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Homeless housed in Dennison Hall for a week



Shown in photo are students and staff who worked on the project

By MARLENE MATOSKY
Beacon Staff Writer

The Volunteers In Service In Our Neighborhood (VISION) program will be using Dennison Hall from October 5 through October 11 to provide shelter and meals for adult men and women in our community.

Inter-Residence Hall Council (IRHC) is sponsoring the program. In addition to heading the program at Wilkes, the club recruited students to pledge meals. The 175 meals that were pledged will go to feed people at the program.

Dennison Hall will provide shelter to 25 people per night. The hall will be open from 6:30

pm to 7:45 am.

Karen Gerlach, treasure of IRHC, said, "The student response was great."

Not only are the members of IRHC involved, but the members of many other club are volunteering as well.

This will not only provide a great service to the homeless, but it will "provide students with a better awareness of the homeless situation in the area," stated Mark Allen, Associate Dean of Student Affairs for Student Development, "If students like what they see, they might volunteer beyond this."

This Week in History

Compiled by Wilkes
University's History Club

Oct. 7, 1894- Oliver Wendell Holmes died in Boston and Andrew G. Curtin died at Bellfonte, PA.

Oct. 8, 1871- The Great Chicago fire destroyed and area of 2,100 acres and property worth

\$200,000,000 in the 24 hours it burned.

Oct. 11, 1919- The Treaty of Versailles was unanimously ratified by the French Senate, ending WWI.

Oct. 12, 1920- Peace treaty signed between Poland and Russia, which recognized Poland's independence.

Homecoming Events 1992

Homecoming King & Queen Elections

Today from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. - SLC
4:30 to 6:30 p.m. - Cafeteria

Homecoming Bonfire

Tonight at 10 p.m. - Ralston Field

Homecoming Dinner Dance - "Reflections"

Friday, Oct. 9 - Genetti's Convention Ctr & Hotel
Cocktails at 6 p.m. Cash Bar
Family Style Dinner at 7 p.m.
Dance til midnight (DJ - J. Jeff Walker from KRZ)

Football Gametime

Wilkes v. Lebanon Valley
Ralston Field - 1:30 p.m.
Free w/ Wilkes ID

Debate Union closes in on 1300 wins during season

By LYNN KRUTZ
Beacon Co-Copy Editor

The Wilkes University Speech and Debate Union opened its 44th year of intercollegiate forensic competition this past weekend at Bloomsburg University. Five new members of the team traveled to the annual Bloomsburg University Novice Tournament where they won a total of ten awards. As a team, Wilkes finished sixth in competition, competing against eighteen other schools including teams from Seton Hall, Penn State, and West Chester Universities.

Karen Anderson won awards in all four of the events she en-

tered. Anderson, a Business and Economics major, garnered a second place trophy for Expository Speaking, and certificates of Excellence in Prose Interpretation, Impromptu Speaking, and Poetry Interpretation. Junior Jennifer Stackhouse moved into the winner's circle with awards in Expository Discourse and Impromptu Speaking.

Adding a fourth place trophy in After-Dinner Speaking was freshman Michael Butchko. Jennifer Barkas, a Communications major, also added to the team's sixth place finish competing in Prose Interpretation, Expository Speaking, and Impromptu. Political Science student Lynn Rosencrance rounded out the

team's awards with an impressive three-award performance. She captured a sixth place trophy in the Single Interpretation of Drama, a certificate of Excellence in Prose Interpretation of Literature, and a second place award in Communication Analysis.

Varsity team members Al Mueller II and Lynn Krutz traveled along with the team to assist with judging.

According to Dr. Bradford Kinney, director of the Speech and Debate Union, "the new members gelled well. If the team continues like this, we are going to do well this year."

(see Debate, page 3)

WHAT'S GOING ON...

The first **blood drive** of the year will be held October 8 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the lower level of the Marts Center. Donors will also be eligible to win prizes donated by area businesses and Wilkes clubs.

The **CROP walk** for world hunger is Saturday Oct. 11, at 1 p.m. in Kirby park. Sponsor forms may be picked up at the information desk in SLC.

The **Junior Class** is developing a **creative calendar**. Anyone interested in planning the calendar should contact Joanne DeLuca at either Box 165 or 824-5825. Any junior who would like to help with fund raising can also contact Joanne.

The **Student Community Service Council** is sponsoring a dinner Oct. 8 at 5 p.m. in Rumors to discuss the upcoming **Into the Streets Program** on Saturday Nov. 7. For more information, see Stephen Day, Meg Fallin, Gail Humphrey, or Tawanda Sanders.

Wilkes University Polish Room Committee awards **scholarship funds** in honor of to students of Polish descent who do well academically. Interested students submit a brief letter of application to the Financial Aid Office, Sturdevant Hall, by Tuesday October 13, 1992.

Albert Boscov, President of **Boscov's Department Stores**, has established a **scholarship** to assist capable and worthy students who demonstrate financial need and academic ability. Preference is given to qualified individuals who are sons or daughters of employees of Boscov's Department Stores. Students who wish to be considered for this scholarship should submit a letter to the Financial Aid Office by

Tuesday, October 13, 1992.

Scranton Community Concerts has announced that tickets for the **1992/93 season** are available. Ticket subscriptions are \$40 for students and \$90 for adults. Tickets for individual concerts are \$15 for students and \$30 for adults. For more information call Mary Lou Miller at 342-4137.

Singer and Folklorist, Ed Miller will be performing and the **Chirkory House** Friday October 9, 1992 at 8:30 p.m. Miller's concert of Scottish music will be in the Community Room at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church on South Franklin St. Tickets are \$6 at the door. For more information call 675-8843.

Are you interested in getting **hands on experience** in your field? Carol Bosack in the **Cooperative Education Dept.** has several opportunities available for students in electrical engineering, chemistry, environmental science. Spring and summer semester programs are also available at places like **Disneyworld**, the **Department of State**, and the **FBI**. Call Carol at ext. 4645 for more information.

Young women aged 17 to 24 are encouraged to apply now for **Miss 1993 Pennsylvania**. Entrants must be unmarried, at least 17 years of age, but not older than 24 as of April 1, 1993. **Deadline** for entries is **November 1992**. Send your bio/resume and a headshot to: Miss 1993 Pennsylvania Headquarters, P.O. Box 492, Dallas, PA, 18612.

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By MARLENE Beacon Staff W

The student government gearing up for the coming Week with business as day night.

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Debate, Cont. from front page

The team's showing at Bloomsburg leaves the Union just sixteen trophies short of a milestone 1300 awards since Kinney began coaching in 1973. The second oldest student organization at Wilkes, the Speech and Debate Union is nationally recognized in Discussion, finishing fourth out of 265 teams from across the country last year.

Last season alone, the team amassed an amazing 74 awards. Mueller who is President of the Speech and Debate Union finished in the top three percent of

the nation in the Women's Christian Temperance Union speech competition this past August in Florida.

This upcoming weekend, the Varsity squad of the Union will travel to West Chester to participate in the school's senior tournament and, as Kinney proudly states while he looks over the hundreds of trophies the team has won over the years, "to show that the excellent tradition in debate and public speaking developed by Wilkes students will continue."

Kirby Hall getting a face-lift

Wilkes-Barre— Work crews have begun restoring and refurbishing the salon in the Kirby Home for Education at Wilkes University. Mrs. Grace Kirby Culbertson, daughter of Allan P. Kirby, Sr., has contributed funds to the project as a memorial to her grandparents, Fred M. and Jessie A. Kirby.

The building is located on the corner of South River and South Streets. The Kirby Home for Education was given to Bucknell University Junior College, now Wilkes University, in 1941 by Allan P. Kirby in honor of his father and mother. It was the fourth building to be donated to the school, which was founded just eight years earlier in 1933.

Built in 1873 by merchant Stephen Thurlow, the mansion was designed by architect Frederick Withers. In 1905, F.M.

Kirby purchased the home from Reuben Flick for \$55,000 and lived there until his death in 1940.

Formerly used as a classroom, the salon will soon serve as a faculty seminar and meeting room. In keeping with the Victorian style of the home, period pieces and other treatments will be employed to furnish the room. Renovations to the salon are just the first phase of the project, however, the entrance hall and parlor are next on the list for renovations.

This project is just part of the effort to preserve the handsome Wilkes University campus. One of the landmark masterpieces of the campus, the Kirby home stands as testimony to a family whose contributions to Wilkes University and the Wyoming Valley are beyond measure.

SG gets ready for the weekend

By MARLENE MATOSKY
Beacon Staff Writer

The student government is busy gearing up for the hectic Homecoming Weekend, but they dealt with business as usual Wednesday night.

The second reading of the Political Science Club's constitution prompted a ratification.

The Lacrosse Club was sup-

posed to read their constitution a second time, but it was put off until October 7, because they did not find an advisor.

The Student Government's constitution was ratified after changes were made. According to reports the Homecoming Dinner Dance is yielding a great response.

Who's the next King & Queen?



First row (l to r)- Jon Perloff, Colette Soimone, Alisa Coviello, Cindy Dayton, Lore Kreinces, Kristen Shinn, Nicolette Yevich, Jodi Wilson, Meg Fallin, Marla Vandermark, Sue Conway, Lou Emanuel.

Second row (l to r)- Ron Miller, Doug Rafeld, Darren Hack, Jason Langdon, Eric Plamer, Nick Niles, Brian Bohonick, Jason Gani, Dan McClave, Phil Joyce.

Local athletes in the "Rumble"

By STACY HECK
Beacon Ad & Bus. Manager

The Riverside Rumble, the 10K National Wheelchair Championship and one of the first wheelchair-only road races, will take place on Sunday, October 11 at noon in Wilkes-Barre and Kingston and will feature top athletes from around the country.

Some, you may recognize Mark Cassarella, Drums, Wilkes student; Craig Blanchette, Nike commercial star; and Peter DeCleva for Diamond Crystal. These racers as well as David Birch, Forty Fort; Denise Filippini, Larksville; and David Bartnick, Mountaintop, all from the Heinz Senators team, are expected to join the

top racers in the country for a cut of the prize money.

The Rumble is sanctioned by the Wheelchair Athletics of the United States of America (WAUSA) and The Athletics Congress (TAC). National championship status was granted by the Long Distance Road Racing Committee of WAUSA.

In addition to the prestige of the national championship, more than \$42,000 in prize money and travel stipends will be awarded. The top overall finisher will also receive the Diamond Crystal Award of Excellence, sponsored by Diamond Crystal, a division of Akzo Salt Inc., Clarks Summit.

The race is being sponsored by Allied Services, a not-for-profit healthcare organization,

and its John Heinz Institute of Rehabilitation Medicine, Wilkes-Barre Township. Primary co-sponsors are Akzo Salt Inc., WYOU-TV 22 and the Sunday Independent. Numerous businesses and individuals have contributed money, services and volunteers to make this event a success.



Mark Cassarella prepares for race

FORUM

EDITORIAL

WHO CARES

Do you care that most things on this campus are provided for your benefit?

Do you feel, or even see a need for your input in the Wilkes community?

Do you complain about things that go wrong or that don't happen at Wilkes?

Do you actively take part in any activity, club, or organization on campus?

Do you believe that you will find employment upon graduation, without participating in any activities during your college career?

If you answered any of these questions then read on.

There is so much apathy on the part of students at Wilkes that it's sickening. I have come to the conclusion that many of you don't realize the importance of extracurricular activities during your years in college.

Employers look at college graduates who have displayed multiple talents and abilities while in college. They also look at graduates who have displayed leadership skills. Leadership skills that have been exemplified as an organizer of a club activity, or president of a club, or founder of a club or group, or even participating in your college newspaper.

Your college newspaper is the vessel which you have so that your voice can be heard over the entire campus. College newspapers are set up as a tool for students who have an interest in writing, reading, photography, public relations, and even advertising.

The college newspaper is looked upon by prospective employers in just about every career field. Students who have participated in the college newspaper circuit are considered to be leaders in their prospective college communities and sometimes are considered positive motivating forces in the working world.

The college newspaper participant can take his/her skills and put them to work at any place of business, industry, or company. The benefits of working hard on a college newspaper now will undoubtedly pay off in your immediate future.

But, do any of you care. No, I don't think so.

The Beacon staff and editors have continually made efforts to get more students involved with the newspaper, but have any of you come to join the staff. No.

We are sure that many students at Wilkes have had experience in journalism while in high school. Have you come out to join the staff. No.

The Beacon staff is not an elitist group. We all are students too, just like you. But, who cares.



The Scent In the Wind

by Al Mueller

On October 23, 1992, 4000 teachers will gather at Wilkes University and at Kutztown College to discuss the directions education will take in the years to come. This event, called Project LEARN II, will affect the ways that students in Luzerne and Wyoming counties will live in the world. So, while this may seem a time to rejoice, it is really a time to be very afraid, for many of the items on the agenda, if endorsed, will destroy the United States as we know it.

Multiculturalism. A seemingly harmless word. Yet, many of the people who speak against it on this campus have been quickly silenced. Why? The answer is simple: if people only hear the other side of the story, multiculturalism on Wilkes' campus would cease to exist. The underlying philosophy of multiculturalism is "that America is not a nation of individuals but a nation of groups, that ethnicity is the defining experience for most Americans, that ethnicities are permanent and indelible, and that division into ethnic communities establishes the basic structure of American society and the basic meaning of American history." It should be noted that this definition does not come from a half-crazed columnist, but from Arthur M. Schlesinger Jr., in his book, *The Disuniting of America*.

One of the foremost historians in the United States, Schlesinger claims that multiculturalism and its offspring lead to disastrous consequences in society. The ethnicity rage that is occurring across the United States diverts attention from the real needs of society by exaggerating differences, intensifying resentments and antagonisms, and by driving "ever deeper the wedges between races and nationalities. The endgame is self-pity and ghettoization." The bilingualism movement that has spawned from the multiculturalism retards rather than expedites the movement of non-English speaking children into the English-speaking world. It promotes segregation much more than it does integration. As Alfredo Matthew, Jr., a Hispanic civic leader said, "[Bilingual policies foster] a type of apartheid that will generate animosities with others such as Blacks, in the competition for scarce resources, and further alienate the Hispanic from the larger society."

As Matthew suggests, multiculturalism is playing upon the psyche of America in ominous ways. For example, in a 1990 poll conducted by *The New York Times* 60% of Black respondents thought it true or possibly true that the government was making harmful decisions available in Black neighborhoods, while 29% thought it true or possibly true that the AIDS virus was invented by racists to kill Blacks. This paranoia has seeped through every crack in society and is now infiltrating the one arena where freedom of inquiry and expression should be unconstrained and civility most respected—our colleges and universities. For those who doubt this, let them explain why students at the University of Michigan reacted to the establishment of a globalist curriculum by picketing the campus with signs that read, "AIDS is a terrible thing to waste—especially on a nigger." Is *this* the type of thinking we want to impart on our future generations?

The new "cult of ethnicity," as Schlesinger calls it, has reversed the movement of American history, producing a nation of minorities less interested in joining with the majority in common endeavor than in declaring their alienation from an oppressive, white, patriarchal, racist, sexist, classist society. It has effectively begun producing a we-they division in our culture, a division as prominent as the Mason-Dixon Line.

So, as Project LEARN II looms over us, we all need to be on guard. President Breidenbach says the future is in your hands. But, let me implore you, on behalf of the generations who have yet to be born, stop the decaying of America. Reject the policy of multiculturalism before it is too late. Wipe it from the face of our university. Purge it from our curricula. Above all else, let Wilkes go down in history as the university that helped to turn the United States into the Yugoslavia of the future.

The

BY JENNIFER
Beacon Staff Writer

The Moody Blues played a concert to a sold-out crowd at the Marts Center.

The show featured The Moody Blues classics and new group performances, including songs as "Tuesday Afternoon in Paris" and "In Your Wildest Dreams." The concert was everyone's favorite, with the White Satin.

Lisa Kuna, a senior at Luzerne County College, felt that the price of the tickets was high, but she heard them [The Moody Blues] singing "Nights in White Satin." The Moody Blues played at college events since, according to senior John Ludge, college kids who moved to the '60s and '70s.

Wilkes

BY PATTY PUGH
Features Editor

Strength, patience, and a lot of caffeine are required for a day of roadie work. For many Wilkes students, the board students for the Chicago Blues concert were at Wilkes last Tuesday.

The volunteer programming for the Wednesday after the first two tractor trailers carried the show. It took a long time to unload and build, however, this was a winning effort.

FEATURES

The Moody Blues and Chicago rock the Marts

BY JENNIFER JAMES

Beacon Staff Writer

The Moody Blues and Chicago played an incredible concert to a sold-out crowd Thursday at the Marts Center.

The show kicked off with The Moody Blues playing old classics and new favorites. The group performed such classic songs as "Tuesday Afternoon," "In Your Wildest Dreams," and everyone's favorite "Knights in White Satin."

Lisa Kuna, a sophomore at Luzerne County Community College, felt that "it was worth the price of the ticket just to hear them [The Moody Blues] sing 'Nights in White Satin'."

The Moody Blues enjoy playing at colleges and universities since, according to Bassist John Lodge, "it was the college kids who made us famous in the '60s and they are still

buying and listening to our albums in the '90s. We really owe a lot of our success to them."

After the Moody Blues finished their set, Chicago took the stage.

The band, as always, was full of energy and vibrance. Chicago opened up their concert with such favorites as "Color My World," "You're My Inspiration," and "Hard Habit to Break." The whole concert was full of the band's number one hits.

Politics even entered into the picture when Chicago's lead singer Jason Scheff encouraged the crowd to "rock the vote." Like many other musicians, he told the crowd that it was important to vote in elections if they wanted to see a change.



The Moody Blues rock their guitars during a solo.

The crowd's energy added to the success of the concert. Even those who weren't die-hard fans of the two groups enjoyed themselves.

"I didn't know a lot of their songs, but I thought they were really great," said Cindy Charnetski, a senior at Wyoming Valley West High School,

after the concert.

Both bands played their hearts out at the concert. Chicago and The Moody Blues have stood the test of time and don't plan on quitting anytime soon. The concert was outstanding, and anyone who was in the audience last Thursday would quickly agree.



Chicago flute player Walt Parazaidar goes to town.

Wilkes students experience life on the road

BY PATTY PUERLING

Features Editor

Strength, patience, and tons of caffeine are needed to be a roadie for a day. This is what many Wilkes programming board students found out during the Chicago and Moody Blues concert which was held at Wilkes last Thursday.

The volunteer crew from programming board started Wednesday afternoon when the first two tractor trailers arrived at the Marts Center. These two trailers carried the stage that had to be assembled for the show. It took four hours to unload and build the stage; however, this was just the beginning.

Thursday morning the crew was up and ready at 7:45 a.m. to start unloading the other four trailers carrying all of the bands' equipment. The Wilkes' crew of approximately 30-40 people was responsible for setting up the framework for the lighting and the lights themselves. It involved strength and extreme care being that some of the lights used cost up to \$6,000 each. Along with the lighting, the crew also set up the speakers, sound boards and instruments. The Chicago and Moody Blues' crew team was in charge of making sure our own set of volunteer roadies knew what they were doing.

"Most of the regular roadies were really nice and friendly.

Only a few of them got impatient. They were very impressed with the work we did," said Junior Kevin Moher from the backstage crew.

The programming board crew was divided into three sections with each section wearing a different T-shirt. The security crew wore yellow, the hospitality crew wore green, and the backstage crew wore black. Only twelve backstage crew members from Wilkes were chosen to stay with the band and help out during the concert.

In between concerts, the crew had to switch stages and begin to pack up the Moody Blues' belongings. When the bands were finished playing and the last of the crowd was leav-

ing, the crew got to work on taking down everything they had just assembled in the morning.

It was not until 7:00 a.m. Friday morning that the last piece of stage was loaded onto the trailers. The crew worked for 23 hours straight with only two half hour breaks for food.

Being on a concert crew is an experience not many people get to have. Those Wilkes students who volunteered had a chance to find out what life is like on the road going from town to town to set up and tear down stage after stage.

"It was a lot of exciting, hard work. It was definitely the experience of a life time," commented Kevin Moher.

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Raw comedians flop at Rumours

BY STEPH KRAMER

Beacon Staff Writer

If your idea of good humor is overly raw, vulgar, and only slightly funny, you probably would have enjoyed Saturday's performance of comedians Matt Burke and Gary Valentine in Rumours.

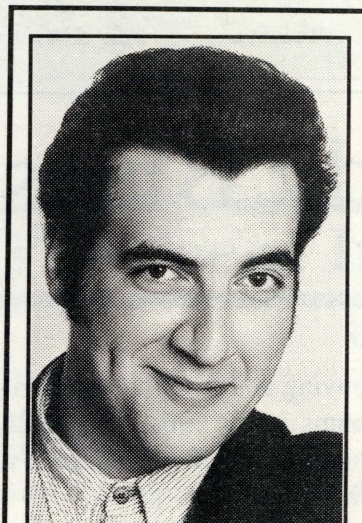
Both of New York City, these guys seemed a little too crude and lewd for my taste. Burke seemed incapable of telling any jokes at all without using the f-word. When not bellowing profanities into the

air, he belittled both women and crippled people. What a guy! His amazing resemblance to the late Elvis Presley was funnier than anything that came out of his mouth.

The only comedy (and I use the word loosely) I might have heard that night came from Gary Valentine. His asthma and laughing gas jokes were admittedly good. As for the rest of his performance, it was not much better than



Gary Valentine



Matt Burke

Burke's presentation of Valentine's voice was so loud that he appeared to be screaming the whole time. He also seemed overly vulgar, although, fortunately, not quite as much as Burke.

Some people found the comedians' amusing and enjoyed the performances. I was not one of them. If Burke and Valentine do return to Wilkes-Barre next year, their show is one I'll want to miss.

R.E.M. puts some changes in their music

BY WENDY ZEWE

Beacon Staff Writer

According to the October 1 edition of *Rolling Stone Magazine*, R.E.M.'s new LP, *Automatic for the People*, is a collection of some of their "weirdest songs." Fans of the group should not expect a completely rock-n-roll sound

when the album is released on October 6.

Automatic for the People changes the emphasis of REM's style. Before, as in the group's *Out of Time*, the band's sound focused on "shiny, happy melodies." This new

album has a more Southern Gothic style to it.

"Drive," the first single of the new album, appeared on MTV a few weeks ago. Fans were surprised by the style change, but not as surprised as the band members themselves.

Other songs included on this new take by R.E.M. are "Try Not to Breathe," "Ignoreland," and "The Sidewinder Sleeps Tonight."

While this new album might be a change from what you're used to, fans don't have to worry

that R.E.M. has lost their touch. With Michael Stipe's bellowing voice and the use of strings, this R.E.M. release should go to the top of the charts.

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Letters to the Editor

To the Editor:

I would like to respond to the article written by the staff member of your newspaper that was attacked.

Although I genuinely feel bad for anyone who is attacked by a group of cowards such as those stalking Wilkes students; I did find an area of this article which disturbs me.

The individual makes reference to how he/she will carry mace, and then "maim their assailant for life." And how they are going to enroll in a self defence class so they will know how to fight back with confidence.

The writer's idea to carry mace and then maim the assailant is a **tragic misconception**. After spending years as a law enforcement officer in the federal government, I find this type of person to have a "false sense of security." Mace does not and will not maim the person. If you are lucky, it may temporarily stun the attacker and give you a few moments to escape. Or it may do quite the opposite; that is to further agitate the attacker who will do you more harm. My agency stopped carrying mace because it had pitfalls which included the fact that you need to be about four feet away to accurately hit your target, you must hit the person directly in the facial area (spraying the person in the chest or other body area will do no good). The attacker may simply turn away from the stream of mace which means you need to catch him/her totally by surprise. If you don't, then what will you do? If you are downwind from your attacker and spray the mace, you will be the one being maced thus opening yourself up to further injury.

The taking of self defense classes is fine, and you may pick up some good tips, but again you have to remember that situations on the streets are far different from the controlled environment of the classroom where you know you will not be hurt. Being on a dark street, caught by surprise, and sometimes drunk makes it a completely different ball game. Being aware and alert of your surroundings at all times is crucial. If you are attacked you should try to get away as quickly as possible. Nothing says you have to stay and fight. In fact, that is stupid. There is no need to be a "tough guy", and act like Rambo, Clint Eastwood or Steven Segall. Remember that is the movies folks. It does not work that way in real life.

These are just my opinions developed from my time in law enforcement. If you think you are safer by carrying mace then go ahead and carry it. As far as I'm concerned, you are just making the sellers of it richer. They are profiting from your fear. It is not the cure all when attacked. If you have to fight to get away, then you better fight for your life, because that is what will be at stake.

Finally, I do believe that the Wilkes-Barre Police Department, and the Campus Security are working hard to solve this string of assaults even though it may not seem like it. Their job is much more difficult than you might think, and you cannot and should not expect miracles overnight. Let them take care of this problem, not a vigilante group.

Bill Boyer

Dear Editor,

I take exception to Al Mueller's column in the Sept. 24 *Beacon* in which he criticized the University Relations Office at Wilkes.

Mr. Mueller's central theme was that our University Relations staff does not understand positive public relations. In my opinion, we have a most competent, accomplished, and creative public relations team. They are well credentialed, have worked in a variety of media, and achieve fine results. During the last year, our Public Relations staff produced, for instance, almost 1,000 releases and stories which received much attention both locally and nationally, for Wilkes. These stories were positive and many concerned students, including Al. There is a lot that is good at Wilkes and the staff has sought out and written about a variety of aspects of our campus life. We welcome story ideas from all sources. There are sad stories, unfortunately, with which the staff has had to deal, too, and they have done so with aplomb. I can say all of this without bias because, as Al points out, it is only recently that I have assumed greater responsibility for University Relations. This was done because the University's administration was restructured this summer. This was an assignment I was pleased to take on because I have full confidence in the staff. They aren't "subjugated" to me.

I would welcome a visit by Mr. Mueller or any interested student to talk more about our public relations efforts. One might be pleasantly surprised by a tour of the operations and discussion with those of us who are charged with representing our important works as a University and a community of learners. We would welcome your ideas, instead of writing a critical article based upon a "Scent in the Wind," why not avail oneself of the opportunity to know more and understand better the full flavor of work of University Relations.

Thomas B. Hadzor

To whom it may concern:

What are the facts? In recent weeks there have been several attacks on Wilkes' and King's students. That is about all of which I am sure. The security notices posted around campus seem to tell as little as possible. The administration should be aware that being kept ignorant of the facts can be more damaging than knowing the facts and being afraid.

It is very disappointing that I had to learn on the news that some of the attacks had resulted in serious injury, specifically, broken bones. I guess this was just a small detail the campus security and/or administration didn't think the students needed to know. No wonder the security notices disappeared on Parents Day. Heaven forbid Wilkes or King's got a reputation for being unsafe.

Oh yes, security will respond that those six students should have called the security office and requested an escort. Well, if they had, they may well have been attacked anyway. A classmate of mine called for an escort and got what she described as "a 16-year-old, 120 pound weakling." Needless to say, she did not feel safe. She suggested that maybe our football players could be recruited into service during this time of trouble.

I don't pretend to know the first thing about running a security department at a university, but I think it should be their first responsibility to inform students and parents of the complete facts. The attacks are more serious than we were first led to believe. It is my contention that the administration and/or security office unwittingly engendered a false sense of security by careful omission of facts. I want to know what has actually happened. Let me decide what is best for my safety.

Thanks from a concerned student.

To Beacon staff,

I am writing as a concerned student. As we all know, the homecoming court has been announced. As a freshman, I was concerned as to who I would nominate. There were two "seniors" that I knew that represented Wilkes University. The one guy is a member of Student Government and is involved in a lot of activities. The other girl is the same aspect, but in a different club.

When I went to nominate, I saw their names [were] not on the list. I asked why and was told that they do not have 84 credits. After I found this out, I went up to the guy and asked him when he was graduating. He said, "In May." I was very disturbed and I told him that he was not on the list of seniors.

Needless to say the conversation went on and we both came to the same conclusion—the number of credits was too high. I asked around to other people and got the same reaction. One junior girl who is probably one of the most involved people on this campus told me that she probably won't be able to get nominated next year because she'll only have 83 [credits]. She too, will however, be graduating that May as a senior.

My concern is that Student Government should have the same number of credits every year and not decide year to year what number of credits is suitable to be [considered] a senior for Homecoming. As I went around I found that people agreed to the same number that I find suitable. This number is 80 credits. This should be the set number for credits allotted each year for homecoming. If not, the number will alter from chairman to chairman and it will not be fair for seniors that will graduate in May, but in October don't have an abundance of credits. I hope Student Government will act upon this letter.

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Jazz musicians will hit Wilkes

Wright named director of theater

WILKES-BARRE- Wilkes University and the Department of Music, Theater and Dance will host another exciting season of jazz at Wilkes. Clarinetists Bob Wilber and Kenny Davern will perform their critically-acclaimed Summit Reunion program on Monday, October 19th in the Dorothy Dickson Dart Center for the Performing Arts.

Bob Wilber, who serves as Director of Jazz Studies at Wilkes, began his career in 1947, debuting with the legendary Sidney Bechet. Since that time, he has played with other jazz greats, such as Eddie Condon, Benny Goodman and Bobby Hackett.

Joining Bob Wilber is longtime associate and musical soulmate Kenny Davern. Although both of these artists has had a brilliant career independent of one another, many believe they are at their best when

performing together. Bob Wilber and Kenny Davern have a healthy respect for past traditions and are among the finest interpreters of jazz in all of its forms, especially from the creative early days of the 1920's and 1930's.

Wilber and Davern formalized their collaborations and organized Soprano Summit. The first band was assembled for an historic recording session and featured Dick Hyman on piano, Bucky Pizzarelli on guitar, Milt Hinton on bass, and Bobby Rosengarden on drums, along with the leaders on clarinet and soprano saxophone.

The band performing at Jazz at Wilkes on October 19th is known as Summit Reunion and maintains generally the same instrumentation as the first band, but with their own style and sound. With Mark Shane on piano and Greg Cohen on bass, Summit Reunion give fresh in-

terpretations to ageless music.

Organized in 1982 under the direction of Bob Wilber, Jazz at Wilkes has shown exceptional growth and popularity as a unique jazz venue for Northeastern Pennsylvania and the United States. The 1992-1993 series, supported, in part, by private subscriptions, will feature some of today's finest performers on the jazz horizon. The next performance in the series will feature the Al Grey Sextet on November 30.

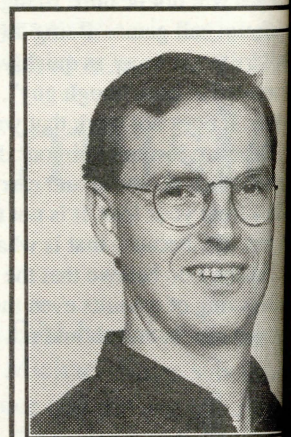
Tickets are \$4 general admission. Wilkes University students will be admitted free with an I.D. card. Senior citizens are asked to make a donation. For reserved seating and more information on Jazz at Wilkes, call the Wilkes University Department of Music, Theatre and Dance at 831-4420.

Theater-goers at Wilkes University may have noticed a new face running around at the CPA. The face belongs to Brad Wright, the newly-appointed Associate Professor and Director of Theater at Wilkes. Dr. Wright carries on the long tradition of excellence in theater at Wilkes established through the tenures of former faculty members Klaus Holmes, Al Groh, and Michael O'Neill.

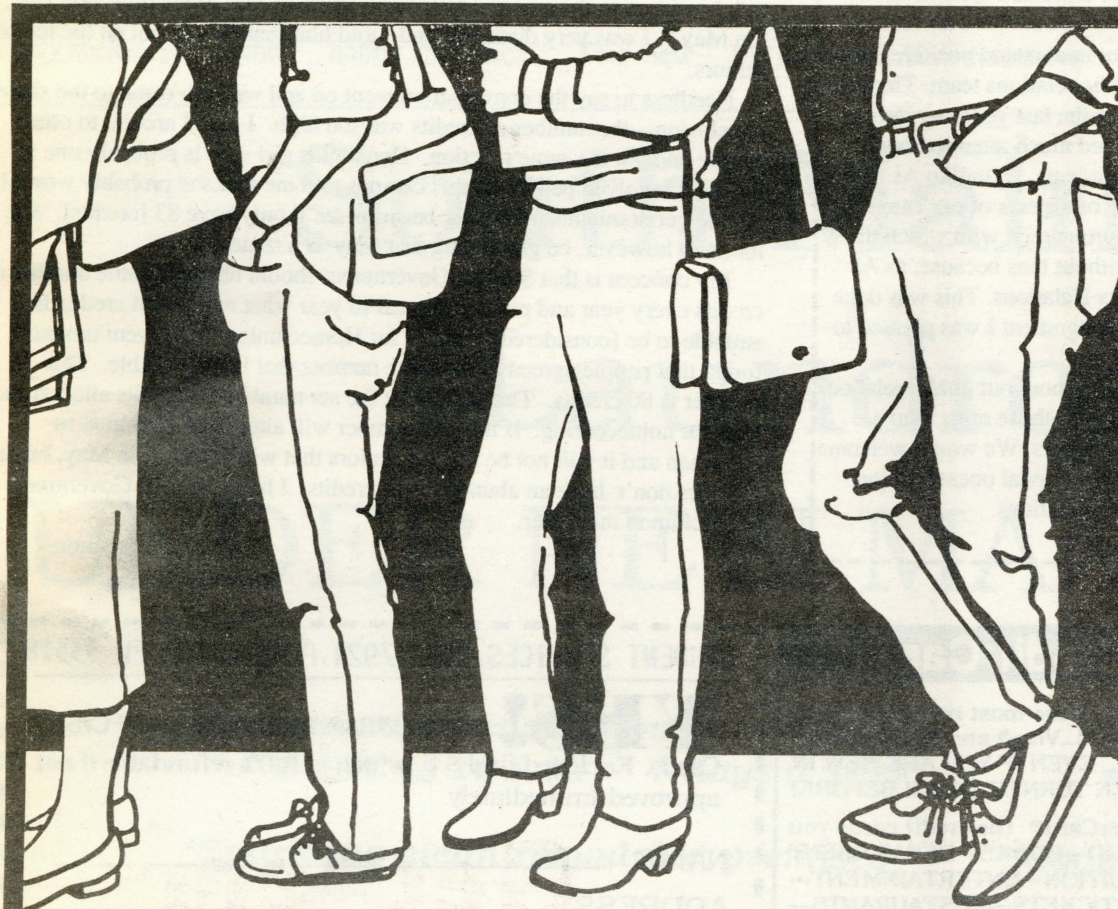
The theater program at Wilkes has grown significantly in past years. With this growth, Wright hopes to re-evaluate the curriculum and add additional faculty to the program.

One of the upcoming projects for Theater majors is the establishment of a Black Box Theater. This will enable the students to generate additional programs and productions in an alternate space and expand the theater season at Wilkes University.

Wright recently completed his doctorate with a major in Theater History from Cornell University. He received his M.A. in Theater and his B.S. in Speech/Theater Performance from Northwestern University. The first production of the 1992-1993 season is Mark Frayn's hysterical farce, "The Off." Wright's debut will be the CPA from October 18 through October 18. For more information, call the box office at 831-4540.



Dr. Brad Wright



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SPORTS

Commentary

By Missie Chinchar

What does June 23, 1972 mean to you? (I was never too good with dates myself.) But, this date is very important to me as well as all other female athletes across the nation. In fact it was on this date former President Richard Nixon signed Title IX into law.

What is Title IX you ask? Simply put, it is the law that is SUPPOSE to maintain gender-equitable opportunities in sports. Good try Rich!

This year marks the 20th anniversary of Title IX and it seems that even though women's sports aren't as obsolete as in the past, we're still a long way from equality.

More and more women and girls are competing in athletics and yet women's sports are not receiving the same rights and coverage as men's sports.

I know all the men are saying, "stop your crying Miss - women's sports aren't on the same level as men's." I thought you'd say that! Just let me solidify my beliefs on this issue.

In the September 28 issue of *Sports Illustrated*, an article entitled "The Slow Track," by Alexander Wolf, revealed some sad but true facts:

* Women make up more than half of all college students in the country, but make up only a third of college athletes in Division I sports.

* Women receive only one in three athletic scholarship dollars.

* From the media standpoint - did you know that a study done by *Women's Basketball Magazine* on four of the best newspapers in America showed that stories focusing on men's sports were featured 23 times more often than women's sports stories?

* From a coaching standpoint - did you know that at the Division III level, a female assistant coach can only hope to make \$10,559 a season

while a men's assistant brings home an average paycheck of \$40,967? Equality at its finest!!!

If this still is not enough to convince you that women's sports aren't on the same level as men's, I'll give it one more try.

It is no secret that many people complain about how many medals are won in the Olympics by American athletes.

But, once again did you know that out of the 11 medals won in the 1988 Winter Olympics, nine were won by women including all five golds?

My point isn't to start a women's rights riot or make you think I'm a big women's libber (it's too late for that). It's to bring an awareness to everyone about the fairness of the sport.

Athletics have been the center of my life for as long as I can remember. I have to admit that I love every professional and male dominated sport as much as the next "guy."

"No person in the United States shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any education program or activity receiving federal financial assistance."

There is nothing like those thrills of victory or agonies of defeat. But women's athletics generate just as much thrills as men's.

Of course, the inequality in sports exists on a much smaller scale here at Wilkes considering all our

sports are Division III except for wrestling. The inequality we mainly deal with is the outside media coverage.

Right now Wilkes University's biggest problem with inequality in sports is the fan support.

How many of you can actually say you have attended a field hockey game this year or have come before halftime of a women's basketball game just to get a seat to see the men play afterwards?

For all of you sports fans, please think about my advice - go out and support the Lady Colonels as well as the Colonels and see what you're missing. And somehow we can do our own part in the battle for equality in sports.

Colonel of the Week



Fresh Wendy O'Connor out of Towanda, Pa. had 38 kills in the last four matches for the women's volleyball team.

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Cheers & Jeers From Bob Simmons

What month is this? Doesn't something really fun usually go on this weekend?

We all know the answers to those questions.

The month is October and about the weekend, it's time for Miami to take on Penn State.

Well, your absolutely right about the month, but about the weekend, this is Wilkes not Miami or Penn State.

It's homecoming weekend here at Wilkes once again and as usual everyone is gearing up for the weekend.

Let's talk a little about the homecoming weekend and what should and shouldn't go on.

First of all, everyone should have a good time, no a great time. Second, everyone should, while having a great time, be responsible for their actions. If someone is acting a little too obnoxious, take charge of the situation and help him or her calm down. Third, everyone should go out and support all of our sports teams as they return to action at home after a few weeks of travel.

Now for the benefit of those of you who don't yet know the answer to this next question, let me ask will there be any partying going on this weekend?

The answer is, to no surprise, **YES!!!**

While at these parties, conversations will take place between old friends and new ones, music will be played, singing will enter the picture at some point, dancing will occur, and possibly some consumption of some kind will be present.

Now for those of you out there who went nuts when you read the column about tailgating, don't take a heart attack yet just because the word 'drinking' was mentioned.

Nowhere is it said in this column, or for that matter in the tailgating column, that this writer condones drinking.

But this is a college and there are college students here. I don't know if you're aware of this, but drinking does take place on not only this campus, but campuses across the country.

What this column is about, for those of you who need everything spelled out, is having fun, but at the same time, being responsible. Don't get hurt or hurt someone else because you were feeling "pretty good." Once again I say be responsible and have a good time but allow the people around you to enjoy themselves as well.

This time it would be appreciated that those of you out there who still can't comprehend what I mean in this column to respond. Respond to me, don't walk around complaining to everyone else. They didn't write this, I did.

What I'm trying to say is this time either **PUT UP** or **SHUT UP!!!!!!**

Oh yes, to those of you who question what I write, let me set you straight. When I write something it is the way I feel about a particular issue, the way I was brought up and certainly, what I believe in my heart. Now if there is any more doubt out there, please feel free to write me a letter and we'll face of one on one. If you don't choose that way, then **BACK OFF!!!**

To the students, once again have fun, go out and cheer our teams to victory and please be **RESPONSIBLE**, not only for yourself but, for those around you.

Let's all have a great time at homecoming and have something to cheer about, not only on the playing field, but about the way we act this weekend.

There will be a mandatory meeting Sunday night at 7:00 p.m. in the Beacon office for the current sports staff and anyone who wishes to join our team. The meeting will be as brief as possible.

Harriers down Drew, King Colon

NICOLE SIMMONS
Beacon Staff Writer

As expected, the Wilkes University Cross Country team was triumphant over Drew University and King's College this past weekend.

While the Colonel team beat King's 17-40 and Drew 28-29, they suffered a loss at the hands of Albright 15-50.

Coach Tim Tyson felt that even though this was the first home meet, the runners' times were slower than he expected on what he says is a "fast course."

"The members of the team are consistently running in a good group, but they need to move closer to the lead," added Tyson.

For the men, coming in seventh place overall, Jeff Crahalla was once again the top seed for the Wilkes Colonels with a time of 30:53. Next in for Wilkes was Brad Smith, 31:48, who finished right after Crahalla in eighth place. Not far behind was Jim Robinson in tenth overall with a time of 32:03.

The rest of the runners came in as follows; Rich Bonning, 32:52, twelfth; Louis Marnell, 39:04, twenty-fourth; and Dave Hines, 40:37, twenty-sixth.

The two runners for the women were Sheila Bubba and Suzanne Stanski. Bubba came in tenth place overall and once again was first among the Colonels with a time of

28:03. Stanski followed shortly afterward with 29:00, allowing her twelfth place.

Next weekend will be a reunion of sorts for some Wilkes' past cross country athletes.

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King's Colonels gear up for Homecoming, the Dutchmen

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Boo Perry went to the
passing game, connecting
with Chris Zellner. Zellner's
reception set up a touchdown
for an option for Jason Smith.
The point after attempt knotted
the score at 7-7.
Moravian gained back the
lead, blocking a Wilkes' punt
and recovering it in the end
zone for the touchdown. The

point after attempt gave the
Greyhounds a 14-7
advantage.

The Colonels bounced
back when Smith ran for his
second touchdown of the
game. The point after attempt
by Joel O'Donnell evened the
score at 14-14.

Smith ran for over 100
yards for the fourth
consecutive game.

The Colonels would not
score in the second half of
play. Moravian passed for
one touchdown and ran for
another, leading to the final
score of 28-14.

"It was a tie game at
halftime. I thought we were
ready for the second half. It
wasn't an effort we had
planned on," said head coach
Joe DeMelfi.

Wilkes' quarterback
Perry added, "We made some
mental mistakes that cost us."
"We were flat

emotionally. Mental mistakes
hurt us. We don't normally
do that," added DeMelfi.

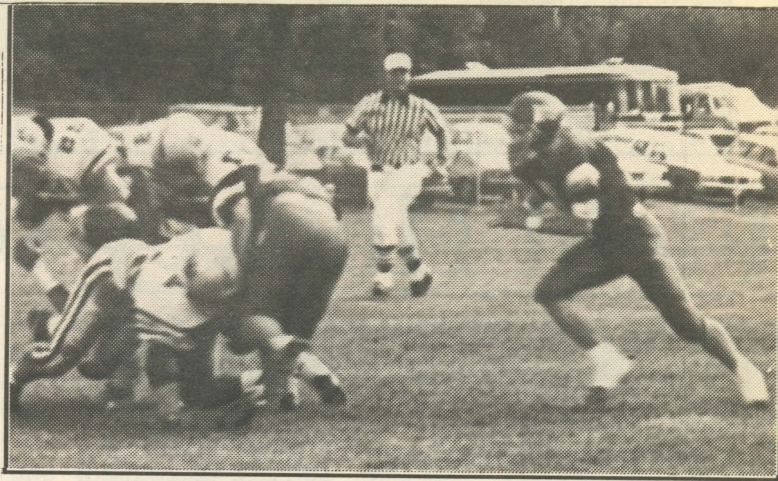
Perry, who completed 11
of 14 passes, admitted, "The
defense only gave up seven
points in the first half. The
blocked punt picked them up
emotionally."

This Saturday the
Colonels take on Lebanon
Valley College, one of the top
teams in the MAC, at Ralston
Field.

"We have our work cut
out for us. We're not down
and out," said DeMelfi.

Perry noted, "It's going to
be a tough game. They have a
really good offense. Our
defense will do the job, but
we have to get into the end
zone. When we score it takes
the pressure off our defense."

The Colonels have the
tough task of stopping Leabon
Valley's high powered
offense this week in front of a



Colonels try to catch a Greyhound.

homecoming crowd after
having played two
consecutive games on the
road. There may be standing
room only at this Saturday's
game since homecoming
weekend traditionally draws a
large crowd of students,
faculty, and alumni.

"It's going to be a great
game. It's homecoming and a

[MAC] conference game. We
need a good effort this week.
Lebanon Valley passes well,"
said coach DeMelfi.

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nearly beat Susquehanna
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Colonels would turn some
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S P O R T S

Field Hockey solidifies top 10 ranking

BY TOM NALLY
Beacon Staff Writer

For the second week in a row, the Wilkes University field hockey team won two out of three contests. The wins, solidified a top 10 regional ranking and boosted their overall record to an impressive 8-4.

Tuesday, September 29, the Lady Colonels clashed with area rival Scranton University at Lackawanna County Stadium.

The Lady Royals scored three goals in the first half, staggering Wilkes and extinguishing any explosive threats the Lady Colonels threw at them. The second half was a scoreless deadlock, giving Scranton the shutout victory 3-0.

"We had high hopes to display our speed and stickwork on the turf against Scranton. Unfortunately, we started the contest at a slow pace and never really geared our play to the level we needed," said coach Addy Malatesta.

Saturday, October 3, the Ladies were on the road at Juniata College, hoping to regroup and rebound from the Scranton match.

Wilkes regrouped, and responded by handing Juniata a 1-0 defeat in front of a large Parent's Day crowd.

Toni Farinella recorded the game winner, when she pushed in a rebound off of a Justine Nemshick shot. Julie Crawford went the distance in goal for the shutout.

Coach Malatesta was pleased with the way the Ladies played after the tough loss on Tuesday.

"We rebounded nicely from the Scranton loss. Our deep defenders made some excellent plays to stop the Juniata attack. We had strong performances from Phuong Bui, Angie Polny, Justine Nemshick, and Nancy Lowery," said Malatesta.

Wilkes was back on the road this past Monday to face Division II opponent Mansfield College.

Wilkes totally dominated play from the outset, but

could not seem to put the ball in the goal. The first half alone, saw Wilkes in Mansfield's defensive third of the field for 22 out of the 35 minutes. Frustration built as the Lady Colonels were held in check and forced to sudden-death overtime.

Wilkes made quick work of Mansfield in OT scoring just two minutes into the period. Two key passes led to the goal for Wilkes. Bui fed Nemshick, who then found Kim Kaskel who beat the keeper and gave the Ladies the win.

"The pass from Nemshick to Kaskel split the two deep defenders and Kim had the goalkeeper one on one about 12 yards out. One dodge, and the ball was rolling over the goal line. The team was thrilled to see the ball finally get past the keeper and their hard work pay off," said Malatesta.

Mansfield goalkeeper, Cathy White turned in a fine performance as she negated 32 Wilkes shots in regulation time.

Malatesta praised the



Score the goal and enjoy the ranking

efforts of the keeper. "We ran into an unyielding goalkeeper who kept coming up with play after play, some looked like impossible saves."

The Lady Colonels host Moravian College Friday at 4:00 p.m. Come and support the team!

Booters in driver's seat of the MAC Northeast



Chad Heffner closes in on a Millersville player

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The Wilkes soccer team improved its record this past week to 6-3-1 and stayed in the driver's seat of the MAC Northeast with a 3-0-1 conference record.

Last Thursday the Colonels came up short against Millersville and lost 1-0 on a freak goal.

Senior Tom Nally believes that the team had trouble putting together a good play.

"There were a lot of people that played well individually, but we didn't play together as a team," said Nally.

The entire match was a battle on both sides of the field with goalie Matt Haney saving numerous goal attempts for Wilkes.

On Sunday the Colonels regained their team unity against Lycoming and shut out the Warriors 2-0. Both goals came off corner kicks in the first half by Chris Erb.

Midway thru the first half Erb set up Nally for his first goal of the season. The defense then took over until Wilkes moved into scoring range.

Erb got another cornerkick to set up Mike Herb before the end of the first half. The second half had the Colonel defense controlling Lycoming up and down the field.

Nally credited the win to excellent scouting reports by the coaching staff.

"We knew they'd go to the corners a lot so we had an edge on them going into the match," said Nally.

Matt Haney's third shutout for the season giving him his second best goal total team behind Paul Jeller.

The Colonels' home Friday, Oct. 9, hosting Moravian.

Tuesday, Oct. 13, will be the MAC's first place when Wilkes Drew University looks to be the most match of the season.

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