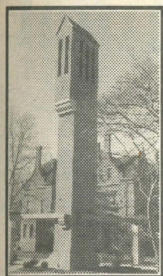


IN NEWS: Political Science Program has a new chairman.

IN FEATURES: Comedian Dana Carvey is coming to Wilkes!!



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'Bad Chemistry' Disrupts Wilkes

By MARLENE MANGAN
and MISSY MARGIS
Beacon News Editors

The Scranton Bomb Squad used explosives to blow up picric acid at the river commons yesterday afternoon. The acid was found August 14 during lab renovations in the Stark Learning Center.

"We evacuated Stark and Chase for the safety of all," said Paul O'Hop, vice-president of business affairs and auxiliary enterprises.

Under certain circumstances, such as an abrupt rise in temperature, the picric acid can explode.

Students were not notified of the acid's presence in Stark.

"I feel we should have known this acid was being stored in the building where a majority of our classes are held, including labs," said Larry Yudiski, a junior

engineering major.

The acid was brought into the radon lab, SLC 42, and put in a blast-proof concrete and lead vault on shortly after its discovery.

Five years ago, Wilkes removed picric acid from its chemical supply, but this bottle was found on a corner shelf during the recent lab renovations.

Until a few years ago, picric acid was a common reagent in most secondary educational institutions. The acid's primary use in schools was to convert species into colored solids for the purpose of chemical identification. The organic chemical found in Stark's laboratory was a whitish solid in the shape of needles.

"I was in the manufacturing lab when we were notified to evacuate Stark. I think they should have gotten rid of the acid as soon as

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On the commons- Officials survey explosion

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Upward Bound Celebrates 25 Years

By MARLENE MANGAN
Beacon News Editor

Upward Bound, the program at Wilkes University that offers students a chance to prepare and succeed in college, is celebrating its twenty-fifth anniversary this year.

An advisory board made up of alumni was formed to help coordinate upcoming events.

"The anniversary booklet being designed, will describe the Upward Bound experience for the last 25 years and list the achievements of many of its graduates," said Tom Thomas, counselor for the Upward Bound Program.

The program is funded by the United States Department of Education. Upward Bound is the only program of its type in this area; its closest sister-program is at Bloomsburg University.

"I don't think I would be in college if it wasn't for Upward Bound because it helped me academically as well as socially," said Lisa Madden, a junior nursing major.

"We get about approximately 130 applications but we only accept around 50 students. We have had a lot of success with the size of our classes and we don't plan on increasing them in the future," said Tom Thomas.

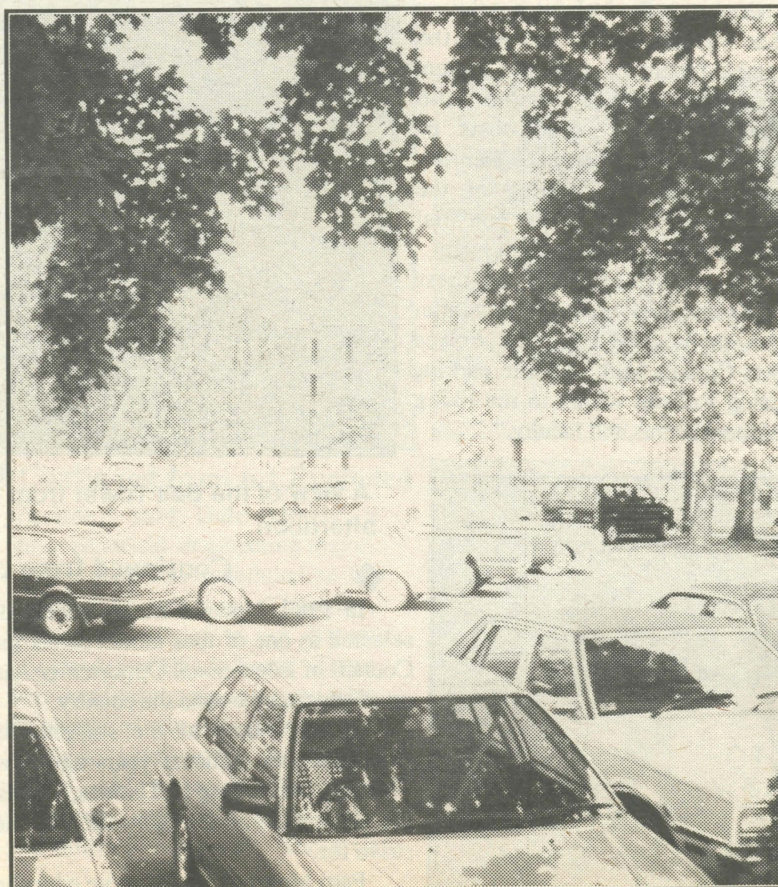
A suggested requirement for the program is that potential students are the first generation of college students in their family.

According to Anne Thomas, director of Upward Bound, all of the students who have graduated from the program over the last three years went on to college.

"We just received a supplemental grant last week which will help us increase our services for the students. The money we get from funding is not being wasted," said Anne Thomas.

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Parking problem continues



Do you see any parking spaces?

THE BEACON/Brian J. Zupko

By JOHN SMULOWITZ
Beacon Staff Writer

Commuter parking on the Wilkes University campus is a problem. A big problem.

As enrollment has gradually increased over time, the need for parking has increased as well.

There doesn't seem to be any easy solution to the parking problem.

Presently, students wanting a parking permit are required to fill out a form at the beginning of the semester, stating various personal data, such as how many hours spent on campus per week (excluding evenings), how many miles traveled to get to Wilkes and the number of clubs the applicant is involved with. The system is set up so that those with the greatest need are given permits first.

In theory, this method of distributing parking permits is sound. In practice, the method is flawed.

Wilkes has 460 total parking spaces. Of these, 21 are reserved for the handicapped, which leaves

■ see parking, p.2



The parking situation at Wilkes is backward

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Wilkes student receives award

Holly Pitcavage of Shavertown, a senior at Wilkes University has been selected as a United Parcel Service Foundation Scholar for the 1991-1992 academic year.

Pitcavage was selected for this award by Wilkes University for her achievements as an officer of the Earth and Environmental Sciences Club and various other clubs at Wilkes.

She is one of 51 students in Pennsylvania who will share \$109,650 in scholarships from the UPS Foundation's educational endowment fund. The UPS Foundation is the main charitable arm of United Parcel Service. The scholarships are administered in the state by the Foundation for Independent Colleges, Inc. of Pennsylvania.

Selection of the UPS scholars was determined independently on each campus and in some cases the presentation of the scholarships awards will be made by UPS district managers.



A view of the Bell Tower from Kirby Hall on a late summer afternoon

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In 1987, Upward Bound received national recognition by being selected as one of four model career guidance programs by the National Council of Educational Opportunity Associations. The council was made up of educators around the country.

"Today many of the students have to overcome very difficult situations that students years ago never had to deal with," said Anne Thomas. According to Thomas, certain elements haven't changed over the years such as the dedication of the teachers and the goals students strive for.

Patti Monroe, a sophomore education major said, "I'm glad I attended the program because I developed lasting friendships there and I learned that I was just as good as anyone else."

Council gets office in Stark

By MICHAEL R. PLAPPERT
Special to the Beacon

The Pennsylvania Environmental Council (PEC) has found a new home for its northeast regional office in Wilkes University's Stark Learning Center (SLC). Wilkes University has agreed to provide, at no cost to the PEC, office space, use of equipment, and secretarial support.

This new office will provide the Council with a presence in the northeast region to deepen involvement in regional and local issues, to relate regional issues to overall commonwealth policy and to increase its educational program and membership in the area.

Ms. Hetty Baiz, director of the northeast office, said that the presence of the PEC on campus will help students become more involved in the environment by providing students with a "hands-on" approach to environmental issues in the community.

Baiz also stressed the need for student membership and assistance and welcomes student, faculty, and staff involvement.

"Helping establish the PEC Northeastern Pennsylvania is a great way for students to develop professional contacts," added Ms. Baiz.

The PEC believes that the state's environmental future depends on a strong coordinated legislative and regulatory agenda that grows out of local concerns and supports local initiatives.

Projects planned for the northeast office include: designation of a 60-mile stretch of the Susquehanna River as a "scenic river," growth management workshops for municipal officials, a green resource mapping project, a Northeastern Pennsylvania environmental roundtable, and workshops, educational programs, materials, and technical assistance on a variety of environmental issues.

The PEC is open Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., in SLC 436. The phone number is 824-4651, extension 2761.

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439 spaces available. After subtracting 24 spaces used for visitor and miscellaneous parking, the remaining 415 parking spaces are divided between faculty and students, with the faculty receiving 284 designated spots.

Rich Yench, a commuting senior, said, "It's tough to find parking if you have late morning classes."

Some students have even been known to leave their houses as early as 7 a.m. so that they are guaranteed a parking space for their 10 or 11 o'clock class.

A recent agreement with Design Systems on River St. provided 30 more parking spaces to Wilkes. The spaces were designated for faculty alone and are a part of their 284 allotted spaces.

The construction of a parking garage also raises another question: Where would the garage be located? Land suitable for building a garage in Wilkes proximity is limited. Except for the main parking lot in the rear of Stark Hall, the parking at Wilkes is spread out all over the campus instead of being condensed in one area.

A variety of laws cause problems with the actual building of a parking garage, as certain requirements would have to be met. Restrictions would limit the number of levels that could be built.

Another problem with a parking garage is cost. The initial construction would cost the university an enormous amount of money. Charging students a nominal fee would, over the long run, pay for the parking garage.

Jerry Cookus, chief of security at Wilkes, said, "Parking is definitely a serious situation."

Cookus talked about a solution that was considered last year; the establishment of a shuttle system between Wilkes campus and Ralston Field. The costs of security for the cars, the liability factor, and the timing of the shuttles are some of the potential problem of such a shuttle system.

According to Cookus, these problems and costs don't matter though because a survey showed that Cookus said, "Shuttle parking using Ralston wasn't to the liking of the students and faculty."

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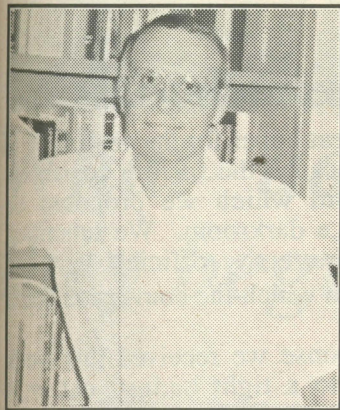
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Dr. Baldino chairs political science program



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By MISSY MARGIS
Beacon News Editor

Dr. Tom Baldino, new chair of the political science department at Wilkes, relishes a challenge.

"I saw Wilkes as a challenge. Here, I have the opportunity to build a strong political science program with a quality staff," said Baldino.

Baldino said he would like to accomplish three goals at Wilkes over the next few years.

"First, I, along with my colleagues, want to rebuild the political science program. Second, I would eventually like to establish a master's program in public administration. Third, I want to see the Institute of Regional Affairs involved with more activities in both the campus and the community."

In rebuilding the undergraduate program in political science Baldino feels there is a need to restructure the 100 level courses. Baldino also

wants to establish a series of concentrations within the major.

"Concentrations in the area of public administration and administrative justice would be beneficial to the political science student who does not necessarily plan on law school."

Baldino said the political science department is working with the sociology department in developing a joint concentration of the two programs.

Baldino spent the last 12 years

teaching at Juniata College. He spent 4 of those years chairing the political science department.

Baldino earned his undergraduate degree from LaSalle University in 1971. He went on to receive his master's degree from University of Illinois in 1974 and his doctorate from University of Pennsylvania in 1978.

Editor's Note: Each week The Beacon will spotlight a new Wilkes faculty member.

Student Government

By COLETTE SIMONE
Beacon Staff Writer

*Congratulations to the students who won the Replacement Elections. They were as follows:

Sophomore Treasurer: Mike Brakefield
Sophomore Reps: Mike Evans and Inna Kaspner.

Junior Vice President: Debbie Semel
Senior Vice President: Brit Larka
Senior Treasurer: Dearon Tufankjian
Senior Reps: Loretta Carnival and Lindsey Krivenko.

*Look for the S.G. Newsletter which will be out on Friday, Sept. 20, in the Cafeteria and in Stark Lobby.

*On Saturday, Sept. 21, in Rumors

at 8:00, Guitarist David Cullen will perform.

*Also on Saturday, Sept. 21, a bus will be going to Albright, Pa for the football game. Look for sign ups around campus. Make sure to go and support our team!

*Commuter Council will be sponsoring the Bloomsburg Fair on Tuesday, Sept. 24. The bus fee will be \$2 and will leave at the Sub at 6:00.

*Commuter Council will also be sponsoring a Bake Sale on Sept. 26 in Stark Lobby.

*On Sept. 28 their will be a bus trip

for anyone who wants to go to the football game at Lackawanna Stadium. Sign ups will be on Tuesday and Thursday in Stark Lobby and in the Cafeteria. Make sure to sign up and support our team!

*Make sure to look for your Yearbook, which will be coming out at the end of the week, in Stark Lobby and in Pickering Lobby.

*Today, Sept. 19 will be the last day students can drop a class on their own!

*Have a good weekend and make sure to watch for Student Government News next week!

Wilkes Tomorrow exceeds goal

By BECKY STEINBERGER
Beacon Staff Writer

The annual John Wilkes Club Dinner got off to an exciting start last Friday night as it was announced the Wilkes Tomorrow Campaign reached for its goal of \$23 million.

Originally, the campaign was set for a goal of \$18 million. The University Board of Trustees extended the amount after a study identified the amount identified the amount needed to meet needs of Wilkes was \$23 million.

Approximately \$8.5 million of this goal is targeted for capital and physical plant improvements, including out new gymnasium and conference center.

Another chunk of the campaign has been targeted for increasing the amount of scholarships improving the Wilkes endowment, and recognizing outstanding faculty members through compensation.

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possible," said Dale Morris, a junior electrical engineering major.

The acid was scheduled to be disposed of at 6 a.m., Thursday, September 19, as to not disrupt any classes or labs in Stark. There were conflicting reports as to why the change in scheduling occurred.

Picric acid, which is usually mixed with other materials, is commonly used as a commercial and military explosive. The acid

was first used in France in the early 1770's as a dye. In 1885, the acid was first used as an explosive.

Social Crisis course offered

By BECKY STEINBERGER
Beacon Staff Writer

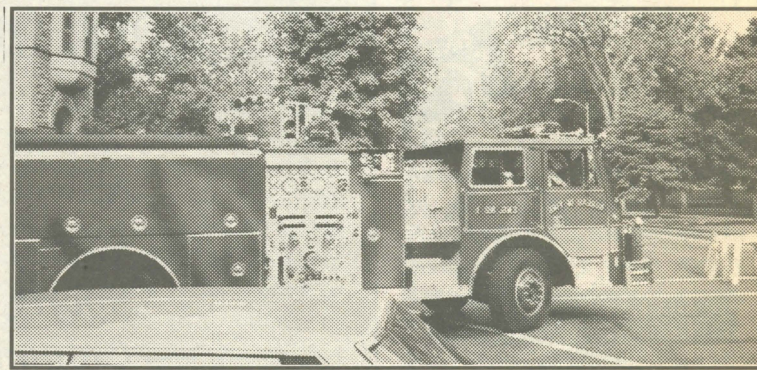
The Graduate Affairs and Continuing Education Office at Wilkes is Office at Wilkes an untraditional course in the Social Crisis series.

The class, Social Crisis IX, "Keeping Body, Mind, and Soul Together: Sexuality, Spirituality, and Social Justice," will focus on important values such as hope and faith in the challenging era we live in.

A unique aspect of the class is that it will be taught by a group of individuals, which includes professors and religious leaders who have expertise in the subject area. Members of the group include Dr. Jule Ayers, Monsignor Thomas Banick, Professor Tom Bigler, Dr. Christopher Breiseth, Father James Doyle, Dr. Mahmoud Fahmy, Sister Constance Kozel, Dr. Mildred Lawson, Dr. John Markarian, Rabbi James Michaels, Dr. G. Mitra, and Father Thomas O'Hara.

The course will be presented Thursday nights from September 26 to November 14 in Room 214 in the Marts Center from 7:15 p.m. until 9:15 p.m.

The course costs \$40.00 and enrollment will be limited. For further information contact the Office of Continuing Education in the Max Roth Center or telephone at 824-4651, ext. 4466 or 4467.



Above: Wilkes community disrupted

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FORUM

By
MICHELE
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Left in the 'dark'

The renovations which took place on campus this summer were certainly beneficial to the University, especially the areas which were made more accessible to handicapped students and the remodeling of the bookstore.

There are, however, still many areas on campus which are in need of a little attention.

Last year, the three major publications on campus were asked to move from their offices in the Conyngham Student Center to the third floor of Chase Hall (the home of Admissions). The *Ammicola*, the *Beacon*, and the *Manuscript Society* took up residence in their new offices at the beginning of last spring semester.

EDITORIAL

It was bad enough that we were forced to move from the building where most of the other Student Affairs offices are housed and were relocated to a building completely foreign to most Wilkes students, but we also met up with many problems at our new residence.

There were nights when the building was so cold that we were forced to bring our own space heaters to ensure that the wax used to layout our copy wouldn't freeze let alone to keep ourselves warm.

The trend continued into this semester as we encountered locked doors, dark hallways, and an entrance we couldn't use because it was the front door.

Now that we have begun to solve some of these problems, we have been told that the offices are moving again. Granted the new facilities in Hollenback Hall (the building which houses the Small Business Development Center, in case you've never heard of it) are quite larger than what we're working with now, but the idea of picking up an entire publication and moving it mid-semester is still one we haven't come to comprehend.

We were asked to furnish the administration with a list of wants and needs for our new offices this past week. The results of this endeavor were less than promising.

The biggest problem facing the *Beacon* this semester is the allocation of a darkroom to use for developing and printing any photos which appear in the paper.

The darkroom which we used last year was taken over by the Physics Department this past summer as a result of renovations in the lab area of the first floor of Stark.

At the present time, most of the photos in this semester's issues are either printed at a developing center off-campus or are old file photos. This process cannot continue much longer because our organization will run out of funds and will not even be able to print a newspaper each week.

We had great hopes for the new office in Hollenback because the facility contains a small bathroom which we proposed to be converted into a darkroom. We submitted our plan to University officials with the cheapest way in which the conversion could be done.

The response we received this week was that due to a tight budget, our wish could not be granted. After a nine-and-a-half percent tuition increase, our organization's budgets were cut twenty percent. Figure that one out.

Can you imagine being asked to publish a newspaper without pictures? It's sort of like selling someone a new car, but saying "You'll have to pay extra for the engine."

Our request, we feel, is a very moderate one considering that the facility we have gotten used to last semester was so abruptly taken away from us.

Well, until we find a darkroom to use, we'll have to raise the money to convert the bathroom. Over, we'll just have to print a 'list of pictures which could have appeared in this week's *Beacon*.'

Shades of Culture

By BONNEE BREESE
Beacon Managing Editor

As I venture through our campus, I've been hearing over and over again, "the students don't get involved—there is mucho apathy amongst students at this institution."

This laid back, apathetic attitude is held by a large majority of the campus populace. What does it take for students to realize that "getting involved" means "getting ahead."

As a part of campus culture and a more harmonious travel through your four years at this institution of higher learning—get involved! The advantages you will gain far outweigh the disadvantages. It helps you to deal not only with classmates besides in the classroom, but also to deal with others that you wouldn't normally come in contact with. Most importantly, it enhances your opportunities once you graduate--the inevitable job market.

Yes, the job market! Employers are now looking at "fresh out of college students" who have been involved in extracurricular activities.

Get involved--Wilkes has much to offer as far as extracurricular activities go. Join a club, a support group, attend student government meetings, write for *The Beacon*, or *Manuscript*. There are many organizations and clubs to choose from. This is what college life is all about, it's the culture of the college student not just going to class.

There are many shades of culture and truly this may be the most significant shade at this point in your life. If at first involvement seems strange, and the other students in the group seem cold you'll get used to their policy, and they'll warm up to you.

Aren't you proud to be a Wilkes University student? If not, you should be--you pay enough tuition to be. Once you enter, getting involved is free. Yes, FREE! It does take some of your time and I'm sure some of you do have some time to offer one of two of the clubs on campus. Also, I know you want to land that super spectacular job after graduation. Check the clubs out and get involved. It doesn't hurt anyone, it helps us all, it helps you too.

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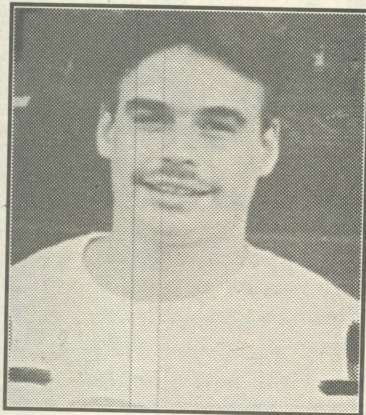
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What advice do you have for freshmen as they begin their college careers?



John Fine
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Study hard during the week, but take time to enjoy the weekend.



Wendy Raughley and Jeanie Coles
Sophomore and Junior

Don't pick your major right away, and keep your mind open.



Serge Hychko
Senior

Be an engineer.

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Campuses need more 'Diversity'

"Diversity" is the new shibboleth of the self-appointed campus race monitors. They demand "diversity" of almost every kind—race, gender, sexual orientation, even physical ability. What these folks won't countenance, however, is diverse opinions.

As a black college student at the University of Maryland I learned this truth the hard way. As a black conservative, I was ostracized by the very people who claimed to value difference because I was, well, different. They didn't mind that I was black, of course, but College Park's politically correct student leadership seemed to prefer ideological lockstep within their "diverse" student body.

Fortunately, I was never subjected to the kind of overt intolerance that many black conservatives endure, but there was always a palpable disdain for me and my views among other minority students.

One black sophomore, for example, explained to me that "white people are puttin' those ideas in your head." Another of my peers wrote in the student newspaper that black conservatives must be "neutralized" (whatever that means).

Still another person once complained, "you just don't understand." It came as no surprise, then, when the president of Maryland's Black Student Union refused to work with me and the other black College Republican when we wanted to bring conservative black speakers to campus.

Like many black college students, I found the student leadership's attempts to insulate me from diverse opinions condescending and antithetical to the idea of a university education. Black collegians should learn to appreciate the rich heritage of intellectual debate and dissent that has defined the black American experience.

Men like W.E.B. Du Bois, Frederick Douglass, Booker T. Washington, Malcolm X, and Martin Luther King, Jr., did not share a single set of ideas. Each came to his own conclusions through study and honest reflection. If any of us hope to understand the "black thing" referred to by those popular T-shirts, we must try a little study and reflection of our own.

Each time we refuse to consider diverse opinions, we are "neglecting an opportunity" to

learn. Each time a minority student leader demands "solidarity" from his peers he makes it more difficult for others of the race to get such an opportunity. And ignoring or extinguishing "western culture" in the curriculum is truly a cure for nothing.

Perhaps more important, this desire for intellectual unanimity and separation threatens to undermine more than twenty-five years of civil rights gains. Black Americans are closer than ever to being treated by white society simply as individuals, but now many minorities themselves assert that race is the defining characteristic of every person.

During the past year I have met several other young college graduates who agree that we need more genuine diversity of thought. Together we have begun a magazine, appropriately entitled *Diversity*, which will explore issues of race and culture free from pressures to conform to the new, self-imposed stereotype. I hope this modest effort will spark other young minorities to break free from the orthodoxy as well.

(David Bernstein is the editor of *Diversity* magazine)

FEATURES

Stage or set: Sheridan is king.

Many people who follow The Little Theatre of Wilkes-Barre believe it would not be the same without Joe Sheridan. How does Sheridan feel about this claim? "I'm not influential", he states modestly, not acknowledging his value to the theatre. However working as the Little Theatre's sole set designer and technical director would be grounds to argue his statement.

In addition to these tasks, Sheridan has also directed many successful plays for the theatre, including "Grease", "Little Shop of Horrors", and the highly acclaimed 1988 production of "Fiddler on the Roof."



**STAGE
DOOR**

**Paul
Winarski**

Sheridan first became interested in acting as a child. Throughout high school he dabbled in school productions. Once he entered college he knew theatre was for him. "That's where I really got started," said Sheridan.

When asked what he considers himself Sheridan responded, "I'd like to think of myself as a jack of all trades. Not necessarily being an expert in one particular thing, but having a good handle on all of them."

It's been ten years since he took the plunge into community theatre. His first local appearance was at the Music Box Dinner Theatre, in Swoyersville. But eventually an urge to design sets brought him to the Little Theatre. His first work was "a very simple one," according to Sheridan for the Little Theatre.

Since those first days of local theatre Sheridan has amassed some amazing credentials. As an actor he has performed as the padre in "Man of La Mancha"; Mr. Snow in "Carousel"; Pilate in "Jesus Christ Superstar"; Che in "Evita"; and as Noah in the Jewish Community Center's production of "Two by Two."

Sheridan believes the Little Theatre is the perfect place for anyone who is interested in theatre. "You can get experience in the technical field because we (the Little Theatre) have the facility to utilize," said Sheridan.



Sheridan- theatre's jack of all trades?

He also added, "I believe that too many people who love the theatre are just actors who don't do anything else. Community theatre exists so one can develop a multitude of skills and acquire a feeling for all aspects of the theatre ... to really get your fingers into it."

Poetry: a bridge between cultures.

"Poetry is a bridge between cultures," according to Bulgarian poet Lyubomir G. Nikolov. Nikolov recently recited various of his past and present works at Wilkes University's Dorothy Dickson Dart Center for the Performing Arts.

The poetry reading, sponsored by the English department, The Allan Hamilton Dickson Chair of English Literature, Cultural Affairs, The Manuscript Society, and The Eastern European and Russian Studies Program, was preceded by an introduction from Dr. Dennis Hupchik, assistant professor of history and the Director of Eastern European Studies.

A crowd of approximately 65 students, faculty, administrators, and public listened intently to Nikolov's poems, most of which depicted the beauty of his homeland as well as the political turmoil that has existed there.

Reading from loose leaf notes, Nikolov recited many of his works in their original Bulgarian (as well as in English).

In this way, he asserted, one can better understand the melody of the poem.

"One mustn't forget that poetry is meant to be read. Poetry is a kind of music that is pronounced but not performed," said Nikolov.

During a question and answer period following the presentation, Nikolov addressed such issues as: the phasing out of free verse as a poetic technique and reinforcing of the importance of rhyme and meter.

"This is an old argument that depends on the poet and the poem itself. Each poem will dictate its form and shape and the individual poet should have the freedom to write in the way that he prefers," said Nikolov.

According to Nikolov, there is no need for

regulations in poetry.

Nikolov also commented on the difficulties facing a poet when translating works into another language.

Nikolov quoted Robert Frost, in saying that "Poetry is what is lost in translation."

He stated that in translating poems one must try to convey the sense, shape, form, and beauty of the original poem. This, he maintains, is not easily done.

"What is lost is always bigger than the gain," said Nikolov.

Nikolov has published numerous poetry anthologies which have been translated into English. He recently completed writing an introduction to a catalog for the Smithsonian Institute.

Nikolov will continue to lecture and recite his poetry in the United States for the ensuing year.

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And the 'Golden Edsel' goes to ...

Hello, good evening, and welcome, to another edition of The Bottom Line. I'm getting some positive response from the Teeming Millions at large, however the response at the mailbox has been less than astounding. Let's get those letters in, shall we? Hopefully I'll be able to convince the Chief to put the infamous BeaconBox in Stark Lobby again. Before we get rolling with this week's calculated chaos, I'd like to dedicate this week's column to Mrs. Barbara Chamberlain, whose support and encouragement was, and is, invaluable to aspiring writers.

The Idiot Box

While zoning out in front of the television the other day, I was beset by the most terrifying vision of the future I have seen yet. Have you noticed that television commercials have been getting progressively dumber as the years roll on by? I mean, once upon a time, one might actually have to (gasp) THINK when watching TV. Sitcoms are, of course, an exception.

Don't get me wrong here... the Energizer Bunny is cute, but there IS such a thing as pushing it. The biggest offenders are beer, car, and jeans commercials. Fast food commercials were always mindless, except once, not so long ago, when Wendy's seemed to show promise of climbing out of the rut, but alas, something always seems to come up. [And I am NOT referring to the unfortunate demise of Ms. Clara "Where's The Beef" Parks. That would show an extreme lack of taste, even for me. I am referring to the "Processed" commercials.] There is one thing, though:

IF I SEE SALLY STRUTHERS IN ONE MORE COMMERCIAL, JUST ONE MORE, I will start screaming, "Speaker O'Neill, no tap dancing on the House floor!" every thirty seconds until I collapse.

"Do you want to make more money?" [AUGH! It's.... HER!]

"Sure, we all do." [No, really?]

"Well, at home, in your spare time, you can study any of these courses, or get your degree!" [Spare time? Oh? Over what, thirty years?]

I would go on, but I'm sure you get the point.

Quotable Quote of the Week # 9103

Remember "He who has one, has not two, unless you give him another" from last week's assorted madness?

Well, here's Round Two:

"Ah," I reply, "but he who has two, falls under the category of he who has one, so make sure how many he actually has before giving him anything -- he may have more than you."

Faculty Lecture Gem of the Week

"There's a little ambiguity if I make myself clear." [It's off to that one.]

The Calculus Chronicles

As Doctors Berard and Sours can surely attest, Calculus is just my most FAVORITE subject in the whole wide world. Calculus (and Differential Equations) is not nearly as much fun, as, say, being locked in a broom closet with J. Danforth Quayle and Vince Sweeney, arguing over which of them has the better personality. While having your toenails ripped out. Slowly. In the middle of a tax audit.

I used to like math. Always have. I realize that for most people this is akin to saying I have a taste for discipline (oo oo whips and chains) and liver. But you can't have everything... where would you put it?

Looking back over that, perhaps a more suiting argument is whether either Quayle or Sweeney has a personality to begin with.

Here's a movie quote for you:

"Freedom... is the freedom to say 2+2=4. If that is granted, all else follows." -- Winston Smith, 1984

Wonderful. Try getting the third integral of $\sin(\exp(x^2))$ out of that.



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Renovations Revisited

As the Beacon reported last week, SLC has had a major facelift over the summer months. Note the stylish yet quaint purple carpet that the Chemistry department (as well as new offices and various places in old Stark) now sports. Oh well, at least it's an improvement over that putrid green stuff, and no, I don't usually talk like that.

Sidewalk Sludge

You may not know what it is, but you've certainly seen it, or more to the point, walked on it. Can we PLEASE get rid of those trees that are dropping those little red mutant cherries from hell (or whatever they are) all over the sidewalks? Along come a few really hot days, like Monday and Tuesday were for example, and the smell will be, well, indescribable.

Golden Edsel Award

Whoever it was that decided to take the dollar-bill changers out of the vending machines gets the Golden Edsel Award for Administrative Blunders this week. Suddenly there is NO change to be found ANYWHERE on the mecca of knowledge that is Wilkes University's campus. It just gets better and better. Next thing you know they'll break up a parking lot so they can build another office building.

Well isn't that special?

Comedian Dana Carvey, of Saturday Night Live will appear at Wilkes University's Henry Gymnasium on Sunday October 20, at 8 pm.

Carvey has been a repertory member of the show since the 1986/87 season, creating such popular characters as "the Church Lady", Hans, of the Hans and Franz body building team, and Mike Myers, the co-host of "Wayne's World".

In addition, Carvey is also an accomplished comedy writer and actor who has just received his third Emmy nomination for outstanding individual performance in a variety or music program.

Don't forget to come out and see Dana Carvey, Sunday, October 20th at the Henry Gymnasium, in the Marts Center. Tickets went on sale Monday, September 9th in Stark lobby.

Tickets can be purchased between 11am and 1pm for eight dollars with student I.D. and fifteen dollars for the general public.



Dana Carvey at Wilkes.

Are you ready for this?

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The Last Word

"In the end, there can be only one." -MacLeod, The Highlander

Folk heroine charms all

BY JOHN SMULOWITZ
Beacon Staff Writer

Folk heroine Rosalie Sorrels performed a stunning three-hour set of intensely personal music at The Chicory House, a volunteer-run nonprofit coffeehouse, on Thursday evening, September 12.

The intimate, almost cozy atmosphere provided the perfect setting for the storytelling acoustic performer.

She began the show by talking to the audience while strumming chords on the guitar. Her pleasant sense of humor and strong voice began a rapport between performer and audience that lasted throughout both sets of her performance.

The songs consisted of gentle chord progressions accompanied by rich vocals, and vivid imagery in her lyrics.

Her songs and stories were similar to photographs, in that many of her past experiences, were told to the

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WCLH - 'Changing Times'

By CAROLYN DOUGLAS AND
BRIAN MALINA

Beacon Feature Editors

Wilkes University's radio station, WCLH, is beginning its nineteenth year of operation. Since the early days the station has undergone many changes. One of the most recent was the appointment of Dr. David Bradbury as general manager and advisor.

When the station began back in the early 70's it was a classical station. In the late 1970's it became a rock-n-roll station, while also adding some specialty programs such as country, jazz and reggae.

When Bradbury's appointment began he had two immediate goals in mind; professionalism and consistency. Now beginning his second year at WCLH Bradbury's goals are beginning to come into form. WCLH is currently on the air between 17 and 18 hours a day, seven days a week, showing an indication of the consistency goal. As for professionalism that is becoming more and more evident as well. All new DJ's are required to go through a training session and sit in on a show with a veteran DJ before going on the air.

Besides personnel changes that station has also undergone some equipment changes as well. The old control board has been replaced by a new state-of-the-art control board. Another new item is a second compact disc player in the control room, along with new tone arms for the turntables.



Jeff Walsh wakes Wilkes campus, Wednesday morning.

When asked about the new found student interest in the radio Dr. Bradbury credited the summer staff for the extensive work they did during orientation.

As for future goals Bradbury plans to provide a learning situation for any member of the campus community. A second goal is to provide a service to Wilkes and the surrounding community, as well as provide a training ground for communications majors and anyone else who interested in the field of radio. In two years Bradbury would like to see the station on the air 24 hours a day with much better news presentation, an increase in sports coverage, and more community involvement.

One reminder that Dr. Bradbury would like to stress is that WCLH is run by the students, for the students. As the students interests and influences change, so will that of the station. WCLH is on the cutting edge and as their slogan goes "WCLH-Modern music for modern minds."

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Folk Heroine

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experiences, were told to the audience in a dramatic "visual" way. Many of her songs and stories deal with growing up in Idaho in the forties and fifties and were of a very personal nature.

The Chicory House presented the concert in the Community Room of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, South Franklin Street, Wilkes-Barre. Tosalie Sorrells' concert was the season-opener for the only folk music venue in Northeastern Pennsylvania.

Guitarist D.Cullen to perform at Wilkes

Wilkes University Programming Board presents guitarists DAVID CULLEN, this Saturday at 8 pm in Rumors.

David Cullen is one of America's outstanding young guitarists. His first international recording "Blue Counterpoint" was released in late 1989 and received a large amount of radio airplay, peaking at #17 on the Jazziz Magazine national airplay charts.

Since then Cullen has released two follow-up albums, "Suspended Animation", and "Tall Tree Records Christmas Album."

Cullen has opened up for such national acts as Tracy Chapman and Bonnie Raitt.

His live performance will feature jazz, blues, and new age influences, blended with gospel.



Jazz guitarist to perform

If you enjoy instrumental music be sure not to miss David Cullen this Saturday, September 14th at Rumors.

• Don't forget to write to *The Bottom Line!!!*

This column will attempt to answer all of your questions and inquiries. Praises, comments, and complaints are also welcome.

Drop your letters off in the *Beacon* office on the third floor of Chase Hall.

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° Football Bus Trip

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° Graduate Conference

The Division of Graduate Affairs and Continuing Education in cooperation with Career Services Center is sponsoring a video conference on "What is Graduate School?" and "How do you select one?" This live student video conference will be held on Thursday, October 3 from 1 to 2 p.m. in room 214 of the Marts Center.

The goal of this conference is to detail the process of selecting a graduate school and to present the experience of graduate school through the personal stories of panel members and pre-recorded guests.

For further information call the Graduate Office at ext. 4462 or the Career Services Center at ext. 4064.

Amnesty International

The Wilkes Chapter of Amnesty International will hold its first meeting on Thursday, September 26 at 11 a.m. in room 209 of Stark Learning Center.

Amnesty International (AI) is a movement of people working together to protect the human rights of other people. AI's mandate encompasses three main goals: the release of prisoners of conscience — men, women, and children imprisoned for their beliefs, color, sex, ethnic origin, language, or religion, provided they have never used nor advocated violence; Fair and prompt trials for all political prisoners; An end to torture and execution in all cases.

All interested students, faculty, and staff are invited to attend.

° Volleyball/Pizza Night

The Math and Computer Science Club is sponsoring a Volleyball/Pizza night on Saturday, September 21 at 7:30 p.m. in the Gym.

Bring some cash for pizza (\$2 - \$3), and, while you're at it, bring a friend too!

° Design a Shirt Contest

The Math and Computer Science Club is sponsoring a Design a Shirt (or Boxers) Contest. You can pick up an entry form in the Club Room (SLC 402). The prize is \$10 or a free shirt or boxers with your design.

° Wrestling Club

The Colonel Wrestling Club (Grappler's) will hold its first meeting of the new season on Wednesday, September 25 at 7 p.m. in the Marts Center. Anyone interested in becoming a member is invited to attend this meeting. Your participation is welcomed by the club. The upcoming season and projects for the year will be discussed at the first meeting.

° Support Group

Several students are attempting to create a support group for the gay, lesbian, and bisexual students on campus.

All students regardless of orientation are welcome to be a part of this group. The purpose of this group is to help those in need of affirmation, or those who just wish to understand.

If you would like more information concerning the club, contact Box 1291.

All letters of inquiry containing a return address or phone number will receive a reply. All correspondence will be kept confidential.

° Part-time Students

Attention part-time students! You may be eligible for support services provided by Act 101. These services include tutoring, study skills workshops, and counseling. To learn more about the Act 101 program, contact Kathy Pesta on the third floor of the Conyngham Student Center at ext. 4156.

Just a reminder...

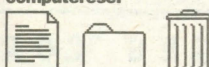
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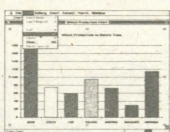
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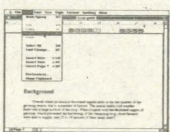
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SPORTS

Athletic safety takes to the highways for new season

By J.R. RUPP
Beacon Sports Editor

College sports are often a vital role in many academic lives. One can not help but worry about injury and athletic safety.

Safety has taken on a new meaning with some student athletes as of late.

Curiosity into transportation safety began last February when the Men's Basketball junior varsity team was involved in an accident. Even though icy roads were the cause of the accident, athletes wondered whether the vehicles they were traveling in were the safest that Wilkes can buy.

According to Athletic Director John Reese, the vans that are used by the athletic teams are safe. Reese said that in the past vans were kept a little longer than he hoped, but now he is comfortable with the conditions of the vans.

Reese added, that vans are necessary for travel because of a small budget for the sports department. Sometimes the school will rent vans if the sports travel schedule is full.



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SAFETY— Team vans are being carefully inspected as the new season begins.

He also noted that the safest form of transportation is not that effective in inclement conditions. Reese said that during the winter months the school keeps close tab of travel forecasts, and if weather situations do not appear right for van travel, the sports department will charter a bus.

The greatest measures are taken by Reese and his staff to secure travel safety. Hopefully, many student athletes will feel comfortable when they're on the road again.

Building Confidence

By BOB SIMMONS
Beacon Staff Writer

The Wilkes University cross country team felt like they ran into a wall this past weekend. The Wilkes runners finished a disappointing 19th out of 22 teams.

In spite of this poor performance coach Tom McGuire was very pleased with two of his members, Frazee Sutphen and Jeff Crahalla, both freshmen. Sutphen ran the course in 27:40 minutes which earned him 50th place out of 235 runners. Crahalla also had a good run, 29:45 minutes. McGuire said "the course was very hilly and the day was very hot." In spite of adverse conditions McGuire said "I am very pleased with their performance today."

McGuire also says, "Sutphen is a very big surprise for us this year. He was recruited by Wilkes for wrestling, but decided to do both wrestle and run." McGuire sees a bright future for Sutphen as a cross country runner.

McGuire feels he has 7 solid runners and is very happy about that. McGuire said "we have to work on getting our times down, down below 30 minutes."

The Colonels will be in action at Kirby Park this Saturday at 1:00 p.m. They will be up against a very solid Delaware Valley team, Division II Mansfield and King's College. This should be a good race, so please come out and support our guys.

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Cortland crushes Colonels at home, 67-6

By JASON EIKE
Beacon Staff Writer

The Wilkes University football team opened its 1991 season with a devastating 67-6 loss against nationally-ranked Cortland State Saturday at Ralston Field.

The Red Dragons, who are seeking their fourth consecutive NCAA bid, dominated the game from the opening kickoff, scoring 29 first-quarter points.

"We were beat physically and mentally," said Wilkes coach Joe DeMelfi. "We did not play aggressive football and made too many fundamental errors."

Cortland received some great individual efforts from pre-season All-American quarterback Dick Puccio. Puccio went 13 for 17 for 195 yards and three touchdowns.

Two of Puccio's touchdowns came in the first-quarter when he connected with wide-receivers Matt Shell and Johnny Williams for 23 and 29 receptions, respectively.

The only bright spot for the Colonels came from sophomore tailback Jason Smith's one-yard TD scamper with 3:38 remaining in the third quarter. Joe Enders' PAT attempt was no good.

"We were overwhelmed," said Wilkes defensive-tackle Aubin Servin. "We just couldn't handle them and I think that really got to us mentally and our momentum slowly declined the rest of the game."

The Colonels will need to rebound from this loss in a hurry in order to get ready for Albright next Saturday.

"We are going to have to put this behind us and move on," stated DeMelfi. "I still think we are a better team from last year in spite of the loss. We'll be at Albright next Saturday at 7:30 p.m."

In the trenches

By AUBIN SEVRIN
Special to the Beacon

What can I possibly say about the game on Saturday against Cortland State, except that it's gone.

When we had our team meeting on Sunday the coaches spoke very little about the game. We didn't watch the game film. It simply was not necessary. Watching the film would only reinforce an already negative experience.

I personally spent all of Sunday washing the memory of the game out of my mind. I tried to rationalize our lack of effort in the game.

Well you know what they say about rationalizations-they are simply rational LIES. So I gave up on the search for an answer and decided that the only thing I could do was not worry about it and go on towards next's week game at Albright.

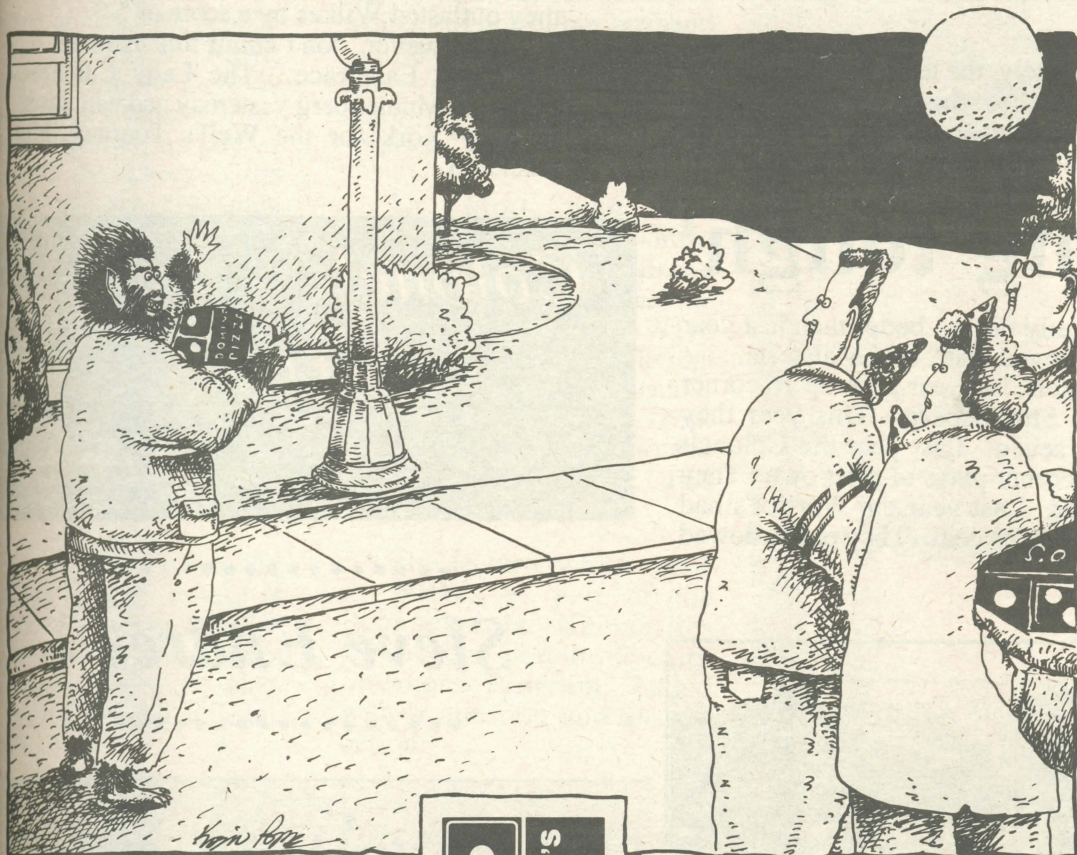
While I was at the meeting I looked at the faces of my teammates and tried to get a sense of how they felt. I got the impression that spent their weekend like I had spent mine.

Many people have asked me, "what happened?". Then, five minutes later ask me if we're going to win on Saturday.

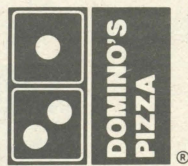
There is no real way of telling how we are going to do until practice starts on Monday. That is the team's attitude.

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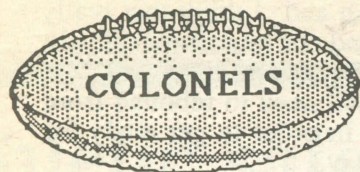
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WEDNESDAY NIGHT RESULTS

The Men's Soccer team was defeated by Scranton 2-1, at Ralston Field. Paul Jellen scored the Colonels lone goal on a penalty kick. The Colonels fall to 4-2.

At Artillery Park the Field Hockey team recorded a 3-0 win over cross town rival King's. Michell Hurst and Becky James recorded the shotout. Tony Farinella, Amy Antinnes, and Catie Heaman provided the offensive punch for the Lady Colonels.



Sports



Lady booters looking to rebound after tough start

By **MISSY CHINCHAR**
Beacon Staff Writer

Over the past four seasons, the Women's Soccer team has been building a solid program for the future. However, this season looks to be the one they have been waiting for.

This year the Lady Colonels have a balance of new faces and seasoned veterans.

Coach Kathy Miller, who is in her fourth season here at Wilkes, is very optimistic about the season ahead.

"The team is more experienced this year than in seasons past," said Miller. "Overall I feel that we have the potential to be a .500 or better team."

Returning this year are captains Dawn Hosler, Denise Carson, Diane Gibbs, and Kelly Bruegger. Also back for another season is their top defensive player, Hillary Blake.

The team also shares in their coach's optimism. Carson, also believes that this year's team is much better. "I feel that our defense is the best part of our game," added Carson.

Unfortunately, the team has dropped their first two matches this year. However, nothing can be taken away from the effort they put forth against their first two opponents.

Their first loss came at the hands of a tough Western Maryland team. Sophomore standout Kelly Bruegger scored both of the Wilkes' goals in their 5-2 defeat on Saturday. Junior Hillary Blake had an outstanding defensive day as well.

Their second test came on Monday the 16th against an outstanding Bloomsburg squad. The Huskies proved to be too much as they outlasted Wilkes by a score of 5-0.

However, don't count this team out of the MAC East race. The Lady Colonels played at Muhlenberg yesterday and will travel to New York for the Well's Tourney this weekend.

Field hockey: 'hanging tough'

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The Wilkes University field hockey team suffered its first loss this past Wednesday, 4-0 to East Stroudsburg University.

The perennial tough Warriors played an explosive game from the opening whistle shutting out Wilkes on its home field.

"We definitely played better than last year our statistics proved that," said Malatesta.

The Colonels, last year gave up 16 corner plays to East Stroudsburg. This year they gave up only seven. Last year the Colonels only had two corner plays of their own. They had 9 this year. Last year the Warrior's had 31 shots on Wilkes' goal. They only allowed 12 this year.



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UNDEFEATED— The field hockey team in action Wednesday afternoon.

"They are unlike anyone we play on our schedule," stated head coach Addy Malatesta.

"They play power hockey. They possess the explosiveness and tenacity needed to win games. This intimidating type of play got to the girls, mentally."

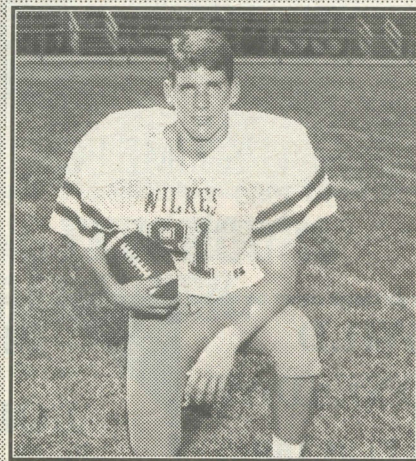
Despite the loss, coach Malatesta felt that this game was more of a moral victory for the team.

"They were really tough," said senior wingback, Catie Heman. "It is tough to develop your game against such an aggressive team but I felt we played them tough."

Malatesta feels her girls are ready. "The biggest thing I worry about is a let down but I don't think that this has happened. We had practice the day after the East Stroudsburg game at 6:00 a.m. and got right back to our normal practice schedule," added Malatesta.

Colonel of the Week

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Steve Endres
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STEVE ENDRES, A SOPHOMORE WIDE RECEIVER PALMERTON, PA. PULLED IN 5 PASSES FOR 73 YARDS IN THE COLONELS LOSS ON SATURDAY.