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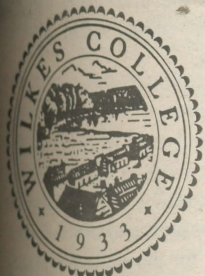
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To be moved from SCTA to Music department

Proposed Theater Arts move criticized

by Kathy Harris
Beacon News Editor

WILKES-BARRE — Will the Theater Arts be removed from SCTA? That proposal is just one of several for the restructuring of Wilkes' three schools.

In a meeting of department chairpersons held on September 7, President Christopher Breiseth announced the proposed restructuring plans. Since that announcement, the proposal to move the Theater Arts concentration out of the Speech, Communication and Theater Arts department has met with some criticism. The concentration would become part of the proposed Music, Theatre and Dance department, but at least two

people believe it should not be taken out of the SCTA.

Karl Ruling, acting director of the Theater, disagrees with the proposed move. "I'm not happy with it. We have a definite difference of opinion on how theater and music fit. I don't think they logically fit. I know of no department at any college or university at which theater is grouped with music.

"The ways we approach our arts are different," says Ruling. "The only things we have in common are that we both are performance oriented and we use the same building. At Wilkes, the curriculum is applied music. Performance is stressed. We are firmly committed at Theater Arts...that, at

the undergraduate level, the best training is a liberal arts education with lots of literature. We strongly support a core curriculum."

"What is the rationale?" asked Dr. Bradford Kinney, chairman of the SCTA department. "Traditionally, it belongs here."

Dr. George Waldner, Vice President for Academic Affairs, says the rationale is "to create a unified performance entity. Theater is a performance art."

Mr. Jerome Campbell, chairperson of the Music department, has been proposing the move for several years. "It is infinitely more logical to group the per-

forming arts together. To fragment the majors makes no sense. If someone can't see the logic in combining the performing arts, then I don't know what logic is."

One worry about the proposed move is that the Theater Arts curriculum will change. Waldner says that even though the concentration will be in the music department, "the courses offered will be unaffected. Department organization and courses offered are two different things."

"Why would courses remain in this department if (Theater Arts) is in the Music Department?" asks Kinney. "No one said that Theater

Arts was doing poorly in this department. Our biggest concern is with the students involved."

Ruling also believes changes in curriculum will occur. "Structural changes imply changes in curriculum. The SCTA major encourages crossover between curricula. To split out one concentration will leave some majors hanging."

"I would think that there would still be sharing of courses," says Waldner. "We offer several interdepartmental majors. For example, the International Studies major has courses offered from

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Dean's list changed

by Ed Kobylus
Beacon Staff Writer

WILKES-BARRE — Two proposals developed by the Academic Standards Committee last year are now being put into effect at Wilkes College. Both proposals were presented to and passed by the entire college faculty.

The first proposal, which will go into effect beginning with this year's freshman class, changes the requirements for graduating with honors. The Class of 1993 must attain a cumulative GPA of 3.4 to graduate cum laude, a 3.6 for magna cum laude, and a 3.8 to graduate summa cum laude, with highest honors.

The second proposal, which begins immediately and will affect all Wilkes College students, is a change in the GPA necessary for attaining Dean's List status. According to the new standards, a student must attain a GPA of 3.4 to be eligible for the Dean's List. Previously, a GPA of 3.25 was required for Dean's List status.

This change is of special interest to students in the Classes of 1990, 1991, and 1992, who are affected only by the second proposal. For instance, current seniors may graduate with a cumulative GPA of 3.25, thereby receiving cum laude honors but not attaining the Dean's List status.

When asked about the rationale for changing Dean's List and honors standards, Dean Lampe replied that the college's grading procedures and graduation requirements were altered several years ago, but the other standards were never updated. "The two should have been done simultaneously," she added.



Brigadier General Ellis presents a medal to retiring Lt. Col. Billings

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Change of command at ROTC as Billings retires

by Chris Augustine
Beacon Assistant News Editor

WILKES-BARRE — It was quite evident that many students were unaware of what was going on when walking past the bell tower on Friday morning.

Brigadier General Jeffrey T. Ellis, commandant of Air Force ROTC, paid a visit to the campus to get first hand knowledge about the ROTC program here at Wilkes. It was the first time that a commandant of ROTC ever came to our campus and what he saw impressed him.

According to Lieutenant Colonel Roger Matson, the new ROTC Professor of Aerospace Studies (PAS) at Wilkes, "The General's visit here was a three-fold mission. He wanted to visit the campus, meet the cadets, and talk to the Administration."

There was also one other little thing to take care of by the general. The ceremony, that many students

had witnessed, was for outgoing PAS Lt. Col. David Billings as well as for the incoming PAS Matson. The event was both a retirement and change of command ceremony.

Billings had been the PAS at Wilkes for the last three years and he said, "this was the most rewarding time he has spent in the Air Force." Twenty-two years and several countries later Billings has finally bid goodbye to the Air Force.

General Ellis praised the ad-

ministration and the faculty for the strong support that they have given to the ROTC cadets and staff. Matson says that "the General was impressed with the help we are given by the school."

Some of that help includes a new building for the cadets (Sloum), room and board grants, and the much needed tree trimming

by the flag pole adjacent to Admissions building.

The retirement/change of command ceremony was attended by President Brieseth as well as many other administrators at Wilkes. It lasted forty-five minutes through the intermittent rain. It was the school's last look at Billings.

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three departments: History/Political Science; Sociology/Anthropology; and Economics in the School of Business and Economics; and, of course, the foreign language component."

Another concern is that the Theater Arts major will not survive the move. "If they are going to move it, then let's work so it survives," says Kinney. "It is so important that Theater Arts survives."

Campbell is also concerned with the major's survival, but feels the move will be beneficial. "I would like to see the Theater Arts major flourish," says Campbell. "For the ten years I've been here, it hasn't."

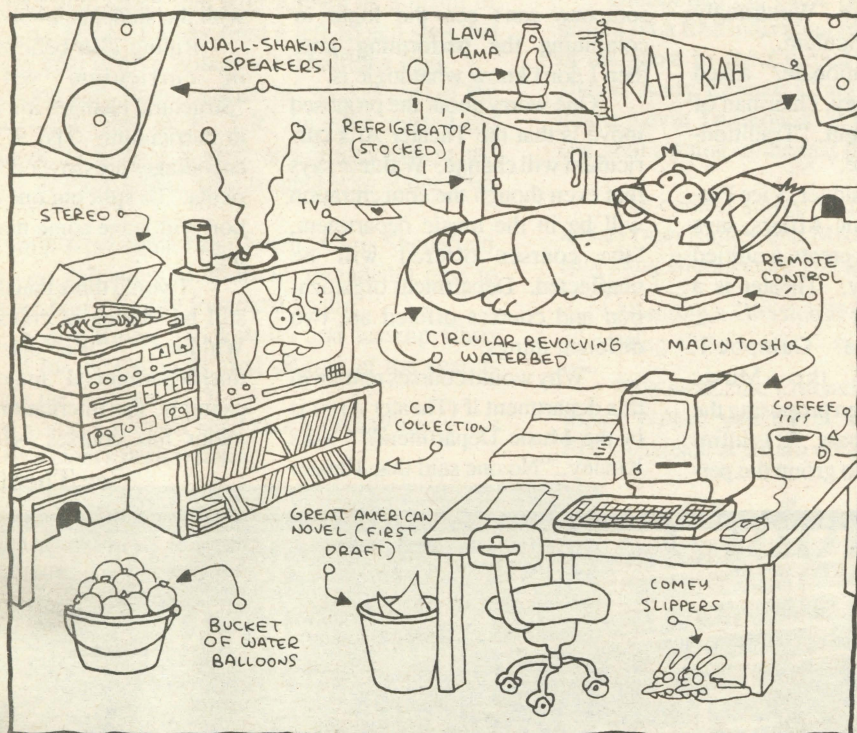
"I am excited about the concept of a Music, Theater and Dance

department," says Waldner. "We will have more performance opportunities for the students including vocal music. We will be developing a special realization with a dance company or hire an adjunct faculty member for dance curriculum."

What will happen to SCT Theater Arts is removed? According to Waldner, the SCT department would become the Communications department. The department has approximately 15 majors, which is 30 more than last year, and is most likely one of the top five majors at Wilkes. "We live with (the decision) and go," says Kinney.

Next week, this article will conclude with the other proposed

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Financial Aid Association celebrates anniversary

WILKES-BARRE — The Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency (PHEAA) is 25 years old and Wilkes College hosted part of the birthday celebration. PHEAA is celebrating its success in enabling more than two million Pennsylvania students to obtain postsecondary education, and pledging future growth.

The Wilkes College Regional Computer Resource Center held a 25th Anniversary Open House last Friday. The Wilkes College Center serves as a base for PHEAA's training program in computer usage for teachers. It is one of 14 centers across Pennsylvania which have laboratories where teachers can evaluate computer equipment before purchasing it.

In highlighting the anniversary, State Senator James Rhoades, a member of PHEAA's Board of Directors, said, "The financial aid PHEAA has delivered, the education it has financed, the careers it has helped launch and the imagination and energy it has unleashed have a significant impact on our lives and economy everyday."

During its 25 years of service, PHEAA's mission has been and continues to be "access to education." PHEAA has delivered nearly \$1 billion dollars in grants to nearly one million students and almost \$6.81 billion in loans to one and a half million students since 1964.

The agency has grown from "three employees, a couple of desks, and a typewriter to one with 1500 employees in five separate facilities in Harrisburg plus seven regional offices throughout Pennsylvania," according to Thomas Fabian, PHEAA Executive Deputy Director.

Homecoming events planned

by Jennifer A. Barkas
Beacon Staff Writer

WILKES-BARRE — The Student Government was busy this week. Various business was discussed, including for the upcoming Homecoming dance.

The Student Government announced the activities for the week of Homecoming. On October 19 there will be a bonfire including the introduction of the teams and music supplied by the band, and the intro-

duction of the Homecoming Court. On Friday night, the big dance will be held at Gennetti's. Tickets will be \$10 for singles and \$20 per couple. Sam from Twin Spin D.J. will provide the music and games.

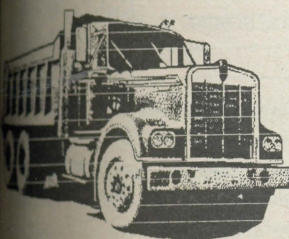
This year SG gave students who were not in SG a chance to help with Homecoming including ticket selling and decorations.

Programming Board reported that 70 people attended "Working Girl" and 120 attended the movie "Beaches."

The North Room in the Marts Center will not be ready for this semester due to first priority given to residence halls.

Student Government meets every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. in the Weckesser Hall Board Room.

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President Breiseth speaks to parents



President Breiseth discusses student learning at Friday's conference

Wilkes hosts school officials

WILKES-BARRE — Improving student learning through more effective teaching, and how area high schools and colleges can work together to achieve that goal are common concerns in both colleges and high schools. With that focus, area college presidents, area school superintendents, and teachers met recently at the Marts Sports and Conference at Wilkes College.

The session was designed to bring area schools together with the colleges to discuss the most effective ways to draw on the educational resources of the area to improve student learning.

Representatives from 15 area high schools and colleges spent last Friday afternoon discussing ways to improve opportunities for student learning. Some of the suggestions include improved communications

between the high school and colleges, and the possibility of sharing faculty and resources as a way of better student learning.

There is also talk of an annual common in-service program for all faculty members at area high schools and colleges. Such a program would showcase faculty members from the area, who would be able to share items beneficial to everyone.

The meeting at Wilkes, resulted from a gathering at Luzerne County Community College last May. At that time area business leaders told educational leaders what was needed to train the workers vital to the area's economy. A decision was made at that time to bring the education community together to find ways to improve student learning and at the same time better serve the area economy.

Parents visit Wilkes campus

by Becky Steinberger
Beacon Staff Writer

WILKES-BARRE — Wilkes College held its annual annual Parents' Day on Saturday. Approximately 400 parents visited the campus despite the weather to spend time with their sons and daughters and to find out how the college is progressing.

An opening reception was held in the Marts Center, followed by President Christopher Breiseth's welcome to the parents and a keynote speech by Jim Clark, a sophomore here at Wilkes. The president commented on the importance of community service in the United States and how college students can help. Clark's speech was based on the importance of student volunteerism and where it has been at Wilkes. Clark said, "In

the past few years, Wilkes has been involved in 60 community service projects." He stated that this type of student involvement "fits into a broad scope of a college education."

Throughout the course of the day, many sports were scheduled to play home games, but due to the rainy weather, most of the action was postponed. However, the football game between the Colonels and Susquehanna was played at 1:30 at Ralston Field. (See results of that game in the sports section.)

Following the game, a "Post Game Huddle" was held in the Marts Center from 4 to 6 p.m. The food service prepared a buffet-style dinner of ham, roast beef, chicken strips, barbecued meatballs, and dessert. Paul Adams, Associate Dean of Student Affairs, said, "The food service did a fine job with the

dinner and should be commended for it."

Visiting parents were treated to comedian David Sayh, who appeared in the Center for the Performing Arts at 8 p.m. "The comedian had some dry spells, but on the whole, we had a good time," said Bob Gercken, a freshman from Clarks Summit.

For the visitors who weren't interested in the sporting events, pamphlets were available at the morning session that listed outlets and shopping centers. The bookstore was also open for everyone's convenience.

"I think the weather definitely affected the attendance," noted Dean Adams, "but those who attended had an enjoyable time, despite the rain."

Opinion/Editorial

Legalize cocaine?

Beat the cartel at its own game

Did anyone hear the proposal that one Colombian drug cartel spokesman offered the U. S.? Very simply, he stated that if the U. S. would legalize cocaine, we could establish a trade agreement with the cartel, including price agreements, import taxes and quality control.

OPINION
by Tracy Youells

I think that most Americans would be appalled at such an idea. However, if we take the cartel's point of view, we might see how it looks like a perfectly logical idea.

He sees a country where the drugs called nicotine, caffeine, sedatives, and alcohol are legal, easily accessible, and readily abused. What is another drug to us?

Even though I don't think the government should start rewriting its drug policy, I do think it should carefully examine what this spokesman for the cartel is suggesting.

Cocaine is easier to purchase than uppers, acid, or even marijuana. If you could take a survey of the drug dealers of this area, for example, you would probably find out that hardly

anybody sells marijuana anymore. Why not, you might be asking.

A dealer would have to sell a garbage bag full of pot to make as much money as he would selling a little baggie full of cocaine that fits in his front pocket. So there are more coke dealers because cocaine is easier to transport and sell quickly.

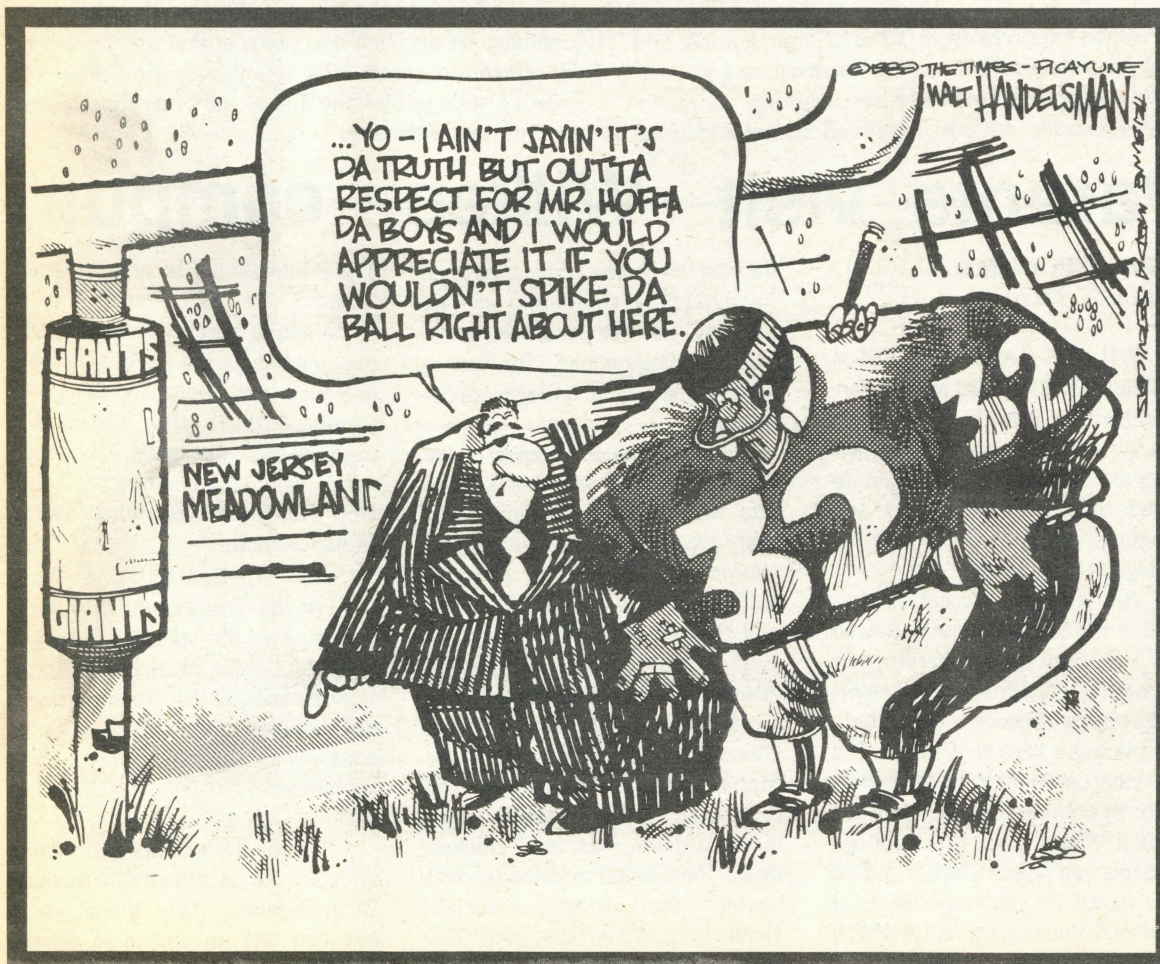
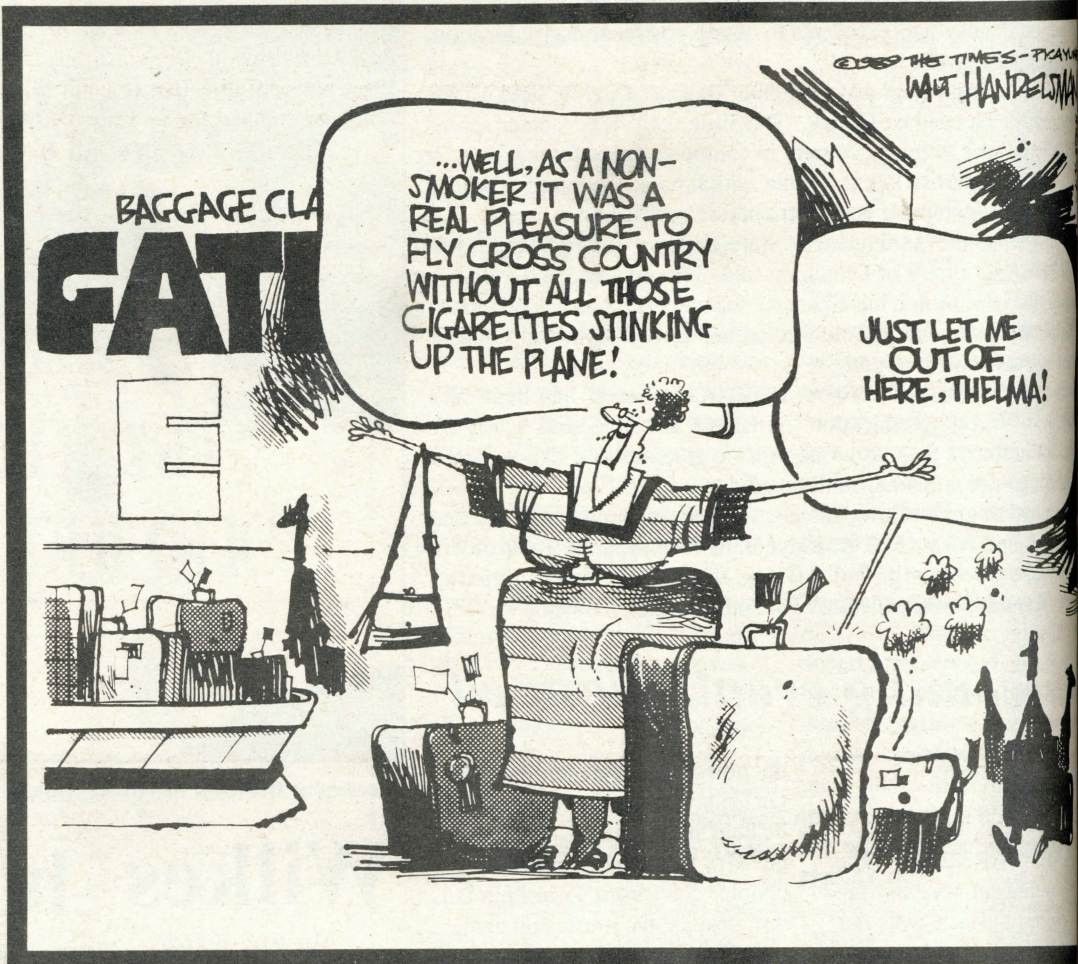
It wouldn't surprise me if some regular pot smokers bought a little snow now and again because it was the only thing around. This added business makes the monopoly of the streets grow.

Maybe President Bush should consider this. Legalize marijuana and put an age limit on it similar to the one for alcohol. Just like there are people who are over 21 who don't drink, there will be people who still won't smoke marijuana just because it's legal. The choice is and rightly should continue to be a purely personal one. Maybe then the only people buying cocaine would be the ones already addicted.

The biggest effect that the legalization of marijuana would have is this: the people who haven't decided what the drug of their choice

will be would have a much easier decision to make.

I think the only way to stop Colombian cocaine traffic is through their customers. Let their potential consumers put them out of business by letting them have legal alternatives to the product the cartels are pushing.



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EXPRESSIONS

The return of the Pickering goddess

Tales of the lab coat

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Rolling a bum is a simple process. One simply places a solid foot on the slumbering derelict, and then applies great force. The hard part is keeping him in motion while trying to pick up any spare change that falls out of his pockets. I had no trouble whatsoever. The huddled mass of a man made a sickening groaning noise as I propelled him across campus, the gods pounding agonizing nails of rain into his body, the beating of a thousand drums echoing throughout the cloudy, frightening night. We were moving much faster now, and I lost my companion in a large, sticky ditch somewhere. Had I possessed any conscience, I would have saved him, but my attention was turned to the break in the massive body of pea soup we call fog, and to the towering inferno of hell and death and general sickness lying in the distance. I secured the buttons on the white lab coat I was wearing, and with nervousness pushing my stomach into my throat, I approached my dreaded foe, Pickering Hall.

I cast aside the flimsy doors and the warmth of a spacious, synthetic lobby welcomed me with the open arms of horrid lighting and gruesome creatures of the underworld. As I approached the center of the great hall, and prepared to enter into the pit of my mortal enemy, I nodded to an individual perched on a desk, clad in a tacky outfit complete with badge and the title, Wilkes Security, monogrammed on his uniform. Before I could think, he lurched at me, and I was thrust against the wall, told to, and I quote, "Spread 'em", and poked relentlessly in the backside with a rather unshapely nightstick while the large black man with mirror sunglasses muttered into a walkie-talkie, "I got one of the commie bastards in my sights, boys."

Some things happen so fast that the event escapes the mind completely. Thad, my houseboy and personal barmaid, had stocked the pockets of my lab coat with a large quantity of animal crackers. I recall reaching for them as he slapped

handcuffs on one of my wrists, and launching them into the air towards him. He fell and began to draw his revolver, when I saw a lumbering hippo of a female club him in the head with an oily torque wrench. Then she approached me. The next thing I saw was the insides of my eyelids.

Once I regained consciousness, I found my shorts around my ankles, one armpit shaved, various deplorable fascist slogans painted across my white lab coat, and the words, Miriam Rules, tattooed on my inside thigh. It was now that I wished Thad, my parole officer and golf ball retriever, were here. He was no doubt back in the comfort of Evans, numbering each and every sheet on a roll of toilet paper. It's good to have a hobby.

I looked around. No longer was I in the lobby, but in one of the rooms. The walls were the grimy black I despised, thin and cardboard, the furniture ragged and grayed, and I expressed my sentiments with a few mutterings of profanity. They obviously heard me because the pack of rowdy miscreants standing over me chanted, "Right on, dude!"

The fanatics helped me off the floor and gave me a shoddy wooden chair. They were outfitted in camouflage jumpsuits, their hair cropped short and their faces wearing a menacing scowl. They handed me a tankard of peppermint schnapps which I did not hesitate to imbibe. The first thing I did was ask about the hefty girl I encountered earlier, who I presumed to be Miriam. I shouted insults, called her a polyester beast, introduced my theory that it should be punishable by death for overweight and/or old women to wear sweat pants. They all stood up and went into a corner, and much to my

surprise began a discussion, leaving me with an attractive oriental girl. She entertained me by showing me the mole below her left breast. She entered into a lengthy discourse on a vacationing senior citizen in Florida, who was killed in a horseshoeing mishap. I made a character judgement and decided that she was the type of person you catch eyeing the lavender long johns in the edible underwear department of Spenser's Gifts.

The entire troop came back and asked me what I was doing in Pickering. I told them of my pursuit of the blonde haired goddess of eyes wide and blue. I made them understand that she was not like all the other girls, not like the ones who had in the past answered my rude advances with a cold drink in the lap and a slap across the face. I told them of how the demon in which they resided had captured my fair maiden and locked her away in an unseen dungeon. It was due to my remarks about Pickering that these brave men and women took me into their confidence.

As they hoist me onto their shoulders and paraded me through the hall, they shouted out their creed of life. They were the Resistance, they explained, a band of eunuchs who deeply believed that it was unjust to pay the same amount of money to live in Pickering as in Evans. They thought the Wilkes College establishment should pay them to live in Pickering. I agreed with my deepest emotions.

We hiked high and low, using our torches to set any inanimate objects aflame, fire alarms blaring, panic stricken students running for cover while dodging the flaming animal crackers my soulmates threw at them. "You are one of us now, brother," my oriental companion whispered to me. I stopped listening when she went on to explain how, since all the men in Pickering shower together, it is unwise to bend over for the soap. I was now one of the brothers. I had a cause to fight for. But I don't believe in causes, I told myself. All I believe in is my goddess, the goddess I shall never get to know.

Editorial

This is stupid

It's only a proposed change.

But should it be implemented, a lot of things will be different, and the jury is still out on whether or not these changes will be good.

The change involves, as outlined on the front page, the restructuring of both the Communications and Music departments and the shifting of the Theater Arts concentration to the Music Department to combine with a dance element and create a performing arts department.

Is this a good change?

As it stands now, we, as Communications majors, feel that this is not a good one.

The one thing that is being overlooked by the people responsible for this move is the purpose of the concentration and its actual name.

Dr. Waldner and Mr. Campbell feel that it is a terrific idea because it is "logical to group the performing arts together."

What they are missing is the fact that the concentration isn't solely dedicated to performance, thus the name Theater Arts. It also involves intense study into the history of the theater as well as a number of upper level literature courses.

The literature courses are, obviously, not SCTA courses. Yet, there they are on the required course list of a Theater major.

How will this affect the prospective major when he sees that the concentration is grouped in with music and dance and seen as a performing art?

Many of the theater majors at Wilkes, when asked, stated that the reason they chose to pursue theater at Wilkes, as opposed to a performance school, was the curriculum. Not just the liberal arts curriculum specified for the school, but the curriculum laid out specifically for the SCTA department.

The key to the lasting success of the Communications department (and it is growing by leaps and bounds) is the fact that crossing the curriculum is required and encouraged.

A good example is the course called "The Art of Film." It is expected of Telecommunications and Theater majors.

Let's face it, many of our theater students aren't going to go on to be Dustin Hoffman or Meryl Streep. That is a fact that we must own up to. By training them in the field of Communications and giving them a full background in the discipline, you give them a chance to learn that there is life beyond the theater.

It appears that, once again, this is a decision based on what is best for the school and completely disregards the student.

So to those making this decision, think of the students involved.

Where would *they* prefer to be?

And to the people responsible for this idea, no disrespect intended, but this is stupid!

THUMBS DOWN: go to whomever is responsible for setting the clock on the infamous Bell Tower. For well over a week the clock has carried the wrong time. Is this a hidden message to the students at Wilkes?

THUMBS UP: go to the Wilkes College women's soccer team for finally garnering their first victory. Way to go ladies, we were with you all of the time.

THUMBS UP: go to the members of the football team, and all other teams, who, following their own practices, come out and root for their athletic mates on the soccer and field hockey fields.

Our apologies to the Registrar for last week's "Thumbs Down" that falsely stated the students would have to go through a big ordeal just to eat on the card system. The information we received was false and we regret our error.

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Middle East expert Grummon gives lecture

by Michele Corbett
Beacon Staff Writer

WILKES-BARRE — This past Friday night, Dr. Stephen R. Grummon, a member of the Secretary of the State Department's Policy Planning committee, enlightened the Wilkes-Barre Community on foreign affairs with a lecture entitled, "Trends in Middle Eastern Politics: Implications for U.S. Policy." Grummon spoke to an attentive audience, largely supported by Wilkes faculty and students, in the lobby of the Darte Center.

Following a brief introduction by the president of Wilkes College, Dr. Christopher Breiseth, Grummon highlighted experiences and endeavors which made up a most impressive journey he humbly termed "a career."

In Breiseth's opening remarks, his listeners learned that the International Studies' Lecture Series, of which Grummon was the first to speak, is designed to have our College-City-Community "take the world much more seriously" and not to complacently remain "a cocoon in Northeastern Pennsylvania."

Aside from regular comments, Breiseth noted that Grummon had attended Cornell College in Iowa, and not the University, which, Grummon added, was a common mistake.

Among the highly influential positions of Grummon's extensive past is his involvement in the Hostage Crisis which gripped America a few years back. Grummon was instrumental in former President Carter's bartering with the Iranian's and his part was gratefully acknowledged by several of the freed captives.

As far as his decision to enter into a teaching or government career, Grummon revealed with a chuckle, that it was simply a matter of who would have him, a university or "Uncle Sam", "I took the first offer that came along—the government's."

The Planning committee that he serves under now was established after World War II and acts as what he whimsically termed a "think tank" where its members are required to "think big thoughts and design big plans."

Grummon said he was glad to the opportunity to speak to our community because it gave him



Stephen Grummon

an opportunity to "take a step back from day to day happenings and look at broad trends occurring in the middle east."

He added that it gives him a new perspective, one he doesn't often view as it is clouded by the seemingly constant turmoil overseas.

Since Grummon would be speaking to a diverse audience in-

cluding those as ignorant to foreign goings-ons as the likes of me, an area native determined to break free of the cocoon, he asked to bear in mind that during the course of the talk he would make mostly generalizations using flexible time frames and loose geographical references.

The basic trends of which Grummon spoke spanned from intellectual development and the decline of ideology in which the universal Islamic ideals began running into obstacles; to the pressures of leaders to focus inward on their people's economic woes; to the "remarkable political continuity in regimes of the past ten to twenty years despite the reoccurring chaos."

He also touched upon their military doctrine driven by the proliferation issue where more accurate, long range, greater payload missiles; upscaled chemical and biological warfare; and nuclear weapons developments blurred the win/lose picture. This in fact was a revolutionary situation, it "made a mockery of defense buildup of last few years. Once, Israel had been on top with greater numbers of arms, now the weaker can inflict severe

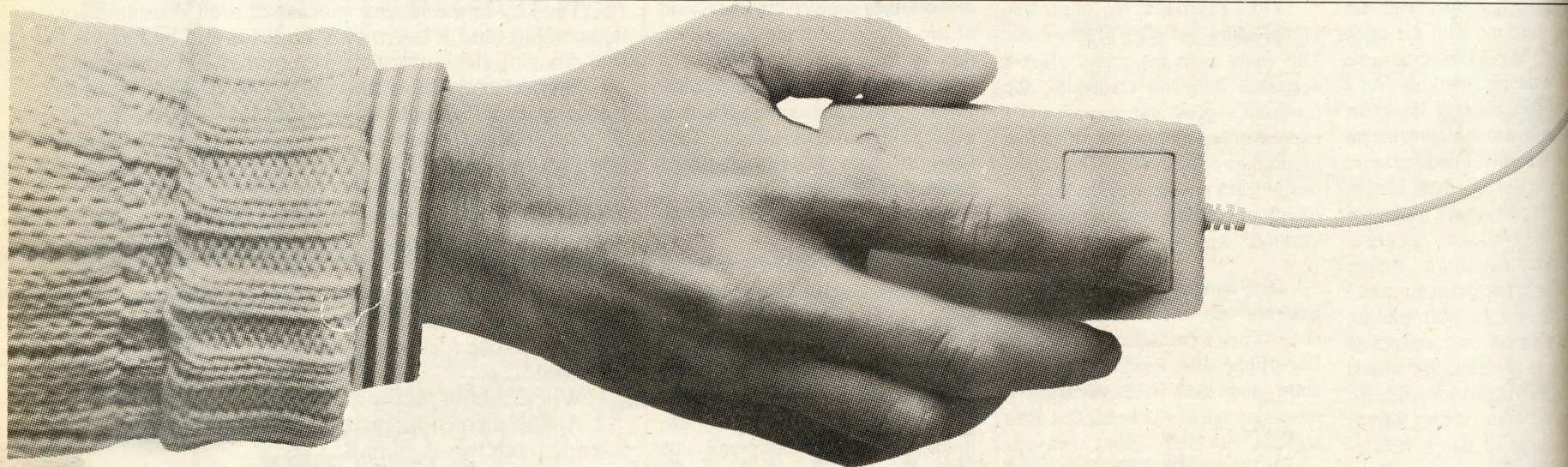
damage without having a substantial number of weapons.

As far as the heated debate of whether the United States should remain involved in the Middle East, Grummon stands from the stage and we really are forced to. Involvement, he says, depends on many factors, our relationship with the Soviet Union and our dependence on Persian Gulf Oil. He seemed to be saying that by staying involved we are actually protecting ourselves. The U.S. has more communication with the Soviets in order to keep control of the Middle East's plans. Middle East oil, and morality to Israel with us in the Middle East.

After his talk Grummon discussed many of his points with the audience by taking questions. When asked why he is where he is, he replied "I have something to contribute and want to stay inside."

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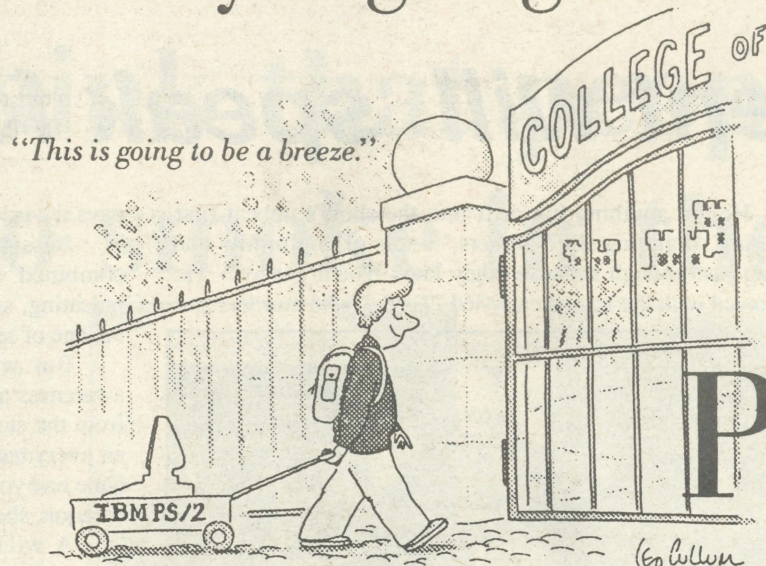
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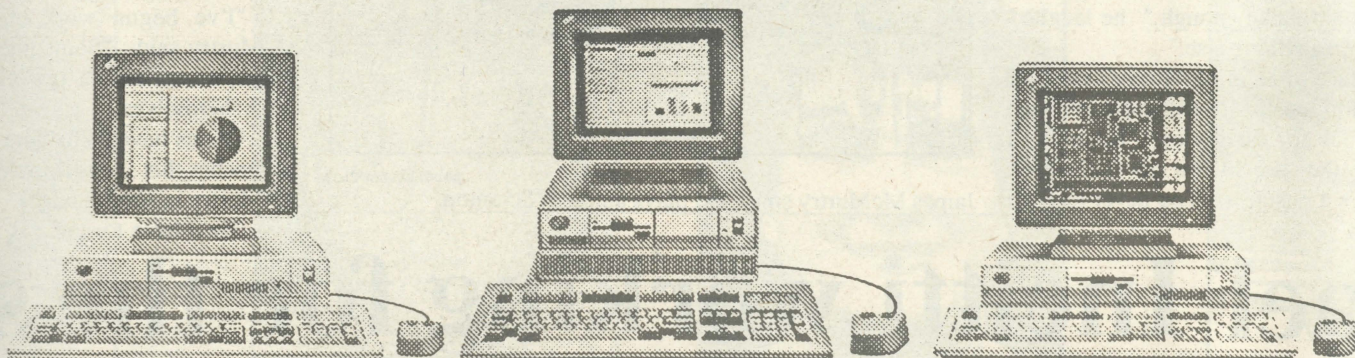


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Feature

McMurtry's talent will speak for itself

by Jim Clark
Beacon Sports Editor

SCRANTON — He slipped on to the stage quietly, this John Lennon look-alike in torn jeans and cowboy boots. With hesitation, he picked an acoustic guitar and lurched his head bashfully toward the ground. Finally, he addressed the audience.

"I'm James McMurtry," he drawled. "I'm running for president."

McMurtry's music mirrors his humor. It's neither loud nor ostentatious, but it demands the notice of listeners with its simple attractiveness. Despite an odd, straining voice, his singing works. McMurtry, in town as part of his tour for his highly-acclaimed first album, *Too Long In The Wasteland*, finds himself on the rock scene almost by accident.

"I was all set to head for Nashville and become a country songwriter," said the 27 year-old Texan, who is the son of novelist Larry McMurtry. "That's where I had my contacts. But my father was writing a screenplay with John Mellencamp, so I decided to send him a tape. I had to give it a shot."

Fate intervened for McMurtry. "He (Mellencamp) called me back and asked if I had enough songs for him to produce an album. I told him I would make enough," he laughed. "I'm not really qualified to do anything else."

The country roots surface often in McMurtry's cuts, but it's a habit that will be hard to break. He really doesn't want to. "I really don't care much for categories," he said. "I think that's just something they use so you can find a song on a shelf. I realize that it's a business. You never know, I still may drift into country."

He did anything but drift into the show's upbeat first offering, "Painting By Numbers," a tale of conformity and doing just enough because "they know you'll get by." He followed with the acoustically-led "Terry," who murders and



James McMurtry sings and plays guitar in Scranton.

photo by Jim Clark

pays the price in prison.

Bassist Randy Garibay and drummer David combined with McMurtry's acoustic guitar to produce a pulsating, soulful rhythm. McMurtry, a guitar player since the age of seven, especially carries the sound with his

But what cements his music as memorable is his awareness of living. Lyrics like "cold coffee/Strychnine from the stop and go" from "Outskirts" display his as an everyman, and "does it still matter what you might have done had you tried" from "Crazy Wind," McMurtry's creation, show his dissatisfaction with complacency.

A wild, dancy side was evident in "Talkin' Texaco."; an easy pace highlighted "Shining Eyes," a complaint about the unfriendliness of a community. "I'm Not From Here."

McMurtry's strongest conviction appears in "Too Long In The Wasteland." It contains a sad yet poignant realization:

*too long in the wasteland
I believe I'll have to stay*

Producer Mellencamp calls McMurtry's "the finest album I've ever heard. It's better than Guns N' Roses or Tracy Chapman."

"I've begun work on my next album just as McMurtry said. "Sometimes it takes a few hours to write a song, sometimes a few months. Sometimes they write themselves."

Critics have hailed him as the next Dylan, but whether he reaches that status is irrelevant. The first edition of McMurtry is good enough.

He'll have to stay.

Michael Incitti working for the student

by Colette Simone
Beacon Feature Writer

Michael A. Incitti is an assistant Professor of Communications here at Wilkes College. His teaching load consists of Newswriting, Communication Theory, Mass Communication Law, Feature Writing, and Critical Writing. His research interests are Mass Communications, Organizational Communications, and Interpersonal Communications.

Incitti is currently working on his dissertation which is tentatively titled, "How the Professional Communicators Communicate on the Job: An examination of Organizational Communication Effectiveness Within Eight Purposefully - Selected Daily Newspaper News Rooms."

Incitti's home town is Williamsburg, PA. Incitti attended the Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania. At Bloomsburg University he played baseball and his position was third base. He also played football as a defensive back.

Incitti joined the paper at Bloomsburg and was an editor for wherever he was needed. His favorite area of writing is sports. Incitti stated, "Some of the best writing in the newspaper appears on the sports page. The sports writer has a little more latitude to create and apply critical analysis than other areas of the newspaper."

Incitti graduated from Bloomsburg University with a Bachelor's degree in English. He has a master's degree in print journalism from Temple University. Incitti is also taking his Ph.D. in Mass Communications at Temple University.

Incitti was a graduating teaching assistant for five years, as well as an instructor in the English department at Temple University. Most recently, Incitti was an assistant professor of communications for one year at Glassboro State College.

Incitti was asked why he decided to come to Wilkes and his response was, "when I was interviewed here at Wilkes, I liked the people in my department. I feel there is potential

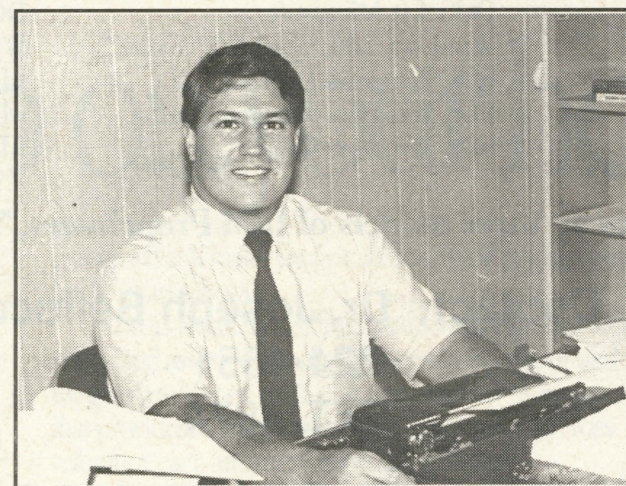


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New Communications Professor Michael Incitti

for growth and advancement in my department. I would like to be one who contributes to that challenge."

When Incitti attended Bloomsburg University he wanted to be a History teacher for high school. However there were

not many job opportunities available in teaching, so he knew he had a natural gravitation for writing and editing, then went into newspaper work.

After four years of newspaper work, he found he still wanted to teach and then entered Temple's master's degree program. He received a part time job on campus at a suburban Philadelphia newspaper at night. During the day he taught in Temple's English department.

"Looking back, I'm glad my teaching plans worked out this way. If I had gone into teaching right after undergraduate school, I would have had relatively little beyond book learning to give to my students. Now I have seven years of practical journalism experience."

Incitti has many hobbies. Besides football and basketball, Incitti enjoys basketball and tennis. He plays chess, listens to music, enjoys watching comedians and eating Italian food.

One incident which Incitti will never forget is when he was twelve years old, and had a sports story published. "If a student is motivated enough, there's no limit to how much he or she can achieve. But the process of education is a process with the individual. There's no such thing as learning through osmosis. Learning is an active process."

Incitti hopes to increase the number of courses in the journalism department here at Wilkes. Among the new courses he hopes to develop with Dr. Bradford Knapp are Communications History and a course that focuses on grammar in a journalistic context.

"What I do, or try to do, is geared to help my students

by Cathy Slebod
Beacon Feature Writer

Do you allow



Georgina Jones

No, I don't care if I smoke while eating. Food tends to taste better.



Kathy Senneker

No, because smoking when I eat and it ruins my appetite.



MacBride

No, because people are smoking while they are eating. Neither.

by Cathy Slebodnik
Beacon Feature Reporter

Roving Reporter

Photos by Mary Ann Bobkowski
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elf

Do you think that people should be allowed to smoke in the cafeteria?



Georgina Tarapchak
Junior

No, I don't care for the smell of smoke while eating because the food tends to taste like smoke.



Jennifer Chelpaty
Freshman

Yes, they should have a smoking and nonsmoking area to satisfy everyone.



Marcie Kreinces
Senior

No it shouldn't be allowed. Although it doesn't bother me, it probably bothers others.



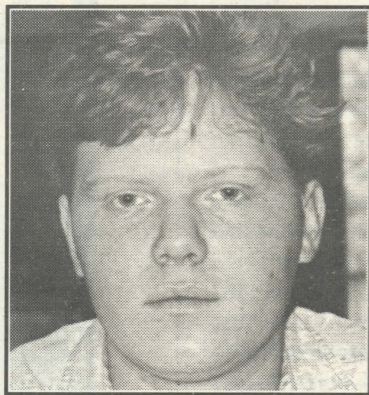
Shelly Gardner
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Yes, I think they should be able to smoke in a particular area if they want to.



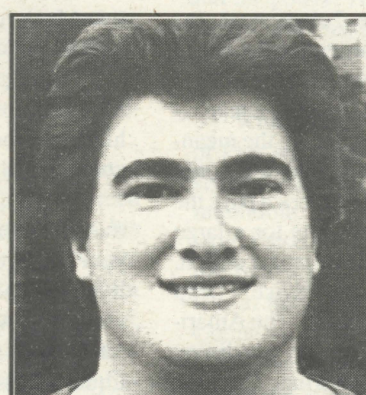
Kathy Foley
Senior

No, because smoke bothers me when I eat and its inconsiderate.



John Pirich
Junior

No because I don't like people smoking in my face.



Richard Yablonsky
Freshman

I think they should have a smoking section so that everybody is happy.



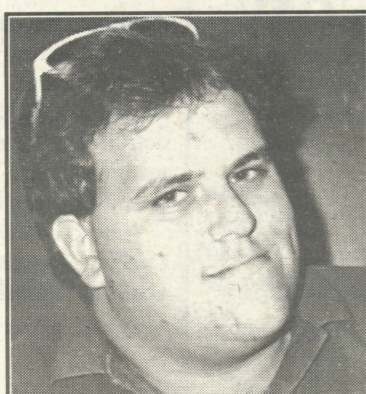
Jason Testa
Sophomore

They should have a smoking and a nonsmoking section.



Mac Burnside
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No, because people don't like smoking while they are eating and neither do I.



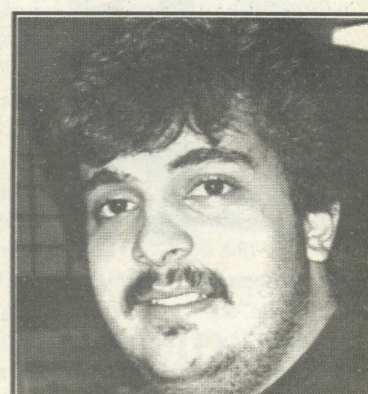
Gerry Brown
Senior

Yes I think it should be allowed because they should have certain sections for smokers.



Jennifer Catania
Junior

No, because it is endangering everyone else. If you need to smoke you can smoke outside.



Sandro Rotella
Sophomore

It really doesn't bother me; to each his own. I think "live and let live."

Read this!

by Rob Erlich
Beacon Feature Writer

Hmmm...nice new article, a little comfy space all my own tucked somewhere in the middle of the Beacon. Nice clean white paper, clear easy-to-read print, and scads of copies everywhere. I like it. So, what are this weeks topics? Well, let's jump in and see...

Lately, I've been hearing some unpleasant things about the Coors brewing company. Did you know that they have been supplying beer to the Contras? Or that they supplied a building to be used as the headquarters for the PMRC (remember them, boys and girls?)

So, next time you drink some Coors, think of the terrorist who shares the taste with you. Next time you buy it, keep in mind that share of the profits that is used to abridge the First Amendment rights of recording artists, and any other un-American activities you may be financing.

I have discovered (read "started") a small but silly faction who are trying to get the *Beacon* converted to a supermarket tabloid format. According to the group's spokesperson, who wishes to remain anonymous, "If a UFO is spotted over Conyngham Hall (the SUB), the students have a right to know."



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Moving into the realm of international politics, do you realize what a horrendous, parasitic relationship exists between the United States and Japan? Politically, the Japanese will do nothing that might offend Americans.

You may recall that Ex-Prime Minister Nakasone uttered a remark that America's failure in international economics was due to the racial and ethnic mixture in the US. This was no mistake. He meant it. Naturally, this offended many Americans, so he publically apologized. Although they might as well just stick their tongues straight down the back of our collective trousers politically, economically they are robbing us blind.

The GNP of Japan is near that of the US. The Tokyo stock exchange is now larger than the one in New York. The current measure of status in Japan is real estate -- American real estate. In the meantime, their defense budget is only 1% of their total. America pays the rest, and that accounts for a large portion of the yearly budget deficit.

So, what is my advice? Drop Japan like a bad habit. The American Empire is rapidly declining while Japan's is growing. There are other nations to trade with. South Korea, for example, is trying to build up its economy to match Japan's. They build products of equivalent quality and would most

likely be more cooperative with the US in order to increase trade.

Also, there is the USSR. There, there is an enormous population with incredible potential buying power, as well as a fascination with anything American. Gorbachev has been trying to open trade with the West, and would be very receptive to more.

In addition, increased trade would help to ease political tension, and the colossal defense budget could be cut, freeing billions of dollars for improving the standard of living for Americans. The first step is to look around, keep an open mind, and forget old prejudices in order to see new possibilities.

Rumors that are not in any way true: First of all, it needs to be said that it is not true that the cafeteria's cheeseburgers have been found to be "so radioactive they might as well microwave themselves."

Second, the Wilkes rapist does not live in the Diaz dorm in Pickering.

Third, there are no workmen who died during the construction of the Marts center "buried in the walls."

Fourth, it is not true that the Mac startup disks have a program hidden in one file that will cause the computer to explode.

Finally, it is not necessarily true that there is a little man inside your refrigerator who turns the lights on and off. The Equal Employment Act of 1972 says that refrigerator manufacturers must be Equal Rights Employers M/F/H/G/Z/Q/RR/XYZ/P/K/R.

Finally, the quote of the week: "This story was written to drive serious men mad, mad, mad; and to amuse children little, little, little."

Tears For Fears sow the seeds of love

by Rob Gryziec
Beacon Staff Writer

It took them long enough, but they're back. After a four year hiatus, Tears For Fears have just released their new LP- "Seeds of Love."

Their first album, "Songs From the Big Chair," spawned such hits as "Shout" and "Everybody Wants to Rule the World." Sometimes a follow-up album can be like a bad movie sequel. Not so in this case.

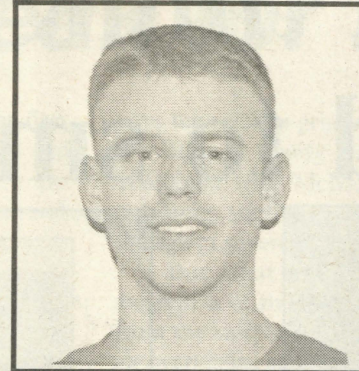
"Seeds of Love" has all the ingredients of a good mix. The

album is certainly distinct, both lyrically and musically. In fact I wouldn't be surprised if this would be viewed as one of the best new releases of 1989.

The first single, "Seeds of Love," gives you a taste of Tears For Fears new found style. However, the album does have a 60-ish psychedelic sound similar to that of the Beatles' "Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band" LP. Since everything from tie-dye to Jefferson Airplane have returned from the sixties, why not see if "The Seeds of Love" can bloom in the Eighties.

A safe Return Da

In 1985 Ron Howard brought an enchanting tale to the movie web he spun was known as *Cocoon*. A sequel has now come from the original, and it too is a good egg.



Beacon at the
video store

John
Gordon

Cocoon: The Return is now available in video stores everywhere. It continues the story of the revitalized senior citizens who appeared in the first film. They received a new outlook on life when they came in contact with aliens from the planet Antarea in the original film. Discoveries of jogging, and high diving into a swimming pool became a part of their regular routine. This occurred once they were enlightened with powers from the Antarean cocoons at the bottom of the same pool.

In *The Return* the same cast is back. The distinguished actresses include Don Ameche, Hume Cronyn, Jessica Tandy, Stapleton, Jack Gilford, Wilford Brimley, and Gwen Verdon. A younger group of performers, Steve (Police Academy) Guttenberg, Tahnee Welch are back and "sharing" themselves with each other again.



The cast of *Cocoon: The Return*

This time around the seniors must return to earth in order to prevent the Antareans from moving some of their cocoons off an unstable ocean floor. Doing so one of the cocoons is recovered by a research company. Seniors and youths alike must somehow get into the experimental facility and recover the lost object.

The longer the elders stay on the earth, the weaker they become. Antareans "No one gets sick and no one ever dies."

The acting is classic and is probably the best part of this film. Don't get me wrong! The storyline, the music, and the direction of the film are all strong as well. However, this film is perfectly titled. It is definitely a *Return* to the first film. This *Cocoon* is basically a sequel in many instances, but there are some new plot twists that are pleasing to the eye. But I won't give them away.

So come out of you're *Cocoon*... I mean your room today. See it before you age any more, and let it give you the youthful vigor in you like it did to the elders of its' cast.

Retraction:

The feature department would like to apologize to John Newman for printing his name and picture in last week's "Quote of the Week" that appeared in the spot of the newspaper. It was only a joke and was not an actual comment made by him.

Sorry, John
The batty Beacon

Return David Sayh kept it clean

by R.G. Haywood
Beacon Feature Writer

Last weekend was Parent's Weekend here at Wilkes and most of the students were happy to see good ole Mom and Dad. The parents came burdened like Santa Claus, with all the things a college student needs. The bags they carried were filled with toothpaste, deodorant, notebook paper, warm clothes, and, of course, food.

Now came the problem for students. How could they possibly repay their parents for saving them from the horror of cafeteria food and cold dorms? After all, most parents were even nice enough to treat their son or daughter to a delicious meal off-campus.

The Wilkes Programming Board was kind enough to provide students with some entertainment to take their parents to. That is a diversion beyond the wonderful downtown Wilkes-Barre area, and the plethora of sporting events. The comedic talents of David Sayh were shown at the CPA on Saturday

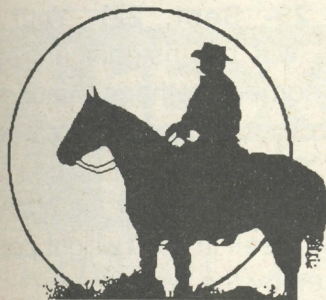
at 8 p.m. If the number of students and parents can be a guide to the attraction of this event, then it was a great success.

David Sayh came out and talked to the audience for several minutes before he actually began his act. Because of the large number of parents in the audience, Sayh had to "keep it clean." He did, however, slip a few times, but after all, it was a college crowd.

Overall, he kept the audience laughing throughout the evening. The only complaint that can be made is that he could have had a bit more energy and he easily lost his train of thought.

A big selling focus for Sayh was the fact that he had appeared several times on the *Tonight Show* with *Johnny Carson*.

The Programming Board unconsciously did Wilkes students a big favor when they booked Sayh. If there had been no diversion, the students might have had to spend the whole evening actually talking to their parents.



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The event was the Cuban Missile Crisis. Yes, there were missiles. But more importantly there was reputation, prestige, and promises, which are legitimate concerns in the political world. There were questions and concerns that would need to be resolved through diplomatic morality.

But how did this rubberband get pulled in the first place? What were the conditions which influenced or caused the Crisis?

Well, America stumbled and fell flat on her nose with the Bay of Pigs fiasco. Castro was pretty much a Communist, and he was too close to American soil. Also big business had too much money tied up in Havana with Casinos and property.

When America cut off oil and supplies to Cuba, Castro was forced to turn to the Russians. Also, his announcement that he was going to put Cuba on the road to Socialism meant nationalization of business, restrictive policies against land owners, and consequently, confiscation of property belonging to wealthy Americans. This was the economic side, and it threatened, and frightened, America. By the time Castro announced this it was too late for America to do anything except an invasion, or so was thought.

This was predictable. Cuba now had to ask the Soviets for heavy artillery, like tanks and anti-aircraft guns. But most importantly the Cubans needed advisors and instructors: they were guerrilla fighters; they only knew how to use machine guns and grenades.

On the political side we have President Kennedy, who wanted to put weapons behind his words. He spoke of the status quo, the "global battle for survival," and that the western hemisphere intended to stay "master of its own house." But the western hemisphere now contained Castro.

The Summit meeting between Kennedy and Khrushchev was intense and hostile. Threats of war were exchanged and later on symbolized by the Berlin Wall. Nuclear weapons became the vehicle of

superpower diplomacy. (The U.S. had weapons in Britain, Italy, and Turkey.)

which he secretly recorded, with thirteen cabinet members and top-level advisors. Do the missiles in



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Everything was falling into place. America would never reconcile themselves with Castro's Cuba. Moreover, Cuba would be easy to defeat; it was a wide island and difficult to defend, especially if the opposing force had strong naval and air power. Also, at this stage, Castro and his followers were a minority.

Khrushchev knew that the Bay of Pigs was only the beginning. A second invasion was almost inevitable. A second invasion would also not be the disaster that the first was. The Soviet prestige was at hand. He was leader of the Communist world. If he lost Cuba it would be an embarrassing blow to Leninism. It was also at this time that he was accused by China of being too soft with the Western world. No doubt he felt threatened. The Soviet position must be strengthened. Cuba was the perfect answer.

The plan: use missiles as a deterrent against an American invasion; confront America with more than words—ship missiles secretly and not let America know until they were mobilized; and at the same time give Americans a taste of their own medicine; after all, the Soviets didn't have missiles in any other country, even the Eastern block.

But America had their eyes open. They became suspicious. On Sunday, October 14, 1962, they sent a U-2 reconnaissance plane to take high level photographs over Western Cuba, and, lo, in a village near San Christobal was revealed 30-foot long medium range missiles. Now J.F.K., in a speech on September 13, 1962, vowed to protect the U.S. against Cuba. What was he to do now?

Kennedy held a meeting,

Cuba endanger the massive American advantage in nuclear weapons? As Kennedy so aptly said, "... it doesn't make any difference if you get blown up by an ICBM flying from the Soviet Union or one that was 90 miles away. Geography doesn't mean that much." Both Kennedy and McNamara agreed that, yes, the missiles were a military threat but more importantly it was a political problem. The political consequences would be enormous. The missiles must go.

Many ideas were tossed around. Everything from an all-out invasion to a "sinking of the Maine" to an air strike that would take out the missiles before they became operative. But the action must be planned and executed very carefully, as Bobby Kennedy knew. This was a time for redemption, a possibility for J.F.K. to emerge as moral hero. A quarantine, or naval blockade, was decided upon.

On October 18 Kennedy and Andrei Gromyko, the Soviet foreign minister, met for a previously scheduled meeting. The Soviet did not mention missiles in Cuba. There was also new evidence coming in to Washington: another reconnaissance plane took pictures of a sight for much longer range missiles that were to be ready to launch in a few days and would be able to hit 98% of the mainland. There was no time now for "quiet" diplomacy. Kennedy must challenge the Soviets publicly, before the missiles were ready to fire.

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Aquarius(Jan. 20- Feb. 18)- Watch it this week- someone's out to get you. Just watch your step and don't trust people whose socks don't match.

Pisces(Feb. 19- March 20)- The good things come in pairs this week, Pisces; The number 3 figures prominently in your happiness. "I expected to win in company, three's a crowd..."

Aries(March 21- April 19)- You are in for a relaxing week, Aries. Your cosmic fate stream will be ripple-free. Enjoy the rest; next week may not be so tranquil...

Taurus(April 20- May 20)- Everything will seem to go wrong for you this week. Don't be disheartened though- it's only the minor things. When you need it, fate will pull through for you.

Gemini(May 21- June 21)- Gemini, you're in for an exasperating week. People close to you will inadvertently bring you trouble. Think about how you've come out with a different crowd this week.

Cancer(June 22- July 22)- You'll feel like a plague this week- people will avoid you like the plague. don't let it happen though- social aggressiveness is a must. Start now!

Leo(July 23- Aug. 22)- Giving and receiving kindness will come, but be sure you repay the generosity of others- it's a two-way street.

Virgo(Aug. 23- Sept. 22)- Your problems will be insignificant; great things beginning to come together around you. Shake off the little things and you'll have a great week.

Libra(Sept. 23- Oct. 23)- The rings of Neptune are no longer a problem for the star charts, but you still spend this week in the Twilight Zone. Have a good week, Libra; enjoy the weirdness.

Scorpio(Oct. 24- Nov. 21)- Don't strain your efforts this week, your efforts won't mean as much. You'll have a good week, but it will be somewhat fortuitous. sit back and enjoy.

Sagittarius(Nov. 22- Dec. 21)- Get your gear, Sagittarius- it will be too easy to fall behind this week. Don't let anything slow you down- hard work really pay off later.

Capricorn(Dec. 22- Jan. 19)- Take the initiative this week, Cap- it brings you happiness. Put your foot forward and you can't go wrong. This is a good week to correct old mistakes and break bad habits.

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Sports

Volleyballers hitting the skids

by Wayne Henninger
Beacon Sports Writer

WILKES-BARRE — The Lady Colonels volleyball team suffered a heartbreaking loss at the hands of Marywood College on Tuesday night.

"I expected to win," said head coach Doris Saracino. "But overall, I saw some really good things."

The good things were the stats. For the evening, the Lady Colonels collected seven aces, 17 kills, and 18 blocks.

Wilkes took the first game, 15-10 in impressive fashion. Marywood, a good serving team, bounced back and took the second game, 17-15.

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despite the conditions. After the Crusaders scored, the Colonels surged deep into Susquehanna territory on completions to Bill George, Jim Farrell and Dean Ambosie, but Mick Dungan missed a 27-yard field goal.

The offense wasn't discouraged, however, and Lucas hit tight end Mike Harrison with a 3-yard touchdown toss. But after that, the end zone became a stranger.

Why? "The weather hurt us, although it wasn't as bad as the Albright loss," Lucas said. "But both teams had to deal with it."

The Colonels also lost leading rusher Dean Ambosie, possibly for the season, with a torn ligament in his leg. Junior Brian DeAngelo picked up the slack with 52 yards on 19 carries, but Ambosie's absence was clearly felt.

"Brian's the heir apparent to Dean," Unsworth said. "He's just going to have to do it a year early."

The Colonels host Moravian (2-1) on Saturday (1:30 pm at Ralston Field). The Greyhounds beat Widener 13-9 on Saturday.

"They're going to be tough to beat," Lucas said.

Tension began to mount for the third game. The Lady Colonels jumped out to an early lead which they couldn't hold. Marywood came from behind to win the last game, 16-14, and with it the match.

The Lady Colonels were not done for the night, however. After sitting out and watching a game between Marywood and Susquehanna, they prepared to take on the latter.

Wilkes wound up dropping the game with the Crusaders and finished 0-2 for the night.

"It was a tough game, but we will improve," Saracino said.

Last Saturday, the Lady Colonels outlasted archrivals King's College in a tough, five-set match that gave Saracino her 100th coaching victory. They dropped the first and fourth games but won the other three handily; 15-5, 15-6, and 15-8. The Lady Colonels came up with 16 aces and 37 kills for the match.

Susie Ketner and Jen Catania had big games for the Lady Colonels. Ketner had 14 kills while Catania has 9 kills and 4 aces.

"Whenever we play King's it almost always goes five games," Saracino said. "I was very pleased with the way we played in this game."

The Lady Colonels host Delaware Valley today.



Steve Moloney

Booters dropped

EDWARDSVILLE — All good things must come to an end.

The Colonels soccer team's unbeaten string of four games was halted by the FDU-Madison Jersey Devils, 1-0 on Monday at Ralston Field. It was the first conference defeat for the Colonels (3-4-1, 2-1-1 in the MAC).

Wilkes looked uninspired throughout the loss, which upset head coach Phil Wingert immensely. "The team did not give a good effort," he said. "We were not up for this game from the opening whistle."

After a scoreless first half, FDU scored ten minutes into the second half off of a throw-in. Devils forward Sal Iosa punched a six-yard shot into the net.

The Colonels mounted a steady attack but could not muster a goal. Wilkes outshot FDU 18-6 in the losing effort.

Last Thursday, the Colonels traveled to Drew University and tied the regionally-ranked Rangers. The Colonels scored on a corner kick with twenty-five minutes left in the game as Steve Moloney headed a Chris Shenefield cross into the top left corner.

The Colonels host Lycoming tomorrow (Ralston Field at 3:30 pm).



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Generals McGuire has cross country on rebound

The rewards of sports, both in the professional and collegiate ranks, are plentiful. Whether it is the Super Bowl or the Rose Bowl, the NBA or NCAA championship, or the college or pro World Series, to the victor goes many spoils.

But for the sport of cross country, one would have to look long and hard and still probably not find many spoils. When was the last time you saw a cross country runner interviewed after winning a big race, and saying, "I'm going to Disney World?" How about on the cover of the Wheaties box or selling a pair of Nikes?

Cross country is one of the most physically and mentally demanding sports in existence. It is a race of five miles against the elements and the will to persevere. This past Saturday, when torrential rains forced the postponement of both the Wilkes men's soccer game and the field hockey contest, the cross country team ran as scheduled.

And ran very well, thank you. Taking on Susquehanna, Scranton, and host King's College in Kirby Park, the Colonels did themselves proud. They pounded Kings 15-45 (in cross country the team with the lowest score wins) and came a point away from beating traditional power Susquehanna, 27-28. They were, however, thumped by another power, Scranton 15-45.

"I was really happy with our performance on Saturday," said third-year head coach Tom McGuire. "We beat King's for the second time this year and came within a point of upsetting Susquehanna. That was the first time in six years we even came close to them."

After Saturday's performance, the Colonels record now stands at a respectable 2-3, considering the Colonels only won two matches all of last year after taking the collar in both the 1986 and 1987 seasons. All of which has McGuire feeling like he has a program on the upswing.

But the Wilkes cross country team has not always been a doormat in the MAC. Back in 1981 and 1982, the Colonels strung together 11-7 and 12-4 slates while being led by a slender youngster by the name of Tom McGuire. Yep, same one.

"My first two years at Wilkes, we had really good teams," he said. "We were really competitive and it was enjoyable getting to win a lot."

McGuire first emerged as a runner to be reckoned with in the beginning of his sophomore season in a match against Moravian, Lehigh Valley and Franklin & Marshall. Going into the match, he didn't figure to be a factor. Coming out of the match which he had just taken first place in, he came to the realization that he could be a good collegiate runner. He wound up being the team's MVP that season.



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But the two years which seemed so promising ahead of him turned dreary. His coach of the first two years, Ron Richter, stepped down and was replaced by Dave Mattes. In his junior year, the team fell to 7-8, not bad compared to what was to come.

McGuire's senior year featured another new coach, Bill Kvashay. Kvashay and McGuire did not see eye to eye on an academic matter and McGuire, the team's captain, was dismissed from the team.

"We had a match at four o'clock in the afternoon and I had a two o'clock English class that I didn't want to miss because I had a test in the class the next time and I needed to pass it to graduate," McGuire said. "He got mad at me and threw me off the team."

"I was kind of glad. I was burned out from running. Our coach was trying to run a Division I program on a Division III level. The workouts were too hard and they were beginning to clash with my work at the radio station (he was station manager) and classes. I was kind of glad because I couldn't put up with the coach anymore."

But the question still remains to be posed. Who would want to subject themselves to five miles of running? And why?

"It is all a matter of desire, to see how hard you can push yourself," McGuire said. "It is a mental game you play with yourself. You try to see how fast you can run for five miles. You get a natural high when you can run and have no aches and pains because you are in great shape."

The aches and pains in 1987, McGuire's first year as coach, were more like sledgehammer blows to the head. He took over a team that lacked talent and had to make due with what he had.

"We had some very poor runners that year," said McGuire. "We really went through some struggles. I learned a lot as a coach."

The 1989 season provided McGuire with a light at the end of the tunnel. After losing seven straight and 23 over a three-year span, the Colonels broke the ice.

On a cold and rainy afternoon, Wilkes knocked off Baptist Bible and in the process removed a ten-ton weight from their back.

"When the match was over, everyone was really excited," McGuire said. "But because of the weather, the first thing on everyone's mind was a hot shower. But everyone was pumped and realized we had some talent to win some matches."

Entering this year, McGuire was determined to have his troops ready to create some problems for people. That is, if everyone he had anticipated to came out for the team.

"We had to wait and see who would come out for the team," said McGuire. "Some people lose their desire to run between high school and college and over the summer. But once I saw what we had, I believed we could make a legitimate run at .500."

So far, McGuire seems to have his squad primed for a .500 season and hopefully many more to come.

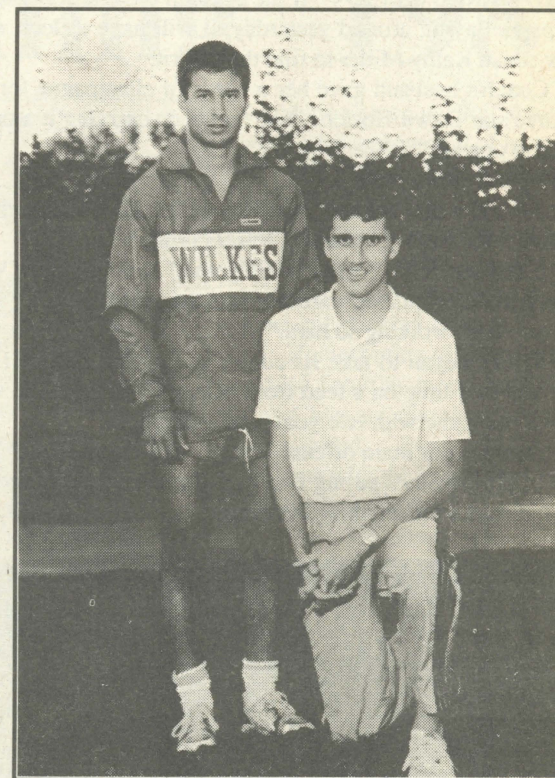
"I think we are really in the process of building a program," he said. "For the first time since I have

been coaching, we are actually talking strategy with our runners. In the beginning of the year, Susquehanna beat us by 130 points in the Lebanon Valley Invitational. And on Saturday we lost by only one to them. We have made up a lot of ground in just two weeks."

The hardest part of building the program is getting the runners. McGuire would drive the team bus to California and back or coach standing in the rain all day. That's the easy part of his job. Recruiting is another story.

"Recruiting kids to run is the hardest part of my job," he said. "Most of the elite kids get scholarships, so I try to get the real good ones. We stress academics and that running will not interfere with your studies."

McGuire's goals for the up-and-coming program include cracking the top ten at the MAC championships, putting together consistent winning



Jon Kline and Coach Tom McGuire.

seasons, and most of all having his runners enjoy their years at Wilkes.

The enjoyment should be all McGuire's in the next few years. The current team will return every member next year, including their three stars, Pat O'Connell, Jon Kline, and Mike Fontinell.

"A consistent winning program is definitely in sight," McGuire said.

A sight he hopes to see every year as cross country season rolls around.

Scranton drops stickgals, 3-1

SCRANTON — The Lady Colonels field hockey team lost to the University of Scranton, 3-1 on Tuesday.

The loss dropped the Lady Colonels to 1-4 (0-1 in the MAC). Junior Erin Kinney scored the team's lone goal.

The Lady Colonels host Misericordia on Sunday at 1 p.m.

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Drop Misericordia, 5-2

Lady Colonels get first win

By Ray Ott
Beacon Sports Editor

EDWARDSVILLE — If the cleanup crew at Ralston Field found an empty bottle of champagne laying around yesterday, it will have to look no farther than to head women's soccer coach Kathy Miller to find the culprit.

"Coach's husband gave her a bottle of champagne for her first win," said sophomore offensive star Dawn Hosler. "She had been carrying it around to every game, waiting for a chance to open it."

Pop the cork.

Miller got that chance yesterday as the Lady Colonels got into the record books with their first-ever victory, dumping Misericordia 5-2.

"It felt terrific to finally win a game," Miller said. "Winning the game was great, but the way the girls played together was the real highlight. I felt good for the girls because they have been working so hard."

History began to take its course in the first half as Hosler found the back of the net twice, the first time on a feed from Nancy Fitzgerald, the second occasion unassisted. She finished the game with two goals and two assists.

"Dawn is our main offensive cog," Miller said. "She played excellent as usual."

Despite Hosler's strong first half showing, Misericordia was still only down 2-1. The Lady Cougars were anything but dead.

That was before the Lady Colonels exploded for three second half goals to put the game on ice.

Fitzgerald took a pass from Hosler to start the second half scoring. Tarrah Ralston scored the fourth goal from Fitzgerald and Tiffany Zottola capped the onslaught with a goal from Hosler and Joanne Esposito.

"You wouldn't believe the utter happiness," said junior fullback Gail Wilpshire. "We are history now!"

Miller received obvious fine performances from Hosler, Fitzgerald, and freshman goalkeeper Diane Gibbs, but it was the play of left halfback Paula Schoenwetter that had the team ecstatic.

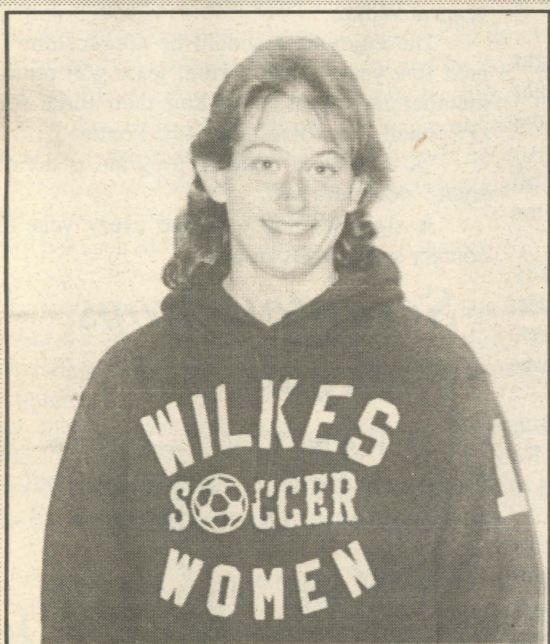
"Paula played so well back there," Miller said. "She teamed up well with Nancy Fitzgerald and helped her have such a fine game."

Last Saturday, the Lady Colonels traveled to Haverford College but the losing began on pounding as they dropped a 4-0 decision. The game was played in the midst of a storm Hugo and was called midway through the second half.

The Lady Colonels will travel to Drew University this Saturday to see if they can continue their new-found success.

"Hopefully we can build on this and maybe surprise some people," said Miller. "It's great to win."

Colonel of the Week



DAWN HOSLER, A SOPHOMORE FROM PORT ROYAL, PA, SCORED TWO GOALS AND HAD TWO ASSISTS IN YESTERDAY'S 5-2 WIN BY THE LADY COLONELS OVER MISERICORDIA, THE FIRST WIN IN WILKES WOMEN'S SOCCER HISTORY. SHE IS A PSYCHOLOGY MAJOR.

photo by Jim Clark

Colonels stay with Crusaders

by Jim Clark
Beacon Sports Editor

EDWARDSVILLE — If weather can equalize a football game, it sure did its job last Saturday. Hurricane Hugo's leftovers turned Ralston Field into a swamp, slowing the footing of both teams.

It allowed the Colonels to take a 6-3 lead in the second quarter over a tough Susquehanna squad that has serious aspirations for an MAC title.

I think I can, I think I can...

A four-yard touchdown pass gave the Crusaders a 10-6 lead at halftime, but the Colonels' defense was causing serious problems for Susquehanna's outstanding quarterback Dave Battisti. The few Wilkes fans that braved the weather smelled an upset and finally started to make some noise.

I think I can, I think I can...

But Battisti and his teammates scored the game-clinching touchdown on the last play of the third quarter, a two-yard pass to wideout Chris Elvidge. Susquehanna held on for a 16-6 win.

Train wreck.

"I told the guys not to believe anyone who says they aren't a good team," said head coach Bill

Unsworth. "They went out and proved it today. The only thing missing is a win."

The Colonels (0-3, 0-2 in the MAC) were put in a tough spot when Bill McCullough scampered 39 yards on the first play from scrimmage. The defense prevented another first down, however, and forced the Crusaders to settle for a 32-yard field goal by Randy Helt.

"Our defense stopping after that big play gave us a confidence," Unsworth said. "We marched right down the field."

Quarterback Joe Lucas (162 yards, two interceptions, one touchdown) completed nine of his first thirteen attempts as the Colonels' passing game clicked.

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photo by Dave

Brian DeAngelo (33) turns the corner against Susquehanna.

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Wel

by Kathy Harris
Beacon News Editor

WILKES-BARRE events are planned for the Annual Homecoming both current Wilkes and Wilkes alumni.

The Homecoming will be chosen today.

The bonfire will continue until 6:30 p.m. and choose three of the ten women nominated last Thursday. Pictures on pages 2 and 3 show three men and women on the court. The top man and woman are the King and Queen. Names will not be announced Saturday. The court will be announced at the bonfire.

The bonfire will be tonight beginning at 6:30 p.m. at Ralston Field. In case of bad weather, there will be a rain date.

Wilke

by Kathy Harris
Beacon News Editor

WILKES-BARRE an old saying which states that leaders are not born — they are made.

Seven students from Wilkes College have been chosen to participate in a program to help make leaders. The students will participate in the Legiate Leadership program.

The students chosen for the program are Christopher Augustine, Davis, Kelli Furlong, I. Tammy Stoshick, Vecerkauskas, and Scott.

Augustine is a junior communications major from Susquehanna. He is a resident assistant at the Air Force ROTC. Augustine was named to the ROTC and has won numerous awards from the ROTC.