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Wilkes ensures fire safety for students

BY AIMEE ENAMA
Beacon Staff Writer

Wilkes students living within the campus community can sleep easier this semester with the assistance of several fire safety guidelines initiated by the university. Techniques, including fire evacuation, resulted in few fire incidents at Wilkes, said Jerry Cookus, Chief of security for Wilkes.

Besides teaching its students fire awareness in the past, the university took further fire safety measures following the fire tragedy death of students at Bloomsburg and Seton Hall Universities. Paul Adams, Dean of Student Affairs at Wilkes, explained that starting last semester, in cooperation with Wilkes-Barre, city officials routinely inspect the 23 dorms and other off-campus housing to ensure fire safety.

"They're doing the inspections again this year," Adams said. "They're going out and inspecting properties looking for code violations with the idea that they are trying to make the buildings as safe as can be."

Prior to the semester inspection, the students get a jump start on fire safety. "Each Residential advisor (RA) for the different dorms is trained in evacuation techniques at the start of the semester," Cookus said. That too is in cooperation with the City of Wilkes-Barre.

"The RA's are required to hold a minimum of three fire drills each semester," Cookus said. "All of the dorms are controlled so that the se-

curity department and city fire department is notified immediately if something happens."

Cookus stressed the importance of the training each RA receives for their building and said that it is vital to the safety of all the students. "During a fire emergency, the main goal is to get the students out of the building and keep them together in a group," Cookus said. "Fire is something that happens. You have to be prepared for it and take a proactive approach. And just as Wilkes is doing that for its on-campus, it is also doing the same for the off-campus population. "Each semester, the university located its off-campus students by e-mail as an outreach program to educate them on fire safety," explained Barbara King, Associate Dean of Students.

"On September 18, at 9:30p.m. in room 101 of the Stark Learning Center, 15 off-campus students attended a fire safety program sponsored by Wilkes," explained King. Representatives of the Wilkes-Barre fire Department talked to the students about fire safety and showed them videos.

With all the different fire safety precautions Wilkes has, Mark Allen, Associate Dean, said that "a final safeguard each student can use is to be more aware."

"The problem is so many students don't think it will happen until it does," he explained. "The trick is to be as proactive as possible and to remind the students that things like this can happen."



Don't let this happen to you!!

Off-campus students get involved in community service

BY LISA DONALDSON
Beacon Staff Writer

At the start of the 2000-2001 semester, it became clear that the students residing off-campus have taken an active interest in community safety. No longer are the students going to sit around while complaints are made and crimes are committed. A student should feel safer when walking on or in the surrounding areas of their college campus.

Recently, eleven Wilkes students attended the St. John's Lutheran Church's crime meeting. Dean Adams said that the, "interaction between the students and the neighborhood was very positive and that the students were enthusiastic about that. The University hopes that those students will continue attending meetings and that even more students will also take part and show their involvement with the community."

The Off-Campus Council (OCC) is designed to involve students with the residents of Wilkes-Barre through community service. This year, Wilkes administration is

striving to make OCC a more effective and visible entity, which will include increasing their involvement in campus safety.

Wilkes University is currently taking preventative measures to ensure student safety. One change is the investment in Wilkes-Barre police officers on the weekend. On Friday and Saturday evenings, students may notice a uniformed officer patrolling the surrounding area off the Wilkes campus.

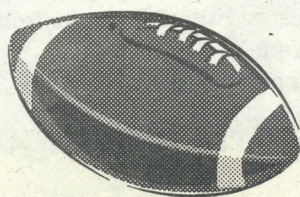
The university has done this for a number of reasons. The primary one being student safety; and also, as a crime deterrent. A major reason is to keep a certain level of control with the off-campus party scene, which can result in bad neighborhood realtions.

The officers are there to enforce school rules to be more careful and aware of their surroundings. With the interaction between off-campus students, the administration, and the general public, it is possible to make out area safer for all.

For further information about Off-Campus Council (OCC) activities, please contact Rebecca Gubanich at 821-1720.

Football takes 3-0 record to unbeaten Susquehanna

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Wilkes gains new energy in the Act 101 Program

BY BETH WEIR
Beacon Staff Writer

There is a new face on the third floor of Conyngham for the Act 101 Program on campus. The Act 101 Program is a state-funded program by the State Department of Education to help students succeed at the college level.

Although this is Ms. Moss' first semester at Wilkes, she is familiar with the area. Her family is from Wilkes-Barre and she currently resides in Nanticoke. Moss received her Masters Degree in Rehabilitation Counseling from University of Scranton and served as the Assistant Director of Counseling at Marywood University before coming to Wilkes.

Moss said that she chose the position at Wilkes because she saw it as an opportunity to serve the Wilkes student population. "I am very honored to be at Wilkes. I

have an extensive background with the the Act 101 program. It is my hope that my knowledge and work experiences will make a positive impact on the quality and services provided for our student community. Even more important, I hope to make a difference with the students."

The Act 101 program combines timely guidance services with a comprehensive range of academic support. Moss' role as counselor will be to give students individual attention to guide them and keep them focused. She serves as an "academic coach" who will listen to the concerns of students and share strategies that have helped other students achieve their goals.

The Act 101 program is aligned with the Wilkes University Learning Center to offer students a range of services to help each person reach his/her potential in the classroom. Such services included: workshops on a variety of

topics, peer tutoring, and academic, career and financial aid counseling.

Commenting on the close relationship the Act 101 program and the Learning Center have Moss said, "I recently presented a workshop on "Effective Notetaking". I would be happy to do workshops that are valuable for students going through college." Moss noted, "My goal is to make the program more visible on campus. I want to see as many students as possible succeed."

Ms. Moss is definitely a refreshing new addition to the Act 101 program.

Take a walk over sometime and find out about the Act 101 program or call extension 4152. Even if you do not want personal assistance from a highly trained, and truly concerned professional, just make the trip to meet a very energetic counselor who loves her work.

Wilkes unveils first theme house

BY BETHANNY YENNER
Beacon News Editor

Step aside dormitories! Move over mansions! There's a new kind of housing on campus-theme housing! Wilkes University is proud to present "The Community Service House," located at 339 South River Street.

The theme-housing program is designed to bring together students with similar lifestyles and common interests. "There's a lot of colleges that offer theme-specific housing-this is our introduction," said Mark Allen, Associate Dean of Student Affairs.

The Community Service theme was selected due to campus' successful track record. According to

Mary Hession, director Campus Interfaith and Volunteer Services, Wilkes University logged in over twenty thousand hours of community service in the past year.

The house is divided into two female apartments and one male apartment, each housing five students. The students were hand-selected to live in the house, based on their service records and commitment to volunteerism. A Wilkes alumnus, Marc Eakin, "runs the house," serving as the RA for all three apartments. The university hired Eakin through an Americorp/VISTA Grant; he also works out of the Office of Volunteer Services.

Residents of the house have a meeting every other week. Over a home-cooked dinner they discuss

pressing social issues as well as upcoming service projects. Some of their project ideas included joining the local crime watch, picking up trash throughout the neighborhood, tutoring, and visiting area nursing homes.

Sophomore Sarah Becker is one of the students living in the theme house. "I hope to gain an understanding of our community and what I can do as an individual to meet those needs," she said.

For those looking for a change of pace from traditional residence life, theme housing may be just the solution. "It is our hope to expand special interest housing into other areas in the future," stated Dean Allen.

Dramatics to run *The Hostage*

Wilkes University's Department of Visual and Performing Arts will kick off its theatre season on Thursday, September 28, with *The Hostage*, an unconventional, adult, comedy by the poet Brendan Behan.

Curtain time is 8 p.m. in the Edward Darling Jr. Theater of the Dorothy Dickson Darte Center for the Performing Arts, located on the corner of West and South River Streets.

Additional performances will be held on Friday, September 29 and Saturday, September 30 at 8

p.m., with the box office opening at 7 p.m. A matinee is scheduled for Sunday, October 11 at 2 p.m. The box office will open at 1 p.m.

The three-act play is set in the 1960's. Leslie Williams, a British soldier played by senior Mike Schreiber, from Moscow, has been taken hostage by the Irish Republican Army. He is being held captive in retaliation for an Irish soldier who is awaiting execution in a Belfast jail.

Leslie is confined to a brothel, owned by Monsewer, played by se-

nior Rhys Shovel, from Reading, Pa. Monsewer is a senile ex-Irish soldier who thinks he is still fighting for the cause and who plays bagpipes constantly. The brothel is run by the unmarried couple Pat, played by junior Brian Burke Toll, from Philadelphia, and Meg, played by Annunziata Fattorini, a junior from New York.

Comedy ensues when Leslie is

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Baseball fundraiser

BY DAVID HINKLE
Beacon Staff Writer

The Wilkes University baseball team, in an attempt to raise funds for the upcoming 2001 season, will launch a tee-shirt sale to the public beginning October 1st.

According to team captain Steve Toth, the shirts will be ash gray with "Colonel Baseball" written in navy blue on the front left along with the team's slogan "Take

it Ourselves" on the back, also navy blue.

Proceeds from the sale will go towards the cost of the team's annual trip to Fort Pierce, FL during spring break in early March.

The shirts will be available at a cost of \$15.00 by contacting a baseball player. They will also be on sale at all home football games.



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Rob Cooney
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Malverne Inniss
Jaan Mannik
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Phil Tocelli
Steve Toth
Rob Ziemba
Jason Waterbury

Becky Gubanich
Rupal Kalariya
Jill Klicka
Lisa Murnin
Chioma Ngumezi
Kelly Ochreiter
Katie Pearson
Megan Stevens
Mary Waldorf
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Final elections are being held Tuesday, October 3, 2000, in the Student Union Building.

Career Services Workshops

Career Service workshops on successful job searchers. Learn about the art of resume writing, successful interviewing, and if you are a senior, setting up a credentials file. ALL majors are welcome. Anyone interested in gaining the competitive edge when applying for position for full-time, part-time, co-op, or internships should attend.

Workshops: 3:30-4:30

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At: Career Services, Max Roth Center, 215 S. Franklin St. (corner of South and South Franklin Streets, across from the library.)

To register call: 408-4060 or e-mail careers@wilkes.edu

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Hoffman adds to communication staff

BY KEITH WITKOWSKI
Beacon Staff Writer

Wilkes-Barre - Wilkes University welcomes a bright young face to their Communication faculty this semester. His name is Eric Hoffman, an associate professor of Social Sciences and Communication.

"I will try to make the students more interested by showing them that I am knowledgeable and enthusiastic about the material I teach," says Hoffman. He believes his professional background will also help students by allowing him to use personal examples of how things work in the field.

Hoffman is a graduate of Florida State University, where he received a Masters of Science in Marketing Communication and Information Technology. After Florida State he worked as an Assistant Professor in Communication at Lynn University in Boca-Raton,

Florida. Hoffman received the Lynn University Faculty Recognition Award for his excellence in teaching, quality of service, and his dedication to students. During his tenure at Lynn he founded, coordinated and advised WLYN 96.1 FM, a full service college alternative radio station. Hoffman is also a candidate for a doctorate in Mass Communication, which he hopes to achieve by the spring of 2001.

Professor Hoffman came to Wilkes because of the great facilities in the TV studios and the opportunity to utilize them to its fullest.

"I plan to do my best to upgrade the programming for the University's cable channel and propose new classes so students have more options," says Hoffman.

Hoffman believes with greater access to the studios, he could make the Wilkes' students more involved and prepare them better for their careers.



New staff brings experience and new ideas to Wilkes

Multi-Cultural Awareness Week

BY CASEY O'BRIEN
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Wilkes University's Multi-Cultural Student Coalition (MSC) sets aside a special week each year for the celebration of diversity. The group of students dedicated to inter-cultural understanding believe that a week of diverse events annually is a way to reach not only fellow classmates but also the community.

This year is no exception. Multi-Cultural Awareness Week begins on October 2nd. Gina Morrison, the coordinator of Multi-Cultural affairs admits, "The whole week will

be filled with surprises." That statement isn't far off for new events are added on more than a daily basis. However, even with the rapid signups there is still a tentative schedule.

- Oct. 2, 4:30 p.m. 2nd floor of Student Union - Bilingual Latino culture presentation.
- Oct. 3, 11 a.m., room 107 of COB - Trip to China.
- Oct 4, 6:00 p.m., Ballroom - Irish Dancing
- Oct. 4, 7:30 p.m., Ballroom - per-

- formance of "Strange Like Me."
 - Oct. 5, 11 a.m., room 107 of COB - "Many Colors of Malaysia."
 - Oct. 6, 8 p.m., Kirby Center - Spirit of the Dance (Limited).
- "The programs help people realize there are options," Gina Morrison notes, "These options may be different ways of dressing, dancing, talking or even thinking. The key is getting the public to know that every culture has something to teach and learn."

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repeatedly propositioned by an array of colorful and clownish characters, known as the town whores - both male and female. A number of bizarre, but humorous, internal struggles develop between the different groups, as the gay whores battle the straight whores and the Irish loyalists combat the English sympathizers.

During his captivity, Leslie

finds he is the object of desire of Teresa, an Irish serving girl played by freshman Tiffany Smith, from New York. Teresa and the rest of the characters think Leslie's punishment is unfair. A surprise ending adds a touching element to the play.

General admission is \$15. Senior citizens is \$5, and Wilkes students with I.D. is free.



WILKES WHIZ

"COME ON DOWN, you're our next contestant on Wilkes TV!" Professor Eric Hoffman's advanced video class is adding some fun and excitement to channel 66, the educational cable channel that is programmed by Wilkes. With hopes of increasing the community's interest in locally produced television programming, several students are planning to host and produce a game show WILKES WHIZ beginning this semester.

Why a game show? Mike

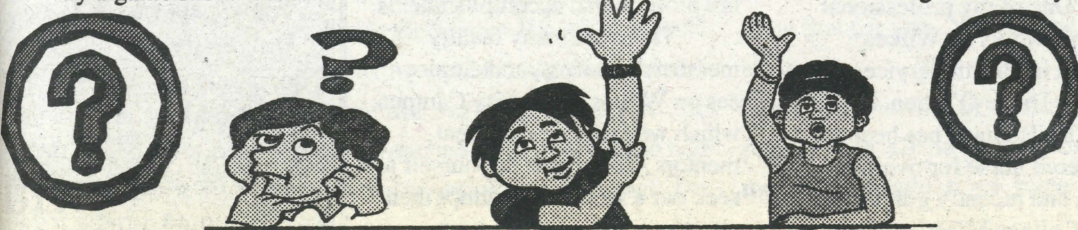
Stolp, senior in Advanced Video Class, said, "Channel 66 needed a non-scripted weekly show to produce and host. The last thing we needed was another talk show and since we are not a bunch of actors, why not a game show?"

The weekly half-hour program, which will be hosted by senior Dave DiMartino, will debut on October 9 and categories will include various topics such as local trivia. The format is similar to the old \$25,000 Pyramid hosted by Dick Clark. It is undetermined as

to how the contestants will be selected but the panel will consist of two students and a faculty member of their choice.

Wilkes University, a non-profit institution, will ask local business to donate contestant prizes. Each business that sponsors a donation will receive acknowledgements throughout the show.

Students and faculty members - put on your thinking caps because WILKES WHIZ, on channel 66, is coming YOUR way.



Attack on campus

A female resident student was grabbed as she walked alone by Chase Hall (184 South River Street) at 5:00 a.m. on Thursday, September 21. The victim was able to escape her attacker and return to her residence hall. The assailant is described as Caucasian;

in his 30's; with short, unkempt hair; and a beard. He wore blue jeans and a dark tee shirt. The University urges everyone to use caution when walking alone or in small groups late at night or early in the morning.

W.A.Q.S. plan to meet

The Wilkes Alliance of Queer Students will meet this Sunday, October 1, for an informal gathering and pizza in the TV Lounge on the second floor of the Student Center. The meeting will begin at 8 p.m. Pizza and soda will be provided.

W.A.Q.S. is an organization for students who identify as non-heterosexual and for those students in the heterosexual community who are supporters and allies of the queer student population. This is an inclusive student organization supported by Wilkes University Student Government. The

organization sponsors social activities, guest speakers, and movies that include homosexual topics. Those who attend meetings are expected to maintain a code of confidentiality concerning membership. Students from neighboring colleges as well as faculty and staff are also invited to attend meetings and social gatherings. For any information concerning W.A.Q.S., please contact faculty advisor James Harrington at extension 4428 or at: harringt@wilkes.edu.

Happy, Happy, Joy, Joy? NOT!

Well, The Beacon has two issues under its belt for the year. I think they were terrific!! (And no, I'm not biased.) The only negative comment I have gotten is that the paper is too negative. I find that quite comical. And I want to know what everyone else thinks. So, this week I discuss my thoughts on this.

First and foremost, I believe that any paper needs to be negative to be effective. How many of you would pick up this paper, or any paper for that matter, if all it had were smiley faces and happy, happy thoughts? Not many, I'd bet. Society looks for controversy and negative comments all the time. Just look at the local newspaper headlines everyday. If anyone can find a day when the headline is not about murder, corruption, tragedy, etc. clip it out and send it to me. Because I won't believe it until I see it.

Why is that? Because studies have shown that it is human nature to desire such things. It fills a primitive need. How many times have you seen an accident or fire and strained your head for a better look? Or how many times have you driven around the block twice hoping to see something else the second time around?

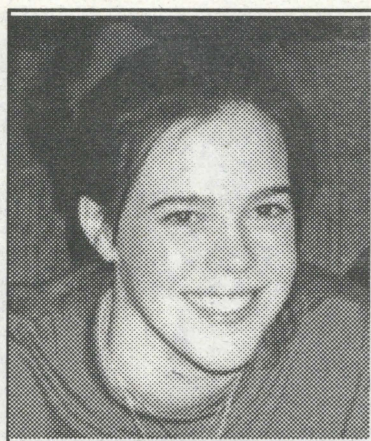
Besides the human nature aspect, I also have a more logical reason for favoring negativism in papers. Not only does it get people to pick it up and read it, believe it or not it actually does motivate people to change things that they know as wrong or just strive to improve what we have now. This I think is very good.

I hope a lot of you read my

article in the first edition titled "The ABC's of Student Government." Now, I expected a lot of backlash for this article. Imagine my surprise when this didn't happen. When I talked to people a lot of them agreed with what I said. I even heard that some of student government agreed with what I had to say. I assume this to be true because so far, no one has written me back defending student government. The one thing I did hear from people was that the article was way too negative. Well, kids, that was the point. And if some people on student government really do agree, guess what? That means they have the whole year to make changes. And this, kids, was the reason I wrote the article. I have heard complaints all my years here and I decided to voice not only my beliefs but also what other people have complained about.

Now, hopefully, my negative comments might do what I had hoped, motivate people to make a change.

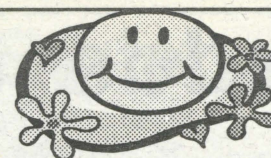
Second, not only are papers negative but so are news broadcasts on television. Watch it sometime and you'll see what I mean. Their leading stories are always the most negative stories for that broadcast. Why is that? Because this is what gives them the ratings. People are not tuning in to see the Girl Scout who walked the old lady across the street. Now, if the Girl Scout who was crossing the old lady across the street was hit by a car that drove away, that would make the news. But ya' know what? Covering a negative story like that would not only raise awareness but maybe



Cathy Donlin

somebody saw something and this would encourage him or her to speak up.

Third, life in general is negative. Now, I'm not saying that life sucks, or nothing ever good ever happens. There is just so much going around us that's not good and we need to know about it. Let me repeat that 'THERE IS SO MUCH GOING ON AROUND US THAT'S NOT GOOD AND WE NEED TO KNOW ABOUT IT.' Whether it is a "namby-pamby, ostentatious student government," a priority notice, the pimps and hookers on the corners of South Franklin and Academy, the fight that happened during the week (and you know who you are), the kid that got jumped the other night, well you get the picture, it's all stuff students need to be aware of. And no, I don't mean we need to gossip about it. We need to be aware of the problems we have in this community. What better way to



educate people than to put it in the paper and inform them? People can't make a change until they know what is going on.

More importantly, you now know how to protect yourself. Whether it be from a mismanaged student government or the pimps, which will try to recruit you if you are alone and drunk, or the other 'dangers' that lurk in Wilkes Barre, you now have an advantage.

How many people out there in reader land think that this paper, *The Beacon*, should not be so negative because it's a school paper? Well, here's my answer, Wilkes is not in it's own little happy world, we are a part of the real world. College is supposed to prepare you for the real world, and the real world has a lot of negativity in it.

Now, it's not there to scare you, but to educate you. If the negative issues weren't brought to light you would be able to live in a happy, unrealistic existence. Until something bad happened to you or someone you know, then you might ask, "Why didn't we know before this happened?" So, is the negativism going to stop anytime soon? Not while there are still negative issues going on around us. So, to those students who think that the paper is too negative, I apologize now. I feel the students need to be informed and I will continue to do so, whether it is positive or negative.

Cathy Donlin is the Assistant Editor to *The Beacon*, and her views are those of her own, and not necessarily the opinion of *The Beacon*.



The Importance of a Mentor

By: Donna Davis-Button

It is important to select mentors in our lives to help us pattern ourselves after people we admire and respect. Although our family and friends offer advice and constructive criticism, it is often more comfortable to discuss goals and personal aspirations with a chosen mentor.

Someday, we may find ourselves in a situation where we wish we knew how to handle ourselves better, or conduct business in a more professional manner. Mentors can help us solve problems, discuss relevant situations, and serve as a confidant. Mentors inspire us, give us wisdom, and offer guidance without prejudice.

When selecting a mentor it is important to consider a person

ments, and accomplished more than ourselves. Never ask, "Will you be my mentor?" earn the privilege by working hard, showing promise, and being creative. Share your ideas with your mentor, ask their advice and opinion on ways to improve and learn. Students benefit by learning of opportunities in their chosen fields, gaining access to professional networks, and receiving support and encouragement on a personal and professional level.

One of my professional mentors works on Wilkes campus in Health Services. Her name is Diane O'Brien, MSN, and CRNP. Diane has been a registered nurse for over 25 years, and recently graduated

Certified Registered Nurse Practitioner. I met Diane while I was fulfilling clinical hours on campus, and was impressed by her professionalism, sense of style, and dedicated commitment to health and wellness. Diane has proven to be an asset in assisting me in achieving and navigating my professional goals and practice. She offers objective guidance and suggestions in area of nursing that comes with years of experience. I cherish my relationship with her and admire her professional accomplishments.

There are many faculty members, advisors, and employees on Wilkes University Campus, which would make excellent mentors. You owe it to yourself to seek out a mentor and adopt their

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Did you know that

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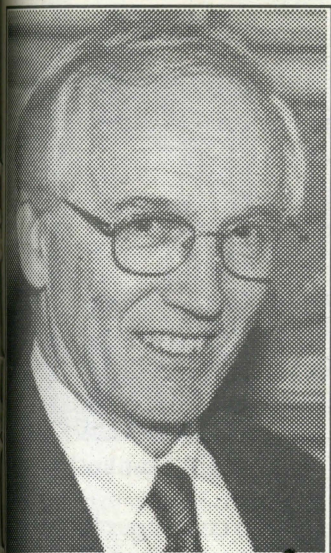
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With Christopher Breiseth

Wilkes University has had an unusually strong start to the new academic year. The increase of nearly one hundred freshman over last year has created an aura of excitement on campus. There is a tangible new energy that will have an impact on virtually every activity at Wilkes. I welcome the new members of the Wilkes family, including more than one hundred thirty transfer students. Ini-

A Word From The President

tial reports from faculty describe how motivated and eager to learn our new students seem to be.

The blessing of more students at Wilkes carries some burdens that we need to deal with as a university community. The increased number of students in apartments in the neighborhoods around campus has put strains on some relationships with neighbors. I applaud the community service activities at the beginning of the semester by freshman and upper classmen that demonstrated in our neighborhood. Continuation of such activities and the spirit behind them in the blocks where our students live will strengthen town/gown relations. The Sunday brunch at McCole House for students and neighbors in the 300 block of South River Street has built some new friendships and evidence of the goodwill that can and should charac-

terize out relations with our neighbors.

Respect for others living in the neighborhood require control of noise and behavior at night, particularly on the weekend. It should be clear to everyone that the public authority, motivated both by their responsibility to uphold the law and by pressure from some neighbors, will be vigilant in discovering and dealing with underage drinking. Students whose apartments are used for parties need to face the responsibilities they assume for anything that happens in their dwelling. Aiding underage persons to consume alcohol is a serious offense. Beyond the legal issue, the evidence throughout the country of underage students abusing alcohol, often involving tragic consequences, is being given more and more attention by a concerned public. It will be

given more attention at Wilkes as well.

Part of the educational experience at Wilkes is to develop responsibility for oneself. This also involves showing responsibility for others. I have always been impressed by the care Wilkes students have shown for each other, particularly in difficult circumstances (including social situations that become dangerous). I urge you all to show this kind of responsible caring for yourselves and for others. Remember that responsibility and self-respect go together, as do lack of self-respect and irresponsible behavior. Your efforts to help each other develop strong respect for yourselves will be a part of your foundation as responsible adults and part of what you will be most grateful for in your Wilkes education.

Act of kindness

by Meg Stevens

On a hot summer's day, a certain biology professor was at the right place at the right time. He was on one of his usual strolls through campus as he crossed South Street and proceeded down River Street. Suddenly it happened. Time stood still as a situation was created that would require this man to make one very important, very fast decision. In this situation, it was Dr. Wilber Hayes who chose to act in kindness rather than selfishness. He saw a stranger in need of help, and he immediately rose to the occasion. On that summer day, Dr. Hayes took the time to help a woman get medical treatment. He also enlisted the help of the following Wilkes staff who joined in the efforts to help a stranger; Joe Dawson (theatre dept), Elainr Sabinski (nursing dept), Mary (Info Desk), and Gail (formerly in telecommunication).

Acts of kindness such as this often go unnoticed. Yet if we open our eyes and increase our awareness of the good things we

see people do, it is surprising what we would observe.

A week before school started, the lot behind the union was closed off. On that same day a Ford Escort pulled into the Temple Israel lot. A Wilkes student absentmindedly exited the Escort leaving the keys in the car ignition with the engine running. According to the design of the car, the car automatically locked the doors, and there the student stood dumbfounded staring at his locked running car. A few other students drove into the lot, and soon joined in the unsuccessful attempts to pick the lock of the car with a wire hanger.

At the same time, Chief Cookus was about 75 feet away helping his security staff lock off the graver lot.

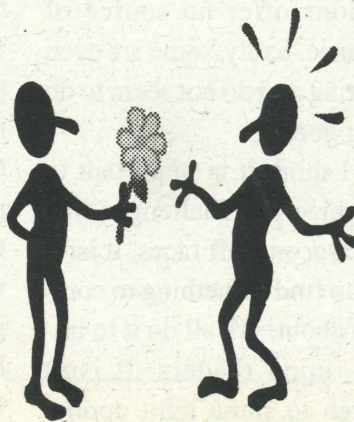
He observed the congregation of students surrounding the Escort toying with the hanger. His job was done, and he could have headed back to his office. Instead, he approached the students who had been trying so hard to pick the

lock for over twenty minutes. Chief Cookus confidently took the wire. Within minutes he masterfully unlocked the car remarking, "After all those years on the force, I still have it."

Not only can you observe faculty and staff taking the time to do good deeds, but keep your eye on your fellow students as well. One morning a junior communication major was on her way home from class. As she made her way back to Rifkin Hall, she looked up Northampton Street as she prepared to cross. In doing so, she saw a man writing tickets for the cars parked at the meters. After an instantaneous moment of decision, she immediately dug into her pockets and pulled out all her change. With a few cents Bethany Jenner saved a few strangers from an annoying parking ticket that day. It makes you wonder if anyone has ever done that for you. You will never know.

The world is full of wonderful people. We all have wonderful moments in which we have the

opportunity to give of ourselves for others. All it takes is one small act of kindness to make the world a little nicer. A special "thank you" is extended to the individuals who happened to be noticed in this article. Thank you for giving a little of yourselves and your time without asking anything in return. In those small moments you were a hero. You never know who is watching, and who appreciates your kindness. The Wilkes community needs to increasingly become aware of the good in our daily lives. We all must learn to recognize these moments and grasp the opportunity to extend a hand to help each other.



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Psst over here, listen to this

Hey, did you hear what happened this weekend? You didn't? Well, so and so did yadda yadda and blah blah blah.

You thought I was going to tell you. Nope my lips are sealed my dear readers.

Well, welcome to my world because this is the first thing that I hear on Monday morning as I am making my way through campus. The minute I step foot on this campus I cannot even begin to tell you how many people volunteer themselves and waste my time by telling me this useless knowledge. Who knows maybe that will be a question on Wilkes Whiz. College gossip on Wilkes life. I doubt it, but if it were I would definitely sweep that category and maybe I'd even hit a daily double.

There are even offices with "professionals" that gossip with the students to find out who was

drunk during the weekend or not doing so well in a class or two. I would think that at a certain level people would not want to be bothered by this. But I guess their excuse is that they are concerned about the well being of the students and want to find a way to help them and the only way to do that is to find out what is going on in their life. This may be true in some instances but not all. When people talk about nonsense about others who here having a good time in college that is what annoys me. Especially when they use it against people to advance in a club or some other activity. The only thing that I have to say about that is rub that brown stuff off your nose. If you want to advance in life do it yourself and do not ruin the chances of others just by slandering their name and ruining their reputation. What people do off-campus and out of the

classroom is nobody's business but their own. People tend to make a mountain out of a molehill.

Another thing that irks me is that when people talk, conclusions are drawn for no apparent reason. This doesn't just happen by the students but also by those so-called professionals.

Here's another on: what about when you are talking with one of your pals and someone walks over, rudely interrupts your existing conversation and asks, "Who are you talking about?" Not a "Hi!" or "Hey what's up?" They want to know the whos, the whats, the wheres, the whens, and the hows and that is where it all begins.

Now, I will be the first to admit I am guilty as charged when it comes to gossip but you can ask any of my friends, I only care if it affects one of them. I do not want to know about a



weekend of nonsense that has nothing to do with me or my circle of friends. I swear people talk just to hear themselves speak.

We all should have learned that stories tend to get twisted around. Remember when you were in elementary school and you played the telephone game? Well, it went something like this. You tell one person something and then they tell another and by the time it gets to 10 or more people it is not even the same story. Well, that is what happens all day and week long at campus here at Wilkes. For example: Didn't you hear about last week? Well there was a rumble with half the students on campus, a student was thrown off a balcony and still in the hospital, 20 citations were given out, 7 people were arrested, and 1 person was attacked. The truth about it is that 1 citation was

given out but not to a Wilkes student, no one was thrown off a balcony and in the hospital, no one



Jill Stankoski

was arrested on campus for any reason, but there was one female student who was attacked and I am not off access to gossiping. I just want students to be aware of their surroundings and call Wilkes security for an escort to make sure that they get home safely.

Jill Stankoski is the Managing Editor of *The Beacon* and the views she expresses are her own and not a reflection of everyone else.

Defining a purpose

by Meg Stevens

A title is a significant part of a message. It is often catchy and creative and serves to sum up the main content. Let's take a look at the title of the Wilkes University newspaper, *The Beacon*. Webster defines a beacon as "a signal fire commonly on a hill, tower, or pole." The dictionary adds that the purpose of the fire is to be a "signal for guidance" or a "source of light or inspiration."

I am curious about the reasoning that was behind the decision to title the university paper with a such a name. I imagine the title was chosen to illustrate the purpose of the paper. This leads me to assume that the purpose of the student newspaper is related to the meaning of its name. Putting it metaphorically, I conclude that the paper is meant to be a signal fire of guidance on the hill of higher education to inspire students to new levels of insight. I am intrigued

by this perspective that the paper acts as a beacon in the night shining as a light of truth to help guide students.

This probably sounds absurd to many of you. If you are a regular reader of *The Beacon* you definitely find there's nothing absurd. While *The Beacon* contains many columns, news and sports articles, and editorials focusing on student life, it seems the paper functions to voice the opinion of students. These opinions are often focused on criticizing some aspect of Wilkes. Everyone has a right to their own opinion and to voice it. Yet often these opinions offer no source of guidance. Sadly, some are even insulting and do not seem to do much good.

I think it is important to recognize the challenges that *The Beacon* staff faces. It isn't hard to find something to complain about. We all do it to impact upon readers. It isn't enough to shine light upon a

problem. Solutions should be developed and suggested. This means that *The Beacon* needs participation from students who can write the type of journalism that this University needs. Are you content with the image of the University as portrayed in *The Beacon* articles? Do you see a side of Wilkes that others may not? Is there something you feel you should be sharing that would benefit other students? Write for *The Beacon*.

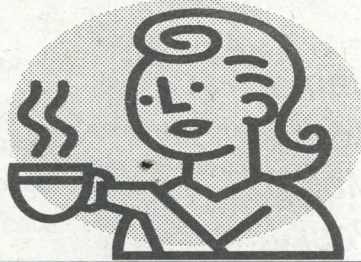
The Beacon is an influential outlet for students to convey knowledge and experience to other students. There is such an excellent opportunity to embrace the meaning of the newspaper's title and further develop the paper into a BEACON on this campus. The staff needs writers and supporters. It is a great challenge that would benefit the Wilkes community. Let's light things up!

Girl talk

A walk/talk discussion group is being organized for interested students on Tuesdays and Fridays, for the Fall Semester. The group will walk from Wilkes University campus to Kirby Park, where the discussion group will take place. The benefits of this unique group will be to achieve a stronger sense, both mentally and physically.

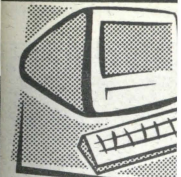
- *Group size limited to six females.
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- *Call 408-4730
- *Walk times will be decided by members, walk dates are to begin early October.

Group Facilitator: Donna Davis
Button, RN-C
Psychiatric Nurse
Graduate Nursing Student
Wilkes University



Splatter time

There is an interest in founding a Paintball Club at Wilkes University in the near future. The club would most likely have an outing about once every month. In between these outings, one or two meetings are probably going to be held in which the location of the next paintball excursion would be voted on and plans would then be made. The club is open to all students regardless of experience. If interested please respond to WilkesPaintball@aol.com

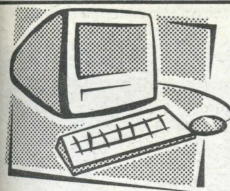


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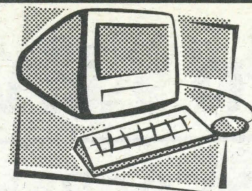
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Technology Bytes With Brian Trosko



So, to pick up where we left off last week, Lars Ulrich is a big dumb idiot.

Metallica is a band that first became noticed due in large part to illegal tape trading amongst its fans. Now, Metallica is about two steps away from actually filing lawsuits against those same fans, for the same sort of trading. Last year, Metallica gave Napster a large list of screen names, and told Napster to shut off access to those users. Of course, since Metallica neglected to provide Napster with the IPs, the actual internet addresses of those users, and since IPs are often dynamically allocated in any case, affected users were able to change their screen names and continue trading files unimpeded.

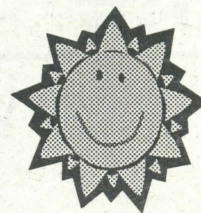
Metallica claims that this sort of thing costs them money, deprives them of control over their art, and they find it distressing that people are trading his work like a commodity, instead of the art it is. Well, I won't be tied down in discussing legalities, like how Metallica would probably still be playing crummy legal bars if it weren't for illegal music sharing. I won't bring up the obvious, like how if there's anyone treating music like a commodity instead of art, it's the recording industry.

But I will talk about how much bands are being hurt by Napster. Marketing research has shown that as Napster use has become more widespread, CD sales have actually increased. The RIAA claims that this is misleading, because CD sales figures show a decline in purchases among college-age students, leading them to the conclusion that students aren't buying CDs because they're ripping and trading mp3s. But college students with easy access to the internet are also the most likely to buy CDs online, where they don't show up in the RIAA sales figures. In addition, it's easier to find a wider range of music on Napster than it is on any radio station. Format radio stations are essentially one long, interminable commercial paid for by independent promotion, which is a system whereby the record companies pay off the radio stations via middlemen so the radio stations can pretend that they're not getting paid by a record company to play its records. So FM is mostly one big long marketing assault, in which the bands the suits want to get played get played, and the stuff I want to get played doesn't. But things like Napster change that, drastically. With a few simple queries, you can

hear songs by artists you never even heard of before. You can find interesting stuff by sheer accident, and hear it, and be impressed by it, and go by the CD. Since I started using Napster, I've bought CDs by Beth Orton, Lucy Kaplansky, Ben Harper, Steve Forbert, Hank Dogs, and still other bands that I never, ever in a million years would have heard on a format radio station. It's bands like that that stand to gain the most from file sharing. But why buy CDs at all when I can just download them for free? Well, one obvious answer is that I do want the artists I appreciate to actually get paid, so I can continue to appreciate them. If they don't make any money, they're not all that likely to want to continue making albums. Another big reason is that a CD gets the consumer some things that a file on their hard drive doesn't. For one thing, a lot of .mp3s really do sound like crap next to uncompressed CDs. A stereo CD holds more than 1.4 million bits of information per second of music, and .mp3s have to compress that a whole bunch to get tolerable file sizes, and that's easily audible in most files. For another thing, the actual nice disc and lyric sheet and such represent a certain pride of ownership, and that's worth

something to me. It's not worth the \$16.99 that the RIAA seems to think it is, but that's another story. That's why people still do buy CDs; it's a superior product to an .mp3, and represents something tangible, more permanent than a file on a drive. That all said, there are bands that file sharing will hurt. Something else that Napster allows, is try-before-buy. I know this has happened to you, because it's happened to me: you hear a song off an album, and you like it, so you buy the album, and every other song off the album simultaneously sucks and blows. Once that happens to you a few times, you're less likely to drop upwards of 15 bucks for another disc without hearing more than one or two singles from it first. So, yeah, if there's a band that relies on the strength of a single single to sell an entire crappy album (Verve Pipe, anyone? Marcy Playground?), the use of Napster probably will hurt 'em. But in those cases, my sympathies are limited. But putting all this aside, isn't it wrong to just take this stuff without permission? Don't artists and copyright holders have some sort of innate an inviolable right of ownership of their intellectual property?

In the clouds



With Rupal
Kalariya

I don't know about you, but it has been a rough weekend for many of us. Between the crazy weather and people getting sick and all those tests that seem to fall in the same week, it has been a tiring and stressful couple of days. (And they only seem to be getting better.) So why shouldn't we be allowed to let loose and have a little fun? Wilkes-Barre just doesn't have much to offer, so why is the mayor so set on making Wilkes students suffer? I believe this town would be a ghost town (like it's not already) if it didn't have Wilkes and Kings to support it. People like the mayor and a certain Times Leader writer need to understand that we are what gives them a job. After all, what would Mr. Corbett even write about if it weren't for us?

Well, enough of my complaining. Good job to all those athletes out there who have been sacrificing going out and having a good time to practice and play their best. It really sucks that you guys can't go to the Homecoming dance, but there's always the Spring Fling and Homecoming next year for those who'll be around. And for those of you who can go, get your tickets quick before they're sold out. Tables are going fast!

Also, congrats to those who won the elections. For any seniors out there, if you'd like to be on Student Government, please let me know. It's not that difficult, and it looks great on those resumes. Did I mention that you get to work with me??? If I get some good help, I promise to have guest bartending at local bars and discounts on drinks to Wilkes students. And I also hope to have a lot (notice how I didn't use "alot") more stuff for those who don't drink.

Besides that, I could start complaining again. God knows there are many more things that suck around here. Once again, I would like to remind all of you that there is a double standard here at Wilkes and be careful because reputations start very quickly here. Before you know it, you could be the topic of everyone's conversation as to who you took home.

APPLICATION FOR THE BEACON

We are accepting applications for: staff writers, copy editors, and staff photographers positions for the fall of 2000 academic year.
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1. Have you previously served on *The Beacon* staff?

If so, in what capacity?

2. What do you feel you can offer *The Beacon*?

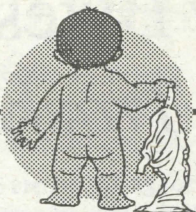
3. What changes would you like to implement to improve *The Beacon*?

4. Previous or related experience in position for which you are applying.

5. What other qualities make you a strong candidate for the position?

The Main Event

With Crazy Bob



Susanne Somers is one hot old broad. So was Celine Dion, but she just cut her hair and looks like my third grade teacher, not to mention she likes that old dude. You're reading Crazy Bob and I am the Main Event. Yeah, that's right. This week I am installing a new design for this week's column. In contrast to the usual researched insight and valuable community-minded advice that I distribute so generously, I have formulated a different game plan. Instead I will rely on bad puns and mildly witty, nosensical ramblings.

Tell me if this has ever happened to you. Are you ever walking towards a particular destination on campus and someone you either don't like or just don't have anything to say to happens to be walking in the same direction along side you? And because you know this person only through a loose acquaintance you feel obligated to talk to that person? And you both feel awkward and begin to walk faster, and ask one another where he or she is headed in hopes that the other person will turn the corner and have to end the conversation? No? Well I do so

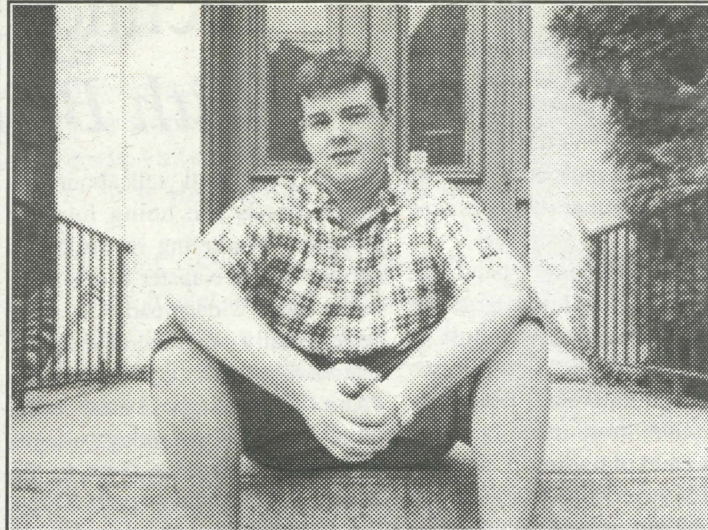
leave me alone.

Do you ever get stuck behind these organic tree-huggers who have to put one of everything on their salad, and their always right in front of you? Those people should be kicked in the head. Or do you ever get junk mail at the mailroom and throw it back in at the mail people? I did it once with a Link magazine. I'm not sure what Link is, but judging by the cover I think it's an entire magazine devoted to bulimic chicks and electronics. I got a great response from last week's column, which is astonishing because I thought it stunk like yesterday's breakfast. Speaking of astonishing, did that guy Neil, who is reportedly astonishing, do his thing yet? I hope I didn't miss it; I could use a good astonishing right about now.

I read the news today. Oh boy. Johnny's in the basement, mixing up the medicine, while Casey Jones needs to watch his speed. If you don't eat your meat, you can't have any pudding. How can you have any pudding if you don't eat your meat? There's anarchy in the UK, so keep on rockin' in the free world. I got a black magic

woman. She's under my thumb, and she's climbing the stairway to heaven. Oh, and for the record, Billie Jean is not my lover. She tries to tell me I am the one, but that kid is not my son. Jeremy spoke in class today. He likes to rock and roll all night, and party everyday.

I don't like to write about writers block because I've always thought of it as a creative copout. However, we will be making an exception not only because I am running out of filler but because I ran out of material a long time ago. This week's column took four hours to write. Granted, three of those hours were spent watching TV but you're missing the point. In order to make our time together pass more quickly I will be introducing a new feature. We will call it the Crazy Bob Fun-Facts! Every week if I feel like it we will all share a fun fact about ourselves. I will go first. I bake a mean batch of muffins. I like the blueberry ones from Jiffy. Now you go. What? You whore! All in the same week? And their dog watched? That's disgusting; we're never playing this game again. Go nuts.



From the Bench

With John Heck

At this time I would like to say thank you to the select Wilkes spirit going girls, who even though it's getting cold out, you and your scantily clad clothing still give me a reason to sit on the bench. With that said let's get on with my masterful ramblings.

Alcohol makes people do some pretty strange things. The problem is some people just don't know when to stop. In my years of experience I've seen people get **retarded**, too many times. So I am glad that Wilkes University is finally cracking down.

That's right, Wilkes University is once again trying to put an end to kids enjoying their college career; but I guess they are justified, with all of the situations involving alcohol over the last month you can't really blame them.

Kids have just been getting sloppy lately (freshmen, you know who you are), not that I'm innocent, but come on kids, just relax. But it's not just the freshmen, basically anyone who is reading this column knows what it's like to be out of control.

Not that out of control is bad, but it's the puking and the screaming and staggering and the falling down and not remembering, and the next day your leg is hurting but you just can't figure out why. These are just some of the things that the Wilkes University administration and the Wilkes-Barre police department have deemed unacceptable, and feel that the opportunities (parties) for people to get to this point of inebriation should not be tolerated.

What's up with that, some of the best times of my life have been spent puking and screaming and staggering and falling down and not remembering the reason why my leg hurts so bad after a good night. I think Snoop Dog said it best in the song "Gin and Juice" with the words "we don't cause trouble, we don't bother nobody." The problem that I foresee the University having is that some people do cause trouble and bother other people. I guess you really can't blame them though, like I said earlier alcohol makes people do some strange things.

Is there anyway to stop people from being out of control lunatics? Is cracking down on the good people like me who just know how to enjoy life the answer? Certainly not, holding everyone accountable for the actions of some is the totally wrong way of handling this. The media seems to have a different opinion though, they seem to think that college parties are the roots of all evil, and that they should be outlawed. But the truth of the matter is it's not the parties themselves, it's just those individuals who cannot handle what they take in. And there will never be a way to control them.

So my message to the administration of Wilkes University is this: let things work themselves out and things will turn out fine. If you don't, you will notice an upward trend in students that transfer but hey that's just my opinion so do what you want to do.

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On Friday** for \$2 down YOU can go to the Cinemark theatre and see one of the many movies playing.

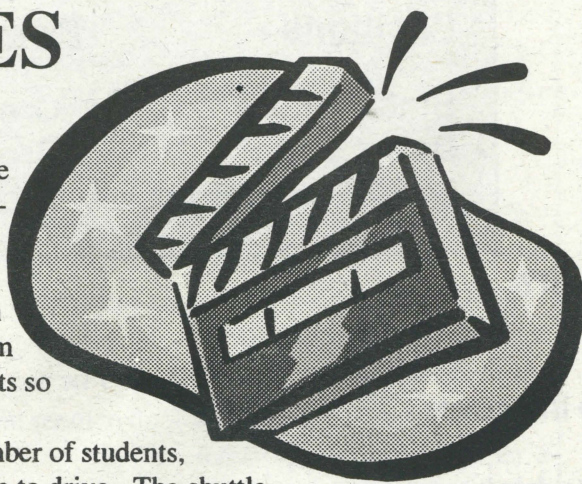
*Once you show up you get your \$2 back

Come and sign up at the SUB information desk Wednesday nights from 5-6 or Thursday from 11-1. There are a limited number of shuttle tickets so first come first served.

Transportation is provided for a limited number of students, but tickets are available to those who would like to drive. The shuttle will leave the SUB at 6:30 and will meet any students driving at 7:00 at the theatre. The movies should be done at approximately 10:15 to be back at the university by 10:45.

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“Welcome to the Jungle!”

By: Kyla Campell

Where can you find palm trees, swinging vines, parrots, and food? All of this and more will be part of Homecoming 2000. And the theme: “Welcome to the Jungle.”

The upcoming festivities begin Tuesday, October 3rd, with the final election of this year’s Homecoming King and Queen. This past Tuesday, nominations for the Homecoming court took place. Don’t forget to cast your final vote!

Next on the Homecoming agenda is the Pep Rally. This is held on the Chase Hall Lawn at 8 p.m. Thursday, October 5th. The fall athletic teams will take part in this event with the coaches and captains saying a few words to get the school spirit going. Also, the final members of the Homecoming court will be announced. Participating dorms should bring their home-made banners for the contest. A monetary prize will be awarded to the contest winners. Lots of hamburgers and hot dogs are on the grill, and will be provided along with soda and hot chocolate. Be sure to



stick around for the much anticipated surprise ending to the Pep Rally!

Possibly the most exciting part of Homecoming - the dinner dance - will take place Friday, October 6th at Genetti’s Hotel and Convention Center. Social hour begins at 6 p.m. and dinner is served at 7 p.m. The dancing festivities will last until midnight. Shuttles will be provided from the Student Union to Genetti’s and

back. Tickets are on sale now in the Student Union Building at the information desk. The tickets are only \$10 per person. The final day of ticket sales will be Tuesday, October 3rd. Make sure you buy your’s today!

The final day of activities is Saturday, October 7th. The Colonel’s Corner, a mini-fair sponsored by Alumni, will begin at 10:30 a.m. and end at 1 p.m. This includes games, music and food. Be sure to attend and give special tribute to Dr. Christopher Breiseth at his last Homecoming as Wilkes University’s President. The football game begins at 1 p.m. at Ralston Field following the culmination of the Colonel’s Corner. The halftime show will feature the introduction of the Homecoming court and the revealing of this year’s King and Queen.

Be sure to be a part of this year’s Homecoming events. Vote on Tuesday, show your school spirit on Thursday, dance your heart out on Friday, and cheer on your classmates at Saturday’s athletic events!

Eye of the Future With Madame Ecstasy



Aquarius (Jan20- Feb18) Questions regarding a relationship have become a major issue. Consult only those that you truly trust or the outcome might be devastating.

Pisces (Feb19-Mar20) This is a good week for you to become a big winner, literally, even though you have been an outcast over the past few weeks this is your time! So shine.

Aries (Mar21-Apr19) New ways of achieving your goals have arisen as long as you keep them within a legal realm you’ll be ok.

Taurus (Apr20-May20) My crystal balls tell me that you have been questioning your direction in life, which is never a good thing, so my advice to you is, “do what is right by you and don’t let any outside forces affect your decisions.”

Gemini (May21-June20) This week people will commend you on your charm and humor, but beware, if you get a big head the tables may turn, and it won’t be in your favor.

Cancer (June21-July22) Be weary of those acquaintances who have seemed overly friendly in the past few days, their motives may not be good.

Leo (July23-Aug22) Take new experiences at face value, you may not be ready for what may come of them, romantic situations might require you to make some stealthy/shady moves which some may think less of you for, but do what is right by you.

Virgo (Aug23-Sept22) You have to take a step back and analyze what you are doing, it just may save your life, if constructive criticism from a peer should come around be grateful and say so.

Libra (Sept23-Oct23) People do not hold you in the same regard as you might think, so watch out for those who you consider “friends.”

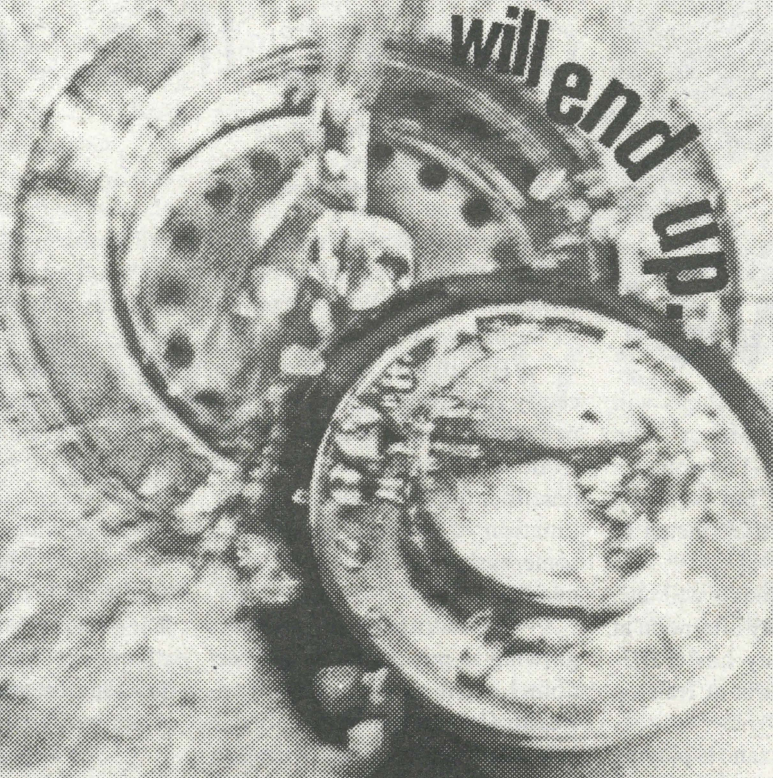
Scorpio (Oct24-Nov21) My crystal balls tell me that you are not living up to the expectations that have been set for you, but the only advice I can offer you is get your priorities straight quick or the journey will be short lived.

Sagittarius (Nov22-Dec21) You will gain some recognition from your peers this week, for your own sake, make it for something that you will be proud of.

Capricorn (Dec22-Jan19) At first you will feel left out, but some careful meditation and wishful thinking will bring you back into the spotlight once again.

This weeks birthdays I had to delve deep inside my crystal balls for this one, as my clairvoyant skills are not yet refined as to give an accurate forecast under the stars of people’s birthdays. But I will say this, within the next few days there are a few people that you will grow considerably closer to because these are your real friends and that is why they are the best ones to spend your birthday with.

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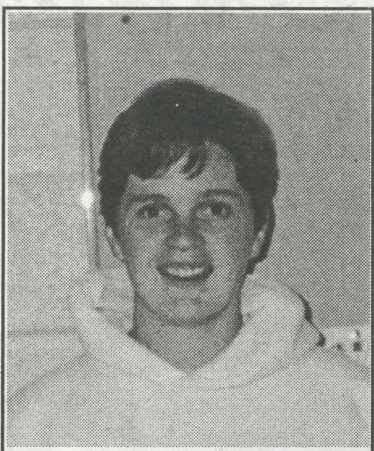
Women's Soccer & Softball playing with new coaches.

By MATT REITNOUR
Beacon Staff Writer

In the last few seasons, the Wilkes University softball team has gone from mediocre to annual contenders for the Middle Atlantic Conference title.

In the last few seasons, the Wilkes University women's soccer team has gone from Freedom Conference cupcakes to play-off contenders.

And while both teams continue to make strides, they each will look to keep up the winning seasons with new coaches at the helm. Frank Matthews takes over the Lady Colonels on the diamond, while Melissa Elwell is now in charge of Wilkes' women's soccer program. For both coaches, this was an opportunity



Melissa Elwell has guided the women's soccer team to a 6-4 record in the fall.

which was too good to pass up.

"Because I have been a resident of the Wyoming Valley for so long, I have been following Wilkes athletics since 1950," Matthews said. "When the opportunity arose, I thought it would be a great opportunity."

Elwell was looking for a new opportunity in her coaching career,

"I have been following Wilkes athletics since 1950,"

- Frank Matthews

and took a chance at taking over at the helm for the Lady Colonels when the school made the coach responsible for just one sport. In the past Wilkes employed just one coach for women's soccer and softball.

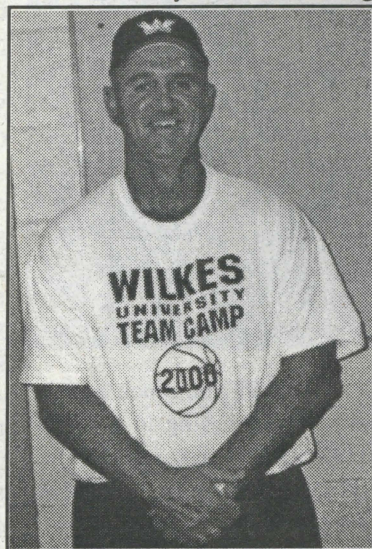
"When they split the position, I decided to apply because I was looking for a new job," Elwell said.

Prior to coming to Wilkes, both coaches were at the Division I level. Matthews was coaching at Harvard, while Elwell was an assistant at Wagner College. Each believes they bring their own respective coaching experience to the table, and a new outlook on the seasons.

"I feel I bring here a lot of experience in coaching," Matthews said. "I hope to be able to take

Wilkes to the next level, and that is beyond just competing for the MAC's each year."

Elwell has been coaching since she was 16, when she took over a youth league team. Since then she has gained valuable experience, but she sees her youth as something



Frank Matthews has installed a new fall softball program.

that can help her team on the field.

"What I hope to bring in is the fact that I am young and cited for this job," she said. "It is exciting. I am some new blood and we are looking to build on what has been done over the past years."

Matthews has local coaching ties as he was head coach of Hanover Area High School before taking a position at Ivy League Harvard. He is well-known locally for not only his coaching ability, but his softball playing ability as well, as he has participated on many national tournament teams. Matthews also moonlights as a football referee in the local high school arena.

Elwell has an impressive playing past of her own. She was named All-Conference and All-American during her playing days at Southern Nazarene University in Bethany, Oklahoma. Southern Nazarene is a member of the NAIA Division I.

Catch the Colonel

A brand-new feature in which an athlete will be chosen each week to "Catch the Colonel." This athlete will be chosen by *The Beacon* sports staff based on statistics and quality of play.

At the end of the year, the athletes who are "chasing the Colonel" will be nominated and



chosen by the Wilkes coaches and the winner will "Catch the Colonel."

Nominations will also be accepted by e-mail by anyone wishing to vote. Stay tuned next week for this year's first selection, as will be determined based on this week's games.



Women's Tennis all wet

The Wilkes University women's tennis team had their second straight match postponed due to inclement weather. The Lady Colonels were scheduled to be in action Tuesday at Susquehanna University at 4:00 p.m., but due to the rain the match has been postponed. There is no rescheduled date for the match as of this time.

Wilkes, which also had Saturday's Middle Atlantic Conference Freedom Conference match at Allentown postponed due to the weather, will jump back on the courts on Thursday afternoon at 3:30 p.m. when they travel to King's College for a Freedom Conference match.

The match with King's will continue action in the Mayor's Cup Series, which is tied 1-1 as women's soccer beat King's, but women's volleyball dropped their match to the rivals.

The Lady Colonels will also be in action on Friday afternoon at 4:00 p.m. when they host FDU-Madison at the courts at Ralston Field.

Adriana Solorzano is playing at number one singles, while Selena Bednarz is at number two. Lori DeMarco and Ameer Mehta play in the middle, while Angie Cardoso and Nicole Ripper round out the six singles. Doubles consists of combinations of the singles players.

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Women's Lacrosse coming this spring

By AMANDA DARBENZIO
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Are you looking for a fast-paced, action-packed activity to participate in during the spring semester at Wilkes? Why not try out for the new women's lacrosse team?

The athletic department recently announced the arrival of its newest addition to sports at Wilkes. Athletic Director Addy Malatesta describes the field sport as "a combination of soccer, hockey, and some basketball around the goal-mouth."

Malatesta believes lacrosse is growing in popularity. "The Freedom League and the Commonwealth Conference feel as though lacrosse is becoming one of the fastest growing sports and it just seems natural to add it to the Wilkes athletics program."

The team will start play this spring as a probationary varsity sport and it is hoped that it will evolve into a varsity team for next

year.

Coach Malatesta confirms that recruiting is already taking place through admissions. The athletic department will soon be seeking a full time coach who has successfully played and coached at the college level. If all goes well, a new coach will be in place by January in order to get signups started.

If you are interested, the first thing you will need to play is a pair of filed shoes. Sticks and equipment will be provided.

Coach Malatesta, who is head field hockey coach, believes that "this is a very exciting time for athletics at Wilkes, as growth and development are showing and more is being offered."

She hopes that the latest addition will be a starting point that Wilkes will continue to build on and offer more to its students.

For more information on the women's lacrosse team please contact athletic director/field hockey coach Malatesta at 408-4038.

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By COREY YANCO
Beacon Sports Editor

The women's soccer team earned their fifth straight win as first-year coach Matthews guided them to a 6-0 record by shutting out Kean College.

Last week's victory over Kean College was a significant win for the team.

Matthews beat Goucher College 6-0 to open the season. Wilkes then defeated Kean College 2-0 as they improved their record.

"With a new coach, we're excited about the future," said Lacy, who has been a part of the team for several years. "Her style is very different from the previous coaches."

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Golf

Games in bold (DH) denotes a home game. Men's and Women's. Note: all dates are subject to change.

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By CASEY COLE
Beacon Staff Writer

Lady Colonels' defenseman described the fall season quite simply, "It's a good thing."

On Saturday, Wilkes field hockey won a 3-1 victory over Jersey State. The team's record is now 1-1 in Middle Atlantic Conference Freedom Conference games.

Men win

A balanced offense is key to win in any sport.

On Wednesday afternoon in Williamsport, the men's soccer team utilized a balanced offense to improve their record to 4-2-2 with a 3-1 over Middle Atlantic Conference Freedom Conference foe Lycoming College.

Matt Bieber, Ken Huelbig, and Matt Diltz scored for Phil Wingert's club, while Seth Nye turned away five shots.

Justin Bagley, Bill Smith, Pete Schmidt, and Karl Myers added helpers in the win which gives the Colonels a 1-1 record in the conference.

Colonels on a 'Crusade'

By COREY YANOSHAK
Beacon Sports Editor

Lady Colonels ride shutouts

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The women's soccer team earned their fifth straight win for first-year coach Melissa Elwell, also winning their third consecutive game by shutout.

Last week saw the Lady Colonels beat Goucher College 5-0, just two days after Wilkes beat King's College 6-0 to open the Mayor's Cup. Wilkes then went on to shutout Kean College 3-0 on the weekend as they improve to 6-3 overall.

"With a new coach, it's difficult, but we're adjusting," said Jill Lacy, who has eight points on the year. "Her style of play has defi-

nately improved us, so it's been a big help for the team."

Against Goucher, the Lady Colonels took a four-goal lead into the half as Jill Lacy, Holly Shiber, Jill Klicka, and Danielle McDonald all netted scores. McDonald's second goal of the contest closed out the scoring.

Jen Pawleshyn continued her fine play with three saves as she and Adrienne Corrigan split time between the pipes.

"It feels good to be winning. We're doing better than at the start of the season," added Lacy. "We're playing well as a team and everyone's really happy with how we're playing."

Wilkes third shutout victory came at Ralston Field as Pawleshyn stopped nine shots to improve her goals against average to 1.44 in the Lady Colonels 3-0 win over Kean.

"The biggest thing is our attitude and dedication," said Lacy. "We all love to play and we want to win, so we just get things done."

Karyn Pall's goal proved to be the game-winner as she took a pass from Tina Mooney and drilled it home. Shiber continued her hot foot with two more goals, improving her team-best to eight goals and

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Mayor's Cup Schedule (1-1)

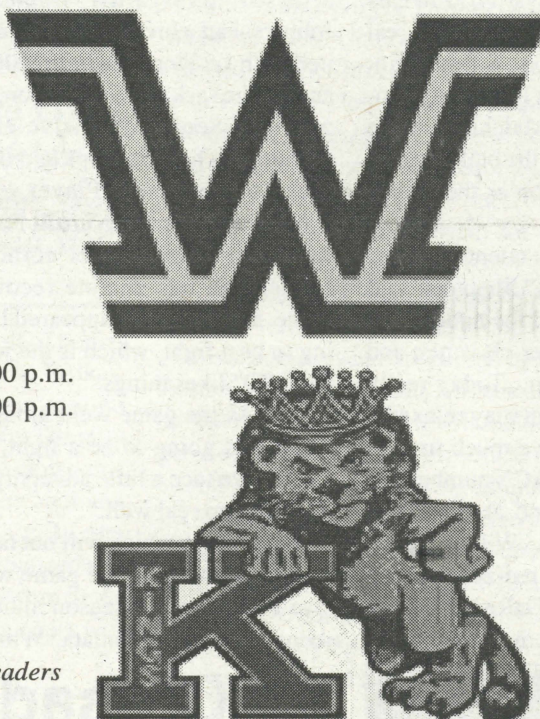
Women's Soccer	Sept. 19 at King's	5-0 W
Women's Tennis	Sept. 28 at King's	3:30 p.m.
Volleyball	Sept. 23 at Wilkes	3-1 K
Men's Soccer	Oct. 4 at Wilkes	4:00 p.m.
Field Hockey	Oct. 17 at King's	4:00 p.m.
Football	Nov. 11 at King's	1:00 p.m.
Wrestling	Nov. 30 at King's	7:00 p.m.
Basketball	Dec. 5 at King's	6:00 and 8:00 p.m.
Basketball	Jan. 30 at Wilkes	6:00 and 8:00 p.m.
Baseball	Mar. 17 at King's (DH)	1:00 p.m.
Softball	Mar. 28 at King's (DH)	1:00 p.m.
Men's Tennis	Mar. 17 at King's	1:00 p.m.
Golf	Apr. 23 at King's	1:00 p.m.

Games in bold are home games

(DH) denotes doubleheader

Men's and Women's Basketball will be played as doubleheaders

Note: all dates are subject to change



United they stand

By CASEY O'BRIEN
Beacon Staff Writer

Lady Colonel field hockey defenseman Nicole Audino described the feelings of her team quite simply, "Winning is always a good thing."

On Saturday afternoon, the Wilkes field hockey team garnered a 3-1 victory over the FDU-Madison Jersey Devils in a Freedom Conference contest. The win boosts the team's record to 3-5 overall and 1-1 in Middle Atlantic Conference Freedom Conference play.

The Lady Colonels delivered the first blow with 18:48 remaining in the first half when sophomore Maria Currier scored off an assist from fellow sophomore Kim Whipple.

The score remained until the second half when sophomore Kristen Yarrish scored off the dual assists of fellow sophomore Sara Ciotoli and senior Jill Wilson. Less than six minutes later, Ciotoli added to the team's lead off another assist from Wilson.

Freshman goalie Desiree Podrasky came up with five saves

for the Lady Colonels. The defensive members of the team prevented the Jersey Devils from scoring until Nicolle Schellato scored off the assist of Katie Dio, ending the shutout bid.

"We came together as a team and played our hearts out," Audino explained.

Teamwork and unity may sound like an overused cliché for victory, but the Lady Colonels discovered that "united we stand" is cliché for a reason.

Addy Malatesta's team faces Wesley College on Sunday at 1 p.m.

Frank Sheptock knows that this weekend's showdown with Susquehanna University is not going to make or break his team.

There are many factors involved with being successful and this weekend is just another game to work on those.

But the Wilkes University football coach also knows his team's track record in Selingsgrove is not too impressive and this Saturday's 1:00 p.m. game is going to be tough as the Colonels travel to face the Crusaders in a Middle Atlantic Conference showdown between two undefeated teams.

"It's a real good rivalry, no matter what the records are. You just look past all that stuff and you still have a great rivalry," said Sheptock. "But it's a tough place to play. We haven't had much success there in the past."

Susquehanna is playing just its second game on a brand-new field, having beaten Dickinson University 24-13 to christen the field. Susquehanna has also defeated FDU-Madison 26-16 and King's College 26-23, but is yet to play a Commonwealth Conference game.

"Starting strong is real important, on both sides of the ball," warned Sheptock. "The second quarter is crucial. In the past, it's been the team who has gained the early momentum that has got the job done. Whoever finishes the half strong goes on to win the game."

Sheptock's 3-0 Colonels will take a defense that has allowed 269 yards of total offense per game, with just 50 coming on the ground. Susquehanna counters with a dominant offense which has racked up 379 yards of offense per game. Mike Bowman takes the snaps and has thrown for 730 yards with 53 completions. Bowman has teamed up with former high school teammate and Big 33 player Mark Bartosic for 263 yards and four of his five touchdowns. Bartosic is a transfer student from Division I AA Bucknell.

"Their offense is more balanced and they're throwing the ball with great efficiency. They're not a high-risk offense, but they're controlled and they take what the defense gives," Sheptock said. "Bartosic and Bowman picked up where they left off in high school and the whole offensive line is back, so they just dominate games with their offense."

Rashonn Drayton and Jon Dvorshock return in the backfield, but the addition of Isaac Hernandez provides the Crusader rushing game with an added weapon, one which Sheptock is very cautious of.

"Drayton and Dvorshock are both very good players, but their third back gives them another dimension for their offense."

Wilkes' defense consists of nine players with more than 10 tackles, combining for 10 sacks. Linebackers Mike DaRe and Steve Rogers have 19 and 14 tackles, respectively, while cornerback Brian Hosler has racked up 17. As a team, Wilkes has allowed just seven points in the "crucial second quarter," while Susquehanna has used the pivotal second quarter to score 23 points.

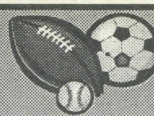
"We've got to win the kicking game and eliminate penalties, and not beat ourselves," said Sheptock of the keys to victory. "The little things like turnover and field position end up being very important and if we don't give up a big play, teams find it very difficult to drive down the whole field on us."

Wilkes enters the contest with a 3-0 mark overall and a 1-0 record in the Freedom Conference after wins at Albright College and FDU-Madison, while last week dropping Juniata College 17-10 in their home-opener. A low-key ground game has turned into a decent offensive weapon as Sheptock utilizes five different backs to carry the ball. Anthony Melchiorre returns after a two-week injury, but Sheptock now loses freshman Kyle Kehoe, who was banged up in last week's victory. Seamus Geddis has looked like the fullback Wilkes hasn't had in a while, running for 72 yards last week, while putting up the most impressive numbers of the backs with 131 yards on 25 carries.

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Colonels at 3-0 for first time since '90

Beat Juniata in home-opener, 17-10

By MATT REITNOUR
Beacon Staff Writer

The Wilkes University football team once again showed enough balance in their game plan that they made some of the US gymnastic team members jealous. Wilkes moved the ball down the field on two long scoring drives in each half and took advantage of three Juniata turnovers to knock off the Eagles 17-10 at Ralston Field last week. The win moves the Colonels to 3-0 for the first time since 1996.

Wilkes actually trailed 7-0 just 4:38 into the game after Juniata All-American receiver Matt Eisenberg hooked up with quarterback Jamie Campbell for a 44-yard scoring strike. Wilkes came into the game knowing Eisenberg, who was out for Juniata's 16-10 loss to Lebanon Valley two weeks ago, would get the ball a lot and have his chances at the endzone. But after one score, the Wilkes defense said it was time to put a stop to it.

"We knew Eisenberg was their big play guy," sophomore Mike DaRe said. "We said on the sideline that was it, he got his big play and that was the only one we were going to let him have."

Eisenberg finished the day with eight catches for 144 yards and a score. Head coach Frank Sheptock said after the game he would like watching Eisenberg play every week, but being on the opposing sideline makes it tough to like how he hauls in pass after pass.

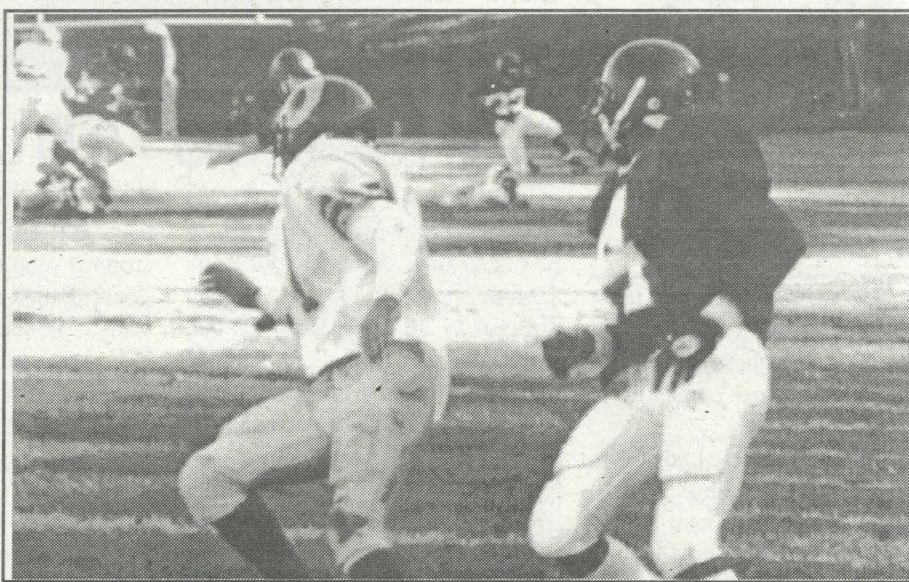
"We knew that they were going to establish Matt, and what a great football player he is," Sheptock said. "If I wasn't on the opposing sideline I would just like to watch him play, but it's not as enjoyable being the other head coach."

Wilkes answered the first quarter score with a drive and score of their own. Wilkes marched down the field the next time they touched the ball, going 66-yards in 13 plays. The scoring play was a pass from sophomore quarterback Jeff Marshman, who hit senior Ryan James with an 11-yard toss with 3:46 to play in the first quarter. The pass was Marshman's first of two scoring tosses on the day. Later he would connect with freshman Kyle Kehoe from three yards out to give the Colonels a comfortable 17-7 lead in the third quarter. Marshman finished the day 14-for-22 for 222 yards and two touchdowns. James led the receiving core with four catches for 90 yards and one score. His long reception of the day, a 48-yard pass from Marshman in the third quarter set up Kehoe's score. Senior Frank McCabe pulled in three balls for 56 yards while juniors Keith Witkowski and Seamus Geddis each hauled in two passes in the win.

Geddis wasn't just catching the ball, he was carrying from the backfield as well. Geddis led the team with 72 yards on 16 carries, but his backfield counterpart was the real story after the win. Kehoe, a freshman, stepped into the rotation after injuries to Thomas Patterson and Anthony Malchiorre at the tailback spot. Kehoe carried the ball 13 times for 63 yards in his first action as the team's primary running back.

"He is a tremendously talented young man, but he is very nervous," Sheptock said of Kehoe. "He looks around the huddle and sees all the seniors and upper-classmen and he doesn't want to screw up. Today really was the first time we saw him play relaxed."

The defense didn't give much time to the Eagles to relax, as the MAC's number one defense used their speed and skill to strip Juniata of the win, literally. Wilkes forced two Eagle fumbles inside the red-zone to keep Juniata off the score board. DaRe led Wilkes with eight tackles. The sophomore linebacker



Brian Miller (4), an all-star wide receiver as a freshman two years ago, has fully recovered from an injury last year, but is being keyed on by defenses, evidenced by Juniata not allowing him a catch on Saturday.

even added a sack on the day as two of his stops were behind the line of scrimmage for a loss of five yards. Sophomore Jason Johnson had a break out game and was credited with six stops, including three for a loss and a huge sack on third and long in the fourth quarter. Senior defensive end Jermaine Richardson had six stops and one and a half sacks to be named Player of the Game. Richardson was given credit for a fumble recovery as well. Junior cornerback Brian Hosler had two fumble recoveries in the game, a game which appeared like it was going to be a fight, which is the way the Colonels' "D" likes things.

"As the game went along we saw the game was going to be a fight," DaRe said. "When we face a little adversity, that's when we stand up real well."

A group which will not be found in the statistical sheet for the game was the offensive line, who last season allowed a school record 10 sacks at Juniata. While Marshman

was still sacked five times, the o-line consisting of Jeff Gibbs, Ed Pietroski, Mike Libby, John Else, Tim Letcher and Matt Berger put a good Juniata defensive line from knocking down Marshman too much. Wilkes finished the day with 333 yards total offense.

The entire team will get a test this week as the Colonels travel to Selinsgrove to face Susquehanna. The Crusaders are 3-0 this week in their home opener. Wilkes has traditionally not played well at Susquehanna. In 1997 the Colonels took their worst defeat under coach Sheptock, 47-14. Last season Wilkes blew a then unbeaten Susquehanna at the water 26-0. This week's game is a test, but Wilkes needs to do the same things they did last week according to Sheptock.

"We haven't played well at Susquehanna since 1994," he said. "It's an intense rivalry and you are going to see the same kind of game you saw here today."



Jill Lacy (left) and Donna Rothrock (middle) have both been steady contributors to the Lady Colonels offense.

19 points. Mooney added her second assist on Shiber's first tally, while Shiber scored unassisted to finish the scoring.

McDonald now has five goals for 10 points, while Donna Rothrock has nine points on four goals and one helper. Lacy now has

two scores and four assists for eight points.

"We're thinking about playoffs," admitted Lacy. "We're hoping to win the majority of our games and are optimistic about the playoffs. But we need to take it one game at a time."

Crusade

"We've been running a lot more, but it's more of the old-fashioned football. We've always had backs that ran to the outside, but now we just go up the middle," Sheptock added. "And Geddis had as strong a game as we've had from a fullback in a long time. He's done so well and he's been a pleasant surprise. We don't have our finesse type of backs, but he gives us another dimension."

With a win, Wilkes will enter the crucial portion of their Freedom League schedule with a 4-0 record as Delaware Valley College comes to Edwardsville before the Colonels travel to Lycoming College for a mid-season showdown.

"We need to keep improving and focus on the task at hand," said Sheptock. "It's going to be a big-time atmosphere down there with a new stadium and big crowd, but we're used to going on the road."

Sports Schedule

Thursday, September 28

Women's Tennis - Wilkes at King's, 3:30 p.m.

Friday, September 29

Women's Tennis - FDU-Madison at Wilkes, 4:00 p.m.

Saturday, September 30

Football - Wilkes at Susquehanna, 1:30 p.m.

Men's Soccer - Lebanon Valley at Wilkes, 1:00 p.m.

Volleyball - Wilkes at Albright Dickinson, 11:00 a.m.

Women's Soccer - Wilkes at FDU-Madison, 1:00 p.m.

Sunday, October 1

Field Hockey - Wesley at Wilkes, 1:00 p.m.

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