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## War will earmark graduates' generation

By VAUGHN SHINKUS  
Beacon News Editor

Friends and relatives looked on as 104 Wilkes students received their diplomas, stepping off of the stage and into the future on past Thursday at Winter Commencement exercises.

Speaking to an audience which packed the Dorothy Dickson Darte Center, President Christopher Breiseth was quick to caution graduating students to be aware of the extraordinary events half a world away.

"If you had been thinking that you could get on your own way towards professional and personal objectives without much regard for national or international conditions, think again," he said.

Breiseth stressed the important position graduating students will maintain in bringing peace among members of a "global village."

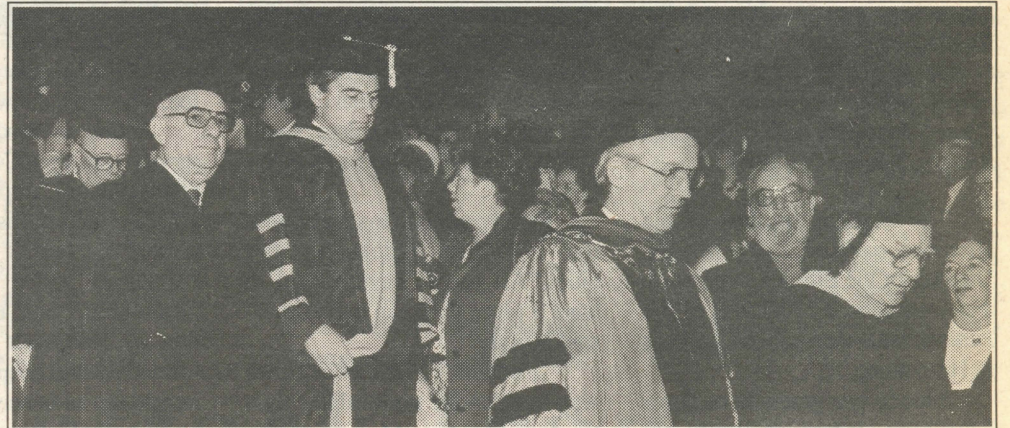
"War is going to define your generation because of what is happening right now, and if the present conflict should blessedly

end tomorrow.... Crises bring forth leadership—and this present conflict will be no exception. Be prepared."

Former Wilkes president, Dr. Francis J. Michelini was present at the ceremony to deliver the keynote address and to receive a honorary doctorate of science. Michelini held the position of president at a time when Wilkes was struggling through its own crisis, the flood from Hurricane Agnes in 1972.

Upon conferring the degree, Breiseth praised "Dr. Mike" for his years of service to both the college and the Commission for Independent Colleges and Universities, from which he recently retired after serving as president for fifteen years.

"It remains to your Wilkes University to hail you for a job without parallel in the history of higher education," Breiseth said. "You led students, staff, faculty, trustees, and community to help Wilkes College rise from the mud stronger and more confident to face its promising future."



**RECESSIONAL**— Dr. Francis Michelini, Dr. George Waldner, President Breiseth and Chairman Richard Ross lead graduates following Winter Convocation.

Wiping the reminiscent tears from his eyes, Michelini recalled a less cheerful day in the Darte Center, when flood waters had filled the then newly built auditorium to its middle rows. "If I told you I wasn't emotional I'd be lying through my teeth," he admitted.

As the graduation ceremony neared its completion, Michelini left the graduates with a final word of advice, "Only you, nobody else, can address the issues and problems that make you the human being that you are.... You've paid your money, you've got your choices."

## A first hand look at war Saudi resident talks about crisis

By VAUGHN SHINKUS  
Beacon News Editor

To many, the Middle East seems a world away from the sheltered environment here at Wilkes. For at least one student, however, the desert sand is as close as the news reports which inundate the evening newscasts.

Samantha Ireson knows the Saudi deserts as well as most of us know Public Square. Her family has lived in Ras Tanura, Saudi Arabia for the last 14 years.

Like most students, Samantha just returned back to school following Christmas break. Her trip home, however, took her to a country which was just days away from war.

Now, with Operation Desert Storm entering its third week, Samantha is concerned for the well-being of her father, who still remains not far from the Kuwaiti border.

"It's nerve racking," said the communications major. "I remember seeing the patriot



**Samantha Ireson**

missiles and thinking they were just there for propaganda. I didn't think they'd be used."

As the coordinator of project "Sandy Claus," Samantha carried back about 600 letters to U.S. soldiers, in addition to the near 2000 that she mailed in conjunction with other program members.

Because of her direct involvement in "Sandy Claus," Samantha was able to deliver many of the letters personally, which gave her a good sense of troop attitude.

□ See **NATIVE**, page 3

## Gulf crisis becomes a reality for Wilkes reservists

By VAUGHN SHINKUS  
Beacon News Editor

The reality of war hit home during the holiday break, as 15 Wilkes reservists were called to duty in support of Operation Desert Storm.

The breakdown of those summoned to serve ranges from freshmen, part time, non-traditional, and masters degree students to faculty member Henry Steuben.

In accordance with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, the University is unable to release the names of those students who have been called.

Before leaving for active duty, the students were asked to contact the Student Affairs office to make necessary arrangements in securing their educational future. Student Affairs Dean Jane Lampe-Groh met with many of the students to advise them about their academic status, financial aid, and housing concerns.

According to Lampe, those called expressed little emotion and

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were mindful of their responsibility to represent the United States in the Gulf war. "The students that I talked to were very confident, calm, and purposeful in their approach to their duty," she said.

Some of the student soldiers have been sent to join U.S. military forces already in Saudi Arabia. Still others will depart in the upcoming weeks, after completing specialized training.

This drastic change in lifestyle seemingly has not affected many of the students. According to Lampe, "For young people whose lives have been turned upside down, their composure was outstanding," she said.

Lampe also expressed concern for the threat of chaotic

demonstrations, like the rally which took place earlier this month at King's College.

Wilkes will not attempt to suppress peaceful demonstrations, providing they do not hamper normal University operations.

"Wilkes policy concerning demonstrations advocates the resolution of differences in an orderly manner. No demonstration must be allowed to interfere with a person's ability to access the institution," Lampe said.

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# CAMPUS

## Birthday celebration in the CPA

### Community rallies for Martin Luther King Day

By JEFFREY C. LOBALBO  
Beacon Editor

WILKES-BARRE — In celebration of Martin Luther King's 62nd birthday, Wilkes University, in partnership with the Martin Luther King Committee for Social Justice hosted a service of prayers, songs, and speeches at the Center for Performing Arts on Sunday, January 20, 1991.

The keynote speaker of the afternoon was Rev. Debra Moody, Director of the Ethnic Corporation and Institutional Ministries of the Pennsylvania Council of Churches in Harrisburg.

Moody is a graduate of Drew University, Oxford University, has a Ph.D. candidate at Drew University, and a Masters Degree in philosophy.

Moody spoke mostly about King's famous book titled "Why We Can't Wait Any Longer." She indicated that King wrote to clearly depict the 400 year wait blacks had to endure before gaining any hope of freedom. King also contended that the blacks' non-violence and disobedience would work for awhile, but he warned that if blacks did not get their freedom soon, violence would break out in all cities.

Moody went on to speak about the homeless blacks in the cities. "All people have a right to have a place they can call home," said Moody.

"I couldn't think of a better way to celebrate my birthday than to speak about Martin Luther King," Moody said. "The world has not become a better place to live," she said. "As long as we have dif-

ferences of race, the world will tear itself apart, as in the Persian Gulf Crisis."

"It's ironic that the birthday of Martin Luther King was also the deadline for Saddam Hussein in the Persian Gulf," said Rev. James Doyle, King's College and Chairman of the Programming Committee, who gave the welcome.

Acting as moderator for the service was Vera Cornish, of Penn State Lehman Campus. "We should all pray for the justice that King wanted," she said.

As an added attraction, the Community Choir, under the direction of Roosevelt Newton, performed several gospel songs which moved the audience to the point of clapping and singing. The highlight of the program came in the choir's rendition of "We Shall Overcome."

The Martin Luther King Committee was founded to "create an active organization of concerned citizens in order to preserve basic rights and liberties for all; to encourage and work for human dignity, social justice, equal opportunity, and civil rights."

Other members taking part in the celebration included Rev. Wallace Smith, Pastor, Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Wilkes-Barre; Commissioner Frank Crossin, Rabbi Moshe Yerkes, Ohav Zedek, Wilkes-Barre; Kenneth Burnett, REACH program; Allan Zellner, Wilkes faculty member; Rev. Anita J. Ambrose, Executive Director of the Wyoming Valley Council of Churches; Beverly Collins, member of the Mt. Zion Baptist Church; Wilkes-Barre; and Rev. Cordella Brown, pastor of the Forst United Methodist Church, Wilkes-Barre.

## Exclusive MBA program at Wilkes

By MISSY MARGUS  
Beacon Staff Writer

The new Wilkes Master's in Business Administration (MBA) is more than another graduate degree.

It's an opportunity for those who are employed full-time to obtain a Masters Degree without promising their work schedule. Weekend MBA program is the first of its kind in Northeast Pennsylvania.

Theodore Engel, Dean of the School of Business, Sociology and Public Policy predicts that the program will appeal to a population within a 100 mile radius of Wilkes. Therefore, the program will be an image enhancer for the University.

"This program enhances Wilkes University's image in the broader market. It's as good as Wilkes as it is for those pursuing MBA," said Engel.

According to Engel, the program has already attracted fifty inquiries since the announcement on January 15th.

"The spring session will be time for promoting the weekend program in surrounding communities," said Engel.

Weekend MBA classes will begin in the fall of 1991. Classes will be offered every third week of the fall, spring and summer semesters. In order to obtain MBA in two years, an individual must complete two courses (credits) each trimester.

Another interesting aspect of the Weekend MBA is its accessibility to those who live considerable distances away.

Those students who live out of the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton area have the opportunity to stay on campus for the entire weekend. Local hotels have established count rates for weekend participants and a plan will also be available.

### S.G. EVENTS

- Sign up sheet for teams is due on Friday February 1st between 10 and 11:00 p.m. in Stark Lobby. There is still room for four more teams. You must have 10 girls and 10 guys. Hand in roster forms with \$40.
- The captains meeting for Winter Weekened will be February 5th at 9:30 in Stark 101. Four teams will be drawn from a hat.
- Anyone interested in being a judge for Winter Weekened can call Karen Finn at 829-4655.
- February 12th will be Club Day, Stark Lobby from 11-1 A.M.
- Applications for 1991-92 Resident Assistant positions are now available. They are due on February 6th in the Residence Life Office.
- Every Wednesday and Sunday a dance will be held in Rumors. The dances will be held from 8:30-12 midnight.

Compiled by Colette Simone

## Service brings the desert a little closer

By NICOLETTE YEIVICH  
Beacon Staff Writer

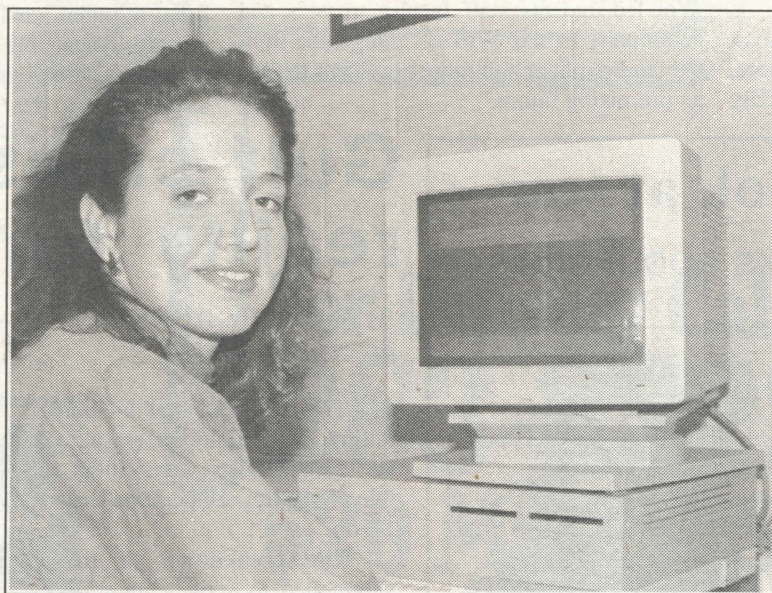
Wilkes' Regional Computer Resource Center has instituted a new exclusive program which will enable students and community members to instantaneously send mail to troops stationed in the Persian Gulf.

An electronic mail system has been installed which can send a letter in less than ten hours, as opposed to the weeks it is likely to take through the conventional mail system.

"Letters from Home" was created as part of a joint effort between General Electric, Pitney Bowes and the United States Air Force.

Anne Kilyanek, student coordinator of "Letters from Home" began the program at Wilkes after hearing of it through AppleLink services.

"It started as a tiny project and grew into something big," she said.



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### Anne Kilyanek sends a "Letter from Home"

It is preferred that letters be typed directly onto the computers located in the computer center, however, type-written letters may be submitted at a box at the security desk Stark Learning Center.

Student volunteers are also needed to type and process the vast amount of requests RCRC will be receiving.

For further information contact Anne Kilyanek at ext. 5234.

This Week  
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Friday

8th annual Colonel Novice Speech  
Tourney - 3 p.m. - 11 p.m., SLC  
Wrestling — Army, 7:30 p.m.

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Saturday

IRHC/CC Dinner Dance, Rumours  
GRE Test  
8th annual Colonel Novice Speech  
Tourney - 7 a.m. - 7 p.m., SLC  
Wrestling — Rutgers  
Women's B'ball — Lycoming, 6 p.m.  
Men's B'ball — Lycoming, 8 p.m.

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# Middle East experts at Wilkes

ELENE MANGAN  
Staff Writer



**Dr. Ashim Basu**

"On the other hand," he added, "Iraq has never confronted troops and fire power of this magnitude, with the United States and its allies in the Persian Gulf."

For the remainder of the Desert Storm crisis, Dr. Basu will be a resource person for WILK and



**Dr. Wagiha Taylor**

WKRZ 98.5 FM.

Dr. Wagiha Taylor, Professor of Economics, is president of the local Arab American Association. She came to America from Egypt thirty years ago and still travels to Egypt at least once a year.

Taylor, who still has family in



**Dr. Mahmoud Fahmy**

the Middle East, is concerned about the effect the war will have upon her native land.

"Since war broke out, I have been keeping in close contact with my family," she said.

"The recent oil spill was really an unfortunate action, and I think

that it doesn't serve any peaceful purpose. If it does anything, I think it will harm Saddam Hussein in the long run," said Taylor.

Taylor recommends that students stay abreast of the current world climate.

"Read as much as you can and make sure you are part of the global picture," she said.

Basu agrees. "Students must first understand and study other cultures and secondly, they must constantly think through a method of resolving conflicts nonviolently."

Both Dr. Umid Nejib, Dean of the School of Science and Engineering, and Dr. Mahmoud Fahmy, Dean of Graduate Affairs and Continuing Education, have also been called upon for their expert opinions concerning the war. Both appeared on WBRE TV-28 when the Gulf war broke out in early January.

## Real: Will they attack Iraq

RICHARD PRICE

College Information Network

TEL AVIV — Israeli Defense Minister Moshe Arens Tuesday said Israel would retaliate for Iraqi attacks within a month if Allied forces were able to halt them by then.

Arens did not say what response his country would make if Iraq's pledge marked the first time a specific time had been suggested for retaliating against Iraq.

"The situation ... will not last for two months (or one month)," he said on Israeli television.

On the same day, Arens offered Israel the best news of the war: Iraq's Sukhoi-24 attack bombers — the only aircraft able to deliver chemical warheads against Israel — are among the planes landing in Iran.

Sukhoi-24s are state-of-the-art Soviet craft with a terrain avoidance system that would allow them to skim across Jordan and into Israel without radar detection.

However, the news only added to a growing concern that Saddam Hussein is reaching the stage of escalation and soon might fulfill his promise to use something deadlier than the Scuds he's been launching against this nation the last 12 days.

On Saturday, a new radio station in Baghdad — called Battles Radio — has been vowing that Iraq is heading Israel's way.

"Here it comes, here comes the Scud," said Dore Gold, who directs the foreign

desk at the Jaffe Center for Strategic Studies in Tel Aviv, Israel. "And people have learned now that they have to take these things seriously. I think it's obvious that in the last day or two the government has been trying to prepare us for a non-conventional attack."

That suggests something biological or chemical. Experts still regard a nuclear attack as extremely unlikely.

Israel's government this week has been issuing warnings about growing public complacency over use of sealed rooms and gas masks during air-raid alerts.

The government adopted regulations making it a violation to be on the streets before an all-clear is sounded, and citations are being issued to people who fail to carry their gas masks.

Brig. Gen. Nachman Shai, the defense spokesman known as "the national Valium" because of his calm presence on the airwaves during missile attacks, toughened his tone during Monday night's alert. He kept the alert in effect longer than usual and blistered those who ventured out early.

"Apparently, some of you are quite interested in committing suicide. Please do it elsewhere," he said.

With the Sukhoi-24s apparently out as a means of delivering chemicals, attention shifted Tuesday to the threat of an attack by the Mirage F-1s, which Iraq used for long-range bombing missions in its war with Iran.

During that war, Iraq mastered aerial refueling of the F-1s and struck at Iranian targets as far as 650 miles away.

Chemical attacks by Scud missiles are still considered unlikely. Iran has never used them for that, and few experts believe they have the technology to trigger distribution of gas above ground.

But "it's certainly not beyond Iran's technical means," said Gold. "They may have achieved it in the months before the war began, and we're just not aware of it."

(Richard Price writes for USA TODAY.)

### □ NATIVE, cont. p.1

"During Christmas, troop morale was understandably low—the men were bored sitting there not knowing what was going to happen," she said.

As the deadline approached, however, the soldiers became increasingly more anxious. Before leaving on January 12, Samantha noticed a significant difference. "Moral is high," she said.

In light of this, Samantha stressed the importance of stateside backing of the war.

"They hear the same news we do, so it's important that we keep up our support."

The news that we do see often exceeds safe, ethical standards, in her opinion. "I think the networks

are showing too much," she said.

This is not to say that she supports censorship, however. In fact, Samantha can recall times during holiday break when her interest in photography nearly got her into trouble.

"I was taking pictures of civilians waiting in line for gas masks.... they (Arab-American officials) got really uptight about that."

Although "Sandy Claus" is now successfully over, Samantha has not stopped her supportive campaign.

"I encourage those who received return letters to continue their correspondence with troop members."

### Monday

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### Tuesday

CC Meeting, 11:45 a.m.  
Bio Club Meeting, 11 a.m.

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### Wednesday

Resident Assistant Applications  
due at RLO by 4:30 p.m.  
SG Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

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### Thursday

Faculty Meeting, 11 a.m., SLC 101  
BACCHUS Meeting, 11 a.m.  
IRHC Meeting, 11:15 a.m.  
WUPB Meeting, 11:30 a.m.



# THE FORUM

## Wilkes University Speaks out on the Persian Gulf War

The war in the Persian Gulf began on Wednesday, Jan. 16, at about 6:30 p.m. local time. Since then, Saddam Hussein has, without provocation, attacked Tel Aviv, Israel, and other bordering cities with his arsenal of SCUD missiles. The reaction of the Israelis has shown heroic restraint of retaliation. Marnin Michaels, a student here at Wilkes University, and Jewish American, will answer some questions by the *Beacon* referring to the war as it pertains to Israel.

**BEACON:** How do you feel about the situation in the Persian Gulf so far?

**MM:** On the first day I felt it would be over in a week, and now I feel it will last three months. I feel Hussein will win the battle of wills, because the coalition has to drive Saddam out of Kuwait and destroy Iraq to win while Saddam merely has to stand his own ground to win.

**BEACON:** What is your opinion of Saddam Hussein attacking Israel, and do you feel that Israel should retaliate?

**MM:** Saddam had no business attacking Israel, because Saddam was not provoked. I feel that Israel



Marnin Michaels

should retaliate, but not now.

**BEACON:** How do you feel about the U.S. giving Patriot missiles to the Israelis?

**MM:** I'm glad they did it. They had to do it. However, the U.S. should have taken the time to train the Israeli troops. Why now rather than three months ago?

**BEACON:** Do you see any sign of a possible missile attack on Jerusalem?

**MM:** No, because there are more Palestinians than Jews in Jerusalem, and the inaccuracy of

the SCUDs would make it more likely to hit an Arab than a Jew.

**BEACON:** When Israel does finally attack, how will they most likely do it?

**MM:** They would have more creative ways of destroying their targets rather than merely bombing them.

**BEACON:** Do you have any other opinions of views that you wish to share?

**MM:** I feel for the people of Kuwait and how it feels to not have a homeland, as well for the innocent Iraqis who have nothing to do with Saddam. The Israelis handled themselves well, and after the war is over, people will be able to say that Israel did handle themselves well.

Israel will lose this war no matter what happens, because once Kuwait is back into power, they will call for a unification of the Moslems and call for the elimination of Israel. Also, Israel will be looked to to give up its occupied territories after the war.

The *Beacon* will continue to feature opinions of other campus members for their opinions on the war as it progresses.

## Sometimes we need to fight for peace

Wednesday, January 16, 1991 was the first day of a new era in American history. The United States, with its allies, attacked Iraq and its hostage nation, Kuwait. The forces used methods including bombing to destroy as many Iraqi military establishments as possible while doing their best to not hit civilian areas.

### EDITORIAL

Since then, the war has gone on with steady progress with few allied casualties. No one knows what the impending assault will bring. There is, however, a second front in our own back yard; the protests from dissidents wanting peace and demanding that we bring our troops home.

The protests against the Vietnam War in the late 1960s and early 1970's have been referred to as the second Civil War by some current writers and newscasters. This war probably won't be as drawn out as the Vietnam War, but any dissension aimed towards the government can be called a war.

The Vietnam protests happened mainly because so many men were being killed, and the United States probably had no business being over there anyway. In this war, the protesters want the troops home, but their reasons for being opposed to the war are all wrong. Everywhere you look in a crowd of protesters, you see signs that say "No Blood for Oil," or other related statement. As it turns out, according to a recent news report, the United States receives only 11% of its oil from the Middle East, so the troops are definitely not there just for the oil.

The truth of the matter is that Saddam Hussein, without provocation, attacked a smaller, weaker nation with fewer resources, military arsenal, etc., just like Hitler did in Eastern Europe, and raped the nation of all its wealth. The United Nations and U.S. had simply ignored and accepted Hussein may have attempted to conquer Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Iran, and possibly Israel. As a result, Europe, who gets 60% of its oil from the Middle East, would be at the mercy of HIS oil prices. With the money Hussein received from oil sales, he would buy more weapons and would have become even more dangerous than before.

The sanctions weren't working too well either. Iraq refused to close its border, so the Iraqis may have a pipeline.

Also remember that the military was not sent into Kuwait immediately after the August 2nd invasion. For five months, the U.N. nations tried to resolve the resolution with no luck. Even the other Arab nations had no luck in persuading Hussein from Kuwait. They even stated that Hussein was a bully that needed to be dealt with.

Also remember that the men and women who signed up for military service knew the risks involved. They knew the day they signed up. Just remember; sometimes fighting was needed to preserve the peace.



### Bush

President Bush approval rating when war began: Bush and the exact terms:

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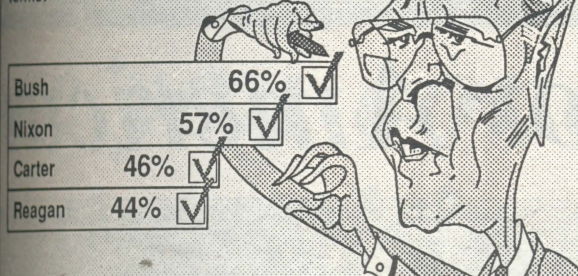
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## Bush gets high marks

President Bush's already high mid-term approval rating — 66% — surged to 80% when war began. Approval ratings for Bush and the last three elected presidents at the exact midway points in their first terms:



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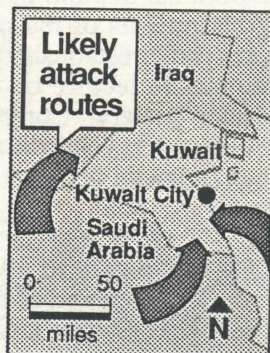
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# PREMIERE

## 'Super years' ahead for Americans

By BRIAN MALINA  
Beacon Staff Writer

Noted columnist Richard Reeves relied on both serious commentary and humorous anecdotes as he presented his lecture "The Berlin Wall and Beyond" to an attentive audience Tuesday evening in the Dorothy Dickson Darte Center for the Performing Arts.

Reeves, an accomplished author and columnist, is regarded as one of the leading commentators on both national and international affairs. While living in Europe and Asia for the past few years, Reeves has reported from more than forty countries in that time.

Besides his extensive travelling, Reeves has appeared in nine television films and has won several of American television's major documentary film awards including the Emmy, the Columbia-Dupont Award, and the George Foster Peabody Award.

Reeves has also written seven books including the best-selling *Convention and American Journey: Traveling with Tocqueville in Search of Democracy in America*, and his column appears twice weekly in more than 160 newspapers.

A former chief correspondent for *The New York Times*, he has also served as editor of *Esquire* and *New York* magazines. Along with writing pieces for *The New Yorker*

magazine, Reeves is currently working on a biography of John F. Kennedy.

Throughout the course of his speech, Reeves touched on many different subjects including the Berlin Wall, the progress of the cold war, and the state of American society.

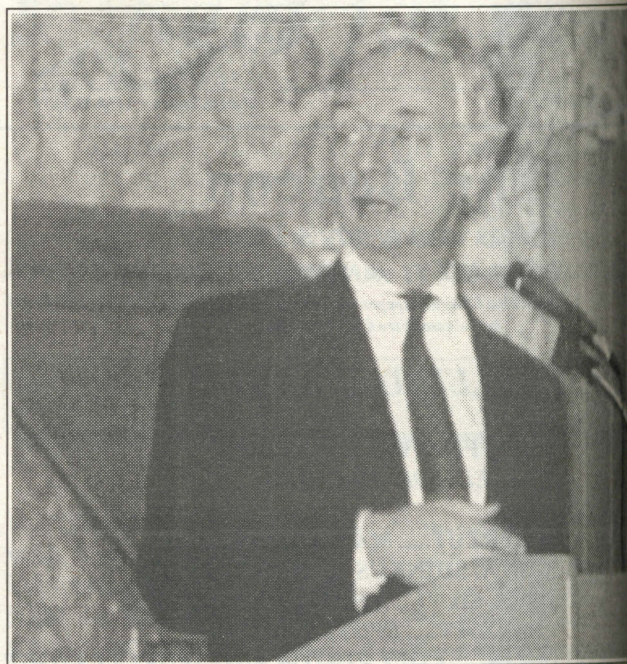
As Reeves began to address the issue of the Berlin Wall, he stated that the building of the Wall was beneficial to America at that specific period during the cold war.

Reeves expressed his belief that President John F. Kennedy knew about the building of the Wall prior to its execution, but he allowed it to proceed because, according to Reeves, "It would be the beginning of the end of Communism."

The eventual crumbling of the Berlin Wall did help to bring about a final end to the cold war. Reeves, however, believes that its falling will give rise to much political disruption and bloodshed until the governments of the new fledgling democracies are firmly established.

Reeves then continued to lecture on the current status of American society. Contrary to the beliefs of many others, Reeves feels that America is not in a state of social decline, but rather, that it is on an upward trend.

"America is experiencing a silly mid-life crisis," said Reeves. He attributes this "crisis" to the fact that many Americans feel "it is not enough that I succeed, but that my friends must fail."



THE BEACON/Andrea Silvi

Richard Reeves addresses the audience Tuesday evening

Reeves suggested that this mentality coupled with apparent economic success of countries like Japan may explain the widespread belief that America is declining.

Reeves feels that although there may be hard times for the younger generations, America is "heading toward better years." He also believes that American society will continue to prosper because "for every one person who stumbles, there are ten ready to take his place."

## Seeking help in stressful times

By ANDREA SILVI  
Beacon Feature Editor

WILKES-BARRE— With the recent developments in the Persian Gulf, many young people are concerned about the possibility of a military draft, and they are also confused about their rights and responsibilities if a draft should be instituted.

Fortunately, the Interfaith Resource Center for Peace and Justice in coordination with the Wilkes Interfaith Fellowship has developed a program which will help to ease the fears and apprehensions some young people may have concerning the Gulf war.

A group of volunteers have established a military counseling service which is aimed directly at those people who have questions concerning their military responsibilities.

The center offers materials explaining such aspects of military service as the draft, enlistment, delayed entry program, active duty reserves, and draft classifications such as conscientious objector, hardship, medical, and student.

According to Selective Service procedures, the first people to be called in the event of a draft would be men who are in the calendar year of their 20th birthday.

This would mean that if a draft were to begin this year, men born in 1971 would be called to serve before any other age group.

Not only does the center provide resources for students with apprehensions concerning the possibility of a draft, but it also offers a wide range of information for young people who are considering the military as a career possibility.

According to Ned Smith, liaison to the Interfaith Fellowship at Wilkes, although the center advocates a peaceful resolution to the Gulf crisis, the volunteers involved in the military counseling and information services are not trying to influence a young person concerning whether or not the war is just. Instead, the center hopes to provide an individual with enough information to come to a well thought out conclusion.

"The current crisis in the Gulf has come to be a life and death situation, and people should be provided with enough input to make a well-informed decision concerning their own possible involvement in the war," Smith said.

Smith has spoken to many Wilkes students and their families in the past few months concerning their options in the event of a draft which includes ways to become a conscientious objector.

### INTERFAITH COUNSELING

- Are you wondering what your options are if a draft were to be instituted?
- Are you considering a career in the military, but want more information?
- Do you want to know more about becoming a conscientious objector if a draft were imposed?

If you answered yes to any of these questions, then you should attend the next information seminar sponsored by the Interfaith Resource Center.

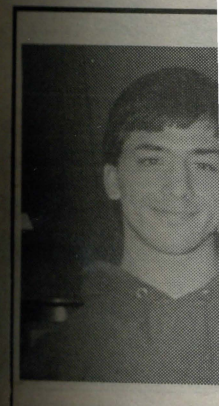
The next meeting will take place on Tuesday, February 5th at 3:30 p.m. in Room C of the Sheehy Student Center at King's College.

A conscientious objector is defined by the military as anyone whose moral, ethical, or religious beliefs oppose participation in war in any form.

Anyone who has questions concerning the Selective Service System and related military issues can either contact the center at 823-9977 or stop by the Interfaith Resource Center for Peace and Justice at 68 South Franklin St.

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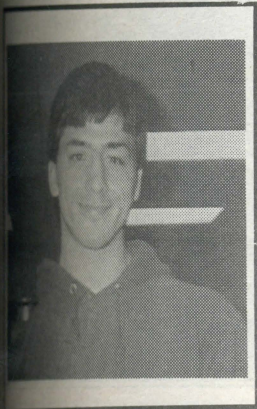


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# OPINION IN FOCUS

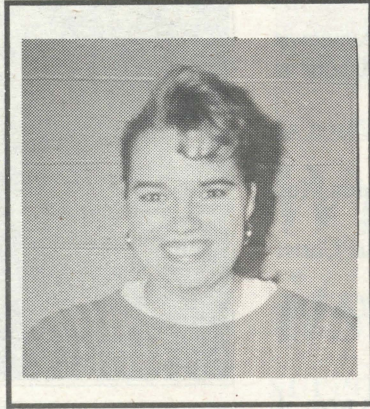
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## *Are you concerned a draft will be instituted in response to the war?*



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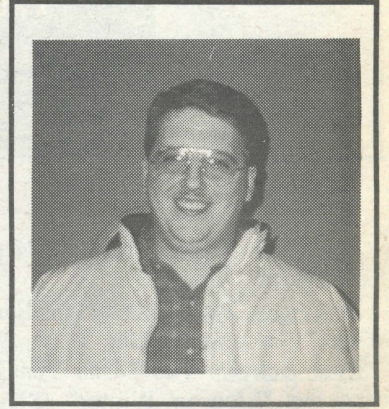
Jodi Willison  
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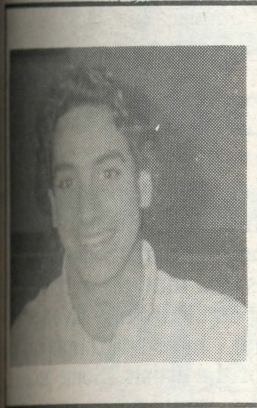
Gina Costanzo  
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Yes, I'm concerned because I'll miss my brother when he goes.



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No, because I don't think it will last that long.



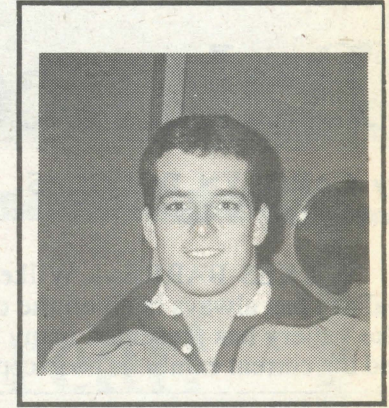
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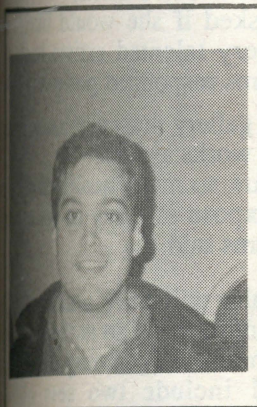
Dave Unzicker and Kevin Curry  
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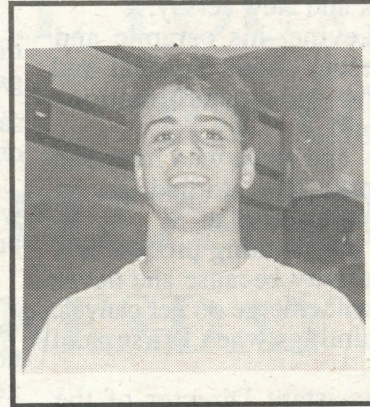
Joe Barr  
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Yes, because I hate sand.



Shawn Tubiello  
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No, I think we have enough troops and reserves that we won't need it.



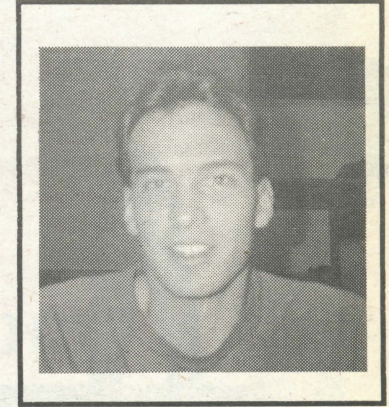
Louis Leeds  
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Yes, I'm concerned because I'm just about to wrestle off Dearon Tufankjian for the varsity heavyweight spot.



Terry Elias  
Junior

Yes, I'm concerned because I feel bad for the guys who wish to finish their educations.



Tommy Doughty  
Senior

Yes, I'm concerned, but I think we're doing the right thing, and if it comes down to it, I'll go.



# Area theater performances lit up 1990 New

1990 was a very successful year for area theater. Both college and community theater had a lot to offer. Many aspects of local theater improved over the course of the year, and there were many performances which simply lit the stage. It was a tough decision, but here are the results of my first annual local theater awards:



## STAGE DOOR

Paul Winarski

### DRAMAS:

**Best Play:** Wilkes University's production of "Blue Window"

**Best Actor:** Joseph Ristagno as Henry II in "Lion in Winter" (Showcase Theater)

**Best Actress:** Tie: Diane Yenason as Queen Eleanor in "Lion in Winter" (Showcase); Kim Silverman as Nurse Ratched in "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest" (Little Theater)

**Best Supporting Actor:** Jason Delcampe as Griever in "Blue Window" (Wilkes University)

**Best Supporting Actress:** Kay McClintock as Ouiser in "Steel Magnolias" (Showcase)

**Best Director:** Jane Tomassetti for "Steel Magnolias" (Showcase)

**Best Set Design:** John Farley Swanson for "Blue Window" (Wilkes University)

**Best Costumes:** Tie: Jane Tomassetti for "Lion in Winter" (Showcase); Andrea Vonada for "The Merry Wives of Windsor" (Wilkes University)

### MUSICALS:

**Best Musical:** "Camelot" (Music Box Dinner-Theater)

**Best Actor:** Bruce Phair as King Arthur in "Camelot" (Music Box)

**Best Actress:** Andrea Petrosky as Mary in "Jesus Christ Superstar" (Little Theater)

**Best Supporting Actor:** Tie: Dorrance Daniels as Pellinore in "Camelot" (Music Box); Joe Salsburg as Ben Franklin in "1776" (Showcase)

**Best Supporting Actress:** Donna Dickinson as Abigale Adams in "1776" (Showcase)

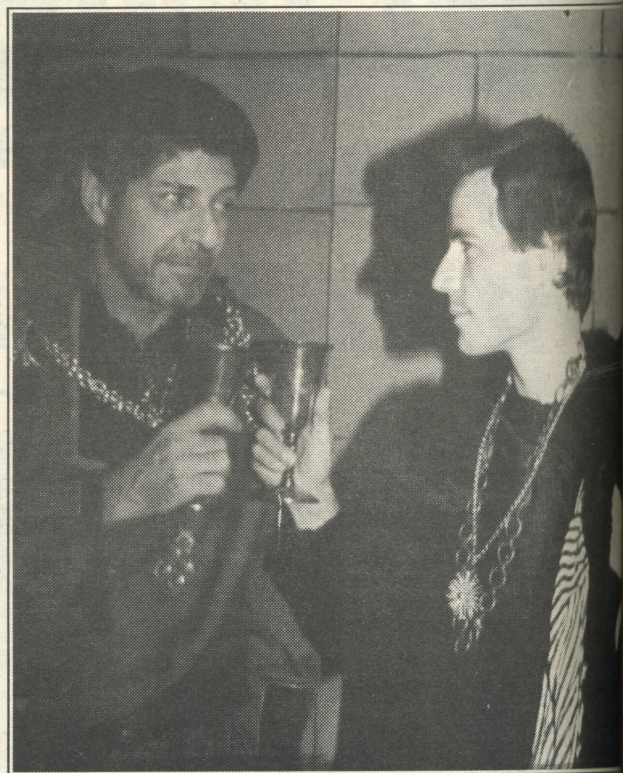
**Best Director:** Andrew Glant-Linden for "Camelot" (Music Box)

**Best Set Design:** Joe Sheridan for "Jesus Christ Superstar" (Little Theater)

**Best Costumes:** Mary Dower and K.D. Love for "Camelot" (Music Box)

Considering how difficult these decisions were, it is only fair that I should list some other outstanding achievements for honorable mention:

Jack Gibbons as Father Farley in "Mass Appeal" (Showcase); Howard Smith as Bromdon in "Cuckoo's Nest" (Little Theater); Joan Mitchell as Fonsia in "The Gin Game" (Showcase); Chrissy Brunnock as Boo in "Blue Window" (Wilkes University); Dorris Miller Rumbell as Clairee in "Steel Magnolias" (Showcase);



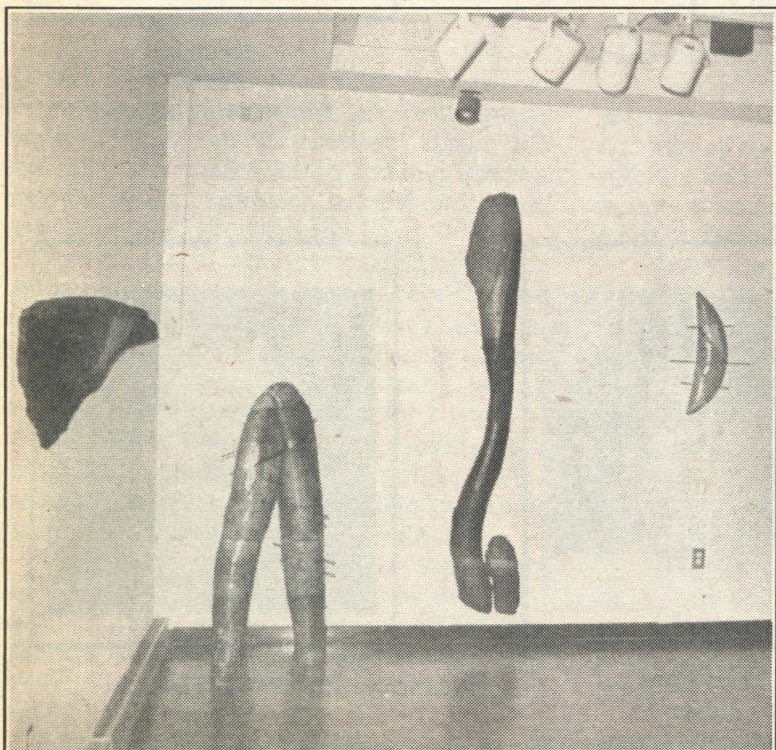
**BEST ACTOR:** Joseph Ristagno (left) as Henry II in "Lion in Winter"

Joe Sheridan as Pilate in "Jesus Christ Superstar" (Little Theater); Anderson as The Prince in "Unsinkable Molly Brown" (Music Box); Jim Miller's Set Design for "The Real Inspector Hound" (King's College); Dr. Michael O'Neill's Direction of "Blue Window" (Wilkes University); Joe Ristagno's Direction of "Mass Appeal" (Showcase).  
NEXT WEEK'S STAGE DOOR: A Tribute to Rex Hamilton

## 'Balance' comes to Sordoni Gallery

By CAROLYN DOUGLAS  
Beacon Staff Writer

WILKES-BARRE— Wilkes University's Sordoni Art Gallery has always been on the cutting edge of the art world. The gallery has presented many first-class shows in the past, and the current exhibit is no exception.



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A sampling of some "Balance and Assembly"

"Balance and Assembly: Lee Levine and Shawn Dulaney" has been on display in the gallery since January 20th and will continue through February 24th. This dynamic exhibit is the product of two very talented artists and consists of both sculptures and paintings.

Lee Levine, an architect and large-scale ceramic sculptor, founded the STUDIO in July, 1986. This renovated warehouse provides an environment in which artists can develop both architectural and sculptural projects.

Levine's works have been on exhibit throughout the northeastern United States, especially New York and New Jersey.

According to Levine, his ceramic and cement forms represent both physical and geographic growths and transformations which define our world.

Shawn Dulaney, an artist who lives and works in New York, has studied art in Toronto, England, and California.

She claims that her painting process is a truly spontaneous activity because she never can tell what image will emerge on her canvas. "I don't know the paintings when I first paint them," Dulaney said.

Jean Adams, Assistant Director of the Sordoni Gallery, organized the event and has a great deal of respect for the abilities of both artists.

"I was impressed with Lee's work, energy, and dedication to his art. I told him we would have a showing of his work and

asked him if he knew someone whose work would be compatible with his. He suggested Shawn Dulaney," Adams commented.

Adams says that the response to the showing has been extremely favorable.

"Everyone I have heard from appreciates the abilities of the artists. Some people love the works, while others appreciate the time and dedication which went into the art."

Although a reception and discussion of both artists was held on January 19th, the exhibit will still be on display until February 24th for anyone who wishes to experience the works of these talented artists.

When asked if she would like to see these two very talented artists back at the gallery, Adams responded positively, saying that the gallery must also make room for other artists' works as well.

"There are so many qualified artists that we should expose as many as we can to the public," Adams said.

The public will have a chance to see many different forms of art at the gallery in the next few months. Upcoming events at the gallery will include two sets of exhibitions from March 2nd to March 16th and March 16th to March 24th; documentary photographs from the 1930's by artist Walker Evans and Dorothea Lange from March 6th to May 5th; and a selection of works from regional private collections from May 6th to June 16th.

By JEAN NEPA  
Beacon Staff Writer

WILKES-BARRE— rumor. Wilkes University club has taken on a new appearance and organization. Rumours have recently proved.

"A state-of-the-art and sound system was never break," said Student Coordinator Michael N. looks like a modern night

In addition to the new and sound system, a variety of refreshments have been added. Rumours' bar. These new include hot dogs, nachos, pretzels, soda, and juices.

Also, while you're hanging at the bar, you can watch events or your favorite movies on the club's new television system.

Wilkes students Mark DeJesus celebrate Rumi



# 1990 New Rumours?

by JEANNEPA  
Rumours Staff Writer

WILKES-BARRE—It's not a rumor. Wilkes University's night club has taken on a new look. Both the appearance and organization of Rumours have recently been improved.

"A state-of-the-art lighting and sound system was installed over break," said Student Affairs Coordinator Michael Nolfe. "It looks like a modern night club."

In addition to the new lights and sound system, a variety of refreshments have been added to Rumours' bar. These new "snacks" include hot dogs, nachos, soft drinks, soda, and juices.

Also, while you're hanging out at the bar, you can watch sporting events or your favorite music videos on the club's new cable television system.

Although Rumours has been the host to many dances and activities in past semesters, students can expect even more events this semester.

Programming Board, Commuter Council, Inter-Residence Hall Council (IRHC), and Circle K are just a few of the groups planning numerous activities which will take place in Rumours. These events include a Battle of the Bands, a Beach Party, a Dance-a-thon, and numerous comedians and dances.

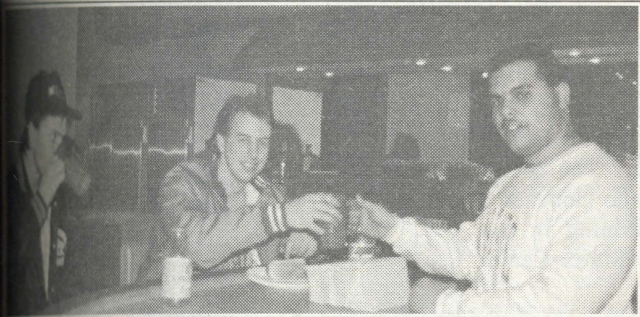
In the meantime, you can party at Rumours every Wednesday night from 8:30 until 12:00, and Sunday night from 8:00 until 11:00. Admission is free for the first week, and there will be a cover charge of \$1 for all other events.

Special performances and events happening at Rumours in the future will be advertised throughout the campus.

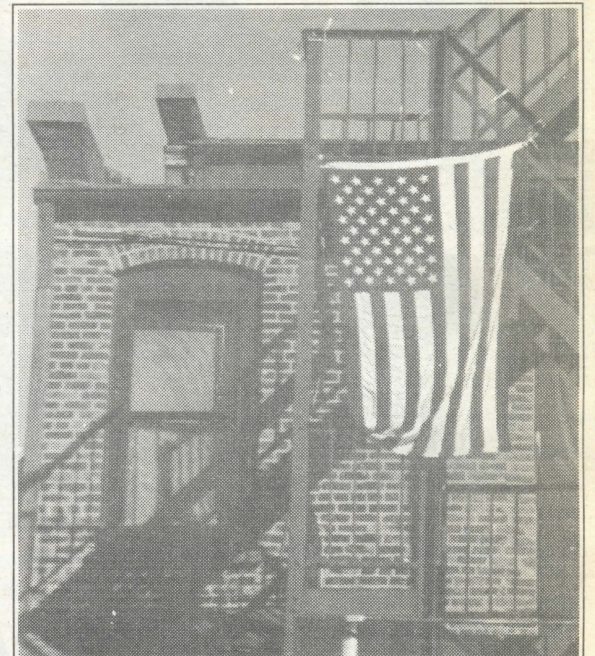


## Wilkes shows its support

**SUPPORT FOR OUR TROOPS—** Facing the reality of the Persian Gulf war, members of the Wilkes community have displayed their support for our troops in the Middle East by tying yellow ribbons around various objects on campus and by flying the American flag. These pictures are just two examples of the patriotism and support students, faculty, and staff have shown throughout the crisis. The above picture depicts a yellow ribbon tied around a post outside Weckesser Hall, while the photo to the right displays the patriotism of students who decided to hang the American flag outside their dorm.



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Wilkes students Mark Wilmot, Tom McGowan, and Fred Jesus celebrate Rumours' new look



## "We Are Africa"

The Soul in Motion Players will present "We Are Africa" in the Dorothy Dickson Darte Center for the Performing Arts on Monday, February 4th at 8:00 p.m.

The show is sponsored by the Black Student Coalition Club at Wilkes.

Admission is free and open to the public.

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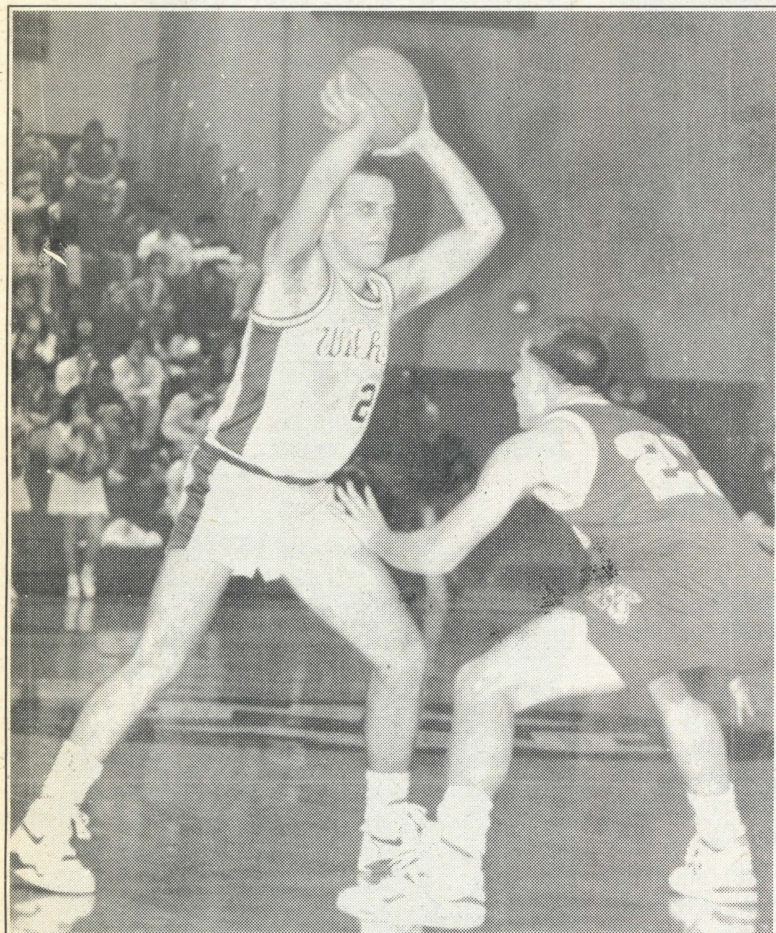
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# SPORTS



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Senior guard Jim Burke looks for an open teammate.

## Colonels come back

by Ronald D. Rainey  
Beacon Sports Writer

The Wilkes University basketball team has hit hard times of late. The Colonels record stands at 5-13 overall and 3-8 in the MAC. And just when it looked like the Colonels might put a streak together the team dropped a contest to the Drew University Rangers Monday night at the Marts Center.

The Colonels lost to Drew in overtime 83-78. The loss came on the heels of an 80-61 thrashing the Colonels gave the Delaware Valley Aggies last Saturday. The victory over the Aggies snapped an eight game losing streak for Wilkes. Senior guard Eric Lawson scored 25 points in the win to lead the Colonels. The victory in Doylestown was an important MAC win for the Colonels after losing tough games in the past two weeks to rivals King's and Scranton.

The game swung back and fourth for thirty eight minutes until Drew took a four point lead. This inspired the Colonels, however. With just eleven seconds left in regulation, Ray Ott pushed the ball up court with the Colonels down three. The senior captain found an open John Harlan, who launched a three-pointer with six seconds remaining in the ballgame, and to the delight of the Marts Center crowd, he canned it.

Ott, who had eleven assists in the game, was about the play.

"John trailed the play and spotted up at about 20 or 24 feet, his man kind of sagged him, he probably scared to foul or didn't think he would make it. But he did, and we didn't take advantage of getting a second chance in overtime. You don't get many second chances so it really hurt."

The Colonels were unable to generate much offense in the overtime period and the Colonels lost by five points.

The Colonels will next take on Susquehanna University tonight, starting at 8:00pm. The Colonels will travel to Lycoming on Saturday for an 8:00pm game. Then, on Wednesday February 5th the Colonels take on rival Scranton University at home.

See the Colonels take on  
Susquehanna University  
Tonight

Lady Colonels—6 p.m.  
Colonels—8 p.m.

## Small guy goes high

By HARRY BLAUVELT  
Apple College Information Network

In a big man's game, where 7-footers are the measuring stick, diminutive point guard Keith "Mister" Jennings has East Tennessee State standing tall.

Only 5-7, he is the Buccaneers' biggest threat, the catalyst for coach Alan LeForce's team. He is the Bucs' little big man.

"I've sometimes wondered what it would be like to be 6-2," says Jennings, who dunked last year in a pickup game.

"If he'd been 6-2, we'd never have gotten him," says LeForce, whose No. 12 Bucs (16-2) defeated Marshall 99-88 Monday night. "He's a once-in-a-lifetime player."

Jennings averages 18.6 points a game. He leads the USA in three-point field goal percentage (70.5), is No. 6 in assists (8.1), 10th in free-throw percentage (88.9) and 16th in steals (3.1).

Last Saturday, Jennings scored 28 points, with six assists, three rebounds and two steals in the Bucs' 97-66 victory against Virginia Military Institute.

"Have you ever seen a 5-7 kid dominate a game like that?" asked VMI coach Joe Cantafio, whose team plays in the Southern Conference, along with East Tennessee State. "I can't wait for Mister (a senior) to graduate."

Jennings has been called "Mister" since he was 6. At a little league football draft, after ignoring his father's calls to leave, his dad snapped, "Mister, get your butt over here."

Jennings came to ETSU from Culpeper (Va.) High, where he was a four-season starter for coach Billy Thornhill.

In his sophomore season, with seconds left, Jennings stole the ball and dribbled the length of the court for a game-clinching layup against The Citadel in the conference tournament.

"Without that play, we wouldn't have gotten to the NCAA tournament," says LeForce.

This season, after the Bucs' 88-79 loss to No. 6 Arizona (16-3) in game two, 6-11 Greg Dennis broke his foot in practice. Jennings has picked up some of the scoring slack.

"Jennings creates so many problems," says Arizona coach Lute Olson. "It's unusual to see a guy that good a shooter who is also such a good penetrator."

Although the Bucs stumbled a week ago against Tennessee-Chattanooga, they have registered some satisfying wins, including James Madison and Cincinnati on the road.

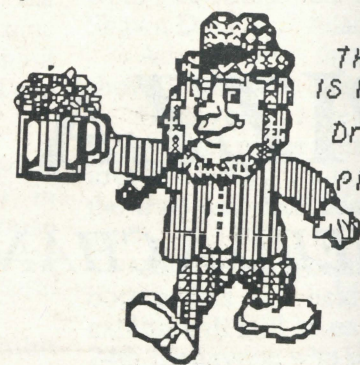
But most impressive: 94-91, at home against North Carolina State before a school-record 12,240 at Memorial Center.

"I think he is the most underrated point guard in the nation," says North Carolina State guard

Chris Corchiani. "He does it all and makes it look easy."

Jennings would like to play in the National Basketball Association. There is precedent for little men, namely Charlotte's Tyrone Bogues, 5-3, and Atlanta's Spud Webb, 5-7.

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## Lady

by MARY SCICCHITANO  
Beacon Sports Writer

What does the women's team have to do to get some recognition?

Do they have to prove themselves to get in the Beacon?

The answer is yes, but the women have to prove themselves to get in the Beacon.

This year's team has a lot of talent. The Lady Colonels have a lot of talent. The Lady Colonels have a lot of talent.

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# Lady Colonels climbing high

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Do they have to write an article about themselves to get in the Beacon?

The answer is yes, but why?

This years team has been said to be the finest demand team to grace Wilkes with it's presence. The Lady Colonels have started off the season quicker than any Wilkes team, winning ten of their first eleven games.

The women have also done an outstanding job in tournaments. At Alfred University, the Lady Colonels captured the first place trophy. Lorrie Petrulsky was voted MVP while Krista Zoka and Jodie Bove made the all-tournament team.

In Allentown, the women finished second and Petrulsky and Denise Carson were named to the tournament team.

The Lady Colonels also finished third in the College Tournament. Once again the two players, Carson and Zoka made the all-tournament team.

The most remarkable obstacle these women have overcome is that they are under the direction of a new coach. Former assistant coach Mary Jo Hromchak has taken over the reins of head coach and has brought Karen Bove as her assistant. If anyone has any questions about the former Wilkes standout's knowledge of basketball just look at their credentials.

Hromchak has been a part of Wilkes Basketball for the past fourteen years and has seen the program grow stronger each year. She was a member of the 1940 Wilkes team which holds the record for most wins (16), and is listed among the top ten career leaders for Wilkes Women. Bove has been playing high school basketball at Wyoming Area and

is also among the top ten leading scorers for Wilkes.

The Lady Colonels lost thier leading scorer from last year, Nicloe Kovaleski. Plus, they only have nine players on the team, making it impossible to play five-on-five at practice. Then why are the Lady Colonels doing so well?

Currently they are ranked second in the MAC, boasting an overall record of 13-6, 3-2 MAC-NW. Could thier success be contributed to the fact that Wilkes has several players listed among the leaders of the MAC in individual statistics? Or is it because they have four players averaging double digits every game?

On January 19, 1991, individual statistics were published by the Middle Atlantic Conference (MAC). Junior center Krista Zoka was third in rebounding with an average of 11.2 rpg, which now now has her 24th in the country among Division III players. Zoka leads the team in scoring with 14.2 ppg. This past week she was named MAC player of the week along

with being selected to the ECAC Honor Roll Team for the week of January 20, 1991.

Junior Denise Carson, the staring point guard, was listed first among free throw accuracy with a percentage of .857. She also leads the team in assists with 69. Carson was also selected to the Honor Roll Team by the ECAC for the week of January 12, 1991, while scoring an average of 10.6 ppg.

Lorrie Petrulsky was ranked tenth in scoring. Recently, she has been sidelined with a knee injury and hopes to return shortly. Petrulsky is tied with Zoka in scoring with an average of 14.2 ppg.

This past week the Lady Colonels have resparked the flame in their game by coming away with two impressive wins. In both games the women have



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Denise Carson leads a potent offense for the Lady Colonels.

managed to hold their opponents to fifty or less points. Their first win was Wednesday against cross-town rivals Kings College 72-46, while their second win was Saturday against Centenary College 78-50.

In the game against Kings, Krista Zoka had a very impressive day by scoring 22 points, grabbing 14 rebounds and shooting 6 for 9 from the charity stripe. Missie Chinchar also was a terror, scoring 16 points, hauling down 10 rebounds, while chalking up two block shots and four steals. Denise Carson also contributed four steals, five assists and scored double digits by burning the net for 16 points.

Despite their great start the Lady Colonels will have a rough road ahead of them if they want to go to playoffs. Five of their next six games are MAC division games. Their first game is tonight, Thursday January 31, at 6 p.m. against the league-leaders Susquehanna University. Their only other home game this season is Saturday February 9, at 4 p.m. against Juniata.

Also for those of you who may believe that the Lady Colonels are only "a flash in a pan," they only lose one senior, Kelly Ruff due to graduation. Therefore, there will be at least an equally talented team representing Wilkes next year. But for now the season is far from over for the Lady Colonels, and they need and deserve the support of everyone here at Wilkes.

## Wrestling loses to Syracuse

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Staff Sports Editor

The Wilkes University wrestling team has been a successful program over the years. Unfortunately, this season, the grapplers are experiencing some tough

The Colonels (7-7-1) recorded a 36-6 decision on Friday to Syracuse.

"They are the best team in the MAC," said head coach John Reese.

The Orangemen put the pressure on the Colonels by jumping out 6-0. At Drew Black decisioned Ricard 5-3 and at 126 lbs. Trumpent used a 4-1 decision to knock off Ray

Froelich was a 6-1 winner over Rick Parete. At 142 lbs. Rich Santanna of Syracuse recorded a 6-2 victory over Mike Evans.

In the 150 pound weight class Darren Schulman won by a technical over the Colonels Eric Feese at the 4:33 mark of the match. At 158, the Orangemen's Jamie St. John used an 18-4 counten route to victory over Fred Evans.

The Colonels recorded their only other victory of the night at 167 as Merrel Neal decisioned Orlando Rosa, 6-2.

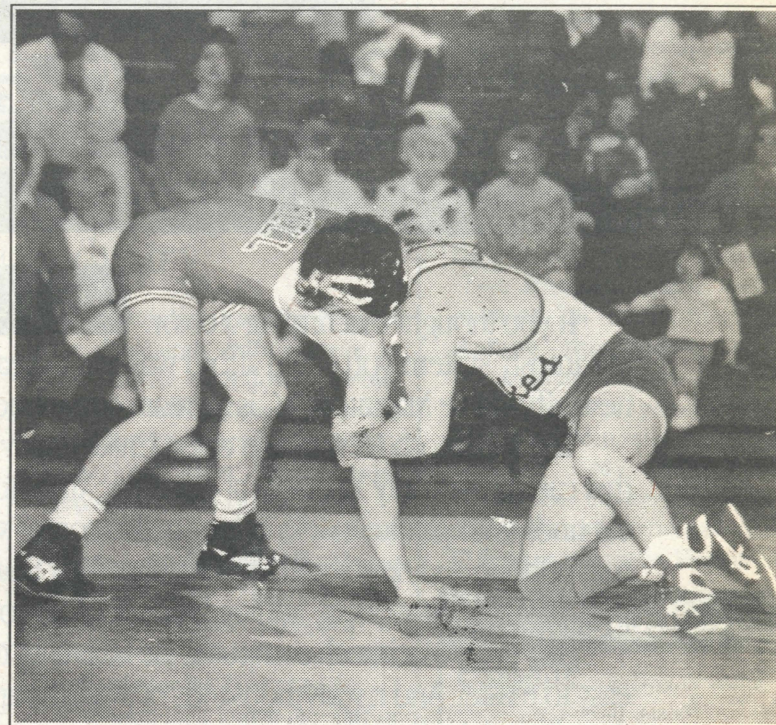
The final three bouts of the night were dominated by the visitors from upstate New York. At 177 Darren Farrell pinned Chris Gardner at 2:46.

At 190, Mike Kerr pinned Arron Tufankjian at 4:09, and the heavyweight bout saw Joe Zito pin Darren Hack in 4:15.

Syracuse's squad was led by red-shirted juniors and seniors. The win was a sweet one for the Orange, who recorded their first win over the Colonels in four years.

Reese used a squad made up mainly of underclassmen, stating a few kids were banged up and didn't want to risk further injury. The two winners, Froelich and Neal, were the only experienced wrestlers in the lineup.

The grapplers will be on the road this weekend, traveling to West Point, New York on Friday to take on Army at 7:30. On Saturday they will travel to New Jersey to battle Rutgers and William&Mary.



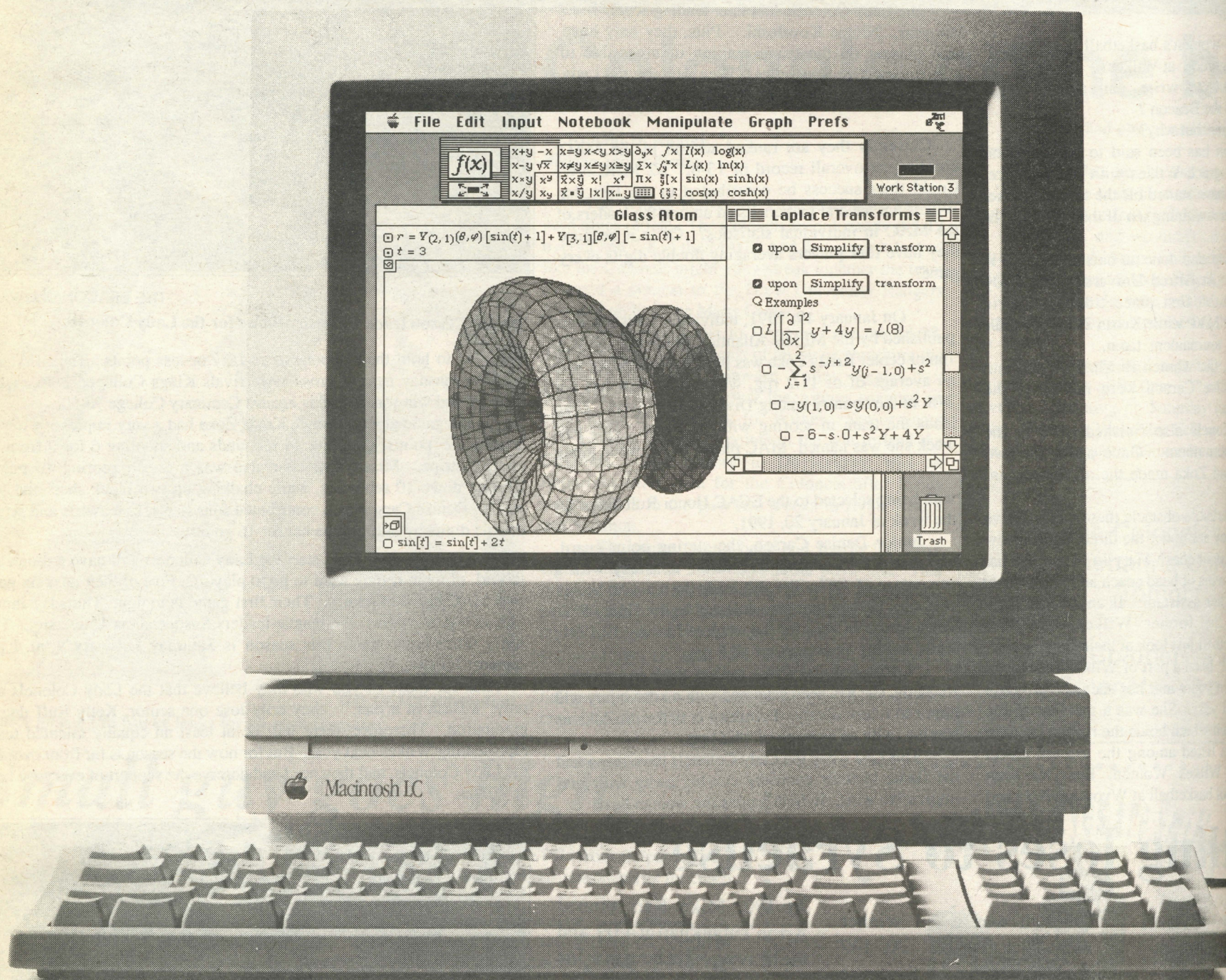
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118 pounder Chris Ricard in action.

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## Rhetoric in speech

By JEFFREY C. L...  
Beacon Editor

Nearly 70 representatives from nine different schools attended the 8th Annual Novice Speech Tournament this past weekend in State Center's room one.

The two-day tournament, which began Friday and continued on Saturday, featured a variety of speaking events, including extemporaneous, impromptu, informative, persuasive, children's duos, poetry, and prose. Competitors were judged on poise, delivery, and organization.

Dr. Bradford Chairman of the Communications Department explained that the tournament is unique since it is the only one held on the campus during the Spring semester. "This is a competition where coaches are able to bring students in and actually watch what they're doing," he said.

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By ANDREA SILVER...  
Beacon Feature Editor

As the Persian Gulf crisis continues to escalate, many have come to rely on broadcast media for minute coverage of movements in the Middle East.

Some experts in the communications field, however, think most people realize that television news provide only "glances" at the situation in the Middle East.

Tom Moran, Professor of Communications in the Speech and Communications Department, is attempting to change students' attitudes toward the field of print journalism. He says he is worried about students' apparent lack of interest in the newspaper industry.