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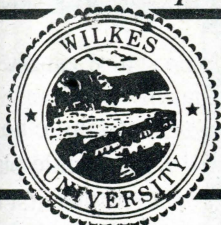
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BOOKSTORE QUESTIONS ANSWERED

Yes? No? Who knows and how
do they feel?

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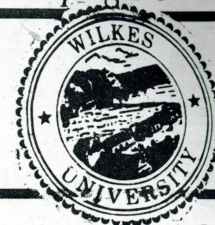
•Students stranded for days felt
it was no laughing matter.

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are in full swing.

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In-line skating ban upsets the locals

By JACK CRAFT, JR.
Beacon Staff Writer

With the mild spring
weather comes the joy of
outdoor activities. One of the
hottest new recreational
trends is in-line skating.
However, a primary vote by
City Council a few weeks
ago has the area's skaters a
bit concerned.

On the first of the two
votes necessary for approval,
council unanimously voted
to ban in-line skating in the
downtown area — which
would prohibit skating for
transportation or any other
recreational purpose.

Besides the college
students who use in-line
skates as a means of inner-
city transportation, there is a
group of a dozen or so kids,
ranging in age from 12 to 19,
who visit Public Square with
their skates every day after
school.

"We're here to stay,"
says 17-year-old in-line
skater, Anthony Turco,
standing atop the steps in
Public Square.

Skateboards have been
banned in the downtown area
since 1987, but they are still
a common sight. Will a vote
to ban in-line skates have the
same effect?

"Nothing will change,"
said Turco. "When the cops
come and tell us to get out,
we're back in 20 minutes or
half an hour."

Several of the skaters
who attended the primary

meeting in protest said they
had received two, three and
in one case, four citations in
the recent past for violating
skateboarding laws. The
typical citation will lighten
your wallet by \$25.

Wilkes-Barre Police
Chief William Barrett said
he doesn't like to cite kids,
but said that when they
become rebellious and
belligerent, action must be
taken.

"We get occasional
complaints," said Barrett. "A
few months ago I issued a
citation myself. People like
to walk around and sit on the
benches in the Square, and I
don't think that's the place
for kids to do that kind of
thing."

The skaters are ready to
put up a fight. Between tail
grinds on the park benches
and sprints across brick
walkways, skaters took turns
reading a newspaper article
about the recent council
meeting.

James Herbert, 14, says
he hopes council will
somehow make a
compromise and at least
approve special hours for
skating — like nights and
weekends, "when nobody's
around downtown."

Herbert is rallying for
support to pack the next city
council meeting on Thursday
April 24 at 7 p.m.

Anyone interested in
trying to overturn the
preliminary vote should
definitely make an effort to
attend.

Forum touches on campus issues

By COLLEEN HERRON
Beacon News Editor

A group of 50 students were
on hand Tuesday, March 25 at a
follow-up Student Government
Forum.

The forum, hosted by
Student Government Vice
President Jason Nocella, gave
students a chance to voice their
opinions, and University
officials a chance to let students
know exactly what they can
expect in the coming year.

One hot topic was the
Student Union Center, to be
erected adjacent to Bedford Hall.

Wilkes University President
Christopher N. Breiseth said that
the 12-month building plan will
begin in late summer '97 and be
completed in late July '98. The
center will include a food court
system, mailroom, programming
committee and possibly the
bookstore.

"We want most of the space
for student activities and clubs,"
said Wilkes University Vice
President of Academic Affairs
Michael Lennon.

Plans call for the construction
of a 34,000 sq. ft. edifice,
comparable to the 54,000 sq. ft.
Classroom Office Building.
Currently, funding set aside for
the project is \$5.25 million.

Church Hall, where the
University Shoppe is presently
located, is being looked at by a
historical group from the
Danville area interested in
"sawing up the building and
reconstructing it down there,"
said Paul O'Hop, Vice President
of Business Affairs and Auxillary
Enterprises.

Levee raising, the ongoing
parking situation and additional
dormitories were also issues of

concern at the forum.

Plans for the levee to be
raised by five feet, possibly
destroying the River Commons
Wilkes Students utilize for
recreation have been slated.

Other talks mentioned an
inflatable damn, which would
give the Susquehanna River the
capabilities of a lake.

"Within foreseeable time, we
should see swimming back in
the Susquehanna," said Breiseth.

In addition, the possibilities
of iron gates which will do away
with the sand-bagging many
Wilkes students took part in last
year near the Wilkes-Barre exit
of the Market Street Bridge. The
construction of a Greek theater
for concerts and other events on
the river side of the levee is also
being discussed.

Breiseth added that The
Fenner Quadrangle was designed
with the reconstruction of the
dike system in mind, to give

students an area where they can
relax outdoors.

Also in the works are plans
to demolish Pickering Hall in
order for additional parking
space and housing.

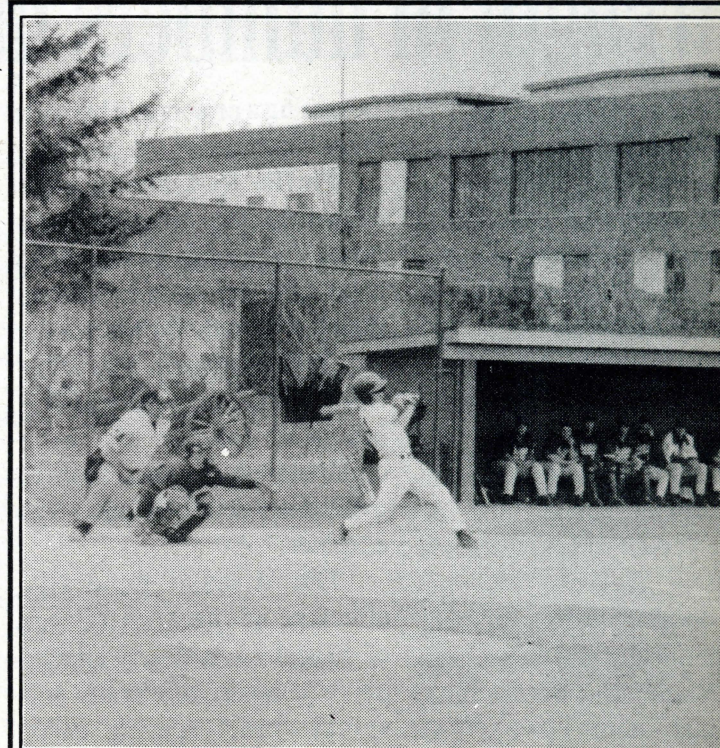
The University is currently
looking into proposals for
'campus villages'.

These villages would
consist of four small buildings,
all facing one another with a
central court yard.

Two possible sites for these
dormitories would be south of
Fortinsky Hall and south of the
school building on South River
Street.

"Exciting things are
happening all around, we just
have to see them through," said
O'Hop.

If you're interested or have
any ideas about issues on
campus, President Breiseth
encourages students to contact
suggest@wilkes.edu.



Wilkes Baseball highlighted on page 8.

Photo by Dave Parfi



Joint bookstore questionable

Relocation proven "economically infeasible"

By **CHRISTINE TONDRICK**
Beacon Staff Writer

Last month, Follett College Stores announced that it is not "economically feasible" for the company to relocate the Wilkes University and King's College bookstores to downtown Wilkes-Barre.

Follett, a Chicago-based company operates the Wilkes and King's bookstores along with 500 other stores across the country.

"We looked at this proposal seriously and invested a great deal of time and resources. Our results show that relocation to downtown was not in the best interest of Follett, nor in our opinion, the best interests of our clients, Wilkes University and King's College," said Follett Vice President of

Marketing Joseph Flanagan.

The proposed joint bookstore was to be located in the former Pomeroy's building, now called Public Square Commons and was to hold a coffee house and an Internet cafe.

Despite the proposed facilities many Wilkes students feel that the walk downtown isn't worth it.

"There's internet access here on campus," said senior Leah Yurcho. "It's a shorter distance and it's free. Plus, many students only go to the bookstore for a soda. Why should we walk all the way to the square for that?" Yurcho added.

Representatives from Follett however, remain open to further proposals for the project.

"We will always look to be proactive," said Flanagan. "We want to give the best product to the schools."

The company will continue discussing proposals with the Wilkes-Barre Chamber of Commerce, according to Chamber President Steven Barrouk.

"We want to put the community and area students first. We're still in contact with Follett in hopes of making the bookstore possible," said Barrouk.

According to Wilkes officials, The University will support a downtown bookstore as long as a new proposal proves to serve the best interests of the school and the students.

"Wilkes is very supportive of a collegiate center in downtown Wilkes-Barre," said Paul O'Hop, Wilkes University Vice President of Business Affairs and Auxiliary Enterprises. "If, in the opinion of the retail experts, namely Follett College Stores, there is a viable business opportunity."

Student Government Corner
By **JESSICA BIERBOWER**

During the last meeting of Student Government, Commonwealth Long Distance Company joined the meeting to answer any questions that the students had about their telephone service. The main question was about whether or not students are allowed to use other long distance companies. Commonwealth's main answer was "most certainly, but you have to pay for the service." They also wanted the students to know that they are working on fixing the busy signal that everyone keeps getting when trying to call out or on campus. If you have any other questions you can call them at 1-800-443-4253 or campus extension 3300.

Other topics that were discussed included: Commuter Council's trip to Baltimore this past weekend and Off-Campus Council's Block Party on April 19. The party will be held in the Ralston Field Parking lot from 1 to 7 p.m. Inter-Residence Hall Council held the March Madness on March 31, even though half of the student body was stuck in the recent snowstorm. TRHC is also starting to work on fruit baskets and the final exam study break.

Another topic that was announced during the meeting dealt with the AIDS Quilt. The Quilt will be displayed Thursday and Friday from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Saturday from 12 to 9 p.m. and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Finally, Student Government would like to congratulate Brandon Berretta for being voted Student Government Member of the Month.

Strength in numbers may help fight Lou Gehrig's disease

By **JACK CRAFT, JR.**
Beacon Staff Writer

Thirty-two-year-old Pattie Swainbank of Exeter, is a firm believer in the old saying, "there's strength in numbers."

That's why she's trying so hard to get the word out about the Northeastern Pennsylvania support group for people with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, better known as Lou Gehrig's disease.

The group's first meeting on March 12 was especially important to Swainbank because her 32-year-old husband, Philip is "slowly

becoming a prisoner in his own body" because of the disease.

Philip Swainbank says attending the meetings and doing everything he can do to cope with the disease is more than just a battle for his health.

"I won't give up. I'm doing it for them," he says nodding his head toward his three children in the kitchen. "I want them to say that their father was a fighter."

The disease generally affects people between the ages of 40 and 75. It slowly attacks nerve cells in the brain and spinal cord, creating early symptoms of muscle weakness

and difficulty with speech and swallowing. Eventually, the disease progresses to paralysis, including the loss of function in the muscles responsible for breathing.

A cure for ALS has yet to be found. There has been little development of treatments and life-prolonging drugs since New York Yankee great Lou Gehrig died of the disease in 1941. The average life span or someone afflicted with the disease is three to five years.

Pattie Swainbank said she felt the need to seek out a support group three weeks ago. She had to know that she wasn't

alone — that there were other people in the area who were having the same feelings and dealing with the same difficulties.

She says the main problem is that, because Lou Gehrig's disease isn't a common illness, it's hard for people to find each other to organize support groups. Until now, she's had to travel to either Bloomsburg or Philadelphia to find support.

Pattie says that although she sees the obvious physical disabilities Lou Gehrig's disease has put on her husband, she also realizes the extreme importance of the disease's

mental aspect. And that's where support groups become vital.

"People just have to know that there is help out there, and the word has to get out," said Pattie.

Pattie and Philip Swainbank urge people to attend future ALS support group gatherings at the John Heinz Rehabilitation Institute. The next meeting, set for April 7, will focus on the caregiver's role in dealing with the disease.

For directions and information, call nurse coordinator Paula Rich at 868-8488.

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Saturday, April 19
Ralston Field Parking Lot

Wilkes U. It's time to get in-line

Warm weather brings outdoor activities, but in-line skating will be one of them this Spring. While college town swarms with people sitting on park benches, browsing the storefront windows or anxiously awaiting the new developments, Wilkes-Barre's youth are being chased by the mayor in the guise of protecting the area's abundant elderly population.

One week we hear there's an abundance of underage drug and alcohol use. So outdoors we go to find an outlet to escape these pressures. Once again we're condemned. We can't win.

While this issue mostly affects those dozen or so youngsters, wearing baggy clothes and pierced body parts, as college students located in the heart of the city we are also impacted by the in-line skating restriction.

How many students have you seen in the past few weeks alone running up and down the streets taking in fresh air and burning off a few extra calories? Where are those students to go?

Granted city politicians claim to be on our side in taking steps to make Wilkes-Barre the college town we'd like it to be, but in contradiction, they'd also like to dispose of the up and coming past generation of Generation X.

We could all go to the new collegiate center and surf the Net or drink some French vanilla coffee but I forgot, that's been scrapped well. Do we really have a say in anything that happens in this so-called college town? It seems not.

I will give credit where credit is due. There is an encouraging and yet disturbing point to all of this. While we continue to bitch and moan, a bunch of baggy-pantsed kids are taking a stand for what they believe in. Where do we stand in all of this? Or should I say, what should we do to take a stand?

It looks like our complacency may already have cost us our shot at the downtown collegiate center but this could be a way to redeem ourselves and make a positive impact on the Wilkes-Barre community.

Remember: actions speak louder than words. And the time for action is now. We say we care what happens to our college community. It's time to prove it.

The next meeting is scheduled for April 24, where a final vote is pending. The choice is ours. Let's stand up and be heard.

Multi-Cultural Week comes to Wilkes

Monday, April 14

Lunch: Mexican Day in the cafeteria.

7 p.m. in Rumours: Coffeehouse - An informal evening of poetry.

Tuesday, April 15

Lunch: Chinese Stir Fry in the cafeteria.

11 a.m. in COB 107: Presentation by Professor Bob Armstrong Communications Department, entitled, "The Global Revolution - Watching TV from Tamaqua to Tokyo."

Wednesday, April 16

Lunch: Southern Soul Food in the cafeteria.

4 p.m. in Annette Evans Alumni House: Lecture presented by Mary Hession, Interfaith Coordinator, entitled "Major World Religions...The Common Thread."

7 p.m. in Dorothy Dickson Darte Center: Film, "Paris Was a Woman."

Thursday, April 17

Lunch: Italian Day in the cafeteria.

11 a.m. in COB 107: Presentation by Volunteer Services Group led by Amy Mazur and Mary Hession, "Trip to Grenada."

4 p.m. at Misericordia's Walsh Auditorium: "International Fashion Show." (admission \$2)

Friday, April 18

Lunch: Polish Day in the cafeteria.

10 p.m. to 2 a.m. in Rumours: Intercollegiate dance featuring "D.O.D." and "The Neighborhood Threat". (college I.D. required - \$2 admission)

Saturday, April 19

Walston Field Parking Lot: Block Party

Letters to the Editor

Letters to the Editor guidelines:

Letters should include your name and phone number. They should be no longer than 250 words and must be signed in order to be printed. Letters will be printed in the order they are received and must be submitted by 4:30 p.m. on the Tuesday prior to publication.

To The Editor,

A newly improved and organized mentoring book is being made available to all students and advisors. The mentoring book is part of a program designed for Wilkes University students so they can contact Wilkes Alumni who have offered to become mentors. These alumni have indicated that they are willing to talk with students about their jobs, offer advice based on their experiences or possibly suggest an internship opportunity.

This is an invaluable opportunity to learn more about career options when deciding on a career choice. The Mentoring book lists various fields including: Management, Mass Communications, Education, Clerical Sales, Government, Finance, Science and Technology, Law, Medicine and Health. Students are encouraged to meet with their advisors to use the mentoring book.

Here is an example of how it works: Interview with a Mentor

I accessed Mary Ann through the mentoring book in the Alumni Office, which is a new service provided by the Alumni Association and the Student Alumni group. The staff in the Alumni House were courteous in contacting my mentor. I notified her first to set up a time that we could talk. I called her on Tuesday morning from the Alumni House to talk about my career plans and any advice she could give me.

I introduced myself as a first year pharmacy student. I asked her questions pertaining to her career. She replied that she took part in many aspects of what pharmacy has to offer, including home health, where she had the opportunity to travel around the United States, including Alaska. She also worked in the retail setting as well as her current job in the hospital setting. Currently, she is working on her Pharm D at the University of Maryland as a non-traditional student as well as working full time at night.

She entered the field of pharmacy accidentally as a suggestion from her husband, who is a graduate from Wilkes. She had a lot to offer, including numbers of other contacts in the field of pharmacy who may be beneficial to my career needs. She gave me reassurance that as a woman, pharmacy opens many doors. One of her friends is a pharmacist who works as needed and has the time to be a stay-at-home mother. The pharmacy career is flexible and can be balanced for those who want to have family.

Mary Ann convinced me to she loved her job. She sits as a representative on her state association for pharmacists. Networking with people was the best advice she gave me. She was enthusiastic to help me and praised the great idea of the mentoring book to contact outside professionals. She is going to contact me next time to see if I have any other questions. I encourage all students to utilize the mentoring book to contact professionals in their career choice, or for those who are undeclared, to get some great advice they can pursue further.

Jeanette Snyder, Student Alumni

To the Editor,

The casinos are a wonderful place to go out and have a good time. The exciting shows and spectacles draw people from all over the world to come and share in the experience of Atlantic City. However, New Jersey State law (5:12-119) states that no one under the age of 21 will be admitted onto the gaming floors. This is partly due to the fact that alcoholic beverages are freely distributed to people there. Because alcohol is a part of this party-like atmosphere it requires the participants to be mature enough to handle the situation.

Anyone caught gambling or consuming alcohol who is under 21 is subject to fines, imprisonment and mandatory community service. Also, the casino is subject to fines by the Casino Control Commission, (CCC) and the Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC). In this situation you are not the only one who is penalized for your actions, the casino is, too.

Before you illegally go onto the gaming floor ask yourself a few questions: is paying a fine worth it? Is going to jail worth it? Do I want to drink while underage? Do I want to jeopardize my future by doing something illegal? Finally, just remember that if you do get on the floor and gamble and you do win, you could still get caught, be subject to penalties and will be forced to surrender your winnings.

Ray Petkevis

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This week in History

April 9, 1682: Robert Caelier, Sieur de La Salle, claimed the lower Mississippi, dubbing it Louisiana.

April 12, 1860: Confederates fired on Ft. Sumter in Charleston S.C. effectively beginning the Civil War.

April 9, 1865: General Robert E. Lee surrounded 27,800 Confederate troops to General Ulysses S. Grant at Appomattox Court House, VA.

April 9, 1914: When U.S. sailors were arrested in Tampico, Mexico, the Atlantic fleet was sent to Veracruz and occupied the city.

April 12, 1945: President Franklin D. Roosevelt died of a cerebral hemorrhage in Warm Springs, GA; Vice-President Harry Truman became president.

April 11, 1947: Jackie Robinson joined the Brooklyn Dodgers, breaking the color barrier in major league baseball.

April 11, 1951: General Douglas MacArthur was removed from his Korean command by President Truman for unauthorized policy statements.

April 8, 1952: At President Carter's request, the U.S. Olympic Committee voted against U.S. participation in the Moscow Summer Olympics because of the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan.

April 12, 1996: FBI authorities said that hotel records showed that Theodore Kaczynski, the man they suspected to be the Unabomber, had been in Sacramento, California on days when bombs were mailed from there.

April 9, 1996: Dan Rostenkowski, former Congressman from Illinois and former chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, plead guilty in U.S. District Court for two counts of mail fraud.

April 9, 1996: Judge Norma Johnson fined Rostenkowski \$100,000 and sentenced him to 17 months in prison.

April 10, 1996: President Clinton vetoed a bill that would have banned partial-birth abortions.

April 11, 1996: Former judge David Hale, who had pleaded guilty to fraud, testified that in 1986 then-Governor Clinton had pressured him to make a fraudulent \$300,000 loan to Susan McDougal, another Whitewater defendant.

April 12, 1996: President Clinton named U.S. trade representative Mickey Kantor to succeed Ron Brown as commerce secretary.

The Near Side

with Rick Tym

You know, if it wasn't already getting so nice out, I'd ask the guys from facilities to share some of my rock salt with the people at the JCC, which is right next door to me. I had to break out the ice skates to get to class on Tuesday morning. And speaking of Tuesday morning; did anyone else get up for class, make the walk through the blustery cold, only to find that classes were compressed? I don't know about the rest of you, but I was a little pissed. Not that we had a delay, but because I watched the television for half an hour waiting to see if we had a delay. Every other school's delays and cancellations get posted on every TV station... how come ours wasn't? Is there some secret TV tax that we forgot to pay this winter?

What I really want to talk about this week is a subject I'll approach with caution, because I don't want anyone to get hot under the collar. Let's just say that a certain incident occurred about a week and a half ago, an incident involving a member of the residence life staff. Now, it's not that incident that I wish to discuss in detail, but the student body's reaction to it. A note was placed under the door of the Residence Life Office which was kind of nasty, kind of ignorant and to me, downright stupid.

The note stated the fact that the students were angry because they felt that resident assistants can get away with anything (to the writer of that note: for the record, one person shouldn't speak for the entire campus, because chances are you're wrong when you think that everyone feels the way you do). Maybe you can see why I called the note stupid. Apparently RA's can't get away with too much. Because, as you see, we as RA's are subject to the same rules and regulations that the rest of the resident students are. The only difference in this is that we have a duty to enforce them.

I'm sick of people condemning resident assistants, mostly because I am one myself. No one has the right to condemn and mock the misfortunes of someone else, or to complain that nothing was done when in fact the letter of the law was carried out to a "T". Everyone makes mistakes, people. I'm sick of hearing the rumors going around, and how people are being bad-mouthed because no one on this campus has the nerve to speak their mind to someone's face. It's like high school around here, and it gets more disgusting every day.

So now you can see that a mistake was made, and although it was unfortunate, action was taken. All of us that are part of the resident life staff were very unhappy that it had to be that way, but we can't bend the rules any more than our residents. But we were sympathetic and fair, and not so eager to point the finger as the rest of you (I'm going by "the people are angry" note here) seem to be. Like I said, everyone makes mistakes, but around here it seems that people forget that when their first chance to talk about someone else comes up.

That's all for this week. To my supervisors and fellow staff members at Residence Life: keep up the good work. And to anyone that wants to speak their mind: do it out loud, to someone's face, with your mouth, and not by slipping a note under someone's door in the middle of the night. I think they should teach a Life 101 class here. Maybe then people will learn to grow up.

Roving Reporter

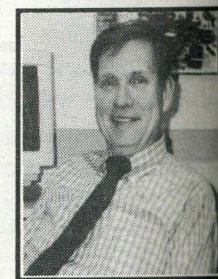
with Amy Ellis and photos by J.J. Fadden

Were you a victim of Mother Nature's April Fool's Day prank (Spring snowstorm) last Monday?



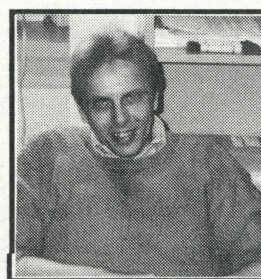
Maggie Redmond

"No. I was studying for the PEDS test."



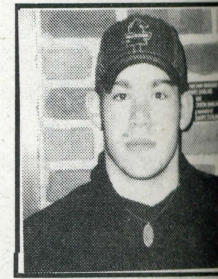
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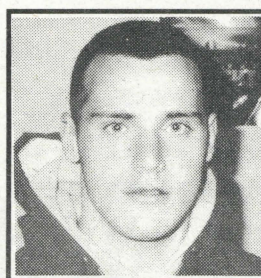
Dr. Dennis Hupchick

"No. I breezed through the whole business."



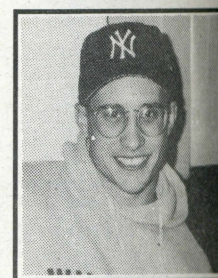
Craig Panichella

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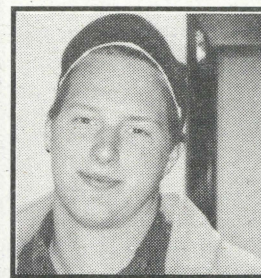
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"Yes. I was stuck on the road for two hours and 17 hours on a bus."



Will Taylor

"Yes. It was the worst trip I ever encountered in my life."



Stephen Hedden

"I was at home building an igloo in my front yard."



Miriam Coffey

"I got stuck on Route 80 and it took me 20 hours to get home when it normally takes two hours."

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Embracing the epidemic

By MICHAEL MORANO
Special to the Beacon

Strong hands are needed to handle the delicate butterfly of life. That is the imagery being represented by the NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt Signature Panel. The panel depicts two strong-looking hands cupping a delicate butterfly. The butterfly symbolizes the fragility of life, while the hands symbolize the strength and unity needed to work together in the fight against the AIDS epidemic.

The Wilkes University Art Department is designing the signature panel, just as they did in 1993. In 1993, the signature panel was made up of separate patches of multiple art pieces designed and created by students. The pieces were painted on canvas and then sewn onto the larger, thicker canvas that made up the actual signature panel. Sharon Bower, associate professor of art, believes that this year's panel was easier to create because of the experience that was gained from 1993.

This year's panel is also created entirely by students, but it has a different look. Surrounding the center figures are many colorfully painted squares. "We chose to use bright colors because the Quilt can be seen as sad and somber," says Molly Baines, sophomore art major. The bright colors are also used to represent the different people infected with AIDS and to bring out the center figure."

Visitors to the Quilt will be allowed to use this panel as their own means of expression. Anyone may write, draw, compose or whatever on the squares of the signature panel in order to pay their last respects to lost friends or family members. Walkways will surround the entire panel for easy access and markers will be provided.

The design idea came from Lisa Blanchard, Molly Baines and Philip Price, all sophomore art majors. They were to complete an in-class print project that expressed positive, life affirming feelings. The positive aspect they found was hope.

"The hope we want to express is for a cure for AIDS or for more awareness and better education about AIDS," said Price.

Of course, different people will react in different ways to different symbols within this panel. "The hands could symbolize a higher power saving lives," says Baines. "Hope for a cure is our main message because we're celebrating something we have no control over," Baines added.

The art project began in early March as just an idea. After one week of planning, the painting began. By the end of the month, the panel was nearly finished and needed only final touches. Now the panel is completed and ready to be displayed with the other panels.

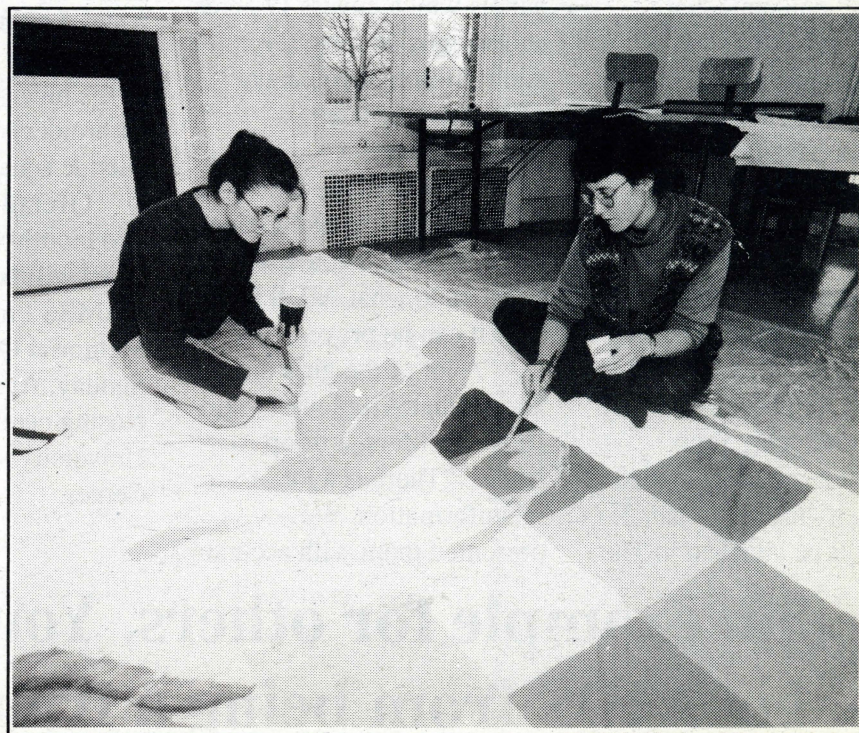
Although the signature panel will not be traveling with the rest of the Quilt, the students have dedicated countless hours of their time to this project. Price reflected on the importance of this project, "It's nice to be able to contribute your talent to something important. Especially if it's for a good cause."

The signature panel and 600 other panels of the NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt will be on display at the Marts Center from April 10-13. The public is invited.



Photos courtesy of University Relations

AIDS Awareness is expressed artistically by the Wilkes
University Art Department.
Pictured are: Sharon Bower, Lisa Blanchard, Molly Baines
and Phillip Price



Girl Scouts honor local AIDS victim



Top Row: (left to right) Jessica Velez, Yesenia Echevarria, assistant troop leaders Elena Comacho and Aura Rodriguez, troop leader Kellie DeMers, Maria Tula, Francesca Delgado
Bottom Row: (left to right) Sue-Ann Frent, Edili Lopez, Guillermina Tula, Kisha Vasquez, Milagros Delgado, Sadia Arias, Vicky Gonzalez
Absent when photo was taken: assistant leader Frank DeMers

By **JOEL O'DONNELL**
Special to the Beacon

We have heard about the shocking HIV infection rates that usually target a large city or community. But, AIDS can permeate city limits and end up in our backyards. AIDS is not biased towards any ethnicity, it spreads from community to community showing no favoritism. AIDS is a horrible epidemic that sometimes brings out people's true colors. Whether it's sorrow, denial or supportiveness, we all have our own way of reacting to it.

Girl Scout Troop 248 of Hazleton has found its own special way of responding. Sponsored by St. Gabriels Church, in Hazleton, Troop 248 is honoring Julio Martinez, a man who died of AIDS, by making a panel that will be attached to The

NAMES Project Aids Memorial Quilt when it is displayed at Wilkes University.

Six hundred panels of The NAMES Project Aids Memorial Quilt can be viewed in the Wilkes University Marts Center, located on South Franklin St. in Wilkes-Barre from Thursday, April 10 through Sunday, April 13. The entire Quilt consists of 40,000 panels which covers 17 acres and weighs 46 tons. Over eight million people have visited the display nationwide.

Along with the time it took to make the Quilt panel, troop leaders devoted whole sessions to what AIDS is and how it can be prevented.

"A lot of the girls didn't know what AIDS was," said Kellie DeMers, a troop leader. "There is a lot of misinformation. We presented them with accurate

information." In addition to learning about AIDS, the troop wanted to recognize Martinez who was in his late twenties when he passed away in 1995. He was originally from the Allentown area, but resided in Wilkes-Barre before his death. Members of Troop 248 didn't

know Martinez personally. They don't even know how he died or how he contracted the virus. Troop 248 only knew that he was a Hispanic man who passed away because of a tragic disease. Members of Troop 248 share their Hispanic background with Martinez. Identifying with this fact, they wanted him to be honored and remembered in the panel.

The panel was constructed totally by Troop members with help from group leaders Kellie DeMers, Aura Rodriguez, Elena Comache and Frank DeMers.

First, the Troop designed the panel and drew a template. Second, they used the template to cut out pattern pieces, pin and sew the Quilt panel. Letters were then pressed and sewn on. Three of the older girl scouts did the embroidery work on the outside squares.

Overall, the panel took two months to complete. The panel will be added to The NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt display on Sunday, April 13, during the closing ceremonies at Wilkes University's Arnaud C. Marts Center.

Public Relations class pulls together to help make the Quilt a success.



Photo courtesy of University Relations

Students in COM 352: Advanced Public Relations Class helped University Relations with feature stories, media alerts and acquiring volunteers for the NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt.

Top Row: (left to right) Mike Morano, Ryan Alston
Bottom Row: (left to right) Michele Morgan, Mike Gundersdorf, Joel O'Donnell

How do you think the Quilt coming to Wilkes will raise the awareness on the reality of AIDS today?



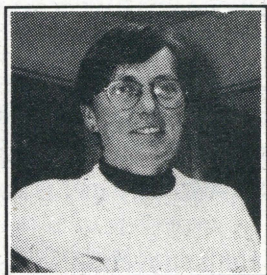
Kevin Baker

"It will make people see how many people have died and are affected by it."



Valerie Jones

"It will make it more relevant to Wilkes students by seeing the personalization of each square on the Quilt."



Dr. Gay Meyers

"There's no more powerful message than when an individual has the opportunity to actually see the Quilt."



Julia Sinnott

"I haven't seen the Quilt yet, but I think college students are the prime target area and will be made more aware of it."

Set an example for others. You can't get AIDS from being a friend.

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By **MIKE GUNDERSDORF**
Special to the Beacon

A proud mother said about her son, "Bill was always trying to get em out of a person. He loved to make people laugh." He inspired feelings of joy. When Pat Strouse of Williamsport learned of her son's HIV infection, her feelings were of sadness and devastation. But, over those feelings were overshadowed by pride. She witnessed her son's inner strength, perseverance and bravery.

Bill Strouse, II was 25 years old when AIDS took his life. He left behind a very supportive family. Bill's mother, Pat, told stories of how her son would make

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By **MICHELE MORROW**
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While the NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt is on campus, Wilkes University will host the performance of "The We Live Now." The performance, which is open to the public, will be held Saturday, April 12 at 8 p.m. in Rumours, located in the lower level of the Marts Center on South Franklin Street.

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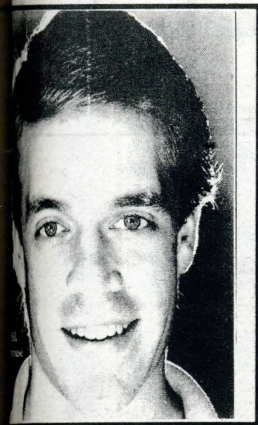


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Feelings of pride: Son honored with panel



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A proud mother said her son, "Bill was trying to get emotion of a person. He loved to make people laugh." Her son's feelings of joy. When Pat Strouse of transport learned of her son's HIV infection, her feelings were of sadness and devastation. But, over time, her feelings were shadowed by pride as she witnessed her son's incredible strength, perseverance and creativity. Bill Strouse, II was 31 years old when AIDS took his life, leaving behind a very creative family. Bill's mother, Pat, told stories of how her son would make

people laugh. One of his greatest passions was puppets—by the age of five he made his first puppet. And, he loved marionettes. Bill was Puppet Wrangler on the "Puzzle Place," where he performed for little children and was a member of American Federated Television Radio Artists (AFTRA).

"Making children laugh was one of the things that made Bill most happy," said Pat. Jim Henson, the famous puppeteer, was Bill's mentor and her son wanted to take himself to new creative levels in puppetry. After attending Mansfield University, Bill worked with the Pittsburgh Puppet Theatre and numerous professional companies in New York, serving as puppeteer on "Read America."

His production credits included working with Showtime, Nickelodeon, The American Playhouse, several films on USA Network, and "Police Academy: Mission to Moscow" for Warner Brothers. Bill's colleague Jim Martin said of his friend, "His love of puppets and performing made him a creative artist. He was a

multi-talented man."

Pat Strouse is making a panel in honor of her son for the NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt, which will be on display at Wilkes University. When asked why she was creating the panel, Pat said, "To pay tribute to Bill—to help people gain a better understanding about AIDS."

The connecting thread of her panel is the joy her son inspired in others. She is including all of the things Bill loved so much throughout his life.

"I put in the first puppet he ever made, and also depicted the trees that he grew in Los Angeles with his caregiver," said Pat. "They were lemon, lime and orange trees. Bill took so much pride in his trees."

Her son also grew flowers and had a beautiful garden—all things that will be represented on the panel. Along with her two daughters, Pat is stitching the memories of her son, remembering what made his life so special.

She spoke of how well Bill handled his illness.

"He would tease his sisters, and no matter how

awful he felt, he would always say 'please' and 'thank you' when others were kind to him."

Cindy Hipszer and Dena Dalton, his sisters, are creating the panel to honor their brother's warmth while living.

Pat Strouse is a remarkable person, a widow who raised three children and ran a household. She says of her children, "We have a beautiful relationship, they know they can come to me with anything." Through all the hard times she managed to guide her children, but it isn't easy for a family living with AIDS.

After losing her son to the disease, she wants people to understand, "AIDS will affect everyone in one way or another. Don't be judgmental of people who contract this virus. Be more supportive, and don't abandon those who have AIDS. Stay by their side, and support them."

Support was important to Bill's family, just as it was to him. Pat recalled receiving phone calls from different support groups from all over the country. Friends of Bill's were also there to help the family stay supportive while

they dealt with their own emotions.

You can hear the pride and the pain in her voice when Pat says of her son, "he was so strong, so brave. He never wanted to quit. Being health conscious helped him in the long run, and he stayed that way in the end."

Bill Strouse II touched the lives of many people, both young and old. Because of his joy for living and his courage, he will be honored by his family and friends with a panel in the NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt. When people visit the Quilt, Pat Strouse hopes they will, "be touched by the feeling of love that is being conveyed, and realize how much Bill gave to others."

The panel created by the Strouse family to honor Bill Strouse II will be added to the NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt, when 600 panels will be displayed at Wilkes University's Arnaud C. Marts Center on South Franklin Street in Wilkes-Barre, from April 10-13. The public is invited.

Pat's final thought about seeing the Quilt was, "I hope people find compassion here."

National Players present *The Way We Live Now*

MICHELE MORGAN
to the Beacon

While the NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt is on campus, Wilkes University will host the performance of "The Way We Live Now." The performance, which is free and open to the public, will be held Saturday, April 12 at 8 p.m. in Rumours, located on the lower level of the Marts Center on South Franklin Street. The National Players, based in New York, are on their 47th year of operation.

Originally written as a short story by Susan Sontag, "The Way We Live Now" was adapted into a reader's theater piece for five voices. Members of the company are selected from talented graduates of the country's top university's theater programs.

The National Players will be presenting "The Way We Live Now" to raise public awareness of AIDS. They will focus on how we react when one close to us is diagnosed.

The ensemble consists of Christine Anderson, Patricia Austin, Emily Berger, Ryan

Clark, Peter Finnigan, Susan Malone, Javier Waldron and Grady Weatherford. The play's director is Dr. Ron O'Leary.

O'Leary spent most of his professional career in Washington D.C., but his theatrical roots are in the Midwest where he grew up in Mansfield, Ohio. O'Leary finished his graduate theater training at the University of Wisconsin in Madison. He has directed over 100 productions in universities, dinner theaters, night club cabarets and professional theater settings. Some of his

most recent highlights include "The Heidi Chronicles" and "Hello Mudah, Hello Fadah" for the Washington Jewish Theater, four musical productions for the Smithsonian Institute and "Evita" and "Big River" for the West End Dinner Theatre of Alexandria, VA.

O'Leary's direction of "Closer Than Ever" for the Rose Organization won him a Helen Hayes Award nomination for Outstanding Director of a Musical.

AIDS FACT SHEET

(As of June 30, 1996)

- AIDS cases in the United States: 549,102
- AIDS deaths in the United States: 343,000

(As of December 31, 1996)

- AIDS cases in Pennsylvania: 17,338
- AIDS deaths in Pennsylvania: 10,376

(As of December 31, 1996)

- AIDS cases in Luzerne County: 173
- AIDS deaths in Luzerne County: 109

Don't ignore AIDS...Do something about it

By MICHELE MORGAN
Special to the Beacon

You may feel that it could never happen to you, that no one in your community could be infected. Maybe you feel it's only a problem in the big cities. Michelle Warman of Wilkes-Barre knows that is not true. She is dealing with the pain of losing her brother, John Wright, who died of AIDS. John shared a needle with someone who was infected with HIV, and died last November at the age of 32.

In Pennsylvania, as of December 31, 1996, there were 17,338 AIDS cases, and 10,376 AIDS related deaths. In Luzerne County there were 173 cases of the AIDS virus, and 109 AIDS deaths.

Sexual intercourse, intravenous (IV) drug use and blood transfusions are the ways that one can contract the AIDS

virus. Intimate relations are happening in every town, every city, every country. IV needles are being used and sometimes shared between drug users. HIV passing through blood transfusions is usually detected, but there is a very small percentage where the virus is not found. This is a major problem.

Warman points out another problem with detecting the spread of the virus, "anybody can get it. You would never know you have the virus." For the last four and a half years of his life while infected with AIDS, John Wright lived a normal life. John was a truck driver and did some roofing. He loved horse back riding, fishing and Harley Davidson Motorcycles. He was a father actively involved with his three children.

"He made a mistake and he paid for his mistake. Maybe this will show people that they have

to smarten up and be safe," said Warman. One wish Wright had was to live to see his daughter's 12 birthday on November 2nd. He died on November 5th.

Michelle Warman is in the process of making a panel in remembrance of her brother for the NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt. Her panel along with several local panels, will be added to the Quilt display from April 10-13 at Wilkes University. The panels are being designed and crafted by families and friends in memory of their loved ones and to educate the public about the disease.

AIDS is the leading cause of death among American men ages 25-44, and the third leading cause of death among women ages 25-44, according to the United States Center for Disease Control and Prevention. HIV is spreading almost six times more quickly among women than men.

AIDS fast facts

The following data was formulated and provided by the American Red Cross, ETR Associates, Pennsylvania Department of Health Bureau of HIV/AIDS and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

How do people get HIV?

- Having sex (vaginal, anal or oral) with an infected person.
- Sharing drug injecting equipment with an infected person.
- Mothers infecting their babies in the womb, at birth or during breast feeding.
- HIV doesn't just happen. You can't catch it like a cold or a flu. You won't get HIV from clothes, cups, phones, doorknobs, toilet seats, sneezes, coughs, hugs, kisses or sweat.
- Using swimming pools, telephones, straws, silverware or drinking fountains won't lead to your becoming infected with HIV.

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Preparing the Fool's Day Freeze

JESSICA BIERBOWER
Staff Writer

Imagine yourself being stuck in your car for more than 12 hours in the freezing weather — so long that the National Guard comes to get you to a shelter for the night.

After this past Monday, April 7, many Wilkes students and faculty didn't just experience these situations, they lived them.

Personally, I know I didn't have to imagine being stuck in my car all night long. I, too, was a victim of the worst snowstorm. I was driving back from Connecticut, starting around

11 a.m., to come back to school. Driving conditions weren't too bad in Connecticut and New York. It was when I hit Pennsylvania that the conditions turned from not-so-bad to horrible.

I ended up being stuck for a total of three hours because of accidents. I then ran into the fire department letting all of the drivers know that they were closing I-84 and to get off at the next exit.

But, I never made it to the next exit. I ended up sleeping in my car all night long with about two feet of snow surrounding my car. I finally made it back to campus on Tuesday morning at about 9:30 a.m.

Upon my return, I soon found out that I was not the only one stuck in the snowstorm on the way back to school.

Frank Tomaszewski was on his way back to school from Bethlehem, PA when he got in the way of the storm. Usually it takes Tomaszewski an hour to get here, but on this day, the ride ended up being 12 hours long.

"I was lucky enough to have my Easter candy with me in the car," stated Tomaszewski.

"Overall, I think that it could have been a lot worse and I was fortunate to have enough gas to last the trip," stated Vaughn Shinkus, editor of the *Wilkes Universe* magazine.

Shinkus was driving back to Wilkes-Barre from home and got stuck on I-81, south of Hazleton for 11 hours.

Melissa Matuszkiewicz, another victim of the horrible snowstorm of '97, was coming back to school from New Jersey.

When she first started the trip, flurries were falling. Then she got off at Tannersville to pick up Kerri Gosling. Five minutes after returning to 80, two inches of snow was stuck to the road.

"After almost hitting a guardrail, we decided to get off the road and ended up staying in a hotel for the night," stated Matuszkiewicz.

No matter what kind of stories you may hear from

students and faculty, everyone agrees that PennDot just wasn't ready for this storm.

"The whole time we were on the road, I did not see one snowplow or sand truck," stated Matuszkiewicz.

The only time I saw a snowplow or sand truck was when I was sitting in my car during the night and was looking over to the other side of the highway. The trucks were cleaning that side, but not mine.

Even though many students and faculty were stranded for the evening, the one thing that everyone knew was that Mother Nature played an April Fool's joke on Pennsylvania, but it wasn't funny.

Laundry larceny problem in Evans Hall

ANNA DAVIS
Staff Writer

I went home over Christmas break and sat in my room guarding my three white shirts for two hours. "What are you doing?" another finally asked. "I'm guarding my clothes because someone steals them," I told

"O.K.," she said. She was strange, but this time I think she was ready to take me to an institution. "Well," she said softly, "if anyone comes down and tries to steal your underwear, call me right away. O.K.?"

With that she closed the door and left me to my clothes. My mother didn't understand the seriousness of my paranoia. Guarding my laundry was a condition I

obtained from using the Evans laundry room, or as some students call it "the Evans free, used clothing store."

It seems to be an unspoken rule that no one mentioned when I applied to Wilkes almost four semesters ago.

Apparently, anyone can go into the laundry room, take whatever

they want, and then if it doesn't fit, or if they don't like it they have the option of returning it. No questions asked.

By the end of my third semester my wardrobe had been cut down to one pair of

ripped Calvin Klein jeans and a B.U.M. Equipment sweatshirt that I have had since about

similar to mine and a pair of ripped blue jeans.

Others were more verbal,

only one who was clueless about this new policy.

Bring my clothes back or I'll hunt you down! If I see you wearing my jeans, I'll rip them off you, and make you walk across campus naked!

These weren't just empty threats, they were signs that covered the walls of the laundry room like wallpaper.

The Residence Life Office tried to stop the problem with their own signs which read "Stealing will not be tolerated at Wilkes University."

This policy is further detailed in the 1996-1997 handbook, but still it doesn't seem to matter.

I understand how hard it is to find a college student who can afford little extras, but there is no excuse for stealing someone else's belongings.

As a victim of laundry theft, I urge you to return stolen clothes to the laundry room... or else.

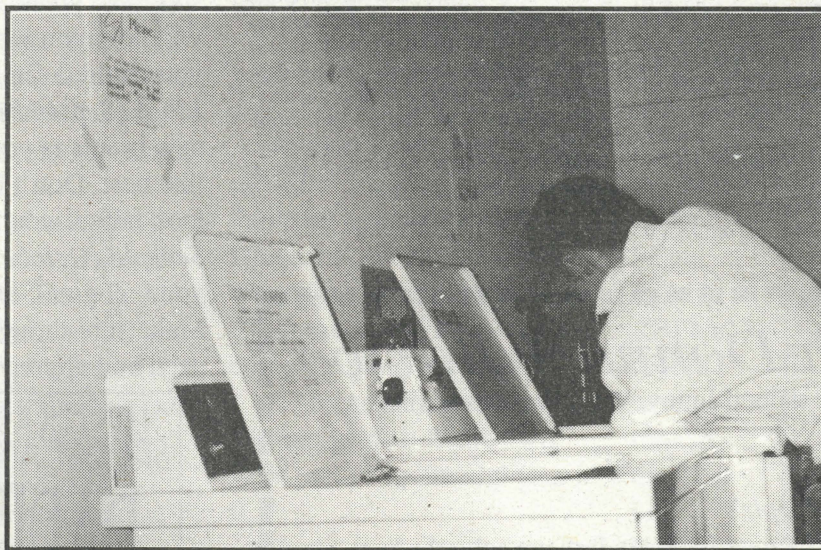


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Washing day shouldn't be a worry!

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I spoke to other students hoping they could clue me in on this "secret laundry policy."

Three of them just shrugged and glanced down at their outfits, all of which were also classic gear: a sweatshirt

plained also.

"We've seen this happen so many times before. Students are taking each other's clothes," said Missy Rasnick, Evans R.A.

I walked into the laundry room, apparently I wasn't the

Soap Updates

ALL MY CHILDREN: Hayley told Mateo she'd slept with Tanner and she's canceling the wedding. Tanner denied to Mateo that he's at fault, and blamed Hayley. While Dimitri saw Sonya as a means of reconciling with Erica, Edmund told Jack he's suspicious of the fast adoption. Jake decided to return to medical school and told Liza to choose between him and Adam. Brooke found a lead to Pierce's long-lost daughter in Central America. **Wait To See:** Frederick has something to tell Maria.

ANOTHER WORLD: Joe didn't tell Paulina about the bag of money he found. Later, he got a call warning him to make Grant take the fall for killing Gabe. Vicky heard a coffee-house musician call Bobby by another name. Felicia tried to change her image to prove to John she can fit into the rural life. Vicky learned Bobby lied about the trip to Texas (where she planned to explore his past) had been canceled. Carl assured Joe he'll help him. Joe later spent money wildly knowing Jake was watching him. **Wait To See:** Josie makes a discovery about Eddie Carline.

AS THE WORLD TURNS: David tricked Mark into making a revealing comment. Disguised as a priest, Jack (Michael Park) visited Lily. Later, Lily was hurt trying to keep Molly from being caught in an escape attempt and taken to the hospital. Kirk was attacked after a visit to Emily. Holden made a discovery near the pond. Meanwhile, Luke wandered off in that direction. **Wait To See:** Connor ignores Mark's warnings about David.

THE BOLD AND THE BEAUTIFUL: Taylor told Thorne she was in Forrester's to see Grant because Brooke was worried about him. Thorne then left, saying he had something to do. Grant was shot and claimed Ridge did it. Enrique tried to get out of having his fingerprints taken. Ridge was released on bail and, ignoring a restraining order, he burst into Grant's hospital room and demanded he retract his accusation. **Wait To See:** Hunter Jones (Tristan Rogers) arrives.

DAYS OF OUR LIVES: John and Kristen took the baby home. Later, Kristen confided to Vivian her concern about Susan and the breastfeeding situation. Bo defused the bomb Max planted at Alice's house and considered ending his undercover work to protect his family. Realizing she had

to keep Susan from telling John about the baby, Kristen hired her as the child's nurse. At the Titan Benefit, Bo (on King's orders) arrived with Billie and saw Hope with Franco. **Wait To See:** Kristen faces another "Susan" test.

GENERAL HOSPITAL: As Bobbie recovered from the warehouse fire, Tony felt closer to her. Meanwhile, Carly left to visit her adoptive mother in Florida, but not before Luke had a talk with her. Later, Luke told Tony he suspected a Katherine/Stefan romance developing. The new money in Felicia's bank account prompted Mac's suspicions of Kevin. Jax offered to help Brenda fight her drug dependency. Meanwhile, Emily was introduced to heroin. **Wait To See:** Sonny targets Dorman.

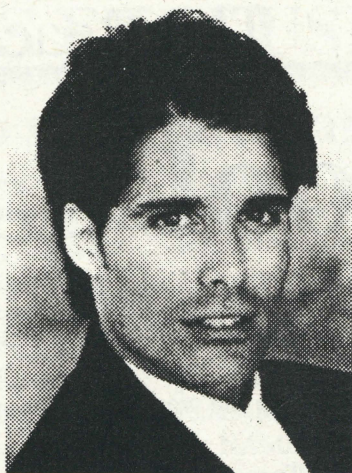
GUIDING LIGHT: Vanessa thought about returning to her family. Josh came to see Reva, unaware she was with Annie and had decided to back away from Josh because she now knew Annie was her sister. Buzz tried to expose Jeffrey's scam, while



SARAH BUXTON,
"ANNIE,"
"SUNSET BEACH"

Jeffrey tried to persuade Jenna to return to him. Billy was stunned by Reva's advances. **Wait To See:** Amanda has a score to settle, which is unsettling to Roger.

ONE LIFE TO LIVE: After being arraigned, Asa lashed out at Clint and Kevin. Max arrived with a surprise guest, Guy Armitage, Ian's father. Guy later offered Max a chance to save a business deal in Canada he claimed Ian screwed up. Tea made Javier a promise, and in return he



PETER BARTON,
"EDDIE,"
"SUNSET BEACH"

agreed to testify for Antonio. Alex tried to seduce Asa in jail to keep him from testifying against her. **Wait To See:** A new man enters Dorian's life.

SUNSET BEACH: Rae told Wei-Lee about the scam with Casey. Tiffany stopped Gregory from having Spike taken to the pound. An angry Gregory was confronted by Sean who suddenly collapsed. Eddie told Annie he can clear both their names. Paula was stunned when a bellhop identified Elaine as being at the hotel when Del died. Sean was found to have a subdural hematoma and faced surgery. Eddie overheard Elaine at the Deschanel grave admit to killing Del. Tiffany told Sean about possible complications of craniotomy surgery, and he decided to leave the hospital. **Wait To See:** Annie could be making a dangerous decision.

THE YOUNG AND THE RESTLESS: Sharon and Nick's dejection turned to joy when they learned their son had been resuscitated. Meanwhile, Grace tried to persuade Mildred that Sharon and Nick could give Cassie a good life. Chris taped her conversation with Phyllis (which proved Phyllis had lied about Chris not wanting to end their differences) and told Danny to hold onto it, that it could prove useful some day. Meanwhile, Phyllis became increasingly agitated over Sasha's call. Hope faced a sudden medical emergency. **Wait To See:** Jack and Diane face a crisis in their relationship.

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HOROSCOPES

With Carrie Nepa

Sagittarius (November 23-December 21) Love is in full bloom this week. Parties and other festivities bring new love or closer attachments. Make sure you know what you want before making decisions, keep your best interests in mind.

Capricorn (December 22-January 20) Be prepared to introduce old acquaintances with the new ones. It will be fun, but make sure everyone gets equal attention to avoid hurt feelings.

Aquarius (January 21-February 19) You have become closer with someone far away. Don't let the phone bill get too high, drop a note in the mail or send a small gift. It will be just as appreciated.

Pisces (February 20-March 20) You have found yourself volunteering to help others. Keep up the good work, not only will you feel good about yourself, but you will surely put smiles on many other faces.

Aries (March 21-April 20) There might be some miscommunication in your life so fix it if you can. Keep a cool head and maybe everything will get ironed out. If you lose your temper, you will get nowhere fast.

Taurus (April 21-May 21) If you're feeling a little bit down, don't worry, the weekend will fix that. Call up a pal you haven't seen in a while. They could be the best medicine for the worst case of the blues.

Gemini (May 22-June 21) Relationships may be developing, but the new moon will change that. Don't go crazy, being by yourself is not a bad thing, you are strong! Keep that in mind.

Cancer (June 22-July 23) This weekend your friends will show you some attention. Take advantage of it, but don't get too cocky. Your buddies will be the first to put you in your place.

Leo (July 24-August 23) This weekend you'll have a good time but don't party too much. You have a busy week. Make some lists and stick to them. You'll be sure to reduce stress levels drastically.

Virgo (August 24-September 23) Get involved in a new sport and spend some quality time with your family. This will help you work on both the body and soul, something you could definitely use lately.

Libra (September 24-October 23) Love radiates around the new moon as you gain a better understanding of what you like best. Don't be afraid to test new waters, but be sure you look before you leap.

Scorpio (October 24-November 22) Close family ties make you feel great, expect a surprise from friends and loved ones. Make sure though, that you show everyone how much you need and appreciate them.

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Special to The Beacon

The Wilkes University men's tennis team had a celebratory 16 match losing streak style by crushing King 7-2 on March 22. The over the cross-town rivalry ended a 16 year losing

Wilkes

By RICH WILLIAM
Beacon Staff Writer

The Wilkes University softball team has made a name for itself in the Atlantic Conference League. After going 8-1 last month, Coach Vrabell's Lady Colonels are now 13-5 overall and the MAC Freedom League.

The Wilkes University softball team squared off against Misericordia on March 21 for a twilight doubleheader. Wilkes won the two games, dropping the opener 2-0, while beating Misericordia in the nightcap.

In the first game, A. Rosengrant pitched excellently, throwing a no hit six strong innings before giving up two round tribs. Despite a solid pitching performance, the Colonels' offense struggled and failed to put a run on the board. This was the Lady Colonels' first loss of the season.

Wilkes bounced right back in the second game. They pulled together and won Misericordia 8-2 in the nightcap. Freshman catcher Karriane Geist came up huge for her squad going three for three with a two homer and four RBI. Carli Wilkes went the distance in the win.

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Tennis team posts win over King's

TIM STANK

Special to The Beacon

The Wilkes University tennis team has reason to celebrate. The Colonels ended a six match losing streak with a victory by crushing King's College on March 22. The victory over the cross-town rival also ended a 16 year losing streak

against King's dating back to 1981. The victory was solidified with wins from five of the six singles and two of the three doubles.

This year's stand-outs for the Colonels are sophomore Aaron Sherburne who is undefeated at the number six spot and freshman Joe Scordino who has one loss at the number two spot for singles. Doubles play is

dominated by the team of Joe Scordino and Parimal Patel. Returnees Bob Koneru and Matt Minielly help round out the talent.

Scordino, Patel and Minielly posted victories in both their singles and doubles matches. Dave Geronell and Sherburne also won in singles. The win improved the Colonels' record to 1-1. Wilkes lost its season opener at Lebanon Valley 7-2. Sherburne

was the only singles winner for the Colonels. Scordino and Patel were doubles winners for Wilkes.

Scordino, Patel and Sherburne won their singles matches in a 6-3 loss at the University of Scranton on March 25.

The Colonels dropped a close match last Thursday, 5-4 to Elizabethtown College at Ralston Field. After singles play was

complete the teams were tied at 3-3, and two doubles matches split making it 4-4. The third doubles match ended with the Blue Jays winning 7-4 in a tie breaker set due to darkness.

Minelly, Sherburne and Koneru won in singles play. Scordino and Patel also won.

The Colonels are 1-3 on the year and will visit Albright at 3 p.m. Tuesday.

Wilkes softball team undefeated in MAC Freedom League

RICH WILLIAMS

Beacon Staff Writer

The Wilkes University softball team has made a name for itself in the Middle Atlantic Conference Freedom League. After going 8-5 over the last month, Coach Kevin Wibel's Lady Colonels are now 13-5 overall and 4-0 in the MAC Freedom League.

The Wilkes University softball team squared off against Misericordia on March 21 for a twilight doubleheader. Wilkes split the two games, dropping the opener 2-0, while beating Misericordia in the nightcap 8-2.

In the first game, Amy Rosengrant pitched extremely well, throwing a no hitter for six strong innings before giving up two round trippers. Despite a solid pitching performance, the Colonel offense struggled and failed to put a run on the board. This was the Lady Colonels' first loss of the season.

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Next up for the Lady Colonels' was a trip down south to Maryland to play in the Salisbury State softball

tournament. Wilkes played a total of five games in a two day period and wound up going 2-3 in the tourney.

In Friday's opener, Wilkes won one game while dropping two. The ladies defeated Western Maryland 11-1 in five innings, then wound up losing to Lynchburg College 4-1 and lost to the host Salisbury State 8-0.

Senior Amy Rosengrant recorded the win in the Western Maryland game, going five innings while striking out three. Rosengrant also led the Lady Colonels' offensive attack going 2 for 3 with two doubles and four RBI. Other notables in the Western Maryland game were sophomore Danielle Benson, who was three for three with two RBI and two runs scored, and Shannon O'Neill, who went one for three with three RBI.

Wilkes split two games on Saturday, the second day of the tourney. Wilkes beat Mary Washington College 5-2 and lost to Bethany College 4-1.

Senior Amy Rosengrant notched another win in the Mary Washington game, going seven innings and giving up eight hits.

Junior Carrie Wilkes led her team at the plate, going two for four with a double and two RBI, and freshman Nicole DelPriore chipped in with an RBI single.

In the loss to Bethany College, junior Kristen

Cookus led the way for Wilkes going two for three including a triple. Freshman Suzanne Fisher and Rosengrant both had an RBI in the loss.

When Wilkes came back to PA, they split a doubleheader with the Moravian Greyhounds. The Lady Greyhounds won the opener 2-1 in eight innings. However, the Lady Colonels battled back in the second game and came out on top with a 2-1 win.

Fisher had two hits in game one for Wilkes. In the second game, Carrie Wilkes pitched a complete game gem, striking out two for the win.

Rosengrant went two for three for the Lady Colonels while Shannon O'Neill was two for four and scored once.

This doubleheader split gave the Lady Colonels a 9-5 record for the year.

Wilkes then upped their record to 11-5 this past Saturday against Drew University. Wilkes swept the doubleheader thanks to Rosengrant who threw two complete game shutouts.

The Lady Colonels won the first game 3-0 and then went on to win the nightcap 8-0.

In the first game, Rosengrant allowed six hits and struck out seven while not allowing a walk. Leading Wilkes up at the plate were Geist, who went two for four with a double and an RBI and Fisher who went one for three with an RBI and a run scored.

Carrie Wilkes was also one for two with an RBI.

In the nightcap, Rosengrant tossed a one hitter while fanning three and recording her seventh win of the year. A host of players stepped up offensively for Wilkes. Fisher went three for three with a triple, three RBI and a run scored. Freshmen Liz O'Neill was two for two with three runs scored and DelPriore was one for one with a RBI. Sophomore Shanna Henninger went one for three with an RBI and senior Christy Palilonis went one for one for the Lady Colonels.

The Lady Colonels swept Delaware Valley in a doubleheader in Doylestown on Tuesday. Wilkes won the first game 15-5 in five innings and took game two 19-6, also in five innings.

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Suzanne Fisher had 12 RBI and scored seven runs in the twin bill. Fisher set a Wilkes University record by driving in eight runs in game two.

Geist

finished with two hits and two RBI in game one for Wilkes. Shannon O'Neill had a pair of hits and scored three runs in game one. Rosengrant struck out three and allowed no walks in the win. Rosengrant also helped her own cause by getting three hits.

Fisher and Geist were each three for four in game two. Henninger added three hits and scored three runs for Wilkes.

Rosengrant picked up her ninth victory of the year in game two. It was also the second straight doubleheader in which Rosengrant pitched a pair of wins.

The Lady Colonels travel to King's College for a 3 p.m. doubleheader today. Wilkes returns to Kirby Park next Tuesday when they host a doubleheader against Marywood.

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Wilkes baseball team one game above .500

By JEREMY GERBER
Beacon Staff Writer

The Wilkes University baseball team has been busy these past two weeks. The Colonels are now 11-10 on the year.

Starting with a doubleheader, Wilkes split the games, losing the first while winning the second, against King's College at Monarch Fields. King's won the first game 9-4. Each team had 10 hits in the game but King's won the game with six runs in the third inning. King's pitcher Gary DiMattia went the distance for the win while Jason Lenko took the loss for Wilkes. Augie Mitschke went two for four with two runs scored and an RBI while Mike Evans was three for three with an RBI.

The second game was a complete turn-around. It was a close ball game (5-3 in favor of Wilkes) until the sixth inning when Wilkes would rally adding four more runs. Wilkes held on for a 9-4 win. Nate Lipton picked up the win for the Colonels while Dave Griffith got the loss. Lipton struck out seven, including four over the final two innings for the win.

The big hitters for Wilkes were Brian Kaschak who was three for four, Ryan Flynn and Chris Tyukody who each went two for four with Tyukody driving in two runs and Flynn scoring two. Randy Yerger was one for three with two runs scored.

On March 27, Wilkes University was hammered by visiting Moravian 24-9. Brian Seitzinger threw six innings for the win. Leading the hitting for the Colonels was Mitschke with two hits, including a home run and three RBI. Yerger went two for four, including his sixth triple of the year setting a

Wilkes single season record for triples. Tyukody was two for three with a homer and three RBI. Mike Viglone and Jim Domzalski knocked in one RBI each for the Colonels.

On March 29, Wilkes faced a doubleheader against FDU-Madison at home. Wilkes won the first game 14-13 while losing the second 8-

shortened game.

On April 3, Wilkes edged past Misericordia in another slugfest at Artillery Park. Wilkes would get the 15-14 victory despite Misericordia's five home runs. Joel Eberts got the win after pitching 4 1/3 innings in relief. Lipton pitched the ninth for his first save of the year. There were a number of key hitters in the game for

hits.

The big bat in the lineup for Wilkes was Kaschak who was three for five with two runs scored while Flynn was two for four with two RBI. Kroesen was also two for four with two runs scored and two RBI.

On Saturday April 5, Wilkes split another doubleheader with Delaware

charged with the loss for Wilkes.

Viglone leads the Colonels with 25 RBI and five homers. Yerger leads the team with a .432 average while scoring a team high 32 runs and stealing a team high 17 bases.

Lipton is 4-1 with a 4.56 ERA while Moretski is 0-2 with a team best 2.08 ERA.

The Colonels host the University of Scranton at 3 p.m. this afternoon at Artillery Park in a Middle Atlantic Conference Freedom League game.

Wilkes golf season in full swing

By JEREMY GERBER
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The Wilkes University golf team opened its season in a match between Misericordia, Lebanon Valley and Wilkes. The Colonels beat Lebanon Valley 358 to 363 but lost to Misericordia 431 to 451.

In the match Gary Quinn Jr. shot a team best 81. Kevin Schonewolf shot an 89 and Jeff Moisey scored a 93. Mark Katchur and Greg Burns each shot a 94 in the match.

The Wilkes University golf team dropped two matches this week as they played against Scranton and host Misericordia at the par 72 Shadowbrook Golf Course.

Misericordia won both matches with a score of 422, followed by Scranton's score of 436 and Wilkes' score of 444.

The medalist was Andy Noble from Wilkes with a score of 77, five over par. Tom Klimek led Misericordia with a 79 while Kevin Mullen led Scranton with an 81.



Photo by Dave Parfitt

Sophomore Mike Viglone steals second for the Colonels.

0. The first game was decided in the bottom of the seventh inning when Flynn singled home Curtis Kroesen for the game winner. Flynn was also the winning pitcher after coming in in relief. Domzalski led the Colonels with a double, home run and five RBI. Viglone went two for three driving in two RBI. Flynn went two for five driving in one run and Kaschak was two for two scoring once. Evans drove in two RBI on one hit and Tyukody went one for four with a home run.

The second game lasted only five innings due to darkness. During those five innings, the game was dominated by FDU pitcher Chris Keelin who picked up the win. The Colonels picked up just three hits in the

Wilkes including Domzalski going three for six with a double and an RBI, Yerger who went three for five with three runs scored and three stolen bases, Kaschak going two for five with three RBI and Mike Evans who was one for three with three RBI including a two-run homer. The hitting for Misericordia was led by Joe Campisi who went six for six with three runs scored and two doubles. Also for the Cougars, Joe Young and Joe Ashton hit two home runs each while Angelo Colonna hit a homer.

On April 4, the Colonels defeated Marywood, 10-7. The winning pitcher was Steve Toth who went five innings allowing seven runs. Dan Moretski finished up with four strong innings of relief getting one strikeout and allowing just two

Valley. Wilkes lost the first game 9-3. The Colonels' hitting was led by Yerger with two hits, two runs scored and two RBI. Wilkes would strike back hard winning the second game 17-4. Lipton went the distance picking up the win allowing four runs and striking out five. The win was the fourth of the year for the freshman. Yerger again had two hits, one homer and four RBI. Domzalski went 3-4 with two RBI and two runs scored. Brian Kaschak added two hits and three RBI.

Finally on Monday, April 7, Wilkes took on Albright College. Despite an RBI from Domzalski, Kaschak, Tyukody and a solo home run by Viglone, Wilkes fell to Albright by a final score of 19-5. Jason Lenko was

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