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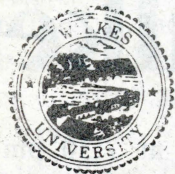
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MAC Champs!

Colonels advance to NCAA Tournament

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Beacon Sports Editor

Throughout this 26-game season, the Wilkes University Colonels have consistently jumped out to big leads in the early stages of games. Most of the time, the opponents would respond and get back into the game.

In Saturday's Middle Atlantic Conference Championship game on campus, Wilkes was on the receiving end of a lopsided run. The Susquehanna University Crusaders shot out to a 12-0 lead in the first two minutes. Coach Jerry Rickrode called a timeout, and his team responded.

Did they ever!

Over the next 18 minutes, the Colonels outscored the Crusaders, 36-12, to gain a 12-point halftime lead. Matt LaBuda and Jason Turner were large parts of the run, scoring 15 and 12 points, respectively. LaBuda did the majority of

his damage from beyond the three-point arc, converting three of his six first-half attempts. Turner was an unstoppable force in the paint, making six of 11 shots for 12 points.

Wilkes also controlled rebounding in the first half. Chris Parker had five boards at the half, as did Turner and LaBuda. The Colonels had 28 rebounds against Susquehanna's 15.

The second half was equally discouraging for the Crusaders. Both LaBuda and Turner scored 11 second-half points to keep Susquehanna at bay. LaBuda finished with 26, while Turner ended with 23. The Colonels defeated Susquehanna by a score of 71-49.

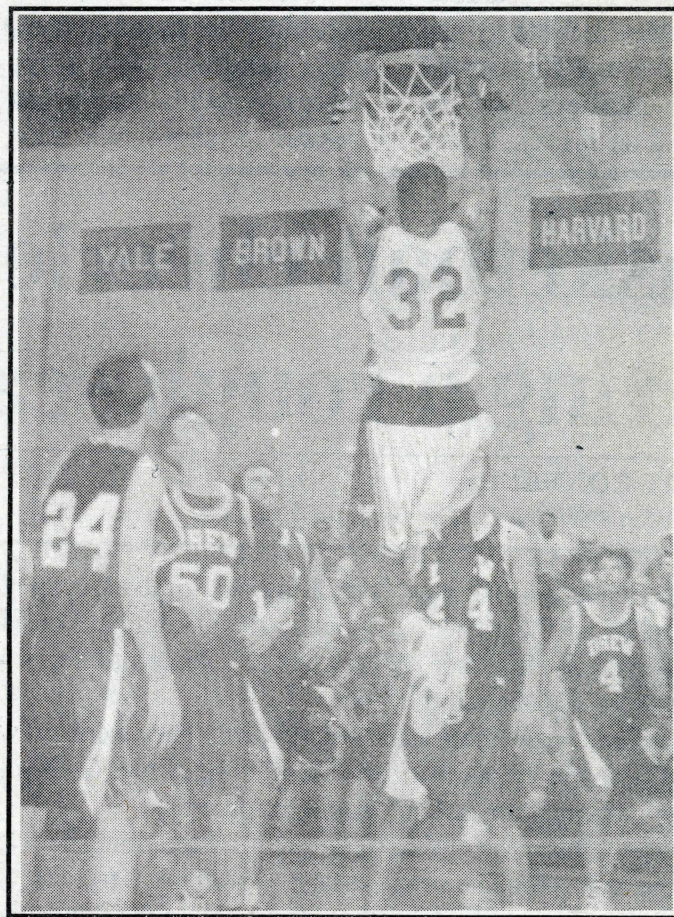
"After the timeout, we wanted to show them that nobody was going to blow us out of our house," said a pumped Jason Turner in a 90.7, WCLH post-game interview. The Colonels lingered on the floor after the game, cutting down the nets to celebrate the championship.

On Thursday night, things looked perilous for Wilkes. After amassing over a 20-point lead against Drew at halftime, the Colonels faced a scrambling Ranger team in the second half. Drew coach Mark Coleman earned his title of MAC Coach of the Year, rallying his overmatched squad into a tie with Wilkes with over two minutes left. Ironically, free-throw shooting, long an Achilles heel of the Colonels, proved to be a strength. Jason Turner converted four free throws down the stretch to give the Colonels a small cushion. Wilkes lead by two points with five seconds remaining, and Chris Parker had two free throws to put the game away. He missed both, and a Drew half-court shot at the buzzer glanced off the rim. Wilkes had survived, 72-70.

On the heels of the Susquehanna win, Wilkes was picked as a number two seed in the Middle Atlantic Region of the NCAA Division III Men's Basketball Championship.

The first-round opponent for Wilkes is the Centaurs of

All eyes on Turner



As the Drew University Rangers watch in awe, Jason Turner throws down a first-half dunk.

photo by Meghan LaVigna

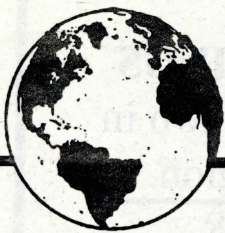
Allentown College. The box below provides the skinny on round opponents, and regional pairings appear on page 8.

**Meet the
Allentown
College
Centaurs :**

Overall Record
17-9
out of the
Pennsylvania Athletic
Conference

Players to watch:

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#10 Jason Moyer 6'2", sophomore guard averages 16.4 points per game, 4.8 rebounds
#30 Andy Stephens 6'3", senior forward averages 15.3 points per game, 4.3 rebounds
#32 Ed Kearney 6'6", senior forward averages 13.6 points per game, 5.9 rebounds
#40 John Plachko 6'5", sophomore forward averages 10.2 points per game, 5.9 rebounds



Professor Radojkovic to visit Wilkes

By **TONI ODEN**
Beacon News Editor

Professor Miroljub Radojkovic, Ph.D., an international scholar and native of Belgrade, will be at Wilkes University March 9-14, to address students and community members about political communications.

Professor Radojkovic, an expert in Comparative Mass Media Systems and International Communications, will be arriving on Friday, March

8, and will stay at the home of Dr. and Mrs. J. Michael Lennon.

His main intention in coming to the area is to visit local high schools, universities and colleges, and to provide a public lecture. He will focus on what has been happening in Eastern and Central Europe, and how the media is portraying the events occurring there.

Professor Radojkovic is scheduled to attend classes on campus to start discussions with students and answer questions they may

have. These classes will include those that are relevant to his subject area, such as political science courses and communications courses.

The professor earned his B.A. in Journalism in 1971 from the Faculty of Political Sciences in Belgrade, and in 1975, he earned his M.A. in Sociology of Mass Communication. The University of Belgrade awarded his Ph.D. in Political Science in 1978. He has amassed over 140 articles in scientific journals in Serbo-

Croat and foreign languages.

While in the area, Professor Radojkovic will attend many academic meetings and social functions. At 3:00 pm on Monday, March 11, he will meet with the Honors Students and Dean Paul Adams in Conyngham Hall. He is also scheduled to address students at the University of Scranton with a lecture entitled *Media and the Press: Freedom in the Present Yugoslavia* at 10:00 am on Tuesday, March 12.

The public lecture will

be held at 7:30 pm on Wednesday, March 13, in the Marts Center, room 214. The lecture topic is *Media in Transition: Central and Eastern Europe*, and it will be followed by a question and answer period.

Professor Radojkovic is also planning to attend the Rosenn Lecture at the Darte Center at 7:30 pm on Thursday, March 14. Tours of Wilkes University and the surrounding area have also been set up during his stay.

Basketball cheerleaders Japan night held

having a rough season

By **AMY CONNELLY**
Beacon Staff Writer

Cheerleading has always been a big past time associated with the sport of basketball. The cheerleaders get our spirits up and our voices roaring.

This basketball season Wilkes has had some problems having a complete cheerleading squad at all the games.

The squad began the season with ten girls. They were left with only five when two girls transferred out, two girls had nursing clinics on the nights of the games, and one girl experienced some family problems.

Cheryl Gibson, head coach, said that by the time she was notified of these situations it was too late in the season to hold more tryouts, "It was difficult for the five girls to cheer because they could not do the things they had done in the past with so few girls," said Gibson.

Due to a lack of members this season the cheerleaders could not preform a half-time show or any of the routines that make a difference to the crowd.

Gibson also added that "the five girls we did have worked hard and put forth a lot of effort."

Gibson claims that not having male cheerleaders this season also hurt the team. The squad had four male cheerleaders last season.

"Most guys think it is wimpy to cheer but it takes a lot to be a male cheerleader," commented Gibson.

Male cheerleaders help the girls with a lot of routines that would not be possible without them.

Gibson said that the cheerleading squad is also looking for a mascot for next season. Cheerleading tryouts will be held in April for sophomores, juniors, and seniors. The freshman tryouts will be held in September.

Hopefully next season we will see some male cheerleaders and a mascot out there cheering on the Colonels.

By **GLENDA RACE**
Beacon Staff Writer

On Monday, February 26th at 6 pm, education students visiting the United States and Wilkes University from Tamagawa University, in conjunction with the Wilkes education department, held Japan night in Rumours. The students came to the United States during their break. During their stay they visited schools in the Wilkes-Barre area and toured Washington D.C. and New York City.

This is the sixth year that students from Japan visited Wilkes, and each year they hold Japan night. Japan night features various aspects of Japanese culture such as their hood and sado (or cha no yu) the traditional elite of preparing and drinking tea, sho-do, or Japanese calligraphy, origami, and playing with Japanese toys.

Hitomi Takada, who was one of the three Japanese students who starred in the "Kamishibai Picture story show" noted that in the United States she met many friends which made her very happy. Dr. Nancy Davis, Director of the Teacher Extension Program at Wilkes University said that the most special aspect of Japan night was that "the Japanese students share their culture with American students and public school students are invited."

The students included were area elementary and middle school students. One was Asia Cook from Wyoming Valley West Middle School who thought that the neatest thing about Japan night was trying on a kimono. Another student, Jeff Gavio, a fourth grader at Fairview Elementary School thought trying the origami and the Japanese calligraphy was "pretty cool."

Susan Jones, a third year student at Wilkes noted that what she liked best was meeting the students. Susan is in her second semester studying Japanese. She began taking Japanese to fulfill a language requirement, but decided she wanted to learn more and hopes to continue her studies in Japanese.

Japan night proved to be an experience where students from the elementary to the college level learned about another culture, made new friends, and also had fun.

Video equipment stolen

By ERIC FREELAND
Beacon Staff Writer

Stolen equipment, kicked in doors, and moved computer files, these are the recent criminal activities that have hit Wilkes University's Biology Department.

Sometime during the weekend of February 10, thieves stole lab equipment from the Freshman Biology Lab in SLC 365. The criminals made off with a video camera, microscope, laser disc player, and VCR. The equipment is estimated at approximately \$5,000.

This burglary comes as a shock to the Biology Department, because the lab's door was locked and

some of the equipment was bolted to the walls and desks. According to Campus Security Chief, Gerald Cookus, there was no sign of forced entry.

"The burglars must have known the lab," says Cookus. "They knew what was there and how to steal it."

Cookus is not the only person who is concerned about the break-in, several biology majors are upset. Senior Tony Reed feels that the close-knit nature of the students in the department has been violated.

While junior Julie Werkheiser says, "I am angry, I do not understand how someone can get out of here with equipment, because security is so tight."

However, in recent weeks other incidents of vandalism have plagued the department.

Lab prep supervisor, Kathy Zayleskie says people have kicked in lab doors, moved computer files, and messed with the hinges on an office door.

In terms of the stolen equipment, campus security is working in conjunction with Wilkes-Barre Police to find the burglars. Due to the expensive nature of the equipment, Cookus and Zayleskie think that it has been sold.

Right now, the department is evaluating its security precautions. Chief Cookus urges any student with information about the robbery to call the campus's anonymous C.A.R.E. extension at 2273.

Trip to Rosebud planned

By AMY CONNELLY
Beacon Staff Writer

Instead of going on a sunny break, several Wilkes students will be going to Rosebud, South Dakota, to volunteer on an Indian reservation.

Eight students including Tanelle Yenkevich, Doreen Fanton, Wendy Laudeman, Robert Bartorillo, Adriene Sheasley, Dan Smith, Beth Fedur, and Todd Vinovski will be leaving on Friday, March 1 for this alternative spring break experience.

Amy Mazur of Volunteer Services said that while staying on the reservation they will be doing some minor repair

and construction work, such as painting, and monitoring a drug and alcohol program.

"This is an excellent and hardworking group," said Mary Hession, campus minister.

Hession also commented that this trip is completely paid for by fund raising events that the eight students held. The students raised money for a van, gas, housing, and a donation through several fund raisers. According to Hession, some of these events were hoagie and pretzel sales, entertaining books, and they even sold miles for the trip.

Students who were interested in this trip had to fill out an application and go through an interview process in order to be considered as one of the eight students who

were chosen.

"The eight students were chosen out of thirty plus applications that we received for this trip," said Mazur.

This is not the first time that Wilkes has offered a trip like this one. Last fall eight students went to Ridgely, Maryland, to work at a homeless women and children shelter. Mazur said that while in Ridgely they did such things as watching children, cleaning the houses, and working on a food drive.

Good luck to Amy Mazur, Mary Hession, and the eight students who are continuing a Wilkes tradition of volunteer services.

Due to a lack of space, the *Who's Who?* listing will be printed in the next edition of *The Beacon*.

Security Corner

Theft:

Between February 2 and February 4, 1996, video equipment was taken from Stark Learning Center. The items included: a video camera, a laser disc player, a VCR, and a microscope. The equipment was valued at approximately \$5000.

Property Damage:

On February 9, 1996, at approximately 7:10 am, a vehicle drove through the parking gate of the Evans parking lot.

Criminal Mischief:

On February 11, 1996, at around 3:00 pm, a vehicle drove on the practice football field causing damage that included 60 foot ruts that were 3 inches deep.

Criminal Mischief:

On February 13, 1996, at approximately 7:00 pm, it was reported that the glass window was broken going into Priapus Hall in Pickering.

Disorderly Conduct and Criminal Mischief:

On February 14, 1996 at about 10:00 pm, an alcohol related disturbance occurred at Barre Hall. The activity led to damage of the first floor of the building.

Criminal Mischief:

Between 5:00 pm on February 16, and 9:45 pm on February 17, 1996, a car parked unattended in lot #12 had its rear window broken by an unknown person or persons. Nothing was taken, but the damage was estimated at \$300.

Vandalism:

On February 17, 1996, the fence surrounding Ralston Field House was broken into.

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CRIMINAL ACTIVITY REPORTING EXTENSION

All students are reminded that the C.A.R.E. line is available 24 hours a day by dialing C-A-R-E (2273) from a campus extension phone or 831-5000 ext. 2273. This hotline is used to report crimes or other mischievous occurrences on or around campus, and the caller will remain anonymous. (Remember that the C.A.R.E. line can be used to report information about crimes listed in the "Security Corner".)

Things are always changing. News is always happening. We need people to write about it. Sound interesting? Stop by the *The Beacon*, or give us a call at extension 2962.

Do's and don'ts for spring break

To most students, spring break is a time to relax, have fun and enjoy quality time away from Wilkes.

While some will spend the seemingly short week at home with their families, a number of others will be out and about in sunny Florida, Cancun or the Bahamas with their friends. Thanks to my mom and dad, I will be one of those fortunate individuals who'll be spending seven days and six nights on the Caribbean Coast.

All I've been dreaming about since I paid my final hundred dollars has been ice cold strawberry daiquiris, hundreds of good looking men and the burning hot sun on my skin. I went home this past weekend to pick up my summer wardrobe and the excitement of leaving the country soon turned into unwanted anxiety. During the three days I was home, I've never heard my family offer so much advice.

"Don't drink the water." "Bring extra sunscreen." "Make sure to wear pants at night because the little red ants in the sand will bite you."

If I had heard one more piece of advice, I thought I would scream. I realize they were only watching out for me, but since returning to school, they've created a neurotic.

As a product of my environment, I can't help but share my neurosis with you. Please don't misinterpret what I'm writing as annoying, motherly advice. Take what I have to say as simple SUGGESTIONS for a better spring break trip.

While on spring break:

DO bring fresh bottled water from home. Whether you're staying in another country or state, the foreign water could make you very ill. Vomiting due to sickness, rather than a hang-over, is not a good thing.

DO bring sunscreen lotion. While you may be like me, who never burns in the Jersey sun, the rays from the south and western states can be much stronger than some you've ever encountered.

DO bring warm clothes. The temperatures during the day may reach up to ninety degrees, but the nighttime breezes will feel more like forty degrees.

DO watch what kinds of foods you eat. Just like eating at any restaurant, you should always be careful that the foods you put in your mouth are well cooked. Viruses due to bacteria in foods would not be pleasant on your vacation.

DON'T act up in public. While our culture finds it amusing to act like freaks on the street, other cultures may not. A Mexican jail would definitely not be a fun place to spend your vacation.

DON'T get intoxicated to the point of no return. It is not that difficult to walk home from a Wilkes-Barre bar, but then again you're aware of your surroundings. Remember, you are in a foreign place. Some of the people may not speak English. This could be a problem if you're too drunk to make it home and you have no one else to ask for directions but the guy sitting on the street corner.

DON'T spend all your money in the first few days. Budget your funds so that you'll still have some left for the last few days. Save \$20 for the cab ride home from the airport.

DON'T go crazy in the gift shops. I'm sure mom and dad don't need matching sombreros. Be practical.

I hope these simple tips will help you to better enjoy your week in the sun. I'll be looking forward to reading your letters upon your return back to Wilkes. Have fun and be safe!

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New Policy:

It is the policy of The Beacon not to alter any submitted letters. Grammatical errors are those of the author.

Idle Chatter with Michael Butchko

"I used to see you on every TV; your smilin' face looked back at me."

Although the Chatter knows that it is the week before Spring Break '96: Destination, Unknown, and no one wants another thing to think about, there's something that needs to be discussed. It could have been Glenn "Big Dog" Robinson, basketball coach of Franklin & Marshall, who decided that his team should be the number one seed, and that Wilkes (ahem!) University, his main competition, should endure a long hard road to get to the Final Four. It could have been the upcoming Grammy Awards, with Alanis Morissette, who has pulled off the biggest public relations coup since Milli Vanilli (and with about as much talent), prepared to sweep the awards. Won't it be ironic when she changes her image again, possibly to return to her former role as the Debbie Gibson of Canada?

Instead, the topic is the namesake of the Crosby, Stills, Nash and Young ballad mentioned at the outset. The "American Dream" is the Presidency, and the smilin' face belongs to Pat Buchanan. The mainstream media has begun to tremble in their collective shoes, a far cry from laughing at the prospect of Buchanan as the nominee, which so many have done the past few years. Maybe it was an Op-Ed piece in Monday's *New York Times* by Bob Herbert which gave me Buchanan on the brain. Or maybe it's the cover of this week's *Economist*. In any case, the evolution of Pat Buchanan is an intriguing one, and it is also far from over.

"Don't know where things went wrong, might have been when you were young and strong." When Buchanan was a regular on *Crossfire*, his "smiling face" was often in the face of a quivering Democrat, as politics became a barroom brawl without the fists. Buchanan was the hatchet man on the right, usually opposed by Michael Kinsley on the left.

Kinsley has been one of the few to defend Buchanan, saying that he doesn't consider his longtime CNN adversary to be a racist. In the 1950s, the easiest way to blackball someone was to label him/her a Communist. Today, the new term of choice is racist, and once you've been identified, it's impossible to shake. Buchanan's supporters refuse to believe he is racist, but they will acknowledge he is protectionist. The Chatter received some mail from candidate Buchanan, and here are some of his platforms:

- "Stronger enforcement of laws to protect our Southern border against illegal aliens, including construction of protective forces along the U.S.-Mexico border, and a three year phase-out of all foreign aid."

"Now you think about reachin' out, maybe get some help from above."

Buchanan has a difficult road ahead of him, especially if he seeks the help of Republicans. Rush Limbaugh has denounced Buchanan as a Populist, which is the epitome of the pot calling the kettle black. Bob Dole, looking older every day, calls Buchanan "dangerous," presumably not on the dance floor. In any case, the Republican party fertilized the kind of thought Buchanan embraces, and they are finding it increasingly difficult to suppress the weed they've grown.

For his part, Pat continues to laugh off accusations, appear at gun rallies, and this past Tuesday, he delivered the piece de resistance. Concerning the Cuban incident, Buchanan supported the actions of President Clinton, the only Republican to do so. I fully expect Buchanan to be in San Diego for the Republican National Convention, and I wouldn't be a bit surprised if he won the nomination. Buchanan doesn't need the help of the party, seeing as his followers believe him to be appealing to a higher authority. He just continues to have strong showings in primaries without a great deal of money. The money will come eventually; will the nomination? Stay tuned, and have fear, if it makes you feel better. Frankly, I don't see a reason to be afraid. Hopefully, Buchanan won't provide any.

That's all for now. We'll chat again next week.

Astute Observations

with John-Erik Koslosky

An idea that first surfaced several years ago during the Namey administration — a Wilkes University/King's College joint bookstore — resurfaced last week.

The latest proposal, put forth by Wilkes-Barre Tomorrow, a group of community professionals, is for a complex on West Market Street to serve the students of both schools.

"The Collegiate," as it would be titled, would occupy a 12,988 square-foot building located on West Market Street between Lowe's Restaurant & Cocktail Lounge and the Sterling Hotel. Along with a bookstore serving both schools, the complex would include a restaurant, an Internet cafe and reading and studying spaces.

The store would serve more than 3,500 students — 1,800 full-time Wilkes students and nearly 1,800 King's College students.

Both Wilkes' bookstore and King's bookstore are operated by Follett Corporation, a Chicago, Ill.-based company. Officials at both schools said the decision will be made by Follett as to whether the project is a viable option. Follett operates more than 500 college bookstores in 46 states, including several joint bookstores.

Students will most likely be surveyed concerning the proposed project in the upcoming months. When considering this project, you must also consider that it is probable both schools would maintain on-campus bookstores as well.

One might question what purpose the joint bookstore would serve.

The answer to that is dependent upon whether students would be willing to walk a few blocks from campus. Those who are designing the project are banking on that willingness, and I certainly hope they are right.

Drawing students off their respective campuses and into the city would benefit both the students and the city.

Students would get out of the university "vacuum" that they so often get stuck in, leaving campus only for the occasional trip to the mall. More frequent trips into the downtown might open up new possibilities to students — as consumers and more importantly as prospective employees, temporary or permanent. "The Collegiate" would also provide an outlet for non-alcoholic social interaction.

The city stands to prosper not only from the increased tax revenue "The Collegiate" would generate, but from the student traffic as well. One of the largest problems for many smaller cities, such as Wilkes-Barre, is the lack of pedestrian traffic outside small businesses. This problem is no more evident than in the city of Scranton.

Since the Steamtown Mall opened, pedestrian traffic has been severely cutback and several small businesses have since relocated outside the city.

Businesses have been relocating outside Wilkes-Barre as well. "The Collegiate," although not the answer to all the city's economic woes, could be the first step in re-converting Wilkes-Barre's Market Street into something the name suggests it might be.

Upcoming Campus Events for February 29- March 10

Thursday, February 29

- Blood Drive, 10 am-4 pm, Rumours
- M B-ball NCAA Tournament-Allentown College (H), 7:30 pm

Friday, March 1

- Alternative Spring Break Trip through March 10
- Spring Recess begins 5 pm
- WCLH "Bill Pickett and the African-American West" 7:30-8:30 pm

Saturday, March 2

- Residence halls close at noon
- BRAVO Dance "Evening of Repertory", 8 pm, CPA
- Auditions for the Northeastern Pa. Philharmonic Anniversary Chorus, DDD

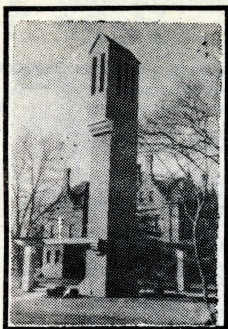
Sunday, March 3 through Saturday March 9

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Across Campus

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Comaraderie amongst smokers in lounge

By JOY ZIMMERMAN
Beacon Staff Writer

The security key to it is labeled "Cancer Club Room." The students of Wilkes who regularly sit there call it "the Bubble" or "the Fish Bowl." The official name for it is the "Smoker's Lounge."

It may be just a small, 15' x 27', glass-walled room, but the smoking section of Stark Lobby can house over 20 "Cancer Club" members at a time.

Unofficially, the people who regularly sit in Stark Lobby's smoking section have formed their own kind of club. Often every couch seat is filled, so people find clean spots on the floor to sit. The tables and floor are littered with empty cigarette packs and lunch containers because there is no garbage can inside. There are only two ashtrays, so most people use either empty soda cans or the floor. Yet on any given day, one can open the

doors of the Smoker's Lounge and hear laughter billowing out just before the door snaps shut.

From outside the smoking section, the action inside its glass walls looks like a silent movie. Only the viewers have no subtitles to guide the action along. This past Friday, I sat outside the Smoker's Lounge watching the people inside pass around a python. I saw the smiling faces and the repulsed looks, but I never heard the laughter or the groans of disgust. I also watched a Doberman mix and Labrador Retriever fight over a leash, but I never heard them growl or bark.

From inside the smoking section, I nearly had to cover my ears because of the noise. Through the din, I learned that some people who regularly sit in the smoking section unofficially declared Friday as Pet Day. I again saw the Doberman and the Lab fighting over the leash, but this time I heard the growling, snarling,

and barking. I learned that their names were Dakota and Tova, respectively, and that the snake was named Aloysius. Soon, two men who liked the snake renamed him Al Bundy.

Everyone who came in the smoking section pet the dogs, held the snake, and learned all the animals' names, even though many did not even know the names of the owners.

Inside the Smoker's Lounge is a league family with too many siblings to remember everybody's name.

"There's a lot of camaraderie in this group. We all get along like we were buddies for years and years and years," sophomore Dan Bishop explains.

Bishop, 31, has returned to college after seeing over 300 Grateful Dead shows. He normally wears old flannel shirts and jeans with long johns showing through the rips in the knees.

Sitting next to Dan is freshman Bill Allen who came

to Wilkes directly from high school. Although Allen does not smoke, he only sits in the smoking section of Stark Lobby.

"Everybody's more friendly here. You can just butt in on people's more friendly conversations and they don't mind," Allen says.

"Outside the Smoker's Lounge, it's just an average lobby," junior Marty Vinovski says. He says most people do homework or talk to their friends.

Sophomore Mike Shygelski gives the same description.

"It's just a room full of tables where people sit and do homework," Shygelski says with a shrug.

Neither see much of a difference between the two sections of Stark Lobby. Shygelski noticed that not too many people study in the Smoker's Lounge. Vinovski sees only one difference.

"People smoke in there,"

he says.

The smokers of Wilkes see a larger difference.

Freshman Sandy Korpak says this small smoker's room has become the meeting place for a large group of friends.

"We're kind of secluded from everyone else. It's a close environment, so we always face one another. It makes a nice little circle," she says, titling her head and smiling.

Whatever caused this group to form is irrelevant to the smokers now. They see the Smoker's Lounge as a place where they can talk to anyone about anything and always be accepted.

One can always find a "Cancer Club Member" who understands.

It's a little like *Cheers*: maybe not everyone knows your name, but everyone in "the Bubble" knows you.

Get with the program

By CHRISTINE GAYDOS
Beacon Features Editor



New advances are constantly being made in instituting an updated recycling program at Wilkes University.

On Tuesday, February 20, Rob Fredericks, recycling operations manager, Jessica Wissner, Environmental Club president and Randy Yerger, recycling assistant, met with Bruce Thens, general manager of dining services at the cafeteria. The meeting was called to propose the recycling of waste produced in the preparation of meals.

"Almost everything used by food services can be recycled," explained Fredericks. Another meeting will take place on the 29th of February. Implementation of the recycling plan is on the agenda. Specifically, they will discuss the recycling of cardboard, tin and bi-metal cans, all of which are used at the cafeteria.

Besides making the materials reusable, Fredericks stated "this will hopefully lessen the volume of trash, which currently costs \$45.95 per ton." Incentive programs for students and staff for participating in the recycling program will also be discussed.

Keep recycling. It's everyone's responsibility!

Conducting class

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Internships are excellent for preparing a student for a career path that they choose.

They are also excellent for the wet behind the ears college graduate to get a foot in the door. Having some experience in one's major field is a step in the right direction no matter what it may be.

These ideas are nothing new to the Wilkes University education department.

Twenty nine Wilkes education majors have started their student teaching for the 1996 Spring semester. After all the many classes and

observations these students have attended, it is time for the real challenge. The program for student teaching is under the direction of Associate Professor of Education, Edwin Johnson.

The school districts in which the student teachers will be working include: Wilkes-Barre Area, Hanover Area, Pittston Area, Dallas Area, Wyoming Valley West and the Diocese of Scranton.

The responsibility of these students can be overwhelming. They are not observers or teacher's aids. They are taking on the role of a professional. Each student teacher has a special field or grade that they are assigned

according to what they want. They work side by side with another teacher and eventually on their own.

A lesson plan for each day must be prepared with every minute accounted for.

This consists of an in-depth, detailed outline of the work and activities that are to be finished by the end of each school day.

"The hard work, long hours and the hands on experience really paid off," said Amy Peacock, a Wilkes Elementary Education graduate. "Not only did this program prepare me for a teaching position, it let me know that I made the right career choice."

HOROSCOPES

Aries (March 24- April 20)

Long hours of hard work have taken a toll on you. Try getting to bed at a reasonable hour each night. Pick up those sneakers and hit the track.

Taurus (April 21- May 21)

Break out the sun tan oil! You're exotic spring break plans are sure to be the time of your life. You will dazzle them all along the beach.

Gemini (May 22 - June 21)

Sometimes it feels like true love doesn't exist. Hold on a little longer, spring is on its way. You'll soon find peace with yourself. Be patient and open minded.

Cancer (June 22- July 22)

You're becoming too absorbed in the lives of others. Stop talking about what you want to do, and do it. Don't resist spiritually. You should instead embrace it and let it guide you.

Leo (July 23- August 22)

You may be known as someone with great vitality and spirit of adventure, but there's part of you that wants to protect yourself. Don't be afraid to get close to someone.

Virgo (August 23- September 22)

Money problems will soon end. A gift is on its way by mail. Don't spend it too quickly, save it for awhile before making any major financial decisions.

Libra (September 23- October 23)

You may think you can take care of yourself, but it's important to make the right decisions, particularly concerning your well-being. Take the advice of others into account, but don't live by it.

Scorpio (October 24- November 21)

Replenish your savings by taking on extra work with a friend. Confidential questions could lead to the answers you need. Don't be afraid to ask.

Sagittarius (November 22- December 21)

A stranger could tell you some important information. Try to keep two feuding friends away from each other. Obey the orders of an elder.

Capricorn (December 22- January 19)

Hours spent on a project pays off. It's important to stay on schedule, including your extra-curricular activities. Don't get sidetracked by details. Time is of the essence.

Aquarius (January 20 - February 18)

You are falling in love again. Daydreaming will give you a really bad case of the giggles. You'll need to concentrate to get work done. If you need a challenge, ask for it.

Pisces (February 19- March 20)

It's going to be tough to find strength, so call up a friend who knows how to listen and meet with them as soon as possible. Make it a lunch or dinner date.

Consider This...

"Happiness is the rational understanding of life and the world."

•Baruch Spinoza

"The art of pleasing consists of being pleased."

•William Hazlitt

"There is no such thing as a talent without a great will-power."

•Balzac

"There are three ingredients in the good life: learning, earning, and yearning."

•Christopher Darlington Morley

"The human body is private property."

•Johnathon Miller

"In choosing between two evils, I always try the one I've never tried before."

•Mae West

"The secret is to be true to yourself."

•Zelda Fitzgerald

Speak out for Human Rights!

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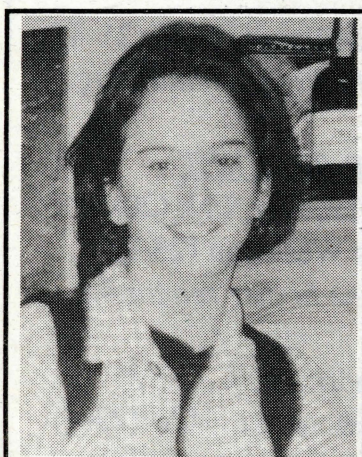
meets Thursday at 11 am in the Interfaith Office

INTERESTED?

contact Mary @ X5904 or Jessica @ 821-1667

Roving Reporter with Michelle Tufaro

What do you suggest to increase school spirit?



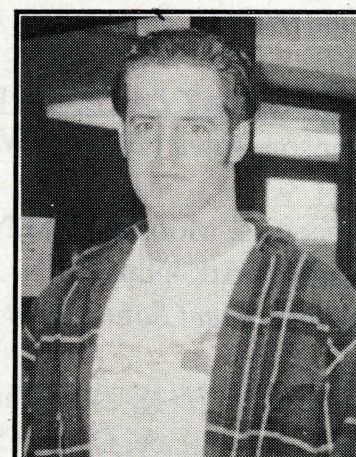
"Move the school out of North Eastern PA."
Noelle Veiksans



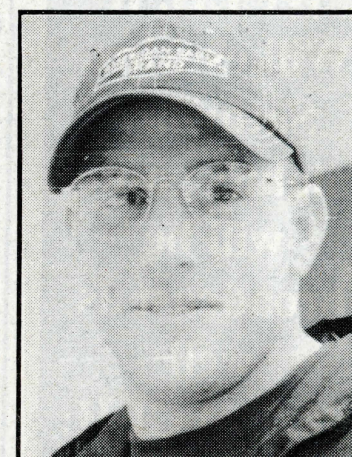
"Bring in good looking men."
Sarah Friedrich



"Advertise sporting events more."
Michael Rosh



"More Winter Weekends."
Paul Brennan



"Hold activities which involve more students and are fun."
Jeff Gray

If you've listened, you've heard the call of Wilkes University's first MAC Championship. If you've listened, you've heard the call of a 25-1 season, and a 16-game winning streak. If you've missed it, don't make the same mistake for the NCAA Tournament. Thursday night, Wilkes vs. Allentown, pre-game at 7:15 on 90.7, WCLH. If Wilkes wins, Saturday night's game will be broadcast as well 90.7, WCLH: The Call of the Colonels

First Round Games Thursday, February 29, 1996

Middle Atlantic Region

EAST-MIDDLE ATLANTIC UPPER BRACKET

Geneseo State, N.Y. (16-9)
at Rochester (N.Y.) Institute (22-3)
St. John Fisher N.Y. (20-5) at Buffalo St., N.Y. (20-7)
(Winners meet Saturday at the higher remaining seed)
Allentown (17-9) at Wilkes (25-1)
Catholic, Washington, D.C. (19-7) at Cabrini, P.A.. (23-2)
(Winners meet Saturday at the higher remaining seed)

EAST-MIDDLE ATLANTIC LOWER BRACKET

St. Lawrence, N.Y. (17-8) at Hamilton, N.Y. (16-8)
Hartwick, N.Y. (17-8) at Rensselaer, N.Y. (18-7)
(Winners meet Saturday at the higher remaining seed)
Gettysburg, P.A.. (18-8) at Lycoming, P.A. (20-5)
Salisbury State, M.D.. (19-6) at Franklin & Marshall (25-1)
(Winners meet Saturday at the higher remaining seed)

Great Lakes Region

WEST-GREAT LAKES UPPER BRACKET

Wis.-Whitewater (17-8) at Wis.-Platteville (23-2)
Claremont-Mudd Scripps (18-7) at Upper Iowa (21-4)
(Winners meet Saturday at the higher remaining seed)
Kalamazoo, M.I. (17-10) at Hope, M.I. (22-4)
Wooster, O.H. (19-6) at John Carroll, O.H. (18-3)
(Winners meet Saturday at the higher remaining seed)

WEST-GREAT LAKES LOWER BRACKET

Simpson, Iowa (20-5) at Wisconsin-Oshkosh (22-3)
Concordia, Moorhead, M.N. (21-5) at Gustavus Adolphus, M.N. (22-4)
(Winners meet Saturday at the higher remaining seed)
Capital, Ohio (18-7) at Ohio Northern (18-9)
Baldwin-Wallace, O.H. (15-11) at Wittenberg, O.H. (23-4)
(Winners meet Saturday at the higher remaining seed)

Atlantic Region

ATLANTIC-NORTHEAST UPPER BRACKET

Plymouth St., M.A. (19-8) at Williams, M.A. (22-2)
Springfield, M.A. (21-6) at Bowdoin, M.E. (18-5)
(Winners meet Saturday at the higher remaining seed)
York, N.Y. (18-9) at Rowan, N.J. (22-4)
Jersey City St., N.J. (15-10) at Staten Island, N.Y. (22-5)
(Winners meet Saturday at the higher remaining seed)

ATLANTIC-NORTHEAST LOWER BRACKET

Babson, M.A. (21-6) at Anna Maria, M.A. (23-4)
W. Connecticut St. (19-7) at Salem St., M.A. (24-2)
(Winners meet Saturday at the higher remaining seed)
New Jersey Institute of Technology (17-9) at New York University (18-7)
Mount St. Vincent, N.Y. (18-5) at Richard Stockton, N.J. (23-3)
(Winners meet Saturday at the higher remaining seed)

South Region

MIDWEST-SOUTH UPPER BRACKET

Grinnell, I.A. (17-7) at Wheaton, I.L. (24-1)
Rose-Hulman, I.N. (20-8) at Washington, M.O. (25-5)
(Winners meet Saturday at the higher remaining seed)

Randolph Macon, V.A. (18-8) at Christopher Newport, V.A. (22-5)
Bridgewater, V.A. (18-5) at Millsaps, M.S. (21-4)
(Winners meet Saturday at the higher remaining seed)

MIDWEST-SOUTH LOWER BRACKET

Fontbonne, M.O. (17-9) at Hanover, I.N. (20-5)
Ripon, W.I. (21-3) at Illinois Wesleyan (23-2)
(Winners meet Saturday at the higher remaining seed)
Stillman, A.L. (21-3) at Hendrix, A.R. (20-5)
Shenandoah, V.A. (18-8) at Roanoke, V.A. (22-4)
(Winners meet Saturday at the higher remaining seed)