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Movie company produces shows

Bedford 's plays take center stage

By BRAD HAYS
Beacon Staff Writer

Two plays written by Bonnie Bedford, assistant professor of English at Wilkes University, were recently produced by the Adam Hill Theatre Company, a professional repertory company in West Hollywood, Ca.

The plays, *Accident* and *Sniper*, have both received excellent reviews by the national magazine *Dramalog*.

Bedford is also writing a screenplay version of *The Sniper*, and it will be produced by Warner Brothers and turned into a movie with Adam Hill directing.

"Basically, I'm doing the writing, and he's doing the reading of the script," says Bedford. Hill is currently doing a movie with Columbia Pictures called *P.S. Your Cat is Dead*, starring



Bonnie Bedford

John Stamos (of "Full House") and Steve Guttenburg.

Accident is about two women, one white and one black, who are forced together by an accident. The white woman is played by Caryl Weiner, and the black woman is played by Lyne Odums. In the play Odums is the mother of a teen who caused a serious car crash, and Weiner plays a wealthy socialite with a chip on her shoulder. Both women are typical stereotypes at the beginning of the play, but by the end of the play they have dissolved their stereotypes.

Ommy Hicks, from Spike Lee's *She's Gotta Have It*, made his directing debut with this play.

The other play, *The Sniper*, is based on recurring true stories of teenagers who kill randomly. The play explores the case of a seemingly normal boy who takes a rifle to a rooftop and kills people randomly.

"The killer is not your stereotypical killer. He doesn't come from a troubled or an alcoholic family, or doesn't listen to heavy metal" says Bedford. The play is centered around two people who kept journals of the killings. The play also reveals the myth that small town America is safe. The

audience can also identify with the killer, and there is no clear answer at the end of the play as to why this boy kills. The play is also a play of actions and has very little scenery in it.

The Sniper stars Bobby Zamoski as the young sniper, Richard Anders as the blue collar father and Melissa Nickert as the quirky girlfriend. These actors come forward and enact scenes of the past.

Bedford said that this all started when *The Sniper* was chosen as a finalist in the Drama Reading Awards in New York City. The play was read by a person who knew Adam Hill and decided that he should read and direct this play. The unknown person then contacted Hill, and Bedford received the call that Hill wanted to direct the play.

"I was amazed because it happened from somebody who I didn't know, but who, when he read the play, decided that Hill should also read it" says Bedford.

Bedford says she doesn't know when the movie will be finished. In fact prospective actors have yet to be contacted. "It should[be done] in about two or three years," says Bedford.

Foreign language dropped from core

By MICHAEL S. PICKUP
Special to the Beacon

Previous to Fall, 1993 a student enrolling at Wilkes University was required to take an aptitude test in a foreign language. If he failed to meet the standard, the student was required to take a language class and pass at the 102 level.

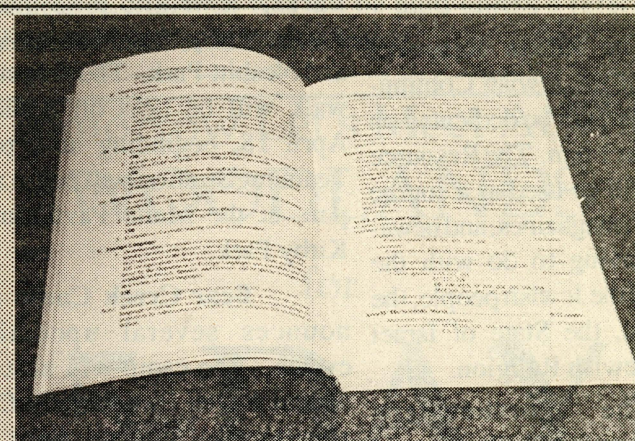
However, beginning in the Fall of 1993 the foreign language skill requirement will be removed from the core curriculum.

The decision was made by the Wilkes faculty by a majority vote. However, according

to Dr. Roger Maxwell, associate professor of physics, students will still be able to take up to six credits in a foreign language to fulfill their distribution requirements.

Any student can elect to follow the new core. However, it may not be to their advantage. There may be other requirements in the new core that are not in the current catalog, said Dr. Maxwell.

Seniors graduating in May and August of 1993 are excluded from this change.



The bulletin is open for changes again.

Behind the scenes at ABC News-it's not all glamour

BY WENDY RAUGHLEY
Beacon News Editor

Students got a look "Inside TV: Behind the Scenes at ABC News" Tuesday from Mary Gabriel, operations producer at "Business World."

She advised up-and-coming television journalists to concentrate on learning how to write. "It is easier to turn a journalist into a television personality than it is to turn a personality into a journalist," Gabriel said.

To find a job, she said that

one should start with everyone one know. With a little luck an interview will soon follow. "This business [television news] is a lot of luck and being in the right place at the right time, then it's a little bit talent," she said.

As an operations producer Gabriel is in charge of coordinating everything for each show. The exact duties of the job vary from show to show, but she coordinates the studio time, the people to work the show, the guest and the necessary equipment.

She warned students, however, that it is not as easy as it sounds. Dealing with the union workers and sticking to their rules can be very difficult when she's trying to get her work done. For example, the union requires they get lunch at a certain time, and the time isn't always perfect.

The most interesting part, she said, is coordinating live guest remotes each week. Her job is to make sure there is a studio available for the guest to go to, that there is a crew there to work and

that enough satellite time is purchased for the interview.

Generally, the show is not edited before it's aired, so everyone must work together for the final product. Editing will only occur if something drastic happens, such as a picture falling on a guest. In this case they will take out the question and re-shoot.

Gabriel stressed the attention to detail that is needed to do a show. "One slip and you lose a vital part of the interview,"

she commented.

Gabriel started at ABC in 1979 as a special events production secretary and later moved on to "World News Tonight." She said "World (See ABC, page 4)

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WHAT'S GOING ON...

"A Coal Region Opera" will be presented at The Kirby Center on Saturday, May 22 at 7:30 p.m. The opera is an original contemporary musical that tells a story of love, deceit and the struggle of the unionizing coal miners in the turn-of-the-century anthracite region of Pennsylvania. Cost is \$10 for students with ID. On April 2 there will be an OperaWorks Wine and Cheese Preview Gala at 7-8:30 p.m. Admission is \$10. For further information call 823-4599.

The **Interfaith Resource Center for Peace and Justice** will show a video of a PrimeTime segment on racism on Tuesday, April 13 at 7 p.m. A discussion on anti-racism will follow the video. The event is being held at the First Presbyterian Church on South Franklin Street.

The **Rifkin Resource Center** of the Jewish Community Center will be dedicated on April 18 at 1 p.m. The Resource Center will be used as a source for books, magazines, and newspapers having to do with the history of the Jewish people, the Holocaust, the State of Israel and the Jewish Religion.

The **Northeastern Pennsylvania Philharmonic** will present its classical program of Ecstatic Enchantment March 26 at The Kirby Center and March 27 at the Scranton Cultural Center. Both concerts begin at 8 p.m. For ticket information call 457-8301.

Host Families are being sought by the SHARE! high school exchange program to host international exchange students who will be arriving in August for the 1993/94 school year. For an application call Colin Churchill or Beth Schumann at 1-800-321-ERDT.

F.A.O. Schwarz of New York City is currently interviewing candidates for its summer cooperative experience pro-

gram. Students interested in a salaried management training position at this well-known retail toy store should contact, Carol Bosack of the Cooperative Education Office at Ext. 4645.

The **Jewish Community Center** announces several upcoming events. **Solomon Perel**, a German Jewish teenager who survived the horrors of World War II under the disguise of a pure Aryan Nazi, will speak at the Jewish Community Center on Monday, March 29 at 7:30 p.m. in the Weiss Auditorium. The movie "Europa, Europa," which details Perel's life, will be shown at 5 p.m. Admission to both is free. Dr. Alan Mittleman will be the featured speaker at the **annual commemoration of the Holocaust** on Sunday, April 18, at 7:00 p.m. at Temple B'nai B'rith, Wyoming Avenue, Kingston. A **Holocaust Memorial Service** will be held before Mittleman's speech.

The Riverfront Parks Advisory Committee invites businesses, schools and community organizations to form teams and participate in the **"March for Parks,"** a walk to raise money for the Kirby Park Natural Area and Nesbitt Park. The five-mile walk will be held on Sunday, April 18, beginning at 2 p.m. Team registration will begin at 1 p.m. at the Marts Pavillion in Kirby Park.

Bear Creek Camp announces several upcoming events. The camp will host its annual **Earth Day Family Celebration** on Sunday, April 25 from 12:30 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. The fee for the program is \$8 for adults and \$4.50 for children ages 3 to 6. Dinner is included. The camp will offer its annual **Open House** on Sunday, June 6 from 2:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. Parents and prospective campers are encouraged to come by and meet our staff, play games, tour the facilities, ask questions, and experience the program. Anyone wishing to stay for dinner and sample camp cuisine may do so for a fee of \$3 for children ages 3 to 6, and \$5 for ages 7 and up. Pre-registration is required for both events. Call (717) 472-3741 for more information.

Students now have a chance to leave a message for their friends

in this year's Amnicola. This year, the **yearbook is accepting student ads.** For \$1, you may have a one-line message appear in the yearbook. Forms are available at the security desk in Stark lobby. Forms can be sent to the Amnicola office, c/o of their campus box number 1246.

The Student Life and Athletics Committee invites clubs and students to participate in the **First Annual All-School Softball Tournament.** The event will be held on April 24, 1993 at Ralston Field. In addition to student teams, there will also be teams comprised of faculty members and administration. Teams are co-ed and are not limited in size. Several clubs or student groups can combine to form a team. Only a limited number of teams are being allowed. The deadline for entries is March 31. Call Ext. 2910 or 2915 to register.

Applications are now being accepted for **graduate fellowship programs** sponsored by the U.S. Department of Energy and administered by the Oak Ridge Institute for Science and Education. To be eligible, students must have received their undergraduate degrees in a science or engineering discipline by May/June 1992. Selection is based on academic performance, recommendations, and a statement of career goals by the applicant. For more information call Tom Richmond or Cheryl Terry at 615-576-2194 or 615-576-9558.

Sigma Publishing is now seeking, by invitation only, submissions for their newest publication, **The Book of American Collegiate Poetry.** Those interested should write immediately: Sigma Publishing, 4217 Highland Rd., Suite 188, Waterford, MI 48328.

American Youth Hostels is offering weekend, holiday and spring break trips to major U.S. cities, national and state parks and various other locations at greatly reduced rates. For more information, write to AYH, Delaware Valley Council, 624 South Third Street, Philadelphia, PA 19106, or call (215) 925-6004 or (215) 925-6005.

Scholarship applications are available for members of the **Selected Ready Reserves** for the 1993-1994 school year

from the Department of Veteran Affairs. Applicants must be interested in careers in nursing, or occupational and physical therapy. For more information call (202) 535-7528.

Bosco's and Bartikowsky Jewelers will sponsor the **11th Annual Wilkes-Barre Main Street 3.1 Mile Run** on Sunday, March 28, 1993 at 11 a.m. For entry forms call 824-4646.

Preliminary contests for the **1993 Collegiate Quartet Competition** will be held at various sites from March through May. The contest is open to men under the age of 23. For further information contact Bill Rashleigh at 1-800-876-SING.

The **11th Annual Bowl for Kids' Sake** will be held on Saturday, March 27 at Stanton Lanes. The event benefits the Big Brothers/Big Sisters program. For more information call 824-8756.

A **"Harmony-Time" Concert** will be presented by the Wilkes-Barre Chapter of the Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barber Shop Quartet Singing in America at 8 p.m. on Saturday, March 27 in Irem Temple, North Franklin Street, Wilkes-Barre. Tickets are

\$8 and may be obtained at the door or purchased by mail by writing to Ticket Chairman Robert Kressley, P.O. Box 475, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18703.

The **Multicultural Student Coalition** will meet every other Thursday during the month of March.

International Publications is sponsoring a **National College Poetry Contest**, open to all college and university students who would like their poems anthologized. Cash prizes will be awarded to the top five poems. All accepted manuscripts will be published in the anthology *American Collegiate Poets*. The deadline for entries is March 31. For more information write: International Publications, P.O. Box 44044-L, Los Angeles, CA 90044.

The Chicory House in Wilkes-Barre will host a performance by **Dave Moore and Radoslav Lorkovic** on Friday, March 26 at 8:30 p.m. The duo specializes in heavyweight harmonica, blues and slide guitar, button accordion and keyboards. Tickets may be purchased for \$6 at the door. For more information call 675-8843.

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New form of birth control is available

By **MARLENE MATOSKY**
Beacon Staff Writer

A new form of birth control called Depo-Provera is now on the market. Depo-Provera is in the form of an injection received in the buttocks or upper arm once every three months.

The injection works on the same premise as the birth control pill. If certain levels of progesterone are found in the body, the pituitary gland will not release two types of hormones which cause the egg to mature in and then be released from the ovary. Depo-Provera and the pill contain chemicals which block this process by increasing the level of progesterone in a woman's body.

As with every birth control method, there are advantages, risks, and side-effects. According to Joan Krashnak, the office manager of the Wilkes-Barre branch of Planned

Parenthood, the advantages to using Depo-Provera include the fact that the drug is "very effective, only one failure in 100 women, works within 24 hours of interjection, and there is no medication to take daily."

The manager also stated some of the risks and side effects of the injection. Depo-Provera may cause "bleeding more days than usual, a greater chance of pregnancy in the Fallopian tubes, and an increase of serious cardiovascular side effects if the women smokes while using Depo-Provera," stated Krashnak.

Krashnak also stressed that the "injection doesn't provide protection against AIDS or sexually transmitted infections." The manager added, "A condom should be used in cases where exposure to an infection may be possible."

The company that produces Depo-Provera also states some other side effects. The in-

jection may decrease the amount of minerals stored in the bones which could cause an increase in the development of bone fractures. As well, it may take between 10-18 months for a woman to become pregnant after she has stopped the injections. According to the company, the injection needs some lag time before it is completely removed from a woman's system.

Depo-Provera injections will be coming to the Wilkes-Barre branch of Planned Parenthood within the next month to two months, stated Krashnak. The injections may already be in use by local gynecologists, family practice physicians, or nurse practitioners.

Each injection will cost between \$30-40 at Planned Parenthood. According to Krashnak, that figure is slightly less expensive than using the pill for the same time period.

Females on Wilkes' campus had different opinions about Depo-Provera. According to one undergraduate, Depo-Provera was a positive alternative to using the pill. Another stated that using Depo-Provera injections would not be feasible for her because she does not engage in sexual intercourse often enough to subject her body to the risks associated with the injections.



Depo-Provera is an alternative to the pill.

Security report

March 16, 1993, 8 a.m. — Money was reported missing from one of the computer labs. A lab attendant stated that all of the money was accounted for on Friday, March 12 at 3 p.m.

March 17, 1993, 11:30 p.m. — An ABM employee reported to Security that while he was checking the Marts Center, he located a man asleep in the second floor lounge area. Officer Myerski responded but was unable to awake the suspect. Police were summoned

and a traffic citation with a warning was issued.

March 19, 1993, 1:10 a.m. — A Wilkes student heard someone walking around the Chesapeake Hall parking lot at the rear of the dorm. An officer was assigned and found no one near the building. The officer did observe a white male with a red hat walking near the building.

March 20, 1993, 4:50 p.m. — A Wilkes student reported a hit and run accident. He said he

had parked his car at the Temple Israel parking lot. When he went to use the car, he found that the left front fender was damaged. No arrest has been made.

March 20, 1993, 12:15 p.m. — Chief Cookus reported that he had been traveling down South River Street when he noticed black spraypainting on the north side of Streling Hall. No suspects have been identified.

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ATTENTION STUDENTS

All students interested in campus employment for next year (June 93-May 94) must register with the student employment office during April. Jobs are not guaranteed unless requirements are met. Do not start working in June without a referral from the campus employment office. Students will not be paid unless a referral is done for each office/department.

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Graduates still have a chance in the job market

By JOHN - ERIK KOSLOSKY

Special to the Beacon

The claim that this generation may be the first to do worse, not better, than its parents may be causing a great deal of false alarm.

This claim, believed to have been put forth by the Clinton campaign last year, has many students concerned about what their future will hold. With a sluggish economy and an extremely competitive job market, students are taking a critical look at their educational goals.

"I'd be willing to risk over-qualification for the sake of employment," said sophomore Tom Killino. It is not uncommon for a student to feel that he/she needs more than four

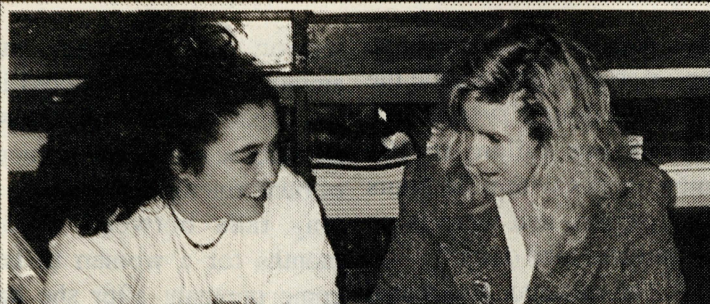
years of study at a university to be competitive in the job market.

How true is the claim that this generation may be the first to do worse than its predecessor?

"I haven't seen any hard core stats to support this," said Gene Domzalski, Director of Career Services. "I think it is just a tool used to draw voters to Clinton Economics." This may very well be the case, as many younger voters turned to Bill Clinton in hope of a better, more promising future.

Some question the accuracy of Clinton's claim. John Stozenski, a consultant for Duncanson and Holt, a re-insurance group in New York City, feels that there is much greater opportunity now to earn a good living than there was for previous generations.

Competition is very high, and



Sarah Vandermark and Career Advisor Elaine Letoski (l-r) plan for Sarah's future.

a quality education is a necessity to members of the current generation.

"Nearly all of our parents worked blue-collar jobs, which were much easier to get," said Career Counselor Elaine Letoski. Today, the better jobs require not only quality training and education, but the proper marketing of one's skills and, very often, the willingness to move.

"With interest rates at six percent or seven percent, compared to nearly 21 percent in 1980 when Jimmy Carter left office, and inflation down, you will have a very high purchasing power," said Domzalski. Given these current economic conditions, those who have the willingness and ability to get a good job will not only be able to do as well as their parents but far better.

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Tonight" was interesting because it was a 24-hour operation and, she said, "the seats never get cold. Someone is always in them." She has spent the last six years as operations producer at "Business World" and works on special events, like when President Clinton answered children's questions.

To give the students an idea of the cost of doing a show like the one with the President, she showed a video of the opening scenes. It was only one minute and 20 seconds long, but it contained footage from three different cities. It took about 40 hours to shoot the footage, about 130 hours of editing and 16 hours of special effects, just to complete the 80 seconds of video. The sound alone cost \$2,000.

The most important thing to know in television news, Gabriel said, was how to let everyone know they can go home. One little phrase shuts off the satellite and lets everyone know their work is done. No matter what time of day or night it is, when the operations producer says, "This is a goodnight," it's time to grab a coat and head for the door.

Stephenson warns of erosion of the Bill of Rights

BY ANDY GULDEN
Beacon Co-Copy Editor

The United States Bill of Rights is in grave danger, according to D. Grier Stephenson Jr., professor of government at Franklin and Marshall College. Stephenson spoke on this topic Tuesday night in the Wilkes University CPA Lounge.

Stephenson began his lecture by discussing the nature and origin of the Bill of Rights. He noted that, out of 49 total limitations on the government's power enumerated in the Constitution, 28 appear in the Bill of Rights. However, the concept of a bill of rights is not original to the United

States but was gathered from "English constitutional principles, philosophy of natural rights and Colonial American experience."

Stephenson also stated that two major actions established the power of the Bill of Rights. Judicial review, which allows the courts to interpret the limits of the Bill of Rights, was established by *Marbury v. Madison* in the early nineteenth century. Next, the Fourteenth Amendment extended the Bill of Rights to the states shortly after the Civil War.

Next, Stephenson discussed the factors which threaten the Bill of Rights. First of all, the principle of judicial review has led to several vague and seemingly con-

tradictory decisions. For instance Stephenson named four Supreme Court cases which offer vastly different interpretations of the free exercise of religion clause of the First Amendment.

However, the government, according to Stephenson, is not solely responsible for the erosion of the Bill of Rights. People have become complacent, expecting that limitations to their rights will not occur, even though they are currently happening. Also people place too much confidence in their governmental institutions instead of fighting

for their rights. However, those who do stand up are often shunned by people who place an abundant amount of faith in the government.

Stephenson received his B.A. in 1964 from Davidson College and his M.A. and PhD from Princeton University in 1966 and 1967. He is author of *The Supreme Court*, co-author of *American Constitutional Law* and *American Government* and editor of *An Essential Safeguard: Essays on the United States Supreme Court and Its Justices*. He has also been published in several political science journals.

Honor society sponsors seminar on success

WILKES-BARRE — The Wilkes University chapter of Lambda Pi Eta, the national communications honor society, will sponsor its first annual seminar, "How to Succeed in Communications: At Wilkes and in the Job Market," on March 29 in Marts 213 from noon to 2 p.m. According to Dr. Christina S. Beck, Lambda Pi Eta advisor, "the seminar seeks to address

the needs of all of our majors—from freshmen to seniors."

From noon to 1 p.m., the officers of Lambda Pi Eta will serve as panelists for a seminar on how to tap all of the opportunities that the communications department has to offer and on "basic survival" skills for communication majors. Panelists will include Lambda Pi Eta officers Alfred Mueller, President; Stacy

Heck, Vice-President; Melanie O'Donnell, Scholarship Officer; Jennifer Summa, Treasurer; and Jonathan Jellen, Secretary.

From 1 p.m. to 2 p.m., Kayanne Barilla, the executive director of the Wyoming Valley Unit of the American Cancer Society, and Joane Szoke, a recruiter for the Z-tech Corporation, will speak

on resume writing. Barilla and Szoke will discuss resume writing tips, in general, and then address the unique challenges that communications job hunters may face.

All communications majors and minors and other interested students should plan to attend one of both of these seminars. For more information contact Dr. Beck at Ext. 4165.

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FORUM

EDITORIAL

We Still Want Your Story

We know that you have the knack for it. Many of the pages of *The Beacon* are lacking your stories. It is never too late to join the staff.

Spring Break Nears

Have you been feeling bogged down from the work of the semester?

Are your eyes about to pop out of your head?

Well, don't fret, your spring break is fast approaching.

It seems as if the break is long overdue. Wilkes must be one of the last schools to take a break.

Gentlemen, this one is for you. Soon you will be lying on the beach, watching all those bikinis going by. Ladies, you too will be watching those "hunks" as they drool over that new bikini.

This week we thought the young men and women of the University would enjoy a sneak preview of what they have to look forward to when going to their spring break destinations.



This Week In History

Compiled by Wilkes University History Club

March 26, 1713 — Britain gains contract allowing South Sea Company to bring 4800 slaves to Spanish colonies

March 26, 1788 — Slave trade declared illegal in the United States

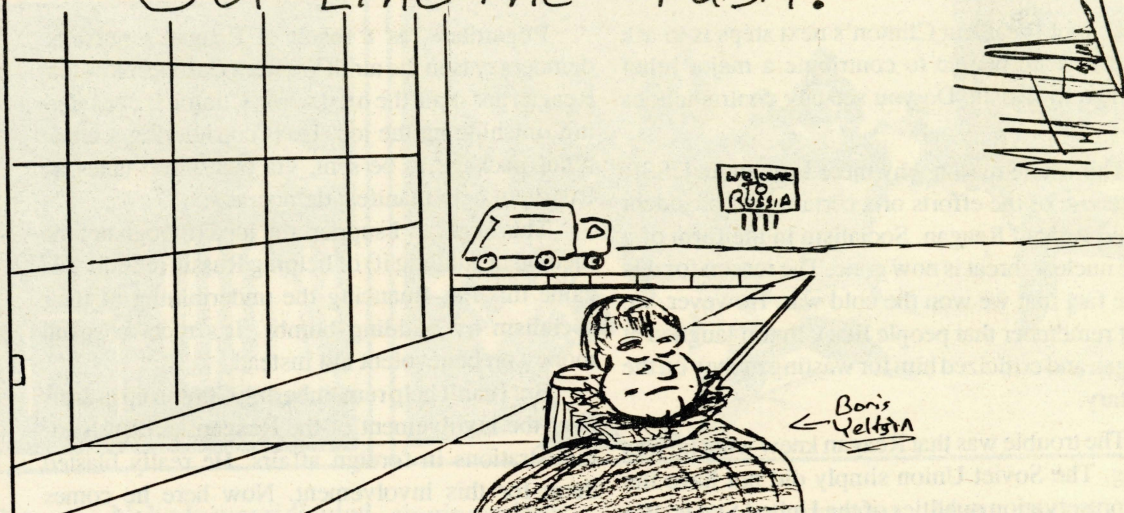
March 27, 1867 — Military rule imposed in Alabama after they refused to ratify the 14th Amendment freeing slaves.

March 29, 1903 — News Service begins between New York City and London thanks to Marconi's wireless radio

March 28, 1945 — Patton leads U.S. troops across the Rhine River

March 23, 1965 — Gemini III launched into orbit

Will Boris Get Tossed Out Like The Trash?



Matt Hrabousky is a senior at Coughlin High School. His cartoons appear weekly in *The Beacon*.

Letters to the editor...

To the Editor:

When I transferred to Wilkes University, I based my decision solely on the fact that this was a small school. I felt that a school of this size would have the personal touches that would cater to my needs. However, the great storm of '93 has made me come to the realization that this school is just another bureaucracy that just doesn't care about its students.

1) On Sunday, the University decided to wait until every school on the Eastern seaboard had closed, as well as every department store, grocery store and video rental store, before telling its beloved students that there would be no school on Monday. Although this lack of consideration did not directly affect me, it did cause direct distress for those students who left for the weekend. While it did not happen at this school, a student at New York University died trying to make his way back to school. Even the local pizza delivery shops announced closings before Wilkes!

2) Monday, Wilkes proved that it is truly interested only in the tuition of the students and not their education by not opening the Farley Library. It was nice to see that they were concerned to open the gym, but there are students at this school who have midterms to study for, papers to research and write, and group projects to complete. While I understand the need to close the library on Saturday and Sunday, I find it completely inexcusable for its failure to open on Monday. Having the library closed for three consecutive days has, unquestionably, screwed many students.

3) Finally, there is the ongoing saga of parking at this campus. I do not have a campus parking permit [nor] do not need one. However, I found out that I

would indeed be ticketed and towed if my car were to remain in its snowed-in spot in Pickering. This made my situation very difficult because instead of studying for all my important classes, I was busy clearing the streets of Wilkes-Barre to make a parking space. I am not blaming the University for the city's inability to clear its streets, however, I am blaming them for not aiding those students in awkward situations due to the storm.

I am sure that I do not stand alone in any of these scenarios. I hope that in the future, the University will think of the student before it thinks about itself.

Without understanding,
Matthew S. Brenner

Dear Beacon Editor:

It is a pleasure to inform the Wilkes community of the recent success of Dr. M.U. Farooq. Dr. Farooq has been awarded a promotion to the rank of Professor with tenure at the West Virginia Institute of Technology. The author of "Study Guide in Electronics" and "Lab Manual in Electronics," Dr. Farooq left the Wilkes faculty in 1990. He retains fond memories of Wilkes and Wilkes' students.

Those wishing to send congratulations to Dr. Farooq may do so at The Department of Electrical Engineering, West Virginia Institute of Technology, Montgomery, WV 25136.

Sincerely,
William R. Stine

To the Editor,

My wise grandfather once told me, "Opinions are like a**holes—everybody has one." Nowhere is that more true than on the pages of *The Beacon*.

After paging through *The Beacon*, I am always left with an empty feeling in my stomach. I ask myself "what is the goal of this paper?" It is referred to as "Wilkes University's Weekly Student Publication," yet is that title really appropriate? Is it not more accurately a collection of opinions from a small sample of Wilkes' students?

It has become all too common for *The Beacon* staff to provide readers with a plethora of opinions while seemingly avoiding any statement that might be deemed intellectually objective or factual. Andy Gulden has made an art form of eliminating those minor nuisances called "facts" on articles regarding student government, the Republican party, [and] current economic conditions.

Maybe the Wilkes student body asks too much when we plead with Andy Gulden, et. al., to provide less uneducated opinion and more investigative, accurate, and objective reporting on those subjects affecting Wilkes students. Certainly providing superficial opinions on subjects one is less than qualified to write about is easy, but does it benefit anything other than the writer's ego? You see, opinions and a**holes do have a great deal in common. They both turn good paper into sh!t.

Sincerely,
Ben Tranguch

JUMPING THE FENCE

By LANCER BENSON
Beacon Columnist

One of President Clinton's next steps is to ask the American people to contribute a major relief package to Russia. Do you see any contradictions here?

The whole reason why there is no more USSR is because of the efforts of a certain past president named Ronald Reagan. Socialism in the form of a huge nuclear threat is now gone. The reason for this is the fact that we won the cold war. However, we must remember that people like Clinton laughed at Reagan and criticized him for wasting money on the military.

The trouble was that Reagan knew what he was doing. The Soviet Union simply did not have the self-preservation qualities of the United States. We can feed ourselves and can even get a decent portion of our own fuel.

The point is that Reagan knew we could outlast them. While our economy created over \$20 trillion dollars in new wealth during his terms, the Soviet people were standing in lines for milk and disgusted with socialism. The Soviet government simply could not maintain a healthy domestic structure while they tried to win the cold war. By contrast, we did.

Remember that goofy "Star Wars" idea that Clinton, Gore, Kennedy, Mondale, Dukakis and the rest all laughed at? "It will not work!" they would say. "Why are we pursuing this?" they would ask.

Basically, Reagan probably believed it could not work, either. His goal was not necessarily the literal success of the project. However, its success laid in the possibility that it might work. Follow me on this.

If it did hypothetically work, we would theoretically be invulnerable to a nuclear attack. It was the sheer possibility of Star Wars' success that won the cold war. The concept alone scared the Soviet Union to escalate the cold war even more. This is just what Reagan wanted! Why else did it not remain a secret? Why wasn't Star Wars kept confidential? By pushing its success and publicizing the spending on it the Soviets' socialist government, in turn, destroyed itself trying to keep up in an effort to produce counter technology. In turn the Soviet people were not being served, and they demanded changes.

Reagan to this day is scorned for having spent so much effort on these foreign affairs which are portrayed as trivial by Democrats. But how does everyone forget that nuclear war was a real threat? It was an international fear, as people all around the world prayed for something that would preserve their children's future. Don't you remember all those nuclear holocaust specials, the horrifying news descriptions and the Hollywood productions of the horrors of nuclear war? The end of the world was always lingering around the corner!

Regardless, as a result of Reagan's pursuits, democracy is in the air in Western Europe. Now that Reagan has done the hard work, Clinton is considering finishing up the job. He is considering a major relief package to be sent, via our raised taxes, to Russia to help manifest democracy.

This is great! I support the idea (though not the method of funding it) of helping Russia rebuild. We came this far, financing the undermining of their socialism by building bombs. It's nice to spend money on benevolent aid instead.

But I can't help remembering Clinton up in arms over the involvement of the Reagan and Bush administrations in foreign affairs. He really blasted them for this involvement. Now here he comes changing his tune with a new concern for world affairs, specifically with Russia.

Don't get me wrong. I am pleased with the idea that he plans to finish Reagan's work. It just seems strange that he criticized this type of behavior so much in the past.

In fact one of the very premises on which he was elected was that he promised to concern himself almost solely with domestic affairs. However, Bosnia, Somalia, homosexuals in the service (a non-civilian entity), Russia, allowances to Israel, etc. have all come first. Meanwhile Clinton's formal budget has not even been submitted yet and won't be submitted to Congress until next month.

"But President Clinton can't ignore foreign affairs, since problems can arise at anytime and may have a direct effect on us," is something a logical Clinton supporter might say. In return, I say, "exactly!" Sadly, when Reagan said this, Clinton had a fit.

So what is to learn from all this, aside from it being just another illustration of Clinton's contradictory messages?

I would focus on the former Soviet Union to answer this. Socialist ideals simply do not work. Fairly recent history has proven this on many occasions. It has never worked and sustained itself over a long period of time.

As I have illustrated in past articles Clinton's even spread of wealth for productive as well as unproductive Americans is a form of classic socialism. There is no reward for working hard and pursuing dreams when everything you gain is stripped from you and given to others who sit by and watch.

We are descendents of rugged individualists who overcame all kinds of odds to make a life in our country. They endured natural disasters, holocausts, persecution, disease and even slavery. I give us more credit than the present administration does. We do not need a big, centralized government to control us.

We should follow the examples of our old relatives. Let's develop our own work ethic rather than wait for rationed handouts at the expense of others.



The Scent In the Wind

by Al Mueller

This past weekend, as I was competing in the National Pi Kappa Delta Forensics Tournament, I realized that it will all be over in less than 70 days. Countdowns to commencement have already begun. Seniors are judging their work-weeks by paper and project deadlines, parents are arguing whether or not they should invite Uncle Harry and Aunt Rose to the ceremony and the Administration is counting down the days until this column ends. Yes, the end of the world is coming quickly.

After May 29, 1993 the senior class will no longer be in the pabulum-fed world of college life. Instead, we will have to chart new ground, learning how to overcome the limitations we have placed upon ourselves and attempting to do the best we can in our chosen endeavors. Some of us will go off to graduate school, most of us will go out into the work force, a few will go into military service and a few more still will be thinking about doing one or more of these things. However, no matter how you slice it, one common thread will link all of us after our Wilkes life has ended, and it's not the fact that the Development Office will be hitting us up for money every other week.

Rather, we will all be pursuing higher education. For education is something that is with us for the remainder of our lives, and anyone who tells you he or she is not still learning something new every day is either an idiot or a liar. What began with "Sesame Street" or "The Electric Company" has changed and evolved over the years, but the basic messages have remained the same. They taught us that, by combining cultural literacy with enjoyment, we will learn. They taught us that limitations we placed upon ourselves can be overcome with a little effort. Finally, they taught us that, if we like what we do and who we are, we will always succeed. Now, however, the challenge becomes putting these fundamental concepts into everything we do.

The winds of change and anticipation will continue to challenge us as we move on through life. The critical need for "higher" education in any of its various forms continues, and we can and should accept responsibility for increasing our personal development by insisting that our educational premises are solid. Overriding all of our attempts is the assurance that, once we are out of Wilkes' sphere of influence, what we do will really matter in our lives and in our communities where ideas, values and the best of what life has to offer await challenge and change.

So, while the countdowns have begun and the Administration prays that the next few columns will be as sober as this one, remember, seniors: soon our lives at Wilkes will be just a memory. However, what we do from now until the day of our commencement will set the stage for what is to come. So, make it a good semester, and enjoy what you can, for this is what it's all about.

We welcome your letters to either column! Just drop Lancer or Al a reply in the mailroom-Beacon box!!!!

FEATURES

"Karaoke Night" was a big success on campus

By PATTY PUERLING

Features Editor

Have you ever dreamed of singing your favorite song to an audience full of all of your friends and fellow students? Many students showed up on Wednesday, March 10 to fulfill their dream at Karaoke Night in Rumours. Songs by artists ranging from Phil Collins, Madonna and even Elvis were belted out by their biggest fans.

Karaoke night received one of the largest turns-outs in a long time. There was plenty of



spirit in the crowd, and everyone had a good attitude and a high tolerance to screechy and

flat notes. Nobody was ridiculed for being off-key, and many people were praised for their

singing talents.

This was one of the best entertainment events of the

semester. Many students feel that Karaoke Night should be continued.

Comedienne makes Rumours burst

By PATTY PUERLING

Features Editor

Laughter rang out from Rumours on Saturday night for comedienne Caroline Rhea. Rhea is a Canadian born comedienne who calls New York City her home. She can be seen on Comedy Central's

"Short Attention Span Theatre" and A&E's "Caroline's Comedy Hour" as well as MTV's "Half Hour Comedy Hour." If you didn't see her on Saturday, you missed a great performance.



A Midsummer Night's Dream continues in CPA



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those of you who missed it don't at 8:00 p.m. in the CPA.

worry: the performances will be continuing on Thursday, March 25 through Saturday, March 27

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Circle K's go to Altoona for 31st Annual District Convention

By PATTY PUERLING

Features Editor

This year's Pennsylvania District Circle K Convention was held in Altoona, Pa., where 160 K'ers from all over Pennsylvania joined together. There were 25 schools represented from around the state, including Wilkes University, King's

College, Penn State University Park and Lycoming College to name a few.

Along with many workshops the K'er's also attended a dance, banquet, buffet and the House of Delegates, where the two chosen from each club voted for the new district board officers. The district board is in charge of all of the clubs

throughout the state.

Among the Wilkes attendees were Justin Ardito, president-elect, Patty Puerling, vice-president, Tim Williams, secretary and Kevin Moher, treasurer-elect. They attended in order to get a feel for what their new jobs entailed as well as to get familiar with other Circle K clubs.

Announced at the convention was the new district project for the 1993-94 year. Every year, there is a different charity organization for which Circle K works. This year's project will be The Pennsylvania and Kiwanis Children's Heart Fund, which will benefit the new children's wing being built

at Geisinger Hospital.

Next year Wilkes and King's will have the pleasure of hosting the convention at the Ramada on the square.

Next the club will be involved with Bowling For Kids' Sake at Stanton Bowling Lanes in Wilkes-Barre.

Circle K is looking forward to having a great year!

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VARIOUS ARTISTS, Rites of Rhythm & Blues: The 1993 Rhythm and Blues Foundation Pioneer Awards Honorees.

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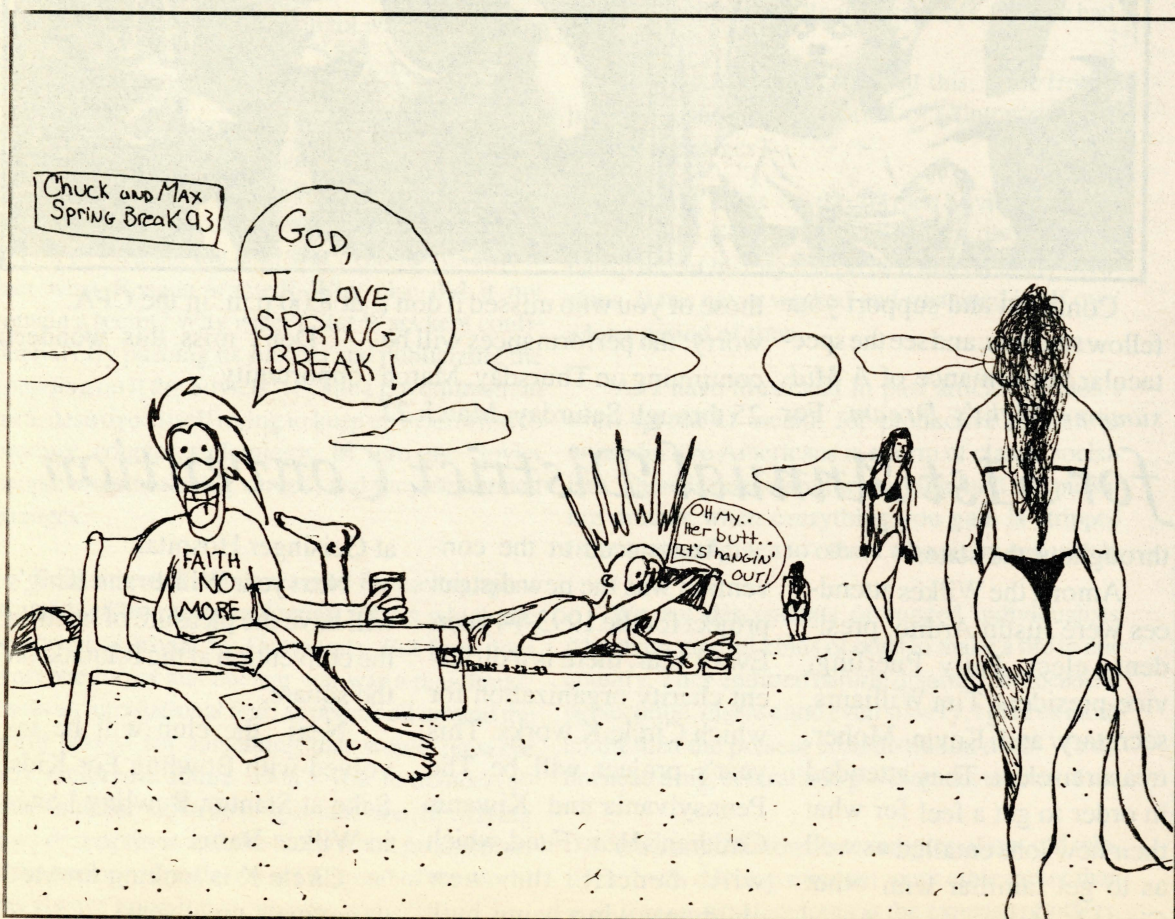
Mention The Lettermen and the word "harmony" immediately comes to mind. Their clean-cut, turtle-neck look has become synonymous with their pop style. This collection contains 23 songs including "Hurt So Bad" and "Put Your Head on my Shoulder."

WILD PALMS, Original Television Soundtrack

The soundtrack, from the upcoming ABC television mini-series, features original music by Academy Award winning composer Ryuichi Sakamoto. Also includes five classic oldies from the Zombies, Lou Christie, Mason Williams and others.

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Letters from Wyoming

BY ANDY GULDEN

Co-Copy Editor

Last week, I promised you a review of Ice-T's *Home Invasion*. While my report may not be as extensive as the average *Rolling Stone* review (which are written by guys who do nothing but listen to music all day), I hope that it's sufficient.

As you know, Ice-T has received a lot of negative press lately for speaking the truth about oppression, censorship and other wonderful things. He was dropped from Warner Bros. Records because of his unwillingness to compromise on his lyrics or cover art. He then started his own label, Rhyme Syndicate Records, which is a subsidiary of Priority Records, the home of Ice Cube, among others.

Ice-T pulls no punches on his latest effort. The CD begins with "Warning," a profanity-laced speech which urges the faint of heart (i.e. Tipper Gore and Charlton Heston) to "take the tape out now." The second track, "It's On," is a thinly veiled shot at Warner Bros. He states he won't "cut on the product" to please anyone.

While many of the songs deal with important political issues, the best (and most important) tracks on the album are the two which deviate most from the stereotypical macho, violent rap posturing. "Race War" urges racist whites and blacks alike to realize that we're all the same. He wonders why blacks discriminate against people of other minorities, since they are all experiencing the same kind of oppression. This view is far more mature and educated than that of men such as Ice Cube, who continues to write hate songs directed toward whites, Koreans and anyone else who's not black.

"Gotta Lotta Love" is the album's greatest triumph. Ice-T congratulates the members of the Crips and the Bloods, L.A. gangs who formed a truce last year. This is a momentous event which received, oddly enough, far less press coverage than the riots. I thought the press was supposed to have a liberal bias.

There are only two drawbacks to *Home Invasion*. First of all, there are too many "girls I've slept with" songs. In particular "99 Problems" sets a record for the use of the word "bitch" in a song. One of the reasons that rap has failed to gain widespread acceptance in this country is that many people cannot see the serious artistic and political merit of a rap album, because it is often covered up by songs such as "99 Problems." I do not advise Ice-T or other rappers to do away with these songs, since I abhor censorship. However, if rappers wish to be taken seriously, they must cut down on the hyperbole and tell it like it is.

The second negative point of the album is the lack of a rock 'n' roll song. Both *Freedom of Speech* and *Original Gangster* contained metal-like tracks which served to draw white listeners into Ice-T's world. In fact the Body Count album, which was all speed metal, is what turned me on to rap in the first place. Perhaps Ice-T is saving these songs for *Born Dead*, the second Body Count CD, which is due out this spring.

Despite its shortcomings, *Home Invasion* is a triumph and shows that Ice-T has not lost any of his bite, despite his recent battles with police unions, Time-Warner and just about everyone else. My grade (after one listen), on a scale of 10: **8.5**.

For those of you who are a little more on the pop side but still want to listen to music that educates, pick up Arrested Development's *Unplugged* CD, which was also released this week. AD specializes in music and dance derived from African and Southern influences. The lyrics, however, are more down-to-Earth than most rap songs. Furthermore, this is the only rap group whose music can cut it when performed without heavy amplification and sampling. Be sure to catch them on Lollapalooza 3 this summer. My grade (again, based on one listen): **8**.

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Quote of the Week: "We don't like to rush things here at American Building Maintenance" (unidentified ABM worker).

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Next Week: You may have noticed that there's a letter to me printed in the paper this week. I wasn't allowed to answer it in my column this week (some silly thing about ethics or something like that), but I promise you that there **WILL** be a response next week.

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SPORTS

Tentative revised Spring sports schedules

BASEBALL

Sat.	Mar. 27	Messiah (DH) *	A	1:00 p.m.
Tue.	Mar. 30	Misericordia	H	3:00 p.m.
Thur.	Apr. 1	Scranton	A	3:00 p.m.
Sat.	Apr. 3	Susquehanna (DH) *	H	1:00 p.m.
Mon.	Apr. 5	Muhlenberg	A	3:00 p.m.
Tue.	Apr. 6	Misericordia	A	3:00 p.m.
Sat.	Apr. 10	Albright (DH) *	A	1:00 p.m.
Mon.	Apr. 12	Delaware Valley	H	3:00 p.m.
Wed.	Apr. 14	Scranton	H	3:00 p.m.
Sat.	Apr. 17	Juniata (DH) *	A	1:00 p.m.
Mon.	Apr. 19	Moravian	H	3:00 p.m.
Sat.	Apr. 24	Elizabethtown (DH) *	A	1:00 p.m.
Mon.	Apr. 26	Allentown	A	3:30 p.m.
Wed.	Apr. 28	King's	A	3:00 p.m.
Sat.	May 1	PSU-Harrisburg	H	1:00 p.m.
Mon.	May 2	King's	H	3:00 p.m.
Tue.	May 4	East Stroudsburg (DH)	A	2:00 p.m.
Wed.	May 5	Bloomsburg	H	3:00 p.m.

* MAC Northwest League Game

Head Coach: Bob Duliba

Home Field: Ralston Field

TENNIS

Wed.	Mar. 31	Muhlenberg	A	3:00 p.m.
Sat.	Apr. 3	Juniata *	H	1:00 p.m.
Mon.	Apr. 5	Scranton *	H	3:00 p.m.
Tues.	Apr. 13	King's *	A	3:30 p.m.
Thurs.	Apr. 15	Lycoming *	A	3:00 p.m.
Sat.	Apr. 17	Messiah *	H	1:00 p.m.
Tue.	Apr. 20	Susquehanna *	A	3:00 p.m.
Thur.	Apr. 22	Moravian	H	4:00 p.m.
Sat.	Apr. 24	King's	H	1:00 p.m.

* MAC Northwest League Match

Head Coach: Karen Haag

Home Courts: Ralston Field

SOFTBALL

Tue.	Mar. 30	Misericordia	H	3:00 p.m.
Thur.	Apr. 1	King's	H	3:00 p.m.
Sat.	Apr. 3	Juniata *	A	1:00 p.m.
Tue.	Apr. 13	Susquehanna *	H	3:00 p.m.
Wed.	Apr. 14	Marywood	A	3:00 p.m.
Fri.	Apr. 16	Lycoming *	A	3:00 p.m.
Sun.	Apr. 18	Scranton	H	3:00 p.m.
Tue.	Apr. 20	Elizabethtown *	A	2:30 p.m.
Thur.	Apr. 22	Delaware Valley	H	3:00 p.m.
Sat.	Apr. 24	Messiah *	A	1:00 p.m.

All Dates are Doubleheaders

* MAC Northwest League Games

Head Coach: Addy Malatesta

Home Field: Kirby Park

GOLF

Tue.	Mar. 30	E-Town/Messiah/Albright	A	1:00 p.m.
Thur.	Apr. 1	Scranton	A	1:00 p.m.
Mon.	Apr. 5	Muhlenberg/King's	A	1:00 p.m.
Thur.	Apr. 15	Lebanon Valley/Scranton	A	1:00 p.m.
Mon.	Apr. 19	Susquehanna Tourney	A	1:00 p.m.
Sat.	Apr. 24	MAC Championships	A	TBA
Sun.	Apr. 25	MAC Championships	A	TBA

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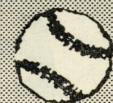
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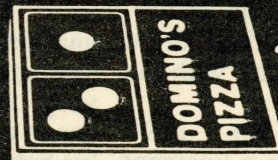
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SPORTS

Injured Mark Buss will return for Wilkes

BY LANCER BENSON
Beacon Staff Writer

When a college football player suffers a serious knee injury, it is common for his career as a player to end. Some programs would not figure the injured player into its future plans. This is definitely not the case with Mark Buss, a sophomore at Wilkes University.

A football standout and 1988 Dallas High School graduate, Mark is now pursuing a degree in Sociology at Wilkes. His athletic endeavors have been partially inspired by his parents. His mother, Nancy played basketball and track at Witchita State. His father, Fred, played football there and had a short stint with the Detroit Lions.

During the 1990 season, Mark tore a ligament but rehabilitated it and came back as a dominating force on Wilkes' defense for the 1992 season.

Unfortunately, in the midst of that stellar 1992 season at defensive end, Mark was chop blocked after the whistle blew on a play to the opposite side of the field at Moravian. The knee injury he sustained from it, though unrelated to the first injury, involved the tear of two major ligaments.

Despite this mishap, Mark has every intention to return for next season. Every day he can be found working out in the gym, riding the lifecycle, or jogging in an

effort to rehabilitate his injury and the corrective surgery that followed. About three hours of his day is set aside for this hard work.

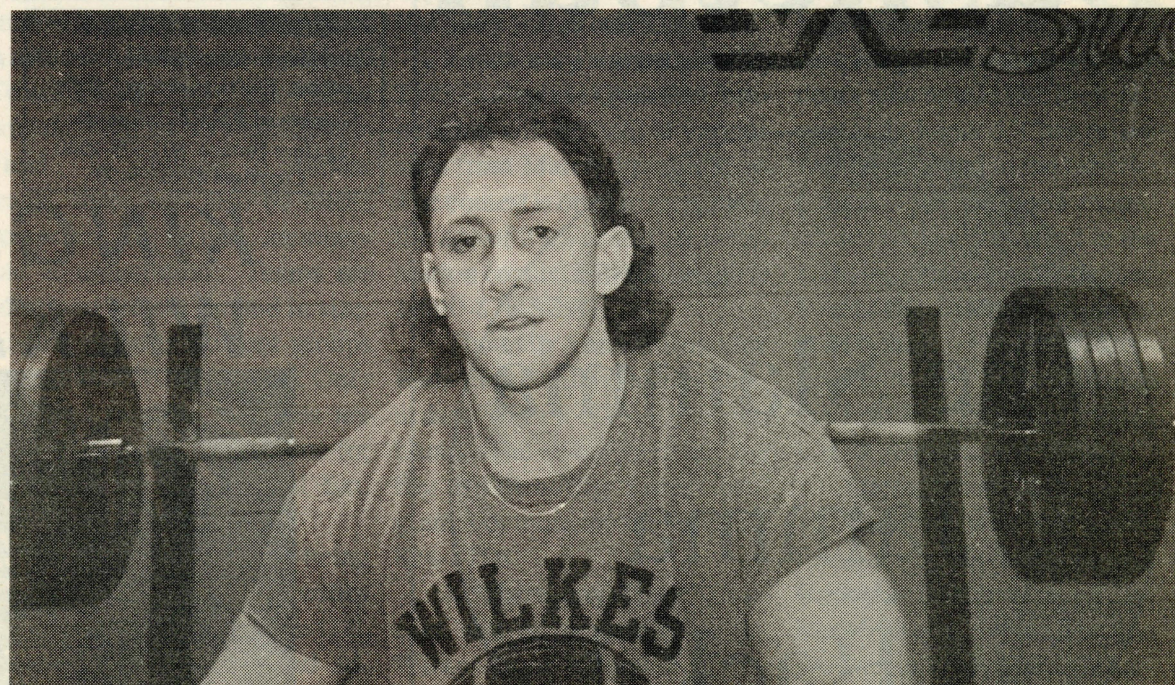
The fact that Mark's doctor has guaranteed a 100% recovery of his knee is encouraging. Also, as stated, he has been through this before. In fact, before his first injury, Mark ran a 4.8 forty yard dash. After rehabilitating it he improved to a 4.6 forty time.

Already he is ahead of schedule with his progress. "I have done all the rehabilitation on my own," says Mark, "I motivate myself. Hopefully I'll get down to about a 4.4 as a result of this (injury)."

Mark's physical qualities are impressive. He is extremely strong and has a very muscular build. His hands are big enough to palm his helmet (this is usually how he carries it) in the same manner a NBA star palms a basketball. At 6' 2", and trimmed down to 215 pounds, he expects to weigh in at around 230 by the start of next season.

Likewise, the Wilkes University football program expects Mark Buss to play an important role in a very successful 1993 season. "We will utilize Mark however we can fit him into our scheme. We will use him all we can, on or off the field," said defensive coordinator, Frank Sheptock.

Coach Sheptock feels Mark can do anything on the field, and is impressed by



Sophomore Mark Buss is fighting back for his Wilkes football career.

Mark's intense aggressiveness. Sheptock stated, "He is the most physical player on our team, as well as in the conference (MAC). He provides a tremendous physical and intimidation factor."

Mark confirmed this notion when asked what his goal is during any particular play. He replied, "I strictly subscribe to what is called the R H factor. On every play I am determined to run somewhere and hit someone."

Larry Yudiski, a fullback for Wilkes, has had experience playing with and against Buss. "If you go at him, you had better do it with more than you've got, because he will simply punish you."

Aside from the action on the field, Mark values his relationships with the coaches and other players. In regard to the coaches he said, "I feel they would do anything for me at any time. They are very sincere." He also said that he would be comfortable going to his coaches to discuss personal situations.

In discussing his feelings about the other players, Mark said, "We have a close group consisting of a tight bunch of guys. I like everyone on the team."

For the upcoming season, Coach Sheptock plans on making some changes to limit Mark's vulnerability on the field and protect his injury. "We will have him in a position where he can use

his ability to run to the football, however, he will not be isolated as much and will be less of a target."

Despite the fact that Wilkes is expecting Mark Buss's return, Wilkes' defense would be able to compensate should the very unfortunate situation arise where Mark could not play this season. They successfully did such when he got injured last year. Mark's leadership and intimidation qualities would seem hard to replace, however.

No matter what happens, the prospects of a 6' 2", 230 pound man in pads, running a 4.4 forty is a frightening image for Wilkes' opponents in 1993. Especially if combined with the intensity, desire and will of Mark Buss.

Hall of Fame tickets on sale

WILKES-BARRE--Tickets for the inaugural induction ceremony of the Wilkes University Athletics Hall of Fame are now on sale.

The Wilkes Athletics Hall of Fame will honor Joe Wiendl, Sandy Bloomberg, Marv Antinnes, Len Batrone, John Carr, Ted Yeager, Jim Ferris, George

Ralston, and the late Art Hoover on Saturday, May 1 at a banquet at the Marts Center.

The evening will begin with a cocktail hour at 5:30 in the M/M David C. Hall Athletics Hall of Fame Room in the Marts Center followed by a prime rib dinner at 6:30 p.m. in the Rumours Lounge of the Marts Center.

Tickets for the event will be \$25 and can be purchased by calling the Wilkes University Alumni Office at (717) 831-4130. Anyone in a party of six or more can reserve a table when ordering tickets.

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