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This year's top ten events at Wilkes

The staff at *The Beacon* has searched through the archives from the whole year of 1999 to compile the 10 biggest events to happen at or involve Wilkes University.

The following summaries are taken from previous stories that were printed in *The Beacon* throughout the past two semesters.

The staff was responsible for summarizing these events to give the students, faculty, and administration a recap of the event itself, not the actual story.

Number 10 Football wins playoff game

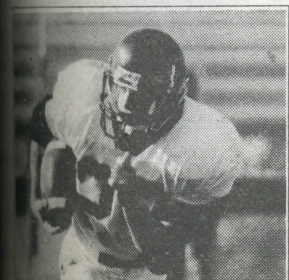
Head football coach Frank Sheptock earned his first-ever playoff victory as a head coach at Wilkes.

Sheptock's Colonels defeated FDU-Madison 27-6 in the ECAC Southeast championship.

Sheptock's championship mentality has finally paid dividends, and as senior captain Tony DaRiputi, "Coach told us there are over 300 teams not playing right now, so when you consider that, it's unbelievable."

Senior Mike Hankins capped off his MAC Freedom League Player of the Year season by gaining his 1,000th yard, while freshman QB Jeff Marshman concluded his season in fine fashion.

-CY



MAC MVP Mike Hankins.

Number 9 Condoms all around campus

Are 2,000 condoms per year a lot to go through on a campus this size? That wouldn't even equal one condom per student.

An article ran in *The Beacon* in the spring of 1999 that brought Condom Week to the attention of the entire student body.

Condoms are fairly easy to find on campus. Students can pick up condoms, free of charge, at Health Services, and are available for purchase at the University Bookstore. Also, a student used to be able to buy them along with some M&M's out of the vending machines of Pickering Hall.

Wilkes is the only school in the area that provides a form of birth control to its students and recognizes Condom Week, because Wilkes is the only nonaffiliated school in the area. In this article Health Services and Campus Interfaith were asked to comment on the availability of condoms on campus.

So, look forward to finding out next year if Condom week did anything for the distribution of condoms on campus or if it made any changes at all.

-JG

Number 8 Homecoming '99 - the finale

Homecoming '99 was definitely an event to remember. It was not just any homecoming, but the final one of the century.

The festivities kicked off on Thursday night on Chase Lawn when the student body, faculty, and coaches

came together to wish the fall sports teams well in the rest of their season.

Then the court and finalists for king and queen were revealed. The finalists for king were Matt Kuntz, Matt Sowcik, and Jarrad Max, while finalists for queen were Bhavika Patel, Jill Ronkowski, and Abby Sherburne.

The celebration continued on Friday night at Genetti's Hotel as students gathered for the Homecoming Dinner Dance, "A Century to Celebrate."

On Saturday morning, tailgating got off to a slow start, but by mid afternoon, it was the most popular place to be. The game against Lycoming will be remembered forever as the game Wilkes should have won.

Jarrad Max and Abby Sherburne were crowned the final Homecoming King and Queen of the century at halftime.

-RP

Number 7 Januzzi named All-American

In the spring of 1995, Dave Januzzi, at that time a junior basketball player for Wilkes, became the first-ever Colonel to be named on the "Basketball Times" All-American first team.

"It is very difficult to be named an All-American," said Rickrode. "But I knew he would be successful four years ago when we recruited him."

Januzzi, who has demonstrated how hard work can pay off, led the Colonels to a 25-4 record and a spot in the NCAA Sweet Sixteen. He averaged 19.2 points per game and 89% on the free throw line.

Over his career Januzzi has accumulated many honors, including a



Frank Tomaszewski

Last year's Winter Weekend provided fun for all involved

two-time Middle Atlantic Conference Freedom League Player of the Year, National Association of Basketball Coaches second team All-American, and two-time ECAC first team and Regional All-American.

-EB

Number 6 One crazy weekend

One weekend remains near and dear to the hearts of all Wilkes students — Winter Weekend. The 99' teams were based upon the theme of board games. Students got together to sweat, laugh, cheer and fall over while competing for victory.

The entire weekend did have some flaws. One team had to take off their printed t-shirts, as "faculty members felt the the art work on the front of the shirt was not acceptable for the University standards."

All in all, everyone had a good time.

-JP

Number 5 Local bar gets heat for minors

This conspiracy was almost as big as the Kennedy assassination. The events ranged from anonymous sender of pictures to Wilkes of underage students inside the bar, to wet and wild girls dancing on the bar.

The owner of the bar, Rady Perugino was scrutinized by many for hosting unruly get-togethers at her place of business. Perugino's response to this was "I want the students to gather here where they can have good, safe fun."

A number of Wilkes' students were anonymously photographed at the bar and the photos were then sent to the *Times Leader*, who then released the photos of the underage students, causing major controversy.

Months later the bar went out of business, most likely due to all of the controversy surrounding the bar. It will be missed by all it's past inhabitants.

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Top ten events continued from front page

Number 4

Wilkes loses first game at home in three years

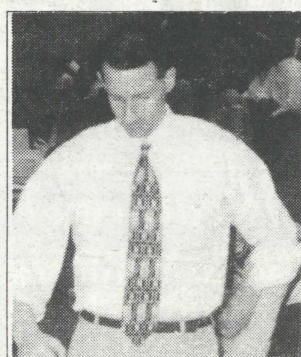
After a thrilling come from behind 67-62 victory the previous Saturday against the University of Scranton, hopes were looking high for the Colonels despite the loss of their leading guard, Dave Januzzi.

On Wednesday, December 8 the Colonels hosted rival Kings' College and dropped their first home game as well as Middle Atlantic Conference Freedom League game since 1997 with a disappointing 71-60 loss.

The Colonels, who are coping with the temporary loss of Januzzi, who is out with a tendon injury, exhibited mediocre play that night. Play was lethargic, and King's easily controlled the game with 22 Wilkes' turnovers and the Colonels shooting only 40.7 percent of free throws from the line.

Sophomore guard John Boylan, who is replacing Januzzi, held the game high of 18 points with Chad Fabian adding 17 points. Despite their combined efforts, nationally-ranked Wilkes fell 12 points short of the lead and lost to Kings, an overall disappointment for the University.

-EB



Head coach Jerry Rickrode stands dejected after loss.

Number 3

SG controversy

This past year has been a rough year for Student Government, more specifically this past semester.

The battle began with the release of the Student Government budget. Certain students felt that the Student Government was not being very fair in their distribution of funds. For a few weeks it seems to go back and forth between Mel Moyer and Jeff Ward and Student Government. However, in the end, it seemed as though Matt Sowcik, Student Government President, had the last word. As the semester and year come to an end, Student Government seems to be in good shape and back on track.

-BP

Number 2

Largest donation in school history

Early in the semester, Wilkes University received its largest gift in its 66-year history.

Geraldine Nesbitt Orr donated \$3,000,000 in honor of her late husband, Abram Nesbitt.

The gift has been used towards the naming project as the Wilkes' School of Pharmacy was named The Nesbitt School of Pharmacy at Wilkes University in honor of Abram Nesbitt.

This spring will see the first-ever pharmacy class graduate and will finally get to have a permanent name associated with it.

The Nesbitt family is associated with Nesbitt Hospital, which the family helped build in 1928.

The three million dollar gift is part of the Endow the Future campaign at Wilkes, which is aiming to raise \$30,000,000 by 2001.

President Christopher Breiseth opened a press conference to announce this award and said, "It is fitting that the name Nesbitt will be with every class of Doctors of Pharmacy to graduate from the University."

-CY



Geraldine Nesbitt Orr (right) donated \$3,000,000 to Wilkes in honor of her husband, Abram (left).

Happy Holidays
From Our Campus Staff
Norita, George, Adam, Jacky

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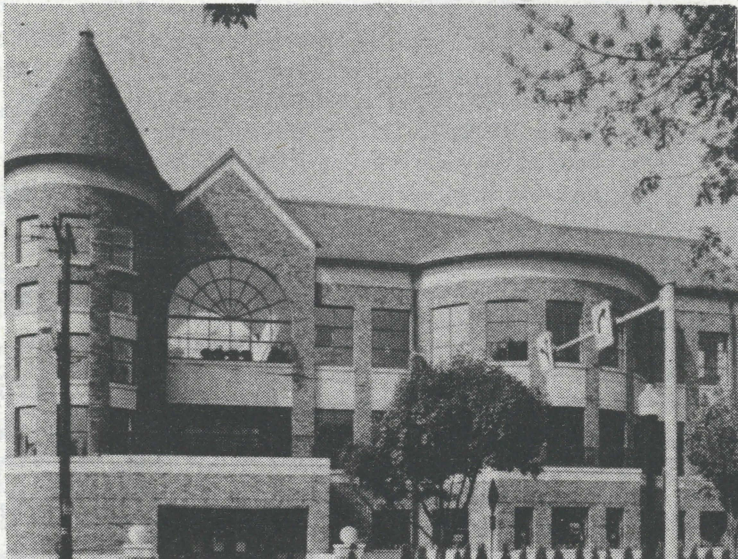
Number 10 The new Student Union and its dedication

The opening of the new Student Union Building and its dedication takes the number-one place for the top story of 1999.

This past year, the state-of-the-art facility became the hub for students gathering for studying and entertainment. For the first time in Wilkes history, Wilkes students have a place to socialize, eat, shop, and take care of personal matters—a one-stop-shop place.

The three-story, 48,000-square foot building houses 48 rooms including a food court, dining commons to accommodate 400 students, the cafe, the bookstore, the campus post office, game rooms, student government offices, meeting facilities, an entertainment area, an information office, a television lounge, and a full service branch of Pioneer American Bank.

The Student Union Building had been skillfully planned by a dedicated group of Wilkes students, faculty, parents, administrators and trustees, who visited student centers at colleges and universities throughout the country and incorporated the best ideas into its design. The center's



The New Student Union Building dedicated on September 24, 1999.

rich architecture blends seamlessly with early 20th century homes that frame the Wilkes campus.

"The new Student Union Building makes our college look like an actual college," sophmores Jaya Nemani and Kevin Walsh had commented.

Dr. Edward Schicatanio, psy-

chology professor, described the building "as the new centerpiece for campus." He had also commented that the building of the Student Union was "an example of a growing campus."

The public dedication for the opening of the \$7.7 million Student Union was held on Friday, Septem-

ber 24, 1999 at 3 PM. The hour-long program highlighted the past, present, and future of Wilkes University.

After a band of bagpipe players led the procession to the stage area, Heather Tahan, a fifth-year senior education major, served as Master of Ceremonies. She spoke of her experience as one of the two students on the Student Union Planning Committee.

Carole Mancuso, Commuter Council president, highlighted how the new facility now serves as the anchor of activity for commuter students and the opportunities currently available to them, including more interaction time on campus.

Matt Sowcik, Student Government president, showed how the building gives students the chance to take on more leadership roles and how it affects programming of student activities.

Dr. Paul S. Adams, Dean of Student Affairs and University College, acknowledged the past Deans of the school. He also displayed photographs of the historic buildings that served as temporary student centers since the days of Wilkes' predecessor—Bucknell University Junior College.

Breiseth commented on the maturing of the campus, the commitment to the individual student, the importance of maintaining the architectural integrity of the surrounding

community, and the significance of this milestone for the current "Endow the future" Capital Campaign.

Dr. Breiseth described the dedication ceremony as "one of the most thrilling and exciting events to take place in the history of Wilkes University in the past 15 years." He also commented by saying that it will be "a celebration of a new and enhanced Wilkes."

Junior Cassie Sutton, also Vice-President of Student Government, saw the dedication as "a good chance for the Wilkes community, as a whole, to come together."

Sophomore Dan Keaton thought that the dedication ceremony was "a great opportunity to honor the completion of our new Student Union."

The Dedication was open to the public, and Wilkes students and faculty were encouraged to come and join in the celebration.

A donors' reception was also held on the dedication day, at 6 PM in the new Student Union for the alumni and friends who supported the project.

In building the new Student Union, Wilkes University recognized that the academic culture of a university is shaped in fundamental ways by student activities. The university constructed a student center and dining commons that serves as focal point for life outside of class.

President's essay gets published

By PAULA GENTILMAN
Communications Assistant

Wilkes University President and noted historian, Dr. Christopher N. Breiseth, has recently had an essay published, "Lincoln and Frederick Douglass: Another Debate," in *For a Vast Future Also*, a collection of essays from the Journal of the Abraham Lincoln Association edited by Thomas F. Schwartz.

In the volume, Breiseth joins the company of 13 of the world's most accomplished scholars in the field of Lincoln study. The volume of essays provides compact, detailed treatments of different facets of three general themes: Part I - Lincoln and the Problems of Emancipation, Part II - Lincoln and Presidential Politics, and Part III - The Lincoln Legacy.

According to Schwartz, much of what historians use to discern Lincoln's views on race are derived from his actions or inactions as president. In his essay, Breiseth poses the question, "How did Lincoln's views and actions on black freedom compare

to those espoused by the former slave and the abolitionist editor Frederick Douglass?"

Earlier this year, Breiseth was selected to join the company of some of America's most influential citizens to contribute remarks for "A Presidential Portrait." The literary tribute to Lincoln was published in the Illinois Humanities Council's *Detours On-Line Magazine* found on the website [<http://www.prairie.org>]. Breiseth was quoted, along with First Lady Barbara Bush, The Honorable George W. Bush (Governor), former president The Honorable Gerald R. Ford, The Honorable Jesse L. Jackson, Jr., (Congressman), Journalist Dan Rather, Historian Charles B. Strozier, and many others.

Breiseth has served as president of Wilkes University since 1984. He received a baccalaureate in History, with highest honors, in 1958 from the University of California at Los Angeles; a B.Litt. in Modern British History from Oxford University in 1962; and the Ph.D. in Modern European Intellectual History from Cornell University in 1964.

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Satirical Interludes: The Second Coming

by Marc Eakin

Golly gee, I guess this is "crunch time!" This is the time of year that everyone breaks out their hats and sweat suits, takes their text books out of the wrapper, spends inordinate amounts of time alone in their rooms or the library, eats compulsively, and ignores their personal hygiene. Oh wait, maybe that's just

me! I can feel my IgA levels dropping as we speak, or maybe I'm just having one of those flash backs to Dr. Charnetski's class. After five years of taking finals, I no longer find myself getting anxious over four or five finals,

but I do take the opportunity to eat compulsively and break out my hat and sweat suit.

Well, the Wilkes University Maintenance Team has returned the greenway to its original form: the Mud Way is back and just in time for Winter Weekend! Think of the money the university is going to have to spend to fix the greenway again, just because the maintenance men had to drive their trucks as close to the work site as they possible could. I guess it's worth it; we wouldn't want the maintenance workers to walk the extra ten feet from the parking lot! They also couldn't be bothered to put the mound of dirt on the pavement so as to avoid destroying the greenway again. Again I ask, "Who is the genius in charge of these things?"

I have been reminiscing about my years at Wilkes, and I find myself kind of sad that Pickering Hall is going to be demolished. I know, it's a rat-infested eye sore, but that's where I spent my freshmen year. One of my first dorm socials consisted of our RA handing out mousetraps, and we competed to see who could catch (and incidentally kill) the most mice. One of my favorite memories in Pickering was when Paul O'Hop, Vice President, Business Affairs/Auxiliary Enterprises, came to the Pit to address the issues and concerns of Pickering Hall residents. When a resident asked Mr. O'Hop if he would like to live in a drafty, dirty, mouse and cockroach infested room, Mr. O'Hop replied (and I believe this is a quote), "Son, I was in Vietnam." This was the first time I realized that being a student at WU was like being in Vietnam.

The residents who did their tour in Pickering Hall shared a comradeship of sorts. We were pitied by everyone on campus and were envied because we could go to the cafeteria without going outside — this made living in Pickering a privilege! We also had the finest security guard on campus, Lenny. Lenny not only kept us safe, but he knew everyone's name and problems. To this day, Lenny knows my name and talks to me every time I pass by the Security Desk in SLC. I guess being a student at Wilkes really is like being in 'Nam; I've become the old fat guy making everyone listen to my "war stories."

I would like to thank the people that have read my column, and especially those that have taken the time to give me their opinions, comments, and criticisms. I wish you all well in the upcoming holiday season and in the new millenium (provided those nasty rumors about an apocalypse aren't true).

This is the final issue of *The Beacon* until the new millenium begins. Good luck and be careful when you celebrate it!

An American Abroad

Dominican or Haitian?

with Lisa Ruggiero

Traffic in the Republic

The United States is not the only country that has serious internal conflicts over the status of immigrants and their children. Haiti is the poorest country in the Caribbean and thousands of Haitians cross the border into the Dominican Republic daily, seeking a way out of their poverty. The Dominican government is currently deciding if the children born to Haitians should be granted Dominican citizenship and the privileges associated with it, or if they must be registered with the Haitian Embassy. Naturally the Haitian immigrants want their children to be Dominican so they can have access to the limited social assistance available; many refuse to register their children with the Haitian Embassy because they are afraid of being deported since they lack proper documents.

According to the Haitian constitution and Dominican law, children born outside the country to Haitian parents are still Haitian. The problem is that there is nothing about granting citizenship in such cases in the Dominican constitution and some non-governmental organizations are trying to change that. This would give Haitian children born here dual citizenship, a very touchy situation in every country.

Part of the problem here is that there has always been a sort of bigotry against Haitians. Many Dominicans who clearly have African ancestors refuse to accept this and only acknowledge their white ancestors. Some even invent Indian ancestors. Haitians, however, are very proud to be black and this makes Dominicans feel awkward; thus, it is easier for them to hate Haitians than to accept them. Not all Dominicans think this way, but this difference was stressed during the years of the dictatorship. Now it is simply ingrained in the culture. More and more Dominicans are becoming proud of their heritage so things are slowly changing.

The other part of the problem is the economic situation of the country. The Dominican Republic is far richer than Haiti, but it is still not a first-world country. Therefore, it cannot afford to support its own citizens let alone those of another country. Public health care really does not exist and social assistance is very limited. These are all factors that will be taken into consideration when the Dominican Congress meets to discuss citizenship.

Traffic in the Dominican Republic is incredible. There is a big difference between traffic in the capital and other large cities, like Santiago, and the smaller towns. Traffic in Santo Domingo is insane and is the complete opposite of that in the countryside.

Traffic is more or less equivalent to that of Manhattan, but there are next to no regulations. City drivers have a complex system of honking to signal each other because there are few traffic lights and they are generally ignored anyway. No one stops at crossings and sometimes the music is so loud it is impossible to hear another car honking; the fact that drinking and driving is legal does nothing to make traveling through the city any easier.

The easiest and cheapest way to travel though the capital is to take one of the many public cars, called publicos, that travel in a straight line and pick up and drop off passengers anywhere along their route. The fare ranges from two to four pesos, or twenty to fifty cents, depending on the length of the ride. The standard passenger limit is four in the back and two in the front, plus the driver. Unpleasant as this may seem, it is far easier than attempting to drive through the city alone and far safer. On the brighter side, it is always an adventure and being squashed into the car with so many people makes it easy to start a conversation and meet some interesting people.

In smaller towns and in el campo, traffic is nearly non-existent. Very few people even have cars; the majority of the population uses public motorcycles to get around. These are abundant in the capital as well, but most people avoid them there because the drivers do not provide helmets and they tend to cut across traffic and provoke accidents. In the countryside, though, they are more or less safe, and plenty of fun. They are also extremely cheap, charging about ten pesos, less than a dollar, to take a person or two almost anywhere.

To travel between towns or between the capital and the countryside, people take privately owned buses. For roughly two dollars you can travel for three hours and these are the most fun rides to be experienced. Personal space does not really exist in these either.

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Merry Christmas to all and to all a good night

Whenever I've heard someone say that "if it only helps one person, I'll be happy," I thought it was such a crock. I mean, come on, if you're doing something you believe in and just one person sides with you, how happy could that make you? If I'm trying to educate people on not drinking and driving and only one person stops, but millions continue to do so, what good was my attempt?

But recently, something made me change my view towards this.

As I was sitting in the lounge in COB, a student came up to me (when the paper was late, of course) and simply said "thanks."

I lost a breath.

He then went on to say that he thought *The Beacon* looked better this year than it has in awhile. "Wow," I thought to myself. I never really felt this way before. I had such a sense of pride and accomplishment and after a few more compliments from University Relations, I am leaving the position of Managing Editor after this week feeling pretty good.

For those of you that could care less, so what. But for those of you that

might give a damn, thank you.

I truly hope that *The Beacon* was everything you students wanted and more. We tried week-in and week-out to give you what you wanted. But remember, any suggestions are always welcome, so if you want to see something in it, speak up and don't expect us to read your minds.

So what follows is my thank you list to everyone that played a part in *The Beacon's* success.

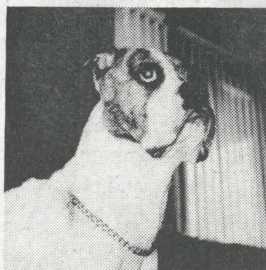
First off, all the staff writers. There are a bunch of you that I would like to thank for all your research, time, effort, and articles. I know it's not easy and though we had a small group, it was a fine one.

Secondly, my assistant editor, Joanna Gaydos. The assistant editor is brand-new to the staff, although Joanna isn't. She has done so much of the little stuff to make my job easier that I don't know what I would have done without her. I wish her the best of luck when she assumes the Managing Editor position next semester.

Thirdly, the section editors. The staff this year was compiled of students who were rookies at this news-

paper stuff, but they came through. I know it wasn't easy for any of them and I'm sure I only made it harder, but I appreciate all the work they've done and will continue to do. Bheav, we were going to fire you in the third week, but we decided to let you go and you've done nothing but improve and I see good things ahead. EBallz, it's been tough, I know, but you were the first one to actually show enthusiasm and I hope you keep that up. Porto, you're the only one ever done at a decent hour and I, personally, like what you've done with your pages.

Fourthly, our advisor, Joe Valenti. Since I've been around, Joe is the one advisor that has taken an actual inter-



Corey Yanoshak

est in *The Beacon* and has worked his tie off trying to improve it. There are so many changes made the students don't know about, but JV, you're the man we have to thank and I hope you get to reach the goals you're setting.

Fifthly, my opinion writers, Marc Eakin and Lisa Ruggiero. Lisa wrote from the Dominican Republic and Marc continued his column from past years. These two helped me out when I really needed it and always had their stuff in on time, even from abroad.

Sixth, Dr. Baldino. When Joe Valenti needs something, he goes to Dr. Baldino, and he has always complied with what we've asked of him. Without his support, the paper would still be struggling in week three.

Seventh, President Breiseth. I'm told that he has never wrote for *The Beacon* before, so I'm thrilled that I was the one who was the recipient of his first articles. He shed light on many factors throughout Wilkes and took a step down from his "Presidency" to talk to the students at their level.

Eighth, University Relations, mainly Alissa Antosh and Mark Davis.

Many a time, our paper was filled with press releases and these two are the ones that hooked us up. I don't know where we would be without your help, and patience, and I hope Bhavika buys you two something nice for Christmas. Your kind words will not be forgotten.

Ninth, my parents. I know they didn't want me coming home at 3 AM because Erika took all night to finish her pages. I know they'd rather me be studying, but their understanding has helped me through some stressful times and I know that if my grades should slip, they'll understand, because they're such great people.

Tenth, my dog. He was the one that I complained to and you know what, he never cared. He never yelled back at me or criticized me. How often do you meet someone like that?

If I forgot to thank anyone, I apologize, I didn't mean to, but there are so many people that have helped out that it's tough to pinpoint everyone.

What's next for me, you ask?

Well, I may play ball, but I will never sign that piece of paper!

Christmas presents, from us to you

Below is a list of fake Christmas gifts that *The Beacon* is offering to various people throughout campus. These presents are meant to be taken in jest and not to be taken seriously. Please do not be offended and accept our apologies if we have crossed the line with anyone. Enjoy.

Jerry Rickrode (Men's Basketball Coach): a pacemaker to regulate his heartbeat after losing his star player, along with their first loss at home in three years.

John Seitzenger (SID/Asst. Women's Basketball Coach): a clone.

Joe Valenti (Advisor): a new tie since he wore the same one three times last week.

Joanna Gaydos (Asst. Editor): patience and a pair of boxing gloves.

Larry Lewis (Copy Editor): the other pair and some new socks with odor-eaters.

Erika Baltrusaitis (Sports Editor): a muzzle.

Bhavika Patel (News Editor): a nickname she actually likes.

Joe Porto (Features Editor): a little black book to keep his phone numbers in and interesting topics for "From the Bench."

Harris Ahmad (Copy Editor):

a book to keep tabs on his Internet girls.

Vanessa Scheffner (Copy Editor): a new handkerchief.

Liz O'Neil (Business Manager): labels for the bills so she doesn't have to write each envelope out.

Scott Veith: a watch and a calendar so he turns his articles in on time and so he doesn't leave mid-semester.

Frank Sheptock (Football Coach): a tape measure and some time alone with the referee.

President Breiseth: a new bowtie.

The Beacon: more money.

Dr. Baldino: a lock on his e-mail from Joe Valenti.

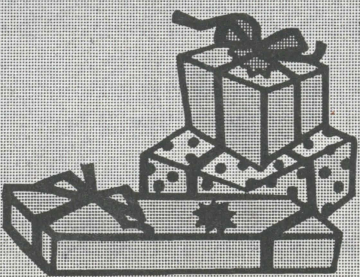
Brian Trosko (Staff Writer): a brain and a life.

Steve Toth and Rick Leibig: grass seed and top soil.

Jaya Nemani: a protective device to ward off all the weird guys.

Beacon Staff: an early Wednesday night and a stressless semester.

Dave Januzzi: a time-machine.



Joe Folek (Baseball Coach): a full-time groundscrew.

Vishal Patel: his dream-girl on Wilkes' campus.

Priya Maheshwari: something to slow down her speech.

WAQS: a new name.

Student Government: a new budget.

Women's Basketball Team: a few bottles of the hard stuff to forget that treacherous week.

Nate Lipton: someone that actually does like him so he doesn't have to care that they don't.

Adam Czeponis: an official name change to Pete.

SBDC: finding out who keeps taking their *Times Leader*.

Alissa Antosh: for *The Beacon* to credit her writers correctly.

Crazy Bob (Staff Writer): crazy cats and dogs and a shovel, because he can dig it.

Jill Stankoski (Staff Writer): the name of the anonymous person who wrote her a letter.

Kevin Vrabel (Women's Soccer and Softball Coach): a night out with the guys.

Donna Button (Staff Writer): an e-mail account so she stops faxing everything.

Lisa Ruggiero (Staff Writer): dependable electricity and phone lines.

Amnicola: an advisor.



Women's Tennis Team: a steady coach.

Donna Kruzlik: the head copy editor, a real man.

David DiMartino (Staff Writer): a spot on the copy editing staff.

Matt Reitnour (Staff Writer): more money for full-time services rendered.

Student Union Building: doors that actually work the way they're supposed to.

Marc Eakin (Staff Writer): a lesson! on how! to use! exclamation points!

Jeff Ward and Mel Moyer (Staff

Writers): the ability to give good directions.

Dr. Harrington: a hand-delivered invitation to debate J.G.

Academic Computing: students that actually delete their old-mail.

Bookstore: students that don't complain about buy-back prices.

Corey Yanoshak (Managing Editor): all I need are some tasty waves and I'm fine.

Karen Haag (Women's Basketball Coach): in all seriousness, all of our best wishes for a full and safe recovery.

Are you feeling S.A.D. lately?

By **ANDRIA BIAGIOTTI**
Beacon Staff Writer

Are you feeling depressed? Trouble sleeping? Have a tendency to overeating? Having unusual family problems? Feeling lethargic? If so, you might be suffering from S.A.D. or seasonal affective disorder. Seasonal affective disorder (affective is a psychiatric term for mood) describes people who have these clinical depressions only during the autumn and winter seasons. During the spring and summer, they feel well and "normal." The symptoms tend to last from September to April each year, but are at their worst in the darkest months. S.A.D. is caused by the lack of bright light in winter. Researchers have proved that bright light makes a difference to the brain chemistry, although the exact means by which sufferers are affected is not yet known. It is not a psychosomatic or an imaginary

illness.

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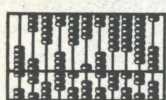
Many people feel mildly "depressed" during the winter, but some people have more severe bouts of feeling down all the time...

feeling down all the time, low energy, problems with sleep and appetite, and reduced concentration to the point where they have difficulty functioning at work or in the home. We say that these people have a clinical depression to distinguish it from everyday ups and downs.

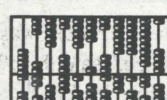
The other common symptoms

of S.A.D. include extreme fatigue and lack of energy, increased need for sleep, sleeping much more than usual; carbohydrate craving and increased appetite which leads to weight gain; avoiding company, irritability, loss of libido; and physical problems such as joint pain or stomach problems, and lowered resistance to infection.

A new research finding is that many patients with SAD improve with exposure to bright, artificial light, called light therapy, or phototherapy. As little as 30 minutes per day of sitting under the artificial light results in marked improvement in 60% to 80% of SAD patients. Other treatments for depression, including antidepressant medications and counseling, may also be helpful for patients with SAD. Simply spending more time outdoors and exercising in the winter may help people with milder symptoms of the "winter blahs."



TECHNOLOGY BYTES With Brian Trosko



Well, it's finals week. Of course, you knew that, unless your pre-finals week party went on a little bit too long. As my last "Technology Bytes" for the semester, I hereby present a list of my favorite web sites, in no particular order.

10. <http://www.barnesandnoble.com> - For books and stuff. Sure, Amazon stock trades a lot higher, but Barnes and Noble doesn't spam your mailbox with a bunch of crap, so I'm happier spending my money with them.

9. <http://www.cdnow.com> - If you're looking for harder-to-find imports, or discs that haven't seen print in a while, this is the place to go. If you're looking for something rare, you'll end up paying through the nose, but that beats not finding it at all. This site and the above one are also capable of saving you from quite a few trips to the mall this season.

8. <http://us.imdb.com> - If you like movies, go here. Now. It basically has every piece of information you could want on every movie ever made, from the greatest Russ Meyer epic to the worst USA Up All Night movie. You can search a database of the best quotes from the best movies, find information on the casts and crews, and even leave your own reviews. Interesting fact: The worst movie ever made is *Attack of the Giant Leeches*. The best is currently *The Godfather*. I definitely know what I'm renting next time I make a trip to Blockbuster.

7. <http://www.redmeat.com> - From the secret files of Max Cannon, it's all the fresh dripping Red Meat you could stand to read.

6. <http://www.cruel.com> - The Cruel Site of the Day. Featuring such great pages as the *Choose Your Own White Trash Adventure*, *Children's Books You'll Never See*, and *The Gallery of Dead Musicians*, it's always fun. Maybe not actually funny, but fun.

5. <http://www.spinnwebe.com> - This one's posthumous. This site used to house the Dysfunctional Family Circus, one of the few web sites that guaranteed even the briefest visitor an eternity in Hell. Basically, the site's author would scan in Family Circus cartoons, and allow visitors to submit their own captions, with the best ones being archived. Take the wholesomeness of the Family Circus and subject it to the humor of the average web surfer, and you're almost certainly going to end up with a bunch of twisted stuff. The archive still floats around, so if you can find it, steal it.

4. <http://www.DarwinAwards.com> - One of the nice aspects of evolution is that the acutely stupid often succeed in getting themselves thrown right out of the gene pool. Like the guy who decided to take off all his clothes and go swimming in the killer whale pool at SeaWorld. Or the mythical gearhead who attached a rocket to his El Camino. Anyway, this site gives awards for the greatest and most fatal moments of documented stupidity, and it takes care to separate the mythical stupid people from the real-life stupid people.

3. <http://www.iwin.com> - You get to play stupid games. If you win, you get points. If you get enough points, you can trade them in for prizes or raffle entries for bigger prizes.

2. <http://www.webtender.com> - If all you've got left in the fridge is a half-bottle of tequila, some dried-out garlic, purple Kool-Ade, and a nearly-empty bottle of Bac-O-Bits, you can probably find a drink you can make.

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Alumni info Our dream is his reality

By JENNIFER BULLOCK
Director, Alumni Relations

Wilkes has approximately 20,000 alumni nationally and internationally. The Alumni Association includes all graduates and does not have a paid membership as do some other colleges and universities. The Alumni Association has a National Board of Directors of about 40 alumni who meet 4 times a year.

Their goals are to find ways to involve and activate more alumni into the life of the university and promote Wilkes and the Alumni Association. The Alumni Office basically serves as facilitators for the alumni and can best relay the mission and goals of the university for alumni to help serve better.

The office is staffed by two people: Jennie Bullock Powell, the Director of Alumni Relations and Sherry Wright, the Assistant Director of Alumni. Some of their main responsibilities include staffing and facilitating alumni chapters located in Luzerne Co., NYC, Philadelphia, Lackawanna Co., Harrisburg, Washington D.C., and the Twin Tiers of New York and PA; hosting and organizing at least 10 classes for Reunion Weekend held in June each year, Alumni Homecoming activities, several special reunions throughout the year, a young alumni beach bash, help manage the Alumni Scholarship, and provide organizational support and information constantly.

While students may wonder what this has to do with them now, there are actually many reasons for them to take note. First of all, a school is only as successful as its alumni become. Wilkes students can be proud knowing that they have

alumni that are making news all over the country as Presidents and Vice Presidents of businesses, Chief Financial Officers, Managers, Editors, Publishers, Teachers, Professors, leading Physicians at the cutting edge of technology, engineers, noted attorneys, judges, etc.

This issue of *The Beacon* only touches on some of the many more success stories Wilkes has. Wilkes is a name that is nationally recognized as a superior leader in higher education. One of the opportunities students have available to them is to seek an alumnus/a as a mentor.

Each student is encouraged to come to the Alumni House and browse through the Alumni Directory and then to call a few alumni to learn more about their profession, seek career advice, look for internships, learn about the geography and economy in an area of the country they would like to live in. The information would be first-hand from someone who shares Wilkes as a common bond with each student.

When each student graduates, they become part of the extended Wilkes family. There is a lot of support out there and a great deal of opportunities to stay connected to the place that gave each person its roots.

Over the three year period I have worked at Wilkes, I have seen the Alumni Association become more alive and energetic. There are weeks when it is impossible to have a life of my own, because there is so much activity.

Our newer alumni are some of our strongest supporters and it is hoped that every student will see the value of Wilkes and the importance of alumni to this university.

Former Beacon sports editor now covers NFL

By COREY YANOSHAK
Beacon Managing Editor

Paul Domowitch is perhaps the finest example you can get of what *The Beacon* can do for a writing career.

This current *Philadelphia Daily News* writer was sports editor of *The Beacon* for three years, while also being a writer during his freshman year.

Paul Domowitch, '76

"*The Beacon* was a valuable experience," said the 1976 graduate who majored in English with a minor in journalism. "I was really into sports, but I enjoyed the whole atmosphere of Wilkes. I never regretted going there."

Domowitch now lives with his two daughters, Allison and Amy, and wife Shelley in Marlton, New Jersey, where he covers the professional football beat.

Domowitch has worked with the *Philadelphia Daily News* since 1982 and covers the whole NFL, with a focus on the Eagles on Sundays.

"There's a little bit of traveling," said Domowitch, who visited a dozen training camps this past summer. "I'm usually on the road for about half of the Sundays, mainly when the Eagles are away."

Domowitch can also be seen on television, where his paper runs a daily show called "Daily News Live." The show runs on Comcast and features two or three writers each day, five days a week. Since the paper rotates staff writers, Domowitch appears an average of once per week on the TV.

"It's satisfying and I'm happy where I'm at, but my kids keep me grounded," joked Domowitch that his daughters don't watch the show. "I knew where I wanted to go and I always wanted to write for the *Philadelphia Daily News*. Ever since I was a kid, they have had one of the top sports sections in the country."

Those close to the '76 grad know him as "Hawk," a nickname which has stuck since his childhood, with no particular meaning.

"Hawk" remembers his advisor



"Hawk's" family: Allison (front left), Amy (front right), Shelley (bottom left) and Paul Domowitch (bottom right).

at *The Beacon*, the late Tom Moran, as being a huge inspiration. Moran was also a writer for various local newspapers in the area and was also Domowitch's journalism teacher, which was nowhere near the current size it is today.

"There was just something about him that made me want to do it," admits Domowitch.

When "Hawk" graduated from Wilkes, he proceeded to Texas, where he spent six years at two papers. The first, *Midland Reporter Telegram*, lasted about a year and a half. He then went to the *Fort Worth Star Telegram* for four years. But in 1982, Domowitch's goals were achieved when he landed his current job.

"The challenge of covering professional sports for such a big paper is nice," said "Hawk." "I was never interested in other sections, I always wanted to write for sports."

Domowitch's senior year saw the Colonel baseball team head to the College World Series. He was very close to the team. It included a few of his close friends.

Other influences from his college days include the late Tom Kaska, who made the "biggest impression on me in English," and Bob Heaman, whose "classes I enjoyed and learned a lot from."

Domowitch credits Kaska with having a big influence on his studies.

"He kept me on the right track to my degree and kind of took me in and watched over."

Heaman is still a professor at Wilkes, but could not be reached for comment on Wednesday.

As the football season hits crunch-time, Domowitch will resume covering the Eagles through the regular season, but will then begin playoff coverage and will spend the weekends traveling to many venues to watch many teams.

But "Hawk's" work is not done when the Super Bowl is played. His coverage year goes as long as the pro teams continue to be active. He will soon head to scouting combines, the draft, and NFL meetings to get a headstart on next season.

"Once the season is done, if the Eagles aren't in the playoffs, I'm gone during the playoffs," noted Domowitch.

Domowitch is currently writing from his home in South Jersey, where he does the majority of his writing.

Tracking the "Hawk"

'73 - *Beacon* sports writer.
'74-76 - *Beacon* Sports Editor.
'76 - graduates with degree in English, minor in Journalism.
'76-78 - *Midland Reporter Telegram* in Texas.
'78-82 - *Fort Worth Telegram* in Texas.
'82-present - Began career as NFL beat writer with *Philadelphia Daily News*, also part of weekly TV show, *Daily News Live*.

with the exception of when he has to cover games. Eagles' game do not require much travel, though, as his home is just 25 minutes from Philadelphia.

Wife Shelley is currently an accounting supervisor, while Allison is a junior in high school, on the girls' basketball team, and Amy is in eighth grade.

Although Domowitch had the opportunity to go away to school, he does not regret his decision to attend Wilkes, where he enjoyed the "small school and classes."

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Former EIC says take advantage of opportunities

By SCOTT VEITH

Special to *The Beacon*

Some college students can't sit still. They need to be involved in something productive every minute of the day. They can't sleep if they haven't accomplished something.

Christine Gaydos was one of those students.

Gaydos, a 1998 Wilkes Graduate, was a Resident's Assistant, a senior class associate, a tutor and editor-in-chief of *The Beacon*. Her schedule often had her out of bed by 7 AM and

out of her room until well past midnight.

"But the hard work paid off," said the 23 year-old who majored in both French and International Studies.

"You're only in college for so long," she said. "You've got to make the best of it."

Gaydos is using the skills she learned at *The Beacon*, as she is the editor of *TRIP Magazine*. *TRIP* is a tourist's guide to the city of Charlotte, North Carolina, as well as a source of interesting tidbits about the city.

Shortly after graduating from

Wilkes in May 1998, Gaydos took a job at Cahners Business Information in Parsippany, New Jersey as an editorial

Christine Gaydos, '98

assistant for Laboratory Equipment Magazine and Biomedical Products Magazine. She stayed in Jersey for a year, then moved to Charlotte in search of something more.

Gaydos promptly found her current position, and has been at the publi-

cation since July. She said the job is the perfect blend of what she learned at *The Beacon*, as an RA and at Cahners.

"I love my job," Gaydos said. "After working at *The Beacon*, I never thought I'd find something as fun and rewarding. I have everything I want right here."

The job is not a final stop for the young woman, but she said the position is perfect, for now. "I still want to teach English as a second language," she said. "I gained experience in that field while I was at Wilkes. That was the first time I was sure what I wanted to do with the

rest of my life. But for now, the magazine is all I can handle."

Gaydos looks back at *The Beacon* as one of the most interesting and enjoyable experiences she had in college.

"*The Beacon* is more than just a place to spend time to have something look good on a resume," Gaydos said. "It's a place to take advantage of opportunities. *The Beacon* prepared me for real world situations. I'm glad I took advantage of my time spent there. Now I have a job doing something I enjoy while I go back to further my education."

A special Word From the President on Alumni

I congratulate *The Beacon* for dedicating a special issue to the alumni of Wilkes University. You not only recognize a group of more than twenty thousand people who share this wonderful place; you also are preparing yourselves for a lifelong association with Wilkes that can continue and expand on all that each of you most value about your alma mater. In deciding to attend one of the most prestigious colleges in America—Harvard, Yale and Princeton—that lifelong association is part of what one consciously is joining. Through this special issue of *The Beacon*, you are recognizing that the same can be true for students at Wilkes. You are establishing a network of friendships and professional contacts that with continuing effort on your part will be one of the most rewarding dividends of these years at Wilkes.

I am in my sixteenth year as president of the University. One of the most gratifying part of my job has been to watch students grow in competence, confidence and maturity, first during their years at Wilkes and then after graduation as their adult lives take shape. A corollary pleasure has been to get to know alumni who graduated before I arrived in 1984, including individuals going all the way back to those who first attended Bucknell University Junior College in the 1930's. Certain characteristics appear over and over again in the Wilkes alumni I have met. They remember their teachers as playing pivotal roles in opening them up to the life of the mind and discovering their own inherent talent. Frequently it is those faculty who made them work the hardest (not always making them the happiest at the time) who gave them the greatest gift. I have found the alumni to be remarkably focused, disciplined



President Christopher Breiseth

and hard working people who retain an attractive modesty—Wilkes alumni are not the sort who had or have the attitude that the world owes them a living. At the same time, their experiences at Wilkes prepared them and inclined them to assume leadership positions in their professions and private associations, with many enjoying what one might summarize as community service.

I meet Wilkes graduates all over the world. It is striking to me how much the aura of quiet confidence, friendliness and a personal generosity marks Wilkes men and women wherever I meet them. The spirit is the same in a Wilkes group meeting in a luxurious setting in California or Florida as it is back home in Northeastern Pennsylvania. Through the new President's Breakfast Series, we are bringing some of our alumni back to campus to share with our present Wilkes community the insights on the world these alumni have gained through their professional and personal experiences.

Other Wilkes alumni I have been

fortunate to know and spend time with include more than half of the Board of Trustees. Among them are leaders in the pharmaceutical industry, the law, accounting, medicine, government service, construction, real estate and investment management (and this is not a complete summary of the professional identities of our trustees who are also alumni). I think *The Beacon* staff would find it rewarding to interview and publish profiles on these alumni trustees (as well as on the other trustees who are serving Wilkes University out of loyalty to what it represents as a leading force in the lives of its students as well as its region). Such a series could expand to include alumni elsewhere in the world.

In addition to highlighting the quality of a Wilkes education as demonstrated through its alumni, such a series would also make the present students at Wilkes aware of the tremendous resource that exists for them in supportive alumni around the country—and indeed the world—who would be delighted to help with internships, career advice and even career placements.

Part of what Wilkes should be strengthening in each student is the ability and inclination to reach out and meet new people, mobilizing people resources to further a project you believe in (including your own career!). I also would be delighted to do some brainstorming with you personally to link you up with alumni I know who share your interests. Just call my office (408-4000) and make an appointment. You are part of a wonderful Wilkes family—and it is not too soon to make some efforts to get to know some of the older members of the family you have not met before.

Have a wonderful holiday season.

Where would we be without alumni? - asks Corey Yanoshak

Donations, notes, advice, jobs, lectures, and many other things are what Wilkes University alumni can offer. But how often do we realize what they mean to us.

I'll be the first to admit, I never really cared about alumni before. I'd hear about them and I'd say, "So what?"

President Breiseth would say how much alumni mean to Wilkes, but I thought he was off his rocker. I had never thought about the graduated students and I never much cared.

But this year has showed me a lot of different things that I never saw before. And alumni were one of those things I have come to appreciate.

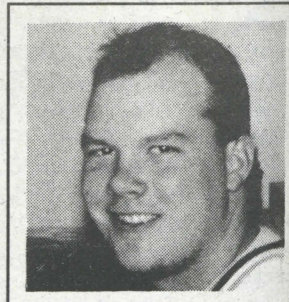
For starters, I would not be a student here if not for an alumnus, one which I have never realized meant so much. That alumnus is my father and I never really realized what him being an alumnus meant to me. If not for his attending Wilkes and both my parents' guidance, I would never have come to Wilkes. So, even if I didn't care about alumni, they have played an integral role in my development from day one, when I didn't even consider it yet.

I now see just what alumni offer our school and what they mean to Wilkes. Numerous donations have been made to our school from wealthy alumni who recognize the chance for students of the present to further their studies and education. The more I think of it, the more I realize how impressive this is. I would love to be in the position to give up/donate a few million dollars to a place where I've spent close to \$100,000 already. Now I'm not knocking Wilkes, but these alumni have paid to go here and now are giving back. That's commendable and I'd personally like to thank these people. I'm not sure if I'll ever see the money myself, but the fact that it was given to our school is what counts.

Alumni are also a source of jobs. Students have access to a good number of alumni and can contact them to inquire about employment. This alone is a great asset to us, the students. I haven't been able to access this information yet, but I definitely plan on doing it next semester when I'm looking for a job in my field. And alumni may look to hire "one of their own," which may give current students an advantage. Definitely a point for the alums.

Wilkes' alumni are so far-reaching, it's incredible. For instance, I have countless alumni in my family that I never knew about until I started researching alumni. Numerous uncles, aunts, cousins, and immediate relatives have attended Wilkes and graduated with various degrees. I'm not trying to single out my family, because I'm sure there are many families with far-reaching alumni, but this is just one example. I would have never thought that so much of my family were once students where I am now. And I thought it was weird that my parents had the same high school teachers that I had.

We only wish we could have included more of the vast array of alumni within this issue and we apologize for omitting so many.



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By JILL STA
Beacon Staff Wr

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Once students, now alumni

By JILL STANKOSKI
Beacon Staff Writer

Wilkes University has always been a school of good times and academics. If you do not believe that, then take a look for yourself at the yearbooks of the past.

Can you imagine hearing that one of your teachers was a sorority representative? Well believe it or not, college professors had administrators were just like students today. At one time they were the ones that were running late for class, cramming for test and exams, explaining to their professors why they did not



Dr. Anne Batory

secretary, dorm council vice president and treasurer. She dormed at Waller North for three years and helped to clean Waller South her Senior year which was the same year that it opened. She was a Resident Assistant her Senior year for Delaware Hall.

Also a member of the Executive Council for the Class of '85, Visitation and Freshman Orientation Committee, and of the Accounting and business Club, she was the student representative that wrote the mission statement that helped Wilkes become a University.

Dr. Rexer said "I loved dorm life when we lived in Waller. Mrs



Dr. Marianne Rexer

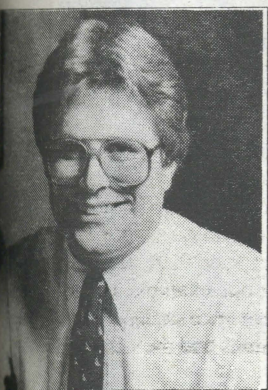
hand in a paper or assignment on time.

They also had to deal with out class activities such as a going to club meetings, making time for just a simple call to their boyfriend or girlfriend, and making it on time for that study group that is meeting at the library at 8:00 PM.

All of these professors have been there and done that and know the real reasons why students are not in class and why they do not have our assignment finished.

Dr. Marianne Rexer is the former Marianne Scicchitano. She is a graduate of Wilkes College Class of 1985. She is Assistant Professor of the Accounting Department at Wilkes.

Dr. Rexer was a member of the Inter-Residence Hall Council. Within the IRCH, she served as Winter Weekend Chairperson, recording



Dean Paul Adams

Dr. Richard Raspen

Waller was still living next door. She used to take walks and say hello to all of us. After she died, pieces of her estate were sold. Each girl from Waller bought shor glasses. I still have mine along side of a picture of Waller. The Waller girls gave me a picture as a present my senior year."

Dean Paul Adams was not always Dean of Student Activities. He first had to get through all of his activities that he participated in.

He graduated from Wilkes College in 1977 with a B.A. in Elementary Education.

Along with getting an education, he was also a member of the football team, Lettermen's Club, and a regular participant in intramural

sports. He was a Resident Assistant for two years at the Butler House in Pickering Hall and the Gore House. He also served on the Senior Class Executive Council and was a playground leader.

Diane Polachek graduated from Wilkes College in 1978 with a B.A. in Education and French and Psychology. She is a member of Theta Delta Rho and served as the sorority representative and queen. She was also a member of the Women's Club, Letterwomen's Club, French Club, Karate Club, and International Club.

Dr. John "Doc" Harrison graduated from Wilkes College in 1987 with a B.S. in Math and Computer Science. He is the Assistant Professor of Math and Computer Science Department at Wilkes. While "Doc" attended Wilkes, he was an active member of the computer science club and mathematics club.

Cynthia Chisarick is from the Wilkes College graduating class of 1973. She is the former Cynthia J. Littzi. She is a professor of the Department of Accounting at Wilkes.

Dr. Richard Raspen is from the Wilkes College graduating class of 1967. He graduated Cum Laude with a B.A. in Business Education. He is a Professor in the Business Department at Wilkes.

Dr. Patricia Heaman is from the



Dr. Diane Polachek

Wilkes College graduating class of 1961. She is the former Patricia Boyle. Dr. Heaman graduated with a B.A. in English, and is a Professor in the English Department at Wilkes.

Carol Bosack is from the Wilkes College graduating class of 1980. She graduated with a B.A. in Education. She is an Assistant in the Cooperative Education Program at Wilkes.

Dr. Carl Charnetski is from the Wilkes College graduating class of 1970. He graduated with a B.A. in Psychology. He is a Professor and Chairperson of the Psychology De-



Dr. Cynthia Chisarick

partment at Wilkes. but soon became an English major. She was also part of Cue and Curtain, the student theater group, and spent many long nights painting scenery and working on costumes.

"I had great teachers, many of whom are legendary at Wilkes, and I felt that they were interested in me and my intellectual development. Because the great teaching I enjoyed, especially in the English, History, Philosophy, French, and Art departments, I realized I wanted to become a teacher. The people I met in college, peers and faculty were excited and inspired by intellectual and creative ideas and activities; they introduced me to a life I loved so much that I wanted to make it a permanent way of living life. I never gave much thought about what I would do in the future. I was too busy soaking up all there was to learn and do then."

Having their professional careers at Wilkes University has also enabled them to make many more memories. They are able to continue the Wilkes tradition as they remember. Having these people as professors and letting them use their knowledge to guide and prepare students for the real world is just another advantage of going to Wilkes University.



Carol Bosack

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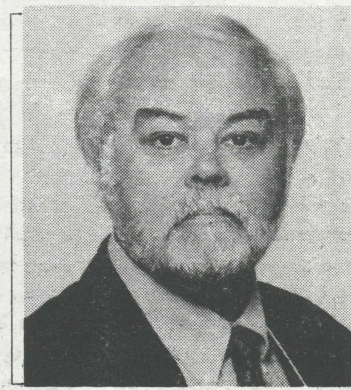
Dr. Patricia Heaman was a commuter student at Wilkes College, but spent most of her days and nights on campus because of the activities that she was involved in. They were as much a part of the education as she got from Wilkes as the time she spent in the classroom.

She was active on the *Ammicola*, the *Manuscript* and the *Beacon* and she said, "I enjoyed working on all three publications, especially the *Manuscript*."

She matriculated as an art major

Alumni of Wilkes

- Dean Paul Adams
- Dean Barbara King
- Dr. Anne Batory
- Dr. Thomas Baldino
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Dr. Carl Charnetski

Three grads integral in local brewery's success

By **COREY YANOSHAKE**
Beacon Managing Editor

When the local brewery won three very prestigious awards this past fall, no one probably noticed that it was three Wilkes' alumni that played key roles in those national awards.

The Lion Brewery was named "Mid-size Brewery of the Year" for 1999. And Leo Orlandini, a biology major from the class of 1983, was named the "Mid-size Brew Master of the Year." To go along with these two remarkable awards, two products earned Gold Medals for the last year of the 90's. Pocono Pilsner and Liebotschaner Cream Ale both won gold medals in judging this fall.

"It's a great accomplishment," said Orlandini. "But it's everyone's award. I couldn't have done it without

Leo Orlandini, '83

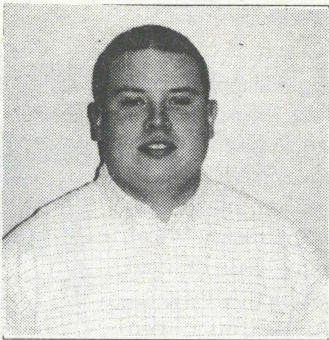
everyone involved."

Along with the '83 graduate, the local brewery employs two graduates from the class of 1995. Bob Klinetob and Bernie Mushinsky are also key parts of this award-winning process.

Klinetob has recently returned from "brewing school" in Chicago to become the Assistant Brew Master after the new year, while Mushinsky is currently the head of a quality assurance program, which involves testing the finished product to check certain parameters.

"You've got to have a passion for the entire industry and process," said Klinetob, who was a member of Wilkes' last championship baseball team, as was Mushinsky. "And everything at Wilkes helped prepare me for this job."

Both Orlandini and Klinetob



**Bob Klinetob, class of 1995,
Brewing Supervisor.**

agree that Wilkes helped prepare them for their current job and that this is one of the few jobs in which they actually use all of their principles they learned at Wilkes.

"Brewing is one of the few jobs that you actually use everything you learned in college," commented Orlandini. "You either hate it or love it."

Orlandini started his career in the quality assurance program, much like Mushinsky, in 1988. He then went to the same brewing school that Klinetob attended this fall and became the Assistant Brew Master in 1992, followed by a promotion to the Head Brew Master in 1995, in which he became part-owner of the company.

Orlandini's duties involve being responsible for everything that comes into the brewery to everything that goes out. As the Head Brew Master, he controls everything that goes on in the brewery and must answer to current owners, CEO Chuck Lawson, and CFO Patrick Belardi — something Orlandini says you "hate, but love."

"It's definitely something you have to love," commented Orlandini. "There's so much that goes on, but being able to control everything is so great and I love what I do and I'll do

it forever."

Klinetob echoes his boss's words with "I plan on staying in the brewing industry for a long time."

Klinetob recently finished classes at the Siebel Brewing Institute to become an Assistant Brew Master, second only to Orlandini, and credits Wilkes with a solid foundation. Klinetob is currently the Brewing Supervisor, which he started in 1995.

"I never thought I'd use it all," admitted Klinetob of his college days.

Bob Klinetob, '95

"But everything in school has helped prepare me for this — the experience, the education, and the interaction."

Mushinsky is also a '95 grad and has been at the Lion since he graduated. While at Wilkes, Mushinsky majored in Environmental Science and has used numerous aspects of his college curriculum to further his career.

"Doing tests and keeping accurate data has helped me to be more organized and keep good records, which makes my job much easier and provides better results," commented Mushinsky.

Mushinsky, a Plains native, chose Wilkes wanting a "small school." He credits his decision to stay home as being the best decision for him.

"The good teachers, the relationships, the small classes, and definitely the baseball team," said Mushinsky of what he remembers most of his college days.

Mushinsky did not immediately go to the Lion Brewery when he graduated in 1995; rather he job-hunted around the area to see what was out



Leo Orlandini (left), class of 1983, and Bernie Mushinsky, class 1995, shown in the QA laboratory.

there. But when the bills started arriving, Mushinsky was forced to find work wherever was paying. So he gave the Lion Brewery a shot, calling the job "interesting." And now that he begins his fifth-year, Mushinsky admits that the QA job is "what I thought."

Mushinsky's duties include testing the product for carbon dioxide, testing the fills, making sure the labels and date codes go on the bottle correctly, testing the bottle caps for pres-

Bernie Mushinsky, '95

sure, and monitoring the product before it is bottled.

Klinetob began his career in the brewing industry when he conducted his senior research project on the mutagenic effects of organic residues in beer. Although all tests were done at Wilkes, Klinetob was constantly in contact with the brewery and became familiarized with the brewing process. And once the South Wilkes-Barre native graduated, there was a job-opening in the newspaper, for which Klinetob was eventually hired.

Klinetob's duties include monitoring the whole brewing process, from the raw materials put it into the many beverages to the finished product days or months later.

Orlandini has fond memories of two particular members of the Wilkes'

administration in Dean Ralston the late Dean Hoover as he credits two with being strong influence his decision to attend Wilkes.

"They made me feel at home when I was on campus," said Orlandini, whose favorite classes included microbiology and parasitology. "They treated me like a person, not a number, and although I had opportunity to move away, I didn't want to."

Orlandini has no plans of resting on the Lion Brewery's success and wants to get their name out into the area and inform the people of product.

"We're the best in the country our size and we need to get rid of anyone's negative feelings towards us," said the Dallas native. "We count on our success. We've got to keep the people more informed and them to realize what they have here."

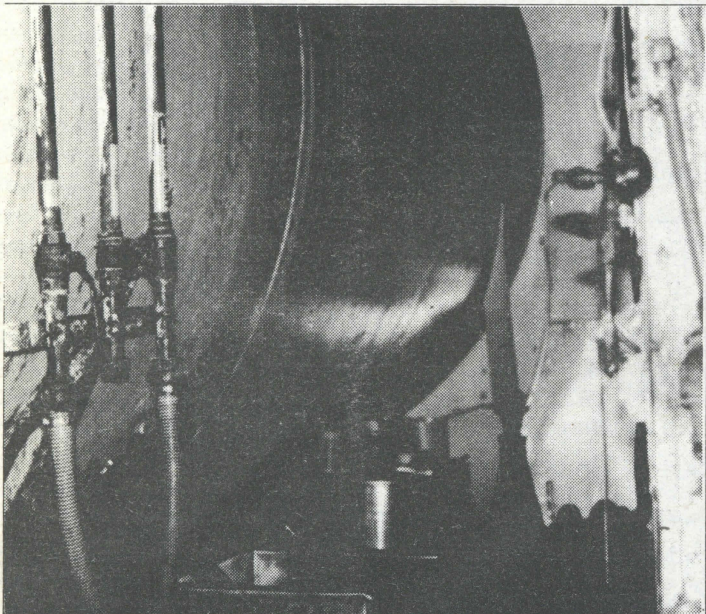
Although Klinetob, who is currently an assistant coach at Wilkes, and Mushinsky are key employees at the local brewery, they also play key roles in Wilkes' athletic program. Klinetob was a catcher, while Mushinsky was a third baseman. Both were head coach Bob Duliba and assistant coach Joe Folek, who is currently head coach. Both rank their experience of winning the Middle Atlantic Conference championship as being a highlight of their days at Wilkes.

1999 Awards

- Mid-size Brewery of the Year.

- Mid-size Brew Master of the Year, Leo Orlandini.

- Gold Medal for Pocono Pilsner and Cream Ale.



A typical storage tank holds between 300 to 1,000 barrels of product in one of three cellars.



The racking room, where empty kegs are cleaned and filled.

Graduate returns to pleasant surprise

By LISA RUGGIERO
Beacon Staff Writer

Dr. Bethany Venit, who resides in Conyngham, graduated from Wilkes College in 1970 with a bach-

Bethany Venit, '70

degree in biology and a minor in chemistry. Since she was responsible for the genetics lab, Venit was a member of the Biology Club, the Women's Chorus, and the College Choir.

She attributes her acceptance to Jefferson Medical College to her Wilkes education and also says that she really grew up during her four years at Wilkes while living on campus.

Venit says the school has grown considerably, with many new buildings and faces, as well as a new administration since she graduated. Dr.

Farley was still president in 1970 and women were not allowed to wear slacks till after five o'clock on weekdays, and never to class. There were also curfews in the dorms, which were all single-sex.

When an exchange student who lived in her house graduated from Wilkes last year, Venit went back to take a look around campus. She was pleasantly surprised to see fellow classmates who remembered her. Venit enjoyed talking to them, but says she cannot attend alumni functions since she is usually on-call those weekends.

When asked what she would like to tell current Wilkes students, Venit said, "Enjoy learning every day; study diligently so that you may be able to fulfill your dreams and enjoy your chosen profession. Life can be very unhappy if you do not enjoy your profession. Stop and smell the roses along the way; they disappear all too quickly."

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The Class of 1999... Where are they now?

By MARC EAKIN
Beacon Staff Writer

Just seven months ago, the Class of 1999 graduated from Wilkes University. As the last class to graduate from Wilkes before the new millennium, their commencement seemed particularly special. The Honorable Attorney General, Janet Reno, addressed the class at the commencement ceremony, which was held on Wilkes University's Fenner Quadrangle. The class will not only be remembered as the last to graduate prior to the new millennium, but also for their contributions to Wilkes University and to the friends they made along the way.

In this special "Wilkes Alumni" edition of *The Beacon*, two graduates from the Class of 1999 will be highlighted. The graduates include Quinn Kirk and Marcie Herman. If you have ever wondered what people do after graduating from Wilkes, you'll want to continue reading. These two WU graduates will offer opinions of their time at WU and let you know what they're up to post-Wilkes.

While at WU, Quinn Kirk was a biochemistry major, premedical scholar, President of the Class of 1999, Programming Board member, Chemistry Club member, OCC member, and a writer for *The Beacon*.

As a premedical scholar, Quinn was already accepted to MCP Hahnemann Medical School. When

asked why he chose WU, Quinn commented that "guaranteed acceptance to medical school was hard to pass up."

Quinn stated that the great majority of WU professors were quite good, although a few were sub-par and some of the best have left for other institutions. He liked the fact that his professors were all, for the most part, easily accessible outside of class and were more than happy to help students. This was part of the small school experience Quinn enjoyed while at WU. When asked if there was anything he didn't like about WU, he stated, "tuition seemed a bit high, the cafeteria was pretty gross, and the lack of a student union, which was supposed to be completed before I left, didn't help."

Quinn seems to like MCP Hahnemann and finds medical school to be more challenging, in that the volume of material is higher and the pace is much quicker. As you may or may not know, MCP Hahnemann is located in Philadelphia. When asked if he likes Philadelphia more than Wilkes-Barre, he stated, "I don't particularly like either." After graduating from MCP Hahnemann, Quinn plans to be in a family practice in a more rural location. Quinn ended the conversation by saying, "I think I, and the six other WU graduates at MCP Hahnemann, got a good education in comparison to some people at MCP Hahnemann. We are as well or better

prepared than people who went to big schools like PSU and some of the Ivy League schools."

As a student at WU, Marcie

Quinn Kirk & Marcie Herman, '99

Herman was a sociology major, English, Spanish, and women's studies minor, long-time Vice President of the Sociology Club, *Manuscript* member, *Amnicola* staff member, WCLH DJ, and was a member of a plethora of other clubs and honor societies. Marcie is currently pursuing her Master of Arts degree in Applied Linguistics, with certification to teach English as a second language, at the University of Pittsburgh.

Marcie came to WU because it wasn't too far from her home. Overall, Marcie believes she got a good education at WU and that the majority of her professors were good. Marcie stated, "I enjoyed the small school experience because you get to know a lot of people and there were lots of opportunities to get involved on campus." Like Quinn, Marcie felt that tuition was too high at WU. Marcie further criticized that non-science programs, such as Sociology, English, Spanish, and women's studies, were generally ignored by school administrators, and hence were unable to expand in terms of curriculum.

Departed editor leaves one last word

Who needs Wilkes?
Who needs college?
What is the purpose of pouring your years of your life into a small school? Who needs the aggravation? Isn't it just a waste of time?

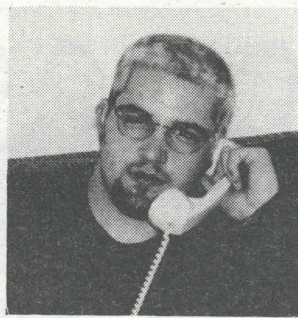
Well yes and no.
College schoolwork is often pointless. I'll never use the biology lessons I sat through. Maybe that's why I failed the course — twice. I

don't plan on remembering the history classes I sat through. Maybe that's why I failed those, too.

I certainly don't plan on ever

By Scott Veith

using the photography lessons I sat through. Wait a minute. I failed that class, too.



What I do plan on using is the people skills I learned. And most of the time, the classroom had nothing to do with that.

I had a chance to take over as Editor-In-Chief of *The Beacon* in the spring of 1999 after only about a year on the staff.

A friend at Penn State joined the *Daily Collegian* the day he set foot on campus, and the best he ever did was Assistant Opinion Editor. He's smarter

than I am and a better writer, but I was the boss. That's something only a small school like Wilkes could offer a kid like me.

At Wilkes, these opportunities are everywhere. I scored an internship at the *Times Leader* without even sending a resume. Superstar Penn State Boy didn't even get one at the *Centre Daily Times* after submitting a resume and sitting through three interviews.

Wilkes taught me to be social, sort of. I'm still afraid of crowds of more than 50, but small groups are comfortable. Not bad coming from the high school kid who, for the most part, wouldn't speak unless spoken to. If I went to Penn State, I'd probably still be a mute.

Wilkes taught me that people actually care about what I say. In a community of fewer than 2,500

people, everyone is someone whether they like it or not.

I liked it.

I learned how little one incident means in the grand scheme of things. Just because my roommates came home drunk and told me I was a fruitcake for not drinking with them (and believe me, that was about twice a week), didn't mean they wouldn't be there for me if I needed them.

I learned to live for the moment. If you're not, then what are you living for?

And I learned how important it is to be myself. No matter how much that bothered my parents, my professors, my friends, my co-workers at *The Beacon*, or anyone else, that's what I had to do.

Sorry to everyone I drove crazy. That's just the way I am, and I have Wilkes to thank for that.

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A man of action, *Civil Action*

By LEROY MROZOWSKI
Beacon Staff Writer

Jerome Facher is a 1944 graduate of Bucknell University Junior College which became Wilkes College in 1947, and then Wilkes University in 1990. He is a local native to Wilkes-Barre and graduated from Meyers High School in 1943. At Bucknell he studied Chemistry, but it didn't seem to be what he wanted to do.

After graduating from Bucknell, he pursued journalism at Penn State in State College. After Penn State he was accepted at Harvard Law School, but he enlisted in the Army and served in Korea in 1946. Following military service he attended Harvard from 1948 to 1951.

The next journey in Facher's life took him to NATO in 1953 as the U.S. representative on the NATO Infrastructure Committee helping decide where the government would give funds to military installations. He returned to Boston and joined the firm of Hale and

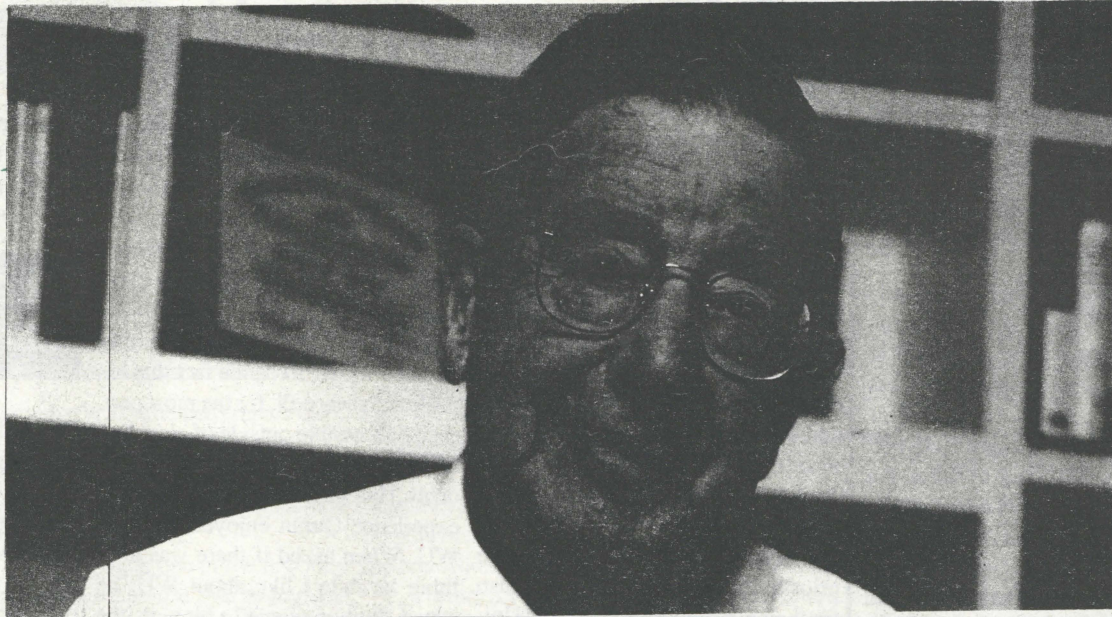


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Jerome Facher's hard work and dedication make it all the way to the big screen.

Dorr in 1959. At this firm he was specialized in the fields of securities, antitrust, contracts, intellectual property, and product liability. In 1965 he became a senior partner and chairman of the firm's litigation department.

He was a lecturer for teaching a course in Trial Practice from 1962 to 1991 at Harvard Law School as well.

Throughout his career, he was a lawyer who won cases and one of his cases was made into the movie,

"A Civil Action." Beatrice was a large company that owned a cluster of brand names such as Playtex, Tropicana, Samsonite, and Peter Pan peanut butter. The plaintiffs claimed that a small company owned by Beatrice Riley Tannery allowed

chemicals into the well water.

At the time of the case, Facher was around 60 years old and had to work 14 to 17 hour days on this case that lasted 78 days followed by a 23 day hearing. Facher represented Beatrice for his firm as the lead lawyer on the case. When the case finally came to a close, Facher had succeeded and the charges were dismissed against Beatrice.

The book, "A Civil Action," was written by Harr and is a very accurate rendition of the case, however slightly slanted toward the plaintiff's side. The movie, "A Civil Action," is fictitious and contains more drama than the legal aspects.

"It's strange and interesting to be portrayed by someone else," said Facher. "It's not really me you see in the movies. There wasn't anything I was going to tell Dwall about playing me. He's much better at me than I am at me."

Jerome Facher,
'44

Two Careys remain side-by-side

Alumni, together through the years

By MEL MOYER
Beacon Staff Writer

You may be wondering what happens to Wilkes undergraduates when they leave this university. In the case of Dave and Jen Carey, Class of 1983, they embarked on

the journey of creating a family.

After attending what used to be Wilkes College in 1983, Jen Carey worked as a pharmacy technician for a while before the arrival of her two children, John and Lauren. They are 14 and 12, respectively, and are happy and healthy playing in the school band. John plays the trumpet, which was his father's old instrument and Lauren plays the clarinet, which was her

Dave Carey, '83
Jen Carey, '83

mother's.

Dave and Jen are community involved and assist in organizations such as the Parent Teacher Organization and Boy Scouts. Jen, who acquired a Bachelor of Arts in Chemistry, administers discussions on the versatility of chemistry for prospec-

tive chemistry students who are still in high school. She is also actively involved in the Wilkes Alumni Association where she organizes events such as dinner, dances, and baseball games. Even in college, they were involved in such groups as Circle K and Retailing Committee.

Directly after graduating college with a Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering, Dave began working at Tobyhanna Army Depot.

After working there for a short period of time, he returned to Wilkes University and worked seriously to receive a Master of Science in Electrical Engineering. He is currently employed at the Wilkes-Barre office of Instrumentation Engineering where he performs the required managerial duties that keep the office running smoothly. Jen currently works alongside her husband in the office.

The Voice from Wilkes

By ANDRIA BIAGIOTTI
Beacon Staff Writer

Barbara Loftus (formerly Barbara Stevens), '70, credits Wilkes for opening a world of opportunities to her. She came to the area from Binghamton, NY not knowing anyone. By the end of her freshman year, she managed to be elected as the first woman vice president in Wilkes history. She was the VP of her freshman and sophomore classes. She attended Wilkes College first from 60-62. During this time she performed in the Matchmaker and won the award for best actress.

After touring with a Virginia

Theater company for 5 years, she decided to go back to school in '68 and worked diligently so that she could graduate two years later. When she came back to school she took a job in the PR department and worked under Livingston "Pop" Clewell.

"Pop taught me how to see people, and accept them for who they are," remarked Loftus. She is currently the Business Editor for the Citizens Voice, a real estate agent and an editor of a worldwide shipping magazine.

Barbara Loftus,
'70



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Barbara Loftus, seated fourth from the left, lets her opinion known at *The Citizens Voice*.

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By JEFF WARD
Beacon Staff Writer

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By BRIAN TROSK
Beacon Staff Writer

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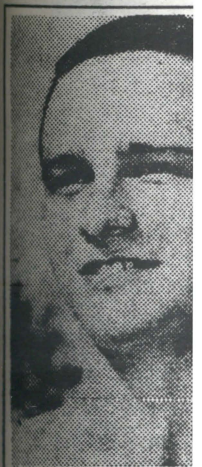


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JEFF WARD
Staff Writer

Ever wish you could do something really different or something really wild? How about entering a career that would put you in living in several different countries around the world, being in on the top stories of the front page of the newspaper? That is what Wilkes graduate Lieutenant Colonel Paul E. Smith did after his graduation in 1982: he joined the United States Air Force. While at Wilkes, Lt. Col.

Smith was an Environmental Science major, a "fun major to be in in the seventies," and also enrolled in the ROTC program. Hailing from Honesdale, he de-

Lt. Colonel Paul Smith, '82

cided to come to Wilkes instead of a school like Penn State because he wanted to go to a small school instead of one with "a zillion people." He felt that his Wilkes experience was a good one, and that Wilkes definitely prepared him for the real world.

The professors he had in his day, at what was then Wilkes College, were "the best," and he looks especially fondly back on our own Dr. Robert Heaman, who is still active as a professor of English.

After graduation, which was his "greatest accomplishment," Lt. Col. Smith entered and finished pilot training. Since 1986 he has been an F-16 pilot serving in such exotic and far-away places as Saudi Arabia, Spain, the Philippines, Egypt, Italy and Korea. Only ten months have passed since he returned

from Kuwait, where his fighter squadron was involved in a recent altercation with Iraq. The Lt. Col. has been extremely happy with his career with the Air Force, and hopes that everything continues to go smoothly.

His countless hours of work and dedication during his scholastic career has payed off in his present-day life. Lt. Col. Paul Smith has made Wilkes University proud with his outstanding accomplishments following his graduation. All undergraduates would be wise to view the Lt. Col. as an role model.



Photo Courtesy of Amnicola

Lt. Colonel Paul Smith smiles for the yearbook.

Trosko family line makes their mark on Wilkes

BRIAN TROSKO
Staff Writer

This is a story of two brothers. It's a story explaining their achievements, and of their connection to Wilkes. Joseph and Thomas Trosko grew up in Plains, where their father owned isn't anymore, but if you ever go to Charlie Brown's right on River Street, you can see where it used to be. Their father worked in the mines, worked as a union organizer when the job organizer was a dangerous thing to do. Later, he owned his own bar, and his two sons attended Wilkes College. Joe Trosko attended Wilkes from 1950 until 1955, when he graduated with a Bachelor's degree in biology. During that time, the older Trosko brother managed to amass an impressive amount of accolades for his accomplishments on and off the football field. Joe lettered in both

baseball and football, where he was named as an Outstanding Lineman in two different years. He played guard on both offense and defense, and also was a co-captain of the team coached by George Ralston. He received the Gallagher Award, a leadership trophy whose recipient was voted on by the football team. In his senior year, he was named a Little All-American. Off the field, he was not only active in the Cue & Curtain drama club, but was also president of the Letterman's Club. Upon graduation, Joe coached at Plains high school and taught physical education. He then made a return to Wilkes College to help coach the basketball team, which he did in 1957 and 1958, as well as to pick up science credits needed for dental school. At this time he scouted for the football team, and his younger brother, now in high school, assisted in this role. Joe then moved to New Jersey, where he taught high school biology. In 1965, Joe attended dental school at the University of Pennsylvania. Upon graduation, he returned to the Wilkes-Barre area to set up his practice.

The younger Trosko brother followed closely upon Joe's footsteps. Even before attending Wilkes, he was a waterboy for the Wilkes football squad. Tom attended Wilkes from 1961 to 1965, graduating with a B.A. in psychology. "They didn't pay as much attention to eligibility when Joe was in school," says Tom, "so he ribbed me about breaking with tradition and being the first

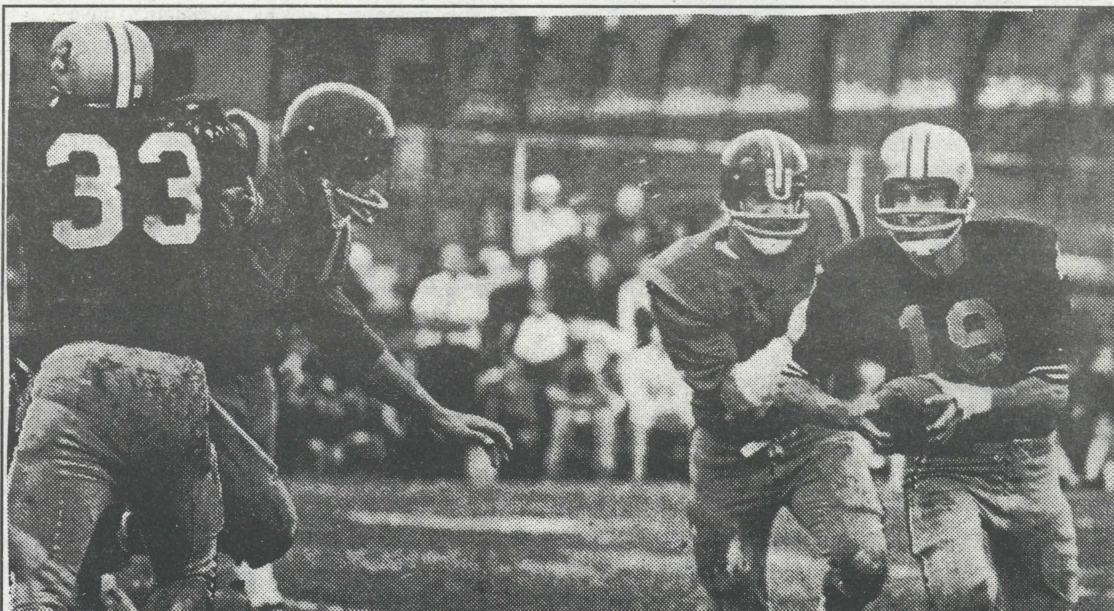


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Joe Trosko, number 19 of the class of '55, made an impact by running strong for the Wilkes Colonels.

football co-captain to graduate in four years." Tom lettered not only in football and baseball, but in basketball as well. In football, much like his brother, he played multiple positions, as a quarterback and as a defensive halfback. He co-captained both the football and baseball teams. Like his older brother, he won the Gallagher Award, making the Troskos the only brothers to both win the award. He also was President of the Letterman's Club, and in his senior year he was named as a Wilkes Outstanding Athlete, and was a member of the organization "Who's Who." After graduation, Tom worked at the Haverford and Norristown state mental hospitals. He returned to Wilkes to coach the football team in 1967 and 1968. He also worked at the

Haverford and Norristown state mental hospitals. With a little work, he picked up some science credits at Wilkes, and moved to Philadelphia, taking classes at Temple and St. Joe's. Tom en-

Joe Trosko, '55 Tom Trosko, '65

tered the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine in 1972, and graduated in 1976. Instead of returning to the Wilkes-Barre area after his time-consuming internship, Tom set up a private practice outside of Harrisburg in Grantville, and is currently on-staff at Community General Osteopathic Hospital in Harrisburg, where he lives with his wife Mariella and his children Jennifer and Adam. He also has two chil-

dren from an earlier marriage, Brian and Michell, attending Villanova and Wilkes.

In 1985, Joe moved his beloved family to Harrisburg and his practice to Grantville, immediately adjoining that of his brother. Sadly, Joe died of a heart attack in 1998, leaving behind his wife Janet and his children Tom and Susan, also Wilkes alumni. His former coach and Wilkes Dean George Ralston read the eulogy, a testament to Joe's close relation with the school. Tom still maintains an active relationship with Wilkes University. When asked to sum up his experiences at Wilkes University, Tom replied with a heart-warming thought, "May the dear Lord forgive me, but I'd sell my mother to do it all again."



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Tom Trosko is a proud member of the class of '65.

Gryboski making waves with the New Haven Ravens

By DAN KEATON
Beacon Staff Writer

In 1995, Kevin Gryboski graduated from Wilkes University with a B.S. in Earth and Environmental Engineering. Today, Kevin plays for the New Haven Ravens, the Seattle Mariners farm team.

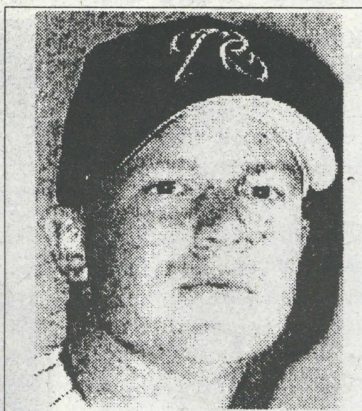
When Gryboski attended Wilkes, he was a pitcher for the Colonels. Today he plays with the number 26 on his back at 6'5" and 220 lbs. With the Ravens, Gryboski is a relief pitcher with a record of two wins, five losses

Kevin Gryboski, '95

and 10 saves. So far, he's played in 47 games, pitched 62.1 innings, has 67 hits and 27 runs, only 20 of which were earned runs to equal an ERA of 2.89.

Gryboski has forced 27 ground ball outs in 15.2 innings. He has also only given up five homers and 20 walks, while he's dished out 41 strikeouts. Through all this, he's only hit three batters with three wild pitches.

When asked how he was able to



Kevin Gryboski '95

succeed on the baseball field, Kevin had nothing but great things to say about his coaching staff, Joe Folek and Jerry Babitz, and how they "pushed him to the edge of his abilities and made him a better player, student, and all around person."

Gryboski graduated in '95, and since then he's noted that all of the nicer buildings have been erected since he's left. He says he enjoys driving past the campus and seeing all of the new changes that are being made to improve the quality of education at one of the best universities in NEPA.

"I will definitely be back to see Wilkes University's home games as often as I can," said Gryboski. "It is wonderful that someone from a small town can make it so far in today's world, and that's what I am doing."

About his work-ethic during his four years at Wilkes, Gryboski said, "I had a great work-ethic during my first two years, but after that I worked on baseball mostly. My studies fell by the wayside. I realize now that I could have done much better had I focused on my studies, but I'm glad everything worked out the way that it did."

Gryboski also helps out around the community, not only in NEPA, but also in New Haven, Connecticut, during baseball season. He is very involved with the Big Brother, Big Sister program, as well as many other community oriented programs.

"I like to give back to the community at least what it gave to me, if not more. I was lucky enough to have a great place to grow up in, and a great place to play now, I feel I should at least give some of my free time to the people who have helped me, directly or indirectly."



Photo by Erika
Jennifer Bullock, Director of Alumni, and Lisa Pugh, Coordinator of Special Events and Stewardship, display the bat Gryboski signed when they saw him at a New Haven Ravens' game. The bat was signed by the whole team as well as Gryboski.

Today, Gryboski resides in the future, hoping to play in Plains, PA. He's single, and depending on how spring training goes this year, hopes to move to the Triple-A team in Tacoma, Washington, for next season. He is very optimistic about

"I may be playing for the Ravens soon enough," said Gryboski. This just goes to show that a positive, can-do attitude, and a little hard work can take a person in the world.

Domzalski takes talent overseas

By COREY YANOSHAKE
Beacon Managing Editor

As a teacher, you get summers off, along with most major holidays. Some teachers travel on their time off. Others take the time to work at home.

But for one local Children's Service Center worker, he had a summer thousands only dream of and hundreds of others wonder if they could ever do it.

Jim Domzalski, a 1998 graduate of Wilkes University, spent last summer playing baseball in Europe, with

Jim Domzalski '98

a French baseball team.

When Domzalski was growing up in Nanticoke, he had dreams of playing baseball after he finished school. He had the talent and work ethic and came from a Nanticoke program that was fairly familiar with the major leagues.

Domzalski matriculated to the University of Louisville as a freshman. He made the team as a walk-on, but was redshirted. After his freshman season, he decided to return home, enrolling at Wilkes University as a redshirt freshman.

"He was one of the hardest working players, not only here, but in the whole MAC," said Joe Folek, who coached Domzalski at Wilkes for four

years. "Although he didn't have a lot to say, nobody ever led better by example."

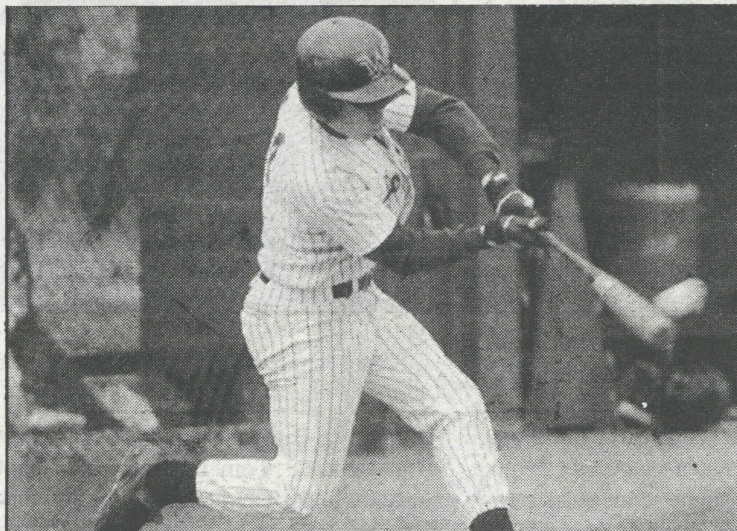
At Wilkes, he was a three-year captain and a four-time Middle Atlantic Conference all-star - three times a first-team selection. He played for the Scranton/Wilkes-Barre Twins, a wooden bat league, for two years and was in his prime going into his senior year.

Maybe all the shortstop needed was a break. A year after his graduation, Domzalski attended a tryout in Madison, WI, with a Northern League team. Domzalski may have gotten his break there, but not to where you may think.

A few days after the try-out, Domzalski got a call from the coach and was told to get in contact with another coach in France. Domzalski did just that and days later was playing baseball for the Montpellier Baracudas of the French Federation Baseball League.

"I stayed active in the off-season and I was able to adapt well to the competition," said Domzalski, who started at shortstop the day he arrived in France. "I knew it was only a summer job, and it just shows that baseball is world-wide."

Domzalski credits Frank Orloski Sr. with a recommendation that opened some doors, along with the Madison coach's recommendation.



Jimmy Domzalski, a four time MAC baseball All-Star at Wilkes, took his talents overseas to France this past summer.

"We always knew that if a team gave him the opportunity, he would work too hard to let them cut him," commented Folek. "Because of his work ethic, he makes other players around him that much better. He definitely sets a high standard."

Domzalski played under John Kashatus at Nanticoke Area, where he was a three-sport standout. While a Trojan, Domzalski was never caught stealing, hit .393 as a senior with 24 hits and 18 runs, but was noted more for his defense.

Kashatus, who was the general manager of the Twins during Domzalski's time, has since retired

from coaching. At Wilkes, the three-year captain played for Folek, who is still the head coach there. Domzalski's father, Gene, was the head coach at Wilkes many years ago and was also a part of the New York Yankees organization.

"The work ethic was there; he worked at his craft all year," said Kashatus. "This achievement will definitely be recorded somewhere. There hasn't been anybody in recent Nanticoke history to make a higher step."

While overseas, Domzalski traveled by plane, train and automobile to places such as Paris, Bordeaux,

Toulouse, Germany, Czech Republic, Netherlands, Croatia, Slovenia and Italy. He spent his week in FFBL double-header games. Domzalski's team practiced or played games during the week. The Montpellier club finished in second place in the league, but missed the final two weeks of the season.

"It was a good experience in travel and culture, but there were unexpected twists and turns," Domzalski. "We averaged about 100 miles a week, but sometimes played seven."

Players were paid money, but the club took care of plane and travel. Players live in two other teammates' homes. Domzalski, though, was one of just two players on the team since only two are imported. Even Domzalski's two coaches spoke English and French.

"I enjoyed watching the Twins and he could've been a star right then, before his injury," said Kashatus. He was real hot," said Kashatus. Domzalski's .343 average, 34 hits and 18 runs as evidence that he got to play in the majors. Each year he played was an improvement and that con-

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The Zane Experience: a lifetime of work and dedication

By ERIKA BALTRUSAITIS
Beacon Sports Editor

Frank Zane graduated from Wilkes University in 1964. In his four years at Wilkes, he improved both his mind and body and developed a strong base to guide him in his successful career.

One word to describe Zane is multi-talented. Over his career he has taught in several states, competed as a professional bodybuilder, written several books, made TV appearances on ESPN, NBC, CBS, and ABC as well as infomercials, and started his own business with his "Zane Haven" and more recently his "Zane Experience" in California.

Born in June of 1942 and raised in Kingston, he started lifting at age 14. He graduated first in his class of 1960 in Edwardsville, PA, and won a

college scholarship. Once at Wilkes, he graduated with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Education and got his first teaching job in PA.

"I began Wilkes as a chemistry major for my first two years," said Zane. "I was already deeply into bodybuilding and won my first trophy for

Frank Zane, '64

3rd place in the Teen-Age Mr. America contest at the end of my freshman year."

He remembers having to struggle to afford the \$1300 tuition, juggling three part-time jobs to come up with the money. One job consisted of earning 75 cents an hour at the library.

"It was close and I could almost afford tuition," said Zane. "But with my partial scholarship and student loan I was able to make it."

From PA he moved to a teaching job in Florida, where he met his wife Christine. Together they moved to California where he continued teaching and lifting competitively. He also opened his own gym, which is now called "The Zane Experience."

"There were better opportunities elsewhere and I needed a job teaching. There were no jobs available in the area," said Zane of leaving PA.

"My real desire was to move to California where I could train among the best in the world and this happened five years later," said Zane, who moved to CA in 1967.

Since then he has continued his bodybuilding, as well as a successful business he calls the Zane Experience.

Today at age 57, he continues to stay in excellent shape and keeps busy leading seminars and training individuals.

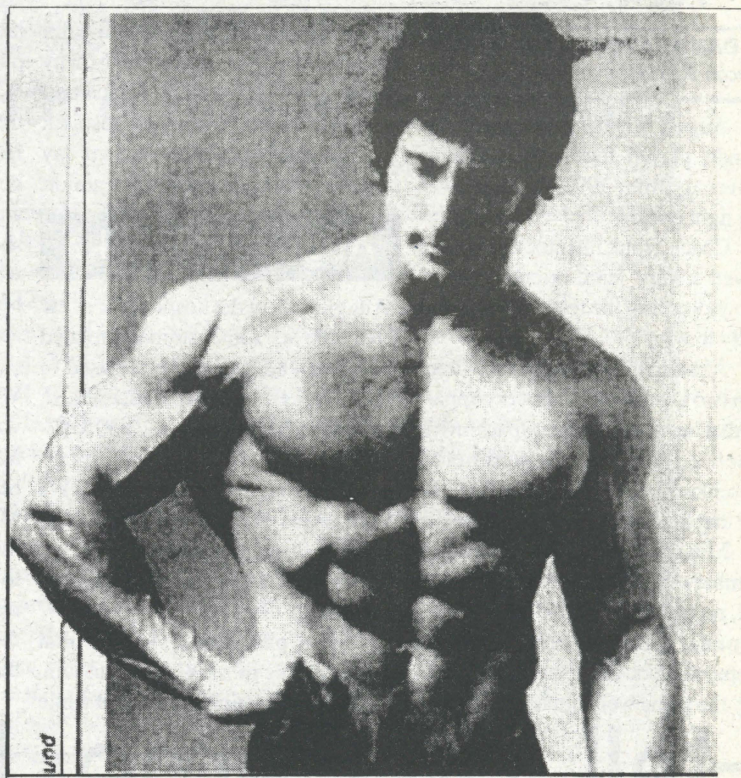
"I teach people how to train with weights with my Zane Experience program at my private gym in La Mesa, CA. I've worked with almost 4,000 people and it is very satisfying for me," said Zane.

Looking back at his time here, Zane mused, "My years at Wilkes taught me the discipline of the scientific method which I used in my workouts and nutrition. It also helped me hone my skills as a teacher."

While he attended Wilkes, he noted that there was no gym facility for students. Instead he worked out at the YMCA, and when he came back to Wilkes in 1991 to receive the Eugene S. Farley Memorial Alumni Award, Zane donated one of his own creations, his patented Zane Leg Blaster, and two framed pictures to our gym. He also held a seminar at the Martz center in 1992 to educate the public on his techniques.

What is also interesting is the fact that in the mid-eighties Zane and President Breiseth met at a restaurant in California and together they came up with an idea for the layout of our current gym. Many people walk past his framed pictures today and have no idea who he is or his history with Wilkes.

"I helped [design] the current gym and I think without a driving force there to raise money for new equipment, you're lucky to enjoy



Frank Zane in New York in 1976 shortly after winning Mr. Olympia for the first time at age 34.

what's there," said Zane.

According to President Breiseth, "Thanks to Zane, the new gym layout included many windows." This allowed the small area to "open up" and seem more spacious.

Zane has come a long way since his upbringing in a small town in PA. He has learned that to succeed it helps to be persistent in pursuing dreams.

"Do what you are most passionate about in life and don't give up," said Zane. "Eventually you will reach your goal."

When asked if he had any advice to offer students who are serious about bodybuilding he offered, "Make bodybuilding your hobby and learn something that you can do to earn a good living."

He also noted the importance of having financial stability and being well-rounded.

"It's true that personal trainers can make good money. I think one should expand their dimensions and become proficient at something besides working out."

Zane is a living example of his advice. He has taken education seriously and seeks understanding, both of himself and the world around him. With a B.S. and Masters Degree in

Psychology from California State University in addition to his B.S. in Education from Wilkes, he certainly has made an effort for enriching his own education.

Frank Zane has had a long and very successful career. He has earned international acclaim for his bodybuilding awards, and continues to be recognized for his ongoing contributions to our society.

"I've been able to earn a good living teaching bodybuilding to others, writing books, operating a mail order business, and publishing my newsletter 'Building the Body'," said Zane.

Photos shown here are found at Frank Zane's photo archive at: www.frankzane.com

Frank Zane Fast Facts

Mr. Olympia 3-time winner:

1977, 1978, 1979

Mr. Universe 3-time winner:

1968 (defeated Arnold Schwarzenegger) in Miami, FL
1970, 1972 in London, England
Inducted into the Joe Weider Bodybuilding Hall of Fame in 1994.

Teaching career

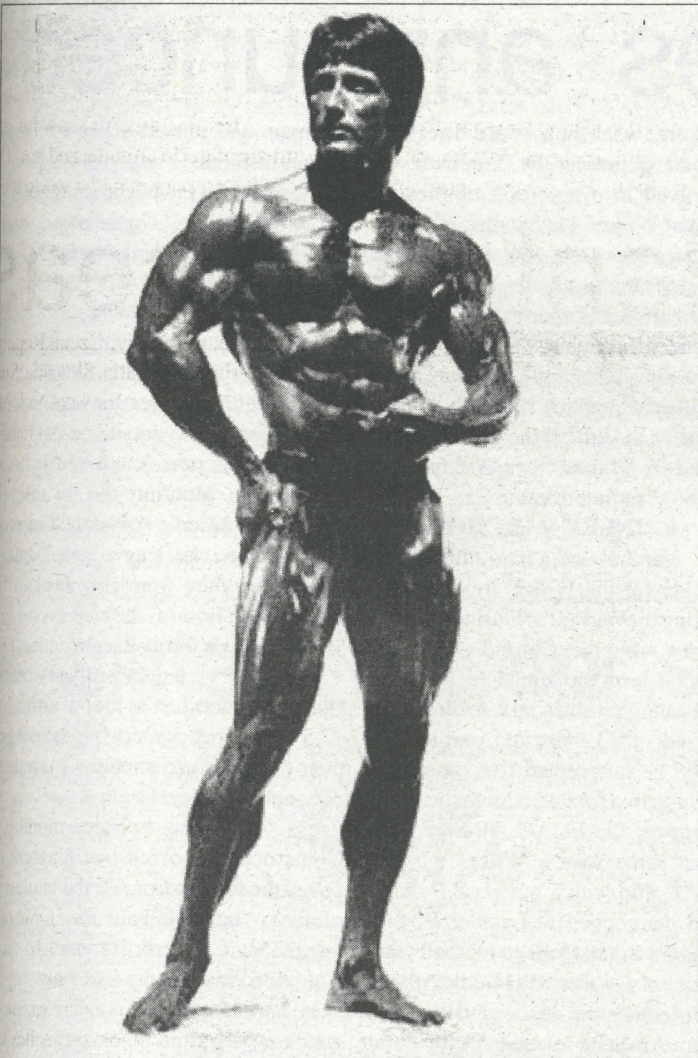
Taught math, chemistry, physics, natural sciences, physical education, and psychology in PA, NJ, FL, and CA from 1964-1977

Television

Has made appearances on ESPN, ABC, CBS, and NBC since 1978 as a bodybuilding commentator

Website

www.frankzane.com



Frank Zane won Mr. Olympia for the second time in Columbus, Ohio at age 36 in 1978, weighing 185 lbs.

Domzalski

high school."

The fields and conditions in Europe were similar to those in the states with fields averaging 330 feet down the line, some turf fields like his home stadium and others grass. The Barracudas were one of eight teams in his league. Domzalski compares the level

of play to the MLB equivalent of single-A minor-league ball, but notes the cultural experience as the major selling-point of his trip.

"Hard work eventually pays rewards and Jimmy is a perfect example who, through hard work, got the opportunity to play professional base-

ball," said Folek.

While he still would love the chance to play in the pros, Domzalski knows you can't expect it, but he has the option of returning to another team who offered to buy his contract next year. The full-season runs from April into September, which would cut

Domzalski's current job short.

"You just play the game to enjoy the competition and respect the game. 'You're there to help the team,' said the modest Glen Lyon native. 'You pick up different things from different people and I've had some good coaches that I've learned a lot from.'"

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Mitschke well remembered after leaving Wilkes

By **DAN KEATON**
Beacon Staff Writer

August Mitschke, Auggie to his friends, played football for Wilkes University from 1993 through 1997 as a tight end.

Coach Frank Sheptock said, "He played a very team-oriented game, always keeping the team up-beat and ready to win."

Although Mitschke played more than two years ago, it was very apparent that he made a large impact on his coach. Sheptock remembered Mitschke distinctly, reinforcing the fact that he was a memorable person.

Mitschke was a very respected member of his team. He played football, no matter what. He was "a phenomenal player," according to Sheptock. Not only was he able to play the game well, but he was able to

play the game through obstacle after obstacle. Mitschke went through many stomach problems over his career, and spent a lot of time in the hospital.

Sheptock recalled one Saturday morning when Mitschke was a junior.

August Mitschke

"Auggie was in the hospital for a few days due to some stomach-related problems and was to be released at 11:30. Auggie was prepared, dressed, and on the field to start a 12:30 kick-off."

Just from the tone in Sheptock's voice, it was easy to tell the respect he holds for Auggie Mitschke. "The kid played with intestinal fortitude. He was our go-to guy."

"The part about Auggie that stands out the most is his will to win. We counted on him an awful lot while

he was here. Anytime we needed a big play, he seemed to be able to make that big play. He also had the desire to make others play better, and he did. He made the people around him play better due to his excellent work ethic and his desire to help the team." This shows Sheptock's view of Mitschke while he played at Wilkes, and the height of play that Mitschke could attain.

During his Senior year here at Wilkes, the European Football League was beginning to really develop, and Mitschke had played in several All Stars games. After one of the games, Mitschke got an agent, and started looking to play for the EFL. He went to Germany and played there for the remainder of that season. He finished the season very well, and stayed after the season to coach.

When Mitschke returned to the

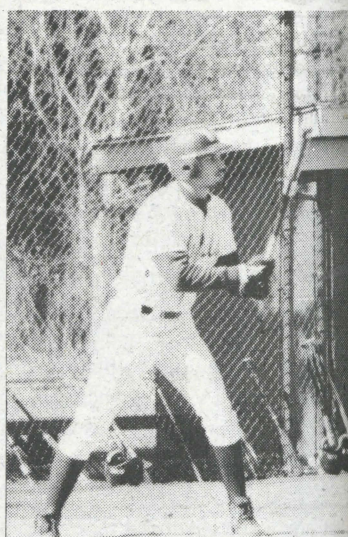
states, he came back to Wilkes and became a coach for the Colonels. He was an Offensive Line coach, and still wanted to give back to the team. Sheptock looked upon him as "an asset to the coaching staff."

There was a great deal of respect towards Mitschke. The players responded well to his instruction, due to all he had gone through, and the successes that he has attained.

Mitschke is planning on going back to Germany to play next season, and if he can't play he will coach, just like he was able to do here at Wilkes.

Hopefully, he will be as much of an asset to the team he is coaching for as he was for Wilkes.

Sheptock had one more thing to say about Auggie Mitschke, "He still wants to give back to the team, and will be welcome to do so anytime he wants to."



Auggie Mitschke played baseball as well as football at Wilkes. He was 13th in the country in Division III punting in 1995.

Hall of Fame Inductees announced

Wilkes University President Dr. Christopher N. Breiseth is pleased to announce the eighth class to be inducted into the Wilkes University Hall of Fame. The announcement of the inductees was made at halftime of the 1999 homecoming football contest against Lycoming College.

Members of the class of 2000 are Ted Travis-Bey '65, Chip Eaton '74, Mark Popple '83, Stephanie Pufko '73, Jerry Ann Smith '80, Ken Suchoski '78, Dr. Anthony Turchetti, Brinley Varchol '68, Jim Ward '58, and the 1966 football team.

The Wilkes University Athletics Hall of Fame was established in 1993 to honor those players, coaches and other non-participating individuals who have made outstanding contributions to athletics at Bucknell Junior College, Wilkes College and Wilkes University.

TED TRAVIS-BEY '65

Travis-Bey was a four-year starter for the Wilkes football team in the early 60's. Travis-Bey broke into the Colonels starting unit as a rookie, playing both halfback and quarterback. As a sophomore he was moved primarily to halfback, and promptly earned All-Middle Atlantic Conference honors. During his four seasons he rushed for nearly 400 yards, passed for close to 200, and caught 26 passes for 423 yards. Travis-Bey also reached the endzone 12 times during his Wilkes career.

CHIP EATON '74

Eaton was a starter during each of his four seasons as a member of the Wilkes men's soccer team. The Colonels' top goalkeeper, Eaton was named a Middle Atlantic Conference first team All-Star in both 1970 and 1971.

During his career the Colonels fashioned an impressive record of 28 wins, 15 losses and five ties. Eaton posted 15 wins by shutout during his career, while allowing an average of just 1.70 goals per game.

MARK POPPLE '83

A four-year member of the Wilkes wrestling team, and a captain of the 1993 squad, Popple helped Wilkes log a 62-21 dual match record during his career. Popple finished his career with an overall record of 70-15-2, and a dual match mark of 53-13-2. Included among his wins were 10 victories by pin fall and another 13 wins by major decision. Popple won the 1983 EIWA championship at 150 pounds, after finishing third in the EIWA Tournament as a junior. Popple also captured the 150 pound title at the 1982 and 1983 Wilkes Open as a member of the Colonels wrestling team.

STEPHANIE PUFKO '73

Stephanie Pufko was a three-sport athlete during her days at Wilkes. Pufko was a four-year letterwinner in field hockey, a three-year letterwinner in basketball, and a three-year letterwinner in tennis. On the tennis court, Pufko was a pioneer for the Wilkes women, playing on the first women's tennis team at Wilkes in 1972. Prior to that she spent two seasons as a member of the Colonels men's tennis team. Pufko also made her presence felt off the playing surface, serving as the President of the Wilkes Letterwomen's Club.

JERRY ANN SMITH '80

Smith ranks as one of the most prolific field hockey scorers in Wilkes history. During her four seasons as a starter for the Lady Colonels, Smith

amassed 24 goals and 31 assists. She still ranks eighth on the all-time goal scoring list at Wilkes and second on the career assists ledger. Smith still holds a share of the school record for assists in a season after dishing out 14 helpers in 1979. During her career she helped lead Wilkes to an overall record of 34 wins, 16 losses and eight ties. In 1976, Smith became the first player in school history to earn a berth on the Susquehanna Field Hockey Association All-Tournament first team. She also helped the Lady Colonels to three Middle Atlantic Conference playoff berths.

KEN SUCHOSKI '78

Suchoski was one of the greatest sluggers to ever play for the Wilkes baseball team. A career .347 hitter, Suchoski ripped 21 doubles, four triples and 19 home runs during his three seasons with the Colonels, while also driving in 90 runs. During his three seasons as the team's starting catcher, he helped Wilkes post a record of 66 wins and only 17 losses. He also played a key role in the Colonels' march to three straight NCAA playoff berths, including a College World Series appearance in 1976 when Suchoski finished seventh in Division III in homeruns per game after slugging seven round-trippers. As a senior, he earned first team District II Regional All-American honors and a third team Small College All-American berth after ranking eighth in Division III in runs batted in per game and 15th in homeruns per contest.

DR. ANTHONY TURCHETTI

Dr. Turchetti was an invaluable member of the Wilkes staff from 1963 to 1975 when he served as the team doctor for all Colonel athletic teams.

At a time when the school did not have a full-time trainer, Dr. Turchetti was involved in every facet of medical care at Wilkes. He handled all of the physicals for each sport, administered flu shots to the athletes, and oversaw the treatment of injuries. Dr. Turchetti attended the majority of Wilkes sporting events at the time, and was also a regular at practice sessions. During his time at Wilkes, the Colonels captured six football championships and eight wrestling titles.

BRINLEY VARCHOL '68

Varchol was a hard-hitting linebacker for the Wilkes football team during the mid-60's. During his three years with the Colonels, Varchol helped lead the squad to a pair of unbeaten seasons and a three-year record of 23 wins and one loss. In 1966 he intercepted five passes, returning two for touchdowns, to earn a berth on the ECAC All-Star team. That same season Wilkes won the MAC title with a perfect 8-0 record and also copped the Lambert Bowl as the best Small College football team. Varchol was named a Middle Atlantic Conference and Associated Press first team All-State selection in 1967 after playing a major role in the Colonels' march to a second straight 8-0 season. Varchol, who also wrestled at Wilkes, was a member of the 1966 wrestling team that won the NCAA championship.

JIM WARD '58

Ward enters the Hall of Fame after enjoying three seasons as a member of the Wilkes wrestling team. Wrestling at 137 pounds, Ward helped Wilkes post a record of nine wins, no losses and one tie during the 1955-56 season. A year later Ward returned to

the mats and played a key role as Wilkes fashioned a record of ten wins and just one loss, while also copping the Middle Atlantic Conference team title. A year later, Ward won the 137-pound crown at the MAC Championships while helping Wilkes to their second straight team championship.

1966 FOOTBALL TEAM

The 1966 Wilkes football team will go down in history as one of the best Colonels squads to ever take to the gridiron. Not only did the team capture the Middle Atlantic Conference title after posting a perfect 8-0 record, but they were also awarded the Lambert Bowl as the nation's best Small College football team.

Wilkes was dominant on both sides of the football as they averaged 17.5 points per game while holding their opponents to a mere 4.9 points per contest. Second team Associated Press All-State honoree Bruce Comstock, an offensive lineman, paved the way up front for the Wilkes offense. Halfback Paul Purta, who was the MAC Northern Division Most Valuable Player and a first team All-State honoree, led a Colonels rushing attack which still holds the school record for most rushing yards in a season with 2,242 yards. Linebacker Al Yatko, a first team All-State and All-MAC selection, and Bill Layden, who earned second team All-State honors and a berth on the MAC All-Star team, anchored the Wilkes defense. The Colonels, who also featured All-MAC defensive tackle Dennis Spence, All-MAC safety Joe Wiendl, and All-ECAC linebacker Brinley Varchol, set a school record that still stands today by allowing only 622 passing yards.

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By **DONNA BUTTO**
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Life in the fast lane?

By DONNA BUTTON R.N.-C
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Relaxation. Learning how to relax and enjoy life is another positive step towards achieving contentment. Life does not always have to be an emergent battle of deadlines, obligations, and plans. These are only

part of life, and should not be the only aspect dwelled on. People tend to become neurotic and easily frustrated when they try to get everything done all of the time. Some individuals, who are always on a fast paced routine, may end up abusing alcohol or taking anti-anxiety medications. This is not the answer to a

fast-paced lifestyle! Self-created pressures can be changed if the effort is made, to just slow down. Today and forever recognize the creation of personal pressures and then alter your schedules to include more down time. It is essential to learn to relax more and enjoy life to the fullest extent. It can be really great.

The Main Event With Crazy Bob



What are you still doing here? Aren't you done with finals yet? Go home! Go home and be with your loved ones. Visit Grandma Ann and eat her delicious meatball soup. See how Uncle Paul is doing and if he still has that dog. Trade Christmas cards with the neighbors. Curl up next to that special someone in front of the fireplace. Go to bed with visions of sugarplums dancing through your heads. Go on now.

Not me! I'm going to sleep on Christmas Eve dreaming of battered bodies, broken bones, and bloodied faces because I will be a live witness to the last ECW show of the millennium (not counting next year)! This will be a TNN television taping at the Westchester County Center in White Plains, NY. It's about time I see a good Sabu match. He never shows up for the shows at the Kingston Armory. Maybe the Wilkes-Barre charm doesn't agree with him. Sabu is not really the warm and fuzzy teddy bear we make him out to be.

The Armageddon pay-per-view just finished. As many predicted, Stephanie turned on her father and Triple H walked away with the duke. My money says he takes it from Big Show at the Rumble. McMahon and Helmsley fought for a half

an hour. Vince reportedly took several tremendous blows to the head and back: pouring more blood and sweat than any normal wrestler on the card. In the wrestlers' defense, Vince doesn't have to wrestle 250 times a year. In Vince's defense, he's 54 years old.

Something has been pecking away at my cranium in the world of Outsiders (Why are they called the Outsiders when they've worked there for three and a half years?) and the Powers That Be are the main focus. Goldberg gets more attention for beating Nasty Ned than Hart does for a good match with Benoit. ECW is a groovy batch of swingers. Mike Awesome, the Heavyweight Champion, beats nobody in the middle of every card and says nothing. Raven, Sandman, the Impact Players, and RVD dominate every angle. Even ECW has cracked under the pressure, as the tag titles are only used for angle development: Russo tactic #2.

I'd like to take this time to wish all my crazy cats and dogs a safe and happy holiday, even you Jewish folks. New Year's should be wild, so do me a favor and stay off the roads if you're drinking. Keep feeling the love and I'll see you next year, if you dig.

Big sisters mentor students

Sophomore Jessica Alferio and senior Amy Drobish have lunch together every Monday and Wednesday. They talk about the class that they share, life as a Wilkes student, and anything else typical of two friends at lunch. Alferio and Drobish formed a friendship through the university's Big Sisters Program, which is making it easier for incoming freshmen women to have a smooth transition into college life. The program is geared to aid freshmen women in bridging the sometimes harsh gap of high school life to that of college.

The Big Sisters Program pairs a freshman woman with an older "big sister" to help introduce them to the college setting and make the difficult task of juggling classes, a part-time job, work-study, and a social life a little easier. Dr. Deborah Tindell, Assistant Professor of Psychology, said the goal of the Big

Sisters Program is "giving incoming freshman women a person to talk to, a friend to acclimate them into the college system."

Mrs. Alicia Lindgren of the English Department witnessed the benefits of this program while employed at the State University of New York. Three years ago, with the support of the Faculty Women's Caucus and Dr. Paul Adams, Dean of Students, Lindgren established the program here at Wilkes. Lindgren believes that the program provides "a supportive circle and group of friends for freshmen women."

In its third year at Wilkes, the Big Sisters Program now has 24 "big sisters" and over 100 "little sisters." Big sisters are chosen by faculty members who nominate women in their junior or senior year who they feel would be extremely helpful to the incoming freshmen. Freshmen or transfer students are made aware

of the program by a letter sent to them shortly before they begin their first semester, explaining the benefits of the program.

Drobish decided to participate in the program as a big sister because she remembers the anxiety felt at the start of college life. Drobish said, "I want to be of some help to the freshmen girls. I'd like to help ease their transition into the college atmosphere." Drobish offers her little sisters advice on classes and professors and also meets with them before they begin their semester to show them where their classes are located.

For more information about having a big sister or becoming one, contact Alicia Lindgren at ext.4539 or Dr. Deborah Tindell at ext.4565. Freshmen and little sister Kate Gowinok said, "It's a great program. It is always nice to have a program where people are willing to help others."



The Beacon Bar & Restaurant Tour With Shak

Alexis Tavern

South Main Street & St. Mary's Road
822-1082

Alexis' Tavern is a local tavern located about three miles from campus. The low-key atmosphere, coupled with friendly crowds, make it an enjoyable establishment for all to enjoy. Owner Frank Alexis is on-hand to cook six days a week, as well as three nights. He also makes the pizza which is sold at the home basketball games.

Food:

The food selection is not as big as you would find at a bigger bar, but the prices and quality more than make up for it. A large pizza with eight cuts can be purchased for around \$6, while some of the hottest hot wings around are priced around \$4 per dozen. The main side dish is french fries, which are made one of two ways and both have excellent qualities. Fries are about \$2 for a huge plate and can be ordered plain or with bay seasoning. You can also purchase stromboli with choice of ingredients.

Drinks:

For the cheapest 12-packs in the area, it's a good place for take-out, although selection is at a minimum. But in-house, drinks are only \$1 for drafts all the time and \$0.50 at happy hour. There's a good selection of other beverages at moderate prices, but the key to a great deal is to go on Saturday nights, when the owner pulls out the "big glasses" for this night only at regular prices. No one really knows where these glasses go on Sunday. Another tip is to enjoy the bartending on Wednesday nights.

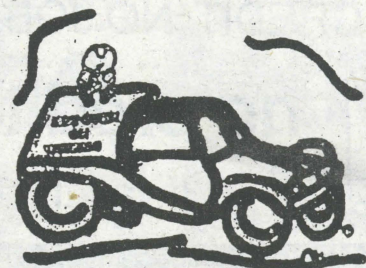
Entertainment:

Alexis' Tavern houses two dartboards and a pool table. They are usually not too crowded. There is also a poker game, a pinball machine, and a skill crane to keep you entertained. There is also a back room with a bunch of tables if you need to get away from the bar crowd, complete with a TV at your disposal.

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Madame Brandi Sees

Virgo (August 23 - September 22) Do you feel like your body is letting you down all the time? Make sure these diseases don't exist only in your mind. Sometimes it's easy to let your head take over for your unsuspecting body.

Libra (September 23 - October 23) Don't get too far ahead of your teammates. Don't forget, slow and steady wins the race.

Scorpio (October 24 - November 21) Your ideas will sell themselves this week. They can't be liked if they're not offered.

Sagittarius (November 22 - December 21) You will be bombarded with intellectual questions in the next few days. Prepare yourself well or you might look foolish.

Capricorn (December 22 - January 19) You have the ability to do anything this week. Stick with one project and do it right.

Aquarius (January 20 - February 18) Lack of experience might be a major obstacle for you this week. Try and learn as much as you can before jumping into things.

Pisces (February 19 - March 20) The person you have always wanted to confront is finally ready for what you have to say. Ensure that you say everything that's on your mind.

Aries (March 21 - April 19) You have become an object of beauty for a secret admirer this week. Try not to change any of your normal habits, or make any massive appearance transformations or they might lose interest.

Taurus (April 20 - May 20) Too much information might cloud your mind. Weed out what's important and the true meaning will become clear. It is only then that you should answer that important decision you've been mulling over.

Gemini (May 21 - June 21) Your time is eagerly sought by many this week. Try to divy it up fairly, and give everyone a turn.

Cancer (June 22 - July 22) You need a sturdy foundation before you can build the rest of the house. Spend time with the beginning stages of your projects. If you can keep to this idea your home will last for many years.

Leo (July 23 - August 22) Change should not be feared. Allow the future to mold itself around your present.

From the Bench...

with
Joe Porto

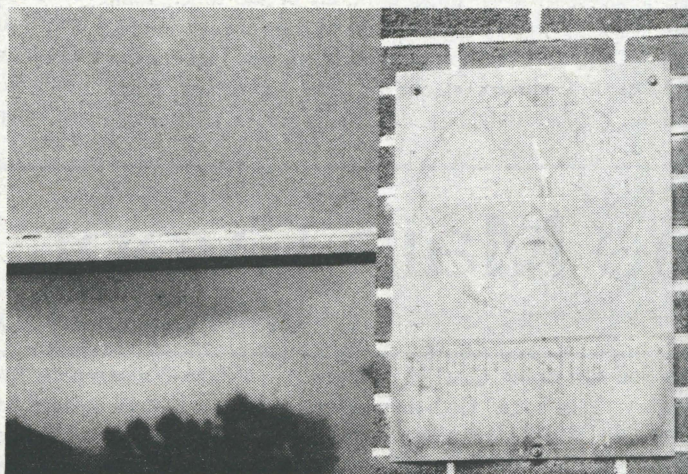


Photo By Joe Porto

When Y2K hits, find me on the benches in the fallout shelter.

I figured I couldn't leave the semester without officially saying goodbye to one of my favorite aspects of Wilkes University — the benches. I know you haven't seen my column here the past few issues. That was because of lack of space, or lack of time. I wouldn't want you to read a rushed article anyhow!

However it is time to go. It's been a fun semester. And my final thought for *The Beacon* before the millenium, don't worry, I'll still be keeping an eye on you from the bench.

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Hankins and DaRe receive All-American

Senior running back Mike Hankins and senior linebacker Tony DaRe have been named to the Football Gazette's South Region All-America Team. Hankins was named to the second unit, while DaRe was a third team selection.

Hankins, who was the Middle Atlantic Conference Most Valuable Player this season, led the conference in rushing for the third time in four seasons this year. The four-time Freedom League first team selection rushed for 1,019 yards and 10 touch-

downs this season. He also caught 14 passes for 110 yards and one score, while returning eight kickoffs for 290 yards and one touchdown.

DaRe anchored the defense for the Colonels, who finished with a record of 7-4 and captured the ECAC Southeast championship this year. A two-time Freedom League first team all-star, DaRe led Wilkes with 84 tackles, including 52 solos. He also registered 11 tackles behind the line of scrimmage, 4.5 quarterback sacks, seven pass break ups and one pass

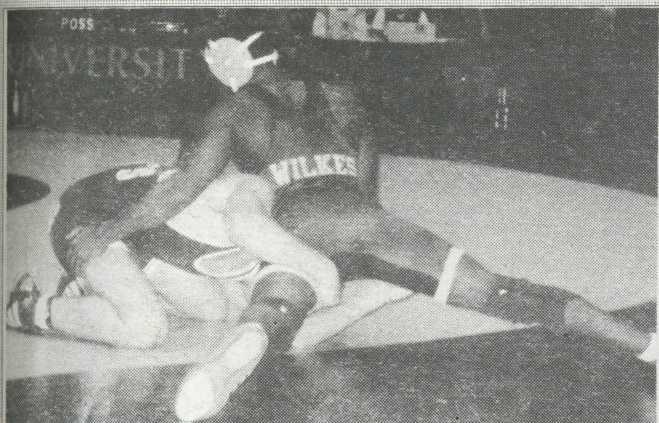
interception.

"This is certainly a well-deserved honor for both Michael and Tony," commented Wilkes head coach Frank Sheptock. "Both players enjoyed outstanding seasons for us and played pivotal roles in our run to the ECAC crown. The most positive thing about both young men is that they led our football team by example. Both worked extremely hard during their careers here at Wilkes, and it is nice to see that their hard work has paid off."

Wilkes wrestlers rack up two more wins

The Wilkes University wrestling team improved their record to 5-3 heading into the holiday break with a pair of wins at York College on Saturday. In their first match, the Colonels knocked off the host Spartans, 27-17. In the nightcap Wilkes posted a 54-3 win over Cheyney University.

Wilkes had five wrestlers notch a pair of wins on the day. Corey Luce, John Conte, Jason Hills, Duane Ritter and Gary Mensinger each picked up two victories. Conte has a perfect 14-0 record heading into the break, while Ritter also remained unbeaten, upping his mark to 8-0 this season.



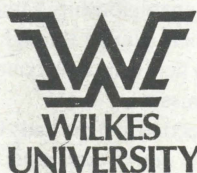
Jason Hills had a successful match against York College and his record is 10-4 for the season.

WILKES UNIVERSITY 27 YORK COLLEGE 17

- 125 Corey Luce (W) def. Jason Custer, 9-5
- 133 John Conte (W) win by fall Todd Betz, 3:43
- 141 Jason Hills (W) def. Gary Hershner, 10-4
- 149 Doug Martitato (Y) def. Scott Henshaw, 6-0
- 157 Kevin Ferraro (Y) win by fall Jed Starnier, 5:45
- 165 Duane Ritter (W) def. John Craig, 3-1
- 174 Jon Jones (Y) maj. dec. Kevin Baker, 14-1
- 184 Chris Hoffman (Y) maj. dec. Joe Smith, 13-4
- 197 Gary Mensinger (W) win by fall Hayden Myers, 5:35
- Hwt Matt Zurn (W) win by fall Jason Hershey, 2:17

WILKES UNIVERSITY 54 CHEYNEY UNIVERSITY 3

- 125 Elijah Shutt (W) win by forfeit
- 133 Corey Luce (W) win by forfeit
- 141 John Conte (W) win by forfeit
- 149 Jason Hills (W) win by forfeit
- 157 Scott Henshaw (W) win by fall Sheldon Days, 1:59
- 165 Jed Starnier (W) win by forfeit
- 174 Duane Ritter (W) win by fall Calvin Lennon, 2:38
- 184 Kevin Baker (W) win by fall Maurice Williams, 2:05
- 197 Gary Mensinger (W) win by forfeit
- Hwt Jason Reeves (C) def. Matt Zurn, 15-13



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Lady Colonels take top seat in Colonel Classic

By DAVE DIMARTINO
Beacon Staff Writer

In the first Comfort Inn/Lady Colonel Classic this past weekend, Wilkes left the light on for their opponents Beaver College and Rosemont College but their stay was anything but comfortable.

The Lady Colonels dominated the tournament, winning the two games by a combined 44 points. Senior Katie Watkins took home the Most Valuable Player Award with a total of 43 points and 17 rebounds. Joining Watkins on the All-Tournament Team was junior Robyn Mendygral, who totaled 19 points and 12 boards, while only committing six turnovers.

In the opening game of the tournament, the Lady Colonels beat the Lady Scarlet Knights of Beaver College 72-62. The Colonels were up ten at half-time and never relinquished the lead. Wilkes was led by Watkins

who had a game-high 26 points and a team-high seven rebounds. Mendygral and senior Allison Pikulski each chipped in with 11 to round out the scoring. The Scarlet Knights were lead by Valencia Ricketts who poured

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in 20 points and seven boards. Beaver dropped to 0-7 overall with the loss.

In the second game Rosemont overcame an early 11-1 deficit to top Hunter College and advance to the title game. The Lady Ramblers forced Hunter to commit 28 turnovers and

went on to win 71-50. Brooke Fagel had a game-high 20 points for Rosemont and Tanika Hurtt and Diana Olaya each scored 14 for Hunter.

On Sunday in the consolation game, Beaver College lost a tough contest to Hunter 67-54, dropping Beaver to 0-8 on the season. Hunter who had the best record of the four teams in the tournament upped its mark to 5-3. Hunter was lead by Tanika Hurtt who scored 19 points and pulled down 10 boards. Melodie Abrook added 16 points to the winners. Beaver was lead by Chrissy Walck with 15 points, while Candice Copeland added 14 and Ricketts dropped in 10.

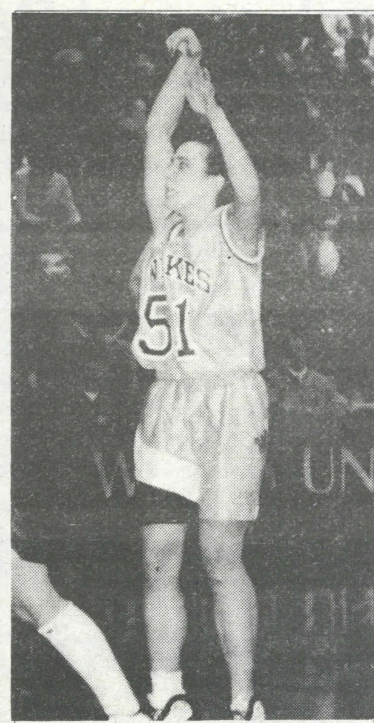
In the championship game the Lady Colonels played a tough first half but only held on to a six point lead at the intermission.

In the second half the Lady Colonels put forth one of their most complete halves of the 99/00 campaign. At the 15:22 mark the Lady Colonels held a one point lead, 39-38. Wilkes

would only surrender one more field goal for the rest of the contest. The Colonels scored 29 unanswered points sparked by freshman Caitlin Lee, who scored all of her 14 points during that stretch. Once again Wilkes was lead by Watkins, with 17 points and 10 rebounds. Along with Lee's 14 points, she ripped down 10 boards and senior Jill Ronkowski added 15 points on 5-13 shooting from behind the three point arc.

Rounding out the tournaments All-Tournament Team were Beaver's Valencia Ricketts, Hunter's Tanika Hurtt and Rosemont's Brooke Fagel.

The Lady Colonels go into break playing their best basketball of the season with a two game winning streak and a mark of 5-3. Wilkes broke a three game losing streak with the win over Beaver. The Lady Colonels will be back in action on January 8th when New Jersey City University roles into the Marts Center.



Beacon file photo
Katie Watkins was named Colonel Classic MVP.

Colonels ask Santa for no more injuries

Lately the Colonels have been stricken with bad luck. Injuries and three losses, including breaking their MAC winning streak have plagued the team.

By MATT REITNOUR
Beacon Staff Writer

During the team's 33-game home unbeaten streak, the Wilkes University Colonels Men's Basketball team never had any major injuries hit the club. Sometimes your luck runs out.

After losing senior Dave Januzzi on December 1, the Colonels will be without the services of sophomore shooter Brad Sechler who broke his thumb Saturday night in the club's tough loss to Goucher College in Baltimore, Maryland. Sechler should return for the Colonel Classic on January 7 and 8.

The injury bug took a bite out of senior center Jason Sheakoski on Friday night in Arlington, Virginia when the Colonels beat up on Marymount University 78-61.

Sheakoski took a shot to the top of his head which opened a cut calling for seven stitches.

Add in sophomore Greg Barrouk's tender toe and you have a club in dire need of a break.

They'll get a break after dropping an 81-70 game to Savannah A&D. Senior Chad Fabian tossed in a game-high of 24 points, but it was not enough to overcome the hot shooting of the Bees.

Wilkes led at the half 32-21, but was out-manned in a high-scoring

second half. Another strong night came from inside post players Ron McIntyre and Wes Kovach, who had 18 and 15 points, respectively.

After playing A&D the Colonels' record drops to 6-3 while Savannah A&D rises to 10-2.

Savannah is coached by Cazzie Russell, a former NBA all-star.

Wilkes used senior Chad Fabian's game high 30 points on Friday night to beat Marymount University in the first of a two game in two night stretch. Fabian was 11 for 23 from the field including a three of seven performance behind the three point arc. The sophomore duo of John Boylan and Kevin Walsh, 13 and 12 points respectively, picked up the scoring punch for the Colonels, who lead by four at the half 33-29. The Blue and Gold had an impressive 49 percent from the field and an even better 90 percent from the charity stripe.

Saturday's contest against Goucher College wasn't exactly what head coach Jerry Rickrode had in mind when he made the schedule over the summer. Wilkes played like a tired team for a good portion of the game and lost their first overtime game of the season and the second loss in less than a week.

Goucher junior guard Darrian Lee nailed an NBA range three ball with just 11 seconds left in regulation to send the Colonels and the Gophers to overtime. In the extra period Lee sunk two free throws with 16 seconds remaining to seal the 71-69 win. Wilkes trailed by nine with 6:45, but Boylan lead the charge for Wilkes by scoring

seven points in the 14 point run to put the Colonels on top 65-62. The half-time score was 29-29 after a sluggish first half.

Once again Fabian led all Wilkes'

players with 24 points. Boylan added 14 of his own while sophomore reserve Wes Kovach came off the bench and added 10 points and five boards in his first quality minutes of the season.

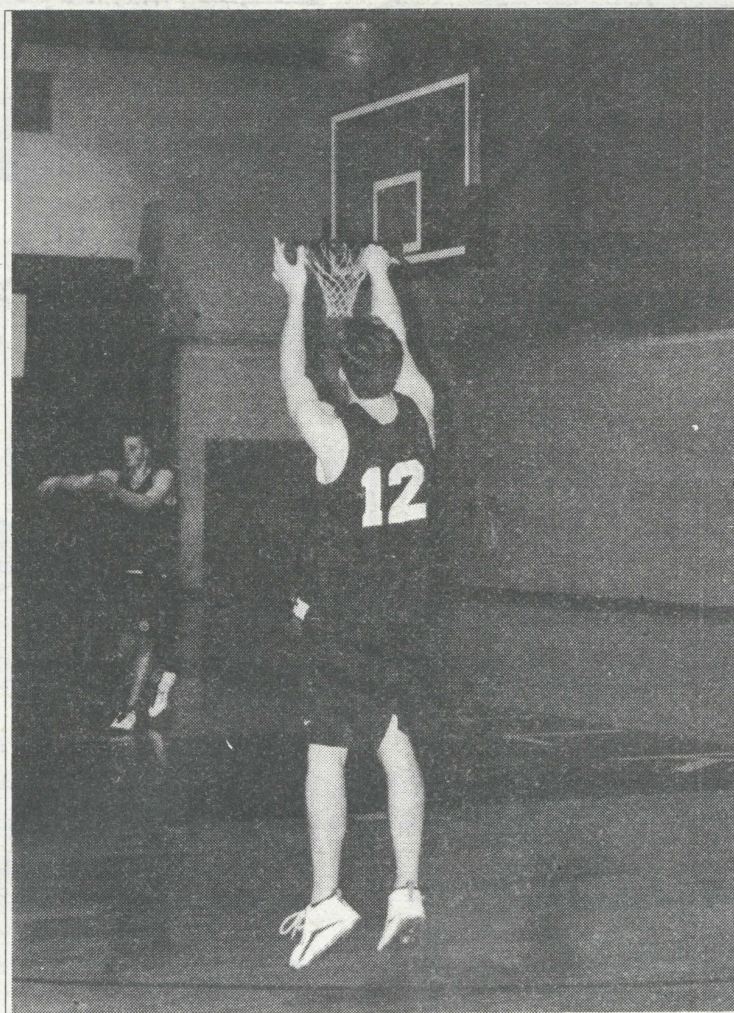


Photo by Adam Polinger
Artie Gotzmer practices his shooting techniques in preparation for Wednesday's match against Savannah A&D. The Colonels suffered their third loss of the season after dropping the decision to A&D.

Kevin Walsh had another double-double with 10 points and 12 rebounds.

Wilkes is off until January 7 and 8 when they host Maine-Farmington, College Misericordia and William Patterson in the annual Colonel Classic. The two losses last week dropped the Colonels 13 spots in the D3hoops.com Top 25, the biggest drop for any squad in the poll. While on their road trip, the Colonels took a walking tour of Baltimore's Inner Harbor on Saturday.

Score by periods	1st	2nd	Total
Savannah	31	50	81
Wilkes	32	38	70

Scoring for Wilkes:	Pts.
5 John Boylan	7
20 Ron McIntyre	18
14 Greg Barrouk	4
21 Wes Kovach	15
22 Chad Fabian	24
32 Kevin Walsh	2

Wilkes	Savannah
FG: 27-58	FG: 32-68
3FGs: 2-11	3FGs: 3-15
FTs: 14-21	FTs: 14-24

Shooting Percentages	
Wilkes	
Field Goal Shooting	46.6
Three-point Shooting	18.2
Free throw Shooting	66.7

Savannah A&D	
Field Goal Shooting	47.1
Three-point Shooting	20.0
Free throw Shooting	58.3

Attendance: 1,200