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Ambrosino recognized at summer commencement

By ALYSSA KASLAVAGE
Beacon News Editor

Summer commencement was held on September 3, 1998 inside the Edward Darling, Jr. Theater at The Dorothy Dickson Darte Center for the Performing Arts. Over 120 graduates received both master's and bachelor's degrees.

The largest population of graduates were receiving master of science degrees with a major in education. The Distinguished Young Alumnus Award was presented to Carmen F. Ambrosino, who graduated in 1986.

This award is given to an alumnus of any degree program at Wilkes University who has graduated in the 15 year period immediately preceding the award.

The award is presented to the graduate who best exemplifies the traditions of Wilkes University. Ambrosino, the chief executive officer of Wyomind Valley Alcohol and Drug Services, Inc., was selected as community delegate for the Presidential Summit in Philadelphia in 1997.

Another accomplishment of Ambrosino's was the Drug Free Community Festival, a celebration of drug-free living that attracts approximately 100,000 people

annually.

He founded the first chapter of the National Association of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Counselors in Pa., and was the national board member representing Pennsylvania for two years.

Ambrosino has extended his efforts from the community to the classroom by developing a 45-hour graduate course, Contemporary Drug and Alcohol Issues, at Wilkes. Educators can learn early detection techniques, identification of high-risk behavior children, intervention/confrontation techniques and co-dependency.

Ambrosino has been an outstanding leader and educator in the fight against substance abuse and is well-known as a man of integrity and honor.

"We are proud to recognize his dedication and many achievements with the Distinguished Young Alumnus Award," said Sandra Beynon Nicholas, executive director for alumni at Wilkes.

"I am extremely honored to receive the Wilkes University Distinguished Young Alumnus Award. Wilkes not only provided me with a challenging academic experience, but instilled in me the importance to our community," said Ambrosino.

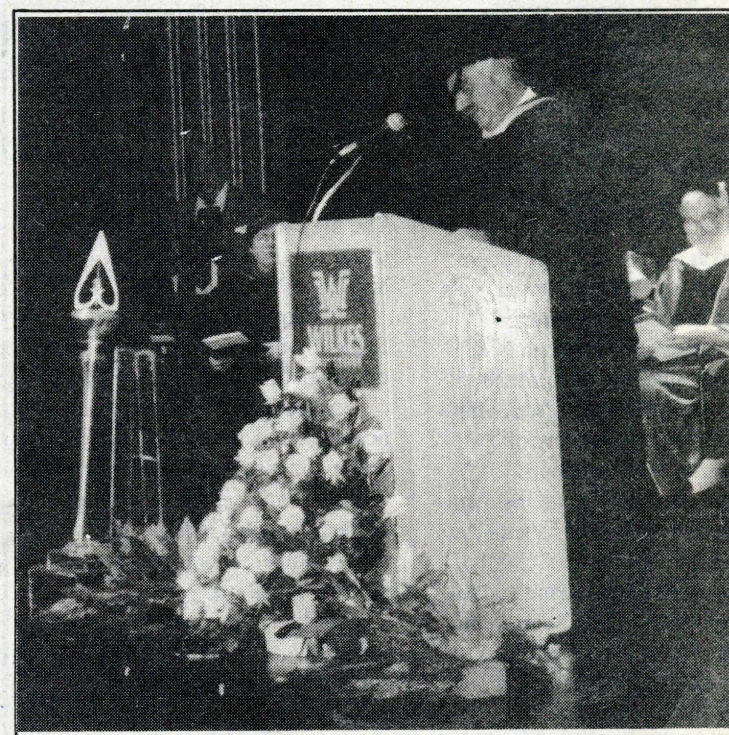


Photo by Karen Cook

Carmen Ambrosino gives his acceptance speech.

Approximately half of the graduates were present to receive their degrees. Jeff Moisey, student government president, also spoke at commencement.

"Standing up here is very motivational for me, being that I will be sitting in those same seats in May. It reminds all students, not

only seniors, to keep their heads on straight and look forward to graduation," said Moisey.

Edward Schechter was presented with an Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters.

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Playing the parking field

By LISA RUGGIERO
Beacon Staff Writer

No one on campus can help but notice the dramatic changes occurring at Wilkes this year. Besides the construction in front of Pickering Hall, the most evident signs of change are the Wilkes' shuttles.

Two 24 passenger shuttles run every 15 to 20 minutes between Ralston Field and campus. The buses run from 7 a.m. until 10 p.m. Monday through Thursday and from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Friday.

The shuttles stop in front of the Dorothy Dickson Darte Center, the Marts Center and across from the Classroom Office Building.

According to Richard Chavala, who is in charge of Wilkes' parking security, parking spaces for the



Photo by Derek Bleiler

The shuttle bus picks up students at the Ralston lot.

Ralston lot have been issued to commuter students, faculty, staff and resident students. Of the 320 spaces, approximately 20 are still available.

According to Chavala, using the Ralston lot eases congestion in the parking lots on this side of the river and the number of cars being ticketed and/or towed has

significantly decreased.

The idea to use the Ralston lot for parking was considered in previous years, as far back as the 1970s.

It resurfaced in the fall of 1997 when Corporate Express obtained the 250 spaces at Park and Lock South that were being leased by Wilkes from the city. This, coupled with the loss of about 20 spaces at Bedford Hall, due to the construction, left the administration with no other options.

Parking was already a difficult situation with many students applying for exceedingly limited spaces.

John Pesta, director of campus support services, was instrumental in designing this parking arrangement. Business affairs and

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News



Nightingale named UPS scholar for 1998-99

Congratulations to new deans Bedford and Sullivan

WILKES-BARRE—Wilkes University announces the appointment of Dr. Bonnie C. Bedford, of Wilkes-Barre (formerly of Windsor, N.Y.), as dean of the newly-formed College of Arts, Sciences and Professional Studies and Dr. Fred Sullivan, of Lehman, Pa., as associate dean.

In May, Wilkes University's Board of Trustees approved a long-range plan designed by a strategic planning committee to focus the University's strengths and improve the quality of education for its students.

In accordance with this plan, the former School of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences; School of Science and Engineering and the School of Business, Society and Public Policy were combined to form the new college.

"The changes have stimulated new thinking and the desire to move ahead quickly to reap the potential benefits in the reorganization set in motion by the recommendations of the Strategic Planning Committee," said Wilkes president, Dr. Christopher N. Breiseth.

Bedford, an associate professor of English at Wilkes, graduated *magna cum laude* with a bachelor of arts degree, in English and theatre arts, from Waynesburg College. She also received a master's and doctoral degree in English from State University of New York at Binghamton.

Her work as a writer/producer

of the screenplay *Sniper* was recognized in the Sundance Institute's Feature Film Development program, of which she was a semi-finalist.

SNIPER premiered at the T. Schreiber Studio in New York City. The play was performed at Wilkes under the direction of Adam Hill and Bobby Zamoski.

Bedford also earned semi-finalist honors with her production of *Group S.O.S.* and *Watch Fires*.

In recognition of her many achievements in the theatre industry and in the classroom, Bedford was inducted into Beta Sigma Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma, the international honorary society of women educators.

Sullivan, an associate professor of mathematics and computer science at Wilkes, received his undergraduate, master's and doctoral degrees in mathematics from Louisiana State University.

In addition to serving as associate dean and associate professor, Sullivan is the coordinator of the computer science laboratory at Wilkes.

Sullivan has published a number of works on his current research, multitrajectory techniques in military stimulation, which he has presented at military symposiums and conferences throughout the United States.

Deans Bedford and Sullivan will serve a two year term and may apply for permanent status, which will begin in the year 2000.

WILKES-BARRE—Jeremy C. Nightingale, of Arlington, Va., a senior electrical engineering major with a minor in computer engineering at Wilkes University, has been named the 1998-99 United Parcel Service (UPS) Foundation Scholar.

Nightingale was selected as the UPS scholar in recognition of his proven leadership and extensive involvement in campus activities.

He is currently president of the Kappa Beta Chapter of ETA Kappa Nu, the electrical engineering honor society; secretary of the IEEE Club, member of the Circle K Club, member of the Sigma Phi Sigma, the physics honor society and is a tutor and lab assistant for the Digital Designs Lab at Wilkes.

Nightingale recently completed a paid, summer internship with IBM in Burlington, Vt., which produced a job offer to begin employment after his May 1999 graduation. He also plans to attend graduate school.

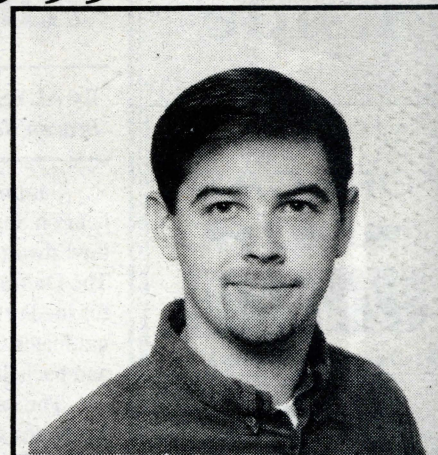
Nightingale began an internship with Pulse Communications in Herdon, Va., during his senior year in high school.

He has continued this internship while at Wilkes by telecommuting through the use of advanced technology.

Due to a strong academic record at the high school level, Nightingale was named a trustee scholar when he entered Wilkes in 1995. The scholarships have provided payment of his tuition.

The UPS Foundation and the charitable arm of the United Parcel Service, originally established the educational fund with \$4.2 million endowment in 1974.

Since that time, more than \$18 million has been provided in scholarships and student aid to private colleges and universities.



JEREMY NIGHTINGALE
UPS Scholar

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student affairs worked together to do the troubleshooting.

Parking at Ralston is free, while parking on campus costs \$15 a month for students and faculty. The money that was used to lease Park and Lock South is now used to finance the shuttle buses and drivers. Paul Adams, dean of student affairs, believes Ralston will still be used once construction is over simply because Pickering only has 125 spaces, less than half of the essential number.

According to Gretchen Yeager, assistant director of residence life, a guard has been stationed at the field from 10:00 p.m. until 6:00 a.m. to watch the cars and to take an informal survey to see if the lot should be open for an extended period of time. The decision on whether the watchman is necessary will be made in early October.

The shuttles are also proving advantageous to students who do not park at the Ralston lot. Athletes use them to get back and forth to practice, saving them a two mile walk or the hassle of finding a ride.

Eric Grover, a freshman majoring in electrical engineering, uses the shuttle to go to football.

"I like it because it's the only efficient mode of transportation to practice for people that don't have a driver's license," said Grover.

"It saves time and energy, but it doesn't make sense to me that the bus stops and waits at the field until the other one gets there. They should have both running (constantly)," said Lance Mabry, a freshman biology major who also uses the shuttle.

In general, there have not been any major complaints about the shuttles.

Barbara King, associate dean of student affairs, said, "We're pleasantly surprised by the lack of complaints and we're really happy to be able to offer free (mass) parking."

"Whether you're student, faculty or staff, it brings you some consistency and reliability," said Adams.

Tara Boyce, a junior economic and political science major said, "The Ralston Field situation is a good beginning, but many changes need to be made before it becomes a totally workable solution to our on-going campus parking problems."

Boyce suggests that resident students should have access to their cars 24-hours a day or at least extend the hours to meet their needs better.

LCCC transfer students benefit from Wilkes

WILKES-BARRE—Students from Luzerne County Community College (LCCC) who transfer to Wilkes University will immediately receive the benefits of the Wilkes students, thanks to a newly developed Transfer Agreement developed by the admissions office of both institutions.

By agreeing to transfer to Wilkes, current LCCC students, regardless of class year and semester of matriculation to Wilkes, will be considered Wilkes students. Therefore, they will be able to obtain benefits previously available exclusively to Wilkes students and at the same rate. The new program is aimed at providing an easier transition from one school to the other.

Students will receive a free Wilkes identification card, which allows access to all Wilkes services. This includes professional, co-curricular, athletic, cultural and other campus events.

The LCCC students will also be entitled to a Wilkes e-mail account, internet access, access to the University's computer labs and the Eugene S. Farely Library.

Wilkes will guarantee a transfer scholarship if the student's cumulative grade point average (G.P.A.) is at least a 2.5. The amount of the scholarships may vary based on G.P.A.

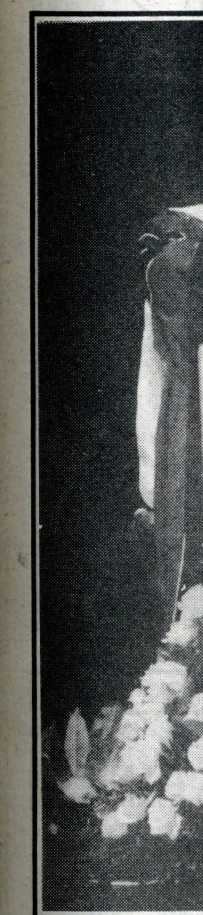
While at LCCC, students may enroll in one Wilkes course per semester at a regular credit rate. They need not be admitted to Wilkes to enroll in the course.

Wilkes will waive the standard \$30 application fee, provide free transcript evaluations as often as requested by the student and will guarantee counseling by a Wilkes transfer coordinator.

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By LARA LUKE
Beacon Staff Writer

Final preparatory works for a special campaign event called "The Future."

On Friday, Sept. 19, this program will raise \$30 million for the Campaign that will provide the money needed to build the Student Center at Commons which is under construction.

Funds will also be used for increasing the University's endowment, which will provide financial aid for students.

"This campaign will further improve campus infrastructure, increase the endowment and improve operating resources."

"The construction of the student center is a major commitment of Wilkes University. We are excited to have students at the helm," said Christopher N. Breiseth, president of Wilkes University.

Schechter's lifetime achievements honored at commencement

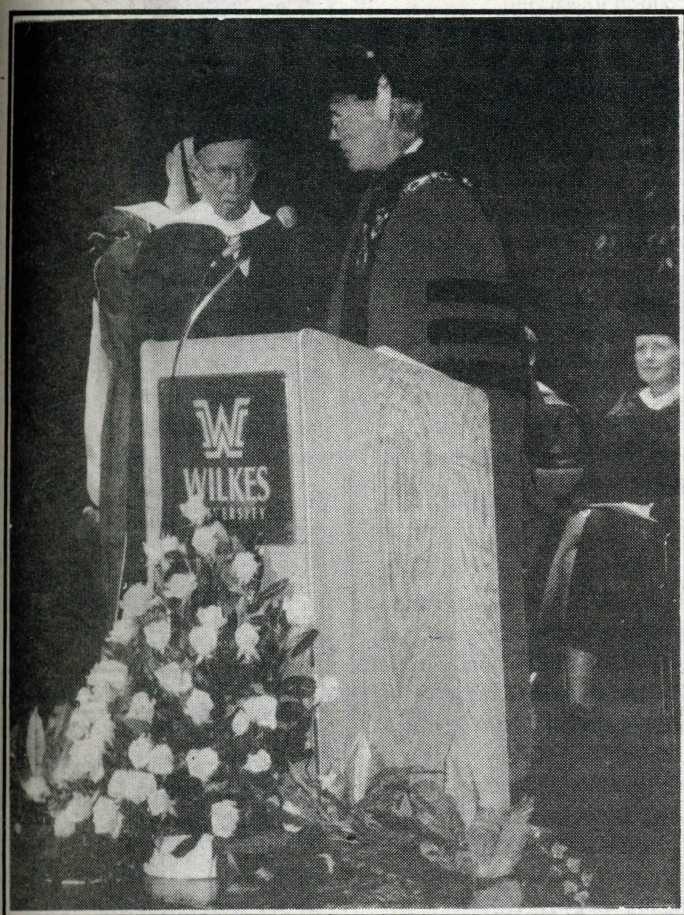


Photo by Karen Cook

Edward Schechter receives his honorary degree from President Breiseth.

WILKES-BARRE—Edward Schechter of Shavertown, Pa., was awarded with an honorary doctor of humane letters from Wilkes University during the summer commencement, Thursday September 3. Ceremonies began at 11:15 a.m., at the Dorothy Dickson Darte Center for the Performing Arts.

"This award recognizes Mr. Schechter's lifetime of distinguished accomplishments and service to the people of the Wyoming Valley."

"It is our pleasure to honor Ed and thank him for his tireless efforts to improve our community," said University President, Dr. Christopher N. Breiseth.

A graduate of Dartmouth College, class of 1940, Schechter received a baccalaureate degree in economics and political science.

He relocated to the Wyoming Valley in 1953 to serve as president of the Stressteel Corporation. It was through this affiliation that Schechter began what is now a forty year career of community service.

"Through his many leadership roles, he has helped our Wyoming Valley community to assess its strengths and weaknesses as well

as pursue investments and develop strategies to promote a new, vibrant economy in the near future," said Breiseth.

In the 1950's, Schechter became an active member of the Greater Wilkes-Barre Chamber of Commerce by serving on the board of directors, as a member of the executive committee and as a chairman of the transportation committee.

A member of the Luzerne-Lackawanna Transportation Study in the 60's, Schechter was instrumental in helping to plan the Cross Valley Expressway. During this time, he was also asked to sit on the board of directors for the United Way.

Schechter came to the aid of area victims as a member of the 1972 Flood Recovery Task Force and as chairman of its transportation committee.

Throughout the 70's and 80's, Schechter spearheaded and was a founding member of the Luzerne County Transportation Authority, Leadership Wilkes-Barre and the Committee for Economic Growth.

While Schechter spent the past three decades improving the quality of life in his adopted community, his most recent efforts have helped the

environment. He chairs the Land Use Planning Committee of the Earth Conservancy and also serves on its board of directors.

"I am deeply honored to be receiving this honorary doctorate from Wilkes University." "It's with pride that I will join the graduates on this very special day," said Schechter.

Schechter and wife Betty reside in Shavertown, PA.

Priority Notification

Students and staff should be aware that two male resident students were robbed at about 1:25 a.m., on Saturday morning, in front of the Library on South Franklin Street.

The victims were approached from the rear and asked to turn over their money.

Both assailants are described as being between 19 and 22 years of age. One is a white male about 5'5" and 160 lbs with a goatee, wearing a hat and army fatigues. The second assailant is African-American wearing a yellow fleece sweatshirt.

The Wilkes students were not hurt during the episode. The University urges everyone to use caution when walking alone or in small groups late at night.

Anyone with information that could be helpful to the investigation should contact Wilkes Security at 408-4999 or Wilkes-Barre Police at 826-8181.

Legacy, commitment and a dream

By LARA LUKESH
Beacon Staff Writer

Final preparations are in the works for a special capital campaign event called "Endow the Future."

On Friday, September 18, this program will kick off a seven year \$30 million Capital Campaign that will raise the money needed to pay for the new Student Center and Dining Commons which is currently under construction.

Funds will also go toward increasing the University's endowment, which helps provide financial aid for students.

"This campaign will help us further improve our facilities and infrastructure, increase our endowment and bolster our operating resources,"

"The construction of our new student center is symbolic of Wilkes's commitment to keeping students at the heart of all we do," said Christopher Breiseth, president of Wilkes University.

The "Endow the Future" campaign concentrates on three key areas critical to the make-up of Wilkes. These ideals are designated as "The Legacy," "The Commitment" and "The Dream."

The legacy deals with the heritage of Wilkes, looking at the beginning of Wilkes as a junior college and its subsequent years of growth.

The commitment aspect emphasizes the responsibility and the pledge taken by faculty, trustees, alumni, parents and the community to continue to meet the current needs of students.

The dream looks ahead to the future of Wilkes and to maintaining the University's goal of creating a challenging academic program that enriches and prepares students for the rigors of the outside world.

The kickoff begins at 6:30 p.m. in the Stark Learning Center. A reception will immediately follow the kick-off presentation.

Dave Januzzi, Jeff Moisey, Katie Watkins, Erica Michaliga, Jennifer John and Beth Witkowski

will escort the six "Colonels of Excellence."

The "Colonels of Excellence" are outstanding and distinguished Wilkes alumni.

A tightly structured program has been coordinated for the approximate 250 member audience including musical selections from the University Chorus as well as students of the Wilkes Conservatory.

"The Conservatory students have been invited to participate because they are future members of Wilkes University and our campaign focuses on that component. Over the next five to seven years, this campaign will actually provide for their future and we believe it will also create special moments for those here now," said Carol Maculloch, coordinator of special events and stewardship.

Students have been asked to share their experiences at Wilkes and the effect the University has had on their lives.

Some of the students who will be speaking include: Neil



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Andress who majors in communications and political science, Michael Krasulski who majors in history and political science and Alyse Baumann who is majoring in pharmacy.

They along with other Wilkes students will give brief testimonials about their experiences within the Wilkes community.

The evening will also premier the video, "The Best Years of Our Lives," a Wilkes campaign video depicting the importance of support from alumni and friends.

"This program is very special,"

"It's different than anything that Wilkes has done and through the efforts of Joe Dawson and Adam Hill, we expect a memorable experience," said Maculloch.

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Dear students,

It is with mixed emotions that I write this letter to you. After five and a half years, I must bid farewell to Wilkes University. It has been an incredible and memorable tenure at the university. The years that I have spent here have been both personally and professionally rewarding!

It is truly exciting to know that I leave the university with the knowledge that you have grasped the concept of service and have made it a part of your daily lives. The growth over the years from 5,000 hours of community service in 1993 to over 20,000 hours in 1998, is a testament to you, the students. Your willingness and enthusiasm to get involved has helped foster the relationship between campus and the community.

As I move on, my hope for you is that community service continues to play an integral role in your lives. Even though I will not be here, the important work of service still needs to be done. The local agencies have learned that they can rely on the students at Wilkes University to help their programs prosper.

As I leave, I can give you the call for action. Every act of service is leadership. Every step you take makes you step out in front of everyone else. In order to lead, you must serve!! I am grateful for the opportunities Wilkes has afforded me. It has truly been a pleasure to work with all of you. Good luck in all that you do and continue to serve!!

Sincerely,

Amy Mazur-Hession

September 7, 1998

Dear Editor,

I am writing to inform the Wilkes University community of the current status of the *Amnicola* - the Wilkes University annual yearbook. As of this past weekend a majority of the pages for the 1998 book have been completed and were shipped on Tuesday, September 7, to the publisher. There will be a few more minor details to finish up, but it is safe to say that the 1998 yearbook is complete.

This is the first annual in five years to be completed on time. I would like to thank my staff this year who helped to complete this goal, especially Alicia Cymbala '02 who worked with me continuously throughout the summer to see that this arduous task was met.

Alicia will serve as the organizations editor for 1999 and I ask that Wilkes faculty, staff and students give her and the 1999 staff the same amount of support as you have given the 1998 staff.

We expect the 1998 yearbook to be shipped from the publisher by late October, early November - so please contact our office with inquiry after that time.

On another note, the 1997 yearbook was finished this summer. It was mailed to the Classes of 1997 and 1998 in July and will be distributed on campus in the near future to the Classes of 1999 and 2000. The *Amnicola* staff has yet to determine the procedure they will use to distribute the books. Please continue to be patient as the staff decides which is the most feasible method of facilitating the distribution.

Amnicola is always looking for writers, photographers, business students and computer guru's to join the staff. If interested stop by the third floor of Chase Hall or leave a voice mail message at 408-2955. The staff will be meeting with an artist on September 15 to discuss the theme and cover design of the 1999 yearbook. If you have any suggestions please e-mail *Amnicola* at: amincola@wilkes1.wilkes.edu.

Sincerely,

Michael Beachem, Editor

Amnicola 1998

Welcome back students, faculty and staff

Even though summer came to a fast end, coming back to Wilkes-Barre after being away for three months was actually kind of nice. The new Chacko's is up and running, the Corporate Call Center is on its way up and they even began working on the new student center.

I am happy to say there are many things changing on and around campus and I think student attitudes have changed. I was pleasantly surprised at the faculty and student turnout at Club Day and the Volunteer Services Fair.

I firmly believe that life is what you make of it and college is no

exception to the rule.

It was nice to see that people were genuinely interested in getting involved on campus and in the community. I hope that this is a trend at Wilkes that remains popular.

I hope that you have noticed not only the changes on campus, but also the changes to *The Beacon*. Aside from the staff changes *The Beacon* has gotten a new look.

We worked hard over the summer and the first few weeks of classes to make improvements to the layout and style of the paper.

From the new page designs to being published on the World Wide

Web, *The Beacon* is racing toward the 21st century. Even though we have begun our journey into the new millenium we still have light years to travel.

We can't do it alone. We need the help of everyone in the Wilkes community. If you, faculty, staff, administration or students, have any ideas or suggestions on how we can improve our publication feel free to contact us or stop by the office.

I want to wish everyone good luck and best wishes for a great year!

Welcome Back!

Dear Friend,

Welcome back to school. I truly hope you will have a successful and fun semester, making our school a pleasant place to be, where we make friends, learn more about ourselves, and others, and most of all, increase our knowledge about the world around us. I am thrilled to inform you that I will be the **Disney representative** on our campus this year. Let me explain to you what that means:

I spent the spring semester of 1998 working in the **Disney College Program at Walt Disney World Co.** I spent the winter at the warm state of Florida, and my boss was **Mickey Mouse!** After working there for 13 weeks, I was interviewed by Disney's recruiters, who gave me the voluntary job to be a **DISNEY REPRESENTATIVE**. Therefore, if you ever thought about working with "the mouse," I am your contact. Throughout this year, we will have lots of information sessions, where I will give you all the details and insights on how to be part of the Walt Disney World College Program. I will be working with Carol Bosack, our Cooperative Education Coordinator.

We are happy to inform you that Disney will be presenting their College Program presentaion and interviewing candidates for the spring of 1999 at **Marywood University, Scranton, Pa.**, at 10 a.m., on October 7. To attend this session, you must register with Carol Bosack by September 23. Her office is located on the second floor of the Max Roth Center.

To help you prepare for this event, I would like to make myself available to you in a variety of ways:

- Wednesdays from 12:30 p.m. until 1 p.m. at Career Service building (Max Roth Center)

- You can reach me through my e-mail address: espinha@wilkes1.wilkes.edu.

More information regarding the **Disney College Program Recruiting**, will be available through our school newspaper, the *Beacon*, the Wilkes Radio Station and flyers around campus.

Lots of Pixie dust to you,
Adriana Espinheira

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Schedule of Events



Thursday, September 17

Trent Graphics Poster Sale, SLC Lobby, 10 a.m.- 6 p.m.
Wilkes Television Meeting, Television Studio (basement SLC), 11 a.m.
Cliff Hanger, Greenway, 11 a.m.-3 p.m.
Weight Management Group Meeting, Health Services Waiting Room, 12 p.m.
Student AIDS Awareness Committee Meeting, 12 p.m.

Friday, September 18

Multicultural Consortium Conference, Luzerne County Community College
Trent Graphics Poster Sale, SLC Lobby, 10 a.m.- 4 p.m.
International Day of Peace, Bell Tower, 12 p.m.
"Six Days, Seven Nights," CPA, 7:30 p.m.
Family Weekend

Saturday, September 19

Ventriloquist Dan Horn, CPA, 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, September 20

Monday, September 21

Rosh Hashanah

Tuesday, September 22

Off-Campus Council Meeting, SUB Basement, 11 a.m.
Annicola General Meeting, Chase Hall, 11:15 a.m.
The Beacon, staff meeting, 11:30 a.m.
Commuter Council Meeting, SUB Basement, 12:15 p.m.
Circle K Meeting, Alumni House, 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday, September 23

Roundtable Discussion on Inclusion, Marts 214, 3:30- 4:30 p.m.
"Talk it Out," Alumni House, 5-6 p.m.
Student Government Meeting, Marts 214, 6:30 p.m.
Scripture Study, Alumni House, 6:30-7:30 p.m.
Martial Arts Club Meeting, Wrestling Room, 6:45 p.m.



Student Government

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Upcoming Events and Announcements

Family Weekend

10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.- Brunch, Marts Gymnasium (FREE)
12 p.m.-Women's Soccer vs. Drew, Ralston Field
1 p.m.-Football vs. Susquehanna, Ralston Field
12 p.m.-5 p.m.- "American Paintings from the Tweed Museum of Art," Sordoni Art Gallery
4 p.m.-6 p.m.-Post-game huddle at Murray's Inn, 290 S. Pennsylvania Blvd.
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Information compiled by Jeff Reichl.

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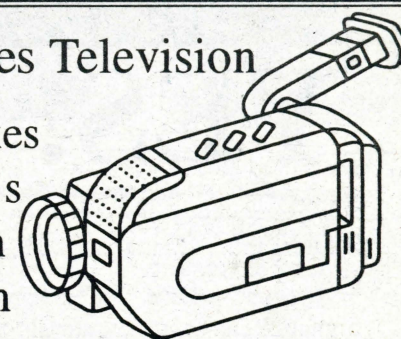
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Many students and faculty turned out for Club Day!



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Wax Hands was a huge success!

Spotlight: "You can do anything..."

Sylvia Savitz, 83, lifelong learner, Wilkes graduate

WILKES-BARRE— At 83 years young, Sylvia Savitz of Bal Harbour, FL., received her bachelor's degree in sociology at Wilkes University's Summer commencement, marking the end of an academic journey she began 40 years ago.

Savitz earned an associates degree in human relations from Wilkes College in 1954 and had always dreamed of attaining her bachelor's degree.

A dedicated mother of three and wife of a successful businessman, she remained focused to her goal.

Throughout the years, she attended classes at the University of Miami and Florida International University whenever possible.

With her degree close at hand, Savitz arrived in Wilkes-Barre in June to enroll in an accelerated semester.

After participating in four courses, she assured classmates and faculty that graduation is only the beginning of what she plans to accomplish.

Savitz is committed to being a positive role model to her 11 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

"I hope to work with people that share my feelings about cleaning up

America's streets.

"I want my grandchildren to live in a better world than we have now," said Savitz.

"She has been a joy to work with and was the best prepared student," said Dr. James Merryman, associate professor of sociology and anthropology.

"She is the embodiment of a life-long learner. The experience, perspective and reflection she was able to offer is something from which students today can learn," said Merryman.

After graduation, Savitz will return to Florida to register with the state as a sociologist.

"People who say I'd like to do this, I'd like to do that, should just do it," said Savitz. "You can do anything if you have the motivation. People need to understand that one person

can make a difference."

In Florida, Savitz has had the opportunity to work closely with the Federation of Welfare and Charity and the Antidefamation League, as well as with administrators at Mt. Siani Hospital, Miami, FL.



Photo by Karen Cook

Savitz achieves 40 year educational goal.

A warm Wilkes welcome to new faculty members

By PAULA GENTILEMAN
Beacon Staff Writer

Wilkes announces the appointment of five new faculty members.

The new faculty members include: Dr. Barbara Bracken, Binghamton, N.Y.; Dr. Deborah Tindell, Wilkes-Barre; Dr. Jennifer Malinkowski, Wilkes-Barre; Dr. Kelly Snyder, Kingston, Pa. and Dr. John Gradzol, Montgomery, Pa.

Bracken joins Wilkes as an assistant professor of mathematics and computer science.

She received her bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees in computer science from Binghamton University, Binghamton, N.Y.

Tindell received her bachelor's degree from California State University and her master's and doctoral degrees from Texas A&M University. She is an assistant professor in the psychology department.

Malinkowski is an assistant professor of pharmacy practice.

She received an undergraduate degree from Philadelphia College of Pharmacy and Science and her doctor

of pharmacy degree from Temple University, Philadelphia, Pa.

Malinkowski also completed a post graduate residency in pharmacy practice at the John Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, Md.

Snyder also joins the Wilkes pharmacy practice department as an assistant professor. She received a bachelor's degree from Ohio Northern University and a doctor of pharmacy from the University of

Toledo. Snyder completed a residency in family medicine at the Medical University of South Carolina.

Grandzol is an associate professor of business administration and economics.

He received a bachelor's degree in math and a master's and doctoral degree in management science and operation management from Temple University.

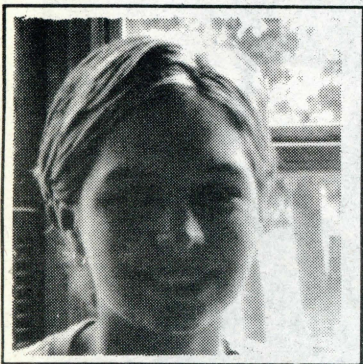


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Five new professionals join the Wilkes team.

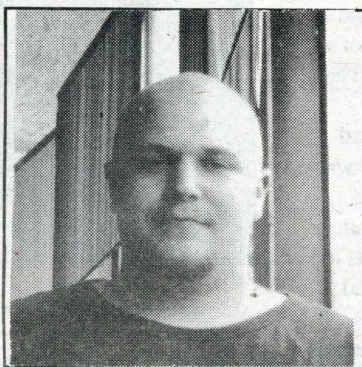
LifeStyles Around Campus

Roving Reporter Monday Night Raw or Monday Nitro?

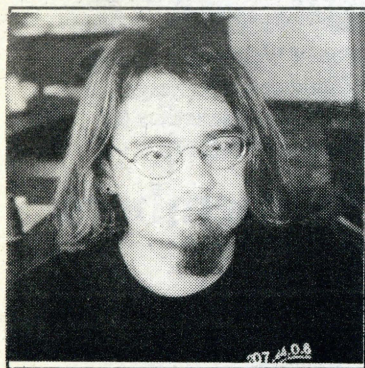


Jen Ruby-
"Raw because I
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Steve Austin."

Matt Neid- "Raw
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is King Kong
Bundy."



Brian Mengel-
"Both because I
like to watch as
much #@* kick-
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Joyce Sorrentino-
"Nitro because
everyone else
watches Raw."



**Mackenzie
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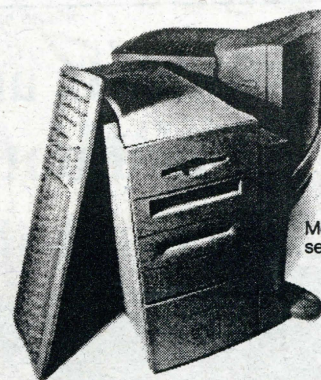
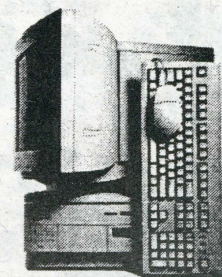
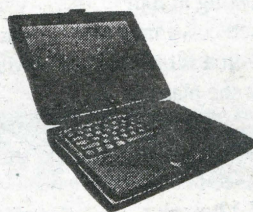
Today's



Birthdays

Actor Roddy McDowall, turns 70.
Actress Anne Bancroft turns 67.
Author Ken Kesey turns 63.
Singer LaMonte McLemore turns 59.
Actress Elvira turns 47.
Comedian Rita Rudner turns 42.
Rapper Doug E. Fresh turns 32.
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Critic's Corner with Dan Lavelle "Blade"

Hello fellow movie viewers. It's great to be back. My summer was short but exciting. I was even able to catch a few flicks here and there. The most recent film I've seen was "Blade."

The story is based on the Marvel comic book character Blade (Wesley Snipes), who is a vampire hunter trying to stop a vampire named Deacon Frost (Stephen Dorff) from taking over the world. After seeing "Blade" I felt as if my summer had come to a complete yet satisfying end. The movie was so good I could have seen it a second time.

Snipes portrays the comic book figure Blade perfectly. This is probably one of the best action films of his career. The fight scenes between Blade and the vampires are amazing. I am really hoping they're planning a sequel. I would love to see Blade on a new adventure.

Dorff's character is the rebellious and often sarcastic vampire Frost. Although he did play a pretty good villain his acting tendencies were very much like Christian Slater. It seemed as if he were trying to mimic Slater by using the same tone of voice and similar movements. I hope that as his acting career develops, he'll be able to out grow this minor flaw.

In conclusion, I'm giving this film **FOUR AND A HALF STARS**. This action packed film is a must see for anyone who is a big fan of comic books or vampires. It contains excellent fight scenes and as I pointed out before it is one of Snipes' best films to date. Check it out when you get a chance. It is worth it.



ALIGNING THE PLANETS WITH MADAME ZELDA

Taurus (April 20 - May 20) Affectionate ties grow stronger this week. You'll get the privacy you need to get things started.

Gemini (May 21 - June 21) This week brings insight on a problem you've been having. A friend will give you great advice, take it!

Cancer (June 22 - July 22) Attention comes your way from a crush this week. Don't let this opportunity pass you by!

Leo (July 22 - August 22) Money making activities are going to pay off soon. Don't go wild, be sure you can cover all the checks you write.

Virgo (August 23 - September 22) Misunderstanding may turn into heated debates this week. Be careful of what you say and who you say it to.

Libra (September 23 - October 23) You have a high energy level this week. Use it to get things done and out of the way, you'll need free time soon.

Scorpio (October 24 - November 21) It's a good time to surround yourself with a lot of friends. You'll be helping them with their problems as they help you.

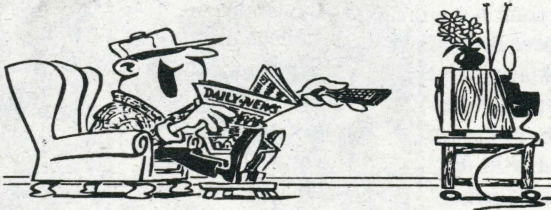
Sagittarius (November 22 - December 21) Take a chance this week with something unusual or daring. Not everyone will agree, but you'll definitely be noticed.

Capricorn (December 22 - January 19) You're decisive this week, you know exactly what to do. Keep your objective in mind and all will fall into place.

Aquarius (January 20 - February 18) Good news comes to you this week. Don't be sidetracked by trouble, it's only temporary.

Pisces (February 19 - March 20) Opportunities are plentiful this week. You're in a good position to get what you want.

Aries (March 21 - April 19) Stop ignoring tasks that need to be done. You'll only be forced to do it later.



TV. Timeout with Derek Bleiler

I Want My MTV—Back!

Back in the 1980s, the band *Dire Straights* wanted their MTV. Today I could not agree more. Music Television Videos, that is what MTV is supposed to stand for. However, you would be hard pressed to turn on Channel 29 and see a music video. "Road Rules," "Real World," "Daria" and "Eye Spy" are just a few of the programs that MTV has opted to show instead of what made them famous, videos. My personal favorite is when they decide to show marathons, like it is not bad enough that you have to watch one episode.

The only time MTV does show a video is when they have a countdown, and even then it is the same five videos you have been seeing all week.

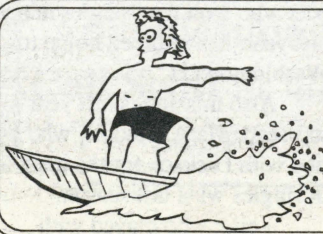
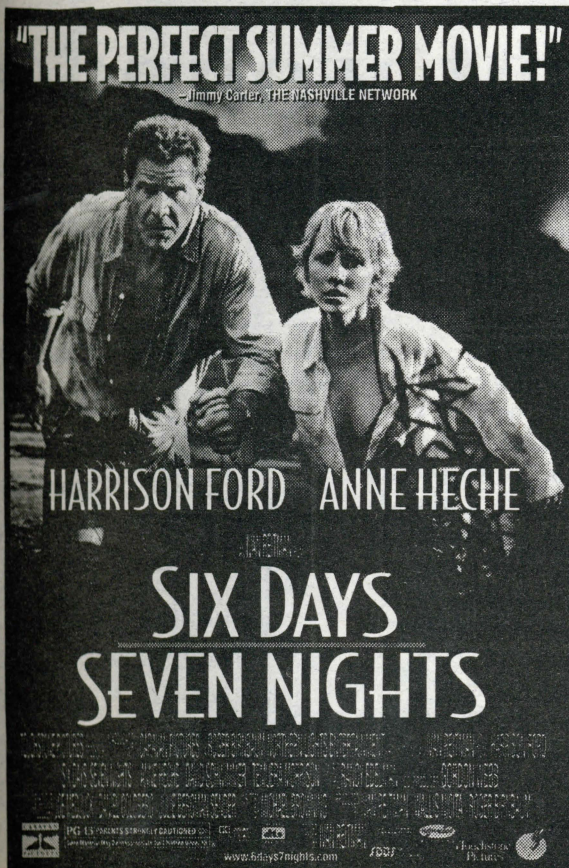
Another program that prevents MTV from showing videos is their music awards show. If you did not get a chance to see them live on Thursday, September 10, then I know you have seen at least some part of the awards show between now and then. MTV has shown their video awards show at least 100 times since it originally aired.

Now MTV has chosen to have an M2. What is this? Is this going to be dedicated to "Real World" marathons only? I can only hope that this is not going to be a launching pad for more ignorant television shows.

My final complaint is the choice of MTV's video jockey's (VJ's). All I have to say is Jessie. If I ever saw that guy walking across the street I would not even contemplate touching my brakes. MTV had this huge contest to find a new VJ and this is the best they can do? That does not say very much about everyone else who tried out for the job. I just hear his annoying voice and reach for my remote and I know I am not alone with this opinion.

Instead of showing these programs so many times, I might be so bold as to throw out the option of playing more videos and less of these stupid shows that nobody watches.

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Colonels can't rush, Fall to Pioneers

Rine breaks Colonels single game passing mark

By ROBERT J. MORCOM
Beacon Staff Writer

On Saturday, September 12, the Wilkes University football team was prepared to take the field in an attempt to upend the Pioneers of Widener University.

The Pioneers were ranked in the top twenty in several national collegiate polls. The Pioneers were also prepared to play the game and defend their ranking.

Wilkes came out strong in the first quarter as they forced a Widener turnover on the first play of their first possession.

Sophomore defensive back Mark Hendry intercepted a pass from Widener quarterback Mike Granato to give the Colonels the momentum for their first possession.

Wilkes immediately capitalized on Widener's misfortune as senior quarterback Neil Rine completed a five yard pass to Floyd Allen to cap an eight play, 53 yard scoring drive. Things looked bright for the Colonels, but the Pioneers would respond.

Widener took control of the middle quarters of the game. Widener junior running back Leon Payne scored the first of his two touchdowns early in the second quarter on a three yard run.

Then with only seconds left in the second quarter, Granato connected on a two yard pass to Ian Schneider. This score allowed the Pioneers to take a 13-6 lead, and allowed them to bring momentum into the second half.

At the start of the second half, both teams were battling but

neither could break free. Wilkes' defense proved itself over and over again.

However, Payne, one of the nations top running backs, broke free for a 72 yard touchdown with just 6:51 left in the third quarter to give the Pioneers a two touchdown lead.

Wilkes' back was against the wall, and with junior tailback, and All-America candidate, Mike Hankins nursing a tender hamstring and battling dehydration throughout the game, Rine had to carry the team. This is exactly what he did.

Rine set a single game passing record at Wilkes with 386 passing yards. Rine held the previous record which he also set against Widener in his freshman year.

Halfway through the fourth quarter, Rine marched the Colonel offense all the way down to the one yard line where Hankins took the ball across the line for the score.

The Colonels were now down only seven points with 8:33 remaining in the contest.

Wilkes had possession of the ball three more times. They even got as far as the one yard line when Rine fumbled the ball on

a quarter-back sneak.

The Colonels defense put forth a solid effort against one of the nations top teams but failed to capitalize on Widener's mistakes. The Pioneers recovered both of their own fumbles in the game.

The Colonels defense backs were inexperienced going into the game but they held their own and came up with some big plays.

The Widener defense also lived up to their hype and held their ground and got the 20-13 win at Ralston Field.

Wilkes had a tough day on the ground, gaining a record low of negative 41 yards including five sacks but Rine picked up the slack for an inexperienced offensive line and an injured backfield.

The Colonels are hoping senior cornerback Jason Weaver can return from a hamstring injury and add some depth to the defensive backfield.

Catch the Colonels in action this weekend at Ralston Field as they look to rebound against the Crusaders of Susquehanna. The game begins at 1 p.m. on Saturday.

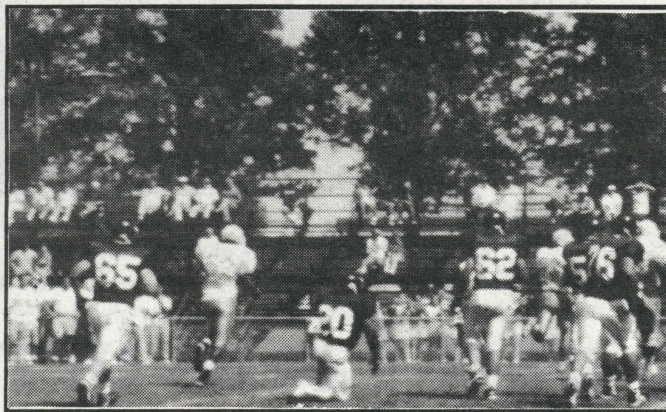


Photo by Joanna Gaydos

The Colonels offense takes the field ready for battle against Widener.

That's what I say



with
SCOTT VEITH

As every sports fan in America knows, 1998 has been the biggest year for the long ball in Major League Baseball since Babe Ruth. The Little League World Series featured a record setting home run performance by its youngsters. Even college baseball was included to the deep threat trend, including Wilkes' own J.J. Sodaro who hit 12 home runs to lead the Colonels and the Middle Atlantic Conference. Not since 1987 has cork and tightly wound yarn covered with rawhide flown out of baseball parks at the rate it has in the past few months.

We here in Northeastern Pennsylvania may not know it, but, during a celebrity softball event at Lackawanna County Stadium, we had the opportunity to witness a home run hitter more powerful than Big Mac. He has hit more home runs than Ruth. In fact, he has more career home runs than Ruth, Mark McGwire, Sammy Sosa, Sodaro and all of those little leaguers put together.

The game featured some less than likely sports figures including Regis Philbin and his sidekick Gelman. Some of the other crowd pleasers included first baseman Michael Bolton and local football hero Greg Skrepenak, formerly of the Carolina Panthers. The biggest star in this game however, turned out to be a middle aged, overweight, balding white guy with thick glasses who could do little to impress the crowd except hit a softball further than anyone else.

This phenomenon was given the name Mike Macenko, but has adopted the nickname "Big Cat". His 6'3" fall just short of McGwire's tall frame, but his 300 pounds make Big Mac look like a leadoff hitter.

The Big Cat has been playing professional softball for over 27 years and has hit too many home runs to count.

The crowd at Lackawanna County Stadium witnessed two more big home run blasts from Big Cat and a foul ball that sailed nearly 400 feet down the right field line.

Macenko's only at bat that did not result in a home run was a single that got by an infield that looked similar to the Boudreau Shift that was implemented by the Cleveland Indians in the 1940's and '50's to try and stop the hard drives of Ted Williams.

Although Macenko gave way to 6'7", 255 pound Bobby Olah in the home run derby competition, Big Cat hit two balls that traveled further than any home run hit to right field by members of the Scranton/Wilkes-Barre Red Barons at Lackawanna County Stadium all year.

At 42 years of age, Big Cat is still going strong. He has homered in 49 of the 50 U.S. states in his career. He hit a home run in Albuquerque, New Mexico that was measured at 508 feet, but Macenko said, "the one I hit in my first at bat out there went even further than that."

Macenko hit a ball that cleared the roof in Tiger Stadium, but was, as Macenko described, "about a foot foul." Macenko, disgusted by his shot sailing into foul grounds, responded by belting the next pitch on to the Tiger Stadium roof in fair territory. Macenko estimates that the ball traveled further than any baseball ever had at the home of the Tigers.

Although it is painfully obvious that professional softball players are not half the athletes that Major League Baseball players are (and some of these guys shouldn't even be called athletes), Mike "The Big Cat" Macenko has a home run swing that is just as sweet as that of any overpaid major leaguer in the game today.

Macenko's home runs, which include upper deck shots in Yankee Stadium, Shea Stadium and Seattle's Kingdome, are even more exciting than those from the bats of Griffey Jr., Bonds, Sosa, and Vaughn. They just might be more exciting than some of the blasts from McGwire's bat that have dented seats in Busch Stadium this season.

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Sports

Mens soccer starts strong, falters against powerhouses

By SCOTT VEITH
Beacon Sports Editor

The Wilkes University men's soccer team is in the midst of an 18 game regular season schedule that includes six Middle American Conference Freedom League games and 12 non-league games. The team is lead by head coach Phil Wingert and captains Rob Roland and James Lacey.

The Colonels started off their season well with a 2-1 victory over College Misericordia on September 1. Freshman goalie Seth Nye, who has played well throughout the Colonels first five games, allowed his first collegiate goal slip past early in the team's first contest. Nye watched Cougar midfielder Jeremy Fleeger boot an unassisted goal into the Colonel net to take an early lead.

The Colonels, led by Tim Seymour, Dave Reinert and Lucas Markelon, rallied back against the Cougars. For the Wilkes booters first goal of the season, Reinert took a pass from Seymour and converted the setup into a goal. The Colonels stayed in control of the match when Reinert found a wide open Markelon, who also assisted on the first goal, for another Colonel tally.

Nye earned his first win over

Misericordia goalkeeper Ryan Foley who recorded eight saves for the Cougars.

On September 4 and 5, the Colonels traveled to Gettysburg to participate in their annual Gettysburg Tournament. During the excursion, the squad ran into Ursinus College and Gettysburg.

The Colonels came off their first victory of the year with intentions of starting their first winning streak against Ursinus College. The team was successful in doing so as they demolished Ursinus by a score of 4-0. The overall team effort was led by freshman Billy Snyder and junior Jarrad Max. The win signified Nye's first collegiate shutout.

After the teams mini-winning streak, the Colonels had to face reality when they faced the Gettysburg College Bullets who were ranked fifth in the latest Division III rankings. The Colonels fell in a hard fought battle against the superior opponent by a score of 3-2.

The Bloomsburg University Huskies played a visit to Ralston Field to take on the Colonels in an afternoon affair on September 9. The local Division II rival took to the field with a squad with which the Colonels could not compete. The Huskies pulled off a 5-0

victory over the overwhelmed Colonels. The loss marked the first game that the Colonels failed to score a goal all season.

In their latest game, the Colonels and Dickinson University could not decide their contest in the 90 minutes of regulation. The game took to overtime and Dickinson captured an overtime tally to win the contest by the score of 3-2.

Lacey, one of the team's emotional and on field leaders, has missed substantial time due to injury. In fact, Lacey played only sparingly in the first two contests and has not played since his knee injury has failed to heal. His status for the rest of the season is questionable.

The Colonels take to the field three more times in the month of September. These contests include bouts against Lycoming College on September 19, Allentown College on September 23 and Fairleigh Dickinson University of Madison on September 30.



Photo by John Seitszinger

Colonels junior Jarrad Max jousts for a ball against a Gettysburg defender in recent action at Ralston Field.

Lady Stickers slip past Lions in home opener

By SCOTT VEITH
Beacon Sports Editor

The Lady Colonels field hockey team opened their home season against the Albright College Lady Lions after splitting their first two contests against College Misericordia and Lebanon Valley College. The Lady Colonels managed to pull off a 2-1 victory over the Lady Lions, who nearly had to forfeit the game due to late

arrival.

Albright scored first in the contest with only 22 minutes remaining on a goal off the stick of sophomore left wing Jenn Parish.

The Lady Colonels wasted no time in retaliating as they tallied a goal just three minutes after the Lady Lions took the initial point. Freshman Kim Walker, a forward from Downingtown, Pennsylvania found the back of the cage for

her third goal of the season to tie things up at one with 18 minutes remaining.

With less than six minutes remaining in the game, senior Lisa Werkheiser scooted her way down the left sideline past a host of Lady Lions. She promptly found senior forward Alicia Cymbala in position to shoot one past Albright goalkeeper Amy Lincoln.

The Lady Colonels managed to dominate possession of the ball throughout the game as they

outshot the Lady Lions 14 to 5.

Senior goalkeeper Pam Truszkowski recorded four saves in the victory and Lincoln managed to stop 12 of the Lady Colonels 14 shots. Also contributing to the Lady Colonel victory was senior midfielder Sara Clause, sophomore midfielder Megan Fogle and sophomore forward Jill Wilson.

The Lady Colonels only loss of the season came at the hands of nationally ranked Lebanon Valley College. The Lady Colonels

managed to keep it close against the Lebanon Valley squad as they only allowed one goal from Lebanon Valley's power offense.

The Lady Colonels will visit William Smith College where they will challenge Saint Lawrence University of Saint Lawrence, New York.

The team finishes off their September against Division II opponent Bloomsburg University. They will also play a game against local competitor Marywood University.

September 19

- *Field Hockey @ St. Lawrence
2:00 p.m.
- *Men's Soccer @ Lycoming
1:00 p.m.
- *Football vs. Susquehanna
1:00 p.m.
- *Women's Tennis @ King's
1:00 p.m.
- *Women's Soccer vs. Drew
12:00 p.m.

September 20

- *Field Hockey @ William Smith
11:00 a.m.

September 22

- *Women's Tennis @ Albright
4:00 p.m.
- *Women's Soccer @ Susquehanna
4:00 p.m.

September 23

- *Volleyball vs. FDU - Madison
7:00 p.m.
- *Men's Soccer @ Allentown
4:00 p.m.

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