and showing no sign of slowing down.

Last Wednesday's trip to Bethlehem to battle Moravian almost put an end to Wilkes' winning streak. After going down 1-0 on an early first period goal, Wilkes got on the board when Dave Reinert scored his fourth goal of the year.

Jarrad Max and Tim Seymour were given credit for the helper on the tying

goal.

For the next 89 minutes and 55 seconds there wasn't much scoring action at all. Not until Rob Rolland netted his team leading seventh goal of the season did anyone score. Rolland's goal at the 111:52 mark in the second overtime allowed the Colonels to push their winning streak to seven straight.

Cesar Vincas was given the credit on the assist for the game winner.

The Colonels latest win came on Saturday, starting a day of Homecoming sports off on the right foot with a 5-1 win over Delaware Valley.

"I am really glad that we did so well in the Homecoming game. It was a great feeling to have everyone

watching us kick Delaware Valley's ass," said freshman stand-out Lucas Markelon.

Saturday was a hats off kind of day for Rolland.



Photo by Frank Tomazewski

Lucas Markelon burns their defense as he gets ready to shoot the ball.

The forward scored three goals within seven minutes to put Wilkes out to a lead that they would never relinquish. Assisting on two of the three Rolland goals

was James Lacy, who himself netted two goals in the romp.

But the day was not all scoring, some defense was played. Freshman goalie John

twenty-seven times.

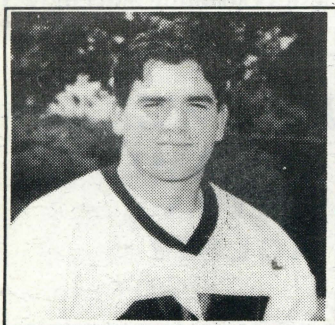
Stuck posts one of the best goals against average in the MAC, just a microsecond 1.11 after seeing action in games this season.

The club will travel cross-town to face King's College on Saturday at 10 a.m. in another MAC Freedom League battle. This is the first and only time the cross-town rivals meet in a year.

The Colonels have one more Freedom League match-up following the King's game, a home game versus Scranton on October 29.

The Colonels are 8-0 and 5 overall and 4-0 in MAC Freedom League.

## Sports Figures of the Week



#25

Jamie Connell

"Cricket"

Football

Strong Safety

5'9"

180 pounds

Bethlehem Catholic

High School

Bethlehem, Pennsylvania

LIKES:

Weight lifting, playing SEGA, snake gathering, Pearl Jam, House of Pain, Pink Floyd, and baseball

"Cricket's" one wish: "To be like Frank Bennett."

Motto: "Live for today, you might be dead tomorrow."

Political Science



#12

Jason Cadwalder

"Terminator"

Soccer

Center-back

5'10"

175 pounds

Quakertown High School

Quakertown, Pennsylvania

LIKES:

Working out, biking, swimming, Bush, George Thorougood, rugby, and lacross

"Terminator's" one wish: "To own a chain of bars in every mall."

Motto: "It only hurts if you lose."

Business Administration



#15

Lisa Schaffer

"Schaff"

Soccer

Outside-half

5'3"

107 pounds

Crestwood High School

Mountaintop, Pennsylvania

LIKES:

Field hockey, sports, listening to Dave Mathews and Sarah McLachlan, going to concerts and taking road trips

"Schaff's" one wish: "To never play football again."

Motto: "Whatever it takes."

Undecided



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Joanna Gaydos

"Jo"

Field Hockey

Goalie

5'2"

135 pounds

Vernon High School

Vernon, New Jersey

LIKES:

Reading, astrology, baking cupcakes, Dave Mathews, U-2 and lacross

"Jo's" one wish: "I wish I had more hats."

Motto: "My day will come."

Sociology

Want something to do on Saturday?

Come out and support the Wilkes football team while they play Delaware Valley College on November 1. The Wilkes cheerleaders and Student Government are sponsoring a

bus trip to the game. The bus leaves for the Marts Center at 10:00 a.m. Sign up will be in the lobby of Stark Learning Center and in the cafeteria during the week of the game. Everyone is welcome.

Our women's team took on Allentown College over the weekend to uphold Saturday home win streak. This was a straight home win crushed Allentown. Megan Hadad got things off early and in traffic to put them up 1-0. Danielle pounded her first goal to secure the Colonels lead end of half. Allentown called a timeout at halftime hoping it would be too soon. They would let them in. Wilkes however, had ideas of letting Allentown on the same page. This was very evident. Klicka scored in the Lady Colonels lead. Julie Olenak scored the fourth goal of the game. "It is really exciting to get a victory during the coming weekend,"

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By JEFF REIC

Beacon Staff Writer

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By ROBERT J.

JOSH BURGESS

Beacon Staff Writer



# Wilkes' Alternative Sport

By JEFF REICHL  
Beacon Staff Writer

It was that time of the year again, Homecoming weekend. Everybody was out and about doing their own unique activities.

Many Wilkes students were either taking part in sports games or in the traditional alternative sport at Wilkes, tailgating.

People have been tailgating for many years now, but what does the word really mean? The word tailgating means: relating to or being a picnic set-up on the tailgate of a car, according to Webster. However, here at Wilkes it means: relating to a sporting event when the



The Wilkes cheerleaders get the tailgaters excited.

following events take place: bottle throwing, boxing, wrestling, distance peeing, bongo playing, can smashing, pounding, case-races and the "great bake off".

"I don't remember it, I wish I could," said "Teeny."

On Homecoming weekend, roughly a quarter of the parking lot is designated to tailgating. The majority of Wilkes students take part in this Olympic size festival of out-and-out drunkenness. If you looked close enough, you found students, faculty, alumni, and yes even the battered and bruised athletes.

The one disadvantage of tailgating is the fact that all

those tailgaters that are in the parking lot, are not able to see the game.

"It's good to see the students and alumni talking to each other and having a good time. However, I feel that the tailgating should be moved to the hill so that tailgaters can watch the game as well," said Dr. Carl Charnetski.

So if you were not able to take part in this Olympic-like alternative sport last weekend, make sure to join us for the last home football game on November 15.

## Lady Colonels Tie School Record

By ROBERT J. MORCOM  
JOSH BURGESS  
Beacon Staff Writers

Our women's soccer team took on Allentown College over Homecoming weekend to uphold their Saturday home winning streak. This was their fourth straight home win as they crushed Allentown 4-0.

Megan Haddad started things off early as she scored in traffic to put the Colonels up 1-0. Danielle Benson pounded her first collegiate goal, to secure the Lady Colonels lead ending the first half.

Allentown came out from halftime hoping that Wilkes would be too confident and would let them in the game. Wilkes however, had no such ideas of letting Allentown be on the same page as them. This was very evident as Jill Klicka scored increasing the Lady Colonels lead.

Julie Olenak sealed off the Lady Colonels win as she netted the fourth and final goal of the game.

"It is really exciting to get a victory during Homecoming weekend," said

Olenak.

Wilkes' defense, led by Alison Juralomin, Becky Landis and Jill Klicka, did not let anyone even give goalie Denise Schembari a work out that day. Schembari went on to post her second shut-out of the season.

The Lady Colonels then went on to crush Albright 4-1 on Monday. The win extends their winning streak to three in a row.

Haddad stepped up her play scoring two goals and getting an assist. She is the Lady Colonels' all-time leading scorer. Also helping the cause was Rothrock and Olenak who each netted a goal. Laurie Labbe had two

assists and Lisa Schaffer had one.

"We can't wait to play King's at home on Thursday," said Olenak. "The team is very excited and we will be ready to play." Olenak believes that this will be one of the most intense games of the season.

If the Lady Colonels win this Thursday against King's who is in the MAC, it will break the school record for most wins in a season and will give the team a winning record in the MAC. This will be the first time ever for the Lady Colonels to maintain a winning record.



Lisa Schaffer looks for an open pass.

## "Stump" wins M.V.P.

By REBECCA LANDIS  
Beacon Sports Editor

Congratulations to Chris "Stump" Shannon for winning the Corestate Bank's Most Valuable Player of the Wilkes Homecoming game last Saturday.

"Stump" registered 15 tackles, 6 solos, 2.5 sacks and 1 forced fumble. He was chosen as the outstanding player out of both team's offense and defense.

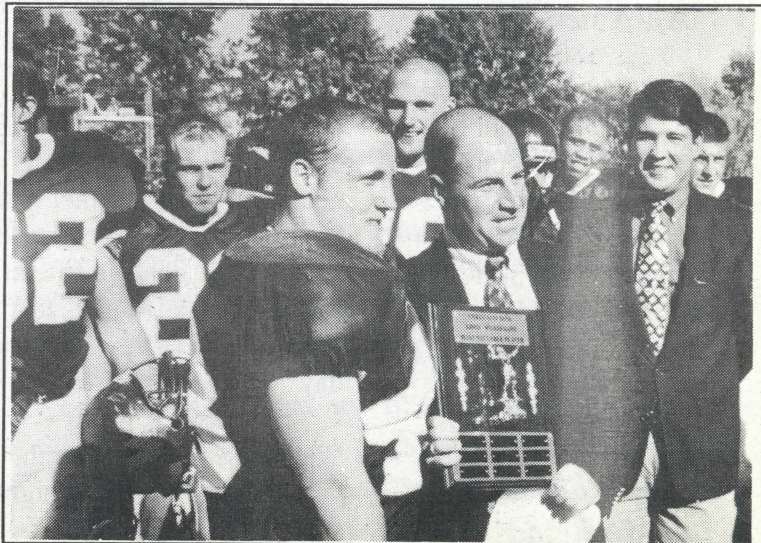
"I did my job, my responsibilities. My defensive line made all my plays for me," said "Stump." "They occupied the blockers and allowed me to make the

tackles."

Corestate was not the only people who believed that Shannon had an outstanding game, "Stump played an excellent game. I believe he deserved the trophy looking at his stats alone," said David Kish. "Every week he busts his ass on the practice and game field. It adds a little icing on the cake."

Brandon Carlin said, "He deserves the trophy, he is one of the hardest workers on the team."

Look for "Stump" number 43 on the field this weekend.



"Stump" is accepting his M.V.P. trophy from Corestates.



# Colonels pound King's Monarchs

By DAVE CLANCY  
Beacon Staff Writer

The setting for Saturday's game was mere perfect. Two cross-town rivals were ready to shoot it out for the mayor's cup on a nearly perfect fall day. Although things were bright and sunny outside, the picture was not so sweet inside the Colonel locker room.

The Wilkes offense started the game clicking on all cylinders. Sophomore tailback sensation Mike Hankins had thirty-two carries for 146 yards including a fifty-five yard touchdown burst which got Wilkes on the board with 8:51 to go in the first quarter.

The extra point by Tim Caron was good making the

score 7-0. Junior Dave Kish played a key role in opening holes for Hankins.

Kish commented, "The

we haven't peaked yet."

The Colonel defense would have to face a solid King's rushing attack



Photos by Frank Tomaszewski  
The Colonels prepare for their game.

offensive line has been very consistent and on Saturday we did a nice job. With each week our offense is improving but

without one of their leading tacklers in senior Joe Sinkovich. Sinkovich would miss the game due to an

illness. However, it would not take long to see that the Colonel defense was up to the challenge.

The stingy Colonel defense stumped the King's offense. Chris "Stump" Shannon had a monster day for Wilkes with fifteen tackles and two and a half sacks.

Also, All-American defensive end J.J. Fadden, continued his red hot play with twelve tackles and one sack.

Walter Hall joined in on the sack fest dropping King's quarterback Frank Delano and in the process recording his first sack.

Senior defensive end Layne Rarig was pleased by the effort of the defense.

"King's could not beat us with their passing attack. So, once we stopped the run it allowed us to put pressure on

the quarterback," said R

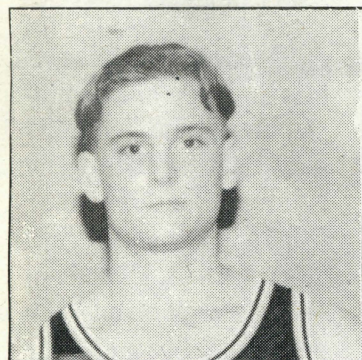
The Colonels special teams would probe the two scores. A twenty-five yard field goal from Car and a dazzling eighty-five yard punt return from freshman Scott Schoffner made the score 17-0.

A 40 yard touchdown strike from Neil Rine to Randy Yerger capped the scoring with 1:47 left in the second quarter making the final score 23-0.

Rine finished the day 7-13 for 157 yards with a touchdown.

The Wilkes defense pitched its second shutout the year keeping King's passing game grounded and its rushing attack stymied.

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## CONGRATULATIONS!

Mike Barrouk was named 2nd team Pre-Season All-American by *The Sporting News*

*Congratulations to the football, and men's and women's soccer teams on their winning streaks!*

*Good Luck to the field hockey team in League play-offs next Wednesday!*

## Season ends with loss

By GREGG COLLINS  
Beacon Staff Writer

Another disappointing season came to an end for the women's tennis team last Thursday. The Colonels lost 8-1 in their final match at Moravian.

Picking up the lone win for Wilkes was the tandem of Courtney Scutt and Nicole Weiss. The duo was victorious, sneaking past their Greyhound opponents 8-6 in a pro-set.

## Werkheiser gets hat trick

By COREY YANOSHA  
Beacon Staff Writer

Trying to erase a 1-0 deficit late in the second half, the Lady Colonels did not need to look any further than Lisa Werkheiser. Werkheiser scored three goals in fifteen minutes to lead Wilkes to a 3-1 victory over Drew on Saturday.

The hat trick gave Werkheiser 13 goals on the year, putting her in the eight spot of the all-time single-season scoring leaders. The

The Colonels finished the season 1-9, as they picked up their first win in three years. However, another losing season brings up some questions about the coaching year coach Dave Macedo had. Macedo led the team to their first victory ever, but did not do much else.

Macedo, a very competitive man, also appeared frustrated at many times throughout the season. It is uncertain if he will choose to return next year.

win pushes Wilkes to 9-6 overall, and 3-1 in the MAC Freedom League.

Carrie Chipeco notched her first of two assists on the tying goal. Chipeco would later assist Werkheiser again, this time on her third goal, with merely 25 seconds left.

Heather Evanish set up the game-winner late in the second half, giving the Lady Colonels a 2-1 lead and the momentum to take the rest of the game.

## Volleyball struggles

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The Lady Colonels volleyball team struggled against Lycoming College in a match they lost in three games; 17-15, 15-5, and 15-5.

In the loss, senior captain Melissa Pammer nailed twenty-five assists to bring her career total to 1,075. She needs only seventy-nine more assists to be the Wilkes volleyball all-time assists leader.

Big performances were once again turned in by Carin and Shannon Smar. Shannon managed eight service points and Carin led the Lady Colonels with eleven kills.

Also coming through with a strong performance in the loss was Shanna Henninger who recorded fourteen digs.

Currently, the Lady Colonels have an 8-11 record and a 1-4 mark in the MAC Freedom League.



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The Lady Colonels battle for the ball.

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