

# THE BEACON

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## College town rumored again

By LISA RUGGIERO  
Beacon Staff Writer

On Monday, November 17, a meeting was held in the Chamber of Commerce building on Public Square.

The meeting was organized by The Times Leader and included students from both King's College and Wilkes University; the topic was what could be done to make Wilkes-Barre a college town.

The general consensus was that there is a need for less talk and more action.

Out of the approximately 25 students there, only two were from Wilkes-Barre.

The other students at the meeting came to the conclusion that there is more to do in their hometowns than in Wilkes-Barre, a fact that they find very disturbing.

While ideas were suggested to improve the town, most of them have been attempted before.

For example, businesses attempted to stay open later, but they did not publicize their hours well; therefore, they did not attract patrons.

The whole point was that Wilkes-Barre is caught in a cycle. Businesses stay open late and do not have enough customers so they close earlier.

Their potential customers gripe that the businesses do not have long enough hours.

Every student said that the square is the best place for activity, but there is nothing there to attract college students.

To them, this is a problem because the majority of the student body at both King's and Wilkes live on-campus.

Since freshmen and

sophomores are not able to keep cars, entertainment nearby is key.

Many students feel that they are treated coldly, if not downright impolitely, by older people on the square.

This baffles young people because seniors and college students have many things in common, in particular the great lack of money.

The most obvious reason for the lack of young adults in the square is the insufficient attention paid to stores in which they would be of interest to them.

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## Is one day enough?

By CAROLE MANCUSO  
Beacon Staff Writer

AIDS is now a common word that everyone thinks they understand, but does everyone know all the facts about AIDS?

Education is the purpose of International AIDS Day and AIDS Awareness Week.

This year International AIDS Day will be on Monday, December 1.

On Monday, November 24, the Wilkes AIDS Awareness Committee and the Wyoming Valley AIDS Council will join together in prayer at St. Mary's

Immaculate Conception Church at 7 p.m.

Immediately following at 8 p.m. in the Stark Learning Center room 101, "Sex Beyond AIDS: Living with AIDS" will be presented by Jennifer Nichols.

Nichols has toured college campuses around the world speaking about AIDS. She began her speaking career several years ago when she was 22 years old.

Nichols' brother Henry, then a senior, was diagnosed with AIDS. They toured together until recently when he was deemed bed ridden.

Nichols has visited with

former President Bush and President Clinton, she has also spoken before Congress and was featured in a HBO documentary, "Eagle Scout: The Story of Henry Nichols."

"Since she is so young, I'm sure she'll relate to college students very easily," said Ted Hall, President of the Wilkes AIDS Awareness Committee.

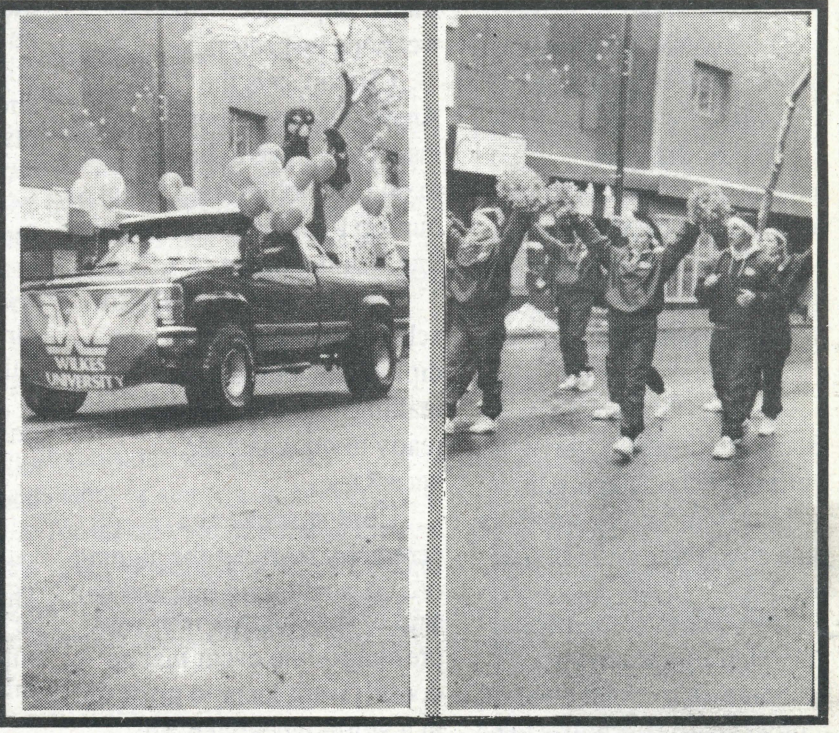


Photo by Karen Cook

Decking the streets with early holiday spirit.

## You better watch out...



Photo by Karen Cook

Santa Claus came to town.





## Around the world . . .

### Septuplets safely delivered in Iowa

DES MOINES (AP)—Four boys and three girls were born to an Iowa couple. The first septuplets born in the United States in 12 years were delivered yesterday between 12:48 p.m. and 12:54 p.m.

The births were announced yesterday at a hospital in Des Moines, Iowa, by Bob Hepworth who said he's "one of the proudest grandfathers in the country."

Hepworth's daughter, Bobbi McCaughey, gave birth to babies ranging in weight from two pounds five ounces to three pounds four ounces.

The babies were safely delivered by caesarean section by a medical team of more than 40 specialists. The newborns are listed in serious condition. Hepworth said his daughter was resting comfortably.

### TOWN

Some suggestions were to open a coffeehouse, a Denny's, and other comparable places.

One of the best ideas was to use things that were already here, such as the empty train cars and open stores in them.

None of the businesses in the area really make an effort to attract college kids, probably due to the bad reputation they have.

There is no way to correct bad reputations; there has been animosity between age groups for decades, so that is not a subject that the group feels it can solve.

Other topics were addressed at the meeting. One of these included the rivalry, or lack of it,

### Clinton-Iraq must yield

WHITE HOUSE (AP)—President Clinton is again making it clear, any diplomatic solution to the crisis in Iraq has to involve Iraqi compliance with U.N. weapons inspectors.

Clinton says the Americans and other inspectors have to be allowed to do their job in Iraq. "That's our top line, that's our bottom line," said Clinton.

Clinton said he'd like to achieve that goal with diplomacy, but that he's making sure that the U.S. is ready to do whatever's necessary.

Clinton spoke at a ceremony marking the signing of a new adoption law and he said of the children who were present for the event that he doesn't want them to grow up in a world where they are threatened by terrorists with biological and chemical weapons.

### Group points out dangers of Thanksgiving dinner

WASHINGTON (AP)—The consumer group that has warned in the past of health risks posed by movie theater popcorn is now taking on another American institution, Thanksgiving dinner.

The head of food safety for The Center For Science in the Public Interest said you should treat every turkey "as though it harbors a feast of bacteria."

Undercooked or ill-prepared turkey can contain salmonella and other bacteria.

Caroline Smith Dewall also points out that Thanksgiving dinners can be poisoned by unpasteurized apple cider and egg nog.

As it offers tips for food preparation, the group, founded by Ralph Nader is also endorsing a proposal for a new federal agency solely responsible for food safety.

between Wilkes and Kings.

Students from both colleges agreed that they would get along perfectly if they were at the same activity.

Another point mentioned was the ominous appearance of Wilkes-Barre.

The scarcity of lighting and people after dusk truly bothers students and does not increase any desire to be downtown.

Safety may not seem like a massive issue in Wilkes-Barre, but for many students it is.

The suicide that several Kings students witnessed, coupled with the deserted streets and poor lighting make some students feel safer in cities like New York City.

Even though police are present, students feel that they are more of a hassle than protection.

"I don't think it was very productive.

"It is a good start and I'm glad I came, but I think too many issues were addressed at once so nothing will really get accomplished," stated junior, Carl Witkowski, "Also, I think the students should have had more control over the meeting."

## SBDC is proven to help

Wilkes-Barre— A recent independent study reveals that businesses started with assistance from the Small Business Development Center (SBDC) "perform at a level that is likely to be much higher than the average person starting a business."

Dr. James Chrisman of the University of Calgary studied a sample of SBDC clients who received five or more hours of consulting on starting a business in 1992 and 1994.

The first few years of existence, SBDC-assisted start ups survive at a rate that is 10-14% higher than the general population of new businesses.

The Wilkes University SBDC assisted 627 businesses in 1996 with a variety of needs, including business planning, marketing, personnel issues and sources of financing.

Defying the myth that most new businesses fail in their first five years, Dr. Chrisman found that an impressive 73% of businesses started in 1992 with help

from the SBDC were still in business in 1997.

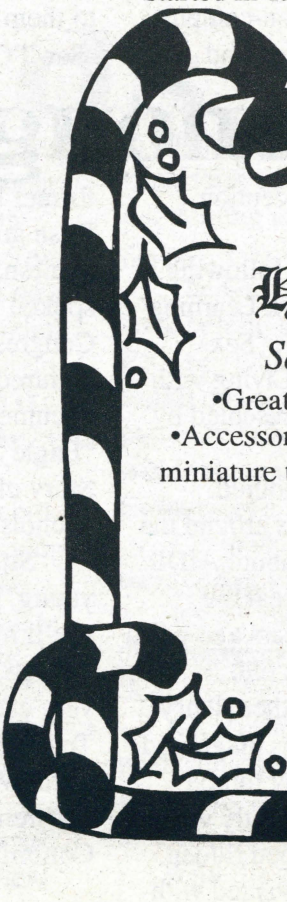
These survival rates are higher than are expected for the general population of businesses, according to Dr. Chrisman.

This study clearly shows that clients of the Pennsylvania SBDC's prosper over time.

Since the SBDC is the only local organization that utilizes the expertise and resources of fifteen of the best universities in Pennsylvania, it plays a key role in local economic development.

The Wilkes University SBDC is part of the Pennsylvania Small Business Development Center Network, funded in part by the U.S. Small Business Administration, The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and the local colleges and universities.

For additional information on the Wilkes University SBDC program, please contact Ruth Hughes at (717) 408-4340.

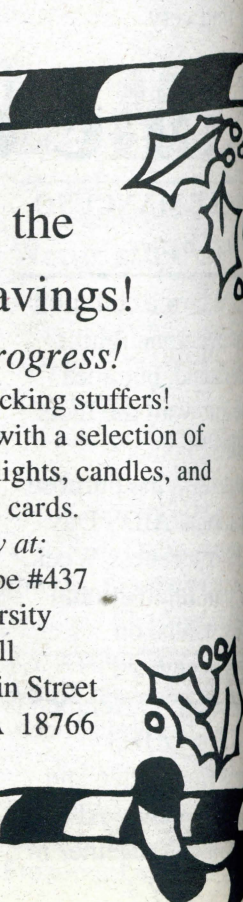


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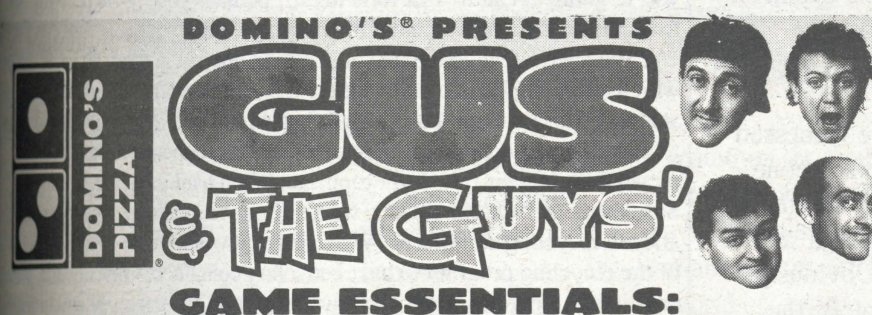


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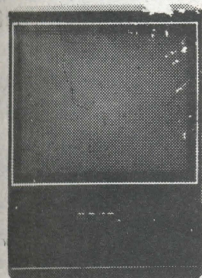
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## Happy Thanksgiving!

With the holiday season quickly approaching, many students are looking forward to their ride home from campus to celebrate a well deserved break. We're all looking forward to huge homecooked meals, gathering with loved ones and catching up with friends we haven't seen since those late summer days when we all moved back to school.

It is easy to get caught up in the excitement of all the dinners and parties we'll be attending. It is important, though, to keep one thing in mind before and during all of the holiday festivities: never get in a car when the driver has been drinking, or behind the wheel yourself if you have been drinking.

Take just a few seconds to choose a designated driver. Be sure to rotate the person who takes on this responsibility in order so that no one feels left out.

In this time of sharing and expressing gratitude for all that we have been blessed with this year, we should all keep in mind that we have to be present at the table to feel the warmth and love of families and friends.

Keep in mind the extensive repercussions of one bad decision. So many more people could be hurt than you realize.

Amongst the hugs and kisses, between the clinks of glasses and passing of potatoes please remember to take all necessary precautions to make this holiday a happy, safe and healthy one for all.

## COME JOIN US!

*The Beacon* is now accepting applications for Spring 1998. Positions include: Copy editors, MAC Technician and Business/Advertising Manager. Applications are available outside of *The Beacon* office located on the second floor of Hollenback Hall across from the library. Scholarships and work study money are available. Completed applications are due in the Communications office in Capin Hall by 12 p.m. on December 5.

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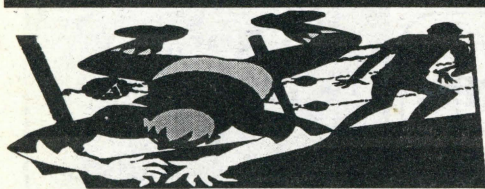
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## From the top rope with Rich Quigley

As I walked across campus a few weeks ago I came to realize just how much better the greenway looks now than it did a year and a half ago. I remember when COB was completed and the gigantic mud puddle that separated it from SLC. For those of you freshmen who didn't see it, there were no sidewalks or grass whatsoever, it was quite unattractive. Amidst many jokes about the entire area, administration promised that in the future it would improve.

For those of us that have been here since that time, we all have to admit that this promise was indeed kept. Even though the drainage is still pretty bad in some areas, and near the flagpole is a whole lot of sidewalk, this has become a very significant and impressive spot at the university. For prospective students, this is a highlight to any tour. In fact, the impressiveness of the greenway has actually brought out the out-dated appearance of SLC.

Now that I've established how nice the grounds look, I want to make it known how upset I was a week or so ago when some mental midget decided to do some gardening at the greenway. It takes somebody either really bored or really stupid to spend their nights pulling out bushes and shrubbery that members of the Wilkes community have donated to us. Of course, the people responsible for this are most probably the same ones who would complain if the area still looked like crap.

Compounded with this vandalism are the other senseless acts of immaturity I've witnessed lately such as making pornographic pictures appear on the computers in COB when someone goes into Netscape, or hard-boiled eggs clinging to the outside of the windows at the cafeteria. I really think it's time for some of our youngens to realize that this is college and not high school anymore. These acts don't get you respect, they just make you look like a retard. Obviously, I'm not ignorant enough to think that silly pranks like this will ever end. Unfortunately, the bulk of the Wilkes population will always have to put up with a certain level of jackassness.

Instead of trying to alleviate the problems completely, I find it more productive to come up with some kind of punishment for those committing these acts. For those abusing the shrubbery, I feel the best punishment would be to hang these jokers on the flagpole by their underwear on the coldest day in February. For the comedians with computer skills and their minds in the gutter, I recommend putting a picture of them naked on all the computers as the homepage, exposing them and their little....well, you know.

The people who choose to throw salad bar food on the windows after they leave the cafeteria should.....actually have to eat the food from the salad bar. I'm sorry. There's nothing wrong with the food in the salad bar, it's actually quite excellent, I just needed a punchline for the third one. Anyway, have a great Thanksgiving break, I'll talk to you again in two weeks.

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## Satirical Interludes

with Marc Eakin and Quinn Kirk

Has anyone ever woken up to find your bed shaking? No, it's not your roommate and his or her significant other in the opposite bunk! But wait. There's a loud rhythmic pounding that seems to coincide with the wave-like motions of your bed. As you awaken, you realize that Wilkes-Barre isn't on a fault line and that the "good, good, good, good vibrations" are being caused by the 46,000 megawatt stereo system in an adjacent room. We have been in the room that houses this mega stereo system, and the only objects in the room are a fridge, some speakers, and some nudy pics. There is a limit to the number of times one can listen to "Barbie Girl" at 200 decibels! So, you go down to request a volume adjustment, only to have the mothers turn it back-up by the time you get up to your room. How inconsiderate.

We're pleased with the many improvements the cafeteria has made, the staff have been very accomodating to the various complaints and suggestions made by the student body and the Food Committee. We do, however, have a few more small suggestions. It's grown very cold out, snow is falling, and the campus is an ice rink. Could we possibly turn-down the fans in the cafeteria? It's kind of rough eating with one's coat on! Also, if you're going to call it "fast food night," perhaps you should open both lines to facilitate rapid movement. Otherwise, great job!

We have a few comments on the "It's not just garbage anymore" article which ran in *The Beacon* last week. We commend the efforts being made by students Adriana Espinheira and Robert Frederick! We would, however, like to make a few suggestions. First, are students supposed to stock pile recyclables in their tiny dorm rooms and then haul them across campus to Sturdevant or Pickering? Once we trudge across campus, where are these alleged recycling containers? We feel that it would behoove the organizers of the recycling program to have recycling containers in every dorm, that are emptied on a regular basis. We have been trying to get recycling containers in our dorm for two years, and we still don't have any. Dorms should be a focal point for recycling efforts, especially for aluminum and glass recycling!

We would like to thank the dedicated grounds keepers for the snow sculptures that have been distributed across campus. They even put one on an ROTC van! Oh wait, maybe that was the work of some bored college students!

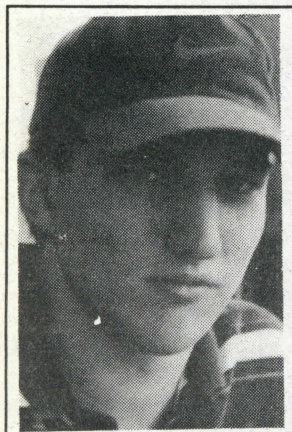
Was that John Popper from Blues traveler, using the alias of Dustin Daniels, in the *Roving Reporter* section last week? Just kidding Dustin!

We received a prompt answer to our question regarding the outcome of the Residence Life Survey. We would like to thank the Residence Life staff for their response, and we're happy to report that the results will be made available sometime this week.

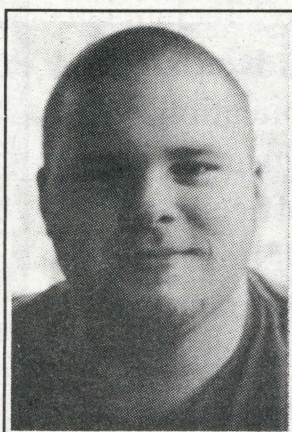
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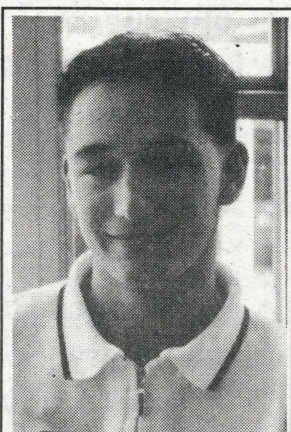
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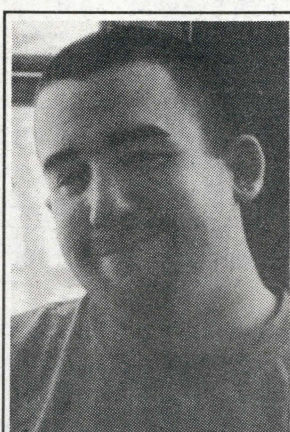
Jason Renninger  
"Knowing that the food didn't get any better."



Bob Banas  
"Seeing how deep in the hole you're in."



Chris Jarzyk  
"No more Thursday night hockey."



Dave Peer  
"Having to go back to work."



Nicole Weiss  
"Finals and going home to a curfew."



Carol Hudack  
"Going home to parental supervision."

Every day millions of people in the world without food and shelter. These people are living on the streets and eating trash. They find.

This week, Wilkes University students are something to raise a ruckus. On Monday, November 17, the fourth annual "Thanksgiving and Homelessness" began.

Throughout the semester, students participated in activities and fundraisers to help fight the battle against hunger and homelessness.

Students were invited to give up their lunch. The proceeds of these events went to Oxfam, an international organization that fights hunger and raises awareness to hunger.

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Thirty-five more around the corner and the opening day of the Christmas Eve.

While everyone is giving thanks is upon us.

Next Thursday, we are eagerly awaiting a taste of apple pie for the meaning of Thanksgiving.

But before sitting down to eat, let's take a moment to sit back and reflect on the past year.

The definition of a year, is, "warmly or fondly."

Many students have given thanks for the things they have.

"I am thankful for who I am," - Jamie C.

"I am thankful for the time I spent at school," - Paul

"I am thankful for the things I have learned."



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# Experiencing privilege to poverty

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Every day millions of people in the world have to go without food and shelter. These people are living in the streets and eating the scraps they find.

This week, Wilkes University students did something to raise awareness.

Monday, November 17, the fourth annual "Hunger and Homelessness Week"

Throughout the week, students participated in many activities and fundraisers to help fight the battle against hunger and homelessness.

Students were invited to give up their lunch or dinner. The proceeds of these meals went to Oxfam, an international organization that fights hunger and calls for awareness to hunger

throughout the world.

Sixty-five students gave up their meal. The organization raised \$81.25.

On Wednesday, November 19 at 5 p.m., the Oxfam Hunger Banquet was held in Stark lobby.

"The purpose of the Hunger Banquet is to represent the inequality of the class system in our society," said Amy Mazur, Wilkes University Coordinator of Volunteer Services.

When the students entered the lobby, each received a card with had a picture on it, A card with wheat represented a third world country.

A second world country was represented by beans. A first world country, such as the United States, was represented by a fruit basket.

A third world countries comprise 55 percent of the

worlds population. First world citizens make \$8,000 a year and only make up 15 percent of the population.

If you recieved a card that had a fruit basket, you were seated at a candelit table and served a full meal.

Those who recieved a picture of beans sat at a table and were allowed to eat their beans and rice using silverware.

The majority of the students participating were seated on the floor and ate rice with their hands.

This was to show how many people are living in third world countries.

Sophomore Charissa Piccotti was seated at a first world table. Piccotti said, "You know in the back of your mind that it is going on, but it isn't until you are setting next to it that it really hits you."

On Friday, November 21 in Stark lobby, there will be an Oxfam Cafe from 7:30 a.m. until 10:00 a.m.

Coffee and bagels will be sold with the proceeds going to Oxfam and their fight against hunger and homelessness.

At 12:00 p.m., there will be an Interfaith Prayer Vigil at the Bell Tower. This will be a great experience for those students who are still unaware of the extreme problems that face individuals who are unable to receive the proper food, clothing and shelter that is needed to survive.

The vigil will mainly focus on the issues of hunger and homelessness. It will be a student organized prayer service and everyone is encouraged to attend.

If you weren't able to participate throughout the week, this is your last chance.

Also, don't forget that in

Stark lobby, COB lobby, Evans Hall, the SUB, the bookstore and Pickering lobby, there is a food drive going on until November 23, all non-perishable food items will be accepted.

There are change collection containers located at the SUB, the bookstore, and Pickering Hall lobby.

Finally, blankets, coats, sweaters are being collected for the needy here in Wilkes-Barre.

The drop off kocations are in Evans Hall, the SUB, COB lobby, the Marts Center, Stark lobby, Pickering Hall lobby and Pearsall Hall (the Nursing Building).

Friday will conclude "Hunger and Homelessness Week." A lot of dedicated people worked very hard to make it a success.

"There was a good turnout for all of the activities and a lot of support," said Mazur.

## Remembering to give thanks

By LAUREN CASTELLI  
Beacon Features Editor

Thirty-five more shopping days until the big day. Yes, Christmas is just around the corner and one of the biggest shoppings days is here. Black Friday, the opening day of the Christmas shopping season is the busiest retail day of the year, with Christmas Eve coming in a close second.

While everyone is preparing to celebrate the joys of Christmas, the time to give thanks is upon us: Thanksgiving, the often overlooked holiday.

Next Thursday, many students will be heading to their family get-togethers, eagerly awaiting a taste of hot turkey with stuffing and potatoes followed by a slice of apple pie for dessert.

But before sitting down to eat, it would be a good idea to realize what the meaning of Thanksgiving really is. This is a time of year that Americans have the opportunity to sit back and give thanks for the things they have recieved in the past year.

The definition for grateful, according to The Random House College Dictionary, is, "warmly or deeply appreciative of kindness or benefits recieved; thankful."

Many students have their own defintion for grateful and have many things that they give thanks for.

"I am thankful for friends that understand me and parents who love me for who I am," - Jamie Connell, sophomore.

"I am thankful that my family and friends are healthy and that we get two days from school," - Paul Downton, senior.

"I am thankful that the semester is almost over!" - Joel Eberts, said sophomore.

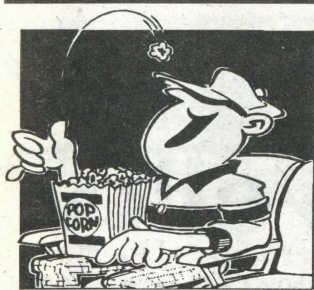
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## Critic's Corner: Dan the "Movie Man" "The Jackal"

Hello fellow movie viewers. Picture this. A man is hired by the Russian mob to assassinate someone in a high American government

position. Not only is he a master of killing, but also a genius when it comes to covering his own tracks so no one can follow him. In fact, he is so good that the FBI can't find him.

But in order to do this, the FBI has hired the help of a former terrorist who thinks like him. In exchange, the former terrorist goes free. Can these two learn to work together before it's too late? In order to find out, you have to see "The Jackal."

After seeing this film, I have to say two words. This rocks! I mean, this film had so much action it will overload your senses. It had a rockin' storyline and a great cast.

Bruce Willis plays the assassin, The Jackal. And I must say, Willis can play one mean character. He seemed to have this attitude that said, "I don't care about the world, I'm just doing a job." This makes his character even more evil than you would expect.

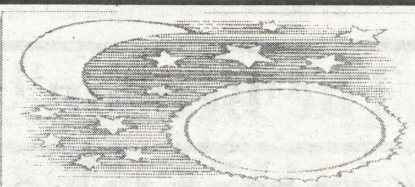
Then there's Richard Gere, playing Declan Mulqueen, a former IRA terrorist who was hired by the FBI to find The Jackal. He seemed to play this detective role rather well.

Although his Irish accent was debatable, he was able to carry it out through the whole film. Some actors would try, but switch the accent in the middle of the film.

I am strongly recommending this film folks. It is full of action, cool storyline and a great cast of actors. Four stars. If you have some time on your hands, go see this film.

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**Scorpio (October 24-November 21)** A fight with someone close to you has brought out a side of you no one has ever seen. Be careful not to do things you'll regret.

**Sagittarius (November 22-December 21)** The countdown has begun. There are only so many more days of class. Don't count the days, make the days count.

**Capricorn (December 22-January 19)** A new exercise program has started off well. Stick with it and don't skip days! You are the type that will skip all the time if you let yourself do it once.

**Aquarius (January 20-February 18)** You just got some great news. Whether it was an acceptance letter, a job interview or an interview for graduate school. Good luck! Things are going exactly how you planned. Expect this to continue.

**Pisces (February 19-March 20)** Feelings for a good friend seem to be developing into something more-something good! Don't fight it. Go with your instincts!

**Aries (March 21-April 19)** You're another one counting down the days, but for a different reason. There are friends you haven't seen since the big going away party in August. Look forward to a good time of telling stories and reminiscing.

**Taurus (April 20-May 20)** That one person you've been admiring from afar has noticed you. Don't be afraid and back off. You'll be pleased with the results if you make the first move.

**Gemini (May 21-June 21)** Someone has come out of the past and brought memories with them. Deal with them, but do not let them affect new, good things.

**Cancer (June 22-July 22)** You like the snow and the cold last weekend was only the beginning. Look forward to a winter full of the stuff you love.

**Leo (July 22-August 22)** The last rush of papers and projects has got you running ragged. Don't stress but get it done. You will be more than satisfied with your grades.

**Virgo (August 23-September 22)** Finals are a little over two weeks away, be careful and get your studying in. You are going to do great!

**Libra (September 23-October 23)** You're having something of a budget problem. You have a job and you're making money, you just can't spend it like you have been. Save some on the side for rainy days and times you're desperate.

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## Bring joy to the holiday season

By MELINDA SORBER  
Beacon Staff Writer

Christmas is approaching and it is time to remember those who are less fortunate.

To help celebrate the season, Campus Interfaith is sponsoring a program called the Giving Tree. This tree will be set up in Stark Lobby and will contain 150 small paper ornaments.

Anyone who would like to participate may take an ornament from the tree. On the back of this ornament will be a description of a child for whom the gift will be purchased. After the gift is bought, it can be put back under the tree.

These gifts will be given to the children who are living

in the Boulevard Town Homes and Mineral Springs in Wilkes-Barre.

Mary Hession, Coordinator



of Campus Interfaith, said the Giving Tree "has provided many children with a wonderful Christmas."

Hession has been running this program for the past five years. During this time, all the children were fortunate enough to get special gifts on Christmas

morning, thanks to generous Wilkes students and staff.

Hession said, "The Wilkes community has been very supportive in the past."

This year there are high expectations that there will be a good turn-out of participants.

The tree will go up on November 21 and will stay up until December 12.

Remember that Christmas is a time of giving, not only receiving.

You could be responsible for putting a smile on a child's face.

So, take an ornament, buy a present, and help brighten a child's holiday.

If you would like to help out with this or similar projects, contact Mary Hession at 404-5904.

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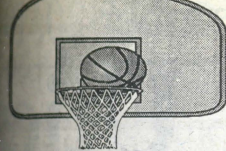
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## Wrestling ready for return to Division III

By GREG COLLINS  
COREY YANOSHA  
Beacon Staff Writers

Do countless hours of conditioning, cutting weight and doing drills until you drop sound like hell?

This is the life of Wilkes wrestlers who make great sacrifices all for their six minutes on the mat.

Wilkes wrestling is full of tradition. The 1974 team which won the Division III National Championship is one part of this tradition.

Now, over 20 years later, Wilkes is returning to Division III to continue what was started years ago.

Two years after winning the title in 1974, Wilkes made the bold move of jumping to Division I. They

continued their success, but could not compete at a national level with larger schools. This prompted the return to Division III.

The move will not be easy for the team. Coach Al Zellner feels he needs about 35 wrestlers to be competitive, while presently he has only 15.

Due to the lack of depth, the team will be forced to forfeit between 12 and 18 points per match, leaving them with a big deficit to make up.

"If we only forfeit 12 points, we may be alright. But anymore than that is going to make it tough to win," said Coach Zellner.

Individual performance is a different story. Several

wrestlers have a shot at winning over 20 matches.

Wilkes took to the mats for the first time this year at the Messiah Invitational.

Jon Laudenslager, a



senior, is expected to have another great season.

Big things were seen from sophomore John Conte, who competed in the Messiah Invitational two weeks ago. Conte bounced back from a

first match loss and won his next four to earn him third place in the tournament.

Junior, R.J. George, lost last season to an auto accident, has recovered from his dislocated hip injury and should be seen wrestling at 134 pounds this season. George finished at second place in the tournament.

He went 3-0 into the championship match, but did not wrestle due to a medical forfeit.

Sophomores, Mike Morellino and Joey Hill will also be looking to collect their first victory when Wilkes travels to Messiah.

Sophomore, Kevin Baker, also dropped two with no wins, losing a tough first match decision.

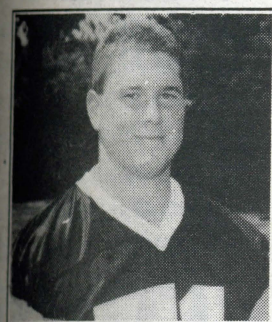
Freshmen Erick Thomas and Todd Strester, 134 and 158, respectively, both went 0-2 but gained valuable experience.

"Things look good for the program," Coach Zellner stated. Whether or not they win this year, the youth of the team will build a solid foundation for success in the future.

Overall, the wrestling team is stacked with not only strong and physically fit members, but have some experienced ones as well.

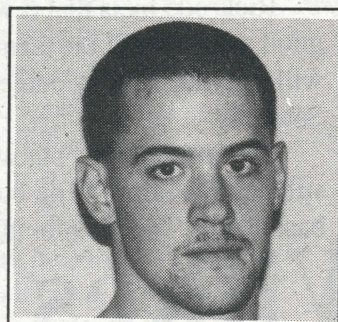
Wilkes will be going on the road as they wrestle at Messiah this Saturday against Messiah and Lebanon Valley looking for their first set of wins.

## Sports Figures of the Week



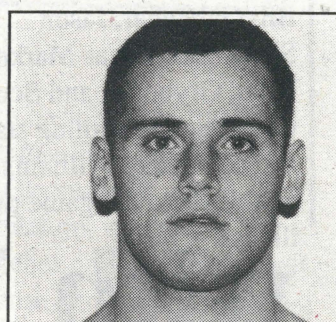
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**Joe Ruddy**  
"Duffy"  
senior  
Football  
Right Guard  
6'1"

240 pounds  
Wyoming Valley West  
Plymouth,  
Pennsylvania  
**LIKES:**  
Baseball, playing pool  
and the guitar, *Sublime*, *Pink Floyd*, *Steve Miller Band*, and  
listening to music  
"Duffy's" one wish:  
"That I will finally  
graduate!"  
Motto:  
"Treat others the way you  
would want to be treated."  
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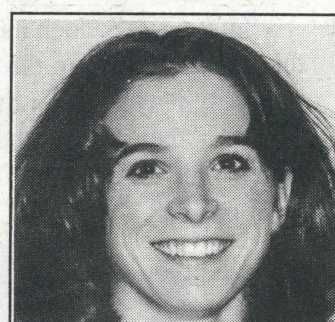
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**Dave Jannuzzi**  
"Nuzz"  
sophomore  
Basketball  
Point Guard  
6'0"

195 pounds  
Meyers High School  
Wilkes-Barre,  
Pennsylvania  
**LIKES:**  
Playing video games, golf  
and Celine Dion  
"Nuzz's" one wish:  
"To win a national  
championship!"  
Motto: "Win!"  
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**John Conte**  
"Conte"  
sophomore  
Wrestling  
140 pounds  
5'6"

139 pounds  
Pocono High School  
Mountainhome,  
Pennsylvania  
**LIKES:**  
Baseball, listening to  
music, dancing,  
skinny-dipping *Wu-Tang*,  
*Snoop*, *Notorious B.I.G.*  
and *AC/DC*  
"Conte's" one wish:  
"For everyone to be  
themselves."  
Motto: "Confidence"  
Elementary Education/  
Psychology



#33  
**Kristen Cookus**  
"Cookus"  
senior  
Basketball  
Point Guard  
5'6"

120 pounds  
Bishop Hoban  
High School  
Pittston, Pennsylvania  
**LIKES:**  
Running, exercising,  
eating pasta, and listening  
to *Debbie Gibson*  
"Cookus" one wish:  
"To be happy."  
Motto: "Treat people as  
you would want them to  
treat you!"  
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Congratulations to  
*Frank Bennett* on  
breaking the longest  
interception return record  
in Wilkes football  
history. Bennett returned  
an interception for 99  
yards!

Congratulations to the  
following football  
All-Stars who were  
recognized by the  
Freedom League:

### First Team

*Mike Hankins*  
Tailback

*Jason Nocella*  
Offensive Lineman  
*J.J. Fadden and*  
*Brandon Carlin*  
Defensive Line

*Augie Mitschke*  
Tight End/Punter

*Jason Weaver*  
Defensive Back

### Second Team

*John Siekonik*  
Defensive Back

*John Joseph*  
Wide Receiver



# Season ends

By DAVE CLANCY  
Beacon Staff Writer

Last Saturday the Wilkes University football team played its last game of the season. Sadly, the game marked the end of the career for several outstanding senior football players.

As the seniors led the team onto a mud covered field to face Lycoming, they showed the heart and determination that has made this team so successful over the past four seasons. The highly ranked Lycoming

College Warriors showed early on that they were not overrated.

Senior captains Joe Sinkovich and J.J. Fadden, along

with the rest of the Wilkes defense, was unable to stop Lycoming. Lycoming got on the score board early with two rushing touchdowns in the first quarter making the score 13-0.

Frank Bennett picked off a pass on the goal line and

returned it an amazing 99 yards for a touchdown. The interception return was the longest in school history and made the score 13-6.

Freshman quarterback Josh Bradley connected with tight end Augie Mitschke for a 46 yard touchdown pass to bring Wilkes within 14 points of Lycoming with the score 26-12.

The painted faces of the Wilkes defense held strong and refused to give up another point for the remainder of the game.



Photo by Frank Tomaszewski  
Sinkovich prepares for the defensive war.

However, the offense had trouble holding onto the mud soaked ball and several key turn-overs

ended any hope of a Wilkes comeback.

Senior J.J. Fadden had this advice to give to the returning players: "Let this season bother you, let the anger fuel you in to the 1998 season."

# Pammer ends with Wilkes records

By MATT REITNOUR  
Beacon Staff Writer

Melissa Pammer really enjoys helping others. Her record says it all.

Pammer, a 5'6" volleyball player from Whitehall, Pennsylvania broke two Wilkes University volleyball records this past season, the all time assist record and the record for most assists during a season. Pammer, who was a team captain, said that her records would be impossible if it wasn't for her teammates help.

"We played well as a team and well together," she said. "If my teammates

didn't work hard, then I wouldn't have the records."

Pammer's career as a "helper" was one of beauty. She finished the 1997 season with 600 assists, and set a new single season record.

Her record breaking season was also a season which saw Pammer pick up 1445 sets, which led the team. She scored 109 points and had a 471 hitting percentage in 84 games this season.

This year's team was one of great closeness, both on and off the court, according to Pammer. She said even though the team's record was the greatest, just 9-16

overall, 1-5 in the MAC Freedom League, the team had fun, and didn't let losing keep them down.

"We didn't like losing, but we always played hard all the time," she said. "The last game of the year will be one of my best memories of my playing career here."

That final match of the season saw Wilkes playing both Susquehanna and Scranton. After Wilkes dropped their match to Susquehanna 3-0, they just has fun against Scranton.

Pammer said the team was supportive of each other, and even though they lost the club still enjoyed themselves.

# Ladies crush Utica

By ROBERT J. MORCOM  
Beacon Staff Writer

The Lady Colonel's basketball team got their season started in the right direction as they crushed Utica College, 67-39, in an early scrimmage this past Saturday.

Wilkes got some outstanding play out of their veterans and saw some very promising efforts from others.

Wilkes had four players in double figures, including the outstanding effort from junior Tracy Zaykoski, as

she ended up with a game-high 21 points. Super sophomore Katie Watkins had a strong first half and ended



the game with 16 points while senior Kristen Cookus tallied with 13.

The fourth player in double figures was senior Stef Huber, who racked up 10 points and had a number of key rebounds for the Lady Colonels.

# Widener get ready

By JOSH BURGESS  
Beacon Staff Writer

The Wilkes Colonels had their second scrimmage on Sunday against the Crusaders from Susquehanna.

Making the trip with the team were: Dave Jannuzzi, Mike Barrouk, Chad Fabian, Artie Gotzmer, Casey Jones, Bill Gallagher, Jason Sheakoski, Lucas Markelon, Brian Gryboski, and Scott Cleveland. Returning starter and senior Jay Williams was unable to go the game due to illness.

Although the score was only kept for the first two of the four twenty minute quarters, the Colonels played to a 85-85 tie after two quarters.

"We looked a bit out of shape and had too many turnovers," said coach Jerry Rickrode.

Rickrode feels that it was a good practice and the team will be ready to play come Saturday.

"We played well but we still need to improve on our basic skills. We are looking

Wilkes jumped out as they built a convincing point lead after the first half. However, the Lady Colonels did not stop there. They came out in the second half and scored early and often. Wilkes ran away with the win, 67-39.

"I hope that this is the beginning of things to come and that all the hard work pays off," said Huber.

The Lady Colonels traveled to Bloomfield College for Division II NAIA school the Emanuel Tournament at Emanuel College in Boston on Saturday.

forward to our tournament this weekend," said Gotzmer.

Wilkes' offense was led by the towering power forward of four individuals. Gryboski crashed the boards and tallied 24 points on the scoreboard with 24 points and Fabian was not far behind with 21. Gotzmer registered 16 points and Barrouk netted 15.

The Colonels open the season in a tournament at Widener University. They will be playing Beaver College at 6 p.m. in their first game.

those matches because it was their homecoming, and their gyms were filled, and we beat them in front of their fans," Pammer said.

Pammer said she will definitely miss the team next year. Pammer, who is a pharmacy major here said it will be hard to be on campus as a student, but be unable to play volleyball.

"I know when next year rolls around I will miss playing and being with my teammates," she said.

Maybe Pammer should look into joining a community service group next fall it may help her quench her need to "assist others

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# Marti

LISA RUGGIERO  
Beacon Staff Writer

Jennifer Kolesar and Dr. Tran, Assistant Professor of Pharmacy Practice, have formed a martial arts club here at Wilkes.

Kolesar is the president

of the club and Steve

Tran is the vice

president; Tran is the

advisor.

Tran studied tae kwon do and tang soo do (Korean martial arts) and shaolin kung fu (Chinese style).

There are other black belts who help to teach classes, also. They have the black belts in shotokan, jujitsu, and tae kwon

do. The purpose of this club is to provide students with the opportunity to learn or

and their current

tuition

# Tuition

By SCOTT VEITH  
Beacon Staff Writer

In a memorandum released on November 1, Wilkes University President Christopher Breiseth revealed plans for yet another tuition increase.

President Breiseth stated that a productive special meeting of the Board of Trustees took place on November 5 and a "moderate" tuition increase will be implemented for the 1998-99 academic year.

The Board of Trustees also approved a financial