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Students head to higher ground

Rising water affects the lives of many

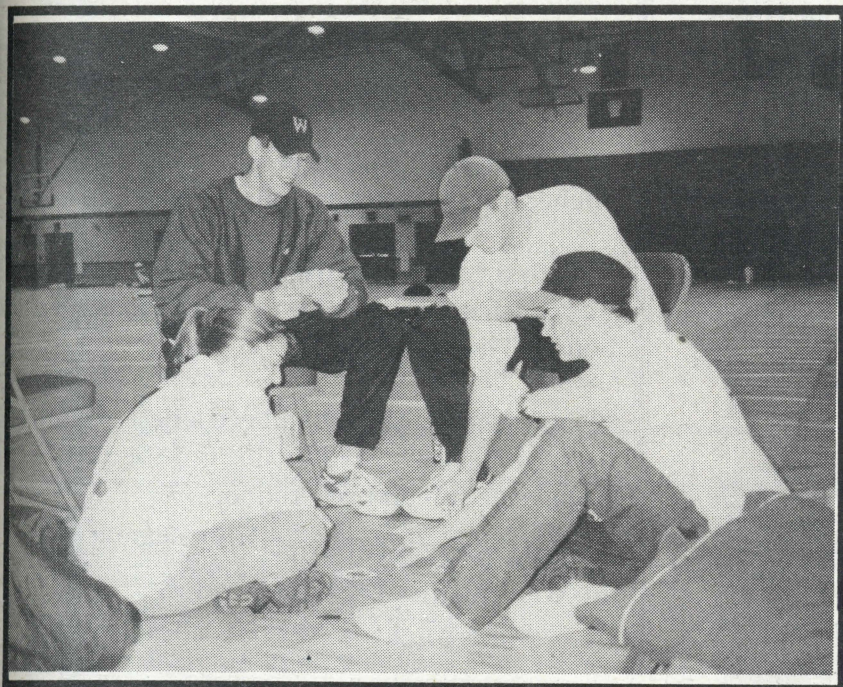


Photo by Scott Mengle
Wilkes students play cards to help pass the time at Misericordia.



Photo by Scott Mengle
Sandbags are strategically placed to help avert disaster.

• Rising flood waters on the Susquehanna River, caused by heavy rain and melting snow, forced many area residents and Wilkes University students to evacuate their homes and move to higher ground on Friday.

By ERIC FREELAND
Beacon Staff Writer

It was not the Hyatt, but it was home for nearly 150 Wilkes University students late Friday night.

As the waters of the Susquehanna River rose, Wilkes University took precautions to protect the campus and its students from flood damage. This included the evacuation of resident and off-campus apartment students and providing them with shelter at College Misericordia's gymnasium in Dallas, Pennsylvania.

The University's decision came after the Luzerne County Emergency Management Authority ordered the

evacuation of Wilkes-Barre and surrounding communities.

Around midnight on Friday, Wilkes administrators evacuated all residence halls, instructed off-campus students to move to higher ground, and removed computers and lab equipment from the basement and first floors of Stark and COB.

According to Tim Stank, Resident Director of Pickering Hall and the University official who stayed with the students at Misericordia, the evacuation process went very smoothly.

"The residence life staff did everything they could to get all the students out," said Stank. "For those students who did not have transportation, the school provided Martz Bus service to Misericordia."

While most students found shelter other than what the University provided, the students who did stay at College Misericordia found their experience to be very accommodating.

"The folks at Misericordia were very hospitable, considering that they only had an hour's notice before we arrived," says Jim Noble, sophomore. "I think everything went well, even though their floors were a little hard."

"It was really cool that the people at Misericordia provided games for us to play, it kept us from getting really bored," says Brian Howard, sophomore. "The only bad thing was the lack of sleep I got. I'll be trying to make that up all this week."

Besides sleeping, many stu-

dents passed the time by watching the news or movies, playing games and even studying. Students also found leisure in playing basketball and racquetball or go to the cafeteria and get free snacks.

Throughout the day, University administrators stopped in at Misericordia to see how things were going.

Dr. J. Michael Lennon, Vice President for Academic Affairs, feels that Misericordia did an excellent job in assisting Wilkes.

"Besides providing a roof over our students heads, Misericordia fed and entertained them," said Lennon. "We are thankful for Misericordia's good neighbor policy."



I.D. cards cause problems

By TONI ODEN
Beacon News Editor

Student identification cards are an essential part of every student's on-campus life, used most importantly to pay for meals in the cafeteria or the SUB. But, many of them are not working since our return to Wilkes for the spring semester, and this has created a problem for students.

University students are being faced with this problem because the encoder in the Registrar's office is out of or-

der. The encoding machine programs your student number onto the magnetic strip on the back of the I.D. card. The machine is presently out for repairs and will not be available for use until late next week.

Returning students that took a semester off, are no longer in the computer system. This means that their student identification number must be re-entered into the computer. Students coming back from last semester are having difficulties with their cards as well because the codes

were changed in the computer and not on the card.

"The biggest problem with the identification cards is miscommunication," said John Pliska of the Computer Support Center.

When students try to use their card at the cafeteria and it does not work, they tend to immediately head to the security office to get it fixed; however, security cannot help in this matter. To solve the problem, the students need to go to the Registrar or the Computer Support Center.

Account passwords discovered

By TONI ODEN
Beacon News Editor

While students were home enjoying their break from classes, computer hackers were busy developing a program to break the passwords of active e-mail accounts on the Wilkes system.

"Those students whose account passwords were discovered, have had their account put on hold," said Fred Sullivan of the Math and Computer Science Department. "A message

scrolls up on the screen to come see me as soon as possible to reactivate the account."

It is important for everyone to realize why passwords should not be easily accessible.

Anything done with an account, including any type of illegal act, becomes the responsibility of the account holder. The whole process is hassle-free since it takes Sullivan only five minutes to change a password.

Students that are creating

a new password for their account should remember that there are now stricter rules regarding what can and cannot be used as a password.

You must use a combination of at least 10 characters and a special symbol. If you are not sure if the password you want to use is valid, contact either Fred Sullivan in SLC 414 (ext. 4462), or the Computer Support Center on the fourth floor of Stark Learning Center (ext. 4441).

Munch money is a hit

By TONI ODEN
Beacon News Editor

Last semester the food service started an exciting new program, called Munch Money, for all Wilkes students.

With this program, students have the opportunity to purchase meals or snacks at the cafeteria or SUB by using their I.D. cards, instead of worrying about having cash on hand.

It was such a big hit that they have decided to feature it again this semester; however,

there have been a few minor problems with how the money is accessed by the student.

"People have been getting upset because Munch Money is not available right away, but students should remember that Munch Money is a three step process that usually takes about two days to take effect," said John Pliska of the Computer Support Center.

First of all, the student must go to Financial Management and make an initial deposit of \$50.

The cashier then has to post the amount of the deposit on the Banner for University access.

Finally, the information is picked up by the computer reader in either the cafeteria or the SUB, depending on where you use your meal card.

The final part of the process is what causes most of the delays. So just remember to be patient if you are trying to use your Munch Money.

Flashback

These events took place in which year?

1880 1881 1882

•Pres. Garfield was shot in a Washington D.C. railroad station by Charles J. Guiteau.

•The first summer camp in the U.S. for city children was established at Squam Lake, N.H.

•A new baseball rule increased the distance of the pitcher's slab from home plate from 45ft. to 50ft.

•The first central electric power plant in the world was constructed on Pearl St., NYC, under the direction of Thomas Edison.

•Coney Island, which had been a deserted sand bank four years earlier, had by this time become famous as a place for sun and recreation.

Look on page 4 for the answer to this week's Flashback.

-All information taken from
The Encyclopedia of American Facts and Dates, 9th ed.,
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Amnicola Notice:

It is time once again for Wilkes University organizations to be photographed for the 1996 Amnicola.

Our yearbook photography company, Davor Photography Inc., will be sending out a professional photographer to take group pictures on two consecutive Sunday nights, February 4 and February 11, 1996 between six and 10 pm.

These two nights will be known as "Club Photo Nights," and the photographer will be set up in room 213/214 of the Marts Sports and Conference Center.

In order to secure your club a set date and five minute time interval, a BLUE folder will be at the Wilkes Security Desk in the Stark Learning Center lobby

until February 1st, for club officers to sign up their club.

The Amnicola staff will begin making calls to clubs the week of January 28th to confirm their date and time.

The yearbook staff hopes that your club will make every attempt to schedule your picture during these two nights. Exceptions will be limited and made only on a case by case basis. Failure to be photographed during "Club Photo Night" may forfeit your club's representation in the 1996 yearbook.

Any questions regarding club pictures and scheduling please contact me:

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(Evenings best to reach me)

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Who can stop Mother Nature?

The other night I looked out my front window as a man and woman leisurely walked their schnauzer down the block. Car after car turned into the parking lot of III Guys Pizza and a group of teenage boys tumbled across my front lawn involved in what looked like a pointless battle.

Seeing these normal activities was refreshing considering the scene last Friday evening. What started out as a calm weekend ended in an horrific headache. Friends called frantically from their dorms, while our worrying mother's called from home. Yet not one of us had an answer as to what we should do.

It was 1:30 am, Saturday morning. I was a little under the weather, a little tired and flood warnings were the furthest thing from my mind. Maybe it was my sickness, maybe it was my fatigue, but most likely I was not aware of how bad the situation had become.

While storing our items on the 2nd floor, one of my roommates asked, what we would do if the flood ruined our clothes? At the time, I thought, how shallow we must sound to be concerned with nothing more than our clothes! It was not until I spoke with residents of this area that I realized I was not being shallow but facing the truth. A flood, like any other disaster, assumes control of your life. In the few hours it approaches, you feel as though your whole life may be taken over, and all you can do is sit and wait.

I am fortunate enough to live in another state, where a flooding Susquehanna River could not affect my home or my family. But those of you who live nearby were and still are affected. I cannot imagine coming into spring with doubts in my mind of whether my house will be standing at the end of the season. A friend of mine, who resides in Swoyersville, recently made the comment "I'm sick of living in fear. It's about time I get angry." No matter how much anger is expressed or repressed, the river will always be a factor in the life of this Valley.

Letter to the editor— A special note of thanks

Dear Editor,

As life returned to normal following our flood emergency, I want to thank College Misericordia and Martz Trailways. Their response to our request for help ensured the timely and safe evacuation of our students. Martz responded immediately with buses to transport them out of harm's way and our friends at College Misericordia graciously gave our students a place to stay.

Our decision to evacuate, shortly after the order was announced at 11 pm Friday, was made with our students' safety as the primary concern. We wanted everyone out of danger before the mass evacuation began at dawn. The Student Affairs staff, with the help of the resident assistants, quickly moved to notify all of the students on campus.

Dedicated Wilkes faculty and staff members left their homes and families in the middle of the night to help move vital records and equipment. Many computers and other valuable items were moved to second and third floor locations.

The result of this extraordinary effort was an efficient and safe evacuation, thanks to the help of our friends and the cooperation of our students, faculty and staff.

I thank everyone who was involved and appreciate your teamwork in a time of crisis.

Sincerely,
Christopher N. Breiseth
President, Wilkes University

Dear Editor,

As I look at the title of last year's yearbook "Unity Amidst Diversity" and remember talking to a student who refrained from going to class on Martin Luther King Jr. Day, I try to reason why Wilkes held classes and whether or not it should. Martin Luther King Jr. Day is a national holiday, so is Columbus Day, so is Labor Day. This year we had off Labor Day. Last year we were still in intercession over Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

Yet it is a vacation from classes the best way to celebrate national holidays? I guess sometimes, yes and sometimes, no. If students had off Martin Luther King Jr. Day, many would see it as simply a day to relax and watch TV rather than to think about the man who had a Dream. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. believed in the importance of education, hope, and a fulfillment of that dream.

What troubles me is the lack of commemoration. I admit I was probably as guilty of this as anyone else. I didn't say "happy Martin Luther King Jr. Day" to anyone. Sure, on the top of the day's square on the university's calendar, I read "Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday," but in the middle of the square were the words: "first day of classes." I found myself too busy to read over a copy of his speech in the library, too busy to think about what it must have been like to go on a bus to hear this man speak, and too busy to think about what it was like to boycott the bus and walk to work because of a genuine belief in something.

I am not writing this letter to make an argument, just a reminder to myself of what I almost forgot the third Monday in January is. I guess that sometimes it takes more than a mark on the calendar to make an impression on the heart.

Sincerely,
Glenda Race

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Idle Chatter

with Michael Butchko

"Take me to the river; drop me in the water, washing me down, washing me down..."

The Talking Heads provide the backdrop for the final semester of Chatters. It had been previously thought that this would be a farewell tour, with much reminiscing alongside the usual jocularity. All of that has been put on hold, however, as the entire Wyoming Valley

was forced to evacuate this past weekend.

Personally, I'm a post-flood baby. I've read all the books, and seen all of the television retrospectives. Most of us college students believe that just because we've done some research, we understand what happened. And when elders try to tell us that we need to experience something before we have a complete perspective, we wave our diplomas in their faces as a rebuke.

Where were you when you heard the news? I was trying to remain calm in the face of two very nervous parents, both of whom had just gotten their lives in successful working order back in 1972, when the Susquehanna River took all they had. But I was fully convinced that it was not going to happen again, until Jim Siracuse suggested we prepare to evacuate. Eight hours later, with my parents a few steps behind me, we left the house for higher, possibly drier ground. When you've never been in much danger, when you've never had to make the decision as to what property you want to save and what precious belongings you are willing to sacrifice, the scope of potential disaster is just too much to cope with.

The bright spot is that we had help. WBRE, which has been criticized for its tacky reporting, came through in a large way with continuous updates on the river. And two local politicians who had been previously maligned came through for their towns: Gary Reese of Kingston and Tom McGroraty of Wilkes-Barre. Both men executed difficult evacuations well, and McGroraty continues to help residents battle back from this disaster. This weekend, he'll head to Washington, D.C., to meet with President Clinton. Hopefully Bill will be done with the State of the Union by then.

In the end, this week's column wishes we could move on, and hopes that someday the river will return to its ridiculously low levels. As I write this, however, rain continues to fall, and with more forecast for the weekend. I used to love the rain, and I will again, once this river recedes. Then, hopefully, the Valley's residents will get back to normal. But we'll never be the same.

That's all for now. We'll chat again next week.

Upcoming Campus Events for January 26 - February 2

Friday, January 26

RELAX! ENJOY YOUR WEEKEND!

Saturday, January 27

- Comedian Rob Magnotti, CPA, 8 pm
- SHARE - St. Mary's Church
- Wrestling - Army/Rutgers (A)
- W B-ball - FDU Madison (A) 2 pm
- M B-ball - FDU Madison (A) 4 pm

Sunday, January 28

SLEEP IN!

Monday, January 29

- W B-ball - Misericordia (A) 7pm

Tuesday, January 30

- University Learning Center "Task Management" - 11 am - noon, 6 - 7 pm
- CC mtng. - SLC 204, 11:45 am
- Amnicola mtng. Hollenbach Hall, noon
- "Cholinergic Control of the Ferret Airways in the Health & Disease," SLC 1, 11 am - noon

Wednesday, January 31

- SG mtng. - 6:30 pm
- Conversations about Teaching, Marts 214, 12-1 pm
- M B-ball - Caldwell (A), 7:30 pm
- Campus Interfaith Talk It Out, SUB basement, 5 pm
- "Nuts and Bolts of Starting Your Own Business," Marts 213, 6-9 pm

Thursday, February 1

- University Learning Center "Note Taking" 11 am-noon, 6-7 pm
- Valentine Lollipop Sale begins through Feb. 14

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Friday,
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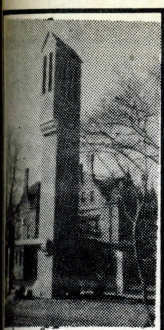
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Music: Alive and Well in the Valley

PATRICK FLYNN

Special to the Beacon

Where will the next Beatles, Bruce Springsteen or Pearl Jam come from? You might find them in Liverpool, Seattle, New York or Los Angeles. How about the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton area? Whether you know it or not, they might be rehearsing in your backyard rehearsal space, playing in a garage, or recording in a studio. The concept of "original" music in the Wyoming Valley remains somewhat misunderstood, often assumed to mean music that is weird or of lesser quality. In actuality it is a term that describes music written and performed by local musicians who hope to get recording contracts. Ultimately, the original music scene in the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton area has seen a significant upsurge in interests in the past few years, possibly making this area a viable musical hotbed in the near future.

Jim Borthwick, owner and operator of Sound Investment

Studio in Scranton stated, "I have definitely seen a noticeable increase in the number and quality of local bands that have come into my studio to record their own music in recent years. I hope very much that this is a trend that continues to grow. I feel it will be a big cultural asset to the area."

A number of local bands, including Freight Train, George Wesley and the Iretations, Strawberry Jam, Freefall, and Orphan Annie have all released albums locally. The albums have sold very well and received enthusiastic reviews from local critics, even garnering interests from major record labels. Many of these albums were written, financed, and promoted by the bands themselves, which is no easy feat considering constraints on money and time.

In spite of the assortment of original talent, if they want to work locally many of the bands must "cover," or play music of popular musicians heard on the radio or seen on television. So, why has the original music scene remained "underground"

for so many years in the Wyoming Valley? The answer may lie in the fact that there has not been an abundance of outlets, such as clubs or showcases for the original bands to present their music. Some clubs do book bands who perform original music. However, the majority of club owners remain reluctant to feature local bands.

James Callahan, owner and proprietor of Mantis Green coffee shop in Wilkes-Barre and long-time supporter of local original music stated, "It's almost an educational venture to turn people and club owners onto original music. Club owners have to realize that we need integrity as a musical scene instead of in their pocketbooks."

Fortunately, a number of clubs, such as Casey's in Wilkes-Barre, Jitterbugs in Kingston, Sea-Sea's in Moosic, and Mantis Green in Wilkes-Barre - feature original music bands and receive many positive responses from club goers. Micheal Sperazza of Pittston, a fan of original music stated, "I get to hear music that can only be heard in the Wyoming Valley which makes it a

very interesting and unique listening experience."

The response of some of the club owners has been positive as well. According to Callahan, "The response from the audience has been great. Bands from out of town are starting to come to us because the area is becoming responsive to original music. Many of the music scenes in the large metropolitan cities are simply burnt out, putting bands in areas such as Wilkes-Barre, Scranton in a unique position.. One of the reasons for the excitement is that the majority of the original bands in this area do not follow trends that are evident in larger cities. The original music scene here is diversified and vibrant. Eddie Apnell, lead singer and songwriter for Mere Mortals, who has been writing songs since he was 12 years old, stated, "This area is actually a great place to start an original band because you have the opportunity for the band to learn, develop and grow without the restraints of trying to copy musical trends that

often occur in larger cities. This could stifle the creative process." Local original music has also received support from local radio as well. It is featured on Mike Naydock's, "Cellar Full of Noise," on 97.9 FM the Mountain and George Graham's, "Homegrown Music," on 89.9 WVIA -FM. According to Borthwick, "One thing that I feel has given a local original a boost is that the younger generation is definitely more open to it. Younger musicians are learning how to play their instruments and how to play their own songs, rather than learn how to play Top 40's songs. Local songwriters realize they have something to offer and that success can become reality. I think the scene will grow and evolve more in the future." This area can take pride in the fact that there is a wealth of very dedicated, very talented musicians who are writing and performing their own work - original music not available in any other city. Remember, every band from the Beatles, to R.E.M., to U2 started out as unknown original bands in their hometowns. Look what happened.

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The Physical Education Department is offering classes at Elk Mountain on Thursday nights. Reduced lift tickets are available to all faculty and staff. It is possible to purchase a five week prepaid ticket book for Thursday nights at very substantial savings. If you would like to purchase one-time tickets or the coupon booklet, contact Gay Meyers at ext. 4686, COB #204. The cost for one-time tickets is \$14 if you have your own equipment and \$18 if you need rentals. This price also includes a lesson if you want to take one. Tickets are available for the following Thursday nights: January 25, February 8, 15, 22, and 29. Tickets can be purchased the day before or the day of the trip - CASH ONLY.

Be With WICS in '96

Join Women In Community Service (W-I-C-S) in its effort to better serve the community. Volunteers are needed to serve as resource counselors, mentors, tutors, speakers and workshop facilitators. For more information call (215) 596-4540.

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Horoscopes

GET INVOLVED

Aries (March 21-April 19) It will take some time to get back in to the swing of things, but it's important to start focusing on your responsibilities. Keep your goals in mind and get motivated.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) The bank account is still recovering from all of your holiday expenses. Hold off on unneeded spending and save yourself from money troubles later.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) New semester, new you. Don't be afraid to get out there and live. Remember: if you love yourself, others will too.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) Don't get caught up in other people's problems, you are what's important. Take a good look at what you need and start taking care of yourself.

Leo (July 23-August 22) The winter may be getting you down, but you'll never guess who'll appear to cheer you up. Be ready for a complete turn around.

Virgo (August 23-September 22) Give someone far away a call, you'll realize how much they mean to you. Spend a quiet night at home, sometimes you can lose touch with yourself.

Libra (September 23-October 23) Hold on to that special someone. It's not always easy, but it's worth it. Be sure to let them know they are appreciated.

Scorpio (October 24-November 21) All of the work ahead of you may seem overwhelming, but be confident in your abilities. Pace yourself and all will be well.

Sagittarius (November 22-December 21) Giving advice is not a good idea. Keep your bright ideas to yourself for the time being, it will be appreciated later.

Capricorn (December 22-January 19) Keep that fiery temper under control, it could help save the relationship. A little extra effort can go a long way.

Aquarius (January 20-February 18) Save your pennies for the trip you've been wishing to take. The time has finally come to let loose and have some fun.

Pisces (February 19-March 20) Stick to that promise you made. You'll be glad you did. It's time to start that artistic project that you've had in mind.

Born This Week: Be prepared to hit a few bumps in the road of life. Don't worry though, you've always been able to bounce back.

•The office of Volunteer Services announces an addition to its services to students. A RIDE BOARD has been placed outside the Pickering Cafeteria by Residence Life.

Students who need a ride and students who are willing to give a ride are asked to complete the cards provided and place them on the appropriate board.

If you have any questions, please contact me 831-5904. Thank you!

•The VISION Homeless Shelter will be on campus Monday, February 5 through Monday, February 12. The office of the Volunteer Services is in need of student groups and/or individuals to help serve meals to the clients of the VISION Homeless Shelter every night. We need groups of five to eight people to help each night for about an hour and a half. If you are interested, please contact Amy Mazur at 831-5904.

•SHARE: is a food co-op where people receive \$1.00 worth of food for \$1.40 on the fourth Saturday of each month. Students are invited to purchase the food by signing up with Mary Hession at the Interfaith during the first of each month. Volunteers are needed to unload and pack food. Call #5904 to help.

Consider This...

"Do not look back in anger, or forward in fear, but around in awareness."

•James Thurber

"Love cures people both the ones who give it and those who receive it."

•Karl Menninger

"Failure? I never encountered it. All I ever met were temporary set backs."

•Dottie Walters

"Those who refuse to risk and grow get swallowed up by life."

•Pattie Hansen

"Whether you think you can or think you can't, you're right."

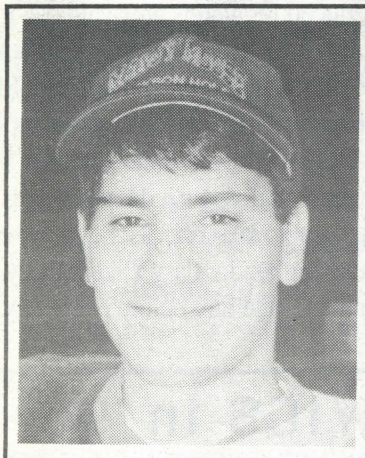
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"The man who has no problems is out of the game."

•Elbert Hubbard

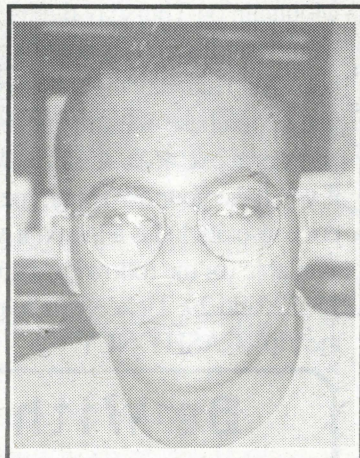
Roving Reporter With Meghan LaVigna

If you could have taken only one thing with you for the flood evacuation, what would it have been?



Alfonso Ross

"My car because without it I couldn't take myself."



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"My photo album and clothes, that's all I brought to Wilkes."



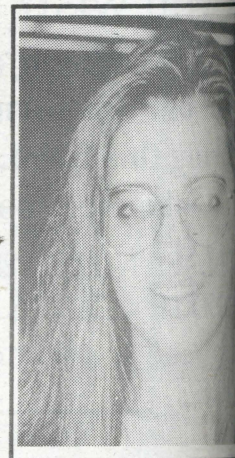
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"Pictures of my son. Those memories can never be replaced."



James Noble

"Yearbooks and pictures."



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Colonels' Scoreboard: Results from Winter Recess and Schedules for the Week

WRESTLING (3-6 overall)

Saturday (20th):
41-0 Loss to Boston
University

Sunday (21st):
31-15 Win over Boston
College

**Wednesday
Result :**
**49-3 Win over
Cheyney St.**



WOMEN'S BASKETBALL (5-8 overall; 4-2 MAC)

January:

Monday (1st):
70-59 Loss to Holy Family
(Bahamas)

Wednesday (3rd):
90-49 Loss to Briar Cliff
(Bahamas)

Thursday (4th):
77-54 Loss to Defiance
(Bahamas)

Wednesday (10th):
56-45 Win over King's *

Sunday (13th):
59-57 Win over Drew *

Wednesday (17th):
61-45 Win over Delaware
Valley *

Thursday (18th):
67-59 Loss to Marywood

Tuesday (23rd):
79-66 Loss to Lycoming *

Saturday (27th):
at FDU-Madison 4:00 pm *

Monday (29th):
at Scranton 6:00 pm *

February:

Thursday (1st):
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MEN'S BASKETBALL (12-1 overall; 4-0 MAC)

December:

Friday (8th):
94-41 Win at Lehman College
(NY) Tourney

Saturday (9th):
105-66 Win at Lehman
College (NY) Tourney

January:
Saturday (6th):
Wilkes Colonel Classic
116-67 Win over Marywood

Sunday (7th):
Wilkes Colonel Classic
97-91 Loss to St. John Fisher

Wednesday (10th):
97-76 Win over King's *

Tuesday (16th):
110-50 Win over Delaware
Valley *

Tuesday (23rd):
66-65 Win over
Lycoming *

Saturday (27th):
at FDU-Madison
2:00 pm *

Monday (29th):
at Scranton 8:00 pm *

Wednesday (31st):
at Caldwell College
7:30 pm

* MAC Freedom League
Games

"Sports Quote of the Week"
*John Daly, professional golfer,
with thoughts on college:*
*"History wasn't bad, but world
literature and all that?... I
(couldn't) care less about what
happened, all those fiction stories
about what happened in the year
1500 or 1600. Half of 'em aren't
even true."*
--from Golf Digest

Beacon Sports Flashback

January 24, 1979

- Coach John Reese's wrestling team was 8-2 overall, with Coach Reese having just won his 275th meet.
- The Wilkes College swim team lost to Swathmore College by a score of 59-45.
- The men's basketball team lost three straight games, as the campus was tainted by a near-riot during a recent home game against Kean College.
- On Saturday, January 26, Wilkes was set to play King's in ice hockey at the Coal Street Ice-A-Rama.

DeMelfi resigns to take admissions post Sheptock named successor

Changing of the Guard



Associate Dean of Admissions Joe DeMelfi, during his final season as coach. DeMelfi ends his career at Wilkes with a 31-30-1 record.

photo by Eric Morinello

BY MICHAEL BUTCHKO
Beacon Sports Editor

At a press conference Tuesday afternoon, Wilkes University head football coach Joe DeMelfi announced that he has decided to accept the position of Associate Dean of Admissions. Because of his departure, former Defensive Coordinator and Assistant Coach Frank Sheptock has been named new head coach.

DeMelfi leaves behind a program which has made giant steps in his six years. He leaves Wilkes with a career record of 31-30-1. His last three seasons saw a 24-8 record, including the undefeated regular season of 1993. He was hired on January 6, 1990, and he reflected on his accomplishments during the press conference. "As for Joe DeMelfi," he said, "I've had six years, MAC Championships, an NCAA playoff which will live with me forever; two Freedom League championships, and

having the opportunity to work with great kids."

The players were responsive to DeMelfi's emotion, with over 30 current and former players in attendance. But the other reason so many attended was to celebrate the appointment of Frank Sheptock as head coach. Sheptock came to Wilkes along with DeMelfi in 1990, and has coached an incredible defense in the past three years. The 1993 defense allowed opponents only 7.3 points per game and only 207.6 yards per contest. Under Sheptock, the Colonels have had 26 players named to the MAC Defensive All-Star teams, including 11 first team All-Stars.

"In the past few days," a beaming Sheptock said, "the outflow of support from the administration, athletic department, faculty and staff has been overwhelming." Sheptock has a particular interest in local recruiting, as well as "attracting people with: 1) academic excellence; 2) character; and 3) football talent."

President Breiseth thanked Coach DeMelfi for making

Wilkes football a recognizable force. As for Sheptock, Breiseth remarked "there was never a question as to who would replace DeMelfi."

Quarterback Damon "Boo" Perry agreed with President Breiseth, citing that Coach Sheptock is "a great coach who does it all. You know what to expect, he's a great guy, and he deserves the job." The Frank Sheptock Era will begin on Saturday, September 14, at Ralston Field, as the Colonels battle Widener University.

Until that time, both men will go about their usual business. There was a mutual admiration at the press conference, as DeMelfi seemed sad to be going but happy to see Sheptock take over. On the other hand, Sheptock was excited for the opportunity, but sad to see his mentor leave the post. Once everyone had left, both men did what they have done so often: climbed into DeMelfi's Honda and headed over to the Field House, where there will be more players to coach.

Men's team shows heart in comeback, gets tough victory

BY MICHAEL BUTCHKO
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In the finals of the Wilkes University Holiday Inn Colonel Classic, the Colonels found themselves with multiple opportunities to win the game from the free-throw line. They were unable to convert, and St. John Fisher won the game.

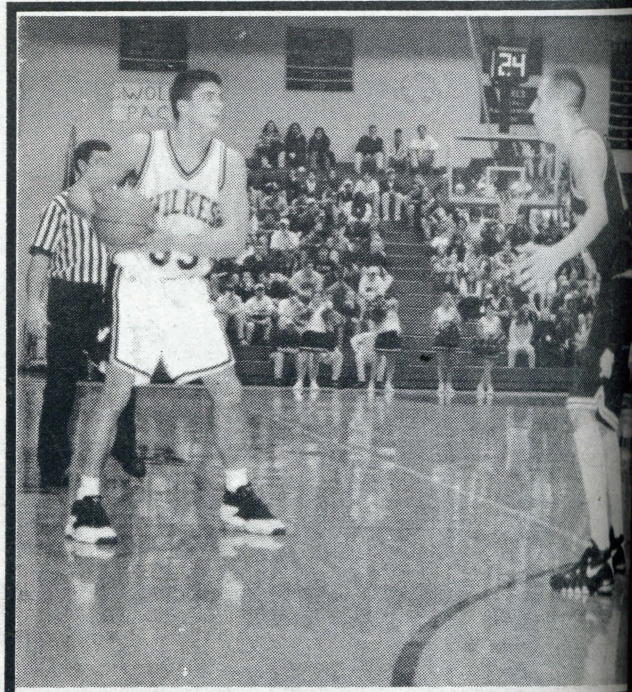
On Tuesday night at the Marts Center, the Colonels faced their toughest test since their only loss. Lycoming College also put the Colonels in a similar predicament, with the Colonels trailing by four with under two minutes remaining. Heart brought the Colonels to a tie game, and free throws put them over the top.

Jason Turner hit the front end of a bonus situation, to pull the Colonels to within three. His second attempt was off, but Chris Parker pulled down the

rebound and scored, to cut lead to one. Lycoming's possession produced a missed shot, which Parker rebounded. His outlet pass to Matt LaBuda precipitated a Lycoming foul which set the stage for another game decided by free throws.

LaBuda, always reliable from the free throw line, connected on both to give the Colonels a one-point lead. Lycoming still had time to work for a game-winning shot and Kevin McFarland drove the baseline with little time left. His leaning shot looked good, but just rimmed out. Jason Turner corralled the rebound as time expired.

Wilkes was lead in scoring by Turner, who had 16 points. Parker added 16 points and 15 rebounds, while LaBuda had 13. Wilkes proves to 11-1 overall, and 0 in the MAC.



Matt LaBuda in the triple-threat position against Lycoming. LaBuda's two free throws won it for the Colonels.

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