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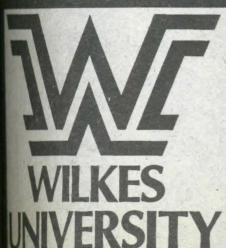
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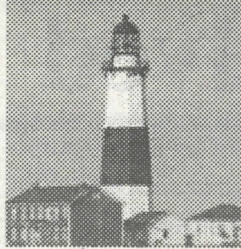
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# The Beacon

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## New President Announced Initiative, Enthusiasm Abound

By Amanda Leigh Brozana  
Beacon Managing Editor

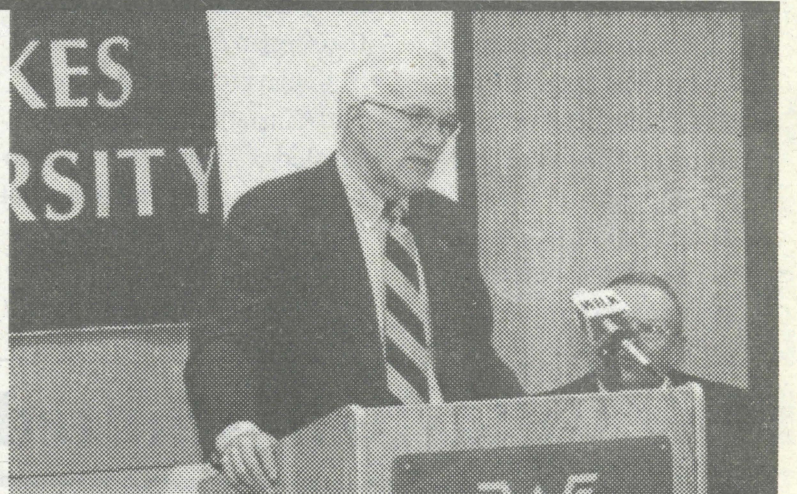
### The Search:

In the wake of President Breiseth's retirement announcement last April, Wilkes University set out to find a new president to lead us through the first year of a new century. Through the recommendation by a twelve-person search committee compiled of administration, faculty, trustees, alumni and even students, a new president has been chosen. The committee, formed in May of 2000, worked with a national higher-education recruiting firm, Academic Search. With approximately 260 school searching for candidates for this position, it is a competitive process to select the best candidate for our institution. A packet of information about the position and the University was then organized and

advertisement of the open position was posted in The Chronicle of Higher Education. After approximately 80 applicants had submitted their letters of resume to be reviewed, 15 were chosen for telephone reference. From these, nine were selected for interviewing at a neutral site. Finally, three finalists were chosen to visit the University and the community. The Board of Trustees accepted the recommendation of the committee and negotiated with Dr. Gilmour, to finally appoint him unanimously as the fifth president of Wilkes University.

### The Man:

Dr. Joseph E. (Tim) Gilmour, 56, current Provost at Northwest Missouri State University, was chosen out of the long list of applicants who originally were reviewed. He had been with NMSU since 1995



Gilmour Addresses The Press - Adam Polinger/Beacon

at Provost, and before that served at several different institutions for higher learning, including U of Maryland, College Park. He also was chair of a committee, which helped to oversee development for the Olympic Games in 1996 at Georgia Tech's "Olympic Village." His previous leadership tasks will allow him to formulate new ideas, generate interest in old and new projects of

the University and take initiative towards fresh steps to improve Wilkes. His family, daughter Laura, of Richmond, VA, and son, Jeffery, of Baltimore, MD, are in full support of his decision to take the position in Pennsylvania.

### His Views:

When speaking Friday, Gilmour talked about many issues. See New President Announced - Page 3

## New President Presented At Open Forum

By Kathleen Awad  
Beacon Staff Writer

Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Gerald Moffatt, announced Friday, February 2, 2001, that the 5<sup>th</sup> president for Wilkes University is Dr. Joseph T. Gilmour. The announcement was at the student union building second floor conference room, among students, faculty, staff, and trustees. Due to the leadership of Search Committee Chairwoman, Melanie Lumia, the six-month search for just the right person for the job was well done.

The tremendous attendance of listeners, eager to hear Dr. Gilmour's message, was a nice welcome for our

new president, as well as a testament to the level of involvement of the Wilkes "family" and their concern for its future.

Dr. Gilmour expressed his appreciation to be the next president of Wilkes, and spoke in a soft, but firm manner of how he will be available to listen to and even incorporate ideas from others, which may enhance the community of South Wilkes-Barre. He vowed to concentrate specifically on the endowment, as well as the enrollment of Wilkes.

Dr. Gilmour graciously offered that he would be continuing the role of President Breiseth, who retires

this June. Promising a great technology initiative for economic and technological development, Dr. Gilmour had the undivided attention of audience members.

Finally, Dr. Gilmour spoke of being a trusted leader who will "do the right thing", and who cares "deeply about people." He asserts that he is a listener, a skill needed to work with others to plan and shape ideas for a "powerful future".

With points of focus, Dr. Gilmour will "try to earn that trust that the board has placed in him." He will be working on a clear chart for focus of optimum enrollment at Wilkes, and for a diversified economic

base, unlocking creativity for governing Wilkes. He promises to look at the real issues that shape the governing process, and to find the right balance of leadership and involvement.

### Listeners gave Dr.

Gilmour a great applause and were left with a sense of accomplishment for having placed such a leader in the position of President of Wilkes University. Their lasting applause expressed a sense of contentment, a collective feeling among listeners that they are still going to be in good hands when Dr. T. Joseph Gilmore takes over the position of President in June 2001.



# Parking Still Unsolved

By Bill Androckitis

Beacon Staff Writer

Pickering Lot has seen its fair share of construction delays. Originally scheduled to open in January of this year, the project has suffered a series of setbacks. According to Jack Zikoski, Director of Facilities Management, the first difficulty dealt with the construction plans themselves. Upon applying for a permit to build the parking lot, the city of Wilkes-Barre voiced concern over the increase of

traffic on Franklin Street. A second access point was added to the plans to fulfill the city's requirement, and the plans were then approved. One access point will be next to Passan Hall, the second will be next to Fortinsky. Work then began on the lot, with drainage pipes and concrete curbs installed, and the land leveled off. The next step is to pour the asphalt, but it can not be poured when the temperature is less than freezing. Because of the original delay,

this phase of the project is not scheduled to happen until late March or early April when the weather improves. Also delayed is the installment of the lighting fixtures. The poles that arrived at the construction site turned out to be the wrong ones, and had to be sent back to the manufacturer to be replaced. New poles are expected to arrive within the next few weeks, and will be installed immediately. Zikoski said crossing the lot at night was a safety concern because

of the lack of lighting. Temporary lighting has been brought in to illuminate the lot until the lighting fixtures are installed and working. When the project is complete, which is now scheduled for late this semester, the new lot will hold about 100 vehicles. Grass and shrubs will be placed around the area, and a brick walkway will lead from the parking lot to the Student Union Building. In the future, an information kiosk may be placed along the brick walkway, displaying

a campus map, important information and announcements. The new lot won't put an end to the parking problem that has plagued Wilkes for years, but it will help considerably. Parking at Ralston Field is planned to continue, as the lot will not be able to hold everyone's car. For now, those who drive to school will be forced to rely on the shuttle service to and from Ralston Field or continue feeding the meters around campus.

## Volleyball Allotted Money, Smoking Policy Passed

Josh Liebner

Beacon Staff Writer

First of all, the members of student government who showed up last week should be thanked.

Second of all, it should be noted that maybe, just maybe, the article last week made a little difference in this week's attendance. Student government currently has forty-nine members. They need one-half plus one of all members to attend a meeting in order to meet quorum. That would be twenty-four members attending. This

week, the Student Government met quorum, and then some. There were thirty-three members in attendance this week. Way to go!

Since they actually had enough members to have a meeting, they accomplished things this week. The first order of business involved the volleyball club and the issue of whether or not to grant them the \$650 they requested. In a vote of 33-0-0, the club was indeed granted that handsome tally.

The second order of business involved a fundraiser

being held by the freshmen class. This fundraiser is a Freshmen Auction. It will be held on Feb. 21 from 11:00 AM to 6:00 PM in the SUB. It will then be moved to the basketball game scheduled for that evening to close out the bidding. The winners will be contacted. A preview of those to be auctioned: John Bosha and Kyla Campbell.

The third issue discussed involved a proposition by the YMCA. The sports facility proposed a deal with Wilkes to accept \$48,000 from the university in exchange for free

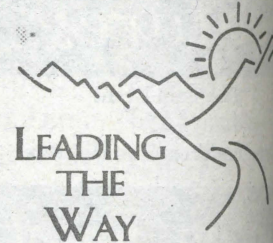
membership to all students for one semester. This will be discussed further at future meetings.

It was then announced that the proposed smoking policy was indeed passed. It will go into effect for the fall semester of 2001. The bubble in Stark will be kept and there will be designated entrances to buildings that you may smoke at. All residence halls and university owned buildings, however, will be deemed non-smoking facilities.



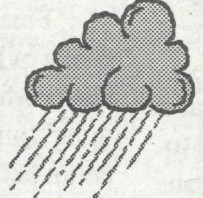
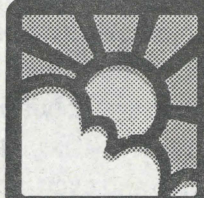

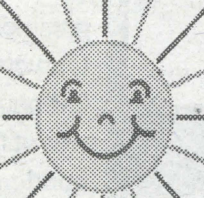
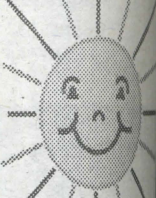
Finally, it was announced

that the rock band Fuel will perform here on campus. The concert will be held on April 29. No news on price, time or an opening act yet. The Beacon will get that information to you as soon as we have it.

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## Wilkes-Barre Weather

Today	Friday 9	Saturday 10	Sunday 11	Monday 12	Tuesday 13	Wednesday 14
						
<b>Cloudy</b>	<b>Scattered Showers</b>	<b>Scattered Showers</b>	<b>Mostly Cloudy</b>	<b>Rain and Snow</b>	<b>Sunny</b>	<b>Sunny</b>
High 44, Low 36	High 50, Low 35	High 45, Low 25	High 44, Low 26	High 42, Low 29	High 40, Low 24	High 34, Low 20

Beacon Prediction: We at the Beacon predict that we will NOT have a heat wave this week. We at the Beacon also predict that temperatures will not reach 40° below zero in Wilkes-Barre. Again, we do not pretend to have any meteorological expertise or the ability to control the weather. Please stay tuned for the latest updates on real weather and for more Beacon predictions.

All "real" weather was found at [weatherchannel.com](http://weatherchannel.com)



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Exploring National Condom Week

By Mark Falanga  
Beacon Staff Writer

AIDS activists and researchers are gearing up for a week long educational trip about the effect of AIDS and how it can be greatly reduced with use of a condom. National Condom Week, which officially begins on February 14, Valentines Day, a day that it is expected intimacy and sexual intercourse are at its peak, serves three reasons: to educate, to identify, and to encourage young Americans to use condoms.

"In the heat of the moment many people fail to think through the full equation of sex and risk. HIV/AIDS is no longer a private decision affecting just the couple having sex. It impacts families, communities, and creates a cycle of suffering that can be prevented with a condom for less than \$1," says Devin

Kordt, President of Aggressive AIDS Prevention, Inc.

Planned Parenthood has a mascot, Condoman, who goes to local bars to hand out coasters saying, "Don't have sex in the dark," as well as other information about safe sex and free condoms. As part of National Condom Week, Planned Parenthood is having a contest to win Condoman T-shirts. They also have free condoms available during this week and all year round.

Carole Sue DeLaite, Vice President of Development for Planned Parenthood, says "There is a distinct correlation between sex education and society's openness regarding talking about birth control, particularly in teen pregnancies. We use sex to sell any product imaginable. Popular music is filled with sexual messages.



We talk about sex all the time, but if you talk about planning it, it becomes undesirable."

Here at Wilkes, condoms are offered free of charge in the Wilkes infirmary located

on the first floor of Evans Hall. Hopefully by the end of this week, all students will be more aware of the dangers of unprotected sex and the heartbreak it can lead to.

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sues including strengthening community relations, upholding the work of Dr. Breiseth, and continuing to push for technological advances for the University. Gilmour elaborated on his ideas by saying, "I believe my greatest strength is in working with a community like Wilkes to help it develop a powerful and focused vision for its future and then to help organize it to realize that vision." He also listed six action steps he had found as things Wilkes will need to address: "First, we need to chart a clear course for Wilkes' future. Second, in the first year we hope to evolve and bring new people into leadership... Third, I plan to optimize involvement in all graduate and undergraduate programs here at Wilkes. Fourth, I plan to build fundraising to give us a diversified economic base. This will preserve what we already have.

Through hard work, we will be able to do just that. Fifth, I intend to look at programs to make sure they are serving students. From time to time we will evaluate programs to make sure they are the best they can be. Lastly, I will look at issues underlying governance and unlock creativity in governance."

Gilmour also spoke of himself as a leader, saying, "I have fierce resolve to make things happen. I hope you feel that I have earned the right to hold this office you trust in me. I am not afraid to make the tough decisions."

After the address, Gilmour was questioned on what he sees as his role in being involved with students. He spoke about student leadership being important, as well as data to understand student concerns. "Students should be at the center of all we do at Wilkes. Thus they need

to be the principle focus of the President," state Gilmour. "The president needs to spend time with students at social and sporting events periodically," he added.

Other Opinions:

Of the number of people who were at Dr. Gilmour's campus address, excitement was the main emotion throughout the crowd. Overall, those in attendance seemed to see the selection of Gilmour as the next president of the university as a wise decision. "Not only does he have a great deal of experience, but he seems like a very friendly person as well," stated Bethany Yenner, Station Manager, Campus News station. Yenner was not the only person who was impressed by Gilmour's experience and personality.

"Dr. Gilmour was an exceptional candidate and I am

quite confident [that he] will be a very strong president. He has a great number of attributes that will serve Wilkes well," commented Paul Strunk, Vice President of Alumni, Development & University Relations. He went on to add, "His chief attribute is experience. He is easy to talk with, and will be a hit with our alumni and friends." Dean Allen also spoke of Gilmour's enthusiasm, personality and experience. "He seems very enthusiastic, focused and realistic about his approach to his new leadership challenge." As a general survey of the crowd who heard him speak at the open forum and the media's reaction, it is evident that Dr. Gilmour has leaped the first hurdle of impressing those around him. Now he must move on to tackle the issues he feels will best help bring Wilkes to a pinnacle of success.



## Opposing Viewpoints

### Handing Out Condoms On College Campuses

#### Pro

By Rosemary Cabanillas

Handing out condoms on college campuses is a great idea.

The correct usage of condoms greatly reduces the risk of pregnancy and STD's including HIV. Most of you who read this publication are college students. And being that I am a college student myself, I have many goals that I wish to achieve while getting my education. Getting pregnant or getting infected with an STD is NOT one of them. I assume that college students do not want to have their college careers cut short because of an unplanned pregnancy. I also assume that college students do not want their LIVES cut short because of a fatal STD that has no cure, such as HIV. Being on a college campus means you hear a lot of gossip. This professor gives tough exams, someone stole the sundial, the squirrel caused a power outage... but the one thing that I hate to hear the most is: "I hooked up last nite and I didn't use a condom." and the excuses are always something dumb like: "I didn't have any, my partner didn't have any either, no big deal, it's just this

#### Con

By Jennylee Yuhas

Take a minute and think back to Homecoming 2000. Now think about anytime you have gone to Health Services. Do you notice the correlation between those two places? Well, I do. I remember that there is not a shortage of condoms in either of those places. Even though I agree that placement of the condom basket is a good thing in Health Services, I do not believe that condoms should have been handed out at Homecoming. That long table looked extremely classless set up at the doors that the student body came in at. Don't get me wrong. I think that we should practice safe sex. As children that were brought up in the 1990s, we have learned about safe sex all the way through school, but we are not children anymore. If I am going to have sex, I know to use a condom and I will go to the store or make that trip to Health Services to get the condoms. We need to be responsible for our own sexual habits.

one time, I know my partner, he/she is CLEAN!" HA HA HA HA! NO BIG DEAL? READ THE FIRST PARAGRAPH AGAIN WILL YA? Giving out condoms on college campuses is a great idea.

#### 1)THEY ARE FREE!!!!

Did you ever try to buy condoms? Do you know how humiliating it is to pay for condoms in a pharmacy when the cashier kind of looks like your mom and you know she's looking at you disapprovingly? Do you know its even more embarrassing when she gives you the total, and the box of condoms took everything out of your wallet? When condoms are being handed out, they are usually donated by a certain local organization. This means they are free, there are no questions asked, and more importantly, no disapproving looks. If anything, they are overjoyed you are taking them.

2)When handing out condoms on campus, the condoms are NOT loose. Many times the condoms come in nifty little packages called 'Safe Sex Packs' which contain important information, such as ways HIV and other STD's can be transmit-

It is not up to a club to supply the entire student body with condoms. If we are all mature enough to have sex, then we should be responsible enough to have sex with our own condoms. I was once told by a very dear friend, that if I wasn't mature enough to make sure that I am protected when I have sex, then I am not mature enough to have sex. We should never think that "Oh, my partner will bring the condom." Chances are that they will be thinking the same thing. We must all be responsible, not only for keeping ourselves safe, but for keeping our partner safe. That is a choice we made when we decided that we are mature enough to have sex. It is a good thing that the clubs are looking out for the sexual interests of its classmates, but it should be unnecessary. If we would take more time worrying about protecting ourselves and not getting swept away in the moment of passion, the clubs wouldn't need to worry about supplying condoms to anyone.

ted, how to put on a condom, and numbers for local organizations on where you can get tested and counseling. There is usually someone representing a group or organization sitting at the site, in case someone has a question. By the way, handing out condoms does not mean that they are being shoved in the face of every person walking by. It just means that on a designated day the condoms are there for the taking, and a representative is there to answer any questions that students might have.


#### 3)The last burning point:

You are probably shaking your head saying "but doing all of this just promotes rampant sex," and

you know what? IT DOES NOT! Humans are sexual beings by nature. People are going to have sex. People choose to have sex. A little piece of latex does not make anyone have sex. Handing out condoms DOES NOT PROMOTE SEX. Handing out condoms promotes SAFE SEX. Handing out condoms enables people who are already sexually active to have safe sex and PROTECT themselves from pregnancy and STD's. Handing out condoms brings AWARENESS to those who are not yet sexually active, so that once they do DECIDE to have sex, they will do so SAFELY. If anything, condoms promote RESPONSIBILITY. Col-

lege students are adults. The condoms are out there as an OPTION to those who wish to take them. The representatives who hand out the condoms are health professionals or social workers that deal with these types of issues everyday as a living. These representatives are objective. They offer the FACTS on how to have safe sex to students who want information. No one is being forced to take condoms. Being sexually active is a personal choice, and handing out condoms motivates people to be responsible for their own health. Rosemary Cabanillas- President, AIDS Awareness Committee for more info contact: saac@wilkes.edu

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By Nick Meadow  
News Editor

In 1555, the Nostradamus prediction of the millennium would rise to power. The prophet has lost their identity.

My first prediction to address is that President W (Bush) not believe we ever had a man with the mind of a warrior, that is what we call him. He did not win. He was arrogant for some time to know in their hearts they didn't win, ignore the facts and declare that they have the people. Even with W's intelligence he has to not win. The dilemma is that his amazing perception have not to discern that he is part of the people he represent. Unless you are hoping the U.S. is a roller coaster ride headed for the proverbial "edge."

## Pres

By John Bosh  
Beacon Staff Writer

Wilkes students forward to the new year.

With the President Breisner's rival of Dr. Gilman have been called students losing campus. After a year alone, President along with other campus, has taken to better represent body. Along with committees that held in the past year were represented committees, Strategic Long-Range Committee.

Having Gilmour already student body representation with new leadership a new President concerned with the



## Speaking Of Presidents...

by Nick Meadows

News Editor

In 1555, the famous Nostradamus predicted at the turn of the millenium, the village of Wilkes would rise to power. As a village, it has lost their idiot.

My first point I would like to address is the mere fact that President W (because I can't believe we ever elected a man with the middle name Walker, that is what I shall affectionately call him from now on) did not win. I find it very arrogant for someone who has known in their heart that they didn't win, ignore that simple fact and declare that they're proud to have the people's backing. With W's understated intelligence he has to realize he did not win. The dilemma W faces is that his amazing abilities of deception have not allowed him to discern that he lacks the support of the people he intends to represent. Unless you call supporting your fingers crossed during the U.S. is not on a roller coaster ride headed straight for the proverbial "economic base-

ment."

Something I would like to ask is "Why did anyone vote for this guy?"

Was it because his father was president? After that stunning tenure of office, had I been a Republican (obviously I'm not) I would have switched to Democrat. The worse part is that the elder Bush is more intelligent than W. I used to think that Dan Quale was picked so no one would ever think of shooting George Bush. Now I suspect it is because Quale reminded Bush of his son.

What is the shortest contest ever? A spelling bee with Quale and W.

This man was force fed one of the best educations money can buy (and I am sure it was) and he can't come up with a better term than "Fuzzy Math"? Is that a term at Yale? I wonder where he gets the rest of his nifty words. Oh well, as long as W keeps the country united, I guess we can not get to angry with him.

The same family that

bought W's "successful" education, resides in Florida. The same Florida that could not count Gore's votes correctly. You know what, now that I think about it.....

People said that Gore was not charismatic. Is W some kind of a Don Juan, or did I miss something? I found both to be equal on the ole' charm o' meter, some where below the zero mark.

Did you see Ricky Martin and W dancing? W, here is a tip from me to you, white men can not dance, accept it.

The main distinction I found in them is that one has the intelligence to run the country, and one has the intelligence to turn on Game-Boy. God bless video games, at least they had the guts to pick the leader of the free world.

But I suppose that this means W is a simple man. After what he told Time Magazine about his ownership of the Texas Rangers, the picture comes into focus. "I want the folks to see me sitting in the same kind of

seat they sit in, eating the same popcorn, peeing in the same urinal."

He wants to pee in the same urinal as a normal guy. That really makes me understand the guy. (Note to self don't ever take Sociology at Yale)

Colin Powell was appointed to Secretary of the State. This was made so African Americans would not totally hate W. The debates left W squirming when the civil rights topics came up. Don't worry though, W is a rich republican from Texas, I'm sure he is well educated and accepting towards diversity. So well accepting that he decided he did not need White House Racial Relations Office, or maybe it was just a stupid move on W's part.

He also stopped the office of AIDS in the White House. In place of these offices, he created the Office of Faith Based Work. I could have sworn the government had created the first amendment to have separation of Church and State. This appears to be a clear violation of that amendment.

Bush has also decided to stop nonsmoking efforts. Clinton's administration was suing tobacco companies for the government spending money to treat smoking related diseases. Bush's administration has already thrown out most of those lawsuits. That means the \$23.2 million the government put into the lawsuits and all the countless hours spent in court, have been swiftly laid to waste by the tactful W. I see this as a bad omen.

Clinton was a good president. This current presidency is not shaping up to be as good as the previous one. Bush is an idiot. I can not believe some of the things he has said or some of the things he has done. I see him as rich conservative racist moron who probably has one of those singing mounted trout on his wall. You all know what political party I belong too. It is not that hard to figure out. I hope the "village idiot" does not cause the end of the United States.

If you can read this, you don't need glasses.

## President Examines President

by John Bosha

Beacon Staff Writer

Wilkes students can look forward to the new era without

With the departure of President Breiseth and the arrival of Dr. Gilmour, there may have been concern about students losing a voice on campus. After all, in this past year alone, President Breiseth, along with other leaders on campus, has taken leaps forward to better represent the student body. Along with positions on committees that students had held in the past, students this year were represented on new committees, including the Strategic Long-Range Planning committee.

Having met with Dr. Gilmour already, I can assure the student body that our representation will continue with new leadership on campus. With the new President who is connected with the student body, it

is our duty to bring issues to our student leaders.

During his acceptance speech, Dr. Gilmour set forth his plan for the first year of his Presidency. Among his plans were "continuously evolving programs, serving students and their needs." Establishing that Wilkes already has groundwork laid to grow from, Gilmour asked, "How do we make sure that what's already built is built upon?"

Clearly, the incoming President is ready to work with the students in order to establish a better school. When September rolls around, join with me in welcoming Dr. Gilmour to campus as our new President.

Looking forward and not backward, with new leadership, this University will succeed. With student leaders, administration, and the incoming President working together, without a doubt, Wilkes University will be a finer campus for generations to come.

## Be An Educated Consumer

By Amanda Leigh Brozana  
Beacon Managing Editor



How often can we sit down and praise this University?

I know common conversation for Wilkes campus is the cafeteria complaints, the parking problem, and the cost concerns (all to be further addressed in this issue of *The Beacon*). I complain about all of this, too. But let's look at some bright points of the University.

When you graduate from this institution, you will not tell your employer about the fact that you had to walk through mud and mess up your clothes each day because Wilkes never paved a small patch of gravel when they tore down the old bookstore. (I, too, think this should have been done, but that's a whole other article.)

You will, however, tell your boss about the excellent instruction you received here. This may be in a futile attempt to make an impression on him or her as to why you should be employed there, but in whatever

case, education is a topic you will discuss.

The faculty of Wilkes University is here to teach us, shape us and prepare us for a world they have seen. They take time for long hours to plan discussions, which will keep our interest, but more importantly, to keep pushing us in the direction of our ultimate goal, a good job in a field we like.

To these good instructors, we owe a lot of praise. Yet, there are always a select few who stick out as models to follow or models to disregard.

Professors, such as Dr. William Stine of the Chemistry department, who pushes his students not to know something, but rather to understand it, stick out in my mind. His "question of the day" concept leads true students to get a better grasp of the concept, he must instill in them.

Yet there are some professors who I will allow to remain nameless, who get attention for quite the opposite. In their quest for student knowledge, they discourage the attempts their pupils make. In their efforts to educate, they insult.

Criticism techniques are in constant use in education, because through criticism we see our faults or mistakes and set out

to build from them. However, there are two forms of critiquing something and only one is effective for educating any student.

Constructive criticism, as we all have heard about through most of our English courses, is a form of pointing out errors in a way that helps the student to see their mistake and pushes them to improve upon the product.

Destructive criticism, however, is criticizing by negatively approaching a mistake, not assisting in the learning process and insulting the student.

As some of you may have across at Wilkes, we have a few members of the staff who have not yet learned the difference between the two concepts. The English Department itself has its share of professors who are still not completely sure of the difference between the two.

Where this doesn't seem like a big deal, for a sensitive student, this is hurtful and even harmful to the learning process. To a student who is not interested in that particular subject, it discourages them as well as justifies their loathing of the course.

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# The Main Event

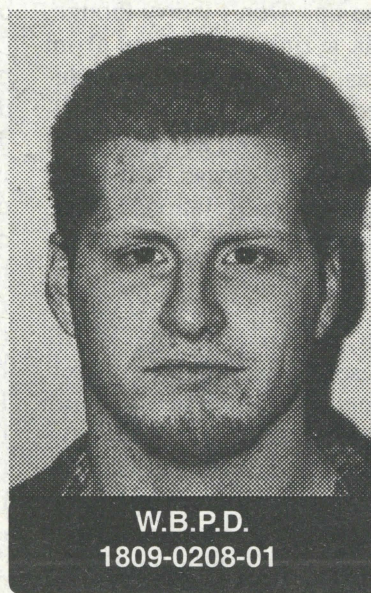
With Crazy Bob

A dry heave is a dry heave, but VOMIT, now that's disgusting. There's nothing more disgusting than regurgitating digested nutrients and stomach acids. Boy if I had a nickel for every time that happened. Love that vomit. I remember once there was this chick and she was really hot. One night at a bar I saw her vomiting her brains out, her face lying on the rim of a public toilet. I have to admit that it almost turned me off.

I bought strawberry flavored Designer Protein to aid me in my mission to get totally jacked. Some side effects include headache, nausea, interpretive dance, diarrhea, insomnia, and worst of all protein-rage. Protein-rage has caused me to lash out in violent and aggressive ways. Sometimes I think I am a pirate, and I pillage the village. I didn't know there was a word that rhymed with village. When I am a pirate, however, I attack the castle and steal more protein. I don't need any of you. I just need my protein and my problems are solved. I'm like Lou Fourigno in the Incredible Hulk. I can stuff fifteen pounds of crackers in my mouth and still talk. Protein!

I killed a mouse last night. During the winter season the rats are less likely to sunbathe on the roof, so naturally they would want to swing by my chick palace. That would be groovy if I was a rat, but

contrary to popular belief I'm not. I am a tenant; it is my apartment, and I have to protect it. It is a case of Bob vs. beast. I was using one of those big plastic traps for rats the size of poodles where the big jaws crash down and close on the great mammal's neck. However our prey had been cheating by licking the



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peanut butter off the trap and not getting killed. This made me revert back to the old fashioned-style mousetrap.

I slapped a bit of Extra Crunchy Jiffy on that bad boy and five minutes later, SNAP! Booyah, my ghetto gangsters of Wilkes-Barre, the hunter has just become the hunted.

As I reached down under the stove to retrieve the remains of his mighty carcass, I felt like one of those crazy Australian guys that wrestle crocodiles in the Everglades. I felt like Anthony Hopkins in *Instinct* when the gorillas accepted him as their own. With all my might I shoved the body into his Bi-Lo plastic coffin and heaved it over the fire escape into the dumpster where he came from. Let that be a lesson to all creatures, big and small, who cross my path of righteousness.

For those of you who don't know about my wrestling gig, I am a pro wrestler. I'm trying to get Wilkes to have WXW, the people I wrestle for, at the Marts Center so Crazy Bob could wrestle at Wilkes. If you'd dig that let me know. This past week in Hagerstown, MD Tommy Suede kicked me in the face from all the way across the ring. These things happen. He also dropped me crotch-first on the top turnbuckle so forgive me if my demeanor is a tad askew. These things happen. I think it's time I hit the bricks, take a hike, get to steppin', go fly a kite, take a long walk off a short pier, don't let the door hit me in the butt on the way out, or make like a tree and get out of here. Peace out my crazy cats. I hope our time together has brought us closer to a mutual understanding of trust and love.

# Dying to be Healthy

By Erick Bourassa-Lavoie  
Beacon Staff Writer

In the world of psychology, there are common words such as Anorexia Nervosa and Bulimia Nervosa, both of which are extremely dangerous eating disorders. Orthorexia Nervosa is much less common to hear, but just as dangerous to have.

Orthorexia is an eating disorder in which the patient has a severe obsession with the quality of food in which they eat. This is different from Anorexia and Bulimia, in which the patient is mainly obsessed with the quantity of food consumed. It is just as dangerous as any of the eating disorders known, obviously not because of the healthy food that they consume, but in the manner in which they consume these foods.

A person who is suffering from Orthorexia cannot focus on everyday activities and lead normal lifestyles, because they spend most of their waking hours worried about what they are going to eat, when they will eat it, how long it will take, how many times they will chew each bite, along with an assortment of other random obsessions.

Common thoughts that Orthorexics have are:

1. Believing that there is no order in their lives, and somehow they must instill control over the way they live; and the only way they see fit is controlling what enters their mouths.
2. Believing that they are

worthless, and must repent for "sins" they have committed during their lifetime, i.e. eating a hamburger, eating cooked beans, or eating vegetables that have not been organically grown.

3. An obsessive fear of illness, aging, and death.

4. Hating themselves for being so obsessed with the quality of food they consume, and the fear of hating themselves even more if they were to somehow stop the obsession.

This terror of ending their fears and obsessions is what makes the disorder so potentially dangerous. Patients realize that their fears and obsessions are irrational, yet are more afraid of changing their behaviors. Changing these behaviors would increase their risk of illness, aging, and death; which would in turn cause more anxiety and self-hatred, because of the pathology of the disorder.

While this disorder is less common than its relatives, Anorexia and Bulimia, it is still important to realize the potential mental health risks that such an eating/anxiety disorder may cause. People who have signs or symptoms of this disorder should seek prompt medical attention by a certified psychologist or psychiatrist; otherwise, the disorder's devastating effects cannot be treated.

Dr. Sowcik is available on campus by appointment by calling 408-4732.

# Intercollegiate Group Embraces Diversity

By: William Heckner  
King's Correspondent

Wilkes University unites with two other local colleges to participate in WAQS, Wilkes Association of Queer Students. Queer refers to the group of individuals who identify themselves as homosexual, bisexual, and/or transgender. This intercollegiate alliance between Wilkes, King's and Penn State at Wilkes-Barre was formed for queer students and their allies so that they could discuss issues affecting the queer community.

However, this alliance did not occur over night. WAQS was formed from a learning process spanning over nine years of inner development.

Mr. Jim Harrington, the Faculty Associate to the Dean of Student Affairs, says "WAQS began in 1992 as a Wilkes and community organization by a French professor, Bob Steele, who is no longer at Wilkes. I became co-advisor the next year, and then Bob moved on. We were an ally club, and last year, the 1999 fall semester, we became WAQS."

Mr. Harrington has played a

key role in the development of WAQS. To start, he continued the queer awareness mission when Mr. Steele left Wilkes. Jim organizes several events that would not be possible without his dedication and advisement. He also expresses interest in learning about people's viewpoints on queer society, which allows for membership to be an educational process. The club was created for queer students. Allies who are in most cases heterosexual are also welcomed into the community.

Obviously, the students are also an essential part of WAQS. Comprising of 12 members, the club, while lacking significant members, does not lack intensity. The students show real enthusiasm for im-

proving awareness and education throughout the campus, as well as the Wilkes-Barre area. Last year, WAQS, as a celebration of Gay



Awareness Week, posted flyers around Wilkes University. These flyers portrayed famous people who are/were identified as being gay, lesbian or bisexual. According to Cassie Sutton, a senior Wilkes student who is an ally of the club, the program made a huge statement. People

were so shocked that some tore down the flyers, but WAQS kept putting them back up again.

"That's why I am an ally, because of the awareness that is sometimes jeopardized by criticism and discrimination," Cassie said.

Chris Voveris, a senior from King's, identifies himself as homosexual and says, "I found out about the club towards the beginning of my senior year. I joined this late in my college career so that I may be able to help out, and meet new people."

Angelo Becklam, who is a homosexual student from the Penn State Wilkes-Barre Campus, comments, "This club really gives someone a sense of belonging; that's important to people, especially

those in college."

The student president of WAQS, Erick Bourassa-Lavoie, is a hard working student, who does his best to promote awareness of the club and queer issues. With the help of faculty and students, he says, WAQS may become the dominant gay and lesbian organization in Wilkes-Barre.

Though many skeptics of WAQS may view the group as a dating service for students and staff, it is actually more of a social organization. The members meet to discuss issues in their life. These issues might be what keeps them awake at night or a prejudice they are feeling. Most are simple, everyday issues that all students have, but the group offers a forum to speak about their sexuality as well as support.

WAQS currently meets every Friday night at 8:00pm on the second floor of the Student Center at Wilkes University. For directions, please email Mr. Harrington at [harringt@wilkes.edu](mailto:harringt@wilkes.edu). All are welcome, if they come with an open mind. Please do not hesitate to support something you believe in.

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Hey there and howdy to all of  
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this sucks, get  
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On that  
note, here I go.

It has been  
suggested to me  
that I may not  
necessarily "get  
it" enough. I do

not think that this is true, so to dis-  
prove this rumor, I will write a weekly  
article about things I notice happen-  
ing outside of my room.

My room is located on the sec-  
ond floor of Chesapeake Hall. It has  
come to be known as The Hot Box.  
Hence the title Greetings from The  
Hot Box.)

Where to begin this week.

Well, the one thing I really  
want to tell you all about is this rab-

bit, or "bunny" as he has come to  
be known in Chesapeake, that I feel

has been stalking  
me. I guess it was  
four nights in a  
row, right after  
dinner, I would be  
walking by Stark  
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dence hall. There,  
waiting in the  
bushes, was this  
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thing would just  
stare at me, mock-  
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was calling me

out, so I would chase  
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Now, when you chase after a  
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of bunny steroids or something, be-  
cause he was not backing down. He  
held his ground.

I was kind of freaked out by  
the whole ordeal. It just was not  
natural. I was only trying to get back  
to my room and this "bunny" was  
trying to intimidate me. I was not

going to just put up with this.

For four nights in a row, he  
would wait for me. For four nights  
in a row, I would chase him.

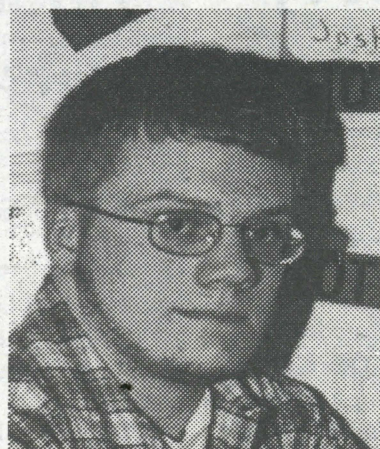
He never backed down. He  
would just sit there behind a bush  
and stare at me. I swear he was  
taunting me. He cannot talk, but  
his eyes just glared at me, saying  
"What you want, sucka?"

I have not seen this bunny in  
a couple of days. I guess he has  
moved on. I miss the little guy  
though.

We kind of formed a bond  
amongst all of the chasing and  
taunting. A bond based on a mu-  
tual respect. I respected him be-  
cause he showed no fear. I even  
named him. I call him Mortimer.

He respected me because I was  
persistent. I kept chasing him ev-  
ery night, however futile my at-  
tempts were.

So here is to you Mortimer,  
wherever you are. I like to think  
you are out somewhere in the coun-  
try, getting busy with some hot little  
female "bunny". Maybe you will  
come back and visit me sometime.



WITH JOSH LIEBNER

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Editorial:

## Be An Educated Consumer, cont.

It also takes its toll in the  
overall educational process.  
Students, by help of the  
instructor's guidance, are sup-  
posed to learn to think a con-  
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by learning from the past and  
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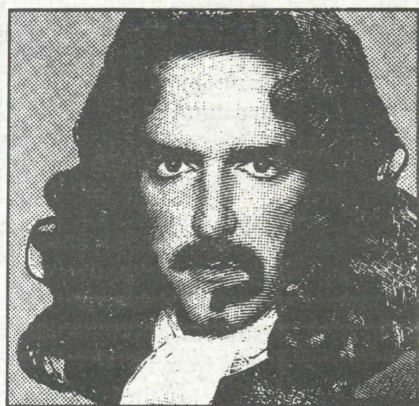
Wilkes University is lucky.  
We as students can consider  
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teachers here, but we must be  
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University to better itself. If  
an educator is doing a good job,  
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tion that to someone in author-  
ity, whether it is a dean or our  
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We must act when we find

a professor who is going about  
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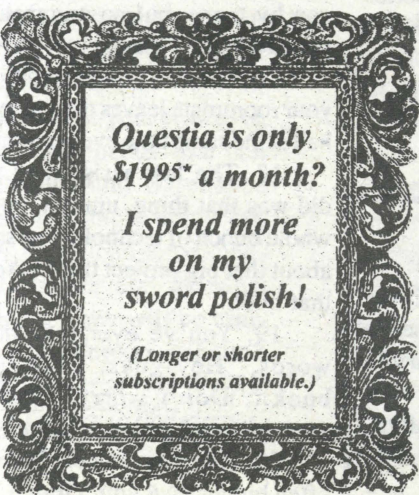
Most students are not good  
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mester, we purchase the right  
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education Wilkes University  
can offer us. We must always  
demand the university to fulfill  
their end of this contract.



## The Question Marquis

Ask the Question Marquis is a sporadically produced  
advice column, because proper loving takes time. It is to be  
read with a silly French accent. The views of the Question  
Marquis are his alone and are in no way to be construed as  
representative of his sponsor, Questia, you American pigs.



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## Ask the Question Marquis

Q: Dear Question Marquis: My sister's boyfriend broke up with her over a year ago. But his voice is still on her answering machine. Should I tell her how pathetic this is? - Stephen in Annapolis

A: My advice here is going like this: It is not a problem, it is an opportunity. There is no truer friend of passion than the vulnerable rejected lover. You must simply play your cards correctly. I recommend a subtle approach to win her trust. Perhaps you can tell her about Questia. About how much more free time she will have when she's writing research papers if she does the research online. Free time that the two of you could use to, je ne sais pas, get to know each other better? If you know what I...wait-you said your sister's boyfriend? This is a terrible misunderstanding. I have got to stop skimming these questions.

Q: Dear Question Marquis: I am very interested in Questia. Could you please give me some more information about its exciting features? - TW in Houston

A: Zut alors! I think my employer has slipped this one in. But just by chance this is not how the case is, I will answer it briefly. Questia will have an extensive scholarly collection, and the full text of each book and journal article is all online. You just enter your topic and then you can instantly search through any book. And many of the author's own sources are, how you say, "hyperlinked." So you can follow the writer's train of thought, if you like. Also, quotes, footnotes and bibliographies are all done automatically. And, in a few months, Questia can be used to more efficiently groom racehorses. Or such is my understanding. That may be confidential information, so don't go gossiping it about like a bunch of Montesquieu's concubines. Now I wish I hadn't told you.

*"There is no truer friend of passion than the vulnerable rejected lover.  
You simply must play your cards correctly."*

Q: Dear Question Marquis: Well...why did you tell us? In both of your answers, you could have corrected your mistakes by using the delete key.

A: In life, there is no such thing as a delete key. Q.E.D., there is no delete key for writing my column. What's done is done, what's said is said. Vive moi! (Long live me!)

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## Broody's Box Office Reviews

## CASTAWAY

## Plot:

A contemporary drama about a FedEx postman who is called in for an emergency hand delivery to Fiji, only to become the sole survivor of a plane crash who is isolated and forced to transform himself in order to survive both physically and emotionally.

## Review:

The one thing you can never criticize Robert Zemeckis for is making shallow movies. He may not have distinctive style like Kubrick or Fincher, but Zemeckis is great at making films with solid stories and impressive visuals that are actually important to the plot. He's not an artist - he's a storyteller and that's what makes him one of my faves. While from a filmmaking standpoint he's once again created a very well crafted and engaging film, the subject matter just isn't as interesting as it could've been. The film kicks off with an average 'setup' which is pretty standard for the first 20 minutes to show the workaholic Hanks and his life - Hunt's beauty shines in these scenes though. After a quite gripping and FX-impressive plane crash sequence for the next ten minutes, the film really begins with the next hour of the movie being Hanks by himself alone on the island with only a volleyball to keep him company. There's very little dialogue so the challenge is to basically keep the action interesting and the visuals certainly do help at that. In fact its surprising how enjoyable these scenes are which basically show Hanks trying to be a 'survivor' and learning techniques - most of which have been seen in other movies, but still prove fun to watch.

Hanks does well, but there are a few cases where what he does makes absolutely no sense in real life - being rational and logical is the key to survival, but several times in this both elements are thrown out the window. He spends a good 10 minutes of film time walking through rock pools on a tropical island barefoot before he even considers putting on some sort of protection for his feet, he gets numerous cuts and gashes which don't seem to get infected, more than once he risks

his life for a volleyball, and he bleeds regularly in seawater in the middle of the Pacific - yet there's no sharks in sight. When things finally return to mainland after four years of isolation he doesn't seem affected by his time gone at all except a little more patience - basically he's gone through a 'seachange' (a re-assessment of his life) which most people go through anyway at some point in their life - where are the scenes we should see where he's emotionally breaking down due to the sudden re-introduction into society? After all he was personally attached to a deflated piece of rubber only a short time before - a subplot that you know right from the first appearance of the ball is going to happen as after all, this is a Hollywood movie and you got to put sentiment in it (as well as something for the main star to have some dialogue with.)

In fact the last 20 minutes or so back in the real world, a fact spoiled by the way too revealing trailer, are disappointing with the love story tied up poorly and everything feeling very anticlimatic. The studio and filmmakers go on and on about all the deep themes of isolation, the struggle to survive, etc. which is basically garbage concocted in order to fill in gaps in press kits and to make interesting sound bites for ET, AH, etc. The truth is those themes are brought up but none of them really break any new ground - its fun to watch Hanks do all this, but one never feels the desperation of the situation - he just accepts it too easily.

While Castaway is enjoyable, it's certainly far from Zemeckis' best. In fact if the movie kicked off with the plane crash and ended with him being rescued, it'd be a lot better all around.

## Miss Congeniality

## Plot:

For her entire life, Gracie Hart has dreamed of emulating the career of her mother, Emily, a highly esteemed FBI agent who died in the line of duty. Unfortunately, Gracie's aggressive nature has branded her as a loose cannon, and the only one in the bureau who actually believes in her is fellow agent and friend, Eric Matthews.

When a terrorist threatens to bomb the Miss United States pageant, the FBI rushes to find a female agent to go undercover as a contestant. Unfortunately, Gracie is the only female FBI agent who can "look the part" despite her complete lack of refinement and femininity. She prides herself in being "just one of the boys" and is horrified at the idea of becoming a girly girl. To assist her with the emergency assignment, the bureau enlists the help of Victor Melling, an obsessive and pompous pageant consultant, to transform Gracie from a "woman without a detectable smidgen of estrogen" to "Gracie Lou Freebush," glamorous beauty queen. Transformation complete, Gracie must get comfortable with the mercilessly driven and perfectly coifed contestants, infiltrate the pageant, and thwart the terrorists.

## Review:

Sandra Bullock never really did it for me. I enjoyed her in "Speed" and "Demolition Man," but a film with her in the lead I'd usually avoid if I could. Sadly, I ended up having to watch a lot of them and find myself thinking the same thing - these are watchable movies, but that's about it.

That said, I had better hopes for this one after hearing the casting and then later enjoying the trailer - and I wasn't let down. This is easily her best comedy yet

- there's a good story, interesting characters played by a variety of solid actors, and some good laughs. Its a studio movie and thus is pretty much on the 'safe' side of the comedy fence, but it still is actually quite funny at times and always remembers it's a comedy first and foremost. There's a thriller sub-plot involving a terrorist with a bomb that's not only conventional but kind of spoiled earlier than it should've been, but it's necessary to the plot and is essential for the great climax.

The performances are good all across the board with Bullock doing a performance a little different than usual but making good use of her talent ranging from physical comedy to some nice word jabs. Michael Caine as the elitist yet disgraced beauty consultant comes in a close second doing his eccentric supporting performance style he's known for. Bratt is surprisingly quite impressive as the love interest/buddy and is more 'natural' in the role than one might expect. Sadly Bergen and Shatner aren't stuck with as interesting roles as they should've had but do well with what little they've got. The original premise I hear had Shatner's character drown his sorrows of this being his last pageant just before the big event and thus making a fool of himself on stage - that would've been great. The contestant girls are solid all round.

The film's running time is a little longer than standard but it never feels slow or too long, and even the slightly cheesy ending is nice. I really quite enjoyed this and it deserves to be doing a lot better than the disappointing "What Women Want". This is one Bullock movie that's no bull - fresh, funny and enjoyable by all.

## You might be failing out of college if...

By The Schuylk's

1. You spend 95% of your waking hours playing PlayStation2.
2. You spend the other 5% recovering from a hangover, or creating one.
3. Your waking hours are only 25% of a normal day.
4. Your professors just laugh when they pass you (if they even know who you are).
5. The dean who admitted you is now unemployed.
6. You can't understand what your friends mean by "You're irresponsible, unorganized and have a lack of motivation," or the phrase "Look it up in the dictionary."
7. Your books are currently being used to level the pool tables in SUB.
8. The only notes you have taken this year are directions to parties.
9. You haven't been outside in so long you have developed an allergy to natural light.
10. You only go to Stark when you want to have a smoke in the Bubble.
11. Your course syllabus is lining your birdcage.
12. Most of your computer time and resources are used to download songs from Napster.
13. The last time you saw your advisor he/she gave you an application to McDonalds.
14. You use your dissection kit as eating utensils.
15. You think that perchloric acid is that drug they took in the 60's.
16. The local pub owner knows you by name, but no one realizes you are in their class.
17. You can't understand why your roommate leaves the residence hall at the same time every morning.
18. The last assignment you did was that thing, ummm, on the whole bunch of technological stuff, about that big project thingy. Yeah, that one!
19. You've ever said these words, "Hey guys, I bought a book... Don't worry! Nobody panic! I'm not going to open it!"
20. Your blood alcohol level is often higher than your GPA.

## Martial Arts Demonstrations Slated

Are you afraid of being jumped while walking at night? If so, this seminar is for you.

Chris Voveris, a senior at King's, will be demonstrating some basic martial arts moves to defend yourself if necessary. He will also be involving the audience for the

majority of the seminar, so wear loose, comfortable clothes. If you have any physical ailments, such as heart and/or lung problems, please let Chris know.

The seminar is sponsored by the Wilkes Association of Queer Students, and will be held in the

Dorothy Dart Dickson Center, in the dance studio. The time of the seminar is 7pm on Friday, February 9, 2001.

If you need further directions, contact Mr. Jim Harrington at [harringt@wilkes.edu](mailto:harringt@wilkes.edu)—

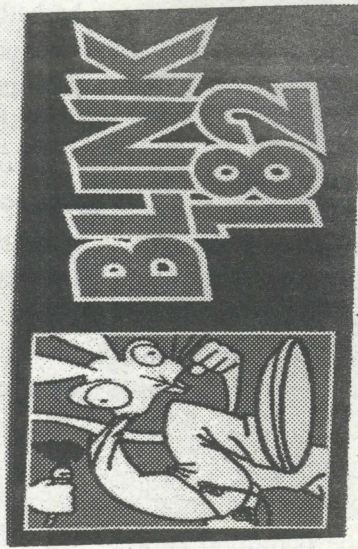
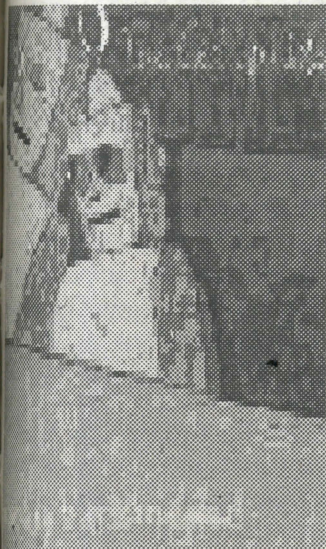
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## ALBUM REVIEWS



## Get up with the "Get Up Kids"

If you are feeling adventurous and you are looking to add to your CD collection, then this article is for you. The Get Up Kids are a band from Olathe, Kansas. They play a style of punk known as Emo. That is short for Emotional Punk. It can be likened to punk rock with pianos. In April 1999, they started their own record company, Heroes and Villains records. They also released *Something to Write Home About*, their first album on this label. Tracks like "Holiday", the opening track on the album, illustrate the fast paced, hard style they play. Songs like "I'll Catch You", the last track on the album, illustrate the softer, more gentle side of the band. My favorite song on the album is "Out of Reach". There is a great melody to this song. The way that they incorporate the riff on an acoustic guitar and the soft melody on the piano is amazing. If you are a hardcore punk fan, The Get Up Kids may not be for you. However, if you enjoy bands like Our Lady Peace and Barenaked Ladies, you might enjoy this album. Download some songs off of Napster and see what you think. They will be touring with Weezer through March. This tour will hit The Electric Factory in Philadelphia on March 3.

BY: JOSH LIEBNER

## Blink Me!!

Hey did anyone know that Blink 182 released another album? I didn't. Don't worry, the album is not a new one in the fact that is full of brand new studio produced tracks. It is actually a live recording of the band playing their hits and joking around with the crowd entitled "The Mark, Tom and Travis Show". The only new song on the album is entitled "Man Overboard". It is a song that mixes the sincerity of "Adam's Song" with the fun sound of "Dammit". Overall, if you are a fan of the San Diego based trio, you will enjoy this album. If you are not a fan, give it a try. You should not miss out on this. The album captures all of the fun and craziness that is a Blink 182 concert. While there are in fact twenty songs, there are forty-nine tracks on the album. The last twenty-nine tracks are random clips of humorous sayings by the band, recorded at the show. My favorite song on the album is "Going Away to College". It was originally released on "Enema of the State". The live version of this song is amazing. Overall, it would be safe to say that all of the versions of the songs on this album are fantastic. If you want to check Blink out live for yourself, they will be at the Electric Factory in Philadelphia on April 6. The band is also planning to release a studio follow-up to "Enema of the State" sometime in 2001.

BY: JOSH LIEBNER  
AND KRISTIN HAKEEye of the Future  
With Arden of the Stars

**Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb 18)** – Your frame of mind this week will change from looking at the "pieces" to looking at the "big picture." Do not harp on the small stuff, and keep your ultimate goal in mind. By doing this, your stress level will decrease.

**Pisces (Feb 19-March 20)** – Self-forgiveness is what you need to invest in. You can't beat yourself up for what you've done in the past. Lay it to rest, get over self-guilt, and you will find happiness. **WARNING:** Do not be impulsive.

**Aries (March 21-April 19)** – Though your environment seems unwelcoming, you will survive this week. A relationship that seems as if it is coming to an end is in fact, going to be stronger than ever. Do not worry. Follow your heart and things will be fine.

**Taurus (April 20-May 20)** – This week be a risk taker, while still risking only what you do not fear to lose. **WARNING:** This does not mean be reckless with your loved ones just to prove that love.

**Gemini (May 21-June 20)** – Don't waste the free time you are given this week on trivial tasks.

Be cautious about the liberty that time is granting you. Do this and more rewards are soon to follow.

**Cancer (June 21-July 22)** –



You are known for determination. You are passionate to all that you are dedicated to. You will consider a long-term commitment in the upcoming week. Do this only after you have assured yourself of its productivity towards the goal of the "you" that you would like to be.

**Leo (July 23-August 22)** –

Call upon your strengths in leadership to help construct a firm foundation for new friends or allies. **WARNING:** Avoid using your "out-spoken" personality; it will get you into trouble this week.

**Virgo (August 23-Sept 22)** –

A new source of inspiration in your life will impact you in a long term way. Utilize this new energy source this week to tedious tasks you are facing out of the way.

**Libra (Sept 23-Oct 22)** – You should express the more outgoing and rambunctious side of your personality this week. Look at happiness as a virtue and you will be rewarded in the process.

**Scorpio (Oct 23-Nov 21)** – Someone who has been going out of his or her way to get your attention lately is now ready to hear what you have to say. Be kind, be patient, and choose your words wisely.

**Sagittarius (Nov 22-Dec 21)** – Work on communication skills. Be optimistic lest you see everything as working against you. **WARNING:** Do not use your newfound skills in a harsh manner.

**Capricorn (Dec 22-Jan 19)** – Watch out for people who are using unethical means this week to get you to do their bidding. You can make yourself and others aware of what is going on, protect yourself and others from disastrous endings by keeping these unprincipled ones in check.

## Window to the Past - With Casey O'Brien

**February 8, 1984** - Kareem Abdul-Jabbar of the Los Angeles Lakers scored 27 points while leading his team to a 111-109 victory over the Boston Celtics. Abdul-Jabbar passed Wilt Chamberlain's NBA career record of 12,682 field goals on this night.

**February 9, 1964** - The Beatles made their first appearance on the Ed Sullivan Show. Watched by 73 million people (60 % of the viewing audience)

**February 10, 1988** - A federal appeals court rules the U.S. Army's ban on homosexuals unconstitutional. The ruling is the first of its kind.

**February 11, 1990** - Nelson Mandela, South African president and political activist, is released from prison after 27 years.

**February 12, 1924** - Calvin Coolidge, known by many as the 'Silent President', made the first presidential political speech on radio. The speech originated from

New York City and was broadcast on five radio stations. Some five million people tuned in to hear the President speak.

**February 13, 1944** - Jerry Springer is born. Jerry goes on to become the king of shock talk-shows.

**February 14, 1849** - The first photograph of an U.S. President was taken by Matthew Brady in New York City. President James Polk was the subject of the famous picture.

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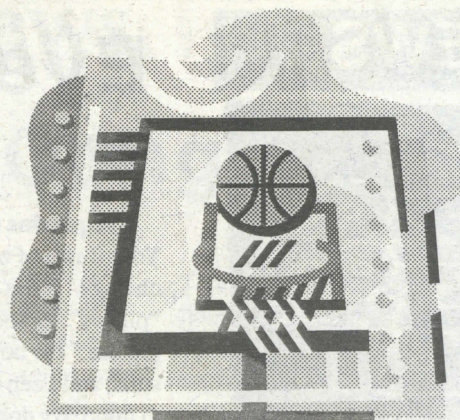
By Kevin Sickle  
Beacon Sports Writer

What does this week have in store for us sports fans? Another weekend of the XFL? What true sports fan gives a rat's (expletive) about that lame excuse for the pro football league? It's all about the cheerleaders anyway. GO TEAM!!! What about the Mario Watch? He is the man, but there is something better. What I'm talking about is the 50<sup>th</sup> Annual (O.K., strike years not included) NBA All-Star Game and Festivities, to be held in Washington, D.C.

The allure of this year's weekend isn't Vinsanity flying through the air at Saturday's NBA.com Slam Dunk Contest — he's not even in it, a travesty in itself. The "1 800 CALL ATT Shootout" does have some promising contestants like Ray Allen, Allan Houston, and Peja Stojakovic, but that isn't at the top of my all-star agenda. No offense to the participants or the NBA and WNBA, but what fans look forward to America Online 2-ball? It has become a Sportscenter punch line. This year they are improving on the rookie game, making it the Schick Rookie Challenge, with

players Kenyon Martin, Morris Peterson and Darius Miles going up against a squad of "sophomores", including, among others: Elton Brand, Stevie Francis, and my personal favorite, Shawn Marion. That will be entertaining, but what I'm looking forward to is seeing some fresh talent get their first opportunity to put their skills on the all-star stage as "T-Mac" Tracy McGrady, Stephen Marbury, Anthony Mason and Theo Ratcliff get their first nods for the East and Antonio McDyess and recently announced Vlade Divac, make their first trips for the West. McDyess has been wowing the league since '95, Divac, Mase and Ratcliff have paid their dues, and McGrady has just had a fantastic breakthrough season once he emerged from the shadow of the NBA's best player (Darn right it's Vince!)

True, Alonzo Mourning and Grant Hill are all-stars, but Zo didn't play one quarter and Grant only played a handful of games. It's good that the fans get to say who goes and who doesn't, and they deserve the votes they got, but it's great to see some fresh faces get respected for their play, whereas if Zo and Hill were healthy, would be left out. Maybe next year the all-star rosters can be expanded so players



like Antoine Walker, Antawn Jamison, and Paul Pierce could get the respect they deserve.

The problem with this year's All-Star Weekend is the lack of participation, as usual, by some league's brightest stars in the game's most enjoyable, fan-friendly competition, the Dunk Contest. Don't get me wrong, the guys in this contest will provide some fireworks, but where is Allen Iverson, Kobe Bryant, Latrell Sprewell, Jerry Stackhouse, or Michael Finley? And yes, even the man, Vince Carter has opted out of the Dunk Contest due to an "injury". He sure didn't look too shabby posting 29 on the Celtics the other night. Come on Vince, All-Star Weekend is all about the fans.

Come to think of it, I don't want Kobe in the contest anyway. All he does is complain that he isn't getting the respect he deserves. EXCUSE ME, KOBE! Isn't

the greatest center ever to step onto basketball court down in the blocks? Sha (who unfortunately will be sidelined during All-Star Weekend due to an injury) is the most dominant force in the NBA when he is healthy. He is proving that in his absence, as the Lakers are barely .500 without him. Kobe, you get plenty of respect, some even call you the greatest player in the league. Not me though. Once you grow up and realize you aren't a god, then maybe you can challenge Vince in that category. Until then, dish it to the fella.

All-Star Weekend is for the fans, and it is about time all of the immature crybaby millionaires like Kobe and "The Answer" realize that. They are getting paid because the fans buy their jerseys, hats, etc., and pay exorbitant amounts for tickets. It's about time they give us what we pay for, some excitement. Maybe next year, maybe next year...

Do you see it like I do, or does my opinion to seem way out of whack? I'm open for arguments on this week's topic or suggestions for next week's. If you have something in mind or just want to talk sports with someone who calls it like he sees it, email me at sickleks@wilkes.edu and visit me next time... Out in Leftfield.

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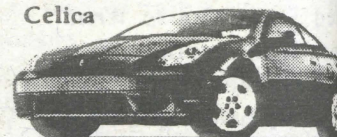
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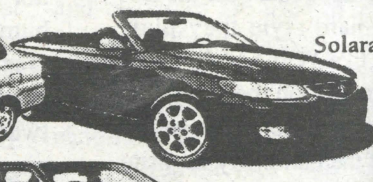
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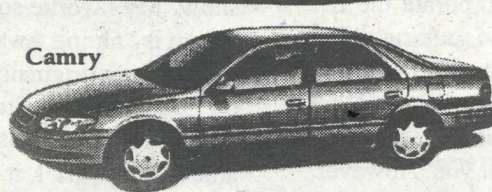
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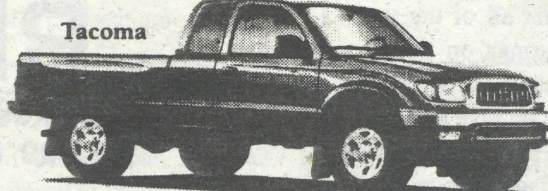
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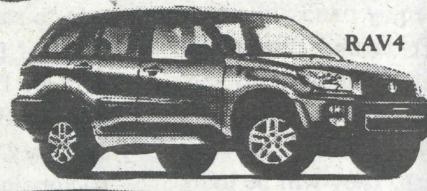
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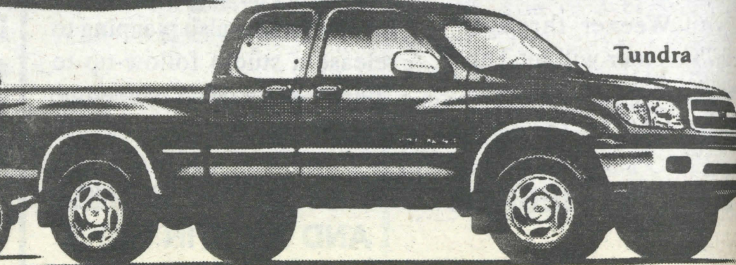
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# How can black and white always be a grey area?

Referees. Essential to athletics, yet so very hated in them. How can one or two officials be the sole cause of a team's loss? "Because you guys suck!" exclaimed one outrageous fan over this past weekend. "You two lost the match for these kids. You suck!"

While attending a local high school wrestling tournament, I witnessed some fans from a particular school relentlessly blaming the referees for every little thing that happened. It was the officials' fault their wrestler was on his back. "And why isn't that a reversal?" "What do you mean that wasn't a takedown?" "His shoulders are flat, get with it!" "Sad to say, but these were the best things said all night. In particular, one older gentleman seemed to love to hear himself use vulgar language out loud. I admit, I find it humorous when a group of students began to chant towards the referee, especially with the classic "Bu!!\$!t!" cheer. But this older fellow, who I would estimate to be in his 50's, began and kept up the chant all by himself. No students around joining in, no other parents participating, just this one guy, cursing like it was saying "Hello."

I realize I don't have the best vocabulary in the world, and I have said a few choice words to referees in my day, but this was getting ridiculous. And after the match, it was this same guy and a few other fans of the losing, yet favored, team, who approached the referees and each used profanity towards the men in stripes. Hold it right there, old folks. You guys were supposed to have gotten through this phase of cursing at authority. After 50 years on this planet, you don't have anything else to offer a conversation. Okay, the referees may have blown a call or two, but what official hasn't? Besides, if your team is one call away from winning a game or match, you should have given a little extra while playing.

Referees were heavily criticized following the King's win over Wilkes. First, I don't know much about basketball so I can't really say one way or another whether or not bad calls were made. But judging by the leagues of fans who are "bleacher referees," they made some bad calls. Supporters of Wilkes even went as far as to



Corey Yanoshak

call a phone-message in the local paper and say the officials should retire because they stunk so bad. But I ask you this, what part did the officials play in the field-goal percentage that Wilkes shot? Were the referees playing defense on our heralded Colonels? I think not. Don't get me wrong, I hope our basketball team makes it to the Final Four again, but to start of with, if we're the number one team in the country, we shouldn't be in that close of a game. And to blame it on the officials is ridiculous.

Spreading blame rather than accepting it is done all too often in the sports world. With the team that we had and the poor shooting percentage, I would tend to stress that as the reason we are not undefeated, not because the referees called too many fouls. Okay, Dave Januzzi was whistled for his fourth foul early in the second half, which could have had an adverse affect on the outcome, but if you're ranked first in the nation, it is as a team, not because of one All-American. True, Januzzi is a quality player and definitely leads this team, but there are 10 players who need to be able to fill-in when trouble arises.

Simply put, that didn't happen. I must admit, I am partial to defending referees because my father referees high school football. I enjoy standing on the sideline and hearing coaches complain about something, while their offensive line couldn't block me and their quarterback is being sacked every other down. Still, my father said it best after a local playoff game. He said he was booed by both teams after the game and was even approached by an angered fan. My dad, who was the referee, was actually happy he was

booed twice, because, "It meant we did a good job. When both teams complain, you know you did a good job because then no one was favored." Nicely put. Now sometimes it's hard to refrain from letting the referees have it, and maybe they do deserve it once in a great while. But if you must tell them about it, the only way it will have the desired affect is if you do it nicely.

My experience comes from last summer, during a baseball game. The umpire wasn't calling any pitches on the outside corner. I was catching for four innings and couldn't get him to punch out a hitter with an outside fastball. Okay, fair enough, I'll stop trying. But when I get up to bat, he calls strike three, right on the outside corner. Was it a strike? Yes. Was I upset? Yes. He hadn't called that same exact pitch at all the whole game. And then he fires

off a strike three call on me, and we both knew each other to make matters worse.

So I calmly told him, without making eye contact, that he was wrong. I said "You haven't called that pitch all game and now, late in the game, you go and start. Let's be more consistent." What happened was exactly what should have. He didn't say a word to me after that. But he called every pitch near the outside corner for the last three innings. In the final frame, he told me he screwed up and should have been calling that before. I apologized, but said I thought I was safe not to swing at that pitch. He also apologized and said he wasn't calling it, and shouldn't have started. But he was going to be consistent now. All better. I was proud of myself for not tearing into him like I once got suspended for. And the way

it was handled helped the situation.

So in conclusion, don't look to spread the blame to other people. Accept some responsibility for your actions and don't go looking for a zebra to ridicule. And if you must say something, say it in a somewhat professional manner so he doesn't end up hating you.

Or, like Frank Sheptock once had to do. Bite your tongue and don't say anything at all. Two years ago, the referees had a bad game at Wilkes and the Colonels lost to Susquehanna 42-40. All the talk in the press box centered around the bad officiating. But when the press conference began, Sheptock dismissed all questions about the boys in stripes and took the blame for his team. Classy, professional, ethical, mature, and just not stupid like the people that curse at them.

## Men's Basketball Defeats SUNY-Farmingdale

By John Bosha  
Beacon Sports Writer

Last Thursday at the Marts Center, Wilkes rebounded from the loss to King's with a big 140-89 win over SUNY-Farmingdale. Farmingdale got out to an early 17-14 lead, but after regrouping and making some key substitutions, Wilkes came back. Making a statment before halftime, Wilkes led 66-37 at the break. The second half saw Wilkes pen a 15-0 run, and close with a slam dunk exhibition. Dave Jannuzzi led Wilkes with 24 points, followed by Ron McIntyre with 22 and Joe Stein with 18.

SUNY-Farmingdale was fresh off a game at Scranton where they only lost by 10. "They're very athletic. They run, jump, take it to the basket," said junior forward Kevin Walsh. "You try not to embarrass a team, but you can't stop the game," said Walsh of the record 140 point performance by the Colonels.

As the end of the game approached, both teams opened the game up, making



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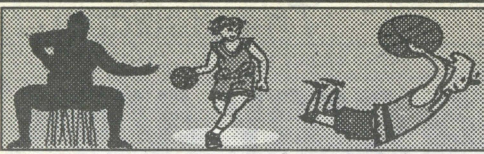
Ron McIntyre (20) scored 22 points in last Thursday's game against SUNY-Farmingdale.

way for several crowd pleasing dunks from both teams.

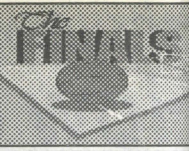
The Colonels, 18-2, re-

turn home on Saturday to face FDU-Madison in a Freedom League contest at 8 P.M.





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## Wilkes drops to 17-2 after this week

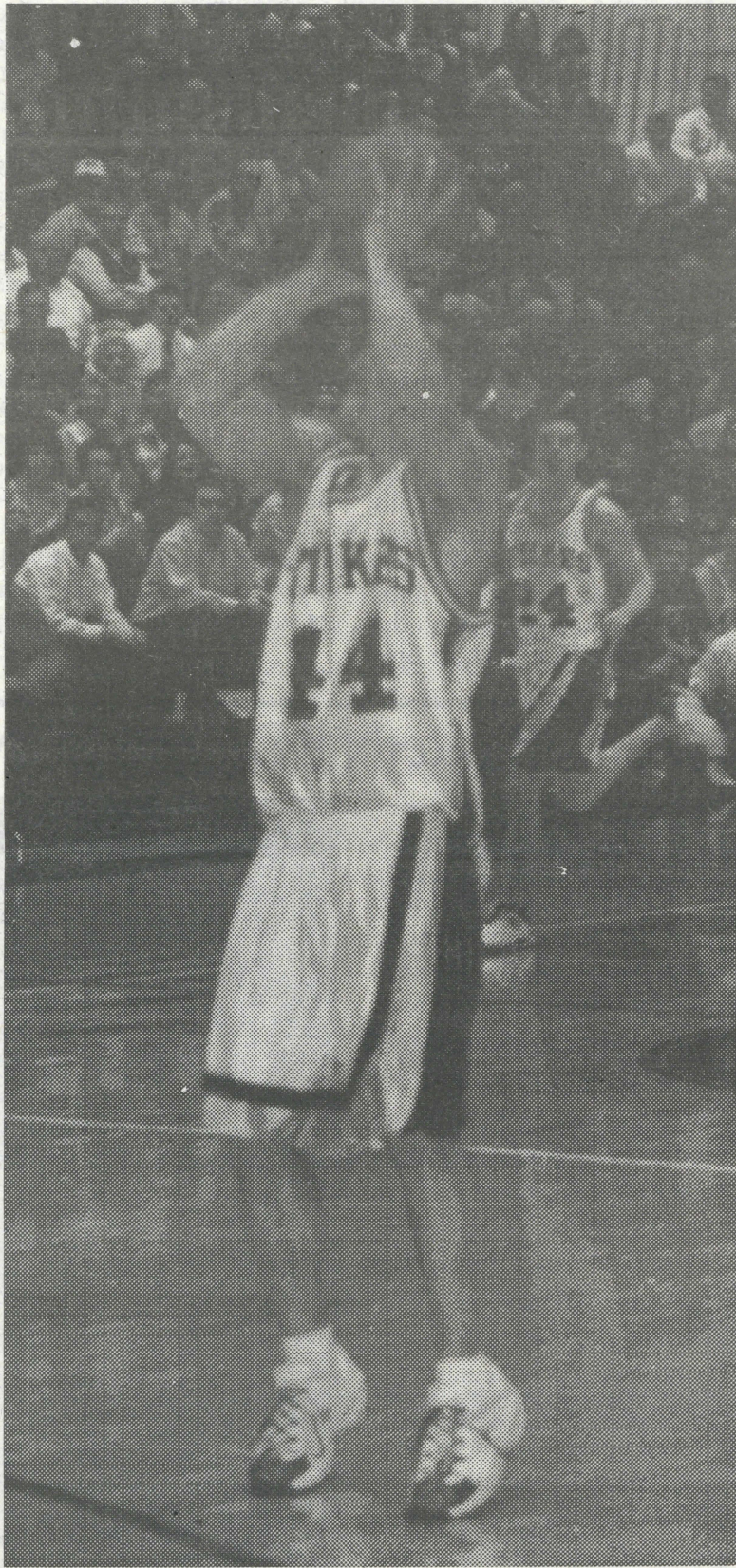
By Kevin Sickle  
Beacon Staff Writer

The men's basketball team must be thankful that it's a new week. Going into last week's match-up against King's, Wilkes was 16-0 overall. After the less-than-best performance that was recapped here last week resulted in a loss to the Monarchs, the Colonels were still well atop the Freedom League. The rest of the week brought a lopsided win and another close battle that resulted in defeat.

A week ago today Wilkes welcomed SUNY-Farmingdale to the Marts Center. What seemed at the start to possibly be a close contest reversed itself in a hurry. Trailing 18-14 with a little over five minutes gone by in the opening half, the Colonels went on a 28-6 run sparked by Dave Jannuzzi's nine points, Ron McIntyre's eight, and Kevin Walsh's six, giving Wilkes a double-digit lead that they never let go. They went into halftime with a 66-37 lead, which proved to be as close as the Rams would get.

The rest of the game wasn't even close, as the Colonels netted their 100<sup>th</sup> point with 11:07 to play as Brad Sechler converted a lay-up. With 4:21 to go, sophomore Bob Calarco drained a three, establishing a new all-time single game scoring record, besting the previous mark of 127, set in a win over Delaware Valley in 1991, as they went on to finish off Farmingdale 140-88. McIntyre paced Wilkes with 24 points while adding six boards; Jannuzzi tossed in 22, along with 10 assists and 7 rebounds. Freshman Dave Plisko made his first collegiate start and had 15 points and five assists. Walsh added 13 points and 7 boards and Sechler had 12 points as well for the 17-1 Colonels.

Other marks that fell in the contest were: most field goals made - 57 (50 against Delaware Valley in 1991), most assists in the game - 37 (29 against



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**Dave Jannuzzi with game-high of 33 points and nine assists.**

Practical Bible College in 1994), and most points in a half - 74 in the second (72 against Del. Val. and Practical Bible.)

Wilkes went into Saturday's contest looking to clinch at least a tie for the Freedom League regular season championship with a win over host Moravian, but it wasn't their night for clinching. In another closely fought floor battle, Wilkes was

edged out by the Greyhounds, 104-96.

Wilkes trailed by as much as 12 in the first half, but a 12-0 run quickly evened the score. John Boylan started the run with a jumper and Dave Jannuzzi scored the next 10 to tie the game. Wilkes went into the locker room up 41-40, only their second lead of the game.

A Jannuzzi 15-footer, Alex Hairston's free throw, and a Ron McIntyre dunk pushed Wilkes out to a six-point lead. Dave Plisko added two more with 14:50 to go, giving Wilkes a 55-47 lead. A Greyhound three and two foul shots, narrowed the gap to three. After exchanging baskets, Moravian tied the game and took the lead. Dave Jannuzzi then hit a lay-up to become Wilkes' all-time leading scorer, besting the previous mark of 1,956 set by Jim Nolan from 1986-1990.

After that Moravian took over. They led 91-82 with 1:25 to play and Wilkes made a run to cut it to two with :56 left to play. Moravian then went nine of ten from the stripe in the final seconds to escape with the 104-96 victory.

The loss was Wilkes' second in a week, dropping them to 17-2 overall. The victory was Moravian's third in a row, improving them to 7-13.

Jannuzzi led the way for Wilkes with a game-high 33 points and nine dimes. Kevin Walsh added 16 points, 11 boards, and Tom Stambaugh chipped in with 10 points.

After a rough time last week, Wilkes started a new week on the road, facing the Lycoming College Warriors. Wilkes took over from the start and coasted to a 52-37 lead at halftime. John Boylan increased the Colonels lead to 16 when his basket put Wilkes up 63-47 with 15:08 to play in the game.

Back-to-back trifectas by Lyco's Thomas Wesner and an inside bucket sliced the lead in half, 63-55. Two fast breaks led to four more Warrior points, completing a 12-0 run and cutting the lead to four, 63-59, with 12:16 to play. The Colonels were able to hold Lycoming off as Boylan found the net, giving Wilkes the lead 78-72. After a free throw with 1:23 left on the clock. Both squads once again converted a single free throw and Wilkes was then unable to convert on their next possession.

Lycoming opted for a timeout with 11 ticks left and the ball. Three with six seconds remaining failed, as did one at the buzzer and Wilkes narrowly escaped Lamade Gymnasium with an 80-77 victory.

The win clinches at least a tie for the Freedom League regular season crown and what would be the number one seed in the upcoming tournament. The Colonels are now 18-2 overall and 10-1 in league play. Lycoming falls to 10-11 overall and 5-6 in the Freedom League. Dave Jannuzzi once again paced Wilkes with a game-high 26 (1 shy of 2,000 for his career) and added six assists. Boylan added 13 points, six assists, and five boards for the winners. Dave Plisko contributed 11 and Kevin Walsh had eight points to go along with his nine rebounds for the Colonels.

After last week, the Colonels are happy to start a new one off with a win. The Colonels aren't about to slack off, however, knowing full well that they aren't guaranteed anything. They will look to notch another victory when they do battle with FDU-Madison Saturday at 8 PM in the Marts Center.

### Sports Schedule

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8th

Women's Basketball - vs. Baptist

Bible, 7:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10th

Women's Basketball - vs. FDU-Madison, 6:00 p.m.

Men's Basketball - vs. FDU-Madison, 8:00 p.m.

Wednesday, FEBRUARY 14th

Men's Basketball - vs. Allentown, 8:00 p.m.

Women's Basketball - vs. Allentown,

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