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## AIDS Awareness Committee is official at Wilkes

By **MICHAEL LOVERDI**  
*Beacon Staff Writer*

The Wilkes University Student AIDS Awareness Committee has become an official club at Wilkes. Student government (SG) approved the committee's constitution last Wednesday, March 17.

SG President, Kevin Barno, backed the approval. "The student government is very pleased with the interest by the community and the campus," he said.

The AIDS Awareness

Committee's purpose is to promote AIDS awareness on campus and in the community, and provide a better understanding of AIDS. Group member Sabeth Ryan explains, "Our purpose is to realize the prevalence and the impact of AIDS in our society and to act now to educate our community."

Committee President Kristy Hallam said, "AIDS is a world-wide epidemic that affects many socio-economic groups, and I hope that the Student AIDS Awareness Committee will help to educate these groups."

Hallam is working on get-

ting her group members certified in Red Cross so they can give information on AIDS to high school students in the community. The Awareness Committee is hoping their presentation to the high school students will be enough for the students to set up their own peer counseling in schools.

Another project in the works for the Awareness Committee is an attempt by the committee to get part of the AIDS quilt to Wilkes on World AIDS Day on December 1. The quilt is made up of one patch for every

person who has died of AIDS. It is, as Hallam called it, "an astonishing memorial." The group hopes to get 100 panels of the quilt which incorporates 20,000 names from every U.S. state and 29 different countries.

Barno said the community has shown great interest in bringing the quilt to the area. Several corporate sponsors from the area will be donating thousands of dollars to support the cause and defray the entire cost.

The Awareness Committee is planning fundraisers

on Earth Day and at the Cherry Blossom Festival to help support the event.

The Committee is also looking for students to participate in an AIDS Walk in New York City on Sunday, May 2.

The group has also organized a lecture by Dr. Kenneth Pidcock. Pidcock will speak on "AIDS from the Perspective of HIV Biology" on April 27 in SLC 101 starting at 7 p.m.

## Guthrie scholars begin research

**WILKES-BARRE** — The Guthrie Scholars of the Hahnemann/Wilkes Program have begun the clinical research phase of their education at Robert Packer Memorial Hospital in Sayre, Pennsylvania. The students are attending medical lectures, studying medical ethics, and participating in a cooperative education experience with an occupational medicine specialist.

The Guthrie Scholars of the Hahnemann/Wilkes Program is a cooperative effort motivated by the regional need for physicians interested in serving rural and semi-rural health care delivery. Each institution is also interested in attracting students and staff members of superior ability and accomplishments.

Established in January 1991, the program gives outstanding Wilkes students assurance of early admission to the Hahnemann University School of Medicine, allowing them to focus their attention on academic excellence rather than the admissions process.

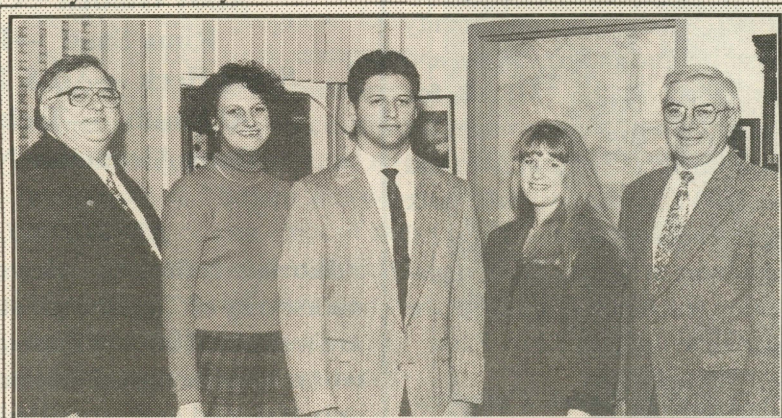
As Guthrie Scholars, these students were simultaneously admitted to Wilkes University

and the Hahnemann Medical School, contingent on an interview at Hahnemann and their maintenance of a B+ or higher average in their pre-medical science courses at Wilkes. There will be significant financial aid support for the Guthrie Scholars in their senior year at Wilkes.

Hahnemann University, located in center city in Philadelphia, is an academic health center with four primary missions: patient care, education, research and community service. It includes the School of Medicine, the Graduate School, and the School of Health Sciences and Humanities, with a total of over 2,000 students, as well as Hahnemann Hospital, a 616-bed tertiary care facility.

The Guthrie Healthcare System is as premier health-care provider in the northern tier of Pennsylvania and the southern tier of New York. Guthrie's primary missions are patient care, medical education, and research.

Guthrie has a strong commitment to medical education and maintains residency programs in internal medicine and general surgery, with a fellowship in gastroenterology. In conjunction with area colleges and universities, Guthrie also offers allied health programs, including respiratory therapy, medical technology, radiologic technology, and a baccalaureate program in nursing.



From left, Dr. Les Turoczi, chairman of the biology department, Kristine Maxwell, Harry Rose, Kimberly Thompson, and Dr. Ralph Rozelle

## Prof will be honored at testimonial dinner

**WILKES-BARRE**—Wilkes University Professor of Communications Tom Bigler, will be honored at a testimonial dinner on Tuesday, May 4 at Genetti's Best Western Hotel in downtown Wilkes-Barre.

A reception will be held at 6 p.m., followed by dinner at 6:30. Tickets are \$17.50, with student tickets available for \$10. There will be a cash bar.

Speakers for the evening include Monsignor Andrew McGowan, Dr. Christopher Breiseth, president of Wilkes University, and Dr. Wallace F. Stettler, former president of Wyoming Seminary.

A columnist for the Wilkes-Barre *Times-Leader*, Bigler has been a member of the Wilkes faculty since 1986. He began his broadcasting career at Hazleton radio station WAZL and later worked at various stations both in and out of this market. In 1953 he was appointed news and program director at WILK. He received the Homer Peabody Award for outstanding public service to the community in 1962 and, in that same year, joined WNEP-TV

as director of news and public affairs.

Bigler was appointed news director at WBRE-TV in 1966 and remained at the station until his retirement in 1986 as vice president of news.

In addition to the Peabody Award, Bigler also received the Jacob Silverblatt Memorial Award for outstanding service in the field of human relations and an honorary doctor of humane letters from King's College.

Reservations for the event are required by Friday, April 23. Those wishing to attend should send checks to: Celebrating Tom, Suite 904, 69 Public Square, Wilkes-Barre, Pa. 18701. Checks should be made payable to "Celebrating Tom Committee."

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## WHAT'S GOING ON...

The United Way of the Wilkes-Barre area is sponsoring a **tutoring program** for students in grades K through 12 living in Luzerne County. The free program is held at the YMCA, Wilkes-Barre on Monday and Tuesday evenings for one hour beginning at 4:30 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. Tutors are needed. The only requirement is that you are of high school age or older. Anyone interested in joining the program contact Cheryl Gibson at 831-4347 for an application.

O'Reilly & Associates announces "**The Best New Smiley Contest.**" The person submitting the best smiley-face not already found in *Smiley* by October 1, 1993 will win \$500. New "smiley-faces" should be submitted to "Smiley Contest," O'Reilly & Associates, Inc., 103 Morris St., Sebatopol, CA 95472.

Nominations are due by May 15, 1993 for the **1993 Environmental Partnership Awards**. Judges will be looking for individuals or organizations that have made an outstanding contribution toward enhancing Northeastern Pennsylvania's environmental resources or the stewardship of them. Award categories include: Agriculture and Silviculture; Business and Industry; Education; Environmental Community; Government Civic Community; and Science and Engineering. For more information and applications contact William Eberhardt at the The Proctor & Gamble Paper Products Company in Mehoopany at 833-3306 or the University Relations Office at Wilkes at 822-8413.

Applications will be accepted until May 1, 1993 for the **Orville Redenbacher's Second Start Scholarship Program**. Thirty \$1000 scholarships will be made to qualifying students for the 1993-1994 school year. To be eligible, students must be at least 30 years of age at the

time of application. Part-time and full-time students qualify. For further information and applications write: Orville Redenbacher's Second Start Scholarship Program, P.O. Box 39101, Chicago, IL 60639.

The Jewish Community Center will celebrate the **45th anniversary of Israel's independence** at 11 a.m. on Sunday, April 25 at the Jewish Community Center. The festivities will begin with a "Walk for Israel," after which a short program will be held. Following the program, international pop singer, Lev Yelisavetsky, will perform. On Monday, April 26 at 10 a.m. a flag-raising ceremony will be held on the grounds of the Luzerne County Court House.

The **3rd Annual Morris County AIDS Walkathon** will be held on Sunday, May 16, 1993 in Morristown, New Jersey. Registration begins at noon. The walk will start at 1 p.m. For further information about walking and volunteering contact Wayne Cresta, Chairperson, at (201)455-0117.

From April 15 through April 17, the **Pennsylvania Music Educator's Association** will convene in Wilkes-Barre. Students and teachers from universities, high schools, junior high schools, and elementary schools from throughout the state are invited to attend. Stephen Barton, Assistant Professor of Music at Wilkes, and the Wilkes M.E.N.C. chapter will be handling much of the three-day conference.

The Department of Music, Theatre, & Dance will present **The Medium** by Gian Carlo Menotti, a one-act opera, from April 22-24. Directed by John F. Swanson with musical direction by Bruce Reiprich, performances will begin at 8 p.m. in the CPA. For further information contact 831-4540.

"**A Coal Region Opera**" will be presented at The Kirby Center on Saturday, May 22 at 7:30 p.m. The opera is an original contemporary musical that tells a story of love, deceit and the struggle of the unionizing coal miners in the turn-of-the-century anthracite region of Pennsylvania. Cost is \$10 for students with ID. On April 2 there will be an OperaWorks Wine and Cheese

Preview Gala at 7-8:30 p.m. Admission is \$10. For further information call 823-4599.

The **Interfaith Resource Center for Peace and Justice** will show a video of a PrimeTime segment on racism on Tuesday, April 13 at 7 p.m. A discussion on anti-racism will follow the video. The event is being held at the First Presbyterian Church on South Franklin Street.

The **Rifkin Resource Center** of the Jewish Community Center will be dedicated on April 18 at 1 p.m. The Resource Center will be used as a source for books, magazines, and newspapers having to do with the history of the Jewish people, the Holocaust, the State of Israel and the Jewish Religion.

The American Institute for Foreign Study Foundation is interviewing area families who would be interesting as serving as a **Host Family** for an international student during the 1993/1994 school year. Interested families should call Juana Gyza, local coordinator, at 829-0921.

**Host Families** are being sought by the SHARE! high school exchange program to host international exchange students who will be arriving in August for the 1993/94 school year. For an application call Colin Churchill or Beth Schumann at 1-800-321-ERDT.

**F.A.O. Schwarz** of New York City is currently interviewing candidates for its summer cooperative experience program. Students interested in a salaried management training position at this well-known retail toy store should contact, Carol Bosack of the Cooperative Education Office at Ext. 4645.

The Riverfront Parks Advisory Committee invites businesses, schools and community organizations to form teams and participate in the "**March for Parks**," a walk to raise money for the Kirby Park Natural Area and Nesbitt Park. The five-mile walk will be held on Sunday, April 18, beginning at 2 p.m. Team registration will begin at 1 p.m. at the Marts Pavillion in Kirby Park.

**Bear Creek Camp** announces several upcoming events. The camp will host its annual **Earth Day Family Celebration** on Sunday, April 25 from 12:30

p.m. until 7:00 p.m. The fee for the program is \$8 for adults and \$4.50 for children ages 3 to 6. Dinner is included. The camp will offer its annual **Open House** on Sunday, June 6 from 2:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. Parents and prospective campers are encouraged to come by and meet our staff, play games, tour the facilities, ask questions, and experience the program. Anyone wishing to stay for dinner and sample camp cuisine may do so for a fee of \$3 for children ages 3 to 6, and \$5 for ages 7 and up. Pre-registration is required for both events. Call (717) 472-3741 for more information.

Students now have a chance to leave a message for their friends in this year's **Amnicola**. This year, the **yearbook is accepting student ads**. For \$1, you may have a one-line message appear in the yearbook. Forms are available at the security desk in Stark lobby. Forms can be sent to the Amnicola office, c/o of their campus box number 1246.

The Student Life and Athletics Committee invites clubs and students to participate in the **First Annual All-School Softball Tournament**. The event will be held on April 24, 1993 at

Ralston Field. In addition to student teams, there will also be teams comprised of faculty members and administration.

Applications are now being accepted for **graduate fellowship programs** sponsored by the U.S. Department of Energy and administered by the Oak Ridge Institute for Science and Education. To be eligible, students must have received their undergraduate degrees in a science or engineering discipline by May/June 1992. Selection is based on academic performance, recommendations, and a statement of career goals by the applicant. For more information call Tom Richmond or Cheryl Terry at 615-576-2194 or 615-576-9558.

**American Youth Hostels** is offering weekend, holiday and spring break trips to major U.S. cities, national and state parks and various other locations at greatly reduced rates. For more information, write to AYH, Delaware Valley Council, 624 South Third Street, Philadelphia, PA 19106, or call (215) 925-6004 or (215) 925-6005.

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# President takes a crack at parking woes

By BRAD HAYS

Beacon Staff Writer

Wilkes commuters may finally get relief in constant war for parking.

A Presidential Task Force on parking has been appointed by Dr. Christopher Breiseth, president of Wilkes University, to prepare a comprehensive parking plan for Wilkes.

The exact duties of the Task Force are to collect and analyze information, then prepare

recommendations for a comprehensive campus parking plan. The Task Force is only a few weeks old. In fact, their first meeting was a week ago, to discuss upcoming meetings and start thinking about possible parking plans on campus.

The Task Force is made up of faculty, staff and students. The faculty members are Lt. Col. David Agee, professor of aerospace studies, Deborah Phillips, and Dr. Robert Seeley, associate

professor of economics. The staff members are Bernadette Fornicola, director of annual giving, Committee Chairperson Barbara King, coordinator of special projects, Lorraine Loyd, information operator at Campus Supporting Services, and Cheryl Scalse, management analyst at Business Affairs and Auxiliary Enterprises. The students on the Task Force are Allison Martin, Jennifer Myers, Al Mueller and Jackie Stefanowicz.

There are also resources to the committee: Paul Adams, dean of academic affairs, Scott Bodfish, director of institutional research and planning support, Eugene Maganello, director of human resources management, Jane Lampe-Groh, dean of student affairs, and John Pesta, director of campus support services.

The students are most affected by the parking problems, such as paying parking fees and trying to find a space. There are only 159 student parking

spaces on campus. The Pickering lot has 67 spaces, 37 of the spaces are at Chesapeake and Delaware Halls, and 35 spaces are at Temple Israel. The other 20 spaces are located at Denison (18) and Doane Halls. Of these 159 spaces, 51 permits are allocated for resident students, while 128 permits are allocated to commuting students. The permits are issued on the basis of need, such as academic endeavors that require the use of a car and average distance that is traveled daily.

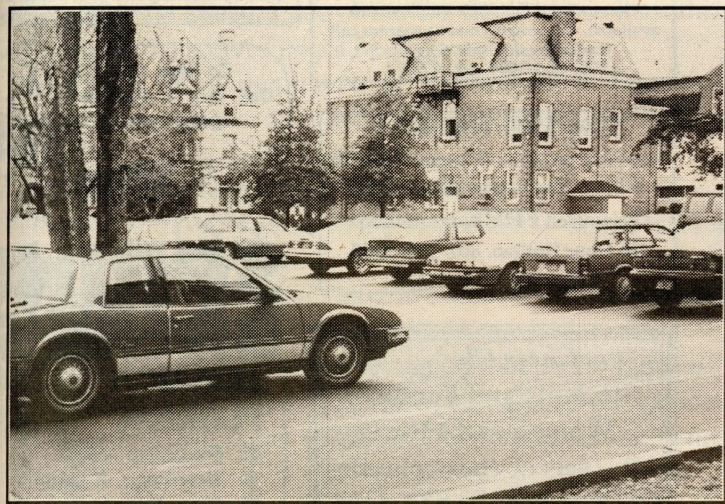
There are a total of 303 parking spaces for faculty and staff. The main spaces are at SLC (71) Sturdevant Hall (47) and Evans Hall (27). The other 157 parking spaces are located throughout the campus, such as near the Library, the Marts Center, and Weckesser Hall.

One problem the Task Force will address is handicapped parking spaces. There are 22 spaces on campus that are designated as handicapped

parking. There are also 14 parking spaces for visitors. A letter from Dean Lampe-Groh to the Parking Task Force says that there are only 16 individuals on campus who require handicapped spaces. Student Affairs and Security think the needs of these people should be taken into account when the Task Force determines whether there is a need to designate more handicapped spaces next to SLC for next year.

Another problem that will be an issue is the student parking spaces that are located at Dennison. Most resident students who park here have to walk back to their dorm at night. The Task Force is considering swapping student and staff designated spaces in Dennison and Design System lots to give students who have to park in Dennison closer proximity to their residence halls.

A preliminary report will be handed to President Breiseth at the end of the semester. In the meantime, students will have to deal with the parking blues.



Cars fill the lot at Stark Learning Center.

## A variety of jobs are available on campus

By ENRIQUE RIVEREZ

Special to the Beacon

Many students wonder what work study is and what it involves. Work study is an on-campus system for which all full-time students at Wilkes University are eligible.

There are three types of employment available for students: college work study, which is federally funded and pays according to the applicant's financial need, state work study, a program designed for residents of Pennsylvania enrolled in post-secondary education who apply for jobs, and institutional employment, which is funded by the university and for which anyone is eligible.

There is also a difference in available hours for the three areas. The federally-funded and

state-funded programs have a limit of 20 hours per week during school and up to 35 per week during breaks, while the institutional programs offer a maximum of 10 hours per week. However, all jobs pay \$4.35 per hour, and all employees are paid monthly.

Many jobs are included in the work study program. Jobs include: clerical work, computer lab assistants, teaching assistants, typists, shipping/receiving clerks, design assistants and numerous others. The jobs are available during certain parts of the year. Students should see Cheryl M. Gibson, coordinator of on-campus employment, for more details on what jobs are available.

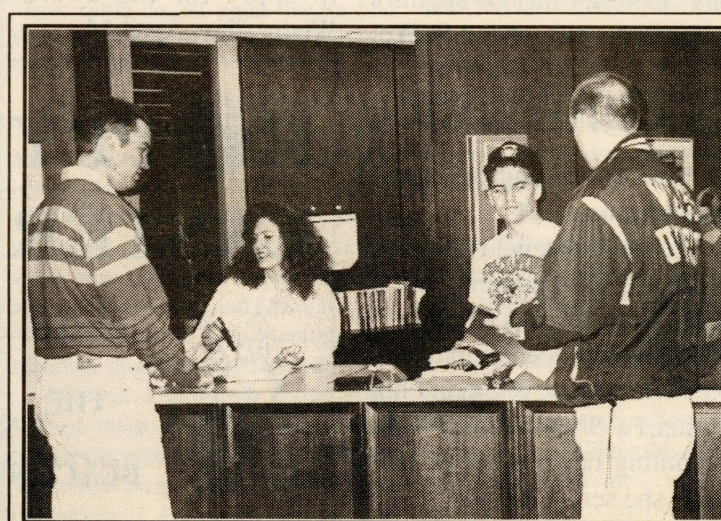
"I enjoy the people I work with, and that is one of the most important things to me," said

Kermit Douglas. Douglas is working under the institutional program as an evening summer-weekend employee. His job is primarily clerical.

"I think that the biggest advantage to my job is that the hours are flexible, and I can study while I work," said

Sabeth Ryan. Ryan works at the front desk of Pickering Hall. As for being paid once a month, both students stated some advantages and disadvantages.

"All that is required of a student keeping a job is that (See **Jobs**, page 3)



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# Tuition goes up, but so does aid

By JONATHAN ROHMAN  
Special to The Beacon

University President, Christopher Breiseth announced in his State of the University Address that tuition would increase next year. Fortunately, according to Rachel Lohman, director of financial aid, aid will rise too.

More and more students at Wilkes University may rely on scholarships, financial aid and student loans to help pay for their college education.

According to senior Nick Niles, "Thanks to financial aid, I find it much easier to pay for college. I also find it easier to have money readily

available to plan leisurely activities." Niles is one of the many students who applied for and received financial aid this year.

Incoming students not only rely on the aid to help pay for their education, but if their grades are good enough, they may be able to qualify for scholarships. Assistant Dean of Admissions, Bruce Bunnick, says that there are three categories of scholarships available at Wilkes, each with a set amount of funding offered.

The aid available to students depends upon the amount of the university's budget allocated to financial aid. Lohman says overall there will be an increase in aid available to the stu-

dents, because the Wilkes budget for aid has increased.

Students may also take out student loans to cover the cost of their college education. The loan amounts available at Wilkes have gone up allowing students to borrow more. Lohman also predicts that for the 1993-1994 school year, there will be more borrowing. The loan limits for the Stafford Loan Program have increased. This year, juniors and seniors could borrow up to \$4000. Net year, that amount will be raised to \$5500. More borrowing is anticipated in the coming year because there will be no increase in the amount of Federal aid funds available.

## Students learn to market themselves

By LYNN KRUTZ  
Beacon Co-Copy Editor

"How to Succeed in Communications: At Wilkes and in the Job Market" was the topic of discussion at a March 29 seminar hosted by the Wilkes University chapter of Lambda Pi Eta. Lambda Pi Eta is the national communications honor society.

The officers of Lambda Pi Eta served as panelists for a one-hour seminar on how to tap all of the opportunities that the communications department at Wilkes has to offer. The group also discussed "basic survival" skills for communication majors.

Kayanne Barilla, the executive director of the Wyoming Valley unit of the American Cancer Society, and Joanne Szoke,

a recruiter for C-Tech Corporation, discussed how to write a good resume at the seminar.

According to Szoke, "last year we got in over 400 resumes at C-Tech and that is only a local company. You really have to sell yourself."

Barilla stressed the importance of researching the companies you are applying to beforehand. "It only takes a few minutes and it can show a company that you're really interested in working for them."

According to the two professionals, a recruiter does notice the "little things" on a resume so it is important to make sure that the recruiter's name is spelled correctly and that there are no typographical errors on the resume.

"Never be afraid to call a company" to verify that all the information is correct, added Szoke.

Both professionals said that it is very important to follow-up after an interview, with both a letter and a phone call. "Call once a month to refresh a recruiter's memory," suggested Szoke.

According to Szoke, "you have to work nowadays to get a job."

Lambda Pi Eta, in conjunction with the Communications Club, will sponsor a Communications Social on April 21 from 5-7 p.m. in Rumours. At that time, Lambda Pi Eta will induct new members and present the first Lambda Pi Eta Outstanding Communications Student Award. Applications can be picked up in Capin Hall or from any communications faculty member. The deadline to apply for the award is Wednesday, April 14.

## Chisarick chairs conference

WILKES-BARRE—Cynthia J. Chisarick, associate professor of accounting at Wilkes University, chaired the Pennsylvania Institute of Certified Public Accountants State Accounting Educators, held recently in Hershey. This conference, which highlights current issues in accounting education, attracted over 130 college and university educa-

tors from throughout the state of Pennsylvania.

Chisarick received a bachelor of science in commerce and finance from Wilkes College in 1973. She has been employed at Price Waterhouse & Co. in Philadelphia, Pa. She joined the Wilkes accounting department in 1981, where she serves as chair.

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they show up for their jobs," said Gibson. Most of the jobs are not difficult, and the hours are flexible. "About 80 or 85 percent of the students make their own hours," stated Gibson. All jobs are given on a first-come, first-served basis.

There are currently 550 to 600 students employed under these programs at the present. People seeking an on-campus job for the fall semester are encouraged to see Gibson on the second floor of Sturdevant Hall

during the month of April. At the moment there is a job available for a commuter student to work in the Alumni Office year-round, and other jobs are to be posted on a bulletin board outside Gibson's office.

During the summer the on-campus employment offices will be moved to the new Student Services Building at 267 S. Franklin St., across from the Marts Center. All students are welcome to submit an application for these services.

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### ATTENTION STUDENTS

All students interested in campus employment for next year (June 93-May 94) must register with the student employment office during April. Jobs are not guaranteed unless requirements are met. Do not start working in June without a referral from the campus employment office. Students will not be paid unless a referral is done for each office/department.

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## EDITORIAL

### And A River Runs Through It

For the past week it has been like "old home week," said a fellow student teacher, on the banks of the Susquehanna River. People are coming from near and far to see if the river is going to do a repeat of the flood disaster of 1972.

All over town you can listen to a variety of flood stories; some are sad while others are quite humorous. All-in-all most people don't want to see a recurrence of the '72 flood, but at least this time, some of the natives might be prepared.

Some others find it important to get the message that the river may crash through the dike across to the Wilkes-Barre area citizens.

Still others, come just to see the river.

"I've come to just look at it, it's a spectacular sight," said a Wilkes sophomore student.

"I came to make sure I don't have to evacuate my house," said a south Wilkes-Barre man.

The old grandpa types were saying "it's bound to happen." The old grandpa types are those men who in all of their wisdom don't have anything better to do than sit and watch the rising river.

Daycare center workers brought their children out for a walk along the dike to show them what happens when Mother Nature gives her Earth too much water.

Over at Kirby Park, kids were riding bikes down what used to be a sidewalk with an adjacent pond. Presently, the pond is a lake that no longer has an adjacent sidewalk. No benches could be seen in the places where they are normally seen. As well, the baseball fields are all under water.

The water came up to the children's waists as they rode swiftly through it. Sounds like fun doesn't it? If only we were children again.

On our side of the river, a young couple walked along the dike. The young man said, "I walk here every night for exercise." While his girlfriend said jokingly, "I came along this time to push him in."

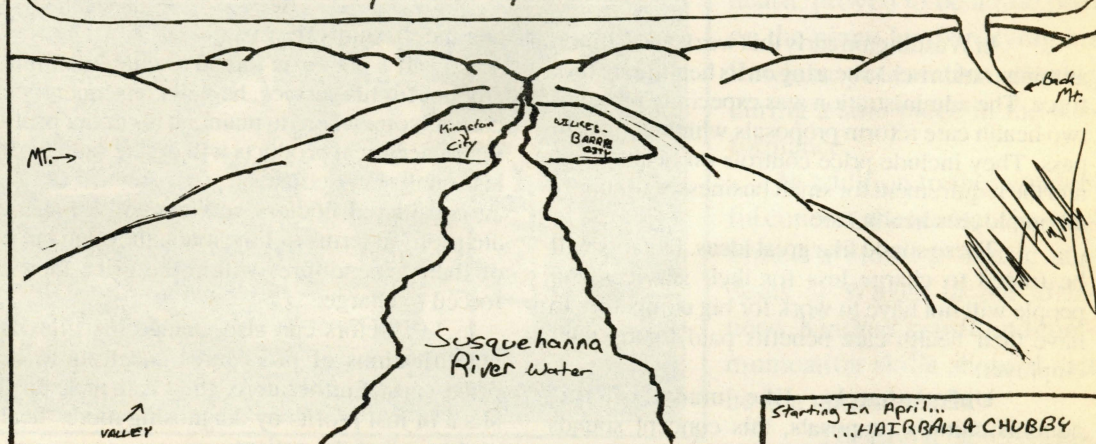
A Wilkes senior from Dickson City said, "I came to see how high the water has gotten. I was very young when the flood of 1972 hit but I remember it and the damage it caused. Now that it has begun to rain, I'm getting a little worried."

A young man who resides on Northampton Street just on the opposite side of the river bank came to see how high the water has risen. "I'm a little concerned. I come over here everyday. I've only lived here for about four months and now this. Tonight I brought my girlfriend along to see as well."

A King's College freshman from upstate New York came to the Wilkes side of things to view the water level. She said, "I wanted to see this. I realize that rivers in New York streamline into the Susquehanna."

For all sorts of reasons, people have flocked down to the river banks to see just how far this river will rise. If the river overflows its banks, it will run over, not through, our town.

Hey Billy Bob, Da way things look wit Dat Dere River Common... You'll soon bees able to use Dat canoe Dat Jimm Bob got ya last year... Aheeee! Aheeee! Aheeee!



Matt Hrabousky is a senior at Coughlin High School. His cartoons appear weekly in The Beacon.

## Letters to the editor...

To the Editor:

This letter is in response to the editorial in the March 18 Beacon. Dr. Lennon, or whoever the ignoramus is in charge of snow cancellations, displayed the typical blatant ignorance that Wilkes shows to commuters. For three days in a row of inclement weather, while other area colleges and schools cancelled or delayed classes, Wilkes showed utter ignorance towards commuters.

March 16, 1993 — College Misericordia and L.C.C.C. cancel, as well as Wilkes-Barre area (Same town, same roads... go figure!), Wyoming Valley West, and Wyoming area. I have to travel on 3-5 miles of side streets and the conditions were still dangerously poor. Does Wilkes care? No!

March 17, 1993 — A continuous snowfall from 1 p.m. to midnight made the sidewalks and roads dangerously slippery. Once again, L.C.C.C. and Misericordia cancel night classes and Wilkes refuses to acknowledge [the weather conditions].

March 18, 1993 — Because of the below-zero windchill and lower temperatures, the sleet and ice from the day before did not melt, as both side streets and avenues were unfit for early morning travel. Wilkes-Barre area (Once again boys and girls, same city, same streets) delays class and I have to drive on untreated roads that a compressed schedule might have prevented.

All in all, I think your praise, in the face of these three days in a row of blatant disregard towards commuters is very out of place. Is Dr. Lennon testing our patience? Are commuters, because they don't pay the extra \$2000/year for board and [cafe]teria food, considered unimportant? If Dr. Lennon can't do his job right, I say he should quit his job and let a concerned professional take

over. I would watch my step if I were you, Dr. Lennon, because next time, we may not take this ignorance laying down.

An angry commuter,

Bob Decker, Jr.

P.S. Will a commuter have to be killed in an accident before appropriate cancellations are made?

Dear Editor:

I am writing in response to Al Mueller's column in the March 18th edition of *The Beacon* concerning the current practice of allowing members of the Class of 1993 who graduated in January to participate in May commencement exercises. While it is true that seats are limited at the May graduation, there is a more effective way to remedy the situation. Seniors, wage the war that Mueller claims you don't have a prayer of winning—demand that the administration move your commencement exercises outside so that everyone, including January graduates, can enjoy this important event comfortably.

The fact that undergraduates are being forced to look to ways to eliminate members of their own graduating class from attending the May ceremony suggests the seriousness of this problem. Commencement exercises are the culmination of a student's academic and social career at Wilkes; Mueller was right when he pointed out that we shouldn't have to choose between inviting our brother or sister. Moving the ceremonies outside would eliminate the need for each graduate to have to pick and choose between family and friends.

According to the Registrar's Office, only one of the January graduates plan on returning for May commencement exercises. Should this one student, and her five guests, be turned away from sharing this momentous occasion with her classmates simply because there is not enough room in the Marts Center?

In his column, Mueller himself admits that these students are members of the class of 1993, they are simply "graduated members." However, January graduates do not enjoy many of the activities that other members of the Class of 1993 have the opportunity to attend. For example, there is no Senior Week for those who bid Wilkes farewell in January. These students have paid their dues at Wilkes just like any other student has—they deserve to not only be allowed, but invited, to attend May commencement exercises.

Furthermore, some of the January graduates finished their schooling a semester early. It is fair that these students, students of high academic standing, be penalized for their accomplishments? I would think that Wilkes would be proud to welcome back a student who was able to finish their undergraduate work a semester early.

If some of the great men and women of our nation had taken Mueller's advice and avoided those challenges which seemed too difficult, many of the "battles" this country has faced, such as the Revolutionary War, would not have been waged. Often times, seniors, the most difficult battles to win are the ones with the most rewards. As Mueller stated, "take back control of [your] graduation... and do it now, before it's too late."

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn A. Krutz

# JUMPING THE FENCE

By LANCER BENSON  
Beacon Columnist

In Washington early this week, the Clinton administration held a hearing on its health care task force. The administration was especially proud of two health care reform proposals which it plans to pass. They include price controls on health care, and the requirement for small businesses to supply all employees health care.

These sound like great ideas. Doctors will be forced to charge less for their services and people will not have to work for big companies to have their health care benefits paid for by their employer.

Unfortunately, like many of this administration's proposals, this concept sounds like flowers for all, but the true substance of it amounts to much less.

Let's start with price controls. A price is not just a meaningless number. Any economist will tell you that the price of something carries with it many different messages. For example, a price can help the consumer judge the quality of a service or product. If all toasters were forced to sell at the same price, how would a person judge which brand is the best quality?

Also, don't worry about the manufacturers losing money. Do you really think you will be getting a bargain when big government steps in and makes a company sell something for less? No way. The manufacturer will simply cut some quality here and there to keep its profits. A metal bolt becomes a plastic knob, expensive environmentally-safe rat poison becomes the cheaper pet-killing type, copper wire turns to rubber band, etc. Manufacturers resent unreasonable government control on their business and will act accordingly to maintain the range of profit.

Where does this leave our industry? Now, instead of manufacturers competing to put out the best product for a good price, they will compete to put out the least quality product for the same price. Worse yet, there is no way the consumer will always be aware of these strategic changes in quality. This is why the message of prices is so important. No matter how much socialist ideals try to establish Utopia, there is no way competition among businesses can be eliminated.

Another way manufacturers can beat price caps is to change the title of a particular product or the category of a particular service. If the government says that a given service can only cost so much, the providers of that service will simply alter the service a little and call it something else, thus keeping it out of the reach of the price cap!

This also goes for products. For a hypothetical example, a flavor conditioner of some sort can be added to water filters, thus renaming them "water enhancers." Now price caps for "water filters" don't apply.

In case you haven't already been applying this discussion to health care, I will do so for you now. All these above considerations apply to the health care industry as well.

The message of price helps the consumer make judgements about the quality of doctors and procedures, just as they do about carpet cleaners

and the vacuums they use.

If a doctor is forced to charge a limited amount for his service, he will consequently cut corners somewhere to maintain his or her profits. Pharmaceutical products will do the same, using less quality ingredients.

As considered, doctors' services will only generate profit in terms of how much they can cut out of their expenditures within the price they are forced to charge.

Doctors can also change the titles and classifications of procedures and tests to beat price caps. Furthermore, they can pick up the slack of lost profits by diagnosing more "health problems" of the patient.

In light of all this, it is evident that price caps are not the answer. It is only the best-sounding answer which public officials can use to get elected. Both major parties are lobbied by physicians' interests.

However, the Democratic party is more heavily lobbied by lawyers' interests. Since Clinton accepted so much financing from lawyers for his campaign, he owes them. Just as the Democratic-dominated Congresses of the Bush and Reagan eras owed them.

One reason why health care costs are so high is that doctors have to pay an unbelievable amount for malpractice insurance. First, to keep profits, they charge a lot to make up for money they pay for insurance. More importantly, they have to practice defensive medicine for fear of being sued.

Now who benefits from lawsuits? Lawyers. If Clinton wants price caps, why not cap the amount of money someone can sue for? Because he has to return favors and protect lawyers. There is simply no reason why a person can sue for millions of dollars just because a nurse re-broke a patient's arm when adjusting them in a gurney. Save the million dollar lawsuits for misamputated limb cases!

If there was less money awarded in lawsuits, then malpractice insurance would not be as high. If that were so, doctors would not have to run 40 different expensive precautionary tests on every patient in fear of lawsuits. The bills would then be less for the patient, and their health insurance policy would also be less expensive as a result.

Of course, rather than do this, the Clinton task force wants to preserve lawyer profits. They want to force small business to pick up the slack. They want to make them pay for all their employees' health insurance, which is so expensive in order to accommodate all the lawyers' big case awards.

What happened to Clinton's support for small business? If health insurance wasn't forced to be so high in order to pay back campaign contributors, perhaps individuals could then afford it themselves. Instead, they can be unemployed when the small business they work for goes under because it couldn't handle mandatory insurance payments.



## The Scent In the Wind

by Al Mueller

Since this column happens to fall on April Fools' Day, I thought I would share some of my cleaner jokes about Wilkes Administration. Feel free to insert any name in place of a "Wilkes Administrator."

1. Did you hear about the Wilkes Administrator who was asked to become a Jehovah's Witness? He refused because he didn't see the accident.
2. Did you hear about the new parachute manufactured by Wilkes University? It opens on impact.
3. What do you call something with an IQ of 110? Weckesser Hall.
4. Why don't Wilkes Administrators eat pickles? Because they can't fit their heads in the jar.
5. Why did a Wilkes Administrator have to call the SUB for ice water? Because someone in Weckesser Hall misplaced the recipe.
6. What do you get when you cross a Wilkes Administrator and the founder of Walmart? A chain of empty stores.
7. How do you brainwash a Wilkes Administrator? Give him an enema.
8. Why can't the theatre department put on a nativity play using Wilkes Administrators as the regular cast? Because they can't find three wise men.
9. Why do Wilkes Administrators wear hats? So they know which end to wipe.
10. Did you hear about the Wilkes Administrator who studied five days for a urine test and still failed?
11. Did you hear about the Wilkes Administrator who picked his nose apart to see what made it run?
12. Did you hear about the Wilkes Administrator who thought asphalt was a rectal problem?
13. Did you hear about the Wilkes Administrator who cleaned his ears out and his head caved in?
14. Did you hear about the Wilkes Administrator who thought Moby Dick was a venereal disease?
15. Know how to save a drowning Wilkes Administrator? Throw him an anchor.
16. What do you call a Wilkes Administrator with half a brain? Gifted.
17. Did you hear about the Wilkes Administrator who won a gold medal at the 1992 Olympics? He had it bronzed.

### THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

Compiled by Wilkes University History Club

- March 29, 1936 — German elections (99% Nazis)
- March 30, 1867 — U.S. buys Alaska from Russia.
- March 30, 1870 — Fifteenth Amendment to U.S. Constitution concerning suffrage is passed.
- March 31, 1877 — Marconi founds Wireless Telegraph Co.
- March 31, 1889 — Eiffel Tower opens in Paris, France.
- March 31, 1949 — Newfoundland becomes the 10th Canadian province.
- April 1, 1924 — Hitler sentenced to five years confinement.
- April 1, 1993 — April Fool's Day
- April 4, 1949 — North Atlantic Treaty signed.

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By JEN JAM  
Beacon Staff

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# FEATURES

## Bob Kindred Quintet performs in CPA

By JEN JAMES  
Beacon Staff Writer

The Bob Kindred Quintet wrapped up the 1992-1993 Jazz at Wilkes Series this past Monday evening with an exceptional program.

Consisting of saxophonist Bob Kindred, Trombonist John Fedchok, Pianist Bill Mays, Drummer Tim Horner, and Bassist Michael Moore, this group gave a performance which was electrifying yet refined.

All five musicians were first-rate. The quintet showed

great technical control of their instruments and performed with great expression. They communicated remarkably well with each other, as well as the audience.

Kindred has been called one of the greatest tenor sax players of all time. He managed to combine the styles of yesterday with the fresh new sounds of today. John Fedchok played the trombone with the beauty and ease one would expect to hear in a classical ensemble, but with a modern jazz interpretation.

Drummer Tim Horner, also



a master of his instrument, performed some unique and creative solos. Bassist Michael Moore, who is no veteran to the Wilkes stage, brought a

richness and beauty to his sound.

Pianist Bill Mays, who Kindred referred to as one of the most creative musicians he ever

heard, proved to be a true poet on the piano by displaying his flawless, yet creative, playing during a solo piece in the performance.

In addition to the wonderful concert, the quintet also presented a clinic to music students at Wilkes in the afternoon. Kindred's spirit and communication skills showed that he is a natural teacher.

The Bob Kindred Quintet was certainly a wonderful way to close a great season of jazz at Wilkes.

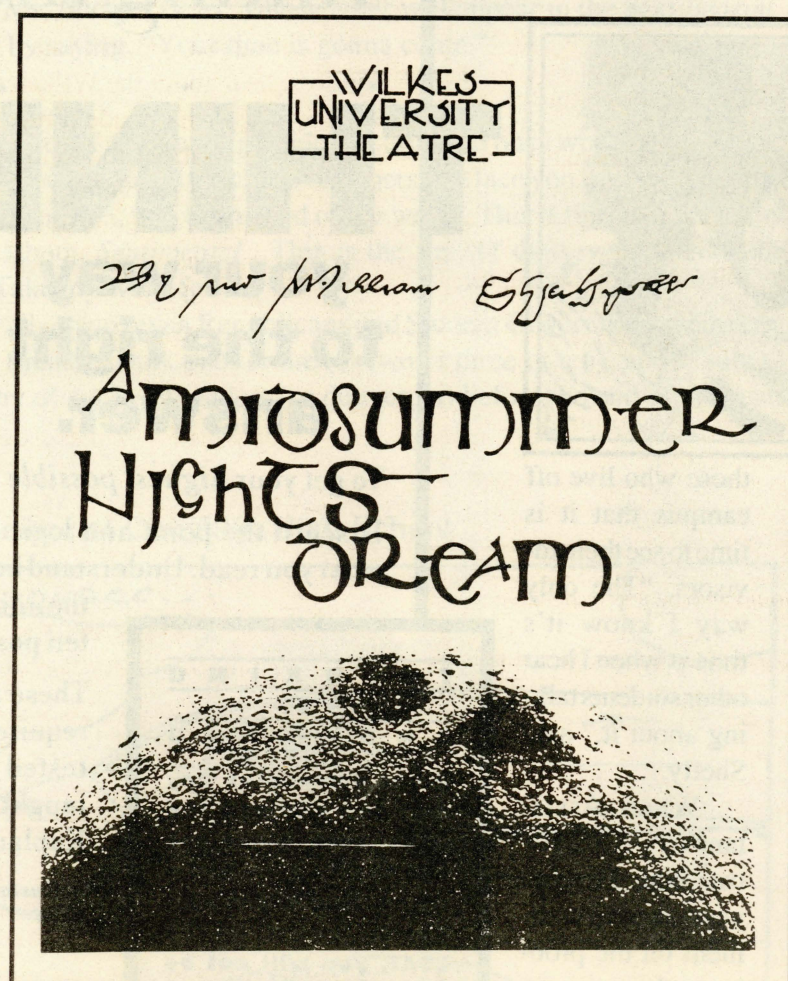
## A Midsummer Night's Dream is successful

By STEPH KRAMER and STEVE RAWHEISER  
Beacon Staff Writers

Over the past two weekends the department of music, theater, and dance presented an adapted version of the Shakespearean play *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. Directed by John Swanson, assistant professor of theater at Wilkes, this interpretation created a unique twist to the classic story about love.

With "medieval" fairies on rollerblades, other actors in Athenian costume and steel pipe architecture in the background, the production crews created a feeling of timelessness in the setting. The use of laser-like lights and smoke screens were wonderful special effects which added to the scenery.

And what's a play without actors? The cast contained a number of exceptionally talented individuals. Especially



good were performances by Bruce Chistian and Carol Kerdock as lovers Lysander and

Hermia. Jamie Kurtz and Amy Kahanowitz were also quite comical as Demetrius and Hel-

ena.

The two males were put under a love spell by a fairy named Puck after a mistake in identities. However, the characters later turned to whom they were meant to be with after Puck reversed the spell.

The play itself contained even more comical scenes, some of which take place as the audience sees a group of actors traveling throughout the forest on their way to Athens. Here a star emerged in Eric Riviera, who played the role of Bottom. The great animation that Riviera put forth brought extraordinary life to his character.

The only negative point of the show was that some of the actors and actresses, especially the younger ones, had a tendency to talk too fast. In general, though, this performance was an enjoyable one for all who attended.

### Top 10 Worst April Fools' Pranks

10. Tell people there's going to be a flood worse than the one in 1972
9. Take someone's keys and throw them in the snow
8. Buy your best friend dinner at the Caf
7. Poke holes in all your roommate's condoms
6. Tell Michael Bolton he doesn't need a hairpiece
5. Write to your church, asking if they'll perform a wedding for you and your gay lover
4. Write a weekly column in which you pretend to have all the answers but really use it to impress Jodie Foster
3. Blow up a large building in New York City
2. Tell your rich girlfriend to bet all her money on the Dallas Mavericks
1. Tie down a Catholic and make him eat meat on Good Friday

By ANDY GULDEN

# Percussion Ensemble will be drumming up a crowd at CPA

WILKES-BARRE—The Wilkes University Percussion Ensemble will present a special spring concert tonight at 8 p.m. in the CPA. Joining students from the department of music, theatre, and dance at Wilkes will be alumni of the percussion program who have studied with Adjunct Professor Robert A. Nowak.

Alumni will be returning from various parts of the country to honor Nowak, who celebrates his 10th anniversary at Wilkes. Nowak is an active, free-lance musician and studio teacher in Eastern Pennsylvania. In addition to his responsibilities at Wilkes, he is the principal percussionist with the

Northeastern Pennsylvania Philharmonic, a member of the Reading Symphony and a regular performer throughout the state at programs with many of the greats in show business. Mr. Nowak also teaches in his own studio in Shenandoah and serves as a consultant at various high schools in the region.

The percussion program will begin with a work entitled "Ogoun Badagris" by 20th century composer Christopher Rouse. The composition derives inspiration from Haitian drumming patterns and is tied with various aspects of the Voodoo ritual. The ritual Ogoun Badagris is one of the most terrible and violent of all

Voodoo deities and can be appeased only by human blood sacrifice.

The program also includes "Uhuru" by Theodore C. Frazaura, a percussion ballet for seven players. The first half of the concert will conclude with an arrangement of Dave Grusin's "Mountain Dance" by 1989 alumnus Stephen Primatic. Grusin is best known as a composer of the theme from the television show "St. Elsewhere." He also performed the piano tracks and was the musical director for the movie *The Fabulous Baker Boys*.

The second half of the performance begins with 1990 alumnus Dominick Cuccia per-

forming one of his own compositions for rudimental drums. Cuccia is currently a member of the marching band at the United States Military Academy at West Point.

Primatic will then perform his own arrangement of "Beat 70" by Methany-Mays. Primatic is on the faculty at Moravian College and performs with the Northeastern Pennsylvania Philharmonic, the Williamsport Symphony and the Broome County Pops in Binghamton.

Another 1990 alumnus, Stephen Fidyk, will be the soloist in "Suite for Drumset and Percussion Ensemble"

by David Mancini. Fidyk is a drumset player with the Army Volunteers, the touring showband of the United States Army Field Band, Fort Meade, Maryland.

The alumni will perform together on a marimba ensemble arrangement of "London by Air." The performance is dedicated to Michael Bogdon, a Wilkes percussion student who was fatally injured in an automobile accident in 1991. The program will close with another Stephen Primatic arrangement, "First Circle" by Methany-Mays.

Admission is free. For more information contact the Wilkes University department of music, theatre, and dance at 831-4420.

## Registration is a hassle for students

By PATTY PUERLING  
Beacon Features Editor

It is that time of year again when Wilkes students have to go through the painstaking process of registration. There are many things that are causing problems this year, according to students.

One of the main things is the inconvenience of the time schedule. Many students are finding that all of the classes that they need are overlapping, causing them to take other classes instead. This is an especially big problem for the seniors who are planning on graduating, only to find that one of their classes doesn't fit and is holding them back. Senior Ernie Scaran said, "The only thing holding me back from graduating is CST 201. I can't fit it in my schedule."

Another problem is the inconsistency in scheduling. Some classes are only offered every two or three years, while



others keep switching between fall and spring. Senior John Saleski said, "They keep changing their minds. Field Studies was offered in the fall, and now they're putting it in the spring." The changing core is also causing a problem in many students' overall plans.

The notification of registration was also raised as a problem by commuters. They feel that the school doesn't give enough notice as to when students should start seeing their advisors to plan their schedules. Senior Shelly Kolb suggested they put up signs or send out letters reminding

those who live off campus that it is time to see their advisors. "The only way I know it's time is when I hear other students talking about it," said Shelly.

When Assistant to the Registrar Sue Hritzak was asked to comment on the problems they are experiencing, she said, "So far we haven't had a problem yet."

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# Letters from Wyoming

BY ANDY GULDEN

Co-Copy Editor

I must begin this week's edition by thanking Mr. Ben Tranguch for caring enough to write an entire letter about my column, which appeared in last week's *Beacon*. It's nice to know that someone out there cares enough to spend an hour or two to respond to something that irks him. However, I feel it only fair that I be given the opportunity to respond...

First of all, Ben, you're not the first person to call me an a&&hole. It's been done many times, so it causes me no great personal injury. Secondly, I must apologize for the poor censorship job. Since our world is filled with conservatives (the type of people that you apparently support), it is not advisable that we print the unadulterated obscenities that you used in your letter.

Now, we move on to the substantive issues cited in your letter. As far as objectivity goes, I leave that to the news people, and I feel that they usually do a pretty good job of maintaining fair reporting standards.

However, I am a columnist. My job is to examine issues more closely than the average press release. In other words, not only is my subjectivity acceptable, but expected. What would be the point of writing an objective opinion column? This is a contradiction in terms.

As for checking my facts, I do that. Let's say I'm questioning the work ethic of ABM employees. I've observed them for nearly four years when they sit around the dorm lobbies for hours at a time smoking instead of working. I think this entitles me to suggest that they are less than industrious.

Furthermore, the point of this column is to deal with serious and topical issues in a less than heavy-handed manner. Therefore, some exaggeration and humor is necessary. However, if the average reader is intelligent enough, he will be able to decipher the underlying meaning.

Finally, I feel that you object to my column not because of its humor or subjectivity but because your political views do not dovetail with my own (since you do not object to the inaccuracies contained in the two conservative columns in *The Beacon*). This is certainly understandable. My views, of course, are correct, but not everyone is able to see that.

If you do wish to express your opinion, feel free to do so by writing a constructive letter to us outlining these views. However, you accomplish nothing by demonstrating your ignorance of the nature of commentary and satirical writing.

To conclude this portion of the column, I'd like to quote Mr. Denis Leary, who says, "I'm an a&&hole and proud of it." To Ms. Becky Loeser, whose letter will appear in the next *Beacon*, I can only quote Led Zeppelin by saying, "Your time is gonna come."

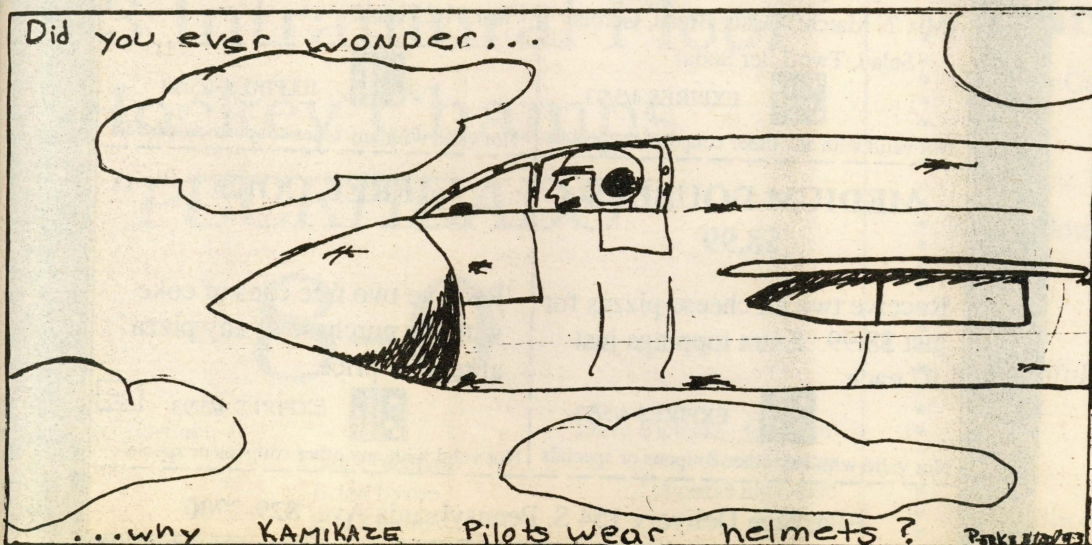
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While all of you lucky souls are off gallivanting in Florida (and I'm busy working to support my education), don't worry too much about all the tests and papers that face you upon your return. The day that we return to class, April 13, will be the end of the world. This is the day that Kathy Lee Gifford is to release her album, *Sentimental*. This is the first of the seven signs of the apocalypse. It's in the Bible. Take my word for it.

On a serious note I do wish all of you (even Republicans and Student Government members) the best of all possible Spring Breaks. Drink one for me (or two or three or ten), but be sure to be safe. I don't want to lose any of my loyal readers (or detractors) before the end of the year.

**BERSERK**

by Keith Perks, a sophomore at Coughlin High School



# Battle of the Bands is back

WILKES-BARRE—On Saturday, April 17 at 8 p.m. the Wilkes University Programming Board will present the Battle of the Bands in Rumours.

Tickets will be on sale from April 13 to April 16 in Stark Lobby from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and at the cafeteria from 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. If purchased in advance, tickets will be \$2. All tickets bought the night of the show will be \$4.

This year, five bands will battle it out for the bragging rights of being the best band at Wilkes. This year's line-up includes Brass Works, The Blue Collar Tweakers, Crystalyn, Lank Thompson and the Handsome Men and 40 lbs. of Trouble. The music that will be performed will range from covers to original works.

This year, the Battle has a new twist. The event will be hosted by the professional comedy team of Tim Regan and

John Dimaggio, better known as Red Johnny & the Round Guy. The comedy duo is known for its high energy and wild and zany comedy which keeps the audience on the edge of their seats.

Red Johnny & the Round Guy have been seen on MTV's Half Hour Comedy Hour, A&E's "Caroline's Comedy Hour," HBO and MTV's Spring Break '92. Red Johnny & the Round Guy have also been a hit on college campuses up and down the east coast. They have played at such schools as Rutgers University, Boston University, Seton Hall University and King's College.

Red Johnny & the Round Guy's comedy is centered around impersonations, dialects, and improvisation, which they add to with their high energy, original rap music. Don't miss a night of great music, comedy and fun at Battle of the Bands!

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# SPORTS

## Colonels win

BY RAY MONZON  
Beacon Staff Writer

The Wilkes University baseball team finally opened its season when they played King's College in two double headers on Saturday and Sunday at Artillery Field.

Bad weather conditions prior to this past weekend forced the Colonels to delay their opening day but they prevailed by winning three out of the four games to start the year at 3-1.

"Our performance this weekend was better than expected, considering the time

who had six hits in 12 at-bats. While established a .448 batting average last year and is expected to do well at the plate again this season.

The Colonels won the first game Saturday by the score of 6-2, with Gil Hoak getting the win on the mound. Wilkes then lost the second game, 4-2.

On Sunday the Colonels swept the double header, beating King's, 6-2 and 7-4. Mark Youngblood and Rob Micheals, respectively, were the pitchers who earned the wins.



Pitcher Gil Hoak started the Colonels out on a win this week

The highlight of the weekend was the performance of right fielder Tom While, we spent practicing on the field," said senior first baseman John Comerford.

When conditions are bad the players have to practice in the gym of the Marts Center, which they do not enjoy. "We worked hard Friday on getting the field ready," said center fielder Steve Klem. "We just really wanted to play."

The Wilkes baseball team is well-rounded. "We have a great defense, great hitters and speed," said left fielder Mike Brakefield.

The best thing going for the team this season is that they have a lot of experience playing together. This experience can be seen in the infield, which has been together for three years.

Come support the Colonels as they take on Susquehanna University Saturday at 1 p.m. at Artillery Park.

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
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# Major League Baseball set to begin

ANDY GULDEN  
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Once again spring has arrived, and this signals, among other things, the beginning of Major League Baseball. The regular season begins on Monday, but countless publications have already made their predictions regarding the contenders and pretenders of 1993. Here, then, is yet another look at possible things to come. Teams are discussed in their predicted order of finish).

**American League East:** Toronto should easily repeat. Although they lost several key players (Dave Winfield, Kelly Gruber, David Cone, Tom Henke, etc.) they have succeeded in acquiring talent (Paul Molitor, Dave Stewart and Darnell Coles) to fill most of those positions. Also, the recent acquisition of Darrin Jackson from the Padres rid the Jays of Derek Bell, who never came close to his potential. However, the Jays probably will not return to the World Series.

The rest of the division is up for grabs. Baltimore could challenge for the title if Brady Anderson and Mike Leverage come close to repeating last year's success. New York may actually have the best pitching threesome in the East, with Melido Perez, Tim Lincecum and Jimmy Key. However, they don't have the power hitting to seriously challenge the Jays.

Until last week Cleveland

may have had a shot. They potentially have the best lineup in the division, but the tragic death of Steve Olin, their closer, along with the shaky status of starter Bob Ojeda, who was also injured in the boating accident, means it will be at least another year and more pitching before championship baseball returns to Cleveland.

Sitting at the bottom of the East are Boston, Milwaukee and Detroit. The Red Sox have Roger Clemens and little else, unless Mo Vaughn is able to continue to play like he is in Florida. The Brewers failed to compensate for the losses of Molitor and Chris Bosio. Finally, the Tigers' hitters may amass twice as many whiffs as their pitchers.

**American League West:** This division has five teams capable of taking the crown. Minnesota, though, has the best lineup, top to bottom, in baseball. There simply aren't any weak spots. Their defense is also superior, and the relief pitching is adequate. If the starters come through, the Twins will run away with it and may even steal the pennant from Toronto.

However, Chicago has been waiting in the wings for three years. If Steve Sax, Ellis Burks and Kirk McCaskill can rebound from sub-par years, look out for the Sox. Kansas City is in a similar position. They must hope that key players such as Kevin McReynolds and Wally Joyner can regain their old

forms. After the investment by a Japanese businessman in the team, Seattle now has the cash to build a winner. The young pitchers must succeed, though, for this to occur. In Oakland, Tony La Russa managed to patch a bunch of young players and retreads into a division champion last year. However, he has lost Dave Stewart and Harold Baines. Still, any team that is managed by La Russa has a shot.

Texas is, once again, a long shot. They can only hope that they can hit more home runs than their pitchers will allow. California will bring up the rear. They are attempting to mirror the youth movement which has brought success to Houston and, to a lesser extent, Cleveland. However, the Angel kids just aren't as talented.

**National League West:** In the weakest division in baseball only two teams, Montreal and New York, have the potential to lose to Atlanta in the playoffs. The Expos have so much young talent that they will be a force for years to come. However, a team with all of the proven talent that exists on the Mets could not possibly be as bad as 1992 would indicate. This race may come down to the final weekend, but Montreal's superior pitching, youth and excellent coaching will win out in the end.

Chicago may challenge for second place if their pitching performs as well as it did last year. They also, with the anticipated return of Shawon Dunston, may have the best infield in the game when Ryne Sandberg's wrist heals. The success of St. Louis relies heavily on their young pitchers and the return to form of Todd Zeile. Otherwise, this team may be looking over its collective shoulder.

Philadelphia may have the best offense in the division, but it will all go for naught, as they simply have no pitching. However, they will still fare better than Pittsburgh, who, except for Andy Van Slyke, doesn't even have the offense. Finally, there is Florida, where catcher Benito Santiago may set a record for most base stealers thrown out in a season, only because so many runners will be on base.

**National League East:** In a division with the three best teams in the National League, it's strange that the champion will win by at least ten games. Atlanta has the best starting pitching since

the 1971 Orioles, even without Greg Maddux, and the offense to win 105 games. The worst part for the rest of the division is that the top four starters average 26 years of age and are signed with the Braves for the next four years. The only knock against the team is the lack of a proven closer, but they may

not need one. The Braves will finally win their World Series this year.

The only drama, then, will be between Cincinnati and Houston for second place. The Reds have a proven hitter at every position except catcher and have decent starters and, when he's not fighting, the best closer in the league in Rob Dibble. Houston is young and hungry, but the additions of Doug Drabek and Greg Swindell will only carry them to 90 wins and a third place finish.

Los Angeles is seeking to atone for their horrendous 1992 season and will do so, at least to some degree. However, there are too many question marks (Darryl Strawberry, Eric Davis and

Jose Offerman, just for starters) for the Dodgers to seriously contend.

San Francisco and San Diego will be locked in a season-long battle to avoid Colorado and last place. The top half of the Giants' lineup will scare many, but their pitching will scare only the Candlestick faithful. Likewise, after the trio of Tony Gwynn, Gary Sheffield and Fred McGriff, the Padres may be the worst non-expansion team in baseball. Colorado may hit home runs, but, like any expansion team, their pitching will be so atrocious that 100 wins are a distinct possibility.

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# SPORTS

## Lady Colonels, waiting to start their season

BY DAVID McCABE  
Beacon Staff Writer

The Wilkes University Lady Colonel softball team has been anxiously awaiting their first game of the season.

Addy Malatesta returns for her fourth season as head coach.

Last season the Lady Colonels went 14-12 overall and 4-6 in the Middle Athletic Conference Northwest.

Malatesta will lose three all-conference performers from a year ago. Denise Carson, Dawn Hosler and Cory Schwoyer were all lost to graduation, while two-year starter Becky Simon is sitting out due to class conflicts this semester.

This season the Lady Colonels return a strong nucleus of young players, led by junior Sandie Warntz.

Warntz hit .397 and had 16 RBIs while playing third base last season.

Hillary Blake, the only senior on this year's roster, batted .266 last season and

returns to play first base this year.

Also returning are juniors Sue Moran (2B), Stacey Boyer (SS), Jennifer Stackhouse (DH) and Lisa Wrobel (OF).

Sue Moran hit .289 a year ago, while Stackhouse batted .241 and drove in 10 runs. Boyer brings back her .233 average to this year's club.

Sophomore Kathy Moran returns to play the outfield after hitting .275 a year ago.

Coach Malatesta thinks the young pitching staff is going to be the biggest test for this year's squad.

Sophomore Gia Andrejko and Blake are both going to see action on the mound this season.

Andrejko went 2-3 last season with 2.24 ERA.

Malatesta is also counting on freshman Tricia Kirk to pitch a lot of innings.

Malatesta's outlook for the season is a sound one. "We have depth at a lot of positions. We look like a sound team, but that remains

to be seen until we can take the field."

The Lady Colonels have lost 13 games so far due to the weather, including a tournament and several

doubleheaders.

When the team finally takes the field they will have their sights set on a possibility of a MAC playoff berth or an East Coast Athletic

Conference bid.

The Lady Colonels will host King's College this afternoon at 3 p.m. and will travel to Juniata College on Saturday.



The softball team returns a strong nucleus from last year.

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## Women's tennis set to begin new season

BY BILL PHILLIPS  
Beacon Staff Writer

The Wilkes University women's tennis team will finally start their season after missing three matches due to the bad weather.

The Lady Colonels have been going through long and intense indoor workouts to prepare for the tough 1993 schedule.

"We are much improved from last year. We've had an intense pre-season which should help us a lot," commented head coach Karen Haag.

Without any seniors on the squad Coach Haag will look to key returners Gina Taylor, Denise Motts, Karen Beling and Liz Schaaf. The four returning Lady Colonels led last year's team to the Middle Atlantic Conference (MAC) tournament.

The Lady Colonels add four new members to the team: Arada Kumyosying, Tara Hernadez, Rebecca Golden and Sara Bruegger.

Coach Haag is looking for the four returning players to lead the team through the tough, competitive Middle Atlantic Conference.

### Sports this week

#### Baseball --

at Scranton Thurs. April 1  
Susquehanna Sat. April 3  
at Muhlb. Mon. April 5

#### Softball--

King's Thurs. April 1  
at Juniata Sat. April 3

#### Tennis--

Juniata Sat. April 3  
Scranton Mon. April 5

#### Golf--

at Scranton Thurs. April 1  
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#### Good Luck Colonels!

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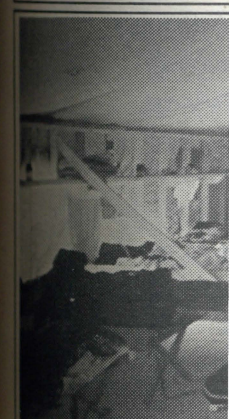
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