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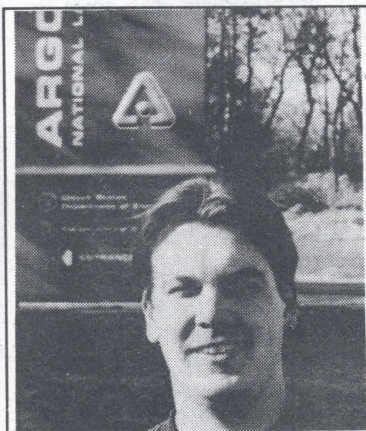
By PAULA J. GENTILMAN
Beacon Staff Writer

Benjamin Spencer, a senior materials engineering major with a minor in physics and chemistry at Wilkes University, recently completed a paid co-op with the U.S. Department of Energy's National Laboratory in Argonne, Illinois.

Spencer, an Ashland, Pa. native, applied for an Energy Research Undergraduate Laboratory Fellowship via an on-line computer application, and was selected based on grades, experience and course study.

Spencer worked in the technology development division of the Argonne National Laboratory, under the direction of supervisor Dr. Vince Novick. The crux of his work involved a high temperature filtration project for coal-fired power plants. He tested the sub-components of the large experimental system, maintained the system for optimum operating conditions and collected and analyzed data.

For his participation in the project, Spencer received a total of six Wilkes credits, two in chemistry and four in overall university credits. During the project, he submitted a weekly reaction paper to his co-op advisor John J. Janacek, assistant professor, mechanical and materials engineering, Wilkes. At the end, he turned in a final report of his overall



Benjamin Spencer receives first-hand experience.

experience.

Over the three months that he worked at the lab, Spencer received a weekly stipend and was provided housing in an apartment-style dorm facility on site. He lived with three roommates from around the world and who worked in various divisions on site.

Spencer will graduate from Wilkes in May of 1999. He is considering graduate school to study material science and material engineering at either the University of Illinois at Urbana, in Champagne, Ill., or Carnegie Mellon, in Pittsburgh.

"Participating in this project and working in a professional research environment was a valuable learning experience for me," said Spencer. "It's something I could take with me back to my classrooms at Wilkes and something that will stand out on my resume."

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Ballet Northeast "cracks" the Kirby

By LISA RUGGIERO
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Wilkes University dance instructors Peter and Kristen Degnan, who have been faculty for the past eight years, are the choreographers for "The Nutcracker" Ballet. "The Nutcracker" will be performed by the Ballet Northeast Company at the Kirby Center for the Performing Arts on December 18-19, at 7:00 p.m.

There will also be two shows on December 17 and 18 for students who will be bussed in from the surrounding area. The show was traditionally held at the Dorothy Dickson Darte Center, but the Kirby invited the company to perform there because the audience has grown considerably. The Kirby can seat up to 1800 people per show.

The production itself has also grown and so have production costs.

Forty-eight people are in the first scene alone. It takes upwards of fifty thousand dollars to produce "The Nutcracker" at the Kirby. Disc music will be used instead of an orchestra because it saves twenty to thirty thousand dollars on the overall production costs.

According to Peter Degnan, "The Nutcracker" is the most traditional of all ballets; it has been performed for over one hundred years and is a show for the whole family.

For this reason, tickets are being sold for twelve dollars,

which is considerably less than normal ticket prices for ballet seats. Degnan is hoping that by making the show more affordable more families will attend.

The show lasts about an hour and a half with a fifteen-minute intermission.

Although this is Ballet Northeast's 15th season for performing "The Nutcracker", Peter Degnan emphasizes that every show is always a challenge. There are always new and innovative ideas on the choreography, set and costumes.

More than 200 costumes and 110 people are involved in this show, including several Wilkes dance minors and theater majors. Some of the students get credit through Wilkes rehearsal and performance class. Jamie Kurtz, a Wilkes graduate and faculty member, is responsible for the lighting design.

In addition to Wilkes students and local talent, two guests from the Boston Ballet will be performing. One is a former student of the Degnans' and will play the part of the Sugar Plum Fairy. The other will play her prince.

"I always liked the storyline and I never did it ("The Nutcracker") before I came to Wilkes. I'm excited because this is my last year and because the production has grown so much," said Melanie Bell, senior, biology major, who will perform for her fifth time this year in the Arabian segment.

SHAREing the wealth of knowledge

CHICAGO—SHARE, a leading independent user group of IBM, hardware, software and technology, proudly announces the SHARE Scholar Program for its Winter 1999 Technical Conference.

Originated in 1997, the SHARE Scholar Program is designed to introduce undergraduate students to a career in information technology through the activities of SHARE. SHARE is a broad-based IBM technology user association that provides technical education, industry influence to key vendors and peer

networking opportunities to its more than 2,000 member organizations.

Through the Scholar Program, students receive all the leading-edge education of the SHARE Technical Conference, as well as the opportunity to interface with thousands of industry professionals. SHARE offers more than 900 technical projects that address areas of interest to its participants.

Topics scheduled to be extensively addressed at the Winter 1999 SHARE Technical Conference include: Application Systems, Data Systems, Desktop

Systems, MVS, Networking, Systems Management, VM and Year 2000 readiness.

SHARE will award three students a complimentary conference registration, lodging to attend the 1999 Winter SHARE Technical Conference and a \$100 stipend. The conference will be held February 21-26 in San Francisco, California.

The SHARE Scholar Program is open to all undergraduate students interested in a career in information technology. Students who wish to be considered for the SHARE Scholar Program can

submit an application via the SHARE Web site at www.SHARE.org or obtain an application by contacting SHARE Headquarters at 401 N. Michigan Avenue, Chicago, IL 60611-4267. You may also call, 1-888-5SHARE5, fax 1-312-644-6363, or e-mail sharehq@share.org.

All applications to be considered for the Winter 1999 SHARE Technical Conference must be received by January 18, 1999.

Scholarship recipients will be notified by January 29, 1999.



News



In the nation now...

WASHINGTON, D.C. (AP)--House Judiciary Committee Republicans have prepared four articles of impeachment against President Clinton, even as their hearings continue.

Two articles allege perjury, one alleges obstruction of justice and a fourth alleges abuse of power.

The committee is scheduled to start debating the articles on Friday. Approval of at least one count seems assured, the one dealing with allegations of perjury before a grand jury.

Meantime, Democrats have countered with a proposal to censure Clinton. It cites him for "reprehensible conduct with a subordinate," Monica Lewinsky, and demands his signature on the instrument of his censure.

The Democratic proposal also reads, "no person is above the law and the president remains subject to criminal and civil penalties for this conduct." It does not accuse Clinton of perjury nor does it demand he pay a fine.

HOUSTON, TX (AP)--The shuttle "Endeavor" astronauts were working as antenna installers yesterday.

Spacewalkers Jerry Ross and Jim Newman have floated outside the shuttle. They're to install two 100 pound antennas on the American "Unity" module of the fledgling new international space station. Once attached, the antennas will allow direct communications between Unity and Mission Control.

WATERFORD, MI (AP)--Doctor Jack Kevorkian says he has committed no crime. The retired Michigan pathologist has been ordered to stand trial on first degree murder and assisted suicide charges. The charges stem from a videotaped death shown on "60 Minutes."

LARAMIE, WY (AP)--Two Wyoming women have pleaded innocent to charges in the beating death of a gay college student.

Chasity Pasley and Kristen Price are the girlfriends of the two men accused of killing Matthew Shepard.

The men are charged with murder, kidnapping and other crimes. The women are accused of helping them dispose of evidence, namely bloody clothing.

The accessory charges carry a maximum penalty of three years in prison and a \$300 fine.

Shepard was pistol-whipped, robbed and then tied to a fence and beaten again. He died five days later.

SEATTLE, WA (AP)--Health officials in Seattle said a half-dozen people who helped the victims of a fatal bus crash may have been exposed to the virus that causes AIDS. One of the passengers on the bus is HIV positive. The good Samaritans are being told to get medical evaluations.

HOUSTON, TX (AP)--Olympic gymnast Dominique Moceanu has won another legal battle against her father in a Houston courtroom. A judge made a restraining order against Dumitru Moceanu permanent for one year yesterday.

The 17-year-old gymnast said she was so afraid for her safety that she left Houston for ten days while police investigated alleged threats by her father.

Yesterday's decision widens a family feud. Last October a judge declared the gold medal winner an adult so she could manage her own finances.

Learning From Your Child's Teacher

(NAPS)—You know how your child behaves at home, but do you really know what he or she is like at school? Now is a good time to find out if your child is ready to learn. A child's mental health is an important factor in his or her ability to do well in school.

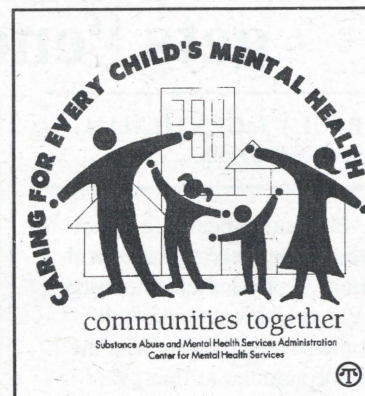
Mental health is how a child thinks, feels, and acts. Mental health problems can affect any child—even elementary or pre-school children. These problems are more common than you may think. One in five children has a diagnosable mental, emotional, or behavioral problem that can lead to school failure, family discord, violence, or suicide. Help is available, but two-thirds of children with mental health problems are not getting the help they need.

The federal Center for Mental Health Services, a component of the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, is urging parents and teachers to talk about mental health. Your child's teacher should be your ally. He or she can help you decide if your child may need help.

Here are a few questions you should discuss with your child's teacher.

1. Does my child seem angry most of the time? Cry a lot? Overreact to things?
2. Does my child destroy school property or do things that are life threatening? Harm other children on the playground? Break rules over and over again?
3. Does my child appear sad or anxious much of the time? Show an unusual concern about grades or tests?
4. Does my child seem obsessed about how he looks? Often complain about headaches, stomach aches, or other physical problems—especially when it's time to take a test or participate in classroom social activities?
5. Is my child unable to sit still or focus her attention? Make decisions? Respect your authority as a teacher?
6. Has my child lost interest in things usually enjoyed, such as sports, music, or other school activities? Suddenly started avoiding friends?

If you and your child's teacher answer "yes" to any of these questions, and the problem seems persistent or severe, then you need to



find out if a mental health problem is contributing to this behavior. It's not easy for parents to accept that their child may have a problem. Early treatment can help your child succeed in the classroom, but it is important that you seek help.

Here are some tips to get you started.

Get more information. Call 1-800-789-CHMS (2647) to receive a free brochure or other materials about children's mental health.

Talk with your pediatrician or health care provider. He or she can check your child for other factors that can inhibit learning, such as poor eyesight or hearing. Together, you may decide that your child and family need help from someone with more mental health training.

Take an active role in helping your child get better. Every child and every parent has strengths. Helping your child do his or her homework gives you a chance to share your time and your experience with your child. This can strengthen the bond between you and your child. It also can teach you what interests your child.

Keep looking until you find the right services and the right providers for your child. Be patient, yet persistent. When it comes to mental health services, one size does not fit all. There are several national organizations and advocacy groups that can help you find services in your community.

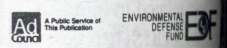
Children need consistency—both in the home and in the classroom. By working together, parents and teachers can reinforce a child's strength—such as curiosity, caring for animals, or a sense of humor. That's a big part of being a caring parent or teacher.

Thanks to you, all sorts of everyday products are being made from the paper, plastic, metal and glass that you've been recycling. But to keep recycling working to help protect the environment, you need to buy those products.

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ATTENTION ALL STUDENTS!

An American Flag that hung outside of Pearsall Hall was stolen sometime between Friday, December 4 and Tuesday, December 8. The flag was displayed in observance of Veteran's Day on November 11. Along with the patriotic value, the flag which was stolen was given to the department by Congressman Kanjorski and had previously hung outside the Capital Building. Anyone with information about the flag is encouraged to call the nursing department at Ext. 4075 or Ext. 4079.



Check out our website.

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

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The deadline for applications



Children *act* like they're learning Planning for the future

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Area children took center stage at Wilkes University's Dorothy Dickson Dart Center as they learned the similarities and differences between "Fables, Myths & Legends," by acting them out for the next episode of "WOW!"

"WOW!," a regional television program that combines fun and education for children in the local communities, is a collaborative effort between Wilkes University and WBRE-TV.

"Fables, Myths & Legends," the third Wilkes student-produced episode, will air on Sunday, December 13, 1998, at 7:30 a.m., on WBRE-TV Channel 28.

The children were provided with and memorized the scripts to one fable, one myth and one legend.

They dressed like forest animals such as a fox, crow, tiger, rabbit and skunk while acting out the fable "Fox and the Crow."

For the myth "Pandora's Box," they resembled Roman and Greek Gods and Goddesses.

Costumes for the "Johnny Appleseed" legend included a pioneer, angel, skunk and rabbit.

The Wilkes theater department provided the costumes, props and location for the three performances.

The show's host, Dr. Diane Polachek, associate professor, education, Wilkes, narrated the stories as the children performed for an audience of families and friends.

Dr. Cliff Jernigan, associate professor, communications, served as executive producer and Bob Bradley, WBRE, directed the episode.

The child actors, whose ages ranged from 7-13, were Carl and Barry Veet, Hazleton, Kathleen, Ann, Patricia and Maureen Moran, Laflin and April Malachefski, Swoyersville.

The Wilkes student producers for "Fables, Myths & Legends" were Jennifer Shoemaker, sophomore, forensic psychology major, Hazleton; Jason Schoeny, junior, telecommunications major, Wilkes-Barre; Holly Anne Jones, senior, psychology and sociology major, Wilkes-Barre, and Melody Logan, senior, elementary education and psychology major, Kingston.

Getting undergraduates involved in change

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is February 1, 1999. For complete information and applications, visit the program's home page at <http://www.atmos.anl.gov/GCEP/>, or contact Mary Kinney, Oak Ridge Institute for Science and Education, Science and Engineering Education, P.O. Box 117, MS 36, Oak Ridge, Tenn., 37831-0117; telephone (423) 576-9655; e-mail (kinneym@ornl.gov).

DOE's Office of Biological and Environmental Research established the GCEP to promote undergraduate and graduate training in global change research activities. The program is administered by the Oak Ridge Institute for Science and Education (ORISE). ORISE was established by DOE to undertake national and international programs in education, training, health and the environment.

ORISE and its programs are operated by Oak Ridge Associated Universities (ORAU) through a management and operating contract with the U.S. Department of Energy. Established in 1946, ORAU is a consortium of 87 colleges and universities.

Summer Undergraduate Research Experience

The 10-week SURE program will be initiated in June 1999 and will allow participants to work alongside a mentor at the DOE facility. The program targets undergraduates in their sophomore and junior years, but outstanding freshman applicants will also be considered.

Participants will be given travel and housing support, as well as a weekly stipend during the 10-week program. Successful participants in SURE '99 will be

expected to reapply for a second year of research when possible.

Graduate Research

Environmental Fellowships

The GREF project will also begin in June 1999. This project will support graduate students in collaborative global change research involving universities and national laboratories. The fellowships, renewable for up to five years, will support doctoral candidates in various global change research areas, starting with approximately 10-15 researchers in 1999. Fellowships will include transportation and housing for the SURE '99 activities, tuition at the college or university attended and a support stipend for the year. Applicants should have completed their first year in graduate school, unless they have participated previously in SOARS or SURE undergraduate fellowship programs.

Significant Opportunities in Atmospheric Research and Science

Significant Opportunities in Atmospheric Research and Science is a four-year undergraduate and graduate program for students pursuing careers in the atmospheric and related sciences.

This project is dedicated to increasing the number of African American, American Indian/Alaska Native and Hispanic/Latino students enrolled in master's and doctoral degree programs in atmospheric and related sciences.

To reach this goal, SOARS offers educational and research opportunities, mentoring, career counseling and guidance and financial support for students accepted into graduate-level programs.

WILKES-BARRE — AFROTC Detachment 752 announces a seminar on Air Force ROTC scholarship opportunities and Air Force Academy admission procedures will be held Tuesday, December 22, at 6:00 p.m., in Wilkes University's Rite Aid Auditorium (Room 101) in the Stark Learning Center, 150-180 South River Street, Wilkes-Barre.

The seminar is open to all high school juniors, seniors and the parents of those interested in applying for an Air Force ROTC scholarship or for an Air Force Academy appointment.

The seminar will also focus on issues relevant to high school seniors considering joining Air Force ROTC as college freshmen and current college freshmen, sophomores, and graduate students interested in the Air Force ROTC Two-Year Scholarship Program.

Outsmarting Bad Weather With New Technology

(NAPS)—Mark Twain said, "Everybody talks about the weather, but nobody does anything about it." Maybe we can't control the weather, but weather forecasters in many states are using advanced transportation technologies to warn travelers about bad weather before they run into it, according to the Intelligent Transportation Society of America (ITS America).

Travelers using long stretches of I-35 and I-80 in Iowa are able to track winter's blustery show with an advanced traveler information system that makes up-to-the-minute weather information available at rest areas statewide.

At least a dozen road weather information systems relying on electronic message signs, highway advisory radio, kiosks, and video cameras linked to the Internet and roadway sensors are helping highway travelers, commercial vehicle and transit operators and maintenance departments receive alerts on severe weather conditions.

"Real-time weather forecasts show how intelligent transportation systems are saving lives, time and money," said ITS America President and CEO John Collins. "The challenge for private-sector weather-information services and state departments of transportation is converting the information from sensors, satellites and radar into current information travelers and commercial interests can understand and use."

In Iowa, the satellite-fed weather centers receive emergency notifications so travelers can be alerted within minutes if a portion of an Interstate is closed because of winter conditions. Computer screens are inside buildings at the rest areas. Interstate maps are color coded to reflect six types of current weather conditions.

The displays include a wide variety of weather information from several sources, including the National Weather Service. Travelers can see national and regional radar pictures, updated approximately every 15 minutes.

Air Force ROTC and Air Force Academy cadets will be present to explain each commissioning program. Air Force admissions personnel will also be available to answer questions concerning application procedures.

"The Air Force is looking for large numbers of pilot and navigator candidates, as well as engineers, pharmacists, meteorologists, linguists and logisticians," said Lt. Colonel Scott Papp, commander, AFROTC detachment, Wilkes. "I encourage all enthusiastic high school and college students to attend and learn how they can follow the Air Force vision-to build the world's most respected air and space force."

For more information, contact Captain Martin Bangert at (800) 945-5378, extension 4860 or (570) 408-4860.



There is information on national and regional temperatures, wind speed and direction, and relative humidity and dew points.

In Nevada, officials are using thermal maps of roadways, automatic wind warnings and pavement-temperature forecasts to provide accurate and current information to travelers and the state's highway maintenance department.

In Colorado, roadway weather information systems at 100 locations collect data on wind speed, and ambient air, pavement and subsurface temperatures. A private company then consolidates this data and other information into forecasts.

"Right now, technology can provide fast, accurate information on dust storms, ice, winds and snow to travelers," Collins said. "And there are prospects for even better surface-weather predictions by early in the next century. Using the latest technology to share weather information benefits all travelers, shippers, and schedulers."

ITS America is an educational and scientific public-private partnership of 1,200 member organizations promoting the use of advanced technologies in transportation to improve safety and mobility. For additional information on intelligent transportation systems, contact: ITS America, Suite 800, 400 Virginia Ave. SW, Washington, DC 20024-2730, call (202) 484-4581, or visit the ITS America Web site at <http://www.itsa.org>.



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Opinion

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An editorial

There are times in our lives when new opportunities arise. At certain times you realize that it is time to move on, not necessarily to bigger and better things just to other things. I have recently reached the crossroads and discovered that it is time for me to move on.

I would never trade in any of the time I have spent at *The Beacon* or working with all of the people that I have worked with. The staff has worked very hard to make a lot of improvements and I am proud of everyone for their hard work and dedication. I have met some of my best friends while at *The Beacon*, you know who you are and I will miss you. Working at *The Beacon* has also given me an opportunity to work with many faculty and administrators on campus and within the community. I have been involved with *The Beacon* for the past year and a half and have no regrets. I would like to thank everyone for making my experience a memorable one and I offer you this:

Look to this day, for it is life,
the very life of life. In its brief
course lie all the realities and verities
of existence; the bliss of growth, the splendor
of action, the glory of power...

For yesterday is but a dream, and tomorrow is only
a vision, but today, well lived, makes every
yesterday a dream of happiness and every
tomorrow a vision of hope.

-Sanskrit Proverb

Letters to the Editor

Letters to the editor guidelines:

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or sent c/o *The Beacon* Box 111, Wilkes University,
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Pharmacy Applications available

Fall 1999 School of Pharmacy applications are available for pick-up in Stark 115. Deadline for applications is February 1, 1999.

In the November 19, 1998 issue, the article "Athenaeum and the Goo Goo Dolls perform at Marts" was written by Amee Metha, not Angie Cardoso as was printed.



99 sale comes early

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I can't be "under the table and dreaming" with Matthew Sowcik

Well I'm back this week and I'm ready to go. Today is my twenty-first birthday and this in itself has influenced this week's column. Every time a birthday comes about, one can't help but reflect over past years and try to put some sort of meaning behind them. O.K., maybe that is just a little too Zen Calendar-ish for my column, but in all truth this week's article takes a different approach to looking at things.

I decided this week that I would put some meaningful time into my column. Not that my other columns haven't been well thought out, but it doesn't take much time to realize that Wilkes doesn't need a sun dial. This week I actually sat down and decided I was going to write a column that hopefully would make people think. Yes, I think it's time to put some deep thought into these articles and try and find the meaning of some of life's most difficult questions.

First, I'd like to start off by saying I was not all that excited about *The Beacon* last week. Now, I would never try and down play the amount of work that goes into one week of *The Beacon* and for that I think all of us appreciate reading it all the more. I can't even begin to say anything sarcastic about *The Beacon* because of all the people I have met there and the great amount of effort they put into a single week is impressive.

Although all of what was written last week is probably very accurate on the amount of time that goes into the creating of our school newspaper, I just don't think it needed to be written. I definitely have to say that there is a greater level of respect for an individual and organization who remains modest.

I just don't understand what *The Beacon* was getting at last week? Do they want us to all go OOOH and AAHH at the amount of time it takes to get this paper to us? I know that *The Beacon* would probably not exist if these individuals didn't put so much time in to it. Although, how about not having Homecoming or Winter Weekend? How about not having any football games or Marts Madness? How about a school without community service?

I guess my point is that if you're going to try and have a University pat you on the back, maybe you should look around and see if there is anyone doing the exact same thing you are. I can speak from experience and say I know a lot of clubs who are and don't need to be forced into the spotlight.

My second point kind of goes along with the previous paragraph, but is stuck on more of a individual basis. I guess since it's my birthday, I started to do what many others do at one time or another in their lives and self evaluate. I'd like to say thanks to so many people who have come into my life and changed it for the better. As I started to think about this I realized that this is of great importance.

If you can look back into your life and honestly say you have made most of the individuals' lives you have come across, benefit in one way or another than I truly commend you. No one ever truly realizes how much they can influence another person until they try.

Well that's enough of that. I would like to thank everyone again who has made this semester and all my semesters here as great as they have been. I'd also like to thank all my roommates and all the others who have patiently sat back and listened to me talk about my birthday for the last three months. Well it's finally here, so let's start celebrating.

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Thursday, December 10

- Intramural Aerobics, Wrestling Room, 12:10 p.m.-1:00 p.m.
- Inter-Residence Hall Council, SUB basement, 11:00 a.m.
- Programming Board Meeting, COB 106, 11:30 a.m.
- Weight Management Group Meeting, Health Services waiting room, 12:00 p.m.
- Student AIDS Awareness Committee Meeting, COB 209, 12:00 p.m.

Friday, December 11

- Intramural Aerobics, Wrestling Room, 12:10 p.m.-1:00 p.m.
- Classes End, 5:00 p.m.

Saturday, December 12

- Reading Day

Sunday, December 13



- Reading Day

Monday, December 14

- Final Examinations begin, 8:00 a.m.
- Intramural Aerobics, Wrestling Room, 12:10 p.m.-1:00 p.m.

Tuesday, December 15

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Welcome to the Web

with John Bruett

First things first, I would like to apologize for my lack of updating of *The Beacon*. I, as most of us have been extremely busy with final papers and projects. You've got to love the Profs. who try to cram three papers and five projects into the last two weeks of class.

So now that I have given a public excuse, back to what I know best, computers. (Well actually I don't know all that much, but I act like I do) So you ask, what is wrong with my computer? Well it could be a lot of problems; however, you should start worrying about "Y2K." Now you say, "What the hell is Y2K?" Well, here is the equation real simplified...

Y = is a simple abbreviation for "Year"

2 = for the number 2

K = K is the abbreviation for "thousand"

So now that we got that covered, let's move on. See, when your computer was built (unless you just bought it) was made to handle the date "01/01/00" as January 1, 1900 not January 1, 2000. So, when the millennia hits all computers are supposed to crash.

This is including all government computers and all the health systems, prescription programs and any log files that the computers of the world might have stored on them. This has become a major focus of many of the major computer companies. They are in a rush to find the solution to the problem that has become the biggest problem in the high-tech world of computers. The biggest problem with no-pun-intended is the rush against time, for many of the companies.

However, there is a way to fix this problem. Many companies are now in development of programs that will eventually fix this problem of the year 2000. Their only hope is to get to the bottom of the problem before the clock does.

So, I would have to say that the best advice to all of us is to know that this problem exists and keep up with the technology that is coming out. Otherwise there is no telling what might happen to your computer come December 31, 1999, at 12:00 midnight.

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Student Government Building for the future

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Dear Wilkes University Students,

In response to last week's letter to the editor in *The Beacon*, we have a few suggestions on how your voice can be heard by those who represent you at Wilkes. The student body is represented by a president, and a tri-council consisting of off-campus council, commuter council and inter-residence hall council representatives. Every class also has six representatives, a president, vice president, secretary and treasurer. We are all open to ideas from the student body and welcome you to approach us and share them at any time.

If you wonder how you can reach these students, there are a number of options. You can call or visit the Student Government office (SUB, third floor, Ext. 2910), attend one of our weekly meetings (Wednesday nights at 6:30 p.m., second floor, Marts) or you may recognize some of us from the picture on the cover of *The Weekender* and address us about any concerns. Any student is also welcome to run for a position on Student Government.

Those students who took an active role in the planning and development of "Get Lucky in the Woods" were representing those who support the education of fellow students and community in regard to safe sex and safe drinking. Those students drawn to Wilkes for an education are receiving just that. This education extends past the classroom however, to issues that can change or even save their lives. A school that cares and gets involved with the community is only improving its reputation, not diminishing it.

Going public allowed us to share an extremely important message with many more people. Condoms being distributed and shuttles transporting students to and from the Woodlands can hardly be viewed as reckless. The title of the Friday the 13th event was used to draw attention to important issues, not offend or be seen as any sort of mockery.

Imagine the horror of nine and twelve-year-olds learning about sex and not learning about the responsibilities and precautions that go along with it. The picture of Wilkes students and "Condoman" functioned as an opener to facts and information that dealt with drinking responsibly and safe sex. Wilkes students even gave testimonies about how these issues have touched their lives. With these issues being so personal and real to us, we could only take them seriously, which is why we planned this event. Educational events, like this one, make us proud to be Colonels.

We are sorry to hear that this event was misunderstood by anyone in the community or any Wilkes students. Hopefully, people will allow themselves to be more open-minded and grasp a better understanding of our events in the future.

Sincerely representing,
Student Government Senior Class



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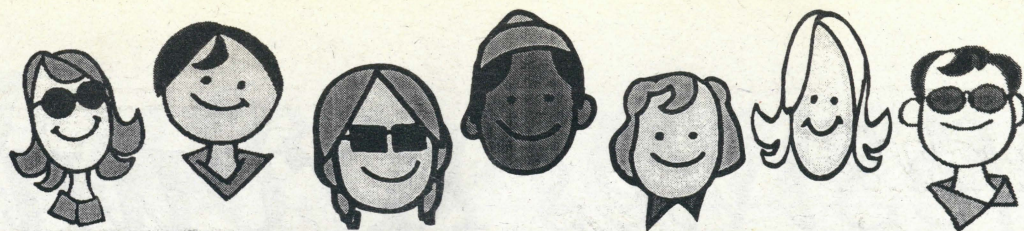
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Holiday Surprises

from the Philharmonic

VOCA, PA.- Jingle bells, orders and lots of cheer await Northeastern Pennsylvania as the Philharmonic performs its holiday concert tradition, "Holiday Surprises." The Northeastern Philharmonic's holiday performance has a new look, new music and all of the holiday traditions audiences love and come back for year after year. There will be dancers, singers and plenty of holiday surprises to keep the audience guessing through the entire show.

The Philharmonic has been

working with special guests and organizations since May to create this new program filled with innovative and fresh concepts for audiences.

The Philharmonic has pleased to welcome the talented dancers of the Theater of Scranton. The Philharmonic welcomes the new members to the holiday family including the Junior Division of the Children's Chorus of the Scranton Guild of Scranton and the Northeastern Theater Ensembles' Conservatory for Kids.

Dancers from the Scranton Theater have become a regular feature in the Philharmonic's holiday show. This year the dancers will be delighting audiences again when the toy soldiers come marching down the stage as the orchestra plays Parade of the Wooden Soldiers.

The orchestra will also collaborate with the dancers of the Philharmonic to perform a unique piece of music with story telling, acting and singing. The orchestra will be performing Grainger's Blithe Bells and Tchaikovsky's Snow Flake while children and narrators from the Philharmonic will be performing the "The Little Snowgirl," along with the dancers from Scranton Theater. This is the first time the Philharmonic has attempted a large production, having 40 people on stage at one time for this single piece.

"This one of a kind performance has taken the

combined talents and efforts of these community arts organizations many months to create," explained Maestro Hugh Keelan. "Our combined efforts have put together a show filled with fun, surprises and beautiful music to celebrate the holidays!"

New choreography, music and costumes will be combined with traditional favorites such as excerpts from The Nutcracker and Sleigh Ride.

"We wanted to include everyone's favorite selections from the holiday shows of the past

as well add new surprises to make this holiday season memorable!"

John Macukas, executive director, Philharmonic.

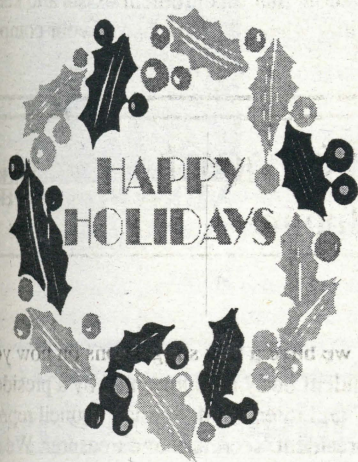
The holiday concert has become a tradition for families in Northeastern Pennsylvania.

Today the tradition is stronger than ever as the concert commands four performances in one weekend. In 1997 the Philharmonic performed the holiday concert to over 6,500 in one weekend and anticipates even larger crowds in 1998.

The Philharmonic is scheduled to perform at the F.M. Kirby Center on Friday, December 11, at 7:00 p.m. and Saturday, December 12, at 2:00 p.m. and the Scranton Cultural Center on Saturday, December 12, at 7:00 p.m. and on Sunday, December 13, at 2:00 p.m. There are four convenient performances that are sure to fit into everyone's holiday schedule.

"Holiday Surprises" is being sponsored by PNC Bank, Lord & Taylor, Mercy Health Partners, Sallie Mae, Bell Atlantic, Allied Services, Nabisco Foods Group and Trion Industries. WBRE-TV 28 is the Philharmonic's media sponsor for the entire season.

Tickets sell very quickly for these holiday performances. For the best available seats call the Philharmonic at (717)-457-8301. The Philharmonic is now on-line at www.nepaphil.com with Internet services provided by Icon Technologies..



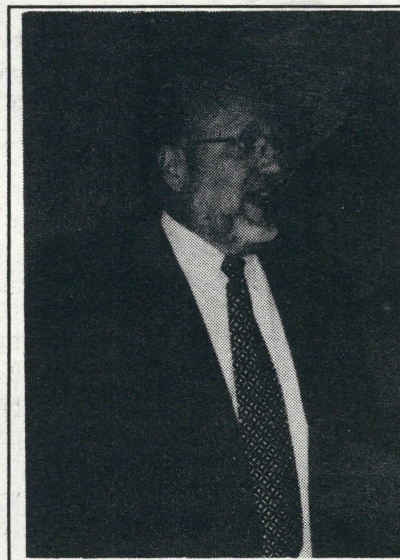
Wilkes Students: a new perspective

By PAULA J. GENTILMAN
Special to the Beacon

Barry Miller, founder and CEO of Buyers Only America Real Estate, was the guest speaker at Wilkes University's Entrepreneur's Forum and was selected as this fall semester's executive in residence.

"The Entrepreneur's Forum and Executive in Residence programs bring real world experience to the students and helps to give them perspectives that can be lost in the classroom," said Dr. Jeffrey Alves, professor of free enterprise and entrepreneurship, Wilkes.

Miller was named a 1967 Outstanding Graduate at Wilkes, where he earned a bachelor of science degree in commerce and finance. After graduation he served 3 years in the United States Army which included service in Vietnam. In 1986, he formed Buyers Only America



Beacon File Photo

Barry Miller gives students a new perspective.

Real Estate, a national franchise of only buyer agency real estate offices.

He is currently publishing a consumer book entitled "HomeBuyer's Wake Up!" Miller is

chairman of the Wilkes University Council and is on the Board of Trustees.

The Entrepreneur's Forum is sponsored by Students In Free Enterprise (SIFE) and was held in the Rite Aid Auditorium. It is intended to bring a practicing or experienced entrepreneur on campus to tell his or her story and to interact with the students.

The forum gives students a sense of the excitement and challenges of being an entrepreneur and demonstrates that an entrepreneurial career is within reach for nearly anyone.

The executive in residence program brings business people on the Wilkes campus for two to three days. This semester, the students had the opportunity to interact with Miller through their classes, club meetings and individual meetings.

~British Folk and Blues~



at Chicory House for Repeat Performance

Legendary British folk and blues performer Martin Simpson returns to the Chicory House, Friday, December 11, where his past dynamic performances have made him one of the most requested artists in the Chicory House's 10-year history. In addition to his usual repertoire, Simpson plans to perform ancient Christian, pagan and apocryphal carols of the Christmas and Solstice seasons.

Simpson's brilliant finger style and slide guitar playing never fails to mesmerize audiences. He's been acclaimed by critics as "the finest guitar player on the planet" and "a master craftsman who attracts more hero worship than any musician on the British Folk Circuit with his performances of powerful yet subtle, understated beauty."

Simpson has come a long way from his roots in Lincolnshire in Northern England. He played his first gig at 14. He became a professional musician at 17 and soon found himself in the vanguard of the British folk-rock movement, performing with Fairport Convention, Steeleye Span and the Albion Band. He issued his first solo recording in 1976 and began a career that has put him in the spotlight at festivals, concert halls and clubs on five continents, from London to Los Angeles, Calgary to Hong Kong.

During his 25-year, 14-album career, Simpson's taut, emotional voice and powerful guitar playing have become legendary. He possesses a seemingly effortless command of complex styles from crystal-line interpretations of traditional and Celtic music to high-powered slide guitar on his blues tunes.

"His deeply emotional yet finely delineated expressions on his instrument are like precisely cut gems: their fire leaps out at you," said Jim Washburn, in the Los Angeles Times. "He mixes that English tradition with the Mississippi delta in a spellbinding fashion."

His latest release "Cool and Unusual," which won the Indie Award for Best Acoustic Instrumental Album of 1998, has been hailed as a masterpiece. Folkroots review begins "Take a deep breath and reach for a dictionary of superlatives..." Critics have lauded his work as "consummate artistry," "acoustic guitar wizardry" and "technically brilliant."

The non-profit, volunteer-run Chicory House holds its coffeehouse-style concerts in the community room of St. Stephen's Church, 35 South Franklin Street, Wilkes-Barre. However the Chicory House is not affiliated with St. Stephen's.

Admission to the Martin Simpson concert Friday, December 11 at 8:00 p.m. is \$8. Seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. Desserts and beverages will be available for purchase throughout the evening. The Chicory House general information number is (717) 825-8772.

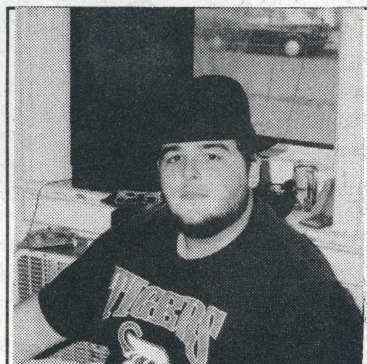
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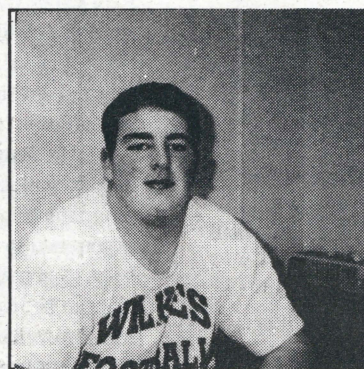
What is the worst thing you ever got for Christmas?



Mary Waldorf-
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Dustin Daniels-
"The Smart Clapper"
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**Chuck "Wagon"
Wetzel-** "A pack of
gum."



Mike Figueiredo-
"\$50 worth of under-
wear."

Cramming 101

by Mel Moyer

Beacon Staff Writer

As the end of the semester winds down, the workload increases. This is no reason to panic. There is no need to try and squeeze out the third floor windows of Evans Hall in an effort to jump. There is only one week left, you'll live through it.

Here are some methods of studying and dividing up your workload so that the homework that needs to get done will and it will all be in on time. This is not to say you will get adequate amounts of sleep during this period, but you will perform tasks you thought otherwise unachievable.

With this in mind, the first step is to go to the store and buy the biggest can of Maxwell House Instant Coffee you can budget. International Coffee's French Vanilla is a good choice, but is high priced. Swiss Miss Hot Chocolate will also do the job.

Next, grab a calendar at the convenience store and a ton of colored note cards, they will prove useful somewhere. If you spent all your money on the coffee, no need to worry, just draw a calendar up (include weekends, you'll need to work straight through). Sit down at your desk, make yourself a large cup of coffee, open one notebook at a time while writing down the due dates and brief descriptions of work into your brand spankin' new calendar. After that, decide what is most important, what should be done first and what you would like to do.

Now that you have your coffee, make sure it is not too hot, because you must drink it quick, strap yourself to the chair in your room and prepare to do work.

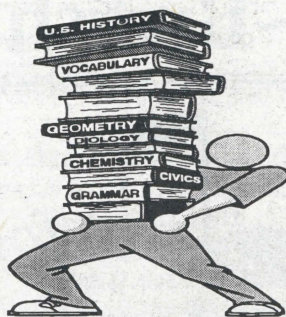
Rule of thumb: If you want to get work done tell yourself that your butt is not allowed to lose contact with the chair for a certain period of time. For example, start working at 8:00 p.m. and don't move from the chair until 6:00 a.m. or so. Now that you are at an understanding that work needs to be done, you will do it.

First start the homework that has the closest due date. If it is a writing assignment the best thing you can do is write the header on a blank word document. Then babble on the screen for a while until you get an idea. The most important part of writing something is being aware of what you want to say and organizing it.

As for enormous reading assignments read what you feel the author thinks is important. If the author tends to ramble on, skim the text until you get to the next important item. You will get the general idea of at least what is going on.

When you get tired of writing or studying the really important item due tomorrow that you are currently working on, start the one you have labeled easy or fun on your calendar. Do that for a while, this is your break... but you still can not leave the chair, until you get stumped. If you can keep at this pace for a week or until all your work is complete, you have finished cramming for the fall '98 semester.

Now you are welcome to sleep until Christmas to get rid of the black bags that formed below your eyes from working so hard and losing sleep. You'll make it!



IRHC: Time for relaxation

By MEL MOYER
Beacon Staff Writer

It is getting closer and closer to the end of the semester and we all know what that means.

This means there is tons of studying, writing and reviewing. So much that sometimes we forget to stop, eat, and relax.

In an effort to calm the nerves of the student body the Inter Residence Hall Council (IRHC) holds a party the weekend before finals.

This is an important event for all students. It is a time when the student body can sit down and pass off the stress we all felt during the last week of classes. We have one last opportunity to "hang out" before embarking on the task of becoming a study-a-holic.

Every year, in the Pickering Cafeteria, the IRHC hosts a "Final Exam Study Break." The IRHC orders plenty of food for this gathering including at least ninety pizzas from Rodano' and Desi's, most of which have toppings, but plain is available. Toppings for the pizzas will include mushrooms, pepperoni, sausage, and anchovies mostly! IRHC should have a little bit of

everything for everyone's tastes.

They also order a good amount of Italian water ice to be on hand during the event. As for things to do, don't worry you won't be bored, IRHC has sent for a karaoke machine so whoever wants to try their hand at Elvis can. Maybe the King is hiding at Wilkes University after all!

In years past this event was popular that there would be lines out the doors waiting for pizza to arrive.

The event is scheduled to take place this year in the Pickering Cafeteria from 7:30-9:30 p.m. Sunday December 13. All food and beverages are free and served on an all you can eat basis. Come out and enjoy the evening with some of your close Wilkes friends.

Remember to spend this time with your friends because for the most part you won't see them again for a month.

So take advantage of the opportunity to have on last college hoorah in the year 1998.

Also, if anybody forgot to pick up their final exam care package, provided by his or her parents, in the IRHC office in the basement of Conyngham Hall it will be at the "Final Exam Study Break."

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Critic's Corner with Dan Lavelle "Psycho"



Hello fellow movie viewers. Sorry for the rather long disappearance. I was busy running around with a lot of side projects as well as trying to keep my professors happy. I guess stress was weighing so much on my shoulders I forgot to write my little column. With my long disappearance you probably thought I checked into the Bates Motel. Speaking of Bates, I went to see the "Psycho" film.

In this film, the director, Gus Van Sant, remade the 1969 classic from Alfred Hitchcock. The storyline is pretty much the same. Mrs. Marion Crane (Anne Heche) steals a large amount of money from her business and went on the run. On her way, she checks into the Bates Motel and runs into Norman (Vince Vaughn). After spending the night, Crane disappears for some reason. Now her sister, her boyfriend and a private investigator are trying to find her. What they learn might kill them.

Now, I'll admit, I was very skeptical at first when I heard "Psycho" was being remade. I feel that classic films should stay the way they are. Since this will be my first film article, I wanted to end it with a big film. Unfortunately, this movie wasn't what I hoped it would be. In fact, I think it comes close to being a classic flop.

If you compare the old "Psycho" to the new one, you will see a close match as far as the story, camera shots and lines are concerned. The only differences I saw were the film was made in color, a new cast and one or two new scenes were added. Van Sant took a big risk in remaking this film.

I will admit I enjoyed the actors involved in this picture. Vaughn does play a very good Norman Bates. This man was so demented, that he gave me a shiver up my spine. Vaughn always seems to give a good performance no matter what film he is in. Even though he does a good job, some people will always remain loyal to Anthony Perkins, the original Bates.

Another actress in the film you might want to look for is Anne Heche. Though she has a short part, she gives a good performance. Even her death scene was rather convincing. You might remember her in such films as "Six Days and Seven Nights," "Wildman" and "I Know What You Did Last Summer." I believe this woman will still be making movies as long as her career is still alive.

In conclusion, I am giving this about 2 1/2 STARS. I've had mixed feelings about the film. On one hand I saw the remaking of "Psycho" as a big risk and that you might enjoy the original version. On the other hand if you're not familiar with Hitchcock, this could be seen as a good starting point for beginners. Plus the cast is really good. So either take your chances seeing this film or save your money and rent the original.

FINAL NOTE:

I just want to say thank you to *The Beacon* for letting me do my movie review and thank you to all the readers that actually read this article over the past year and a half and gave me their support and friendly comments. Wish you luck in the real world.

Your critic,

Dan Lavelle

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Inner peace with Ani

Dear Ani,

I have this problem and I am really not sure what I should do. I want to handle it as ethically as possible but I am

not exactly sure how to go about doing that. I know a group of people who have a copy of the final for one of my classes. They attained it by having someone steal it from the professors office. I think that it was very wrong of these people to do this and I want to confront them about it but I don't want to make waves. I don't think that it's fair that I study my butt off for this class and there are people who are being handed a 4.0 and are escaping the stress and studying for this final. I think it should be brought to the professors attention so he knows that there are cheaters in the class. I am appalled at the actions of these students and as an honest student and person in general, I feel something should be done about it, but I have no clue how. Can you help?

Wants to spill it

Dear Wants to Spill It,

Hey honey! How about you calm down a little bit, stop stressing about other peoples actions and worry about your own. As you said these people are escaping some stress by having this final, but you are just piling it on yourself by worrying about these stupid people stealing some paper. What these

people have done is wrong. I totally agree with you. It is something that has never even crossed my mind, but I don't think it is something you need to take upon yourself to bring to the professors attention.

First thing, if and when these people find out it was you who told on them, the "pay back" might not be fun. I'm sure you are going to anger them greatly if this comes out. As for approaching these people about what they are doing, I can tell you right now—they don't care. They will probably laugh in your face, because they don't care one bit. So don't waste your breath on them. Just worry about yourself, study and attain your A the right way.

If you think this is going to haunt you forever if you don't do something about it, then go to the professor, but I suggest you just tell him that someone in the class has the final. That's all he really needs to know in order to change the questions on the test.

If it we me in this situation, I would just look at it as these people are losers who can't do their own work and I would go along happy with my life. So don't stress about what they are doing wrong, just concentrate on yourself at these stressful times. You will go nuts worrying about what everyone else is doing.

So, what they are doing is not effecting you immediately so don't worry. Study your buns off, earn your good grade, feel good about yourself and feel good knowing that you are not a cheater.

Peace— Ani

send questions to inner_peace@hotmail.com



Aligning the planets with Madame Zelda

Taurus (April 20 - May 20) Procrastination seems to be your middle name this week. Take the weekend to catch up on all your backed up work that is due this week.

Gemini (May 21 - June 21) Your hard work all semester begins to pay off. As all your friends are running around to get their final assignments done, you can kick back and enjoy the relaxation.

Cancer (June 22 - July 22) Since you have been trying to get a handle on your Christmas shopping you now have a nice work load to catch up on. Take things one at a time and you will finish with ease over the weekend.

Leo (July 22 - August 22) Holidays and finals have you feeling so drained, academically and financially. Just keep in mind that your hard work with both occasions will prove positive rewards.

Virgo (August 23- September 22) Financial problems seem to have a big weight on your shoulders. Just don't worry right now about how you are doing to pay for all your holiday shopping ideas will come to you shortly.

Libra (September 23 - October 23) Start hinting to your loved ones as to what you want for the holidays. If you don't, you may find yourself returning a lot to the stores.

Scorpio (October 24 - November 21) Start your studying early. Avoid the usual stress you experience during finals. Your mind and body will thank you afterwards.

Sagittarius (November 22 - December 21) You have had it tough for a while now but you're starting to see the light. Don't stop kicking your fins until you reach the surface!

Capricorn (December 22 - January 19) You have been feeling under the weather lately. Take advantage of the holiday spirit around you to lift you up.

Aquarius (January 20 - February 18) Help spread the holiday spirit to friends and family that need it this week. These people may become bigger problems and need a lot of attention over the holidays and you won't need that extra stress.

Pisces (February 19 - March 20) Something from your past will put a damper on your holiday season. Don't worry too much because the solution to the conflict will become evident and it will work itself out by next week.

Aries (March 21 - April 19) Preparing for finals this week will have your stress level sky high. Make sure you keep your priorities straight so you don't get yourself over worked.

Sports

A "Sea of Yellow" coming to Marts

By MATT REITNOUR
Beacon Staff Writer

When the men's basketball team made a run at the national title last season, the Henry Gymnasium in the Marts Center became a mad house, especially in the student cheering section.

This year, the team is off to a 6-0 start and some people want to make the "madness" more uniformed and even more intense.

This past week the sale of bright yellow T-shirts began. The men's tennis team is conducting the sale as proceeds will help defray the cost of their spring break trip to Hilton Head, South Carolina.

On the front is the number six to signify the crowd this season in the Henry Gymnasium that will help their Colonel hoopsters get back to Salem in late March. They will consider themselves "the sixth man."

The design on the back of the shirt has not yet been released, but the group is excited about the new wave for Wilkes sports fans.

"It would be great to have a whole mass of yellow shirts to make the opposing teams feel intimidated," said John Seitzinger, head coach, men's tennis and director, Sports Information.

"It would make opposing teams feel very unwanted," added Seitzinger.



Seitzinger pointed to seniors Matt Minielly and Aaron Sherburne as the ones doing the "grunt work" on this T-shirt project. The senior tennis players came up with the idea after seeing Hope College last season and all their fans in bright orange to support their squad at the Final Four.

"Hope's fans all wore bright orange shirts sponsored by Mountain Dew at the Final Four," said Sherburne.

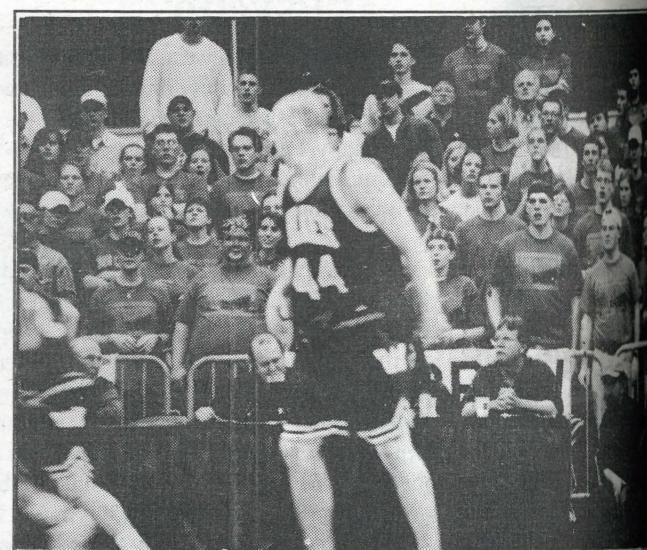
"We thought it looked really good," added Sherburne.

Minielly came up with the design and Seitzinger got the shirts printed for the team. They are now selling them for \$12.

The goal is simple. Make the opposing team not only beat the Colonels on the floor, but they must beat the "Sea of Yellow" as well.

"If we can sell 1,000 shirts, we will," said Seitzinger.

"In college basketball, every little edge becomes important and a



Beacon File Photo

This season, these Colonel and Lady Colonel fans (LEFT) will be able to celebrate the victories of their beloved teams in yellow T-shirts sponsored by the men's tennis team. This concept was inspired by the orange shirts worn by the fans of Hope College. (ABOVE).

huge gathering of fans wearing yellow will definitely make the home clubs feel good," Seitzinger added.

Shirts can be purchased from any member of the men's tennis team.

If you buy a T-shirt, not only will you be helping the Colonel men's tennis team go to South Carolina in late February, you will also be helping the Colonel and Lady Colonel basketball players make a run at a trip to the Final Four

in March.

The Colonels men's basketball team was tops in the Middle Atlantic Conference Freedom League in attendance last season. This season the largest crowd so far was 1,200, but the big rivalries and top players have not yet visited Wilkes Barre.

The team was also blessed with excellent fan support on their trip to the Final Four last season. One fans made the trip to Salem, Virginia.

Hoops suffer scare, come back against FDU

By SCOTT VEITH
Beacon Sports Editor

The Colonels men's basketball team learned that this season would not be all peaches and cream. They faced off against the Fairleigh Dickinson University (FDU) of Madison Devils on Saturday, December 5, and found themselves in hot water.

The Colonels took the floor and flaunted their perfect record against the Devils, but the Devils were up to the challenge. Junior forward Brian Brennan and the Devils took advantage of sloppy play by the Colonels and earned their way to a one point halftime lead.

This marked the first time this season the Colonels trailed at halftime. In their previous matchups the Colonels blew away their opponents by margins of 14, 18, 46

and 32.

Fortunately, the Colonels have junior All-American guard Dave Jannuzzi. Jannuzzi scored 22 of his 28 points in the second half to lead the Colonels back to respectability on their home court.

Sophomore guard Bob Morcom said, "(Jannuzzi) definitely took pressure off of everyone else. He didn't miss."

Jannuzzi was 7-7 from the field in the second half including four three-pointers. This upped Jannuzzi's three-point average to 4.4 per game.

The Colonels outscored, out-rebounded and out-hustled the Devils in the second stanza to overwhelm the Devils by a score of 69-62.

For his efforts this past week, Jannuzzi was named to the Middle Atlantic States Athletic Conference

Honor Roll for the first week of December. This continues Jannuzzi's personal streak of either being named Player of the Week or Honor Roll each week of this season.

Jannuzzi is currently second in the conference in points per game. He also leads the league in free throw percentage and three point field goals. Jannuzzi is also top ten in four other statistical categories.

Also excelling statistically for the Colonels is Scott Cleveland who leads the conference in both field goal percentage and steals per game. Brian Gryboski is second to Jannuzzi in free throw percentage.

The Colonels are blessed with strong leadership from their upperclassmen.

Freshman Kevin Walsh said,

"They're a great bunch of guys. They work really hard."

The freshmen have also contributed greatly to the Colonel cause. Walsh, Greg Barrouk and Wes Kovach have each contributed with hustle and determination. Walsh sees the playing time as a chance to better himself.

Walsh said, "It's a great opportunity for me to come to a well-established program and see some playing time as a freshman."

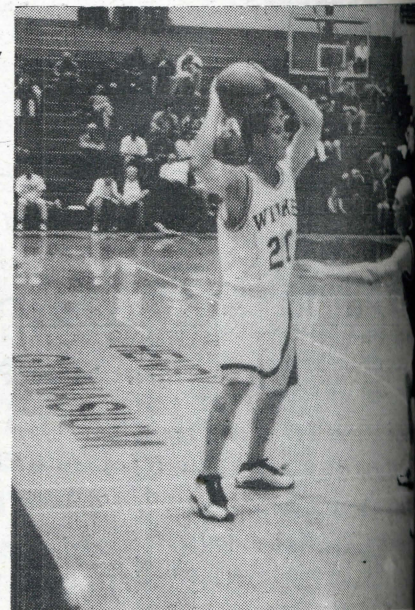


Photo by Lance M...

Transfer Guard Mike Fitzgerald eyes up opponent and looks for an open man against FDU-Madison Devils.

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Canseco to South
ST. PETERSBURG (AP)-- The Tampa Bay Rays have added to their line-up. The team signed free agent The 34-year-old homers for Toronto. This is the fourth Canseco in four years.

DiMaggio in hosp

HOLLYWOOD, CALIF. (AP)-- "I'm not sure I can survive but he's dying." Those are the words of lead doctor for Joe DiMaggio.

The 84-year-old great continues his fight with a Florida hospital. Despite DiMaggio's improvement from lung infection and Barron added a setback at any time.

DiMaggio is in surgery and is still on a respirator. The former New York Yankees fielder has beaten setbacks since a cancer was removed from him in mid-October.

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Canseco returns

to South Folrida

ST. PETERSBURG, FLORIDA (AP)-- The Tampa Bay Devil Rays have added some punch to their line-up. The Florida club has signed free agent Jose Canseco. The 34-year-old smacked 46 homers for Toronto last season. This is the fourth team for Canseco in four years.

DiMaggio still in hospital

HOLLYWOOD, FLORIDA

(AP)-- "I'm not saying he's going to survive but he's not imminently dying." Those are the words of the lead doctor for Joe DiMaggio. The 84-year-old former Yankee great continues his battle in a Florida hospital.

Despite DiMaggio's dramatic improvement from his serious lung infection and fever, Dr. Earl Barron added a setback could occur at any time.

DiMaggio is in stable condition and is still on a respirator. The former New York Yankee center fielder has beaten several serious setbacks since a cancerous tumor was removed from his right lung in mid-October.

Rams' Bruce out for the year

ST. LOUIS (AP)-- The St. Louis Rams will have to play the rest of

the NFL season without Isaac Bruce. The wide receiver has been put on the injured reserve list with a lingering hamstring injury.

Bruce started out with 21 catches in the first two games. But he missed the last six games and sat out most of the three others earlier in the season.

Little Leaguers expand series

WILLIAMSPORT, PENNSYLVANIA (AP)-- The Little League World Series will be expanding. Starting in 2001, the event will grow to 16 teams competing over nine days. It's the first expansion of the baseball championship of 11 and 12-year-olds since 1947.

Currently the event starts out with eight teams.

Copeland hooks up with The Pack

GREEN BAY (AP)-- In a move to offset injury problems, the Green Bay Packers have signed wide receiver Russell Copeland. The six-year veteran was waived by Philadelphia last week. Copeland is expected to play Sunday against Chicago.

Ellard will finally quit after season

ASHBURN, VIRGINIA (AP)-- Veteran receiver Henery Ellard,

who has retired before, says he'll play the final three games with Washington and then quit for good. The 16-year pro was waived by New England last week.

Archie Moore in poor health

SAN DIEGO (AP)-- Former boxing great Archie Moore is in failing health at a hospice home in San Diego.

Moore knocked out more opponents than anyone else in the history of boxing. Moore will be 85-years-old on Sunday.

Astros looking for the Rocket

HOUSTON (AP)-- Houston general Manager Gerry Hunsicker said the Astros are negotiating with Toronto on a trade for five-time Cy Young Award winner Roger Clemens. The Blue Jays pitcher asked to be traded to a team closer to home or a contender.

Adubato joins W.N.B.A

NEW YORK (AP)-- Former NBA coach Rich Adubato is the fifth male coach in the 12-team WNBA. Adubato will run the New York Liberty.

That's what I say



with SCOTT VEITH

The Wilkes athletic community is used to seeing story book endings to perfect games or seasons over the past few years. We loved watching the men's basketball team win the Middle Atlantic Conference (MAC) championship last season and go all the way to the Final Four in Salem, Virginia. We cried when the football team suffered a heart-breaking home loss against Susquehanna earlier this season by a score of 42-40. This emotion and energy is great.

What we fail to realize is that even the teams that are not top-ranked contenders need our support.

This fall, I attended about six women's volleyball games and I felt like an outcast. The team did not play very well and were not conference powerhouses, so we shut our eyes to their efforts. The largest crowd at any one of these games was no larger than 125 people. A Monday night touch football game on the Greenway attracts almost as many fans as that and the guys playing in these games have to take a cigarette break every 10 minutes.

The most embarrassing thing for a team to suffer through is to lose at home to a team that has a better crowd. Last spring, I attended a baseball game at Artillery Park on a bright and sunny Saturday afternoon. I was one of only five Wilkes students in the stands. The visiting team had more parents in the bleachers than we had fans. That's atrocious.

I can understand not showing up for away games. I've only been to a few of those myself. I can even understand if you have something important to do like work or study. What I can't understand is why someone who has absolutely nothing at all to do and only lives a block or two from the Marts Center would not show up at a game. Would it kill some of you to show some support for your friends and classmates?

Last year, I ran into a man in a supermarket who recognized my Wilkes t-shirt. He told me that he was a student at Wilkes in the 1970's and he asked if I had been to any wrestling matches. I told him that I had and he asked me, "Are they as crazy as they used to be?" I told him that I was one of about 25 people there and he put his head down in embarrassment.

He then proceeded to tell me the stories of how the gymnasium would shake when the referee would slap the mat for a pin. The excitement ran so high in the place that the wrestlers often could not hear the referee's whistle due to the crowd noise.

Then his eyes lit up and he asked me, "Did you ever hear about 'The Snake'?" I told him that I had not, so he told me all about this mysteriously evil character.

Soon after he began his story about how the whole crowd would hiss when "The Snake" took the mat, the personality he was speaking of started to become clear in my head. Finally, he said "Big Al" and I knew he was speaking of someone still close to the Wilkes athletic community. "The Snake" was none other than current wrestling coach Al Zellner.

What the Wilkes community was blessed with in the 1970's is something we may never see again; an entire student body that cared. Of course there were the few guys or girls that had no interest in what was going on at Ralston Field, but they were, for the most part, the outcasts. The cool thing to do was to go to the game and party afterwards. Now, it seems like the partying is a separate entity from the game.

Can anyone out there, wrestlers excluded, state the current record of the Wilkes wrestling team? I know this is partially *The Beacon's* fault for not running a story about the squad until this week, but even we were in the dark about the team's success. They are 6-0! This past weekend, they placed third in a tournament at York College where they faced some pretty stiff competition. These guys are for real.

I know "Marts Madness" will set in again this March when the guys hoops team makes a run for the MAC and national title, but what about the wrestlers? What about the girls hoops team? Do we really not care? Are we only interested in our school's most popular team?

These athletes bust their butts to represent Wilkes with pride and passion. We give most of them nothing to show for it. Twenty years from now, these kids are going to dig up their old photo albums and show their children their college wrestling, softball or soccer pictures and their kids are going to ask "Why aren't their fans in the stands?" Their only possible answer is that, at Wilkes, school spirit does not exist. That is embarrassing.

The ideas expressed in this column are generated through everyday interaction with *Beacon* readers and members of the Wilkes community.

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Sports

Wrestlers shock opponents, start 6-0

By LARRY LEWIS
Beacon Staff Writer

This year's Wilkes University wrestling team has devastated nearly everyone that is familiar with the team's achievements over the past few seasons.

The squad has jumped out to a 6-0 record and finished third in the York Tournament this past weekend.

Duane Ritter copped top honors at the York tourney to help earn the Colonels their third place showing.

Heavyweight Heath Fleisher has been the most dominant wrestler for the squad. In his nine matches, Fleisher has yet to lose and has recorded seven pins to lead the team. Joe Smith, the starting 184 pounder for the Colonels, has recorded six pins of his own to rank second on the squad.

Ritter and Corey Luce rank second on the squad with eight victories and Josh Mendoza has chipped in with seven wins.

In their first match of the

season, the Colonels slipped past Messiah College by a score of 27-19. Their following match resulted in a 49-6 route of the Thaddeus Steven's Institute. They followed suit with a 54-0 blanking of Lebanon Valley College just days later.

In a meet with Carleton University and Centenary College, the Colonels proved to be the toughest team in the house as they beat the teams by scores of 47-9 and 48-6, respectively.

In a more highly competitive battle, the Colonels faced off against the Monarchs of King's College. The teams battled back and forth and the Colonels came out on top in a squeaker by a score of 20-18.

Most of the team's success can be attributed to the leadership of the upperclassmen.

Freshman Scott Henshaw said, "(The veterans) help us out in the room a lot. They are the ones that are always pushing us."

Henshaw has earned a 6-3 mark so far and is pleased with the

team's progress.

"I was expecting a slow start because we're still in the transition stage," said Henshaw.

The team has been anything but transitional. Fourteen wrestlers have recorded victories for the Colonels. This is more wrestlers than were on the team's roster just a year ago.

Nine other wrestlers have contributed to the Colonel cause in the practice room and in off season workouts. These athletes have not yet posted wins for the team, but add depth to a strong lineup.

Coach Al Zellner is finally blessed with the wrestlers he needs to put together a strong line-up. He no longer has to give up points every match because of forfeits.

Henshaw said, "I think (Zellner) is a good coach. He just needed the numbers. Last season, he didn't have enough guys to work with."

The team still has two-and-a-half months of wrestling ahead of them. The team will wrestle again on Saturday, December 12, at York

and will host the Wilkes Open on December 28 and 29.

For the remainder of the season, the squad is optimistic. They plan on wrestling strong opponents and putting Wilkes wrestling back on the map. The latter part of the season includes bouts against Boston College, Old Dominion and Franklin & Marshall.

Henshaw added, "I hope we can be ranked at the end of the season so other Division III teams know what to look forward to next season."

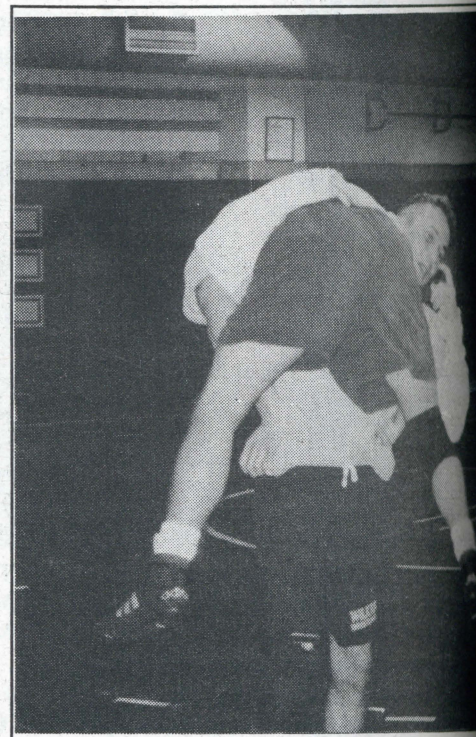


Photo by Derek Bleiler

The Wilkes wrestling team practices their moves during a recent practice in the wrestling room in the Marts Center.

Lady Colonels gain momentum

By GREG COLLINS
Beacon Staff Writer

The Wilkes University women's basketball team showed many early signs of improvement as they picked up two wins last week. The Lady Colonels (3-3 overall, 1-1 in the Middle Atlantic Conference) topped Lycoming College 58-50 on Wednesday, December 2, before hammering Curry College 100-46 on Saturday, December 5.

Wednesday night's home opener was a crucial game for Wilkes, who had lost their last two contests. The team came out hustling against a taller Lycoming squad, triggering several Warrior turnovers.

The Lycoming Lady Warriors were also forced to frequently shoot with under five seconds on the shot clock, lowering their field goal percentage. This was due to an aggressive defensive attack by the Lady Colonels.

Meanwhile, the Lady Colonels' offense struggled early. However, by the midway point of the first half, Lycoming began to tire. Wilkes, utilizing its deep bench, took advantage of this with a 13-0 run, keyed by 3-pointers from Robyn Mendiagra and Angela Collins. The teams then see-sawed their way to a 28-27 halftime score, with Lycoming in the lead.

The start of the second half belonged to the Lady Warriors, as they increased the margin to nine points. However Wilkes continued

to work the ball inside to their forwards, drawing a number of quick fouls. In the bonus, more than seven team fouls, with 9:48 still to play, Wilkes freshman Lauren Elwood connected on both ends of a one-and-one free throw situation to bring the Colonels within seven.

After Elwood sank two more free throws, Jill Ronkowski who had 16 points on the night added the second of her three 3-pointers on the night.

Following a Lycoming bucket by high-scorer Megan Zimmerman, who nailed 20 points, Ronkowski sank another three to bring the Colonels within one.

Wilkes took the lead and kept it after Tracy Zaykoski followed her lay-up with a foul shot to complete the three point play.

"Tonight (the Lycoming game) really says a lot about the character of this team," said Head Coach Karen Haag after the game.

"We so needed to bounce back," Haag added.

Wilkes used the momentum that they gained against the Lady Warriors to steam roll Curry College in the opening round of the Sheraton Four Points Tournament in Rochester, N.Y.

Thirteen Colonels scored in the contest with Ronkowski again leading the team in scoring. Ronkowski, the squads leading 3-point shooter, knocked down five shots from behind the arc for all of her 15 points. Katie Watkins also pitched in 14 points for Wilkes.

The Colonels did not fare as well in the championship game,

though, falling 73-66 to host, Nazareth College. Wilkes made only 2 of 18 shots from 3-point land, but Watkins and senior Stephanie Huber grabbed a combined 21 rebounds, creating second shots.

The Lady Colonels' depth was again apparent as the team rallied from 15 points back to close the score to 70-66 with just over a minute to play. Nazareth clinched the win by sinking a short field goal and a free throw in the waning moments.

Despite the setback, the players remain positive. They can still accomplish their team goals for the season.

"We have a huge amount of potential. We're right there," said Collins.



Design a new masthead

The Beacon is holding a contest for the best design of a masthead page design to be used as a weekly focal point for the print voice of the students of Wilkes University. Design what you think The Beacon masthead should look like. The best design will appear on the cover of The Beacon for the rest of the year. The design must include The Beacon name and a picture of a beacon.

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*Wrestling, Wilkes Open,
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