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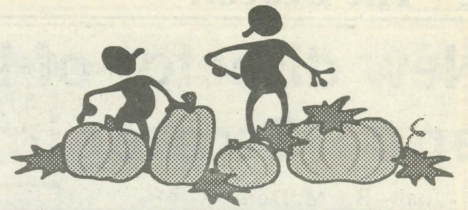


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Reitnour and Waldorf named king and queen

Matt Reitnour, a senior Communications major from Zionsville, Pa., and Mary Waldorf, a senior Psychology major from Binghamton, N.Y., were recently crowned Wilkes University's Homecoming King and Queen.

For the second time in two weeks, Reitnour was honored for his active involvement in campus life. On September 23, he received the 2000-2001 John J. Chwalek Scholarship for his strong academic record, campus and community leadership, motivation, and potential for success. Unlike the Chwalek Scholarship, which was decided by faculty and administrators, Homecoming King is decided by the Wilkes student body.

"It's a great feeling to have been chosen by my peers and to realize that so many people know who I am," said Reitnour. "I think I've been on Ralston Field more over the past two weeks than I was in my three years as a football player."

Reitnour is an active participant in Wilkes University's student radio station, WCLH, The Thomas P. Shelburne Telecommunications Center, Sports Information Office, and as a member of the Board of Directors of Zebra Communications, the student-run public relations agency.

Currently a sports correspondent for the Citizens' Voice news-

paper, Reitnour completed an internship with the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins this past summer. After graduation in May, he hopes to either work in sports information or media relations for a major professional or college franchise or to pursue a graduate degree in Sports Management and Athletic Administration. His ideal job is to be the football only sports information director at the University of Notre Dame.

Wilkes loses a homecoming heartbreaker to Lycoming

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(left to right) - Matt Reitnour, of Zionsville, Pa., Wilkes University's 2000 Homecoming King; Mary Waldorf, of Binghamton, N.Y., Homecoming Queen; and Dr. Christopher N. Breiseth, Wilkes University president

Reitnour is the son of Jim and Chris Reitnour, of Zionsville, Pa., and the grandson of Harry Crane and Wanda Rarich, of Royersford, Pa.

A graduate of Chenango Valley High School in New York, Mary Waldorf is a Wilkes psychology major with a minor in sociology. Active both on campus and off, she is committed to academics, community service, and professional development.

Named to the dean's list, Waldorf is also a member of Psi Chi, the psychology honor society, Alpha Kappa Delta, the sociology honor society, the Psychology Club, Sociology Club, and Programming Board.

Waldorf finds fulfillment by participating in numerous community service projects throughout the year - the Riverside Rumble, Wilkes's annual Christmas Party for the children of the McGlynn Learning Center, and the VISION homeless shelter.

In preparation for graduate

school, where she plans to pursue clinical or school psychology, Waldorf has completed two internships. In the Fall of 1999, she worked in the field of drug and alcohol counseling at the Adult Rehabilitation Center of the Salvation Army.

This past summer, Waldorf worked in the psych clinic of Chase Prison, in Dallas. She not only performed psychological counseling, testing, and interviews, but also sat in on parole board team meetings.

Waldorf was chosen Homecoming Queen by the entire Wilkes student body and was presented with a dozen white roses and a tiara.

"It's fun (to be named Homecoming Queen) and it's nice to know that I was chosen by my peers," said Waldorf. If her schedule allows, she said she'd love to come back and crown next year's queen. The daughter of Robert and Brigid Waldorf, Mary will graduate in May, 2001.

New director of Institutional Research and Strategic Planning named

Joan B. McDonald, of Mountaintop, is Wilkes University's new director of Institutional Research and Strategic Planning.

A Wilkes graduate, McDonald returns to her alma mater after working for Marywood University for the past five years, most recently as associate director of Institutional Research.

Since graduating magna cum laude from Wilkes in 1988, earning a bachelor's degree in both Accounting and Business Administration, McDonald received a master's in Accounting from the State University of New York (SUNY) Binghamton and is currently pursuing a doctorate in Higher Education from Marywood University.

As director, McDonald is responsible for preparing institutional survey requests, conducting institutional studies, designing and conducting survey research, and directing the University's strategic, long-range planning process.

McDonald is a member of the Association for Institutional Research (AIR), the National Association of College and University



Joan McDonald, of Mountaintop, is Director of Institutional Research and Strategic Planning at Wilkes University

Business Officers (NACUBO) and the Pennsylvania Institute of Certified Public Accountants (PICPA).

An active community service volunteer, McDonald has worked with Adopt-a-Highway, the Wilkes-Barre Family YMCA, the Council for Economic Opportunity's People Helping People program, the Volun-

teer Income Assistance (VITA) program, and Partners in Technology, a computer literacy organization. She has also served as a host for Marywood's International Professional Exchange Program and a tutor for students enrolled in Marywood's Accounting I and Accounting II courses.

Shuttle and Parking Lot Issues

Kate Gowisnok
Beacon Staff Writer

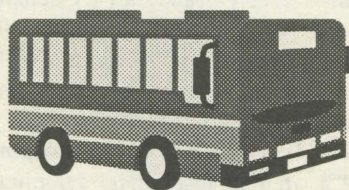
As junior Siena Slusser pulled her car into the Ralston lot, she groaned. Once again the lot was packed and she would have to search for a spot. After finally settling into one and walking to the shuttle, she groaned again -- it was packed. Every time I get onto the shuttle it seems to be full, said Slusser. Sometimes I have to stand and I hate that. I didn't have this problem last year.

Indeed, this year parking at the Ralston lot is much different. According to Richard Chabala of campus security, out of the 450 spaces available, permits were given out for approximately 430 of them. Think the lot is so popular because said Chabala.

Fred Graham of campus security, who works in what is known as the shuttle shed, agrees, but adds the crowded shuttles are due to a variety of things. First you have the large freshman class, the ticketing, and the closing of the Pickering lot. Also the athletes ride it to get to and from practice, which is a problem because

the shuttles are meant for transporting students and faculty to their cars, not athletes and their equipment to games or practices.

The popularity of the shuttle system raises the question of safety for those who ride the shuttle and those



who drive it. Because it is so packed between 8:30 am and 1:00 pm, some students are forced to stand. People aren't supposed to stand, really, said George Thomas, who drives the shuttle from 7 am until 1 pm. The only reason we allow it is so students can get to class on time.

Overcrowding the shuttle brings up the question of liability. According to Graham, the shuttles maximum capacity varies between 20 to 25 students depending on whether the shuttle has rails for the standing passengers to hold.

Chief Jerry Cookus said that if there were an accident, we have

insurance to cover almost every problem. Cookus also noted that he doesn't see the crowding as a problem because it primarily occurs only during peak hours. He then added, "The completion of the Pickering lot will bring in approximately 125 spots which will take some pressure off of Ralston, but purchasing another shuttle could be the answer in the future."

There are other complaints about the shuttle not concerning the crowds. Walter Chappell, who drives from 1 until 6, said that he has received complaints from riders about the busses not being properly cleaned or maintained. Thomas noted that it took weeks for a radio to be repaired. If I had an emergency on this shuttle, there would be no way for me to contact anyone. That was a major concern of mine.

Thomas and Graham suggest that riders be patient and give themselves more time to get to class, especially during inclement weather. Students however, have other suggestions. Sophomore Ed Brunn said, "Getting another shuttle would be a good idea, but I doubt that'll ever happen."

Monkeys Hooked on Pot



NATIONAL INSTITUTE ON DRUG ABUSE SAYS MARIJUANA CAUSES COMPULSIVE AND OFTEN UNCONTROLLABLE CRAVING AND USE, DESPITE HEALTH AND SOCIAL CONSEQUENCES, AND SO IS ADDICTIVE.

New study show lab animals will actively dose themselves with most drugs abused by people, but marijuana has been an exception, said researcher Steven Goldberg of the National Institute on Drug Abuse, called NIDA. Some people might interpret that as suggesting it has little potential for addiction, he said. But the new work found that squirrel monkeys repeatedly pushed a lever to get injections of the marijuana ingredient THC, Goldberg and colleagues report in the November issue of the journal *Nature Neuroscience*.

The animals pushed the lever about as much as other monkeys did to get cocaine, but Goldberg said that does not necessarily mean marijuana is as addictive as cocaine in people. NIDA says marijuana causes compulsive and often uncontrol-

lable craving and use, despite health and social consequences, and so is addictive.

Not everybody agrees. "This drug is not addictive," says Dr. Lester Grinspoon, a Harvard Medical School emeritus professor of psychiatry. The monkey study doesn't prove otherwise, says Grinspoon, who is chairman of the board of the NORML Foundation which promotes medical use of marijuana and ultimately its legalization.

In Goldberg's experiment, four squirrel monkeys sat through hour-long test sessions once a day with a tube attached to a vein. When a green light turned on, they could push a lever 10 times to get a THC injection. They gave themselves up to 30 injections per session, versus one to four when the tube delivered only water.

In proportion to their body size, the monkeys got about the same dose of THC per injection that a person does with each puff from a marijuana cigarette. The monkeys didn't show any signs of being sedated, Goldberg said.

Career Services Workshops

Career Service workshops on successful job searchers. Learn about the art of resume writing, successful interviewing, and if you are a senior, setting up a credentials file. ALL majors are welcome. Anyone interested in gaining the competitive edge when applying for position for full-time, part-time, co-op, or internships should attend.

Workshops: 3:30-4:30
Dates:

23-Oct-2000
24-Oct-2000

At: Career Services, Max Roth Center, 215 S. Franklin St. (corner of South and South Franklin Streets, across from the library.)

To register call: 408-4060 or e-mail careers@wilkes.edu

ALL STUDENTS WELCOME!

I'd rather be downloading MP3's

Idrather.com of O'ahu Hawai'i, has added "I'd Rather Be Downloading Illegal .mp3s" and "I'd Rather Be Downloading .mp3s" to its popular lineup of bumper stickers in response to the recent legal setbacks both Napster and .mp3s have suffered.

"The court may rule against both Napster and mp3.com," said Jim Mulligan of idrather.com. "But the fact of the matter is mp3s are not going to away because of a court ruling. Users love the convenience of compressed digital music. They'd rather be downloading mp3s, and our bumper stickers allow them to say that to a wider audience. Technology will always be ahead of legislature and the music industry should pursue a tactic other than lawsuits."

Idrather.com made national news at the beginning of the politi-

cal season with its "I'd Rather Have A Better Choice" and "I'd Rather Have erectile Dysfunction Than Gore In Office" bumper stickers.

"Our political stickers are important to us," said Mulligan, "because we feel they allow voters an avenue of expressing a real desire for change. Our other stickers (Internet, Technology, Sex) are a bit more playful, but never the less allow the people who live a life online an opportunity to express their desires, just as the bumper stickers of old allowed fishermen or tennis players the ability to express theirs."

"Our other Internet stickers have been very popular with the .edu crowd," added Mulligan. "We have a feeling that trend will continue with our new .mp3 stickers."

Idrather.com can be reached on the web at <http://www.idrather.com>



(left to right) Jess Hinkel, Jess Pezolano, Carol McCullough, and Kim P. making big bucks working on for the Phonathon. Wish you were here?

Phonathon has jobs to offer

Looking for a fun, on-campus job?

Try the Phonathon!

What you get:

1. The highest paying on-campus job and opportunities for raises (\$5.50 per hour to start and \$.25 semester raises)
2. A 9 hour work week
3. Flexible schedules for student government, clubs meetings, and athletic team practices
4. To be a part of a team that will raise a bunch of money for Wilkes

scholarships and financial aid

5. Valuable experience as you communicate with alumni and friends
6. A fun, on-campus job! We play games nightly and give away prizes and incentives!!

What you do:

1. Call alumni and friends and keep them informed about everything that is happening at Wilkes
2. Offer alumni and friends the opportunity to help with scholarship and financial aid opportunities for the current students attending

Wilkes

3. Write thank you notes

Please feel free to call Scott Paveletz at 408-4771 or Carol Macculloch at 408-4302. You can also email Carol--maculloc@wilkes.edu if you have any questions.



Mulvey is named career development coordinator

Lisa Mulvey, from West Chester, is the new career development coordinator in Wilkes University's Office of Career Services.

Mulvey counsels students and alumni on career or graduate school choices; performs interest and personality assessments; offers workshops and individual appointments on career development topics such as resume and cover letter writing, interviewing skills, business etiquette and job search strategies; and assists with on-campus recruitment.

Previously, Mulvey was an organizational development con-

sultant for Blue Cross NEPA, in Wilkes-Barre, where she partnered with internal customers to support corporate priorities and enhance the capabilities and performance levels of the workforce. She has also worked as a mobile therapist for the Children's Service Center in Wilkes-Barre and as an assistant branch manager with Friendship House Foster Care in Scranton.

Mulvey received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Human Resources

Management from King's College and a Master of Arts Degree in Psychology from Marywood.

ATTENTION

JANUARY AND MAY 2001 GRADUATING SENIORS

There will be a meeting on Thursday, October 26, 2000, at 11:00 a.m. in SLC 101, for all seniors who plan on graduating in January or May, 2001. The Dean of Student Affairs and other related offices will be on hand to share information regarding commencement and to answer any questions you may have.

Attention Clubs:

If you are interested in posting your notices here, email the Beacon with all necessary information at Beacon@wilkes.edu.

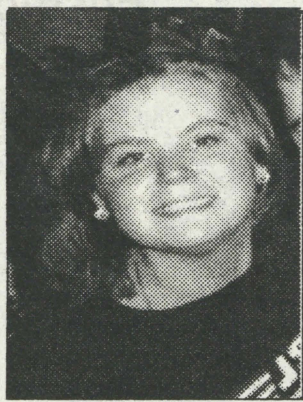
Are you happy?

Ever wonder when do things in life became complicated? This is a question I often find myself pondering. I can remember the "good ole days" when the only worry I had in life was where did I put Mr. Potato Head, what time the Smurfs were on, and when I go to sleep at night is there a troll in my wall that is going to come and steal my breath.

Boy, if I could go back to those days I would. When I was a kid, I did not have to worry about who to impress, who my parents knew, and at all times to be on my toes because I was and still will never know who is looking at me. In the famous words of my mom and dad "We have ears and eyes everywhere." When they say that, I get the chills and the hair on the back of my neck stands up.

Just because they know you, so what!! I am me, you are you and they are them.

Everyone has drives to fulfill self-interest and that drive is "dress to impress." The Woodlands has a structure based on this. To get into there so-called



Jill Stankoski

"elite" dance club. **WRONG**, if people are not going to like me because I do not have on the latest fashions from Express or if an establishment does not want my business because of a pair of jeans then I really do not need them in my life either. I am not saying that they are right for banishing me and I am not right either but neither party is going to give in to satisfy the needs.

What it boils down to is that people have limitations on individuals. Everyone in society is different and really there is no majority. **Be yourself and do**

what makes you happy. There should be no limitations on the power of people because each person is their own separate government for example "a Ryanist". Let me explain, you yourself make the rule in which you say who, what, where, why, and how, in what you do in life. If you want to act like a total waste then so be it. You hold the absolute within yourself.

What stinks though is that there are always those select few, including parents who try to get you to change your life to make them happy. I'm good on that! I want to do what makes me happy. But yet on the other hand I was fortunate to have people that care and love me and not allow me to do some irrational things that I **STILL** want to do but haven't. So I am damned if I do and damned if I don't.

I hate that and "Life's not fair.", but we do take life for granted.

There are many opportunities in "the real world", but we are still waiting for someone to change the yellow yield light on life to green for go and red for stop. If you

think about it maybe if more people ran the red light on life more smiles would be made, less tears would be shed and David Cassidy will still be signing "Come on, Get happy."

Now I am not saying to start a revolt or organize some type of anarchy committee to get your point across, but I am saying that you as an individual need to be happy in life and should not have to answer to people based on decisions that you think are in the best interest of your well being.

Anything that you are planning on doing, you should think out. Even if it comes down to having the "devil" on your left and an "angel" on your right.

In the words of Voltaire "Best of all best possible worlds." which is a complete satire on what life is all about and that is that life is not "que sera sera" because whatever it will be will be bad.

Jill Stankoski is the Managing Editor of The Beacon and her views and expression are those of her and do not reflect everyone else at The Beacon.

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-Richar Ali Senior
"I saw 'Get Carter'. It was horrible, don't waster your \$."



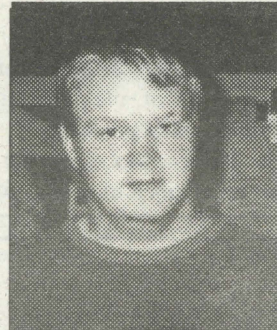
-Beth Rosenberg Junior
"I slept and drank alot."



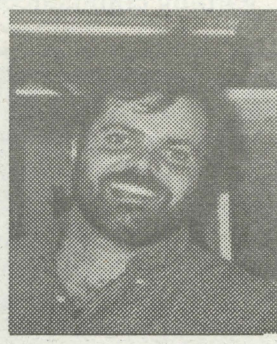
-Justin Lewis Junior
"I'm an RA so I was here and I went to the Football game at Lycoming."



-Mary Hession
Volunteer services
"I went to a family wedding at the 4 Seasons Hotel in Philly."



-Jeff Gellar Sophomore
"I got drunk all weekend."



-Dr. Steele Bio Proff
"I built squirrel cages with my students."



-Danyel Donovan Senior
"I collected acorns with Chugger, and hung out at 403."



-Rebecca Swartz Freshman
"I went home, went to an Indian pow wow, hung out with animals and shot guns."

with: Tara Barrie
What did you do over fall break?

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Through our eyes



by: Ann Marie and Chris

How you doin'? Welcome to week two. To begin this week, we would just like to start off with a quick question. Has anyone besides us noticed that the inspection certificates in the elevators in COB and Stark expired on August 31? Which means that we have been joyriding in unsafe elevators for the past month and a half. Surprised? Neither are we. Speaking of elevators, we would like to comment on an article, which appeared on page 5 of the September 21st issue of *The Beacon*. We won't mention any names but, Azycray Obbay (that's a Latin for all you non-"dorks") posed us and a bunch of other people off. Now, we know it's better to be pissed off than pissed on, but we still have a bone to pick with Mr. Azycray. First of all, in the words of Dorothy Zornak, "Who are you to judge me?" Mr. Azycray knows nothing about anyone, especially not about the people he condemns, because he never, ever, EVER, even dreams of taking the (expired) elevator. Second of all, we pay \$24,502 a year to come to this state establishment, so you better damn well believe that we are going to use the elevators to our

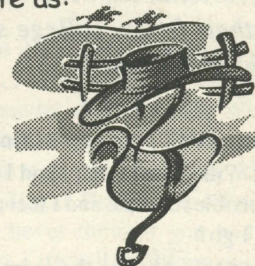
heart's content. Finally, we don't know what elevator Mr. Azycray has been looking into, but we have yet to see "Otis the elevator repairman" "tighten the cables" or "clean M&M's up off of the floor." Unless, of course, all the "chunky kids" ate them off the floor during their ride in the expired elevator. It seems to us Sir, that the only M&M's in this story, are the ones rolling around inside your misinformed head. To conclude our gripe about elevators, we offer one final question. Why do people feel the need to break and deface the elevator in the Student Union Building? Come on people! We know they really, really tried to make a nice new building, so cut them a break, and let it fall apart all by itself. Moov along, we would just like to give a "shout-out" and a "raise the roof" to our friend, and Annie's "compañero de cuarto en la residencia estudiantil," Gwen and her car, otherwise known as "The Egg." While on the topic of roommates, we would also like to address the "winners" in our dorm experiences. If you know us in the least, then you know who we are talking about. We just want to say, "Be nice to

your roommate." Trust us, we know that things don't always work out, people can be very hard to live with, and they can make you feel "uncomfortable" in your own room, but if at all possible, avoid getting consumed by childish and petty behavior. It's not worth the aggravation, the stress, or the loss of friendships. If you are experiencing technical difficulties with your roommate, for your own sake, do try to act in an adult manner by being the bigger person in the situation and saying, "I'm sorry." In conclusion this week, we would just like to take a minute and encourage all of you readers out there to participate in year's Presidential Election. We know that winning an election by one vote is an unlikely occurrence, however, it's the principle of the matter. Only those of us who take the 30 seconds out of the day to vote, truly have the right to criticize the outcome of the election, or those who are in an elected office. If you didn't try and prevent them from being elected into office, then you can't complain about them being there. Now that you've seen things through our eyes, how does that make you feel? Email us with your questions or comments at millerab@wilkes.edu

Fashion Show

Each year, our International Fashion Show offers the campus and the community a chance to have some fun while experiencing the beauty of diversity. If YOU would like to wear an ethnic outfit from your own culture or another culture, or if you will lend an ethnic outfit, please sign up today. **NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY.** Students, faculty, staff, and community members are invited to participate as:

- * Models
- * Helpers
- * Script writers
- * Announcers
- * Performers (ethnic songs & dances)



Volunteers, please contact one of the following:

- * Obed Addo (co-chair) addooa@wilkes.edu
- * Cheryl Snyder (co-chair) snyderca@wilkes.edu
- * Gina Z. Morrison (advisor) morrison@wilkes.edu - ext. 4731

The International Fashion Show is sponsored by the Multicultural Student Coalition, but you do NOT have to be an MSC member to participate. This event will be held on **Saturday, November 4, at 4 p.m.** in the Ballroom of the Student Union.

Debate loser: Democracy

I had a letter to the editor printed in the *Scranton Times* on 10-6-00. The same letter will be in *The Times Leader* in the next day or so. I cannot tell you which candidate won the first presidential debate; we will have to wait and see what the polls have to say. What I can tell you is who lost — the American people. Democracy was snuffed out by the Commission on Presidential Debates, which was set up by Republicans and Democrats, when it excluded Ralph Nader and Pat Buchanan from the stage. Mr. Buchanan is the candidate of the Reform Party, a party that receives federal money to run a campaign because it received enough votes in the last election. Federal money is the taxpayers' money. Whether you agree with his positions or not, it is anti-democratic to keep him from being heard in the debates. Ralph Nader, the candidate for the Green Party, was also excluded from the debate, but an even greater injustice was done to him

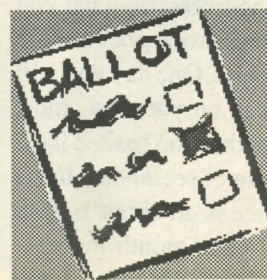
on Tuesday evening in Boston. A student from Northeastern University gave his ticket of admission to the debate to Mr. Nader as a gift. When Mr. Nader arrived, ticket in hand, he was forcibly removed by a "security consultant" of the Commission, as well as three state troopers! Is it not completely outrageous that a citizen with a ticket can be treated in this manner? I believe it is yet another sign of further erosion of our once-great democracy. There is a monopoly controlling our government in the form of two parties who are more and more the same. Republicans and Democrats are controlled by the same interests, the same powerful, out-of-control corporations and their truckloads of money. Our democracy has been hijacked by this monopoly and it will take a true third party, led by a consumer activist like Ralph Nader, to rescue it. I encourage everyone to visit www.votenader.org to find out where Mr. Nader

stands on the issues important to us all. You may find yourself pleasantly surprised. The government is supposed to be a government of the people, for the people, by the people, but sadly today, it is bought and sold by large corporations. Now it is the people who must, and can, take it back. The first step is a vote for Ralph Nader and the Green Party. Rather than voting for the lesser of two evils in this system that continues to get worse and has stolen our democracy, a vote for the Green Party is an investment in a political movement that can take our democracy back! The Green Party truly is a party that college students can get excited about, but since the party does not accept any PAC money or corporate funding of any kind, many people may not know about this progressive political movement. It is a grassroots campaign, starting from the ground up, but it is growing & we are extremely confident that it will continue to grow. November 7th is just one stopping place; this

party will be growing long after this election has passed. I have yard & window signs, bumper stickers, pics & stickers available for anyone who asks for them. They can EMail me or call me if they want to show their support. Above all else, I want to encourage students to visit the website, www.votenader.org & check out what the Green Party stands for, which are values that college students & anyone else can get excited about. The Green Party is reaching out to the 51% of Americans who did not vote in 1996 & to first time voters who do not see a choice in the 2 party monopolistic system. Also, I attended a rally at Madison Square Garden in NYC this past Friday, where I heard Ralph speak for an hour, and he was accompanied by Ani DeFranco, Patti Smith, Eddie Vedder, Michael Moore, Phil Donahue, Bill Murray, Susan Sarandon, Tim Robbins & Ben Johnson. It was a great night & I have most of it on video. I don't know if this might be going over

the top, but if there were enough interested students at Wilkes that would like to see Ralph Nader speak for an hour, I would gladly bring the tape in to show at a public viewing at Wilkes. That might be cool, huh? If some students wanted to get together on their own time & Wilkes would let us use a room with a VCR, why not? Since he was locked out of the debate, students can get to see what his platform is in this way. I would be more than glad to do it. Hell, I would bring snacks & refreshments!

Christian J. Pilosi, Moosic





The purpose of this column is to help students gain an unprofessional aspect on life based on experiences by their fellow college student and also a means of entertainment!!

Question: Well, I am almost finished with my first semester here at Wilkes University and I don't want to come back. I have a horrible roommate and I feel out of place. Should I stay or should I go?

Ronnie says: Ah, yes the same old story that each freshman faces each year. They hate their roommate who is a gothic, painted half of the room black, manic depressant, they gained the freshman 15, and they still have no clue why in the hell they are here. Well, my advice to you is to get a life, and I do not mean that they way it sounds. Join clubs; if they do not contact you then contact them. All clubs are looking for new members, especially *The Beacon* (Sorry *Beacon* editors but you guys need all the help you can get.) Hang out on campus. Don't just go to class, to the library, to the cafe, and then back to your room because remember you hate your roommate anyway. Chill with John Heck on the bench and get to meet people. Not everyone that goes to Wilkes is a male pig or a stuck up female. There are normal people who like to go out and just have a good time and be themselves. So that is my advice to you be yourself and you will get positive results. If you want to talk to a professional you can always go

seek advice from your advisor, professors, the school psychologist, or your RA. I think though that you should go and talk with upper classmen and ask them what they did to get over their freshman jitters and then make your decision whether you want to stay at Wilkes or not. I felt the same way when I first came here and I cried the first day of classes because I felt out of place but I eventually found my nook. Last but not least you can always find a friend at "403".

Question: HELP!! It is nearing the end of the semester and I was too busy adjusting my new social life to worry about grades and now I was just informed by my professor that as of right now I have a .5 in my class and I have to get that up ASAP before the end of the semester. The professor does not offer extra credit. What should I do?

Ronnie says: Drop the class, get out of there immediately. That is the response that you would hear from your friends but this is Ronnie talking. You should fix what you caused. Go and talk to your professor. It may be painful to swallow your pride and admit that you messed up BIG time but it takes a bigger person to admit when they are wrong. I do not know who the proff is so I cannot give you my personal feeling on that person and tell you what they are going to say but I do know they will respect you more as a person and as a responsible adult if you come clean and explain to them your situation. As for making a name for yourself on campus that too is important but you have to remember that your peers are not going to be there

have a job interview to tell possibly your future employer that you are a sweetheart, a swell of a person, and champion beer-pong player. All that person is going to see is a transcript with the grades that you earned while in college. That is what is important.

Question: I am having some problems in my life right now and I do not know how to deal with them. I am just hoping that things are going to all work out. My roommates are asking me what is wrong and why I am so secluded. I do not want to talk to them. I just tell them that everything is fine and I leave it at that. Do you understand and what do you think I should do?

Ronnie says: Well, I will be the first to admit that I know what you are going through. Everyone in life experiences issues that life brings upon them and you blantly have no clue what to do. I have been there and done that. The best advice that I can offer to you is to talk to people that are closest to you because they themselves have experienced the same kind of problems. If you do not want to talk to your fellow peers or anyone else for that matter, I suggest that you go outside to a secluded place preferably and scream really loud until you feel your better, talk to yourself. This may sound a little lets days psychotic but if sort out your issues with your own advice because you are the one that knows best what is going on it should help out.

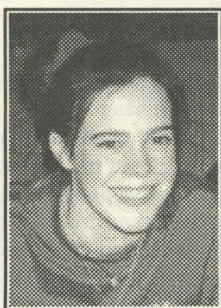
Well that is all for this week. If you have any additional comments or question please send them to Ronnie@Wilkes.edu specifically addressed to Ronnie.

Do you really need to know?

Did you ever hear that one Wilkes advertisement? The one I'm talking about is the 'Small University, Big Education.' I think that it's pretty damn good. It's short, it's cute, it's catchy, and it works. After being here for four years I think that we can find a more appropriate slogan. How about Small U, Big bunch of hypocrites? I think this is more appropriate. Aren't you so sick of those people (and we know who you are) that talk (or even write articles) about rumors and how quick stories are passed around, and yet they are the first one's to have the nerve to turn their mouth? Well, I am.

My advice to you (albeit it's quite cliché)- practice what you preach, 'cause what goes around comes around. One day you will get knocked on your ass, and I hope those that you bashed have the pleasure of seeing it. That is what justice is all about! Before you open your mouth the next time, here's some food for thought. This is something that I have learned in my past four

years here: Whether true or not true there are some things that need not be told, especially another's



Cathy Donlin

personal business. So why do you discuss it? To look big and important and impress others with your vast body of knowledge? Sooner or later people are going to stop telling you things. And don't even try to say, "But, I was drunk, I didn't know what I was saying." That's not a good excuse, it's not even a poor one.

And for those of you who have friends that like to run their mouth here's something for you to chew on: if you think that they don't talk about you, think again! What makes you think that you are such a good friend that they never will talk about you? I'm not saying don't be friends with them, just watch

what you say. All it takes for them to screw you over is an attentive audience in which you are absent from. Here's another slogan for grand ole Wilkes, Small U, Big Talkers. Don't you love people who argue for something but don't have a leg to stand on and back it up with? I DO! Here's a common college example: College students should be able to drink and party because they are college students and that is what college students do, besides this crummy town as nothing else to offer. (This is not my opinion, it just what I have heard.)

As far as I'm concerned they run their mouth for the exercise. This makes no point what so ever, and half the time they can't back up what they say. If that is the best argument you have just keep your mouth shut, it doesn't help anything. Before you stop reading, bear with me a bit while I will clue you in on my position. Do what you want, whether good/bad, legal/illegal, whatever it is, BUT you better be able to accept the consequences of what you do.

And if you want to argue, have an actual argument, otherwise you look like a jerk and end up hurting the 'cause'. Now, if you want to argue for college drinking do it scientifically. I suggest scientifically proving Darwin's survival of the fittest. I know we all heard it in science class, but this version as a bit of a twist. Here it is. Imagine a herd of buffalo.

In order to be strong and survive the weak ones usually die off. As the weaker die the whole become stronger. Your brain cells operate the same way. When you drink you lose brain

cells, but it's okay because the weaker ones are dying and the strong ones survive. Thus, you become smarter. This way it is beneficial for college students to drink. Have fun trying to prove it.

So, in summary, practice what you preach, keep your mouth shut about others, and don't argue things you can't back up.

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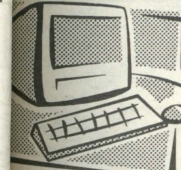
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Usually, when I'm good and I'm lewd, I'm more than usual. Then I come to realize the fundamental of the matter.

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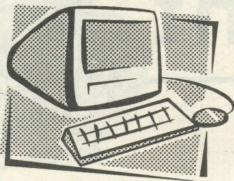
Further posit that your computer you have a hard drive, one step further, the outlandish, that you maybe have a DVD drive, some DVD movies, you might actually have these movies on your computer, you know.

Prior to October, you wouldn't have had that. Why? Because of Content Scrambling System (CSS) encryption system on commercial DVDs. I have a DVD decoder, I'm able to understand it, and in order to encode a manufacturer's license from the DVD Association. To be able to use it, they also need to be able to make their own user from skipping warnings, commercial, or else they want to avoid it.

Now, if you have a box with a DVD drive, go out and buy a hard drive that would descramble so you could watch it. I had a Linux box, you know SOL. See, now the manufacturers making hardware are bothered to write



Technology Bytes With Brian Trosko



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Usually, when things are going good and I'm less bitter and malicious than usual, I disagree. But then I come to my senses and realize the fundamental metaphysical of the matter.

Let's take a brief but technological example that demonstrates some of the truthfulness of what Angus was saying. Let's say that you have a computer. Let's then suppose that for whatever reason, maybe you know how to use an actual computer, you choose to run the Linux operating system on instead of one of several equally efficient Windows variants. Let's further posit that connected to this computer you have a DVD drive. And one step further, let's imagine the outlandish circumstance that you maybe have purchased, really, some DVD movies, and that you might actually wish to play these movies on your computer so that you can, you know, watch 'em.

Prior to October of last year, you wouldn't have been able to do that. Why? Because of CSS, the Content Scrambling System. It's an encryption system used on most commercial DVDs. In order to play movies, a DVD decoder needs to be able to understand it and to decrypt it, and in order to do that the decoder manufacturer needs to get a license from the DVD Copy Control Association. To get a license, they also need to pledge that they'll make their player prevent the user from skipping past FBI warnings, commercials, or whatever else they want to prevent the user from avoiding.

Now, if you had a Windows box with a DVD drive, you could go out and buy a hardware decoder that would descramble your DVDs so you could watch 'em. But if you had a Linux box, you were pretty much SOL. See, none of the manufacturers making hardware decod-

ers bothered to write drivers so that Linux users could use their hardware. So Linux users had 3 main options, really. They could go without watching their own legally purchased DVDs, they could cobble together their own hardware drivers for another manufacturer's hardware, which isn't easy, or they could go about hacking CSS and writing software to handle the decoding. Given the general crappiness of the CSS algorithm, option three was by far the easiest.

At least three separate hacking groups broke CSS independently, thanks in large part due to an anonymous posting of the source code. Now in late October of 1999 enters Jon Johansen, a 16-year old Norwegian, who writes a piece of software called DeCSS. DeCSS is very simply utility that allows on-the-fly decryption of a CSS-encrypted DVD, and the copying of files to the hard drive. It's a very small piece of code, and can easily fit on a single page of text, or a T-shirt. I'm waiting for someone to get a tattoo of it.

Shock! Horror! Wailing and gnashing of teeth! The Motion Picture Association of America instantly contacted the Norwegian police, and threw enough weight around that they raided Johansen's home, confiscated his computer and modem, hauled him and his father in for questioning, and threatened indictment for actions that were not even illegal under Norwegian law. Why?

Because according to the MPAA, it's illegal for you to watch your own purchased movie on your own DVD player if you circumvent their encryption scheme to do so. Don't buy claims that DeCSS facilitates piracy; those claims are bogus bunkum. DVD piracy was possible as early as 1998; ripping software that would take the decrypted bitstream and stick it on your hard drive were easily available. But DVD piracy simply isn't very feasible on a non-industrial scale. A single DVD movie takes up to 10 gigabytes of space. If you had a big enough hard drive, you'd be able to copy and store a few movies, but the hard drive would be more expensive than the movies themselves. Yet, to copy the movie onto another DVD would be even more expensive, since blank writable DVDs cost upwards of 40 bucks. Nobody who has access to the \$15 movie will spend \$40 to get a copy of it.

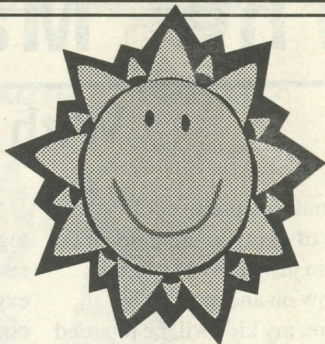
The MPAA then began to go after web sites that made the software available to the public, sending scores of cease-and-desist letters and filing lots of lawsuits. 2600.com lost one of these, even though all they did was to link to the file, and didn't make it available themselves. This is tantamount to saying that as a private citizen I'm not even allowed to tell you where to find the file. But you could use Disney's search engine to find it, which just goes to show that Mike Eisner's left cortex doesn't know what his right one is doing.

But none of this is about piracy. It's about control. The various recording industries have actually taken the ludicrous position that when you buy a movie or CD or DVD or cassette, you have no right whatsoever to actually watch the thing. They simply permit you to watch the movie in their terms, subject to their limitations and conditions, and you'd better put up with it or they'll haul your butt into court. I'm not sure whether the MPAA and RIAA fall into the category of "mental inadequate" or "scum-sucking plutocrats," but I don't see any reason why they can't meet both criteria. The end result of all their efforts is much money paid to the lawyers, much effort spent on a doomed and futile effort to stop the availability of the DeCSS software. Also, to stop the potential for the strong alienation of a consumer base; the last technology to tell users how and when they could watch the movies they buy was DIVX, and DIVX players can now be found in a select few yard sales across the country.

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In the Clouds with Rupal Kalariya



I have no idea what I want to say this week. I mean there are so many things going on on campus like Wilkes University Squares (Oct 24th in the SUB at 6:30pm), Into the Streets, and the concert that I want to promote, but I think I should use this column for something else. I don't know about you out there, but don't you ever feel that life is passing you by? I mean of course I have fun and I "seize the moment" as much as possible, but I always feel like something is missing. People go out and have a good time, but we never really get to know each other. No one ever seems to have any real conversations anymore. It's just empty words to fill in the voids. We pass each other in the halls and say, "Hey! What's new?" but do we even listen to a reply? Do we even care to hear? Do we even answer ourselves? Everyday it is the same thing and sometimes we mistake not feeling anything for happiness. When there isn't a major crisis going on, we think everything is great and that we're happy, but that's not

what it's about. But enough about that. I wish everyone luck in the remainder of the semester. Why not do something crazy? I mean think it through and make sure it's not that illegal. But do something that you never thought you had guts to do. Life will definitely not be so dull then. Do something that you've been meaning to do but never got around to. And always take time to find out who you are and don't be afraid to let others see that person. We're all interesting people and maybe it's time to actually see each other for what we are. One last thing. As you may know, I'm chair of the food committee and will be passing out surveys soon. Please let me know your thoughts with either an email (kalaris@wilkes.edu) or in person. I think it's ridiculous that as Debbie Brandt pointed out that we have to pay for food that was served for another event— you know about those deserts. We are the consumers and if we're not happy, then something needs to be done.

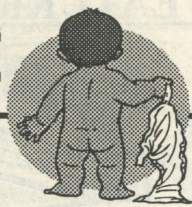
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The Main Event

With Crazy Bob



Steroids are pretty cool. Instead of going to the gym all the time, I'm just going to pop pills from now on and eat Doritos all day. Sure, my kids will be retarded but the apple doesn't fall far from the tree. This is Crazy Bob and you're reading the Main Event. That's a shame. What I would like to know is how come nobody tells me when my fly is open? I mean honestly, if everyone would take a minute each day to glance over at my private area than the world would be a much better place.

Comedy is ensuing all around us. Strange men are traveling to stranger places on a quest to find the purpose of our labors. With them they pack appropriate footwear and various flavors of PowerAde: Mountain Blast, Arctic Avalanche, and Fruit Punch. In the event of dehydration this will prevent any electrolyte shortage they may encounter. Time is of the essence. Guidelines have been established to maintain the estimated speed of this mission. The rules are as follows. Number one: Under no circumstances must any man travel backwards in order to protect us from a symbolic devolution of the beast. Number two: Number one doesn't mean anything but sounds cool. Number three: All men must only express honest feelings and follow initial instincts. The team consists of three men.

Now we are off. Travelling together, the dynamic trio is not surprisingly silent. All of them expect the unexpected, which is not the best feeling to have. They cannot help but wonder if the truth they seek will be found, and if found will be the correct truth. The rolling hills of Katonah, NY are not the most ideal places to search for the meaning of life, but for all intent and purposes will have to do. The most outspoken of the gentlemen establishes his role as the leader early on. He meditates with wrong diligence and overexerts himself. In great pain he is unable to maintain the fire, causing the other two to get lost in the woods at nighttime, while the leader is never recovered.

The remaining two men are separated. One insists that everything is life because he fights to find meaning in everything. He cannot bring himself away from the annoyances of those Special Dark Hershey bars that no one likes but are continually sharing bags with Mr. Goodbars across the world. He cannot figure out why a thesaurus does not list another word for itself, or if a tomato is biologically alive. He chooses to ask why before he even knows how, substituting a philosophical front for his

realistic persona: a really stupid guy.

Then there was one. Not one to let philosophical differences get in the way of his cardiovascular conditioning, he ran until his heart was content. Giving up on this mission he decided that if he was meant to know the answer, the answer would come to him. After a sufficient amount of miles and exercise he stopped alongside a lake. The gentle breeze caused a small ripple over the dark waters. The trees were a classic assortment of fall yellows and oranges. There was neither a sun nor a cloud in the sky; just a baby blue blanket he hadn't seen since he and the neighbor's kids played touch football in his backyard decades ago. He looked into the water and saw his reflection. Noticing the sunglasses he wore, he stood straight up and removed them. Everything he saw, that was so beautiful a minute before, was now just a little bit brighter. In his amazement, he paused, looked around, and announced to the world, "Sluts are cool."

EDITOR'S NOTE: CRAZY BOB, WE (CATHY, TARA, JILL) WAITED FOR THE NEW ARTICLE UNTIL 10:30PM AND WE WERE STILL UNABLE TO ACCESS THE E-MAIL AT THE BEACON. SORRY BUT WE ARE HAVING BAD CONNECTIONS

FREE* MOVIES

On Friday** for \$2 down YOU can go to the Cinemark theatre and see one of the many movies playing.

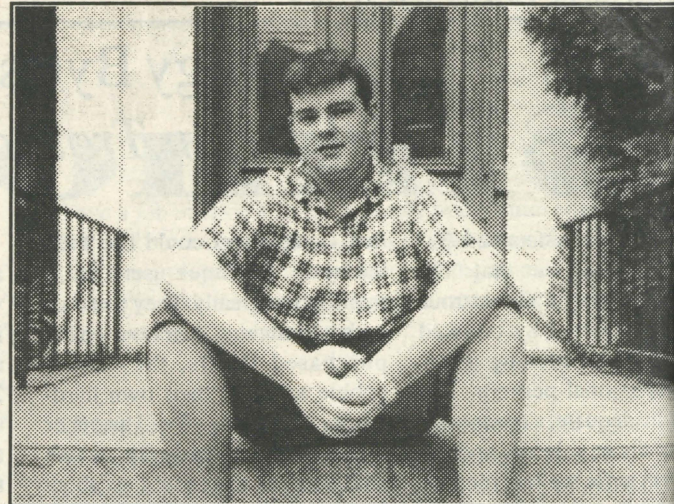
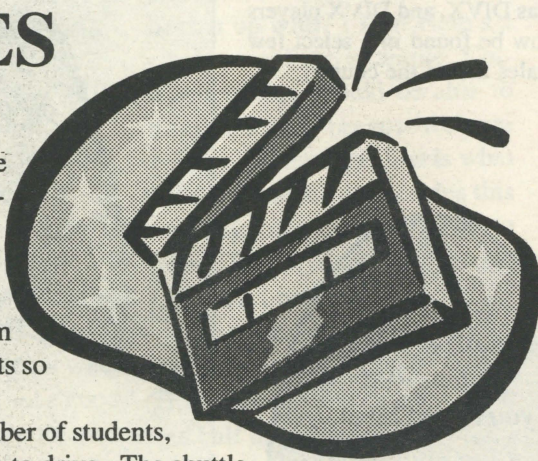
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Transportation is provided for a limited number of students, but tickets are available to those who would like to drive. The shuttle will leave the SUB at 6:30 and will meet any students driving at 7:00 at the theatre. The movies should be done at approximately 10:15 to be back at the university by 10:45.

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From the Bench

With John Heck

Alright, I'm back. A vacation was just what I needed after my recent collision with the grain train over Homecoming weekend. I hope that everyone enjoyed his or her vacation more than I did. Don't worry I am not trying to make you feel sorry for me, but my vacation was beat. Why? You ask. There was absolutely nothing to do while I was at home. All of my friends had their fall break last weekend, so I got to bond with my dogs more than anything else.

Things just aren't the same at home these days, as a lot of you freshmen probably found out this past weekend. Going away to college changes people, some for the better and some for the worse. Some love it, some hate it, but in one way or another this is an indisputable fact.

For example, I have a few friends that either didn't go away to school or they failed out as freshmen, so the only thing that I hear out of all of them is "I hate living with my parents," or "this town sucks." I can sympathize with them but at the same time I am tired of hearing it, so hanging out with them isn't even fun.

This is just one way that college changed me. These guys whom in high school were some of my best friends, are now just associates. I know it may seem strange to those of you who have not gone through this yet, but my advice to you is to just accept it. Don't harp on the fact that somebody became cocky since they went to school or the fact that your "straight-edge" buddy is now a drug addict after living with a drug addict roommate for a month, just accept it. People change because they want to.

Well, enough of that, it gets depressing to write about that kind of stuff for more than half of a page.

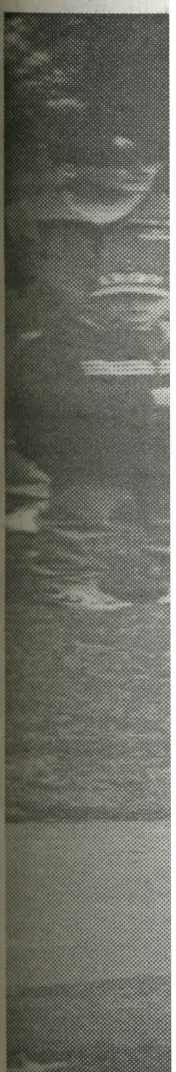
I find it harder and harder each week to come up with a topic worthy of bench discussion, so this week I have decided to talk about shady people. Everyone is at least a little shady/shady in one way or another but it may not be that noticeable to others. However, there are those people who just make known that they are shady. You know the kind of people I am talking about, and if you don't, just think of someone you really don't like, you obviously don't like them because in the past they have been shady towards you. Now that I've brought you all up to speed, I'll leave your wondering what my solution to dealing with shady people is. I wish I could give you that answer but I don't even know it.

The problem is that, even though you and most of your friends don't approve of the shady one, there are some people that are friends with him or her. Things get really ugly when one of your friend's is cool with that shady someone. Many people who have found themselves in this position get flustered while trying to figure out what to do, and I don't blame them. What do you do? Do you hate both of them, do you hate your friends shady friend, I don't know it's hard to say because each case has its own underlying circumstances. In all my years of experience, careful observation has brought me to the hypothesis that "ruining a friendship because of a shady person is a mistake."

So, the next time you find yourself in a situation like this, be a better person, just step back and observe. Although it may take some time you will see that your friend will eventually feel the same way you. And if that doesn't work, you know the saying, "if you can't beat 'em, join 'em" "

Throughout life, their view changes so rapidly in music. They are affected greatly by teenage heartthrob bands of previous years. The movie, Almodóvar's picture of bringing the music scene of the 1970s to a time, where Jesus Christ, where kid long, and free love. The story starts with a description of one of the characters, William Young William is a roller coaster adventure him to leave his with a rock band, opportunity to come music with his lo particularly unus

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For the Movies... with Kevin Walsh

Almost Famous

Throughout any teenager's life, their view of the world changes so rapidly, as does their taste in music. Today's teens are affected greatly by "boy groups," teenage heartthrobs, and older bands of previous generations. The movie, *Almost Famous*, was a picture of bringing back to life the music scene of the 1970's. The director Cameron Crowe takes you to a time, where Jim Morrison was God, where kids wore their hair long, and free love existed.

The story starts with the description of one of the main characters, William Miller, who is played by newcomer Patrick Fugit. Young William is given the opportunity of a lifetime. He is sent on a roller coaster adventure that allows him to leave high school, travel with a rock band, and have the opportunity to combine his love of music with his love of writing. A particularly unusual aspect is that

of William's young age, and how the Rolling Stone magazine wants to hire him without knowing William's true age. William is only fifteen.

Within the rising band is a melodramatic guitarist named Russell Hammond (played by Billy Crudup), who is trying to find a slice of reality in the polluted Hollywood system. Russell and William developed a relationship of friendship and that of love of a certain girl, Penny Lane. Penny is a groupie of the band and William falls head over heels for her. However, William is put aside and Penny does not realize that he has feelings for her. The simple love of a young girl and the hardships of an up-coming rock band shape the movie into a picture that could characterize any rock band during the 1970's.

Depending on your taste in movies, one could fall in love with this picture due to the simple story

that is set during a time of revolutionary changes in the rock world: This film tries to accomplish so much, but is a simple love of music and the time in which it occurred. Rating: 3 out of 5 stars.



Picture of the Week



Whoa ... Check the Colonel out!

Eye of the Future With Madame Ecstasy



Aquarius (Jan20-Feb18) It may seem as though you are missing opportunities to advance your position, timing is everything, also be aware of increasing restlessness and stress.

Pisces (Feb19-Mar20) You can look forward to a more productive use of your time and energy. By next month you will have a completely new perspective on many things in your life. In the meantime, remain calm, cool, and collected.

Aries (Mar21-Apr19) You may have to deal with some emotional situations all by yourself this week, but according to my crystal balls you will be okay if you trust your instincts.

Taurus (Apr20-May20) It seems to me that you need some balance in your life, even though you have not been all that receptive to the idea of settling down, it's not such a bad idea.

Gemini (May21-June20) This is a good time for you to take a vacation, take this time to decide what your goals are, you will be happy you did.

Cancer (June21-July22) Do not let others change your way of thinking, be yourself and those people whom you are leaning towards will have more respect for you.

Leo (July23-Aug22) My crystal balls tell me that you are at a crossroads in your life, seek the advice of a friend but formulate upon it, trust your instincts on all financial matters.

Virgo (Aug23-Sep22) You may be upset and annoyed about problems with collecting funds that are owed to you. Many situations that relate to your social life and home situation may need time to jell. You seem to have everything under control.

Libra (Sep23-Oct23) Pending relationships with prospective partners or a mate could keep you on tender hooks for the moment. Plan to occupy your time in productive ways so that frustrations won't overwhelm you.

Scorpio (Oct24-Nov21) Keep a low profile until personal issues blow over, nobody needs to know your business except for you, keep a close eye on friends that can't keep secrets.

Sagittarius (Nov22-Dec21) Exciting opportunities are in the air, take them at face value, carefully consider the legality of the opportunity no matter what the rewards may be.

Capricorn (Dec22-Jan19) Explore the possibilities of making new friends, the ones that you currently associate with may steer you down the wrong path.

Hit the Showers

with Jermaine Richardson

By Brian Walter and Marcus Sowcik

MS: Marcus Sowcik; BW: Brian Walter; JR: Jermaine Richardson

Year: Senior

Major: Business with a minor in communications

BW: Let's get to the bottom of the nickname "Jazz." How did you get it, what's it mean, and who gave it to you?

JR: It spawned in high school. My friends called me it in the beginning of my freshman year. When I came to college I just told people to call me Jazz because it was easier to remember than my name. It has stuck with me since then.

MS: If you could line up against anyone, who would it be?

JR: Coach Sheptock (laughs). I want to see how tough he really is.

MS: You're losing in a big game, the guys are playing sluggish, what motivational words do you give them?

JR: Stay focused. Be confident. It will get you through tough times. **Adapt and overcome**, this gives me a strong frame of mind.

BW: What female do you have or would you have hanging in your room?

JR: Well, I have a Maxim calendar now, but that doesn't count. I would have a collage of all the women I adore, and all the women I have been with in my life. I can't pick just one...that wouldn't be fair.

BW: I heard you have a picture of a woman in your locker. Please elaborate.

JR: It's a picture of my mom, I always carry a picture of her with me. Before games I talk and pray to it. Its just so I know she is always with me.

MS: You're down 2 points to Lycoming in the fourth quarter. They have the ball and its third and five. What's going through your mind?

JR: **Strip or sack.** By any means necessary stop them and get the ball to the offense. **Bite, claw,** anything I can do.

MS: Personal feelings on Coach Sheptock as a leader/coach.

JR: He's a real standout kind of guy. I came here to wrestle, and I was a ball boy for the football team. One game I was standing on the Wilkes' sideline, and some guy started yelling at everyone to get off the line. I thought he meant the players, so I didn't move. All of the sudden I heard someone **barking** at me, it just so happened to be coach, and I knew from that day on I had to play for that man. I like the emotion he brings out. **Much respect.**

MS: What's your greatest football memory?

JR: It was a high school football game, their team was driving. I intercepted a pass and ran it back 80 yards for a touchdown to seal the game. It was my favorite because the quarterback for the other team was a friend of mine from middle school, and also because I intercepted a pass my freshman year off of him and ran it back. So I ended my career the same way I started it.

BW: What superhero would you compare yourself to and why?

JR: I have to go back to my X-Men days for this... **Wolverine.** He is rugged, yet smooth when he wants to be. When he is around Jean, he is all smooth and proper, but when someone slips up he brings out the blades. That's how I am on the football field, I may be real calm and nice, and then someone makes me mad and **I bring out the blades** somethin' fierce. I go out and cut up the quarterback.

MS: What are the differences between this year's team and last year's team?

JR: This year's team is more **team-orientated.** Other than that it's kind of a mirror image. I personally find this year more special because it is my senior year.

BW: Superstitions?

JR: Yes (laughs). Whoever does my hair in the beginning of the season has to do it all the way through the year. I also have a Friday night routine. Every Friday night I get my hair done, play cards and then rest up. Other than that, I try to stay away from them, they give me a mental block. Coach Sheptock has several of them, so sometimes they rub off on me.

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"Knowledge is power, and with power comes responsibility...so do the right thing with it."



Photos by Adam Polinger
Selena Bednarz will be bringing her big serve back next year.



Senior Angie Cardoso's experience was a key to Jackie Ruane's first year.

Tennis closes out rebuilding year w/o a win

By ED BEDNARZ
Beacon Staff Writer

The Wilkes' women's tennis team ended their season with heads held high.

An 0-10 record does not reflect upon the hard work and dedication that every member of the team had. They were headed by several young players who will be returning next season. First-year players Adriana Solorz and Selena Bednarz, who played number 1 and 2 respectively, tasted their first season of the NCAA.

Bednarz commented, "In the beginning of the season, I had a tough time at the college level. But, I gained more confidence towards the end of the year and look forward to next season."

Lori DeMarco, Nicole Ripper, Jeanne Bell and Kim Herbaugh all will be returning next season with more experience and confidence. They will try to fill the void of graduating seniors Angie Cardoso and Amee Mehta.

First-year coach Jackie Ruane has been pleased with the improvement shown throughout the season. She worked the team hard in practice and hopes that next year, the women can reap the benefits.

Agreeing with Ruane, Ripper also felt that the team has built a solid foundation for next year.

Ripped added, "This was my first year playing for Wilkes. I enjoyed playing tougher competition and look forward to the future."

The general team atmosphere was good spirits, even in down times.

Senior Cardoso leaves these parting words. "The last four years have been an adventure. This was our best rebuilding year. I wish the team good luck in the future."

Mayor's Cup Series



Wilkes --2
King's - 3



Men's Soccer: 2-1 W

Tony VanScoy scores in the second overtime to give Wilkes the win.

Women's Volleyball: 3-1 K

Mandy Kehler recorded 11 kills, while Stefanie Henninger added 24 assists.

Women's Tennis: 7-2 K

Adriana Solorzano won in singles, while Lori DeMarco/Amee Mehta also won.

Women's Soccer: 6-0 W

Donna Rothrock scored the only goal in the first half, while four other Lady Colonels found the net in the second as Jen Pawleshy and Adrienne Corrigan combined for the shutout.

Field Hockey: 4-3 K

Kim Whipple, Jill Wilson, and Jill Henry each scored for the defending MAC champs as Desiree Podrasky had eight saves.

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Field hockey, football fields undergo repairs.

By JILL LACY and
BRAD PEARSONS
Beacon Staff Writers

Bright vibrant lines, lush green grass, and a brand new watering system. What more could Wilkes' athletes want in their fields? Athletes should start looking forward to these conditions as new improvements are in process at Ralston Field and Artillery Park and should be completed by the fall of 2001.

Wilkes has already started renovations on the field hockey field, as well as the football practice field, and will start on the football and soccer fields as soon as the fall seasons end. The plan consists of adding grass seed, a pop-up watering system and leveling all of the fields, with the hopes that the conditions will become more acceptable and safe for athletes.

Wilkes University athletic director, Addy Malatesta, feels "it's not all about aesthetics, the playing surface should be safe and not liable for athletes."

The current state of the fields is hardly acceptable and in definite need for change. Bald dry spots, uneven surfaces, and over-use characterize the Wilkes' fields this fall.

"Trying to share the fields this season has been really hard. It's tearing up the fields even more and that has been difficult on all the teams," said senior field hockey player Danielle Flock.

In the past, there have been complaints about the field hockey field, and recently, equity issues have been raised to the university.

According to Malatesta, "All athletes should be treated in the exact same way across the board...Equity, regardless of gender."

The university hopes that the new renovations, as well as adding a new women's lacrosse team, will give Wilkes more equality. In the long run, though, all athletes will benefit and when the project is done, we are going to have a really great complex.

Other changes taking place include new drainage for the whole field. The whole field, even outside of the fields, is dug up with trenches and ditches, holding the sprinkler system. Modifications to the dimensions of the baseball field are also in store for Artillery Park.

Artillery Park, home of the baseball team and field hockey team, is getting a partial facelift this fall. As you can see, only part of the outfield is being redone, leaving left field uneven now and a section of outfield untouched. But more changes are on the way and one can barely walk through the field now.

Photo by Corey Yanoshak

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Men shut out Moravian

Wilkes University scored once in each half and the Colonels defense made it stand up as they fashioned a 2-0 win over Moravian College at Ralston Field. The win improves the Colonels to 6-4-2, while Moravian sees their record slide to 7-7.

After forty minutes of scoreless play, the Colonels finally broke through for what proved to be the winning goal. Matt Bieber took a corner kick for Wilkes and found the feet of Bill Smith. Smith then rifled a shot from 18 yards past Moravian goalkeeper Ryan Sculley to put the Colonels on top 1-0 at the 40:38 mark.

Wilkes got some insurance just 4:05 into the second half as Kyle Mastellar found Bill Schneider streaking down the right side of the field. This time Schneider beat Sculley from 16 yards to give Wilkes the 2-0 advantage.

Moravian enjoyed the advantage in shots on goal, 11-6, while both teams were credited with four corner kicks. Seth Nye earned the shutout victory by stopping six shots for Wilkes. Sculley ended the day with three saves.

Men's goalie, Nye, named Player of Week in Freedom Conference

Wilkes University junior goalkeeper Seth Nye has been named the Freedom Conference men's soccer Player of the Week for his efforts in a pair of Wilkes wins last week.

Nye had a 2-0 record with a pair of shutout victories for the Colonels. On Wednesday, he stopped six shots to help Wilkes hand Moravian a 2-0 setback at Ralston Field. On Saturday, he registered eight saves as Wilkes fashioned a 1-0 Freedom Conference win over Delaware Valley. The two wins improved the Colonels to 7-4-

2 overall and 3-0-2 in the conference.

"Seth has really come up with some big saves for us," commented head coach Phil Wingert. "His maturity in goal has been a real big asset for us. He has done an outstanding job keeping us in close games."

For the season Nye ranks first in the Freedom Conference with a stellar 1.14 goals against average. He is also second in the conference in with an .855 save percentage. He has three shutouts to his credit and has stopped 83 shots.

Shiber foots the bill for women with five goals in two games

By COREY YANOSHAK
Beacon Sports Editor

Although the women's soccer team has four players with more than 10 points, one player has stood out.

After a stand-out freshman year, sophomore Holly Shiber has netted 13 goals and five assists for 31 points. Senior Julie Olenak is second on the team with 19 points on nine goals and one assist, while fellow senior Donna Rothrock has scored six goals and three assists for 15 points. Sophomore Danielle McDonald has five goals and one helper for 11 points and junior Jill Lacy is fifth on the team with nine points.

First-year coach Melissa Elwell's team is 9-7-1 overall with a 3-2 MAC Freedom Conference record. The Lady Colonels have just two games left, both against Freedom Conference opponents, and can clinch a playoff berth with two wins. A split would guarantee Wilkes a third-place seed in the playoffs.

"The season's gone really well," said Shiber, a Dallas graduate. "We're really down in numbers, so it's going good considering that."

Shiber helped the Lady Colonels to a 1-1-1 record last week as

she scored five goals in the three games, one of which was a shutout loss to William Patterson.

The tie came at home against local rival College Misericordia as Shiber scored both goals in a 2-2 double-overtime tie.

Wilkes then beat Baptist Bible 5-3 with Shiber scoring a hat trick for Elwell.

Shiber sees her game against Misericordia as her highlight so far this year.

"We have such a good rivalry and there was a lot of hype before the game. And I feel I really made a big impact in the game with two goals."

Wilkes then went on to beat Lycoming College 3-1 as Olenak scored twice. Moravian College then shutout the Lady Colonels 4-0.

"Julie and Donna are the keys up top and they've been scoring," said Shiber. "They're the two we look to when we're going on offense."

Wilkes hosts the University of Scranton today, then travels to Allentown to close out the Freedom Conference and the regular season. Winning both games would put the Lady Colonels at 5-2 in the conference, while losing both means a record under .500. A split guaran-

tees a .500 conference record and a playoff opportunity.

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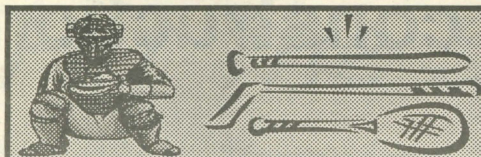
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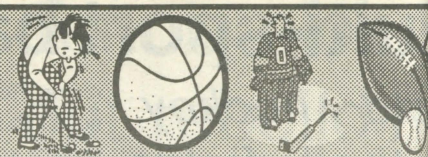
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The Back Page



'Freedom' has to wait as Wilkes falls to King

By MATT REITNOUR
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The Wilkes University field hockey team is doing their best New York Yankee impersonation as they limp into the post season following three straight losses.

Wilkes dropped a tough 4-3 game to King's College on Tuesday at Betzler Fields. The win improves the Lady Monarchs to 12-5 overall, 2-3 in Freedom Conference action while the Lady Colonels saw their record slip to 6-10 overall, 3-2 in the conference. A win over the cross-town rival would not have only given the Lady Colonels their second straight Freedom Conference crown, but would have also placed Wilkes in the lead in the Mayor's Cup race. Instead, Wilkes now trails the series 3-2 with football as the last fall sport left on the schedule.

The host Lady Monarchs got on the board first when Jen Peer scored at the 33:17 mark in the opening half. But the Lady Colonels wasted little time tying the contest thanks to sophomore Kim Whipple's goal just two minutes later. The score would remain tied as the two teams went into half-time.

King's got the next two goals from Ellen Brady to take a 3-1 lead. Senior Jill Wilson scored a goal 5:13 left to play off and assist from Whipple to pull the Blue and Gold



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The defending MAC-champion field hockey team, led by goalie Desiree Podrasky, is 3-2 in the MAC after losing to cross-town rival King's College 4-3.

within one goal. But Brady capped off her hat-trick performance just 59 second later to give King's a two-goal lead again.

Wilkes was determined not to leave the field without a fight when junior Jill Henry

banged a goal home with just 2:40 left in the contest. The loss to King's might put some teams in a true tail spin with just three regular season games left, but the Lady Colonels know they have the talent and skill to win,

Defensive dominance not enough against Lycoming

By COREY YANOSHAKE
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LYCOMING — Football coach Frank Sheptock calls his team's defense last Saturday at Lycoming the "finest performance I've seen in my 11 years coaching at Wilkes."

The Colonel defense stepped up to the challenge of playing one of the top teams in the nation, holding the Lycoming College Warriors to just 31 yards of total offense.

But, like any great team does, Lycoming found a way to win.

They didn't need their offense, because it was their defense that puts them in first place in the MAC Freedom Conference with

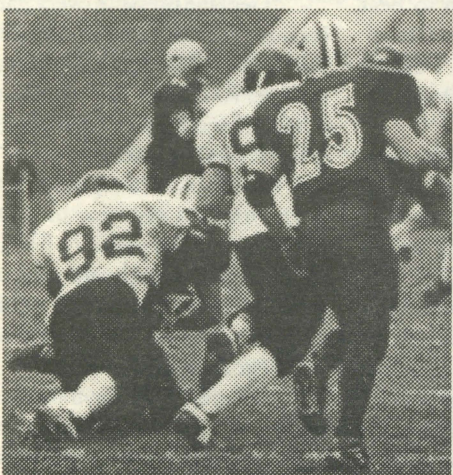


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Jermaine Richardson (92) leads the Colonels with 3.5 sacks and 38 tackles.

a 21-6 defeat of the 4-2 Colonels.

"Our defense did so well and the coaching staff executed an excellent gameplan today," said Sheptock. "But on offense, we couldn't do anything. They just dominated the line and it was a real frustrating day."

With Lycoming's first regular season loss in five years to Widener a few weeks ago, Wilkes was fueled by the reality that Frank Girardi's Warriors could be beaten. But Lycoming's defense limited Wilkes' quarterback Jeff Marshman, the league's top passer prior to the showdown, to just 144 yards on a 16 for 36 day.

The Warrior defense, widely-known for their takeaway ability, used that talent to intercept three passes and return two of those for touchdowns. Lycoming also scored the only points of the first half on a blocked punt into the end zone, recovering the loose ball for six points.

"They couldn't beat our defense. Their offense could not do anything with what they brought," said defensive lineman Jermaine Richardson, who had a game-high 12 tackles, four for a loss. "We work well together, we're a good unit and we knew they'd try to pound the ball at us. But we knew we had to step up, because if we didn't do the job on defense, no one would."

The two Freedom Conference powers did not finish a quality drive as the teams combined for five interceptions, four fumbles lost, 25 punts, and 14 sacks, 12 of which

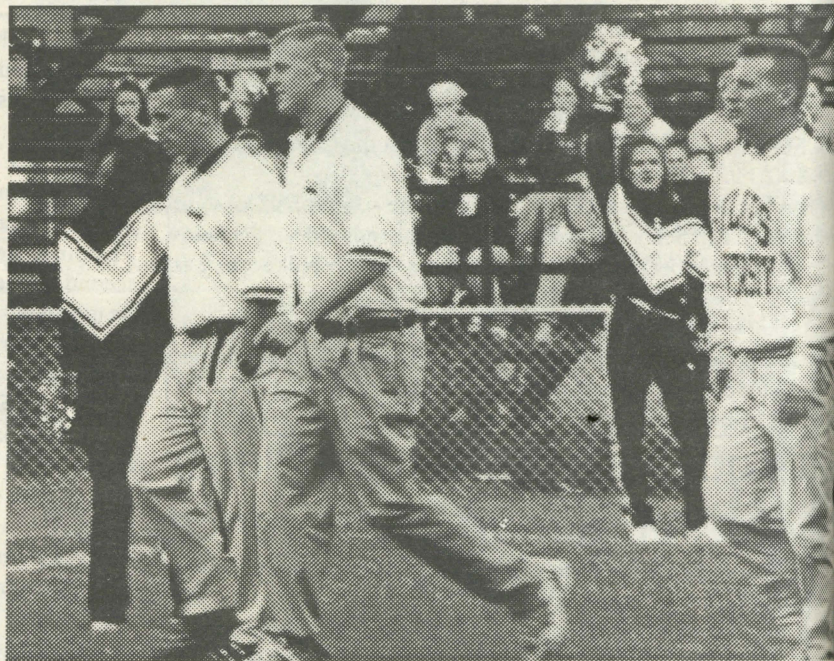


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Defensive coordinator Bob James (left) had Wilkes well-prepared at Lycoming. Colonels allowed just 31 yards of offense. James enters the field with first-year and former Colonel great Mark Gundersdorf and safeties coach Roy Wall (right).

Marshman felt.

Two Lycoming linemen broke the school record for sacks in a game with five, while the 12 total tied a school-best. Wilkes also broke a record of its own as punter Paul Olson's 14th punt of the afternoon was a Wilkes' record.

"We gave them some breaks in the kick-

ing game, but their kicker had a proleg Sheptock. "And when you play a top such as Lycoming, you have to take a stage of your chances and can't give the breaks."

Things will not get any easier for the Colonels as they head into New York for another national power in Ithaca College.

Sports Schedule

Thursday, October 19

* Women's Soccer - Scranton at Wilkes
3:30 p.m.

* Field Hockey - Wilkes at Cortland State
4:00 p.m.

Saturday, October 21

* Field Hockey - Elizabethtown at Wilkes
11:00 a.m.

* Men's Soccer - Elizabethtown at Wilkes
1:00 p.m.

* Volleyball - FDU-Madison at Wilkes
3:00 p.m.

* Football - Wilkes at Ithaca, 1:00 p.m.

* Women's Soccer - Wilkes at Allentown
1:00 p.m.

it's just a matter of putting it all together the right times.

"We work well together and we communicate well on the field," senior defender Danielle Flock said. "We now just to capitalize on our strong points."

The Freedom Conference play-off is the league's top three teams. Team No. 1 has a bye, waiting for the winner from the contest between teams ranked No. 2 and No. 3 respectively.

"We have the talent and ability to win this team," Henry said. "Now we just have to start using it."

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