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Breiseth legacy comes to a close

BY LEIGH ANN HAMILTON

Beacon Staff Writer

"I was raised with the notion to believe you can make a difference as an individual. I believe I made a difference here at Wilkes and in NEPA," said President Christopher N. Breiseth.

President Breiseth's legacy extends not only to his 17 years of presidency at Wilkes University but to his tireless efforts as a community leader. He has earned several awards for his vision and tenure to numerous community and civil organizations, including an Honorary Doctorate of Public Service from Luzerne County Community College, and the Distinguished Citizen Award from Boy Scouts of America. Recently, he and his wife, Jane, were selected to receive the Anti-Defamation League's Distinguished Community Service Award, which will be presented at a ceremony on May 3rd, 2000.

When asked how he feels about living in the city of Wilkes-Barre, Breiseth said, "I love it. It is home. I am very active in the community."

Breiseth grew up in Minneapolis, Minnesota. He moved to Los Angeles, California when he was 12 years old and remained in California for some time. He received his Bachelor's Degree in History with highest honors from the University of California at Los Angeles in 1958. He went on to Oxford University where he continued his studies in Modern British History completing a Bachelors in Literature degree in 1962. He then earned a Ph.D. in Modern European Intellectual History from Cornell University in 1964.

It was there at Cornell where he would meet his wife, the former Jane Morhouse. She was working on her Masters in Education at the time. He recalls the exact minute and day they met. He and Jane have three children, Abigail, Erika, and Lydia and are eagerly expecting a grandchild sometime in October of this year.

"In many ways," Breiseth reflected, "the best years of my life have been those at Wilkes," he said. Breiseth announced his retirement on April 18th, 2000. "I am immensely proud of what we have accomplished together—the trustees, faculty, staff, students, alumni, and many friends of the University," he said.

The 17 years of Breiseth's presidency culminate a time of many milestones. He has served the second longest presidential term in the institution's history. He is second only to founding president, Eugene S. Farley. Breiseth told the story of how the presidential search committee called him and described Wilkes to him and said, "We think this sounds like a place you would like and that would like you," he said.

During Breiseth's tenure, Wilkes has experienced an enormous growth spurt in its fundraising, programmatic and campus development initiatives.

He led the institution to its 1989 designa-

tion as a university expanding the undergraduate realm of studies by the Pennsylvania Board of Education.

Since Breiseth was named president in 1984, Wilkes Endowment has grown from \$3 million to more than \$25 million, advanced by the successful completion in 1992 of the \$25 million Wilkes Tomorrow Capital Campaign.

The University's current Endow the Future Campaign is on target to conclude next year, with more than \$23 million pledged toward its \$30 million goal, which combines capital projects, endowment, and special operation goals. During his final year as president, he plans to help the University reach or exceed that goal.

"The future for Wilkes is very bright," said

Breiseth. "The first 62 Doctors of Pharmacy will make us known for our health care programs. That, along with new technology and very strong teacher education, both graduate and undergraduate, are three things that contribute to our strength," he said.

He mentioned that Wilkes has also continually enriched its liberal arts curriculum and professional programs.

Under Breiseth's leadership, the Wilkes campus has been transformed in many ways. Several buildings have been either constructed or remodeled for student residence, study, and

See Breiseth
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Photo by Adam Polinger

"Holy cow, am I supposed to swing this thing?"

Block Party held, page 4

First Pharm. D. class to graduate

BY LEIGH ANN HAMILTON
Beacon Staff Writer

Wilkes University began looking at the possibility of starting a professional pharmacy program in 1992. As of July 2000, the national accreditation agency will no longer accredit B.S. programs, only Pharm.D.

It will take about five years to phase out, but eventually all schools across the nation will change to Pharm.D. B.S. programs consist of five years of study whereas Pharm.D. programs consist of six years of study. According to Dean of Pharmacy, Dr. Bernard Graham, "Pharm.D. is more clinically oriented, emphasizing the skill of therapeutic management," he said.

The Nesbitt School of Pharmacy was named last year in recognition of a \$3 million gift given by Mrs. Nesbitt Orr in remembrance of her late husband. Sixty-two graduates will receive their Pharm.D. degrees from the Nesbitt School of Pharmacy on May 20th, 2000. During the graduation ceremony, each graduate will be hooded on stage with their doctoral hoods.

The primary mission of the Wilkes University School of Pharmacy is to provide a dynamic, challenging, and comprehensive curriculum, focused on the future, that will serve as the foundation for life-long learning and practice. Graduates will provide quality patient care in a wide range of health systems.

Graham stated that they are planning some special activities for the students. Part of the celebration process will be a black tie dinner in which students will invite guests of their choice. "We expect to have over 350 people attend this dinner at Genetti's on May 19th after the baccalariate," said Graham.

When the students graduate, they will be relocating all over the nation. "Each student," Graham explained "could have about five job offers if they wanted them," he said. About sixty percent of the students will be going into the field of retail



The Pharm D. class of 2000, the first doctor of pharmacy class at Wilkes, will set the standards for this first year pharmacy class, along with the future pharmacy classes at Wilkes.

pharmacy. Eight students will be going into residency and further developing their professional education. Others intend to explore hospital pharmacy, institutional practice, manage care, consulting, and nuclear pharmacy.

Graham pointed out that Wilkes University's Pharmacy Program is unique from other schools in that the students are placed in one of six teams from the time of enrollment to the time of graduation. Two major qualities of the program include team building and communications.

"We also have an integrated curriculum with basic science courses and clinical science courses which create a holistic model," Graham stated

"There is a team teaching curriculum to these courses," he said.

The program that has been built here is the result of the efforts of many within the community, students, alumni, and faculty. Many enhancements have taken place over the last couple of years to keep improving the program. Graham said that it represents the culmination of a lot of plans and activities that have been in progress for quite some time. He explained that it is a fulfillment of a lot of dreams and expectations of students that are

graduating and the Board of Trustees.

Just as of April of this year, a pharmacy honor society, Rho Chi was started. There are now 76 different chapters of Rho Chi within schools across the United States.

"We opened up the Drug Information Service about one and one-half months ago. It is more or less an outreach to the professionals in the area. We try to give them clinical information conducive to pharmacotherapeutic management of drug therapy," said Graham.

"As with any dynamic program," Graham continued "we use the result of this year to refine our curriculum. We still have a lot of work to do as far as recruiting new faculty," he said.

One of the school's objectives for next year are implementing a Pharm.D./MBA program, and a non-traditional Pharm.D. option. Non-traditional Pharm.D. is a program to allow baccalariate trained Pharmacists to obtain their Pharm.D.

"Our program is one that Wilkes can be proud of," explained Graham. "It represents the efforts of many, which includes the high quality faculty that we have been able to attract here at Wilkes University," he said.



Photo courtesy University Relations
President Breiseth and wife Jane in one of the few public photos available of the happy couple.

Breiseth (from front page)

recreation. The Fenner Quadrangle and the South Franklin Street Classroom/Office Building were built in 1995.

A plan was implemented to improve the campus in 1993. Extensive renovations were made to the Munson Field House and Ralston Field Complex in 1993. With the help of the Kirby family, Kirby Hall was remodeled and restored for \$1 million in 1999.

Other improvements were made to Passan Hall and Pearsall Hall for Nursing. Also, the Allan P. Kirby Center for Free Enterprise and Entrepreneurship was acquired by the University in 1993.

As part of the Endow the Future Campaign, during his administration, Breiseth secured the largest one-time gift in school history of \$3 million from Mrs. Geraldine Nesbitt Orr to establish the Nesbitt School of Pharmacy in honor of her late husband. A major curricular enhancement for Wilkes University was in 1994 with the creation of the School of Pharmacy which will graduate its first class of Doctors of Pharmacy on May 20, 2000.

Breiseth helped establish and continues to chair the Board of Directors of Earth Conservancy. He also recently became a life member of the Osterhout Library Board of Directors.

Before joining Wilkes, Breiseth served as president of Deep Springs College, California. Prior to that he was professor of History at Saguawva State University and assistant professor of history at Williams College.

During his leave of absence from Williams in 1967-68, he served as chief of policy guidance in the Community Action Program at the Office of Economic Opportunity in Washington D.C. from 1970-1971. He was a Danforth post-doctoral Fellow at the University of Chicago in Black Studies.

"It is with a feeling of deep gratitude for all that he has accomplished for Wilkes University that I accept Dr. Breiseth's decision to retire," said Gerald Moffatt, Chairman of Wilkes University Board of Trustees. "His tenure has been one of dramatic development and growth in the life of this institution," he said.

Moffatt also added that "Dr. Breiseth has given the Board of Trustees more than 14 months of service, ample time for a smooth transition. This kind of thoughtfulness has been a hallmark of his leadership and will allow for a careful selection of his successor," he explained.

"Soon I plan to be teaching again," announced Breiseth. "I will not be missing the students, therefore. I think of myself much more as a teacher than as an administrator," he concluded. When asked about his own plans for time after retirement, Breiseth commented that he and his wife will probably take about a year and travel. Also that he plans to embark upon a major Ulysses S. Grant project to teach history part-time here at Wilkes.

Breiseth's retirement date is set for July 1st, 2001, after the conclusion of the academic year. The process for selection of a new president is already in progress. On May 11th and 12th of this year there will be a meeting to plan and establish a search committee which will consist of faculty, staff and alumni. They will most likely begin receiving applications in the fall and select a new President in January 2001.

"One is really in a privileged role in this kind of job," Breiseth said. "Whatever is critical in the community, the person in this role has the opportunity to be working with the community. I am going to miss that part," he said.

Attention Resident Students!

Resident Student Parking Applications are now available in the Residence Life Office (3rd Floor of Conyngham Hall).

Due date: THURSDAY, MAY 11th to the RLO

If you currently have a parking permit you must still re-apply for next fall.

Approved Parking Permits cost \$60 a semester.

Thanks for getting them in on time!

-IRHC Parking Committee

Honorary degrees to be awarded at upcoming commencement

In addition to graduating its very first class of Doctors of Pharmacy, Wilkes University will award both James T. Doluisio, Ph.D., and Dr. Warren Evans a Doctor of Science Degree, Honoris Causa, during its upcoming Spring Commencement, to be held Saturday, May 20 at 11 AM on the Fenner Quadrangle.

Doluisio, a native of the Wyoming Valley, is currently the Hoechst-Roussel Professor of Pharmacy at The University of Texas at Austin.

From 1973-1998, he served as Dean of Pharmacy at the University of Texas. Prior to that appointment, Doluisio was an assistant and associate professor at the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy and Science (1961-67) and professor and assistant dean of the University of Kentucky College of Pharmacy (1967-73).

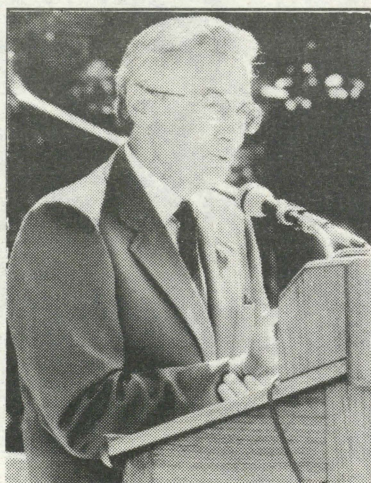
"It is with deep appreciation that I, on behalf of Wilkes University, will bestow our highest honor on Dr. Doluisio, in recognition of his distinguished contributions to the profession of Pharmacy, including pharmacy education and particularly his crucial role in helping Wilkes start the Nesbitt School of Pharmacy," said Wilkes President Dr. Christopher N. Breiseth.

"We are thrilled that Dr. Doluisio will be part of this historic occasion. His guidance and enthusiasm were critical to our decision to establish the pharmacy program."

Doluisio was a Pre-doctoral Fellow of the National Science Foundation and the American Foundation for Pharmaceutical Education. He is currently a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the American Association of Pharmaceutical Scientists, and the American Pharmaceutical Association.

After receiving his Bachelor's and Master's degrees in pharmacy from Temple University, Philadelphia, Doluisio earned a doctorate in pharmaceuticals from Purdue University, Lafayette, Indiana.

"I am very excited and honored to be a part of the historic



Dr. James Doluisio, the Hoechst-Roussel Professor of Pharmacy at The University of Texas at Austin.



Dr. Warren Evans, Director, Collegiate Approvals and Research Unit Liaison to Postsecondary Institutions.

Wilkes University Commencement that will have the inaugural graduation of students from the Nesbitt School of Pharmacy," said Doluisio. "Since both my wife, Phyllis, and I have roots in Hazleton and Nanticoke, there is a feeling of coming home for a great occasion."

For his commitment to upholding the integrity of colleges and universities in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and higher education at large, Wilkes will also award an honorary doctorate to Dr. Warren Evans.

Evans is Director, Collegiate Approvals and Research Unit Liaison to Postsecondary Institutions, Chartering-Governance-Accreditation Specialist, Office of Postsecondary and Higher Education, with the Department of Education for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

"I have worked with Warren in various capacities in the Department of Education for almost 15 years," said colleague and friend Peter H. Garland.

"Few individuals in the nation have been stronger in guarding the integrity of institutions that would be called colleges or universities. Warren understands the unique role of colleges and universities in serving society and the importance of the public trust in their endeavors."

From 1989-1999, Evans served as Executive Director of the Professional Standards and Practices Commission. Appointed by the Governor, members have

oversight over all teachers and certificates for teaching in the Commonwealth. Evans also serves as liaison between the Department of Education and all Pennsylvania Professional licensing boards, assisting them with reviewing program requests, authenticating degrees, and evaluating institutions.

In his role as specialist, Evans must be familiar with: all laws, regulations and standards which govern institutions of higher education in Pennsylvania; the history and development of them; and with problems institutions have developed in other states. He makes sure the citizens of the Commonwealth are guaranteed a minimum level of quality higher education from their schools. And, he can recommend either approval or disapproval of requests for charter and related matters to the Secretary of Education, with appropriate supporting data. He must be primarily concerned that all of those that are approved are of sufficient quality so that the right of students to excellent education is preserved.

Evans is also expected to make judgements and decisions in highly sensitive areas which reflect directly on the right of institutions of higher learning to function in Pennsylvania. He acts in an advisory capacity to students having problems with any one of the institutions.

SG update

BY MELISSA PETRAS

Special to The Beacon

Wednesday evening's Student Government meeting marked the end of a year of strong leadership and dedication.

The members of the new Executive Board were elected at the start of the meeting. Next year SG looks forward to having Beth Danner as Vice President, Greg Collins as Treasurer, Kyla Campbell as Corresponding Secretary, and Adeline Groblewski for a second term as Recording Secretary.

The student body presented Matt Sowcik with an award for his excellent leadership over the past year. Dr. Batory was presented with the Faculty Choice Award.

IRHC is holding their Finals Study Break Party this coming Sunday at 7:30 PM in the third floor cafeteria.

Next year's SG budget passed unanimously!

The meeting closed with many reflective thoughts on the past year and best wishes were extended to everyone in the coming year!

The Beacon would like to wish all the graduates the Best of Luck!

CRIMINOLOGY PROGRAM ANNOUNCED

At the March faculty meeting, the faculty approved a program in Criminology.

It is a 42 hour interdisciplinary program. If interested, please see any of the faculty in Sociology, Dr. Garr, Dr. Natzke, or Dr. Tuttle, for further information.

Commuter Parking Applications are now available at the Security Desk in Stark Lobby, the Information Desk in the Student Union Building, and on the Wilkes website.

Completed applications should be returned to the box on the Security Desk in Stark Lobby.

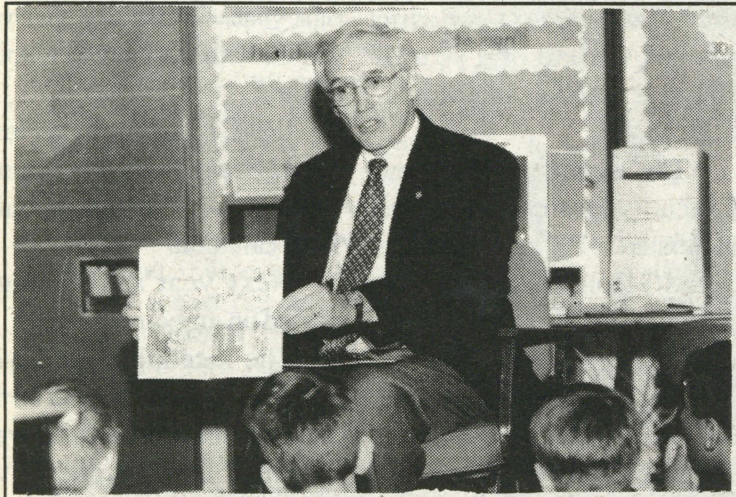
Parking permits are \$60.00 per semester.

They are granted on the basis of seniority, distance traveled, having a campus job and needing a car for an academic reason (internships, etc.)

- utilizing a point system.

Those receiving a parking permit will be informed in August.

President participates in community reading Day



Wilkes University President Dr. Christopher N. Breiseth read Rod Clement's book, *Grandpa's Teeth*, to the second grade class of Debra Moore at Heights Murray Elementary School, in Wilkes-Barre, for Community Reading Day.

The second grade class of teacher Debra Moore at Heights Murray Elementary School welcomed Wilkes University President Dr. Christopher Breiseth as the guest reader for this year's Community Reading Day.

Breiseth captivated the students with his colorful illustration of Rod Clement's book *Grandpa's Teeth*. Sponsored by Fleet Pennsylvania Services, Inc., a subsidiary of FleetBoston Financial, Community Reading Day promotes literacy and education while also encouraging students to read.

For the fourth consecutive year, business volunteers throughout Luzerne, Lackawanna and Wayne Counties donated an hour of their busy day to visit second grade classrooms. From 9-10 AM, volunteers read a book to the students, discussed the book and their careers with the class, and donated the book to the class. Last year, more than 12,000 students in 500 classrooms through the region participated in the program.

Health Services will be offering an Adult CPR Class on Monday, May 8, 2000 between 4:00 PM-6:00 PM. There are still a few openings if anyone is interested please call Health Services ext. 4730 as soon as possible. The cost is FREE.

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Wilkes students get ready to rumble at Block Party 2000!

Photo by Adam Polinger

Block Party 2000

BY MELISSA PETRAS
Special to The Beacon

This year's Block Party was a combination of beautiful weather and great entertainment. The afternoon began with a wonderful performance by "Crystal Madison," which showcased some of Wilkes' finest musical talent. A 3-on-3 basketball tournament was won by "Hit Squad" whose members included Garland Suitt, Kyle Reed, Beck, and alternate Jason Hills. Second place went to "Strangers" and third place was claimed by "Alcoholics." Cash prizes were awarded.

Wilkes University was proud to welcome Wilkes-Barre natives "Strangers With Candy"

recognized who put on a phenomenal 2-hour performance. Their energy was by one enthusiastic student who called the band, "the best *#@\$%&! thing that has happened at Wilkes in the past four years." SWC won the MTV Best Cover Band Contest with their "Rage Against The machine" style sound.

The greenway was the site of several inflatable activities such as the giant slide, moon walk, jousting and speed pitch. Several clubs held fund-raisers providing participants with pizza, soda, subs, beef jerky, popcorn and baked goods.

The events were rounded out with the battle of the bands.

Three bands participated with "Sideshow" coming up on top. The first runners up were Larry (Lewis) and Dylan (Donahue). Cash prizes were awarded.

Lisa McClintock, who was responsible in part for organizing the event commented, "The day overall was a huge success. The weather was nice and I think that everyone had a great time."

Several former Wilkes student were spotted at the event to mix and mingle with faculty and friends. Some faculty members came out with their families for the day's activities. Students and faculty attending the event felt it was a good time and look forward to the event next year.

Results for SG election are in

BY MELISSA PETRAS
Special to The Beacon

The votes have been cast, the ballots have been counted, and the results are in!

Student Government elections were held two Thursdays ago in the Student Union concourse. The elections were accompanied with what could possibly be the best voter turnout in Student Government election history.

Students were faced with a three-way decision for next year's SG President. The three candidates, John Bosha, Steve Gazda, and

Cassie Sutton, offered their view points in a debate held the previous week. Also on the ballot were candidates for Inter-Residence Hall Council, Commuter Council, and Off-Campus Council. All three of these candidates ran unopposed.

The 2000-01 Wilkes University Student Government President elect was sophomore John Bosha. He assumed the position at last week's SG meeting after the passing of the gavel from last year's President Matthew Sowcik.

Marcus Sowcik was brought up from the general body to fill Bosha's empty seat as Parliamentarian.

At the final SG meeting of the semester the remainder of the Executive Board positions were filled by Beth Danner as Vice President, Greg Collins as Treasurer, Kyla Campbell as Corresponding Secretary, and Adeline Groblewski for a second term as Recording Secretary.



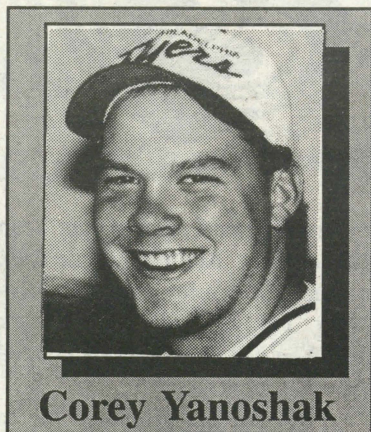
It's so hard to say goodbye, but see ya

It's that time of year again. Classes have ended, finals begin in a few days and graduation is only a few weeks away, which means Wilkes will see yet another group of fine young men and women enter the "Real World."

Now, no offense to any of you who do read this, but there are only a select few that I will truly miss. In all actuality, I only know a few seniors at the school, but it's still hard to say goodbye.

As is true with any group or organization, I have met the majority of my close friends through baseball. Actually, it's where I met almost all of my friends. And now, as a junior, I have had the opportunity to play with this group of graduating seniors for three years and am thoroughly disappointed they have to leave without a championship or even the opportunity to play for one.

This year's group of seniors is six deep and all have impacted my life in one way or another. I am not as close with certain ones as I am with others, for various reasons, but I have learned something from



Corey Yanoshak

each of them and would like to wish them the best of luck in the future and sincerely hope that I am able to keep in touch with them as they forward their careers.

First on the list is Joel Eberts. I'm not sure if you're coming back next year Ebs, but it's been enjoyable discussing the game with you. I wish I could have seen you in your prime, because your dedication shows me you have the desire.

Next is Tim Popovich. I really don't know what to say Pop, just *Keep Livin'*.

Also, Jason Lenko. Lenk, we've probably talked the most out-

side of baseball and I hope you get the job you deserve. When it came down to it, you were there. And when you should have been there, you never got the chance.

Now there's Nick D'Amico. I'm so glad to see you graduating, Nicky. It's been hell playing with you. But I'll tell you, there's no one else on the team that I have more confidence in when the game's on the line. *Jesus*, I've seen you come through in the clutch this year more than I have seen anyone else in three years. You have shown me a love for the game that I hope carries into next year for the whole team.

Nate Lipton. It still bothers me that you didn't go out on a winning note because you deserved to. You, too, have shown me a love for the game that I will carry. All things said, you were the heart of our pitching staff for four years. You really are the best pitcher I have ever caught. It takes more than a fastball and you showed me just what it does take and to take care of my business. As with Nicky, every time you stepped on the

mound, I was confident we would win and would pitch you against any team out there.

Last, but not least, Joe Doran. Damn, Jo-Jo, it's been 12 years that we've been playing together or against one another. From Little League to Wilkes, I've always counted on you as a great teammate. Since I was nine I looked up to you. Now's your chance to get rid of me and play with someone else who's going to bust your ass. All I ask is that you use some of your knowledge in the classroom and not let me graduate before you.

There's also two other members I'd like to say goodbye to.

Dan Borden, a graduating senior who played my first two years, but ran out of eligibility. Even in competition we were closer than with anyone I've been around. Your knowledge of the game is amazing, and I have picked things up just watching you play, not even talking to you. Take care of your daughter and I'll be seeing you at your graduation party.

Assistant coach Mark Youngblood will also be leaving the

friendly confines of Artillery Park, but for a completely different reason. Mark, codename "Blood," will be joining the Secret Service to guard the next President. Ohmigod! An optometrist shop worker straight to guarding our nation's capital. We are not safe anymore. Even so, best of luck in your quest to get to Capitol Hill. As is true with Joey Doran, you've been around for almost my whole career. You played a big part in my decision to come to Wilkes, and I am sorry you will not be around for the end of my career, but this opportunity is amazing and I hope everything works out.

That's it. That's my goodbyes and my sappy stories. I would like to wish all of the seniors graduating this May the best of luck and sincerely hope they achieve their goals.

For the baseball players leaving, your hard work is to be commended and I believe that the mark you leave on this program will be evident in years to come.

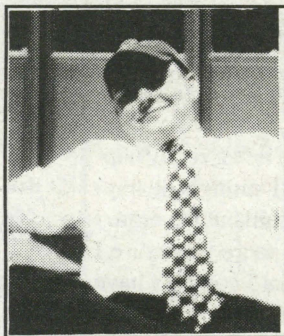
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Words of wisdom from graduating seniors

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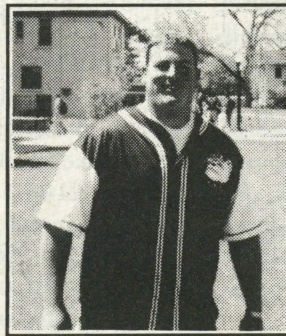
- Vic Scelba

"For the Nookie....."



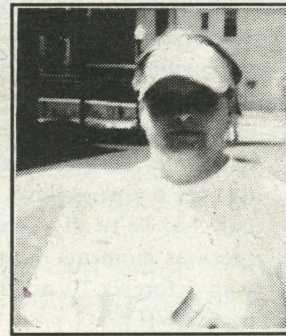
- Jeff Reichl

"Drink before think."



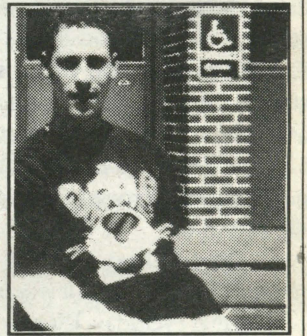
- Chuck Weitzel

"DO NOT take a test or quiz with a hangover."



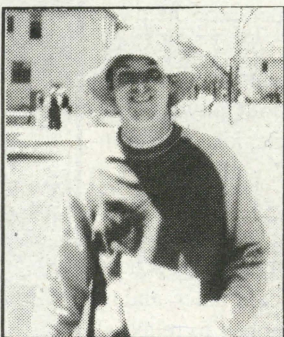
- Sean Geddis

"Tank"
"Drink, drink heavily."



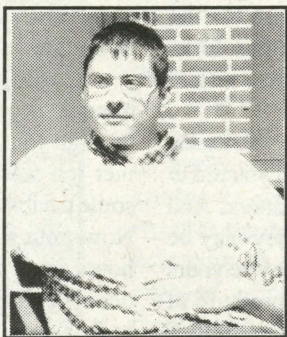
- Matt Sowcik

"Nickle"
"Don't want to talk about it."



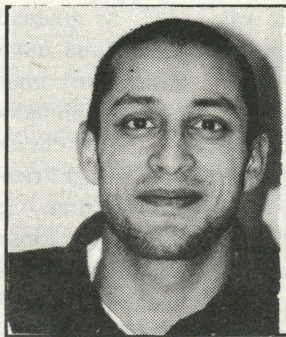
- Matt Jagusak

"God Bless this school and all the women!"



- Joe Porto

"Dime"
"Don't want to talk about it. Part 2"



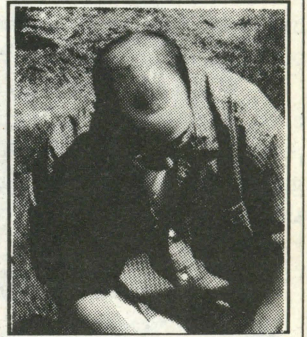
-Harris Ahmad

"Make sure the toilet works before moving in."



-Bhavika Patel

"When in need don't call campus security."



-Larry Lewis

"I had the best time that I could while I was stuck in this place."

Double-Teamed

Two girls and a guy discuss firsts in a relationship

"First things first..."

by Holly Sabecki

In every person's life, things happen that no matter how hard you try, they never escape your memory. Do you remember your first date or even as far back as your first kiss? Of course, there are those who tend to hate to reminisce, but for those of you who never gave up on your first, this one is strictly for you!

Ok, so who was your first boy/girl friend and when did you decide he or she was the love of your life? Well, for me it was kindergarten. Yep, the cute boy who sat behind me in class got all my puppy love for that year! When I saw that little brown-haired boy walk into class, it was all over. We played together, sat together and even ate lunch together. Even though it may not be a big deal, I thought I was set for life!

Sure, that example may seem a bit silly, but believe me, the rest are anything but... well, almost.

As I moved on to first grade, my heart still contended for my kindergarten relationship, but I became nasty. Well, not really nasty, but bless that kid if he ever even looked in the direction of another young dame, because that girl would be sorry! Now, how bad is that? My first kiddie love and I practically stalked the poor kid -- but hey, he asked for it! And, the sad part was, I couldn't even leave it at that. The next five years proved to be hell for the two of us.

Why do I say that? He liked me and I liked him and it was on and off like that everyday. I'll never forget fifth grade when I kicked him between the legs because of another girl. Yep, we were at a football game and this girl thought she'd show me a lesson and try to beat me up. Needless to say, that never happened. After our first kiddie kiss, our relationship ended forever.

What I am trying to say is that even when you think firsts and puppy love are just dumb little kid games, they can leave an impression in your mind forever. Of course,

I am way over that little boy from kindergarten, but I was able to learn something from myself. Those instances of pettiness I felt from the other girls just gave me the confidence I needed to completely rid myself of those types of relationships. As the years went by, many boys found their way into my life, but the things I learned in my younger days helped me be the kind of girlfriend I wanted to portray. Even now, I have been in a relationship with a great guy for the past year and because of these earlier experiences, things have never been better.

While many people just like to speak about the future, don't block out those little kid memories. Who knows? For many of us, these are even teen memories. The point is, learning from youth is a great thing and it can even help prepare us for the years ahead. Maybe your first kiss was under a tree in your neighbor's backyard, but whatever the case, it doesn't matter. Always think back to those first times and you can learn a lot about yourself.

"You always remember..."

by Dawn Schwartz

First crush, first kiss, first real date, first love... Why is it that these are the experiences in life that will stick with us forever? No matter if we thought it was the best thing ever or if we want to pretend it never happened, the first time is the one that we'll always think about. So now that we're all aware that these precious moments in time will be with us forever, I'll ask the question again... WHY?

Well, there's a few reasons really. Maybe it's because our first times made us feel all "grown up". Yeah, you know they did. Even though when you walked in on your older brother or sister (or worse yet your parents) you thought it was absolutely the most disgusting thing you'd ever seen, you still wanted to give it a try just to feel like an adult. Unfortunately for you, no one told you that making out and falling in love had a tendency to revert you to an even more childish attitude than you had to start with.

A second reason is because the first gives us a basis for comparison. Yep, feel sorry for those poor guys or girls who participated in your first kiss or first love, because you know that everyone after that had to fill those shoes. And for some of us, the shoes weren't too hard to fill. But seriously, when

you don't know much about something, you tend to base your knowledge on experience. So, even if the guy broke off your brace bracket (not that it's ever happened to anyone I know or anything!) or practically suffocated you the first time you were kissed, you have got to thank him for something. Thank him for helping you get that horrible, scary event over with.

A final reason that the "first" is so memorable is because it was important to you. Let's face it...first loves, first kisses, our first sexual partner... All of these events and the people who participated in them with us meant something at the time. The first time is really intimate, and when there is intimacy involved, there's usually vulnerability and self-consciousness to go with it. And, anyone who says they weren't self-conscious of their "performance" is a liar!

So, I guess there really are a lot of valid reasons for why you'll always remember your first times. Maybe you sit and think back with all sorts of happy thoughts, or maybe you think back and want to just cry because it was so horrible. Whatever the case is, get over it because no matter how you feel, the memory is going to follow you for the rest of your life. Yep, that's the one you told all your friends about (and believe me, they won't let you forget it!) knowing that later in life they'd make fun of you relentlessly. To sum it all up, I may sound cynical, but I'm really not. Because, I know that my "firsts" were all the most awkward and embarrassing times of my life, but, I wouldn't trade those little experiences for anything. They make you who you are today...

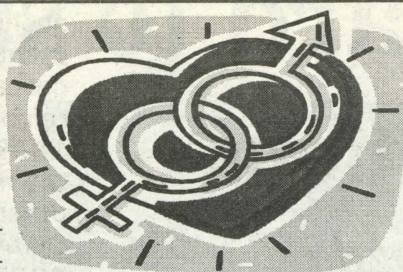
"Don't forget your childhood..."

by Corey Yanoshak

As graduation nears for the seniors and another summer lurks around the corner, one may reflect on their childhood days.

Your childhood experiences, your first girlfriend, what you did to pass the time -- it all matters. And don't try to forget it. They may be painful memories, but they're yours and only yours. As the pressure of the "Real World" looms, reminiscing about your childhood may help alleviate some of the pressure we all may feel.

I can remember a lot from my childhood, after the age of six or seven, though, because I really can't remember that far back. My first kiss,



my first girlfriend, my first fight, I can still see them. And it takes me back to a time of carelessness and easy-going. Things didn't matter back then. You just did what you wanted and what came naturally.

My parents pressured me to have the same girlfriend I had since I was in fourth grade until I finally had a "real" relationship with my current girlfriend. In fourth grade, I went out with my brother's girlfriend's sister and our parents also knew each other. They thought it would be great if we stayed together forever. It was until four years ago that they realized I wasn't interested and I would find someone for myself. Now, I'm still pressured about not screwing up a good thing. Who would have thought I'd hear the same speech for 12 years? It goes to show you how your childhood shapes you, though.

My first kiss was terrible. My girlfriend was great but there were about 15 kids around us at a football game. We were both in seventh grade and I knew it was coming. I wanted to, but I was nervous. It happened, so far so good, just go with it, but then I was caught with my eyes open. Oops, I didn't know that wasn't allowed. That's what I get for being 13, stupid age. But I guess it's better to get thrown into the fire than be babied into it.

My first love never really happened until now. I thought it happened to my first kiss, but the more I think about it, the more immature I know I was and that I couldn't have made that decision. It has taken me 21 years to finally realize what's important, I thought I knew a long time ago. I thought because we kissed and were going out that it was love. But it wasn't, I don't think. It takes you a long time to figure out what you need and your earlier experiences help you to do that.

During the summer, you didn't have to worry about paying bills through your summer job. Your summer job was to play all day, get in some trouble, and watch TV at night. Now, your job is to work eight to ten hours a day, possibly manage school, deal with a significant other, and try to find time and money to relax, all while paying the bills.

Without memories, you've got nothing. Whether they're memories from childhood or memories from last week, hold onto them. What you remember is important, or else you wouldn't have remembered it.

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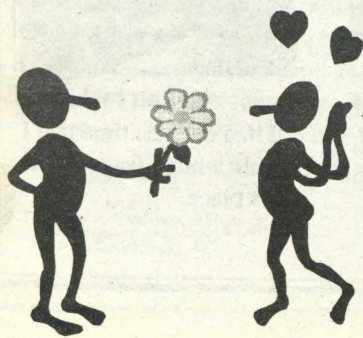
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Words of Congratulations

By: *Stephen J. Gazda*

Junior Class President

What a race to the finish!!! The past Student Presidential race was definitely one of the most interesting and interesting races that Wilkes University has seen in a while. From pins, signs, posters, food, and drawings of all three candidates, it was a deserving of the position, not just the winner who was victorious.

I am very pleased to say and know that I will be under the leadership and guidance of President-elect John Boshaj. His enthusiasm and respect for the University will benefit not just the 2000-2001 Student Government, but the entire student body, board and myself.

His tactics, knowledge, experience, and ideas of how Student Government should be run have earned him the position that many people see, but only one individual can obtain, President.

Thanks to this race, I have been able to see the side of John Boshaj that the Student Government rarely sees: positive attitude, determination, and insight.

It has been a learning experience for each of us; no matter what the outcome was.

I would like to both congratulate and wish John the best of luck with the upcoming school year. It is a hard hill to climb, but I know that John can reach the top successfully.

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1626 - Governor Peter Minuit bought a 20,000-acre island, all of what is now Manhattan Island. The price? \$24 worth of cloth and brass buttons.

1886 - Chichester Bell and Charles Tainter received a US patent for the graphophone. This invention replaced Thomas Edison's phonograph, and featured wax-coated cylinders. These were considered an improvement over the

phonograph's tinfoil cylinders, which had been delicate and difficult to remove.

1899 - Manuel rushed to the finish line ahead of four others to win the Kentucky Derby.

1905 - Belmont Park race track opened on Long Island, New York. Race King and Sysonby finished in a dead heat in the day's feature race.

1920 - The Symphony Society of New York presented a concert at the Paris Opera House. It was the first American orchestra to make a European tour.

1925 - The Terris-Dundee boxing match was the final event held at the old Madison Square Garden in New York City. Five different sites have been named Madison Square Garden over the years.

1932 - Public Enemy Number One, Al Capone, was jailed - in the Atlanta Penitentiary - for tax evasion.

1945 - June Christy sang with the Stan Kenton band on one of the most famous of all big band hits, "Tampico". The tune was waxed as Capitol record number 202.

1950 - In London, jockey Gordon Richards rode the 4,000th winner of his career, more than any jockey in horseracing history.

1954 - The first intercollegiate court tennis match in the United States was held - at the Racquet and Tennis Club in New York City. Princeton and Yale were on opposite sides of the net.

Dawning of a new era

By *John D. Boshaj*

Student Government President

Wilkes University stands at the precipice of a new era right now. It could potentially be an era of greatness or it could potentially be an era of failure. All this depends upon one factor. Students. It is simple to think that solely the people in leadership roles in an organization determine success or failure. This statement, in my opinion, could not be farther from the truth. Ask any professor. It is easier to teach to a distinguished group of scholars than any class of King's students. Ask any coach. It is easier to guide all-stars than rookies. Ask any Student Government President. Activities and the entire year in general can only be as successful as you, the students, make it.

Next year, thanks to the work of this past year's Student Government and help from the students, the activity fee will be raised. This raise offers the students a greater opportunity to be involved than has ever been offered before. Being a student who is actively involved in campus life, I can tell you with 100% certainty that every club would be more than happy to accept new members. Wilkes has an amazing amount of clubs for virtually every hobby, belief, major, activity, or sport imaginable. There is no reason not to be involved in anything. With the fee increase, even smaller clubs will most likely receive more money to hold more interesting functions, which will ideally bring out more students. Again, the key to next year is being active.

As Student Government President next year, I plan to take on the burden of improving public opinion of Student Government. This past year SG was maligned, seemingly all year. From not changing student apathy to increasing the budget, it seemed no one was happy with the job our elected student leaders were doing. I am here, as approachable as any student can be, to offer honesty and commitment, not just to the office of SG President, but to the student body. In the next year, I hope to reach farther than just Student Government with the positive energy generated at our meetings. I invite students to attend a meeting or two if you would like to. If not, providing you may have concerns, feel free to e-mail me personally at boshajd@wilkes.edu. Any questions or concerns put forth will be addressed.

No organization is perfect, but I believe with the help of the students, next year, Student Government can come pretty close. As I stated at the outset, this could be the single greatest year in the history of this university. We have a brand new Student Union Building, a new budget to work with, honest energetic leaders, and most importantly, 1,500 students. Next year will be what you make of it.

Easter Egg Hunt held on campus

An Easter Egg Hunt was held on Monday, April 17th for approximately seventy-five students from the McGlynn Learning Center. Festivities began at four o'clock in the afternoon, when the students arrived at the Marts Center. These first through sixth grade students enjoyed a "picnic" lunch before hunting for eggs, playing games, painting with marbles, and having their pictures taken with the Easter bunny. The Wilkes University Community was successful in providing an enjoyable afternoon of fun and games for participating children.

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The event was sponsored by the Business and Accounting Club, several other campus organizations, and various local businesses. The Club's officers, advisor, Dr. John Grandzol, and Easter Egg Hunt Coordinator Margaret Durilla, wish to thank the Wilkes University Community for support. Contributing campus organizations included: Student Government, Off-Campus Council, Inter Residence Hall Council (IRHC), Silver Wings, the Wilkes Chapter of International Association of Business Communicators

(IABC), Zebra Communications, Students In Free Enterprise (SIFE), Kappa Psi, the Student Community Service Council (SCSC), and Campus Interfaith. A special thank you to those students who came out to volunteer for the event and to Mary Hession for her strong support. Also, Wilkes would like to thank the following local businesses for their monetary, food, and prize contributions: K-Mart, BiLo, Ames, Price Chopper, Nabisco, and the Wilkes-Barre Chamber of Business and Industry. Thank you for helping make this event a success.

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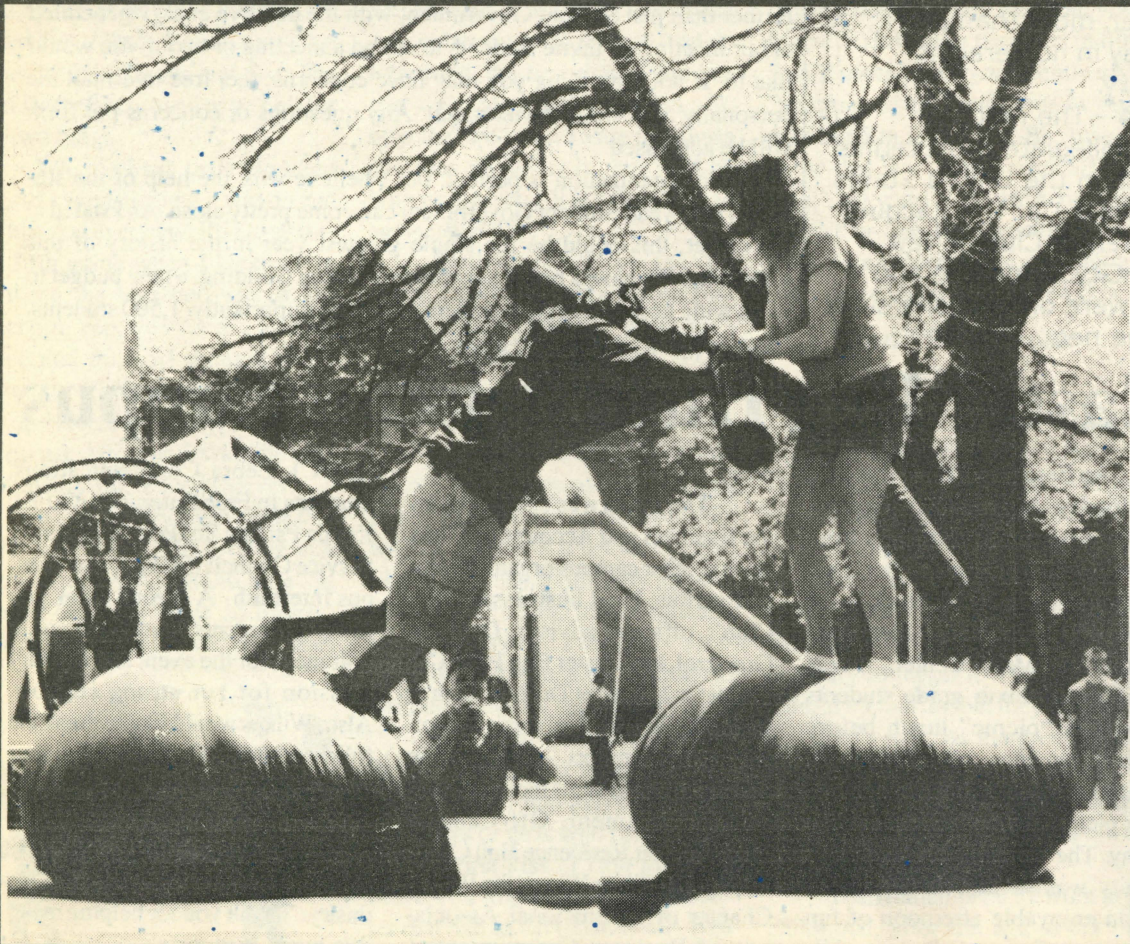
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End of the road... Or just the beginning?



Bhavika Patel

As May 20th approaches, feelings of excitement, sadness, and fright fill the air for the graduates. For some, this is the end of the road. For others, like myself, this is just the first phase of the educational process as we plan on continuing our education. Whatever the future holds for each graduate, one thing we all share is our memories at Wilkes.

Even though Wilkes University is not one of my favorite picks of colleges (in fact, when I look back on why I even really came here, I can't even find a really good reason because before attending college here, I had no idea what or where Wilkes was!) I have to say that my four years at Wilkes have definitely been unforgettable, as a student, a future alumni, and even as news editor/editor-in-chief of *The Beacon*.

Speaking as *The Beacon* news editor/editor-in-chief, I do have a few special thank yous and good-byes for the staff. First and foremost, I would like to thank Corey Yanoshak, the managing editor, for always putting up with my traveling and for covering for my butt. Even though sometimes, he got into "one of his moods," for the most part, he was tolerable!

Next, there's assistant editor, Jill Stankoski. Jill, even though you wouldn't show up on Wednesday nights until about 11 PM (sorry, Jill, more like 10:55 PM!), you did your duties, for the most part anyway!

And then there's Joe Porto.....Joe, what can I say, you're one of a kind. I have never met anyone who thinks that 99.999% percent of the girls on this campus want

him, and on top of that, he thinks he is God's gift to women! Joe, my advice to you, you better settle down fast, before the Wilkes women find out what you're really like.

Next, I would like to thank Vanessa Schaeffner, distribution manager/copy editor for always copy editing my pages, the right way. When the part-time copy editor failed, I could always count on you!

The Beacon's second copy editor, Harris Ahmad, also deserves a special thanks. Not only did he show up for a whole three hours (actually, that would be in intervals!) on a Wednesday night, but he also gave us the pleasure of stopping by for some free pizza and using the phone! Oh, he would also, occasionally, copy edit.

Liz O'Neill, Business Manager...even though I did not know you that well, and had minimal contact with you, (besides occasional run-ins at our apartment), you did your job by figuring out ads by Monday.

And last but not least, there's Joe Valenti, our advisor. Joe, even though I had no experience whatsoever, you still gave me the job as news editor, which I think part of that was due to desperation! Even so, thanks for being patient with me and for always being willing to work with me and teach me!

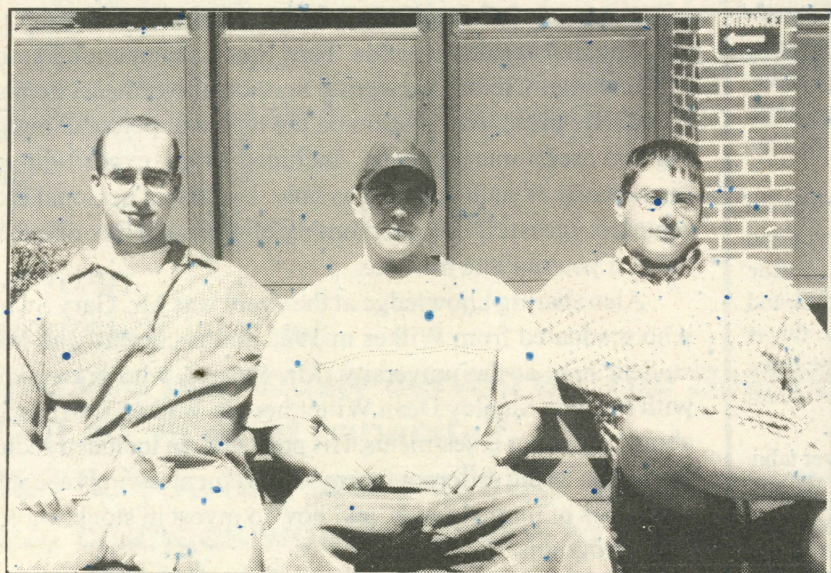
Here's a final thought: Thanks to all of my friends who have made my years at Wilkes full of memories and laughter. Good luck to all of you in your careers and throughout the rest of your lives...I would like to say a special thank you to Harris Ahmad, my best bud. You have made my years at Wilkes tolerable and memorable, and have been there for me like no other. Good luck with the rest of your life because you're going to be a lost puppy dog without me!.....Thanks again for showing me the true meaning of friendship.

Congratulations and Good Luck to all of the graduates!

Bhavika Patel is the graduating Editor-in-Chief. She invites anyone to take her job.

From the Bench...

By Joe Porto



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Yes kids, it's time. It's time for the last "From the Bench" you might ever read. I think Wilkes should dedicate a bench to me. This is at least the last "From the Bench" you'll read from me. It's been suggested that this fine tradition be carried on after I leave. It would make me proud to see a student invest as much time into the benches as I have. I challenge the underclassman to follow through with this suggestion.

Many of you have asked what my thoughts will be for the last issue of *The Beacon*. I'm still wondering that even as I write this article. I'm hoping that you've learned from my words of wisdom -- or at least that you thought about them for a little bit. When I think back about the many topics that this column have covered I have to laugh. There's been good times and bad. I apologize for those 'not so good' columns, but we can't have everything. "From the Bench" has covered everything from cheerleader tryouts to deep thoughts inspired by a sunrise.

I should take this opportunity to congratulate everyone involved with the dance recitals. Everyone did an excellent job, and I must admit that I was extremely impressed by the performance. I was so mesmerized by this untapped resource that it took me a while to remember that my objective was to take some pictures for *The Beacon*.

So four years later here I am. Wilkes University I never thought I'd miss you, but I think I've underestimated you. I won't miss you necessarily for the academics or the administration, and definitely not for the budget, but instead for the people that make up the Wilkes family. I often wonder how it would have been different if I transferred out, or picked another school to attend right off the bat. Would I have met the same type of people at another school? Obviously they would have been a little different, but would it have been close enough? I'm still not sure, and don't think that that question can ever be answered. Sure this school has problems. After four years I still don't totally understand where all the money goes, and think they give out a little too much of it for grants. But I've realized that Wilkes is what you make of it. It's the duty of each student to make use of all Wilkes has to offer, whether that be academics, administration, or the people.

I'm very happy with what I've done throughout my college life. I will look back fondly on these memories. I don't regret anything I've done, even though some of you probably think that I should. But after careful pondering on the bench, I realized that if I had done it any other way things would be different. And I'm not sure that I want it any other way.

I'd like to take the opportunity to thank all of my readers. It's a good feeling to know that other people read my column besides me. I enjoy both the compliments and the criticisms -- it's all relative. I'd like to thank everyone who's influenced my life as well. Many of you have saved me from time to time, helped me out in some way, or even just amused me. I definitely have had a good time with all of you, and you've all touched my life in one way or another.

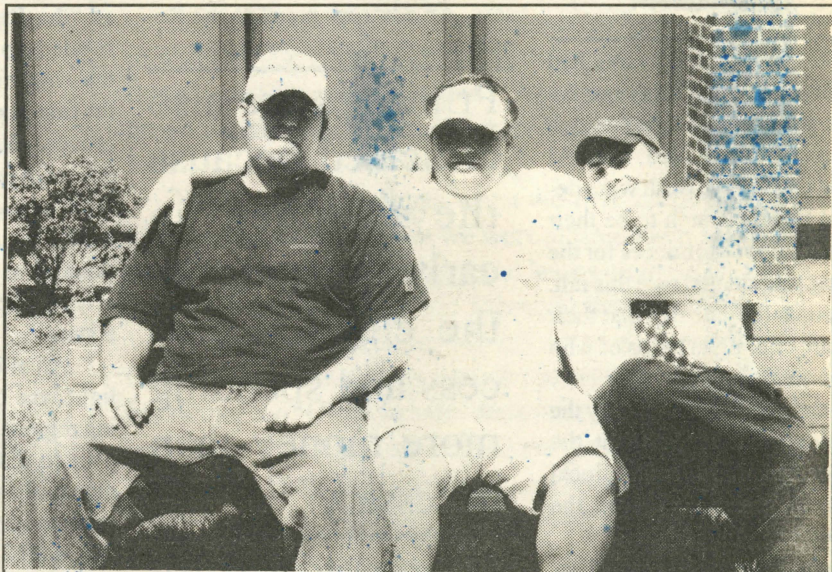
Thanks to my family at 305 -- Larry, House, Dylan (even though you don't really live there, but everyone thinks that you do), Maggie, Cali, and Drake. You've always taken good care of me, and I've tried my best to take care of you. I wouldn't want to have lived with anyone else (even if Larry and the cats are slob). We all have our problems, but that doesn't seem to matter to us. You're my closest friends and I love you kids. My life wouldn't be the same without you, and I'll kick your asses if we don't stay in touch. Joey and Harry, you've only had a semester with us, but thanks for putting up with us. I'm glad you've made it this far.

Thanks to the 68 crew -- Matty ("Nickel"), Drew, Kirk, Punxie, Lub, Cragar, and Layo. You kids have definitely amused me these past two years. We've had some good times together, and probably will have more. I appreciate the times that you've saved me from some sticky situations. I'll kick your asses too if we don't stay in touch.

Thanks to Cad's house -- Cad, Tallman ("Let's get naked"), Hank, Moser, Ray, Vic, and Ziggy. My life would have been very different if I hadn't met you guys. I probably would have been sober a little more often. I enjoyed the good times we've had. Again, I'll kick your asses if we don't stay in touch.



The boys are leaving. Who's going to step it up and take their place?



Thanks to the ladies -- The ladies of Wilkes University have always amused me. I appreciate the skirts, shorts, half-shirts, and thigh-high boots. To those of you I know a little more than a long distance bench spotting, I'm glad to have you as part of my life. It's been a challenge to put up with me, and I have to congratulate you for doing so well.

There's millions of more to say before I end this little escapade, but not enough space or time. Many of you have had a huge impact on my life, and I'll never forget you. Some of you I'm sure I'll continue to remain in contact with for years to come. Some of you I'll keep in touch with so that I can be introduced to your daughter when she's of legal age. All joking aside, I'll miss Wilkes University, but more importantly I'll miss the Wilkes family.

Ok kids, it's time to wrap this up. Make sure someone keeps a bench warm for me.



The Main Event With Harry the Chicken

"I don't want anybody else; when I think about Bob I touch myself," he whistled to himself as he strutted past J. Clarke's Grill totally unsuspecting of the fate that awaited him. Harry the Chicken is my name. I was just a good old chicken never meaning no harm, been in trouble with the law since the day I was born. One day I was just picking up chicks and minding my own business when along comes Farmer Joe. One thing led to your mother and sure enough I got the axe.

To make a short story longer Crazy Bob and I decided to chew the fat. We watched the stupid women on The View. Crazy and I were trying to figure out which of the Golden Girls we'd rather sleep with if you had to pick one. He said "That's funny; it should go in my column, but I've only got one left, and it goes a little something like this: 'It's the end of the Bob as we know it, and I feel fine.'" Sometimes in this land of milk and honey we have to say goodbye to things we love. Luckily this time it's just you guys. That's right; this is the last *Beacon* this semester, and more importantly the last Main Event. It's a shame too, because three more payments and this baby was mine. Hold on. New Durex Condoms: Now safe sex doesn't have to feel that way. We're back from the commercial break.

I've got an idea for a new column next semester. Check this out: it's a wrestling column that never talks about wrestling. Maybe I would talk about how I miss 80's rap, or how much fun it is to lick the lid of a pudding cup. I'll say how I dig the smell of freshly cut grass on a Saturday afternoon, and why I hate commuters. The truth is I'll keep writing as long as my crazy cats are still digging it. We've been involved in some wild and wacky shenanigans this year, my crazy cats. We relived every painstaking moment of the first ever masturbation contest at Wilkes. We picked on every club, every clique, English dorks (yes, kids from England), fat people, WCLH, and ruined most popular music. We did an interview with one of wrestling's newest personalities. Most importantly: we didn't learn anything. I have gone out of my way not to inform you. If you learned anything, then you were doing it wrong.

You're tired, I'm tired, so lets just thank some people and then we can blow this pop-sickle stand. Thanks to Old Man Gurian, for letting me shoot my mouth off and plug wrestling shows on his wrongly canceled radio show. Thanks to John Bosha, our NEW Student Government President for the wrestling pay per views in the ballroom. To Roommate Guy, for being there and doing stuff. To Serena of WXW for being my first interview. To Afa for letting me get my feet wet. To the actual wrestling fans who are probably mad at me (I never liked you anyway). To Harry the Chicken whose sharp intellect and provocative views have made me a firm believer of the all-powerful Chicken Lord Sam. To Rage, for being big. To Hottle's Restaurant for good food and great folks. A toast to Cousin Luke, my number one fan and voice of reason. Thank you to my crazy cats for your support, each and every one of you rocks. I dig you all." Then he tipped his hat and walked away. That's the last I've seen of Crazy Bob.

GOP proposes new primary system

BY JASON BROCIOSUS
Beacon Staff Writer

By the time Pennsylvania had its primary in April of this year, the race for presidential nominations had already been decided. Both Al Gore and George W. Bush were determined by late March to be their respective parties' nominees for the upcoming presidential race this fall. Many people feel cheated that their vote meant nothing in terms of who would be elected.

Others, also discouraged by the early selection, did not visit the polls, thereby affecting many local and state races by not casting the votes they would have.

Primaries are also criticized because they happen so early, dragging out the election process and

spending more money than necessary. An advisory panel to the Republican National Committee re-

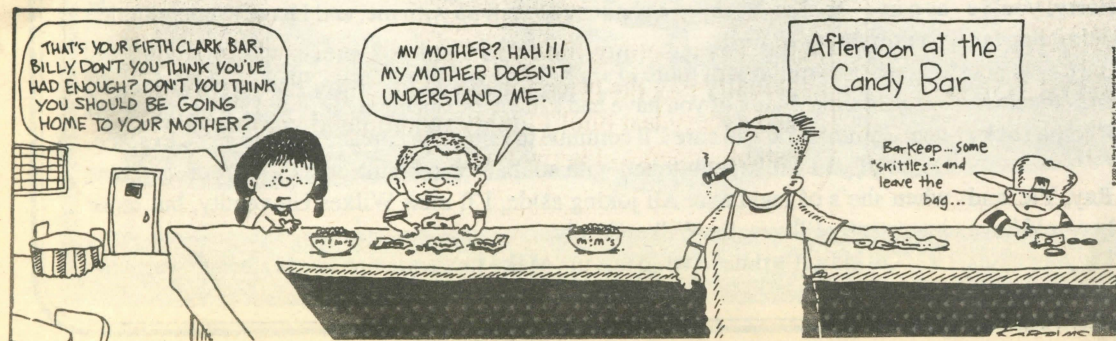
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cently proposed a new primary election plan that would negate these ill effects.

According to this plan, known as "the Delaware plan" (because residents of that state proposed it), the smallest states would vote on the first Tuesday in March and other groups would vote on the first Tuesday of April, May, and June. Another detail of the plan is that delegates would be awarded proportionally to candidates who secure at least 15 percent of the vote within a state.

An alternative plan brought to light was one that involved rotating regional primaries. Republicans plan to discuss these plans in Indianapolis next week at the party's rules committee meeting and by the entire RNC at the convention in August. The Democratic Party currently has no plans for primary reform.

OUT ON A LIMB by GARY KOPERVAS



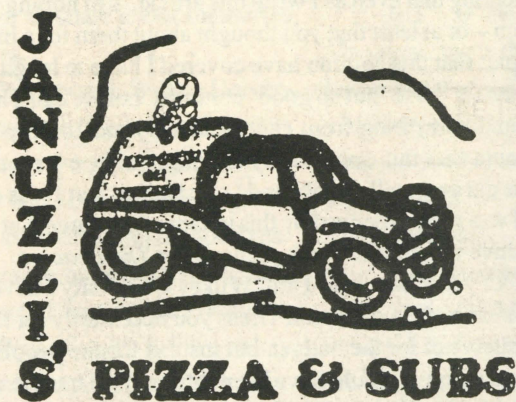
Seminar sheds light on finance

On Wednesday, April 12, the Wilkes University Business & Accounting Club held a "Personal Financial Management Seminar" in the Miller Conference Room of the Student Union Building. The 55 students who were in attendance learned the basics of money management from two local business leaders.

The first speaker was Ms. Terri Stocki, Education Director of Consumer Credit Counseling Service of Northeast Pennsylvania. Her presentation spanned the topics of personal budgeting and credit management. Included in her exposition were discussions of such material as how to obtain a personal credit report, successfully plan a monthly budget, and prioritize your debts if you run into trouble.

Also sharing knowledge at the event was Mr. Gary Swartz, who graduated from Wilkes in 1993 and is currently an MBA student here at the university. Mr. Swartz, who is employed with Morgan Stanley Dean Witter here in Wilkes-Barre, spoke about beginning investments. His presentation included such information as the different forms of retirement savings accounts, the basics of mutual funds, and how to invest in stocks through "drip programs."

The seminar was provided free to university students, and a light dinner buffet was provided. Assisting at the event were club members Jeffrey Parise and Zaid Najib. Dr. John Grandzol, Associate Professor of Business Administration and advisor to the club, stated that the event provided "a life lesson that no college student should be without."



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Business & Accounting club networks

BY VICTOR SCELBA
Special To The Beacon

Last Tuesday CTSI, a CTCO subsidiary, hosted a visit from the Business and Accounting Club. This provided twelve Wilkes students with an interesting look into the world of modem communications and the daily operations of a rapidly expanding telecom industry. The fact that the 200,000 switches were not currently in use and under much construction allowed the club an almost cross section view of the wires and gadgets that let you call everything from AAA to tow that

old Chevy or Mom on her birthday. After the tour of the facilities, the club met with a CTSI Human Resource Manager and had the opportunity to network and ask questions about the phone company. They were informed of the history of CTCO and its subsidiary relationships with CTSI and CTE. The HR representative also expressed the company's interest in young professionals seeking a career in the telecommunications industry because of CTSI's recent expansion into new markets. After talking with the Human Resource and Public

Relations representatives, the club members racked up a few "free long distance minutes" from the one-hour phone cards they were so kindly given. The only difficulty on the trip would have been club member Jen complaining that she was a bit cold as the tour group marched from one building to the next. However, Vic and Kim seemed to have no problem keeping her warm. The Business and Accounting Club would like to thank Lisa Dopko, a Wilkes UBA student and senior accountant at CTSI, who coordinated the visit.

Congratulations to the performers of the "Spring Fever" dance recital. This production was brought to us by the Wilkes University Department of Visual and Performing Arts. The performance was "Spring Fever" took place on May 2, at 7:00 PM at the Dorothy Dickson Darte Center. This whole affair is a tradition for the dance classes held during the spring semester. Kristin Schleich-Degnan was the artist in residence. The performers were made up of the spring semester dance classes at Wilkes University. The Beacon would like to applaud the efforts of the Visual and Performing Arts for a job well done.



The Beacon Bar & Restaurant Review

By Cathy Donlin

Well, I never thought I would ever go here. I'm a very picky eater and I don't like steaks that much (and that's one thing Lone Star prides itself on). But when my brother said he would take me out to lunch there, how could I argue free food?

When I saw the prices when we first sat down I was glad he was paying. When we were sitting down I couldn't help but notice the bull's head and lassos on the wall, plus a few other Texas-like things. I thought this was cute.

When our food came out my eyes went wide. My Chicken Ceasar salad was enough for not only my lunch but my dinner too! (Note to self: next time- light on the dressing, by the time I was toward the end I thought I ordered a soup). But tasty as all hell! My brother ordered a steak, when I saw it I couldn't resist but ask for a piece. Mmmmmmmmm!

Now, my brother is a big boy and he couldn't finish. I'm sure the salad that came with the meal didn't help any either. This salad was bigger than what most places serve as a dinner salad. The prices I wouldn't pay were actually reasonable for the Texas-size portions (which complimented the Texas setting nicely). This is a place where I would actually pay the price for the food, enjoy the environment and every last bite! I highly recommend visiting this fine establishment -- I know I will.



Showtime

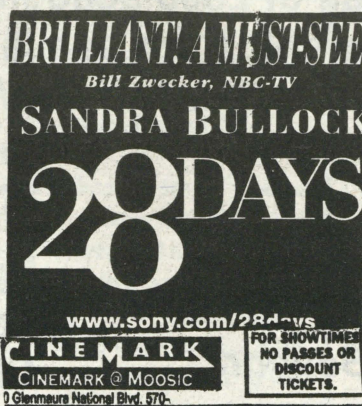
With Kathleen Awad

28 Days: Sandra Bullock has done it again with this inspirational film of triumph over adversity. Actually, her character has the awesome task of triumphing over a lifetime of dysfunction. The creator's tap into the humor of dysfunction, keeping the viewers connected to the entertaining characters of the rehab center where most of the story takes place. Beware, though, of a tear-jerking scene where Sandra and her only remaining family member, a sister, share a cathartic moment of regret and understanding. *28 Days* gets an eight out of ten and trust me you will laugh and cry.

Keeping the Faith: This movie was entertaining and upbeat, but not for the seriously devout followers of religions. Once you get past the ridiculous immorality of the film (if you can just put it aside for entertainment sake), it is actually very funny and all of the actors are great. The film made me laugh out

loud in several places, and I thought that it was clever how the writers tried to show the strength in numbers for society's sake, even if it was the superficial joining of two different religions. *Keeping the Faith* gets a seven out of ten.

American Psycho: This film was good, but could have been a lot better. I love the idea of glimpsing into the mind of a sociopath or a psychopath to see their clever thought processes, and the film delivers through the first 45 minutes. I think that everyone must wonder what actually makes these kind of people tick and the psycho in this movie certainly played the part well, complete with steely eyes that were as cold as ice. The only thing is, the character gets less and less brilliant as time goes on, and by the end the viewer is completely unsatisfied with the conclusion. It seemed like the writers who started the script stepped down and others took over to finish. *American Psycho* gets a seven out of ten.



*Look at the stars
with Madame Brandi*

Virgo (August 23 - September 22) It's time to start considering some long distance plans. The direction you take now may lead you for years to come.

Libra (September 23 - October 23) Emotional stability is important this week. You will experience a wide range of emotions, so be sure to think clearly.

Scorpio (October 24 - November 21) Your romantic life is about to pick up again. Spring is in the air, so get to work!

Sagittarius (November 22 - December 21) Relax a little bit! You've worked hard all year. Now it's time to kick off your shoes and do it right.

Capricorn (December 22 - January 19) Don't have too much fun this week as it may lead to bad things. Be sure to use your head before going through with something.

Aquarius (January 20 - February 18) Current relationships are hitting their highest peaks. It seems like everything has fallen into place this week. Enjoy it while it lasts.

Pisces (February 19 - March 20) Conserve your energy, you'll be needing it. This week will be a strain both mentally and physically.

Aries (March 21 - April 19) Friends are important, but don't forget about your family. It's them who will always be standing by.

Taurus (April 20 - May 20) Stay away from business with a trusted friend as it will lead to difficulty. Try to branch out your contacts instead.

Gemini (May 21 - June 21) A former lover has regained an interest in you. Perhaps it's time to give him or her another shot?

Cancer (June 22 - July 22) You deserve some good times this week. You've been letting out way too much energy lately.

Leo (July 23 - August 22) Traveling would lead to great fun this week. Be sure to just pick up and go.

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The future looks bright

As one athletic season winds down to a finish, another will soon be here when classes resume next August. Although many sports will be losing key athletes to graduation, there is a solid core of underclassmen returning for next year, leaving the future in a bright perspective for Wilkes University.

For starters, the football team returns standout quarterback Jeff Marshman, who will be a sophomore in the fall. Captain Justin Holmes is back for his senior year on defense, while Mark Hendry is coming back from an early-season injury as captain to help bolster the defense. The soccer team will look to current sophomore Bill Schneider to carry on his impressive play in the fall, while also depending on goalkeeper Seth Nye for a solid third year. Larissa Giza, Brooke Shreaves, and Holly Shiber return for the women's soccer team in what should be an exciting season with Donna Rothrock back at goalie/forward. The field hockey team will be looking to Jill Henry to provide some spark after losing a lot of scoring to graduation.

The winter season will see the

much-anticipated return of Dave Januzzi for the men's basketball team after the pre-season All-American was redshirted due to a foot injury. Two newcomers could bolster the offense; while John Boylan and Ron McIntyre are back after impressive years. The women's basketball team has some huge shoes to fill, but Lauren Elwood and Robyn Mendygral will look to fill them in their third and fourth years, respectively. The wrestling team welcomes back All-American John Conte for his fifth year, while Scott Henshaw and Steve Tornambe will add experience and depth on the mat.

The spring will see the return of baseball players J.J. Sodaro, Rick Leibig, Scott Garger, and Jim Casey, all starters who batted near or over .400 last season. Sodaro, a senior, joins Steve Toth who will also be back for his fifth year to bolster the middle of the line-up and the bullpen. Mendygral will hang up the basketball shoes for softball spikes after leading the Lady Colonels for her whole career. Lisa Hartman has done nothing but impress in her two years on the



Corey Yanoshak

mound, while Alice Fink ends an outstanding career as number one pitcher. Seth Gurian made a mid-season jump to number one singles for the men's tennis team and will join Kevin Siegel as the top two returnees.

All-in-all, the future looks bright for Wilkes University Athletics. The seniors who have left their respective teams will surely be missed, but the players coming up are looking to provide a solid base for future successes.

Each and every team has the potential; one can only hope that each individual and each team reaches it. The best of luck to the teams in their seasons.

Golfers struggle to make par at MAC's

BY COREY YANOSHAK
Beacon Managing Editor

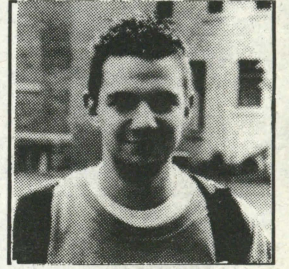
As the golf team traveled to Shawnee on the Delaware last weekend to the Middle Atlantic Corporation championships, their lack of experience and matches showed.

Wilkes was in last place after the first day with just one more day of competition remaining. Teams played 27 holes each day over two days, totaling 54 holes or three total rounds.

The Colonels, having not played since April 19, have played just five matches this spring, all but one away, finishing the regular season with a 3-3-1 record.

And when the competition ended on Sunday, Wilkes finished 14th out of 14 total teams in this year's championships, with a two-day total of 1129, shooting a 559 on day one and a 570 on day two. Susquehanna University won the

Golf



Jason Pantzar has been the most consistent player for coach Art Brunn, Jr.

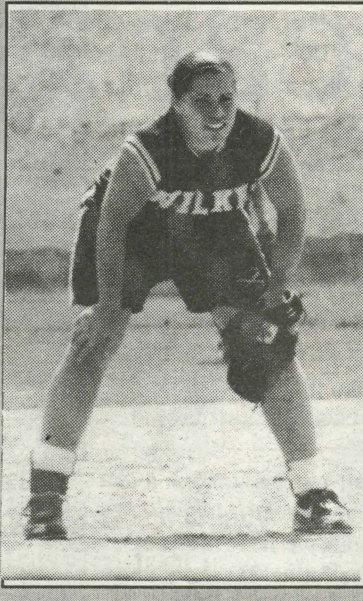
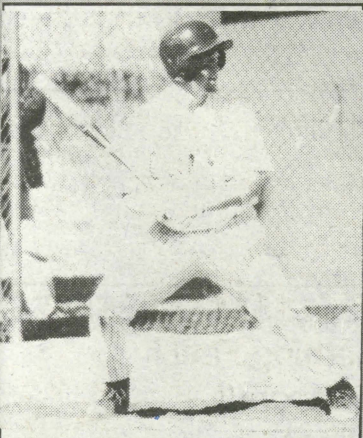
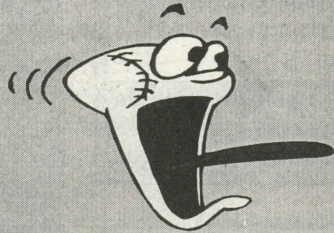
affair with a two-day total of 955, followed by King's College's 965.

Susquehanna's Hugh Leahy won medalist honors with a 234 (+18). The highest finisher from Wilkes was Kirk Leslie, who finished 42nd with a 267 (+51). Jon Else fired a 281, while Jason Pantzar was 56th with a 275.

Pantzar and Leslie led Wilkes all season with an 84.7 and an 85.5 average, respectively.

Spring Photo Gallery

Photos by Adam Polinger



Clockwise from left: Seth Gurian will be back at number one after a solid freshman year in tennis; Erin Priestman was third on the softball team with a .330 average in her sophomore season with 33 hits; Scott Garger drew 24 walks as a sophomore, hitting .410 in the middle of the baseball line-up.

Netters compete in playoffs

BY COREY YANOSHAK
Beacon Managing Editor

After a slow start to their year, the men's tennis team went into last weekend's Middle Atlantic Corporation championships with hopes of earning some respect.

The Colonels boasted a solid

number one player in freshman Seth Gurian, while having experienced veterans like Joe Scordino and Jason Brady for first-year coach Mike Hromchak.

But the Colonels did not fare so well as Gurian was the only player to win a match in the championships, winning his first-round match before being ousted in the second round.

Scordino and Brady were seeded third in the doubles tournament, but lost in three sets to Jeremy Johnson and Danny Neumann of Messiah College in the first round. The only other Wilkes' doubles team of Kevin Siegel and Jason Leach were ousted by another Messiah tandem in the first round also.

The Colonels end the year at 2-9, 2-4 in the Freedom Conference, having defeated Lycoming College 5-2 late in the year. In the win, Brady at number two, Scordino at number three, Siegel at number four; and Leach at number five won singles matches for Hromchak. Brady and Scordino teamed for their third doubles win, while Siegel and Gurian combined for their third win in doubles.

Scordino leads the team in singles wins with an overall record of 6-4. Brady and Gurian both finished 4-7 with three of Gurian's



Photo by Adam Polinger
Kevin Siegel fires a return in one of the team's home contests.

Tennis

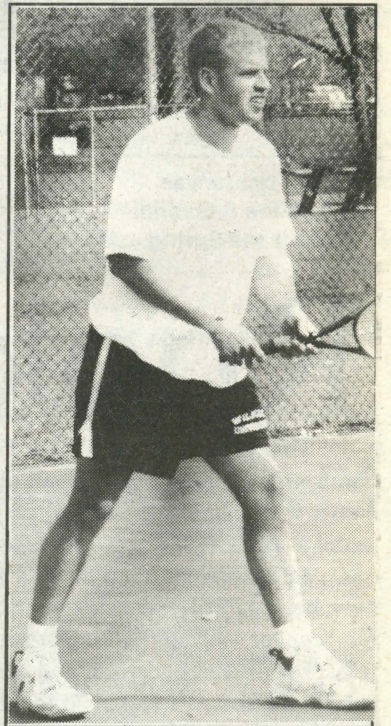


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Joe Scordino led the Colonels with six wins this season.

wins coming in the top slot. Siegel ended up 4-7 also. Siegel also teamed with four different doubles partners to compose a 6-5 record on the year. Brady and Scordino finished 3-4, while Brady compiled a 6-5 season with three partners.

Athletes of the Year

Seasonal Stars

The Beacon has selected a male and a female Player of the Year for each of the three sports seasons throughout 1999/2000. Seven athletes were chosen due to one tie in the Spring.

In the Winter, it was men's basketball player **Chad Fabian** who stood out among the men and women's basketball player **Katie Watkins** among the women.

With an injury to All-American Dave Januzzi, Fabian, a senior, picked up a large hole in the points column, averaging 20.7 ppg with 3.6 rpg, finishing with 518 total points.

Watkins has been the Lady Colonels main threat for her whole career, capping the 1,000-point plateau in her senior season. For her career, Watkins is among the elite of the women, ranking fourth all-time with 1,361.

The Fall saw the most competition for Seasonal Star. But it was senior football player **Tony DaRe** and field hockey senior **January Johnson** who rank first.

DaRe, a captain for Frank Sheptock, led the team in tackles with 84, along with 4.5 sacks for the ECAC championship-bearing Colonels.

Johnson was an integral part in Addy Malatesta and the Lady Colonels' first-ever MAC championship. Johnson was backstop in goal, posting numbers of 1.49 gaa, 201 saves, and four shutouts in playing all 1,600 minutes.

The Spring saw its share of ups and downs between its sports as the baseball team saw four batters and a pitcher with excellent years. The softball team, however, was led at the plate by junior **Robyn Mendygral** and on the mound by sophomore **Lisa Hartman**.

With a league-leading team average of .360, the Colonels were led by junior all-star **J.J. Sodaro**, who was one of only two Colonels to finish his year hitting over .400. Sodaro led the country in doubles per game with .62 and finished his year hitting .443 with 47 hits, 72 total bases, 30 runs scored in 106 at-bats and 18 doubles for a .679 slugging percentage.

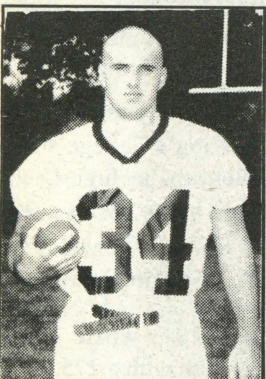
"The year was incomplete with the way we ended up," said Sodaro, an Islip, NY native. "I guess I'm pleased with my season. I just saw the ball real well this year and tried to make things happen."

Mendygral, a former Athlete of the Year, finished her junior year hitting .465 for Tom Dunsmuir. Mendygral led the team with 39 runs, 34 RBI, 53 hits, and 92 total bases.

Hartman has compiled a two-year record of 27-6 on the mound after earning Rookie of the Year in last season's awards. The Northwest grad has tossed 116 innings, recording 14 wins with just four losses. Hartman has 62 strikeouts to just nine walks, allowing 87 hits and just 17 earned runs for the 28-9 Lady Colonels.



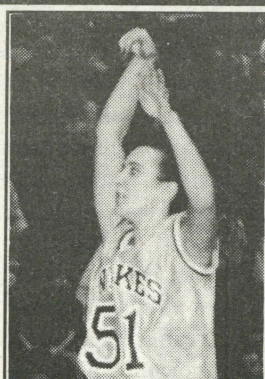
Chad Fabian was named the Seasonal Star for the Winter.



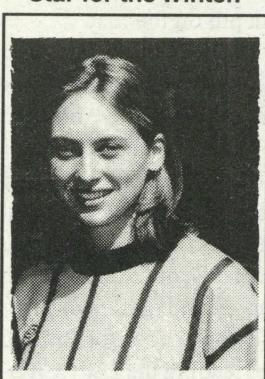
Tony DaRe was named the Seasonal Star for the Fall.



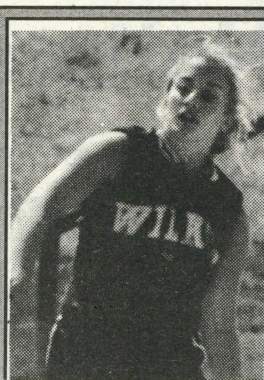
J.J. Sodaro was named the Seasonal Star for the Spring.



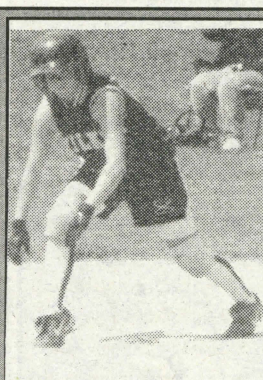
Katie Watkins was named the Seasonal Star for the Winter.



January Johnson was named the Seasonal Star for the Fall.



Lisa Hartman was named the co-Seasonal Star for the Spring.



Robyn Mendygral was named the co-Seasonal Star for the Spring.

Rookies of the Year

This year's *Rookies of the Year* both hail from fall sports as a football player has earned the honor for the second year in a row, as did a softball player.

Jeff Marshman and **Brooke Shreaves** have been named *The Beacon's Rookies of the Year* for 1999/2000. Marshman, a quarterback for Frank Sheptock, and Shreaves, a soccer player under Kevin Vrabel and softball player for Tom Dunsmuir, both outdueled teammates for the honor.

Marshman was chosen over fellow football player Mike DaRe, baseball player Adam Kowalczyk, and basketball player Roman McLaughlin. Shreaves was selected over fellow softball player Melissa Babcock, soccer player Holly Shiber, and field hockey player Maria Currier.

"He performed well above what we

anticipate a freshman doing," said Sheptock. "We put a lot of weight on his shoulders and he handled it extremely well."

Marshman led the Colonels to their first-ever playoff win in the ECAC Championship game where the Berwick grad was named MVP. Marshman was named the ECAC Rookie of the Year while leading the Freedom League in QB ranking with a 136.9. The freshman also led the league in passing yards per game with 235, completing 149 of 260 pass attempts, totaling 2065 yards with 15 touchdowns.

"His confidence goes well beyond the experience he did have," complimented Sheptock of his signal-caller. "His work ethic has increased and all of the kids see what he's doing and it's paying off on the whole team."

Shreaves starred on the soccer field and

on the softball diamond where she impacted both of her respective teams. On the soccer field, Shreaves scored nine goals with three assists. As a left-fielder for Dunsmuir, Shreaves hit .273 with a 1.000 fielding percentage for the Lady Colonels.

Marshman and Shreaves join Brian Miller, a wide receiver on the football team, and Lisa Hartman, a star pitcher for the softball team, as just the second recipients of the award.

"He's not vocal, but his actions and work ethic will lead into great leadership," offered Sheptock. "I think we'll see him make leaps and bounds in the future. He should be a great one."

Dunsmuir is pleased with Shreaves intensity, "I probably won't meet someone more intense about playing softball."

The Beacon Athletic Awards

The Beacon Athletic Awards are decided upon by Corey Yanoshak (Managing Editor) and John Seitzenger (SID).

Males are listed first, females second.

Senior Athletes: Nate Lipton (BB) and Sara Clause (FH)

Junior Athletes: John Conte (WR) and Robyn Mendygral (SB/WB)

Sophomore Athletes: Bill Schneider (MS) and Lisa Hartman (SB)

Single-Season Achievement: John Conte's All-American finish and MAC Championship, and Sara Clause's Regional All-American selection with a school-record of 19 goals and 14 assists.

Career Achievement: Mike Hankins, career-rushing leader in the MAC, and Katie Watkins, 1,000 career points.

SID Award (Dedication): Nate Lipton (BB) and Katie Watkins (WB)

Sports Editor Award (Ironman): Nick D'Amico (BB), Mike Hankins (FB) and Katie Watkins (WB), Suzanne Fisher (FH)

Two-Sport Athlete: Matt Diltz (MS/BB) and Robyn Mendygral (SB/WB)

Comeback Player of the Year: Jason Weaver (FB) and Jill Ronkowski (WB)

Defensive Player of the Year: Tony DaRe (FB) and January Johnson (FH)

Offensive Player of the Year: Chad Fabian (MB) and Sara Clause (FH)

Team: Football team's ECAC win and Field Hockey's first-ever MAC title

Coach: Frank Sheptock (FB) and Addy Malatesta (FH)

Key: Football (FB), Field Hockey (FH), Men's Soccer (MS), Women's Soccer (WS), Men's Basketball (MB), Women's Basketball (WB), Wrestling (WR), Baseball (BB), Softball (SB).

Athletes of the Year

John Conte

In a year which featured a barrage of individual assaults among Wilkes University's male athletes, it was **John Conte**'s outstanding post-season finishes that propelled him to earn *The Beacon Athlete of the Year* for 1999/2000.

Conte, a redshirt junior, won the Middle Atlantic Conference title at 133 pounds, then overcame a nasty knee injury to capture fourth-place at the NCAA Wrestling Tournament in Ohio. Conte's finish earned him All-American status as he joined a long list of outstanding Wilkes' wrestlers.

"I think I had a successful year. We have a young team and to wrestle the schedule that we did and finish in the Top 25 in the nation is pretty impressive, especially with a young team," said Conte. "They stepped it up when they had to. You can't ask for anything more."

Conte was chosen over basketball player Chad Fabian, who placed second in the voting. Football players Tony DaRe and Jeff Marshman joined baseball players Nate Lipton, Joe Doran, and Nick D'Amico as finalists.

Conte, who finished the year at 36-3, was also named a Division III Scholar All-American for head coach Al Zellner.

"I think that without the help from my teammates and coach, especially Coach Z and Jazz, I would not have been as successful because they kept feeding me positive thoughts throughout the year to help me stay focused."

Conte, who will be returning for his final season next year, was one win away from finishing the regular season undefeated, losing to the University of Scranton's John Cavey in the team's next-to-last match. Conte then came back to defeat Cavey in the MAC semi-finals.

Along with his post-season accomplishments, Conte earned two in-season tournament titles as he ran his career record to 85-11. The Pocono Mountain native won the Kutztown Invitational and also earned his second York Invitational championship.

Conte will now take his talents to the

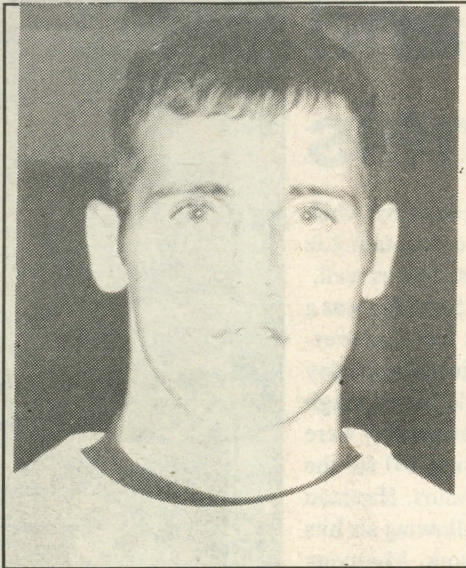


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Junior John Conte has been named *The Beacon Athlete of the Year* after being named an All-American in wrestling.

International arena as he has been asked to wrestle with the U.S. National Team in Italy, Greece, France, and Bulgaria this summer.

"That experience alone should help me tremendously for next year," commented Conte. "Even though I wanted to win a National title, fourth place is not bad. I am going to use this year as a stepping stone for next year and hopefully win a National Championship."

Fabian starred for Jerry Rickrode's basketball team when he was needed most. After All-American and reigning *Athlete of the Year* Dave Januzzi was redshirted, Fabian was called upon to pick up the scoring in his fellow guard's absence.

DaRe led a strong Colonel defense for Frank Sheptock, while Marshman, a freshman, manned the quarterback position for the offense, being named Rookie of the Year in the ECAC.

Doran was on fire early in the year for Joe Folek, belting five home runs in the team's first four home games. Lipton was a steady force on the mound, winning a career-high eight games to place him among the top three ever with 20 total wins. D'Amico batted consistently all season, leading Wilkes in numerous categories.

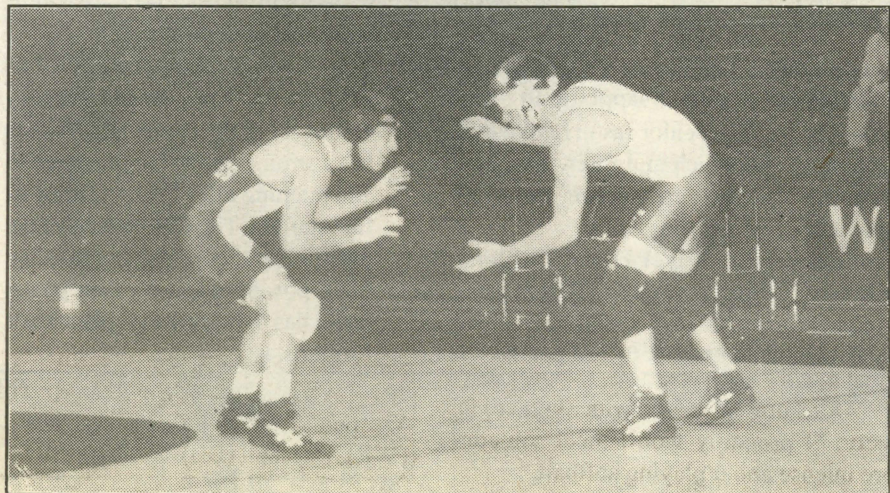


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Conte won the MAC title at 133 pounds and then overcame a knee injury to take fourth in the NCAA tournament for coach Al Zellner.

Sara Clause

In a very close-knit battle, senior field hockey player **Sara Clause** has been named *The Beacon Athlete of the Year* for the 1999/2000 season.

Clause rode her hot scoring stroke to first-team Regional All-American status in her final year for Addy Malatesta's Lady Colonels.

"She brought an exciting energy and skill level and her ability to score will be tough to replace," said Malatesta. "She exemplifies a work ethic to set an example for the team."

The Coughlin graduate became the school record-holder of goals in a season with 19, while tying current assistant coach Mary Jo Hromchak for the lead assist record with 14.

"Her post-season awards are so deserving," added Malatesta. "Any time you get an exceptional field hockey player who is a finisher like Sara, she can take a team to the post-season routinely."

Clause was chosen in an extremely close female race over basketball player Katie Watkins, softball player Lisa Hartman, and softball/basketball player Robyn Mendygral, who is last year's *Athlete of the Year*. Field hockey star January Johnson, soccer/softball freshman Brooke Shreaves, and two-way soccer standout Donna Rothrock were also named finalists for the second-annual award.

Clause helped Malatesta and the Lady Colonels to their first-ever Middle Atlantic Conference championship with her stellar offensive play and key playmaking.

"She just had an exceptional individual performance this season," complimented Malatesta. "But she also had a strong supporting cast and she'll be the first to admit that."

Watkins scored her 1,000th point for Karen Haag's Lady Colonels after once again leading the team in scoring and rebounding.

Hartman tossed a no-hitter and a per-

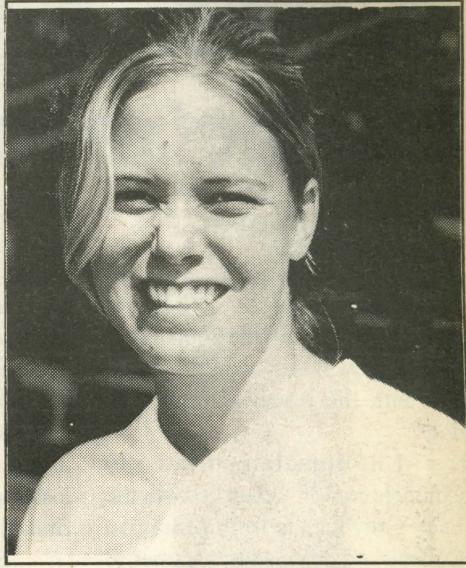


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Senior Sara Clause has been named *The Beacon Athlete of the Year* after being named a Regional All-American.

fect game this year, consecutively, as a sophomore with 14 wins. Mendygral, a junior, was a key playmaker for Haag while leading Tom Dunsmuir's club in hitting for the third year.

Johnson was a force to be reckoned with in the goaltender position for Malatesta's championship team, while Shreaves had solid years for Kevin Vrabel's soccer club and Dunsmuir's softball squad. Shreaves was named the *The Beacon Rookie of the Year*. Rothrock played both goalie and forward during her junior soccer season, typically coming to join the offense in late-game attacks with the game on the line.

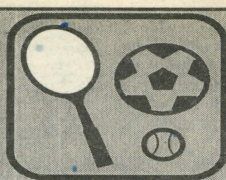
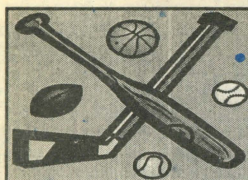
Clause will graduate in May and will stay involved with field hockey as she will be coaching Marywood University's field hockey team this fall.

"She going to bring a lot of energy and expertise to Marywood," warns Malatesta. "She will definitely make an impact. But it's always exciting to see players go into coaching and their share their knowledge to help other programs."



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Clause (21) set the record for goals in a season with 19 and tied the assists record with 14 in her stellar senior year for coach Addy Malatesta.



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Road ends in Hartbreak and Hartache for Lady Colonels

BY MATT REITNOUR
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For the Wilkes University softball team to win the 2000 MAC overall crown, they would have to run with the leagues' other big dogs.

Unfortunately, the Lady Colonels couldn't keep up with the Lady Greyhounds from Moravian College and dropped two games to the Commonwealth champs in 24 hours. The two losses knocked Wilkes from the MAC chase and now has them sitting and waiting until Monday when the ECAC bids are announced.

The Lady Colonels entered the MAC tourney hotter than any of the other three squads participating in the double-elimination tournament. Wilkes came in winning 15 straight and had not lost since a

3-2 loss to King's College back on March 30. But on Friday, Wilkes would muster just five hits and end up losing a heartbreaker to Moravian by a 1-0 count.

Sophomore pitching ace Lisa Hartman was the hard luck loser when she allowed an RBI base hit in the bottom of the seventh. The loss on the mound was Hartman's first since March 18.

Saturday, the Blue and Gold took to the loser's bracket looking to make a run at the crown the tough way. Saturday's opening game would see the number two seeds from each conference as Wilkes played Commonwealth runner-up Widener.

Junior Alice Fink allowed just one run on four hits to help push the Lady Colonels to a 6-1 win. Senior Kerianne Geist had two hits in the game, including a double and

she also knocked in two runs while fellow senior and co-captain Liz O'Neill had two base hits as well.

Game two on Saturday was a rematch of Friday's first clash versus Moravian. And just like the day before, Wilkes would have a tough time scoring runs before they were eliminated after losing 1-0 for the second time in 24 hours. Hartman again took the loss allowing six hits in six innings of work. Moravian hurler Becky Stroke allowed six hits as well, led by Robyn Mendygral's two base hits. Sophomore right fielder Kim Chapman added two hits as well, but Wilkes could not capitalize offensively.

The Lady Colonels currently sit and wait with a 28-9 overall record, waiting to hear from the ECAC. The 2000 ECAC tournament participants will be announced on Monday.



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Sophomore Lisa Hartman has thrown phenomenal for the Lady Colonels, who made the playoffs for the second year in a row.

Disappointing season ends that way for Colonels

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The 2000 Colonel baseball team had high expectations coming into this season. Although the Colonels were a disappointing 21-12 going into the last weekend of play, the Blue and Gold still had hopes of getting an East Coast Athletic Conference play-off bid. The best chance scenario for the Colonels was to sweep the Royals of Scranton this past weekend in a twinbill. The Colonels had defeated the Royals earlier in the season at Lackawanna County Municipal Stadium 4-2.

In the first game things looked good for the Colonels as they sent staff ace, senior Nate Lipton to the hill. Lipton went into the game with an 8-2 overall record. Lipton started off the game with some control problems when he hit the first batter, but settled down and struck out three of the first six.

In the third inning, the Royals struck first by scoring two runs,

capped off by an error from sophomore third baseman Scott Garger. The Colonels responded in the home half of the third with three of their own on RBI singles from junior J.J. Sodaro, who leads the NCAA Division III in doubles with 20, senior Nick D'Amico and Garger.

Lipton surrendered the tying run in the fifth after a leadoff walk and error.

The Colonels took the lead in the sixth when Garger led off with a single and scored on an error from Royal shortstop Matt Beggin.

Lipton struckout seven on the day but could not finish the Royals in the seventh, as Scranton scored three runs on four hits and one costly error from D'Amico.

Lipton finishes his career with a 20-13 mark and is only the third pitcher in Wilkes' history to get 20 wins.

Royal pitcher Derik Bernhardt got the complete game victory, striking out five and only allowing seven hits.

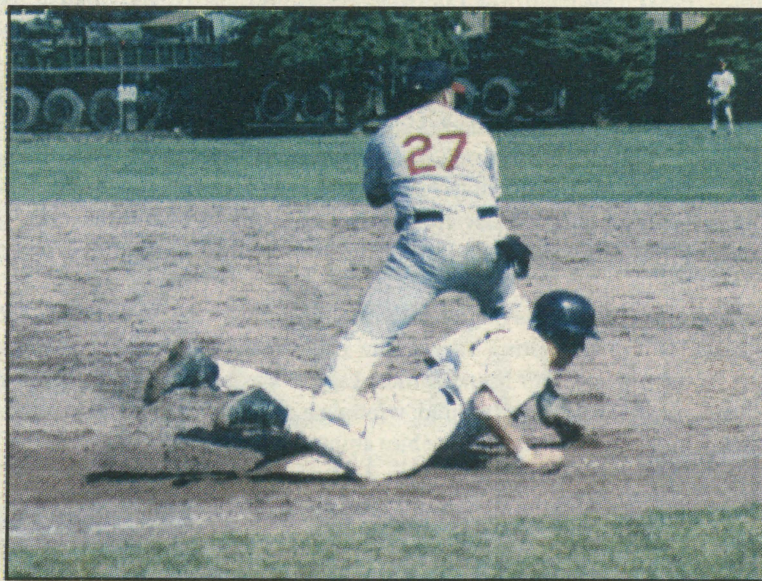


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JJ Sodaro was one of only two Wilkes' players who finished the year hitting over .400 in what turned out to be a disappointing season.

In game two, the Colonels never had a lead as the Royals plated four runs on three hits in the second off of senior Tim Popovich. Popovich came into the contest with a 2-2 mark and an ERA of 4.40, but only lasted three innings in his final game at Artillery Park.

Senior Jason Lenko replaced Popovich and threw four solid innings, surrendering only one unearned run.

Royal David Gargone had three hits and two RBI in game two including an inside-the-park homerun. Pat Reed got the win up-

ping his record to 4-7. He threw a complete game allowing only two runs, while striking out eight.

The Colonels will be graduating six players, five of them being major contributors. Lenko, Lipton, Joel Eberts, and Popovich are leaving the pitching staff, as D'Amico and Joe Doran graduate from the field.

Doran finished his final season with a .390 average, seven homeruns and 32 RBI, both team-highs. D'Amico had a .392 average, four round-trippers and 25 RBI. Lenko had a 2000 mark of 2-0 and a 3.42 ERA with one save. Eberts had limited time over four seasons due to arm trouble.

The Colonels have a 21-14 final mark and have some key returners for the 2001 campaign. Wilkes has a strong base at bat, but need to add pitching after losing four of its five starters. The Colonels have the potential and core players to be an MAC powerhouse, now their young talent has to be able to replace their former stars.

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