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Design a new masthead

The *Beacon* is holding a contest for the best design of a front page design to be used as a weekly focal point for the print voice of the students of Wilkes University.

Design what you think *The Beacon* masthead should look like. The best design will appear on the cover of *The Beacon* for the rest of the year.

The design must include *The Beacon* name and a picture of a beacon. Entries can be dropped off at *The Beacon* office on the second floor of Hollenback Hall.

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Black History Month celebrated on campus

By LISA RUGGIERO
Beacon Staff Writer

Black History Month was started as "Negro History Week" on February 19, 1929. It was established by Carter G. Woodson who started the American Negro Academy which was a sanctuary for the studies of accomplishments of black individuals.

February was chosen to be Black History Month because it included the birthdays of both Frederick Douglass and Abraham Lincoln who played major roles in black history.

Only 1.5 percent of the Wilkes University student body is black, but Black History Month can still be a big celebration for all.

One student, Alice Danso said, "I think celebrating Black History Month at Wilkes is great, but more people should participate. Being a white school, we need more support from that majority."

The Multicultural Student Coalition (MSC) is sponsoring several functions to celebrate Black History Month, which lasts until the end of February.

A read-in commenced the activities on Monday, February 1st. Students were encouraged to read any work by or about any African-American author. The read-in was on an individual basis this year, but there are plans to make it a group activity for next year.

On Friday, February 5th the movie "Beloved" starring Oprah Winfrey will be shown in SLC 101 at 7:30p.m. The movie is sponsored by the Wilkes University Programming Board and admission is free.

The MSC is holding a "Dating Game Dance" on Friday, February 12 in Rumours Lounge. This event is also free to attend and will begin at 9:00p.m.

On Tuesday, February 16th, there will be a "Donut Day Bake Sale." This fund-raiser will be all day in the Stark Lobby and proceeds will go towards the MSC.

The highlight of the month will be the "Black History Month Program" on Tuesday, February 23 at 7:30p.m. in the Dorothy Dickson Darte Center. Special guest speaker will be Ron Felton,

President of the NAACP Local Chapter. There will also be readings, music and refreshments.

Wednesday, February 24th will conclude the celebration with a "Roundtable Discussion on Inclusion." All members of the Wilkes community are invited to speak their minds freely as equals. The discussion will begin at 3:30p.m. in Alumni Affairs, Annette Evans Hall.

"You don't have to be black to

participate in Black History Month", says Brittany Richardson. Gina Z. Morrison added, "I think it's the spirit of inclusion that students in the MSC have that we should rejoice in other people's cultures."

For more information, call Gina Z. Morrison in the Office of Multicultural Affairs at extension 4731.

FACTS

Percentage of black students enrolled at local colleges:

Wilkes University -	1.5%
Kings College -	2 %
University of Scranton -	1%

* Statistics that encourages other cultures to participate in this month-long event.

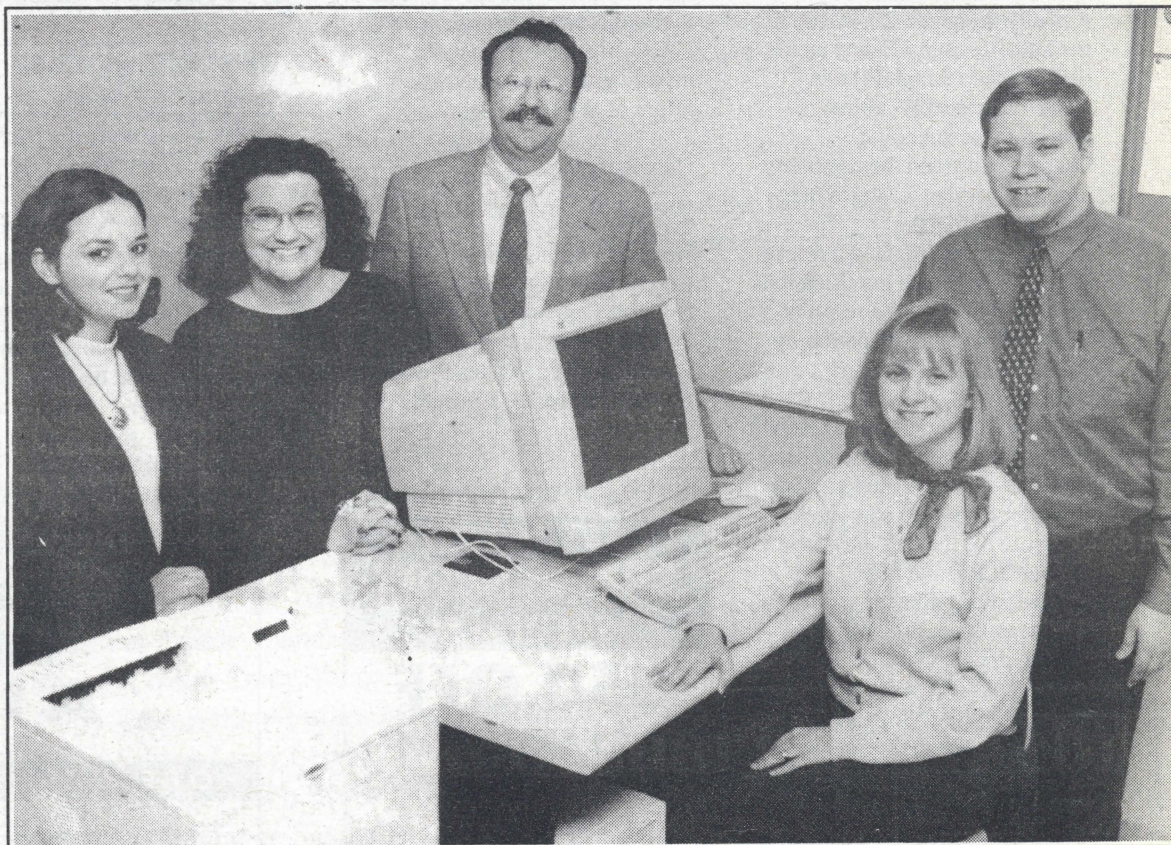
Free income tax assistance offered

DEENA M. GUADAGNO
Special to The Beacon

As the pending tax season approaches, many people seek outside assistance to help them file their income tax returns. Continuing with its long standing tradition, Wilkes University's Accounting Department will offer free income tax assistance to elderly and low-income individuals through its annual Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program (VITA).

VITA will be held each Saturday in February, in room 108 of Classroom Office Building, 137 South Franklin Street, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The program is designed to help community members prepare their basic federal and state taxes. The student volunteers have taken a course in tax preparation and have special training in filing state taxes.

Interested taxpayers should bring this year's tax package, wage and earning statements (W-2 forms) from all employers,



Members of the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program will offer tax help to the community

interest statements from banks (1099 forms), a copy of last years tax return, if available, and other relevant information about income and expenses.

For more information, contact the secretary of accounting department at (570)408-4725

News

Autism screenings made available through Wilkes

WILKES-BARRE--

As many as 1 in every 200 children may suffer from autism. Many of these children go undiagnosed and untreated.

In an effort to increase awareness and improve treatment for area children, Wilkes University and the Children's Service Center have announced a free autism screening program.

The announcement was made by Dr. Christopher Breiseth, president of Wilkes University and Joseph DeVizia, executive director of the Children's Service Center.

"Autism is a serious neurological disorder that usually occurs within the first 30 months of life," said DeVizia. "The symptoms can range from mild to severe and may include behavioral difficulties, delayed onset of speech and the lack of

play or social skills."

"Our community has been instrumental in organizing a parent's support group, SAFE which stands for Supporting Autism Families Everywhere, and a coalition on autism," added Breiseth. "Our mission with the coalition has been to establish local expertise and expand the treatment of children with autism."

The Children's Service Center in cooperation with Wilkes University has an Autism Program which has made positive changes in many autistic children's lives and given hope to their families.

If anyone suspects their child may be autistic, or if they are concerned with any inappropriate behaviors their child has developed, they are urged to call the Children's Service Center at 825-6425.



Photo courtesy University Relations

President Breiseth gathers with members of the Children's Service Center

Novartis Amphitheater dedicated at Wilkes

WILKES-BARRE--

Representatives from Wilkes University and Novartis Pharmaceutical Corporation, East Hanover, New Jersey, recently held a dedication ceremony to formally designate Room 166 of the Stark Learning Center as the new Novartis Amphitheater.

Dr. Bernard W. Graham, dean, Wilkes School of Pharmacy, opened the ceremony with an overview of the Wilkes/Novartis partnership.

He also highlighted a few of the many high-tech modifications made to the room as a result of a generous monetary donation by Novartis, to the School of Pharmacy.

Through more than \$130,000 in renovations, the Amphitheater now provides each student with an outlet for laptop computers, access to the internet, new desks and tabletops, and new technology equipment.

In addition, professors are now equipped with internet connections and video projection capabilities that allow the students and professor in the Amphitheater to see and talk to another professor in a separate location.

Jean Menz, Pharmacy Department, associate director, disease management at Novartis, enlightened the audience of Wilkes pharmacy students, faculty, and the Wilkes Board of

Directors with the latest trends in health care management.

Alyse Baumann, Wilkes pharmacy class of 2000, and president of the Student Senate of the School of Pharmacy, formally thanked Novartis president and C.E.O. Wayne P. Yetter for investing in the education and future of Wilkes students.

Yetter graduated from Wilkes University in 1967.

Others that were thanked at the ceremony were Jean Menz of Novartis Pharmaceutical Corporation; Anne Wilson, Novartis Outcomes Research Fellow, South Dakota State University; and Wilkes President Dr. Christopher N. Breiseth.

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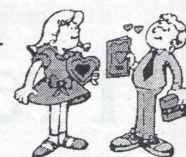
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Let Psi Chi find your valentine



By NICOLE METZGER
Beacon Staff Writer

If you are looking for a person to share this Valentine's Day with, Wilkes is the place to be.

Psi Chi, the National Honor Society for Psychology, is running a fund-raiser to help raise money for their inductions.

Wilkes is the host of the this year's annual event between Wilkes, Kings College and College Misericordia that helps find compatible matches.

All you have to do is fill out a survey about yourself about your likes

and dislikes. Jenn Topa, one of the creators of the survey said, "It's just a short quiz, approximately 30 questions about yourself to see who you are compatible with on campus."

Questionnaires can be filled out and handed in at the Stark Learning Center Lobby today from 12pm to 1pm, and Friday from 12pm to 1pm. You may also drop the form off at Dr. Bohlander's office in COB 307.

The surveys will be tallied up and three of your top matches will be emailed to you.

A one dollar donation is being asked to help support the Psi Chi club.

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Disney to interview at Marywood

Walt Disney World resorts are coming to Marywood University on February 17. The school will be holding interviews for the College Program internship. The internship is open to all majors and lets you see the inner-workings of a Fortune 500 company.

The College Program consists of three parts. These are the learning, and earning aspect. There are students selected from all over the world and are expected to work directly in one of the resorts at the resort.

There will be several informative sessions here at Wilkes to help prepare you for the interviews. The sessions will be given by Adriana Espinosa who completed the College Program last year.

The sessions will be on February 4 and February 11 at 12:30pm and 4pm in COB 307.

If you are interested in applying for the internship, you will have to sign up with Max Bosack on the second floor of the Max Roth Center.

This is the first time you can enjoy. My main goal is to get a little more about you.

There's always a Wilkes year round event. Weekend (a lot of fun). For now, the first of all, for the semester and are looking for a seminar called Marywood at 7 p.m. in COB 107 which you can become sponsored by the Marywood Learning Center designed to encourage you for achieving your goals."

If you don't know (or for the last couple of years) this is all about.

Secondly, there are you aren't afraid of the rumors and hurt at all.

"Why should I? Blood is at an all time high for a good cause and it doesn't get free pizza after dinner and movie for you."

Feel free to call Max Bosack at roshn@wilkes.edu

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On Campus

with Mike Rosh

This is the first column I've ever written so I hope you enjoy. My main goal is to get you, the students, to learn a little more about what's going on around Wilkes University.

There's always a plethora of events happening at Wilkes year round. The biggest upcoming event is Winter Weekend (a lot of fun), but I'll talk about that later in the semester. For now, this is what's going on this semester.

First of all, for those of you who did not do so hot last semester and are looking to improve this semester, there's a seminar called *Making Changes* this Sunday, February 7 at 7 p.m. in COB 106. This event will present ways in which you can become "solution-oriented." The event is sponsored by the Residence Life Office and the University Learning Center. The promotional flyer says, "It is designed to encourage and assist you with creating a plan for achieving your academic and personal development goals."

If you don't know what happened to you last semester (or for the last couple of semesters) and since there's no football this weekend, get up off the couch and see what this is all about.

Secondly, there is also a Blood Drive on today. So if you aren't afraid of needles, and even if you are, head over to Rumors and donate some blood. It really doesn't hurt at all.

"Why should I donate blood?" you ask yourself. Blood is at an all time low. Think about that. This is a good cause and it doesn't take long. Not to mention you get free pizza after you donate, and they are giving away a dinner and movie for two. Remember, the life you save may be someone you know.

Feel free to call me at Ext. 5966 or email me at roshtm@wilkes.edu with suggestions and comments.

Also if you have any complaints or concerns about security, let me know. I'm the chairperson of the security committee for Student Government. I can get your complaint to the right person.

Editorial Sick of sitting around?

Why aren't you involved? Is it because you are too busy? Is it because you're too lazy? Is it because being involved is not cool?

Or is it because there's nothing to do?

This week's Calender of Events has absolutely nothing on Sunday, February 7 and nothing on Tuesday, February 9. This could mean one of two things. Either a.) There really is nothing happening on campus on those two days, and students are expected to sit in their rooms and rot; or b.) there is something going on, but the organizers didn't know to contact *The Beacon* with news about their event. Because we've received notices from the programming board, university relations, the blood drive and Campus Interfaith, we will assume that nothing is happening on Sunday or Tuesday.

That is pathetic. The number one complaint we hear from groups, teams, organizations and committees is that no one gets involved. The number one complaint from students is that there is nothing to do. The obvious solution is to create more things to get involved in that interest students.

No offense to tax collectors, but we don't think students are going to map out their Saturday's like this. **9:00 am** Wake up, shower, eat breakfast, get dressed and brush their teeth. **10:00 am** Run to a volunteer income tax program, stare at W2 forms, listen to tax attorneys and do their taxes, **12:00 p.m.** Break for lunch! **2:00 pm** Head to the Marts Center to watch a women's basketball game. **4:00 pm** Head back to the dorm a call it a night.

We don't know everything about college kids, but we do know that you don't like to wake up before noon on a Saturday afternoon. We know that you want something to do after an afternoon basketball game. We also know that most of you want nothing to do with a tax seminar. You want to have fun.

As students, we have noticed that no matter how hard you try, the faculty and administration can't plan a good weekend for us. They don't know what students like. Therefore, it is your responsibility as students to plan events and get involved.

As far as we are concerned, the number one reason we students don't get involved is because we expect other people to do things for us.

Get off your butts and make things happen.

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Schedule of Events

The *Schedule of Events* contains only campus related events and activities that take place on or near campus. This calendar is used to inform students, faculty, and the rest of the Wilkes community of what is happening at Wilkes. Events that involve campus groups that take place off campus or out of walking distance for students will not be included. If you would like your event included, please drop off a schedule or announcement at *The Beacon* office located on the second floor of Hollenback Hall.

Thursday, February 4

- *Blood Drive, Rumors, Marts Center. 10 am-4 pm
- *Corporate Express Trade Fair, Marts 214. 11 am-2 pm
- *Cellular Phone Presentation, HRM Training Room. 10 am-3 pm
- *"Making the Learning Paradigm a Reality," COB 316. 2 pm-4:30 pm

Friday, February 5

- *TGIF, Faculty Lounge, Fenner Hall. 4 pm-6 pm
- *"Beloved" starring Oprah Winfrey, SLC 101. 7:30 pm

Saturday, February 6

- *Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program, COB 108. 10 am-2 pm
- *Women's Basketball vs. Moravian, Marts Center. 2 pm

Monday, February 8

- *Committee for the Abolition of the Death Penalty, Meeting, Peace Center Office. 12 pm

Wednesday, February 10

- *Women's Basketball vs. King's, Marts Center. 6 pm
- *Men's Basketball vs. King's, Marts Center. 8 pm

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The Beacon

is accepting applications for editorial staff positions for the spring semester. Staff scholarships, work study money and credit are available.

Positions include:

- Photo Editor**-(Scholarship) Responsible for all photography related duties.
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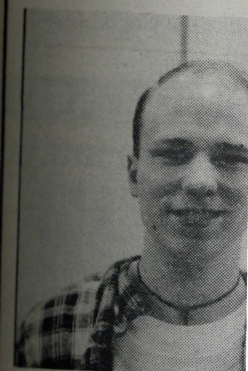
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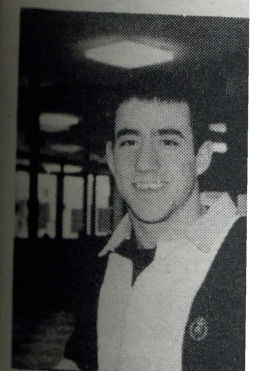
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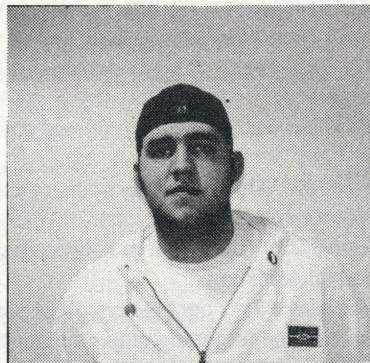
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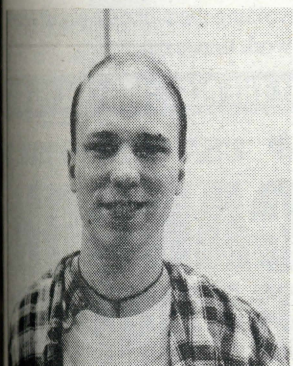
What would you like to see change on campus?



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"More parking."



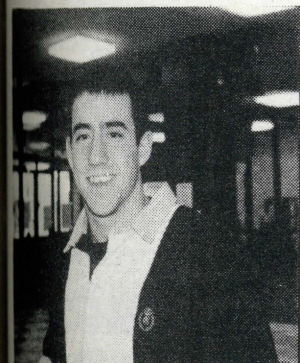
Jason Berresford-
"More beer stores."



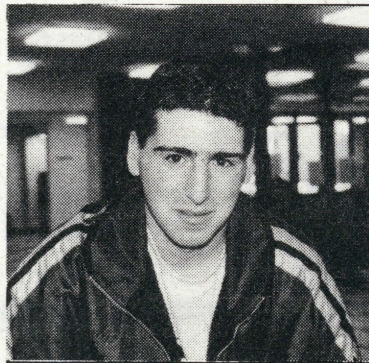
Neil Andress-
"Open cafes and book stores."



Carla Stoeffler-
"More of a college town instead of a ghost town."



B.J. Stelacone-
"More entertainment."



Adam Araujo-
"Less mud on the construction site."

Ultima Online-- The Ultimate in Online Gaming

with John Bruett
Beacon Web Manager

Ever since the internet started Ultima has been there. The World Wide Web has introduced a new world of gaming that many people have become enveloped in. Many people would say that there is nothing better than this service called Ultima. For those of you that aren't familiar with the service, I am in the same shoes that you are. As I understand there is this "online universe" which is set in the medieval times. This "universe" is filled with, like any other universe, people from many different backgrounds and abilities. However the difference between this and most of the other online universes is that it is completely human driven. This is the first successful online role playing simulation game. There is nothing further than the setting and basic abilities that the computer creates. The world that surrounds the people within is literally one "of the people, for the people, and by the people".

The original Ultima was developed in the late 70's by a man named Richard Garriott. He had originally designed the game for the Apple IIe, which may I add they no longer made. The original games are not internet games. They were literally one of the original RPG's on the market. There are eight original Ultima games that make up the library. Garriott then joined forces with a development team to create what has become the second most played online game only behind the Quake series.

The gaming idea behind this online RPG superpower is very similar to that of Dungeons and Dragons. The characters in this world start at a very basic level. Throughout the game you build your player up and gain experience and abilities. You learn everything from cooking to magic and you use these abilities to survive throughout the game. By survival I mean staying alive. The major point the game is to destroy the other guilds through guild warfare. A guild is very similar to the medieval ideas of clans. However, do not be mistaken, they are guilds. I was warned never to make the mistake.

Now the only problem that I have with Ultima is the price. The game itself is regular price, about forty-five to fifty dollars. However, there is another price associated with this game and that is the ten dollar a month service charge for access to the Ultima server. This is the only way to become part of the action. Well anyway, if you are interested then you need to go out and buy the game. Then you need to register and I suggest learning how to play. Here are the major web sites that deal directly with the game:

<http://www.owo.com> This is for game registration

<http://uoss.stratics.com> This is for learning how to play

So go and enjoy this most interesting world of Ultima Online.

Weekly Top Ten Web Sites

10. No man may purchase alcohol without written consent from his wife in Pennsylvania. I guess me and the Captain won't be spending the evening together after all. For other useless laws, check it out:

<http://members.xoom.com/stupidlaws/>

9. This site is neither enjoyable or entertaining. Unfortunately it might be one of the most useful and can provide a great deal of information. Welcome to The STD Homepage.

<http://med-www.bu.edu/people/sycamore/std/>

8. Everyday we trudge through our lives without stopping to look around. To catch a glimpse into the life of a young lady in college, visit *e s s e n c e*. It only gets better and better...

<http://wilkes1.wilkes.edu/~lamdm/index.html>

7. I have to admit that the name and the graphic caught my eye more than the content of this site. But I think these guys got something good here. What other game tests your dexterity and your tolerance? How else would thousands of college students stay in shape without this bi-weekly exercise? Visit the Major League Beer Pong Association.

<http://www.pitt.edu/~pjhst15/mlbpa.html>

6. I've never had a signature file at the end of my e-mails. But I know that many of you do. Now you don't have to be witty on your own, but can turn to the Cool Signature Files page. Of course with a site like this, you have to take the good with the bad. And there is a lot of bad.

<http://www.coolsig.com/>

5. So you have lots of money to buy software and XXX accounts? You wish... Now you don't have to wish with the Top Fifty Warez Sites. Sure, you may have to search the better part of the day to find what you need, but time is easier to come by than money.

<http://www.T50.com/>

4. Research paper is due next month, next week, or even tomorrow. It's a weekday so you're drinking. Lucky for you there are guys taking care of you. The Student Essay Network is the place to go. And if you can't find what you need, there are links to several other sources of "information". But try to only use it in an emergency.

<http://www.ee.calpoly.edu/~ercarlso/papers.htm>

3. For the young aspiring guitarist who still looks into Slash's eyes and says, "Me too," here's the site for you. Tablature, instructions, and everything else for guitar players.

<http://www.harmony-central.com/Guitar/>

2. Can't quite figure out the lyrics to One Week? Or perhaps some of Napalm Death's finer selections? Not to worry, there's another site in the making as we speak. Full lyrics. Everybody's gonna be there. You outta go.

<http://www.lyrics.ch/>

1. Do you Yahoo?

<http://www.yahoo.com/>

information compiled by Larry Lewis

Features Entertainment

Year long celebration of the Arts

PAULA J. GENTILMEN
Special to the Beacon

Wilkes University is strengthening its commitment to the community arts programs through the recent appointments of Nina Davidowitz, Director of Wilkes University's Encore Music Camp and Shelly Pearce, Director of Wilkes Community Conservatory (WCC).

Davidowitz, native of Kingston, Pa., was promoted to the director of Encore Music Camp, a nationally acclaimed summer arts camp for students ages 13 to 18. She previously served for two years as the director of the WCC, a non-profit community music school at Wilkes.

With Encore, Davidowitz is developing a new four week visual arts program and a two week creative writing program to compliment the pre-existing music, theatre and dance curriculum. The traditional summer performing arts schedule, which includes classical music, jazz, ballet, dance and theatre productions, will be complemented with art shows and chamber music teas.

Encore Music Camp will run from June 27 through August 7, 1999. For more information call (570) 408-4426.

After graduating from Wyoming Seminary High School, Davidowitz earned a Bachelor's

degree in art history from Mount Holyoke College in 1981. She continued studies at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst and at the Fashion Institute Of Technology in New York City. She has been working as a professional artist for 20 years.

Pearce, Dallas, Pa., earned a Bachelor's degree in business administration with a concentration in finance and a minor in art from Wilkes. She also sits on the Board of Directors for the Cultural Council of Luzerne County and the Northeast Pennsylvania Philharmonic.

As WCC director, Pearce is planning events to help provide quality music instruction in orchestral instruments, as well as piano, guitar and voice lessons to community members ages 18 months to adult. The conservatory will also offer classes to high school students in theatre and music theory, as well as performing ensembles and the children's choir. Public recitals are held regularly by faculty, students and guest artists.

Auditions for the Wyoming Valley Children's Choir and Wyoming Valley Youth Chorale will begin at 10 am.

A reception will be held on February 7, 1999 in the lobby of the Dorothy Dickson Darte Center for the performing arts center to celebrate the appointments of Davidowitz and Pearce.



Aligning the planets with Madame Zelda

Taurus (April 20 - May 20) Soaring self confidence will blast into a serious party mode this weekend. But still try and take it easy, you don't want to over do it.

Gemini (May 21 - June 21) This week is the time you lay down the bag of chips and throw away all the junk food. Finally, you will start on your New Year's resolution.

Cancer (June 22 - July 22) This week you will catch up on all your late schoolwork. You will finally get a weekend for rest and relaxation.

Leo (July 22 - August 22) This week you will be stressed out and overworked. You will need major down time to rest you weary nerves.

Virgo (August 23 - September 22) This week the creative juices will be flowing like the Nile. You'll zip right through your work and a couple extra credit projects.

Libra (September 23 - October 23) You'll be torn between hitting the books and hitting the social scene this weekend. Go with what you think is right.

Scorpio (October 24 - November 21) Your energy will be soaring through the roof this week. But don't try to do too much at once or you will end up forgetting things that matter most.

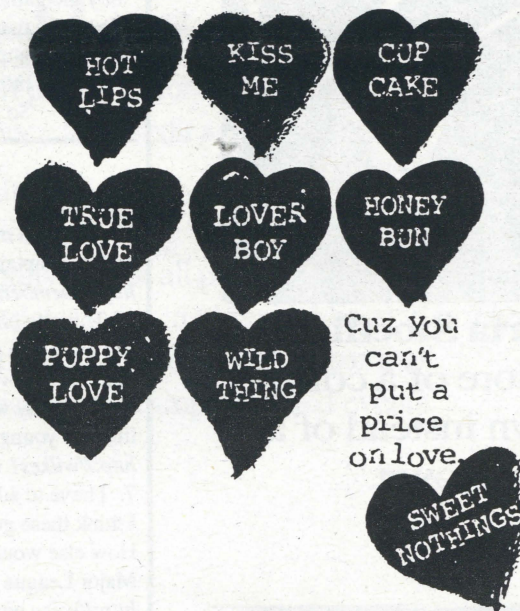
Sagittarius (November 22 - December 21) This weekend you might end up at the same party as your recent ex. You will start to regret splitting but try to focus on why it happened and all will be well.

Capricorn (December 22 - January 19) Lately you have been wanting to travel and see all the friends you haven't seen in months. Don't let it get to you because you might not have the chance for a while.

Aquarius (January 20 - February 18) You have been down in the dumps lately and for a very good reason. But it's time to pick yourself up. Go to a party and try and have a good time. You might surprise yourself.

Pisces (February 19 - March 20) Your confidence will soar this week after being praised by teachers and peers. Keep that in mind for the weeks to come when you will definitely need it.

Aries (March 21 - April 19) A fight between you and your parents had you avoiding them like the plague. Show them that you're trying to be a mature adult and try and be the first to try and work things out.



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Beacon Athletes of the Month

The Beacon Athlete of the Month is a decision-making process that has been implemented by this year's Beacon staff. The athletes considered for this honor are recommended to the editorial staff by Beacon staff writers, editors, photographers and correspondents.

The ultimate decision of who earns the Athlete of the Month award is decided upon by Corey Yanoshak, Beacon Sports Editor and the Wilkes University sports information department.

All statistics are courtesy of John Seitszinger, director, sports information.

Katie Watkins: Basketball

After earning *The Beacon* Female Athlete of the Month for December, women's basketball player Katie Watkins has earned the honor for the second consecutive month. She has been named *The Beacon* Female Athlete of the Month for January.

Watkins has most recently been named the Middle Atlantic Conference Player of the Week and the Columbus Multi-Media Middle Atlantic Regional Player of the Week for the final week in January.

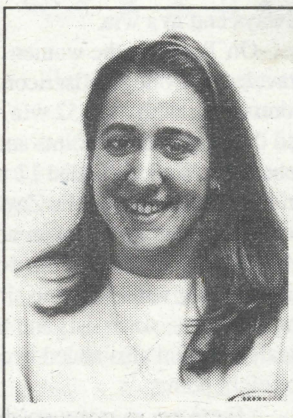
Watkins recorded six straight double-doubles throughout the month, while averaging 16.2 points per game and 9 rebounds per game her junior year. Watkins has hit the season high in both categories

this month with 26 points against Delaware Valley College and 14 rebounds against Lycoming College.

"She has shown up to play every game," said women's coach Karen Haag. "She's been a tremendous leader and she's having a great year. I have no complaints."

Watkins helped the Lady Colonels to consecutive wins over Albright College, 73-65, and Drew University, 70-47.

"I don't really think Jill Ronkowski's injury had an effect on her play," said Haag of Watkins' play after Ronkowski's injury midway through January. "But it's more noticeable now. Everyone has stepped up their game."



Katie Watkins earned *The Beacon* Female Athlete of the Month for January.

Photo by Frank Tomaszewski

Chad Fabian: Basketball

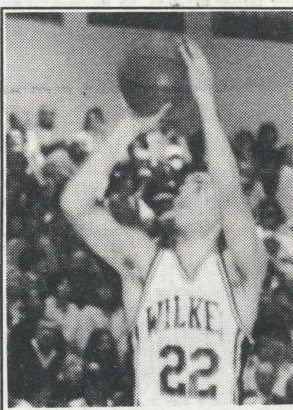
He is paired with an All-American candidate, who is regarded as one of the better shooting guards in the conference. He came into his junior year with expectations of starting and contributing. But he wasn't expected to do as much damage as he done. For that, Chad Fabian has been named *The Beacon* Male Athlete of the Month for January.

Fabian, playing alongside Dave Januzzi who is averaging 19.5 points per game, has averaged 19.2 points per game in his last 12 games. For the year, Fabian is averaging 15.4 points per game, along with four rebounds and two assists per game.

With Januzzi slumping due to extreme pressure from opposing defenses, Fabian has stepped into the shooting role and has thrived. In the past 12 games, Fabian has connected on 50 of 100 three-pointers, giving him 261 points this season.

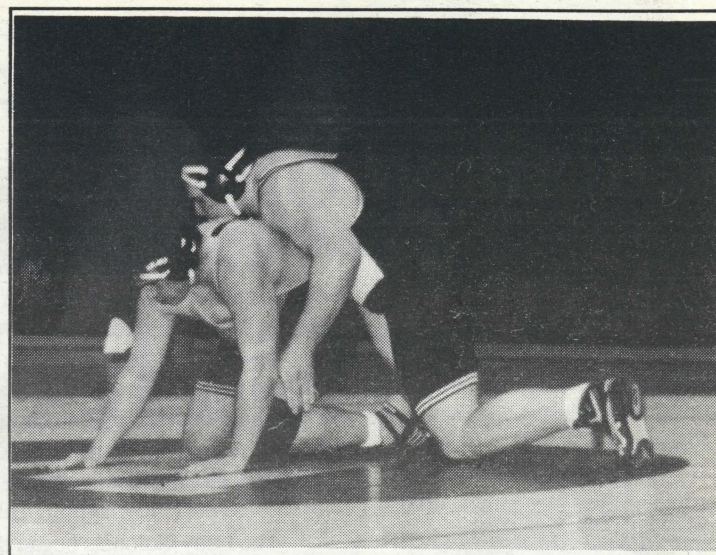
Fabian recorded a career-high 32 points this past weekend in a 85-56 win over FDU-Madison. In the same game, Fabian set a Wilkes' record with 10 three-pointers in one game. Fabian was two treys away from the Middle Atlantic Conference record for three-pointers in a game.

In the final week of the month, Fabian averaged 25 points per game, along with 6.5 rebounds, earning a spot on the MAC Honor Roll.



Chad Fabian earned *The Beacon* Athlete of the Month for January.

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Two wrestlers get ready to battle in action at the Marts Center.

Wrestlers ready for Lycoming

By ROBERT J. MORCOM

Beacon Staff Writer

This past weekend, the Wilkes University wrestling team traveled to Boston, Massachusetts, where they came away with two impressive wins against Division I squads. The Colonels, who now stand at 15-3 defeated Boston College 32-18 and Franklin and Marshall College 39-9.

At 125 pounds, Jason Ambrose won both of his matches by forfeit, while at 133 pounds Corey Luce finished the weekend at 1-1. His one win was an impressive pin 22 seconds into the match. John Conte went 2-0 at 141 pounds, with one of his wins coming by fall against Dave DeAngelo of Boston College. His other victory was a 13-6 decision over Bobby Crick of Franklin and Marshall.

Conte had this to say about the weekend matches, "Even though they (F&M) beat us last year, we kind of ran away with this one." He also stated that, "the match against Boston College was a lot closer than the score shows."

Joe Smith went 2-0 with one win coming at 184 pounds and the other coming at the 197 weight class. Steve Tornambe, Chad Rovner and Captain Duane Ritter each went 1-1 at the dual meet. Heavyweight Heath Fleisher also split this weekend, as he won by forfeit against Franklin and Marshall but then lost a tough decision to Antonio Garay of Boston College.

The Colonels will run their 15-3 mark this Saturday as they go to battle with the Scranton Royals and the nationally ranked Lycoming Warriors.

"They have the same record as us, but they are getting more respect. I guess Saturday will be the day for us to show what we're all about," said Conte on Lycoming.

M.A.C. STATS

As of January 31, 1999

Men's Basketball

Freedom League

Scranton 14-3 (8-1)
Lycoming 14-3 (6-2)
Wilkes 15-2 (6-2)
FDU-Madison 12-5 (5-4)
Allentown 11-8 (5-4)
Drew 6-12 (2-7)
King's 5-12 (2-7)
Delaware Valley 6-12 (1-8)

Commonwealth League

Lebanon Valley 16-1 (9-0)
Albright 12-5 (7-2)
Elizabethtown 12-5 (6-3)
Widener 10-9 (5-4)
Susquehanna 6-11 (4-5)
Moravian 8-10 (3-6)
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Lady Colonels win two of three

By COREY YANOSHAK
Beacon Sports Editor

After going on a two-game winning streak, the Lady Colonels faced off against Allentown College at home.

Unfortunately, the women could not keep the streak alive, dropping a 93-71 decision to the Lady Centaurs.

Katie Watkins paced the women with 16 points and eight rebounds. Freshman Lauren Elwood continued her stellar play with a 13-point night, including eight free throws. Tracy Zaykoski added 10 points in the losing effort.

"I haven't gone to see her play 18 times in New Jersey for nothing," said women's coach Karen Haag of Elwood. "She's really stepped up and she's starting to score points."

Steph Huber chipped in five points and five rebounds, while Robyn Mendygral tossed in seven.

Allentown jumped out to a 49-24 lead at the half, which the Lady Colonels answered by outscoring the Lady Centaurs 47-44 in the second half, but it was not enough to overcome the overwhelming deficit.

The Lady Colonels began their two-game win streak with a 65-58 home victory against FDU-Madison.

Elwood tossed in a career-high 17 points, with a four for nine performance from the three-point arc. Allison Pikulski chipped in with 10 points and five rebounds, while Huber batted away four shots.

Watkins saw her six-game double-double streak come to an end, but still threw in 17 points with eight boards to lead the Lady Colonels.

"We've played well this

semester, with the exception of the Widener game," said Haag, referring to her team's 91-70 loss on the road. "But we are playing hard and we don't quit. Unfortunately, it doesn't always end in a win."

On Tuesday, the women traveled to College Misericordia, coming out with a 60-52 win. Huber led the way with 13 points and eight rebounds. Watkins added 11 points and nine rebounds, while Zaykoski netted 12 points with seven boards. Mendygral rounded out the double-digit scoring with 11 points, including two treys, six assists and three steals. Elwood also added two treys for eight points.

"There are so many positives," said Haag. "We can still make the playoffs, because teams are knocking each other off left and right. We're not out of it."

The Lady Colonels rode their

two-game streak after three consecutive losses. A 63-58 heart-breaker at Lycoming was the final game of the skid, while a 70-54 loss to Scranton and an 87-76 defeat at Delaware Valley College comprise the three.

"We've had some tough losses," said Haag of the short downfall. "But we don't give up and we are playing well."

Haag also finds that her whole team has stepped up with the loss of Jill Ronkowski, the team's second-leading scorer.

"Sometimes teams lose a player to an injury and they just fold. But we stepped up. If you've seen this team play this year, their heart and character is evident. They just don't quit."

The Lady Colonels get back into action with two home games next week, Moravian College and King's College.

Sirriani to W&J

Wilkes University football offensive coordinator Mike Sirriani has decided to leave Wilkes-Barre and assume the offensive coordinator position at Washington and Jefferson University.

"When coaches get the chance to move on and move up, it says a lot about that program," said head coach Frank Sheptock.

The Pittsburgh area school is closer to Sirriani's hometown in Ohio.

"I'm disappointed, but I'm optimistic about the change," said quarterback Josh Bradley. "I'm confident the team will respond like any other adversity."

Although only a coach for a year at Wilkes, Sheptock noted Sirriani's relationship on and off the field with the players.

"It won't affect our production, but it does hurt emotionally."

Gryboski tops 1,000 points, Colonels get revenge

By COREY YANOSHAK
Beacon Sports Editor

After suffering their first loss of the season at Allentown, the men's basketball team came into Wednesday night's game at home with a little revenge planned.

"There's definitely a little revenge factor," said coach Jerry Rickrode before the 88-69 win. "I think we've improved since the first time we played and our guys are ready."

Senior Brian Gryboski topped the 1,000-point mark for his career at Wilkes, netting 20 points to lead four Colonels in double-digits.

Dave Januzzi poured in 19, while Chad Fabian netted three treys for 18 points. Freshman Greg Barrouk connected on six of seven from the charity stripe, totaling a career-high 16 points on the night, while pulling in a team-high six rebounds.

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Sheakoski added six points apiece for the winners.

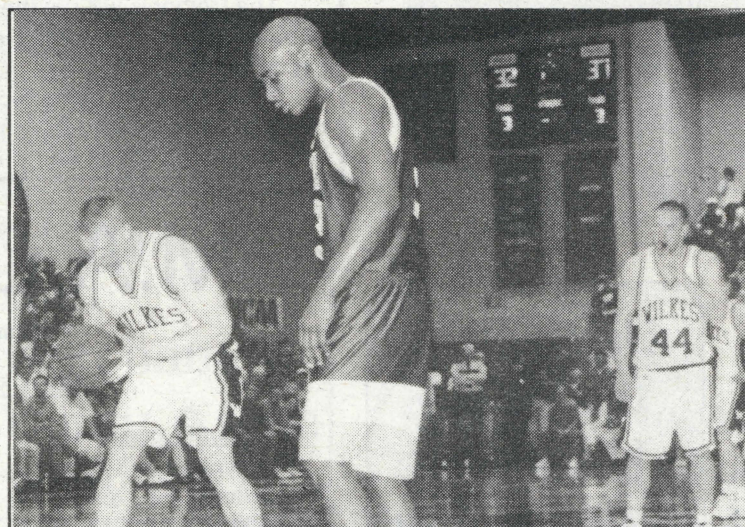
Wilkes finished an astonishing 95% from the free throw line, while shooting 51% from the field.

After being up by more than ten in the first half, Allentown got

within four at the half, but Wilkes dominated the second half, 47-32.

Barrouk and Januzzi each dished out four assists.

Januzzi, Gryboski, Fabian, and Cleveland all notched two steals for the winners.



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Brian Gryboski and Dave Januzzi have been integral to the Colonels' success.

Last week, after dropping a tough 88-78 loss at Lycoming College, the men's basketball team routed FDU-Madison on Saturday, on their home turf. Wilkes came out with an 85-56 win over the Jersey Devils.

Back in early December, the Colonels struggled against FDU in their first conference meeting, pulling off a 69-62 win at the Marts Center.

But this past weekend was different.

Fabian lit the net for a career-high 32 points, while setting a school record with ten three-pointers for Rickrode's club.

"He's hot from the three-point zone," said Rickrode. "He's got the green light from out there."

Gryboski poured in 15 points as he chased 1,000 career points. Januzzi added eight points with seven assists, while Cleveland threw in seven, along with six steals.

"We just take one game at a

time," noted Rickrode. "But the way our team is and has been the past four or five years. Our resiliency is good."

Coming off the bench, freshman Kevin Walsh scored five points, while Barrouk added four. Walsh and Fabian added five rebounds each.

Wilkes outscored FDU 52-34 in the first half, shooting 67% from the three-point arc and 59% from the field. The Colonels held the Jersey Devils to just 34% from the field throughout the game, scoring 30 points off of turnovers.

"When Dave gets denied the ball, Chad does a nice job of bringing up the ball," said Rickrode. "He's been doing more than that and we hope to continue to keep it up."

The Colonels return to action Saturday when they travel to Moravian, before hosting King's Wednesday night.

February 4

*Men's Volleyball @ Lehigh

February 6

*Men's Basketball @ Moravian, 8:00 pm
*Women's Basketball vs Moravian, 2:00 pm
*Wrestling @ Lycoming with Scranton, 12:00 pm

February 10

*Men's Basketball vs King's, 8:00 pm
*Women's Basketball vs King's, 6:00 pm

Correction

The Beacon would like to apologize for reporting the incorrect women's basketball score in last week's paper. The correct score was Lycoming at Wilkes 58. The Beacon and sports staff regrets the error.

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