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South, Parked & Locked

By LISA RUGGIERO
Beacon Staff Writer

Anyone with a car on campus has surely uttered the question, "Where can I park?"

According to Paul O'Hop, Vice President of Business Affairs and Auxiliary Enterprises, the situation might improve when Park & Lock South is no longer available.

Park & Lock South is located on South Main Street across from where Chacko's used to stand.

Chacko's was recently demolished and an office complex is currently under

construction.

The city gave the new tenants, Corporate Express Call Services Center, the Park & Lock South for employee parking.

Wilkes was informed at the end of January that the school must be out of the facility by the end of April, although the school is trying to obtain a one-week extension for final exam week.

In total, Wilkes will lose 250 spaces when it vacates Park & Lock South.

However, plans to increase available parking are being considered.

Several ideas have been

proposed, but most of them have not been finalized yet.

So far, ninety-four parking spaces, at the PNC Operations Building on the corner of South and South Washington Streets, have been leased and will be available.

Another consideration is the 319 spaces at Ralston Field.

If Ralston Field is used for parking, the school is considering running a shuttle all day long between the field and various drop-off

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Satisfaction guaranteed?

By CAROLE MANCUSO
Beacon Staff Writer

It is probable that every person on this campus has one thing they are not satisfied with.

Throughout the week of March 23, students will get a chance to voice their complaints and maybe even do something about it.

Students who have a Monday, Wednesday and Friday class at 10 a.m. will be administered the Student Satisfaction Inventory.

The Student Satisfaction Inventory has been given to students for the past three years.

The purpose of the survey, according to Dean of University College Paul Adams, is "to measure what our students think is important and then to see

how satisfied they are with each of those aspects."

The students' satisfaction is concluded by Mr. Scott Bodfish, the director of Institutional Research and his staff, who analyze the results of the survey. Changes are then made accordingly.

The results are analyzed by putting the areas that the students think are important in order from most important to least important.

Then the calculated amount of perceived performance of each given area is subtracted from the expectation of the student for each area. These results are then compared with other colleges around the country.

The areas that have the greatest importance level and the lowest perceived performance level of Wilkes are then changed.

Previous years have shown that one of the areas that students were most unsatisfied with was our school's security.

Adam's said that Wilkes therefore took actions to improve this area.

"Our students now benefit from the increased vigilance of security who have been working very hard to be more accessible and visible to the students," said Adams.

The Student Satisfaction Inventory shows many other interesting facts about the beliefs of the student body. For instance, the survey from last year showed academics are

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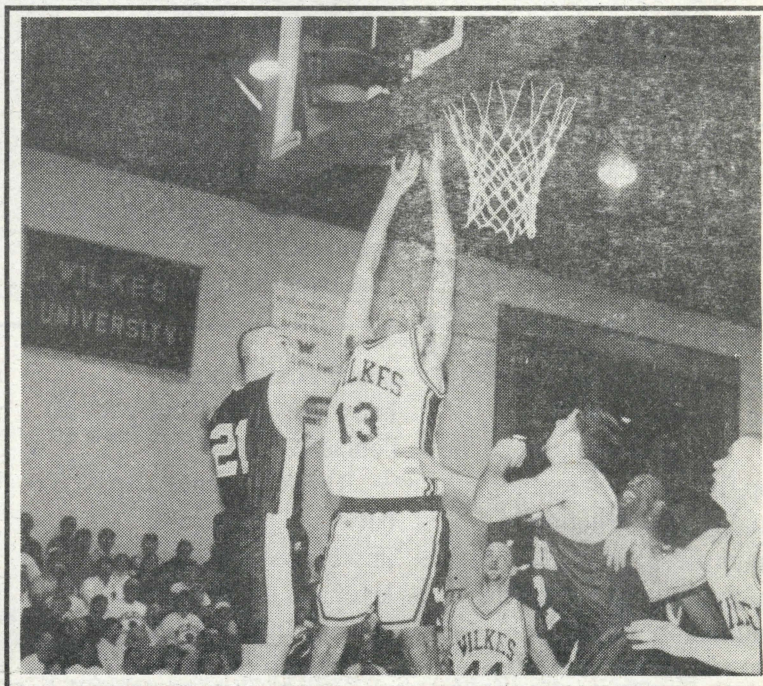


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Mike Barrouk goes up for two of his game high 21 points versus Hunter College.

Colonels defeat the Hunter Hawks

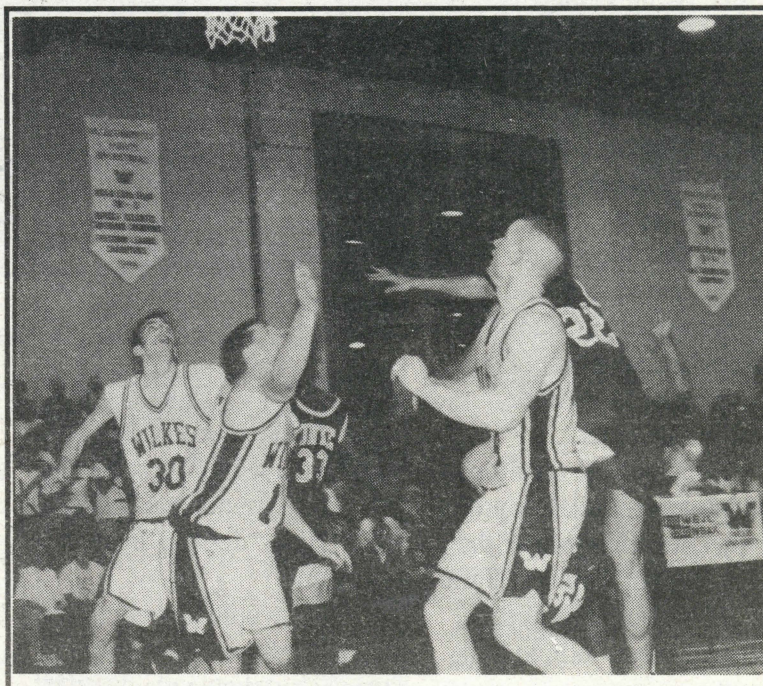


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Colonel players set their position under the board for a rebound.



Around the world . . .

Clinton addresses Republican budget

LAS VEGAS (AP)--

President Clinton said the new republican budget plan "short changes" the nations future.

The \$1.73 trillion budget

Research

the most important aspect to the students at Wilkes.

This is obvious since the top five areas were: the quality of instruction in major field, how valuable the information being taught is within major field, a knowledgeable academic advisor, a schedule that

unveiled yesterday contains \$30 billion in tax cuts but leaves out child care and education initiatives Clinton is proposing.

Speaking at a union hall in Las Vegas, the president declared, "The American people should say no to that budget."

Clinton wants to hire 100,000 more teachers and to spend \$22 billion on child care over the next five years.



His comments, in a speech after a tour of a carpentry union training center, were cheered loudly, there were even chants of "four mour years."

doesn't conflict and knowledgeable faculty for all courses.

There is a small gap between each area of importance's expectation level and the perceived performance of Wilkes.

Therefore, 36 action plans have been created to improve

these and many other aspects of Wilkes.

These action plans are to be completed within a three-year period.

Survey results, for the past three years have shown there has been a gradual, positive increase in the student's perception of the school.

Parking

spots on campus.

This shuttle service would not cost the students anything.

They would not have to pay the usual parking fee.

Only individuals who park on this side of the river would be required to pay a parking fee.

All of these considerations are still in the planning stage.

There is a commuter meeting on March 24 to discuss these ideas, in room 101 of the Stark Learning Center.

Should these solutions be implemented, they are subject to change after the new Student Center is built.

However, the shuttle service may continue to be used.

O'Hop, along with John Pesta, Gene Manganello, the student affairs staff and



Photo by J.J. Fadden

Park & Lock South is closing its gates in April.

others have been trying to develop a workable solution.

They are not, according to O'Hop, "doing it in a vacuum."

"We would appreciate it if people have patience. Once a workable plan evolves the Wilkes community will be advised," said O'Hop.

It should be noted that there is a potential side-benefit to the closing of Park & Lock South.

The corporation which will occupy the new building will likely employ about 2,000 people, some of which may be Wilkes students.

Medicine in Miami Beach

By BETH WEIR

Beacon Staff Writer

Katie Barnhart, a four year pharmacy major, will be leaving Friday, March 20 to compete in the American Pharmaceutical Association 1998 National Patient Counseling Competition in Miami Beach, Florida.

Barnhart first signed up at Wilkes to answer the preliminary round of questions on campus.

The top ten applicants were then chosen for the final round. Barnhart was selected by the board of judges to be the representative from the Wilkes School of Pharmacy.

Barnhart will be joining the other pharmacy school representatives from the U.S. for a ten minute preliminary round on Friday and Saturday, March 19 & 20.

Each participant will receive a patient profile with the medication and prescription listed.

They are given five minutes to review the profile and then the patient is sent in to be counseled by the participant about their medication.

From that round 10 finalists are selected to compete on Sunday, March 22.

The competition will end on Monday night with an awards banquet.

The representative who places first will receive an engraved leather-bound collectors edition of the U.S.



Pharmacopoeia/National Formulary, a trip to Washington D.C., in 1999 for the Patient Information Convention and \$600.

First runner-up will receive an engraved leather-bound collectors edition of the U.S. Pharmacopoeia/National Formulary and \$400.

Second runner-up will also receive an engraved leather-bound collectors edition of the U.S. Pharmacopoeia/National Formulary and \$300.

Third runner-up will take home an engraved leather-bound collectors edition of the U.S. Pharmacopoeia/National Formulary and \$200.

All representatives will receive a gift for participating.

Barnhart is a member the American Pharmaceutical Association/Academy of Students of Pharmacy, Pennsylvania Pharmaceutical Association, the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists and Lambda Kappa Sigma Professional Fraternity.

She is a registered pharmacy intern in Pennsylvania and works at Eckerd Drug Stores.

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Mayor's office claims no dirty deal

By LISA RUGGIERO
Beacon Staff Writer

Many students were angered last week when the city temporarily banned parking on South Franklin Street to allow for city crews to clean the street.

Students wanted to know why the city had waited until the week after students from both Wilkes and King's College returned from spring break.

According to Mayor Thomas McGroarty, the city doesn't have copies of the college schedules, therefore the city doesn't know when breaks and off-days fall.

McGroarty along with Bill Brace, City Administrator, work together to make the city's schedules which are prepared a year in advance.

According to McGroarty,

they consider many factors in making the schedule, including public events. Set days are assigned for different services.

Street cleaning is scheduled from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. on the odd side of the street and 12 p.m. to 3 p.m. on the even side.

Late night or early morning cleanings are not considered due to cost.

Workers are paid overtime for working on "off-hours," costing the city and its taxpayers more money in the long run.

According to McGroarty, doing the best job for the least amount of money is what the mayor's office is trying to provide the residents of Wilkes-Barre.

"That's the business I'm in," McGroarty said.

Streets are cleaned every week during the spring, summer and fall, with a break during winter.

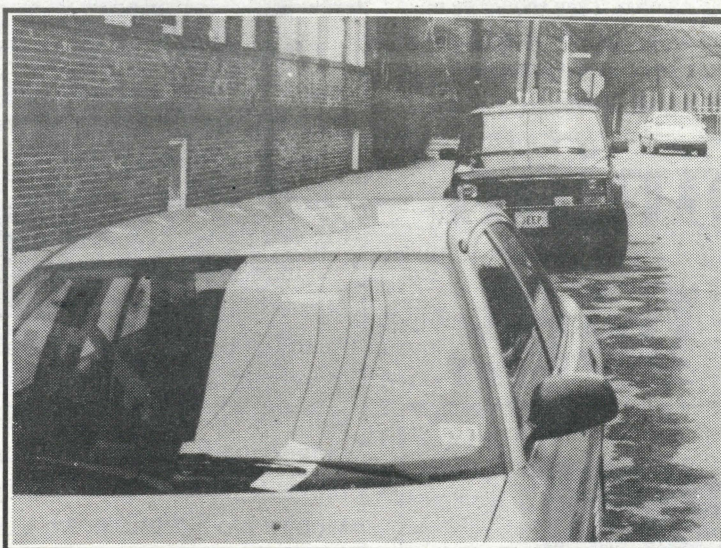


Photo by J.J. Fadden

Wilkes students get tickets during street cleaning project.

McGroarty also explained that by the time spring comes around debris is piled up, making it very difficult for the city owned street cleaning vehicles to remove it.

Therefore, the city sends workers out with brooms and shovels first.

The order of how the streets are cleaned is decided by convenience, according to McGroarty.

For example, the neighborhood surrounding the public works building was cleaned first. The flatter neighborhoods, like the Center City area were done next,

prior to last weekend's St. Patrick's Day parade.

Streets were posted with signs announcing the street cleaning and all meters were covered the day before, according to McGroarty.

The street cleaning project this year is ahead of schedule.

According to McGroarty, the light winter months made it possible for the city's working crew to finish all the neighborhoods before Easter.

Work around the campus area is usually not started until June.

From March 24 to May 1 the city will conduct "white goods" pick up.

White goods are items such as refrigerators that cannot be picked up through normal trash pick-up.

Chances are parking will once again be limited due to bulky item pick-ups.

WF Student Government WF

For the Students by the Students

Each month, the members of Student Government nominate one of their peers for his/her hard work, efforts and contributions made to Student Government, as well as to the student body.

The honor is bestowed upon one person based on secret ballot results.

January's member of the month was senior, Rich Quigley, from Hawley, Pennsylvania. Quigley is the senior class treasurer.

Currently, he is involved in the Class of 1998 senior week cruise in New York City.

If you like the recent changes in the cafeteria, you can applaud Quigley

as well. He is the president of the food committee, which is an extension of Student Government.

Quigley is also a student representative of the Curriculum Committee and is one of the friendly faces you see when you purchase a cappuccino at Rumours. In addition, Quigley is a second year R.A.

"It is very satisfying to see all types of students from across campus appreciate the work that Student Government does to promote events like Winter Weekend and the Block Party.

"Knowing you are a part of the success makes being on Student Government a pleasure for me," said Quigley.

February's member of the month, Quinn Kirk, is a

biochemistry/pre-med major. Kirk is from Hughesville, Pennsylvania.

Kirk is co-chair of the Rumours committee, which plans all the events of the new coffee bar.

Kirk is also the webmaster for the Student Government web page.

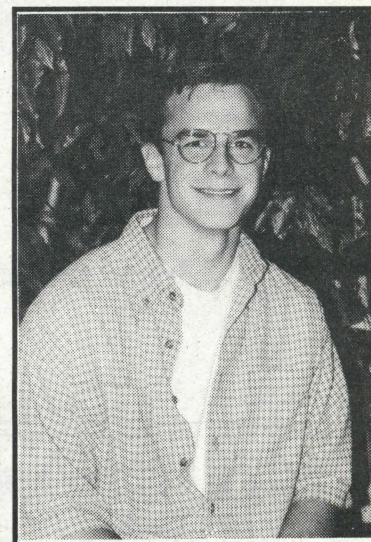
Along with fellow junior class member Maria Shahda, he is in charge of Casino Night, the next major S.G. event.

Aside from Student Government, Kirk is a Guthrie Scholar, male captain of the Colonels cheerleading squad, a member of the Programming Board and was a new student orientation leader during the summer of 1997.

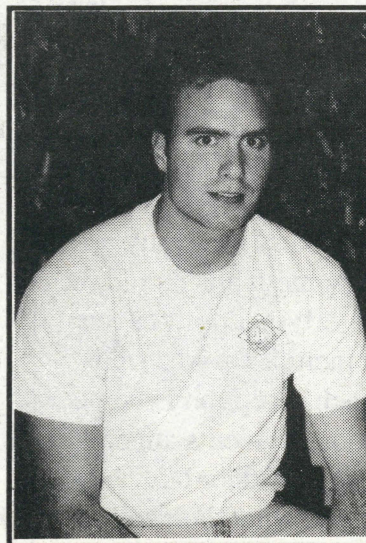
"I love being involved

in making the campus a fun place to be. Being a part of the action really adds to my whole college experience," Kirk said.

Congratulations to Rich Quigley and Quinn Kirk! Thanks for all of your hard work and dedication.



Photos courtesy Student Government



Quinn Kirk (above) and Rich Quigley (left) were recognized for their contributions to student government and the student body.

Information compiled by Donna Talarico.

Student Government meetings are every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. in Marts room 214. All students are encouraged to attend.

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Student Art Exhibit

A myriad of student works is currently on display in the first floor gallery in Bedford Hall. This show was designed and installed by Wilkes University art students. The works are of various mediums including water colors, photographs, oils, original print, even indigo on muslin. The display includes works from freshmen through seniors. A lunch reception is being held Thursday, March 26 at noon. Students are encouraged to take a few minutes out of their busy day to walk through the gallery and see what their fellow students have created. The exhibit will be on display through the end of March.

Continue Colonel pride

It would be easy to jump on the bandwagon and devote this column to the success of this year's men's basketball team. However, I feel that they are ready to go to Salem, Virginia, perform to the best of their ability, win the national title and overall do an impeccable job representing our university. My question is, are *you* ready?

I am overwhelmed with how students, faculty and others in the community have stepped up and brought life to an often lifeless campus. After this weekend's victories, there were no reports of any major offenses committed on campus. No one was injured and no damage was done to university property. How many times have you heard the opposite occur at other colleges? Students crazed with victory have been known to destroy athletic equipment as well as their residence halls. We survived last weekend's festivities. Now we face a greater challenge.

This upcoming weekend approximately 700 members of the Wilkes community will be accompanying our players to the final four tournament. Overcome with excitement and anticipation of the outcomes of the games, everyone will have Wilkes University on their minds. However, I would like to take this opportunity to keep our reputation as a university in mind, as well.

When you are in Virginia, sporting all of your Wilkes gear remember to keep up the level of maturity that has been displayed thus far. I am not only talking about good sportsmanship at the games, but away from the court, too. When staying in the hotels, eating at the restaurants and partying at the bars, remember that your behavior reflects Wilkes University as a whole. Final Four frenzy is certainly contagious, but try to keep your wits about you and continue to promote the Colonel pride that has engulfed our college.

All in all, be safe, have fun and cheer our team on as they work to bringing home our first national championship in basketball history.

GOOD LUCK COLONELS!



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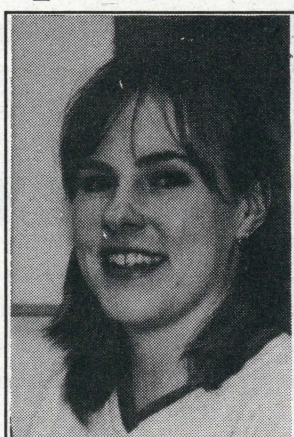
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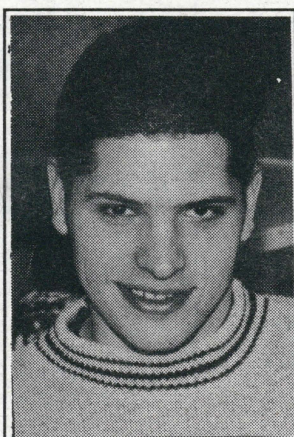
What is the best part of March Madness?"



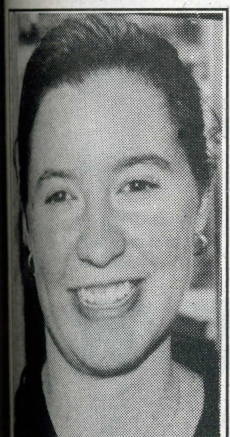
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"Getting Friday off from school."



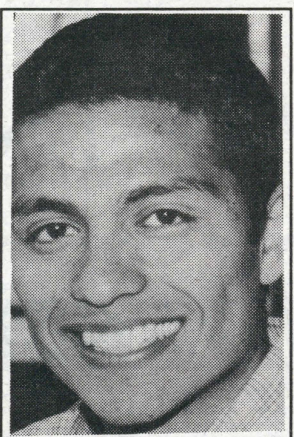
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"Always a good game on t.v."



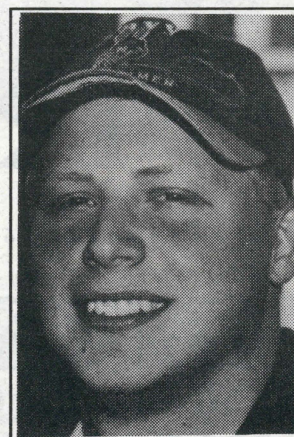
Jason Nocella
"Having Wilkes be part of it."



Ann Wotring
"Our great school spirit."



Cesar Vincas
"What's March Madness?"



Neil Rine
"I don't watch basketball, but I support Wilkes."

Steel Cage Match:

The Niefs vs. the world

Iceberg Straight ahead!!! We heard one of the most distressing things this weekend, "Titanic" just beat out "Star Wars" as the highest grossing movie of all time. What a freaking mess.

Come on people. We all know that "Star Wars" surpasses "Titanic" in every way possible. We hear all this crap about how great this movie is. Admittedly, we haven't seen the movie yet, and every report has been good. Even the guys who don't like those rejected chick-flicks say it's a good movie. Our question is so what? We've seen plenty of great movies, it just so happens that the best three were the "Star Wars" trilogy. All "Titanic" has is a freaking boat and an ice cube. "Star Wars" is an epic that pits the powers of good against the forces of evil in a no holds barred battle royal. In one corner for the power of good is Luke Skywalker, a poor farmboy, turned rebel. For evil, weighing in at 225, Darth Vader, a former Jedi Knight and father of Luke.

We liked "Jerry Maguire", "My Best friends Wedding", and "The Wedding Singer." Those were good movies, why couldn't they catch on? We know that the two girls that read this column are thinking in the back of their heads, "Leonardo Dicaprio, the little hunk of hot beef that is in 'Titanic.' He's a dreamboat." Isn't it a little odd that the movie that tied "Titanic" in the Box Office this weekend started the aforementioned slab of hot love? Truthfully, we did watch Romeo and Juliet and he was an okay actor, but not that good. (Besides, we were watching it for Claire Danes anyway.)

Maybe there is something else to the movie. Word has it that the special effects are outstanding. That's a big surprise. Name one movie recently that doesn't have good special effects. James Cameron is a good director. We especially liked "The Abyss."

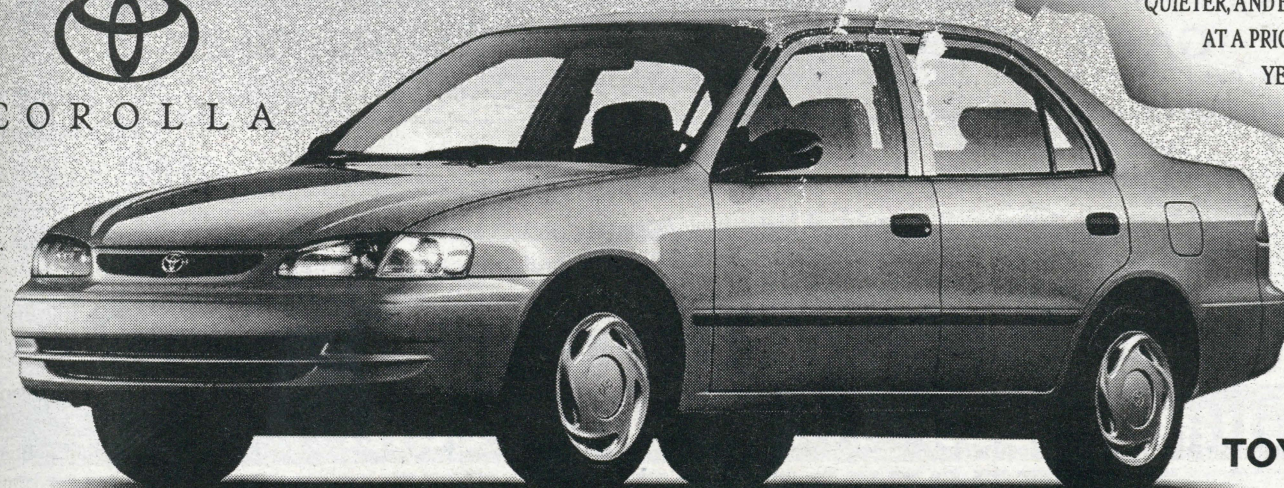
Ahhhhh, it just came to us. That freaking soundtrack. I've heard Leonardo telling Kate Winslet to hold on about one million freaking times. The worst part about that one is that there are no lyrics, just out takes from the movie. "And that was the last time Titanic saw daylight. Iceberg right ahead!" What the hell kind of song is that? The Celine Dion song is annoying but at least it has lyrics.

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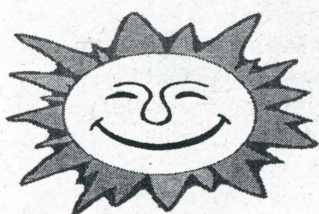
DAY BY

DAY

A student's guide to
Wilkes University
Activities

Sunday, March 22

•Letterwomen Executive Meeting,
Marts Center



Thursday, March 19

•Programming Board General Meeting,
11:30 a.m., Marts 214

•Manuscript Meeting, 12 p.m., 3rd
floor, Chase Hall

•American Cancer Society Daffodil Sales

•Scripture Study, 6:15 p.m., Alumni
House

Monday, March 23

•Student Community Service Council
Meeting, 3rd floor SUB, 5 p.m.

•Margaret Sanger: Radiant Rebel,
Rumours, 8 p.m.

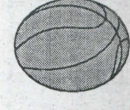
Friday, March 20

•Classes cancelled!

•FIRST DAY OF SPRING

•American Cancer Society Daffodil Sales

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Tuesday, March 24

•Amnicola Meeting, 3rd floor Chase Hall,
11:15 a.m.

Wednesday, March 25

•Scripture Study, Alumni House,
12p.m.

•Talk It Out, Alumni House

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A president for the people

RANDY
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Beacon Staff Writer

In a job interview, Dr. Christopher N. Breiseth, president of Wilkes University, would not have slammed down a six pack of Light on the desk of his employer to assure himself of the job. One look at his three-page resume would definitely do the trick. After more than ten years of schooling, President Breiseth was hired to be a history professor at Williams College in Williamstown, Massachusetts. Eight years later President Breiseth left Williams College and traveled to Sangamon State University in Springfield, Illinois to be an associate professor of history. Before accepting the job

of president at Wilkes University in 1984, he was the acting president and dean of Deep Springs College located in Deep Springs, California.

President Breiseth is the winner of more than ten awards from 1958 to his most recent award, the B'nai B'rith, on March 8.

"I was really very touched to be so recognized and to be on the list of people associated with the B'nai B'rith Award," said Breiseth.

Not only is the list of awards impressive, but his list of affiliations is nothing to look down upon either. President Breiseth is an acting member of at least 11 different organizations. From 1994-1996 he was even the chair of the Middle Atlantic Conference.



Beacon File Photo
President Breiseth encourages student involvement

"All the affiliations basically just go with the job. The best thing about being president is that it's a wonderful opportunity to be able to provide leadership to students, faculty, staff and trustees here at the university. The president does not manage anything

directly, but it gives you the chance to see how things are put together," said Breiseth.

The father of three and husband to wife Jane, has very little free time due to his profession. A typical day consists of starting work at 7:30 a.m. and

returning home in the evening around 8 p.m. His work is still not done when he finally gets home, often spending three hours a night on paperwork.

"It's very difficult to keep up your health, strength and stamina. A lot of people can't do that. I like it, though, and I love the people here. We have our problems here, but it's a pretty good place to live and we are deeply impressed with this area," said Breiseth.

With little free time, what does he do to relax? "It's spending time with my family. I try to review books. I like to travel. I like to play tennis and I also like to hike," said Breiseth.

One can see the President's job is extremely challenging and time consuming.

Campus services no longer a mystery

RANDY
INGENBERGER
Beacon Staff Writer

Where are the best places to study and what resources are available to students in order to improve their education? These are the questions students on the campus of Wilkes University are asking. "I just study in my room," says Jason Evans, a junior. Another student, Carol Hudak, said, "I study in a quiet room because the lounges are too noisy." Without a doubt, the lounges are very noisy. Jake Beveridge, a sophomore also agreed, "If I study it's in my room because the lounges are too noisy."

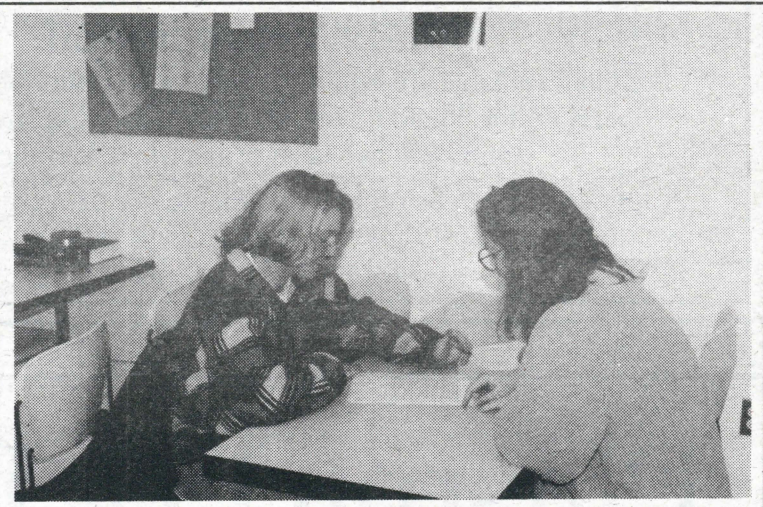


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Student seeks help through campus service.

Do the professors notice a change in the students when major tests roll around?

"A good number of students are a bit more stressed and nervous. I noticed it mostly when I overheard them talking to one another," said associate

professor Cliff Jernigan. "I believe that students should carve out a designated particular time to study that is free of distractions and the students should stick to it."

Michael Peregrin, a French professor said, "I give more tests than a lot of people

so I don't see a difference in my students before a test because they are always under the hammer."

Many students are unaware of the resources which are available to students on the Wilkes University campus.

If a student needs help in a particular course, they can visit the Conyngham Student Center, a.k.a. "The SUB." On the upper floor of the building any student can sign up for a tutor.

The Writing Center is also an excellent way for students to improve their grades. It is located in the Classroom Office Building, on the bottom floor.

"We have twelve tutors presently working in the writing center," says Dr. Rebecca Borah, director of

the Writing Center. "We will have six to ten students a day come in during midterm week. Some of the students are required to come in by their professors, but some don't even know we are here."

Last but not least, there is the Language Learning Center. During the week students in French, German, Russian, or Spanish classes could visit the center to receive extra help in any one of the given languages.

"We make tapes for students if they need them but some of the students use software on the computers," said Peregrin.

So whatever good or bad study habits students have, with all the help that is made available, they shouldn't complain about the grades that they receive.

Birth Control Revolution

By BRIDGET
NIEDZIELSKI
Special to the Beacon

Could anyone ever imagine life without birth control? Life with no diaphragms, no spermicides, no Pill, no way! We cringe at the mere thought. But yet, at the turn of the century, information on contraceptives was illegal, while the phrase birth control didn't even exist in American vocabulary.

Today, this is no longer the case. Today, we have women like Margaret Sanger to thank for her lifetime of revolutionizing "family planning" for an entire planet.

Margaret Sanger was born in Corning, NY, in 1879. As a young nurse, she treated women from New York's lower East Side, many of whom were in sheer agony from botched abortions.

Sadie Sachs, had a particularly profound impact on Sanger. Sachs, after being treated for a self-induced abortion, was advised by the doctor Sanger was assisting, not to become pregnant again or she would risk losing her life.

When Mrs. Sachs died from trying to terminate another unwanted pregnancy, Sanger was enraged at the price one woman had to pay for an entire society's blatant ignorance. She immediately rose to take direct action.

In 1916, the flyers for American's premier birth control clinic read: "Mothers! Can you afford to have a large family? Do you want anymore children? If not, why do you have them? Do not kill, do not take life, but prevent."

This flyer attracted more than 300 women in the Brooklyn area to Sanger's short-lived family planning clinic.

The clinic had been open for only ten days before authorities arrested Sanger, Ethel Byrne (Sanger's sister),

and Fania Mindell for the distribution of diaphragms and contraceptive literature.

Sanger did not give up. After serving a 30-day jail sentence, she fled to Europe. The information available there on practical methods of birth control helped her create a pamphlet entitled "Family Limitation" and she continued to publish articles on birth control in her magazine, *The Women Rebel*, back in the States.

Upon her return to America in 1918, she was arrested six more times for breaking Comstock obscenity laws and made endless appeals for her court cases. Her publicity heightened.

Her case brought about the liberalizing of the ignorant and outdated Comstock laws. These laws were withholding pertinent and practical information from needy citizens.

Throughout the rest of her life, Sanger continued her crusade, developing family strategies and formulating the Planned Parenthood Federation nationwide and throughout the world. Her efforts inspired communities like Wilkes-Barre where the Luzerne County Birth Control League was formed in 1926. Contraceptive services began in 1932, and the clinic set up a permanent residence in the Kirby Memorial Health Center on Franklin Street in 1934.

Now, the time has come for Sanger's story to be told once again. The Women's Studies Coordinating Committee, in the Wilkes University English Department is bringing this story to Rumours, March 23 at 8 p.m. This event is free and co-sponsored by Planned Parenthood of North East Pennsylvania.

For more information
call 717-4084526,
717-4084530 or 1-800-935-
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Looking to impress Rhode Island

WILKES-BARRE—

Wilkes University congratulates Christine Tondrick, of Larksville, Pennsylvania, who recently accepted an intership with the Governor of Rhode Island's Communication Staff.

The internship is a full-time, paid position where she will be working directly with the Governor's Communication staff. Duties include assisting with the organization and staffing of press events, writing press releases and performing basic administrative and clerical duties.

"The experiences I will get while working in the media office, especially during a re-election year, will be invaluable," said Tondrick.

Tondrick felt that a summer internship would be a wonderful opportunity to gain additional work experience within her major. Because she has an additional semester before



Courtesy of University Relations
Tondrick heads to Rhode Island

she receives her teaching certification next January. Tondrick felt that an internship would be a networking opportunity as well as an alternative to the usual summer jobs obtained by many college students.

Tondrick is a senior at Wilkes University with a dual major in communications and elementary education.

She is a member of various organizations including Lambda Pi Eta, the Communications Honor Society, chairperson of the Senior Class Gift Committee, Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities, *The Beacon*, IABC, Education Club, Community Voices Caucus, Literacy Corps and League of Women Voters.

"My interest in public relations in a political arena began when I joined the League of Women Voters last year. Since that time I have worked on many publicity projects," commented Tondrick, "The internship will not only allow me to gain experience essential to the development of successful press relations but provide me with possible networking opportunities as well."

Applications are now being accepted for *The Beacon* 1998-1999 editorial staff.

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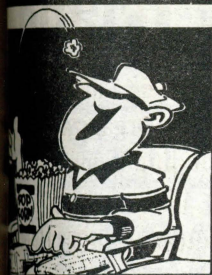
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Critic's Corner

with Dan Lavelle

"Dark City"

Hello fellow movie viewers.
Throughout the history of

cinema, many directors have made their mark with famous films. Some critics admire Steven Spielberg's work with films such as "E.T." and "Schindler's List." Others admire Martin Scorsese's work with "Taxi Driver." These two are among a long list of unforgettable directors. One director who I hope will make this list one day is Alex Proyas. Alex Proyas has directed two films, "The Crow" and "Dark City," his newest film.

In the film, a dying alien race known as the "sleepers" are trying to find a way to survive. They encounter the human race and conduct an experiment on them. In it, the sleepers change human's memories and where they live. The aliens are trying to find a way to survive. They hope that by understanding it, they can find a way to survive.

Everything seems to be going well until one of their patients goes up. Now, John Murdock is running for his life and trying to remember who he is in the process.

If you liked "The Crow," then I'm sure you'll like this film. It has a dark, gothic feel and was filled with mystery. After seeing it for the first time, I felt like it was seeing a cross between Dr. Who and a Clive Barker novel. It is a must see for the hard, sci-fi fan.

The film had a good cast of actors. Rufus Sewell played the character of John Murdock, the man who is running from the sleepers. Jennifer Connelly plays his wife, Emma Murdock. They do rather well, but the two actors that stuck out the most were Kiefer Sutherland and Richard O'Brien.

Sutherland plays Dr. Schreber. A doctor that was forced to experiment on the sleepers with their experiment. The doctor also seems to be a rather hyper individual. This hyperactivity adds more to the character making him very freaky. As a result, Sutherland stands out from the cast with a intriguing performance. I guess he's gotten some pointers from his dad, Donald Sutherland.

Then there Richard O'Brien who plays the "sleeper," Mr. Schreber. Because of his previous role as Riff Raff in the "Rocky Horror Picture Show," he was able to add a little liveliness to his character. He puts forth another interesting performance.

Altogether I give this film **THREE AND A HALF STARS**. It's something worth checking out. The film had a dark feel to it and I'm looking forward to Proyas' next film. I have a feeling this guy is going places in the future.



ALIGNING THE PLANETS WITH MADAME ZELDA

Pisces (February 19-March 20) Lately you have been completely unorganized. You should start to get your things in order before you misplace something of importance.

Aries (March 21-April 19) An upcoming event has had you nervous. Have no fear. All will work out. Just keep the faith.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) Recently you have lost faith in yourself. This weekend do things to build your self esteem and make yourself happy this weekend.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) You have been told lately you've changed and some think it wasn't a good one. If you feel it was good for you don't let anyone tell you differently.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) You had a good time this St. Patrick's Day, maybe a little too much fun! Take this weekend off to let yourself recover.

Leo (July 22-August 22) A long relationship has recently ended for you. Although it seems like your life is over, your heart will go on.

Virgo (August 23-September 22) You have been living by the motto, "It's better than nothing!" Soon you are going to have to get your act together or grades will come and you won't be pleased.

Libra (September 23-October 23) A new love interest has come into your life. If you welcome it with open arms it will bring you happiness and joy!

Scorpio (October 24-November 21) Stress is at an all time high this week. Take some time to rest, relax and do something you enjoy to cut it down.

Sagittarius (November 22-December 21) Stop relying on Mom and Pop so much, you need to become more independent and self reliant. It will help you out in the long run.

Capricorn (December 22-January 19) You've turned over a new leaf this week. Something new with your clothes or hair has brought you new attention. If you like all the new attention, keep the new look!

Aquarius (January 20-February 18) Those money problems you've been experiencing will soon drift away. You'll be able to go on that shopping spree soon enough! Have fun!

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The Beacon would like to wish the Men's Basketball team the best of luck in the Final Four. Go Colonials!



That's Entertainment

Remebering B.I.G.

(AP)-- Yesterday marked the one year anniversary when thousands of people lined the streets in the Bedford-Stuyvesant section of Brooklyn to watch the funeral procession for the Notorious B.I.G.

The rapper was killed nine days earlier in a drive-by shooting in Los Angeles. Puff Daddy and his widow, Faith Evans, were among the mourners.

The crowds cheered and the funeral cortege passed. Police who tried to control the crowd wound up skirmishing with some of the mourners. Officers used pepper spray and arrested nine people on disorderly conduct charges.

Diana rest in peace

LONDON, ENGLAND (AP)-- Elton John says it's time to let Princess Diana rest in peace.

John tells British television that it's good to remember Diana but it's time to give all the tributes a rest.

John plans to follow his own advice. He says he has done all he's going to do in her memory and he'd "like to leave it alone." He says he wants to remember Diana in his own way and he's "not going to be bouncing on stage and doing any concerts in memory of Princess Diana."

Out-grossing them all

LOS ANGELES, CA (AP)-- Mariah Carey is out-grossing them all. Since we are talking concert tickets sales here, that's a good thing. Her concert in Honolulu, HA on February 21 is listed as the top grossing concert in North America through March 10.

The concert took in more than 1.7 million dollars placing it at the top of the list compiled by "Amusement Business."

Today's Birthdays

Actor **Patrick McGoochan** is 70.

Actress **Phyllis Newman** is 63.

Actress **Renee Taylor**, "The Nanny," is 63.

Actress **Ursula Andress** is 62.

Singer **Clarence "Frogman" Henry** is 61.

Singer **Ruth Pointer**, "The Pointer Sisters," is 52.

Actress **Glenn Close** is 51.

Actor **Bruce Willis** is 43.

Guitarist/Keyboardist **Gert Bettens**, "K's Choice," is 28.

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Baseball team starts off slow, catches up

By **SCOTT VEITH**
Beacon Sports Editor

During their Spring Break trip to Florida, the Wilkes University Colonels baseball team started off like they would never be able to win a game. The Colonels dropped each of their first three games with no signs of strength. Before they let their losing streak get to them, they compiled five consecutive victories. After their 5-3 record in Florida, the Colonels headed back to the friendly confines of Artillery Park, Wilkes' home field.

The Colonels are currently 6-4 after suffering a loss to Moravian College last Sunday and

earning a crushing victory against Marywood University on Tuesday.

In the game against Moravian, the Colonels managed seven runs against Greyhound pitching. Their offensive

output was highlighted by a James Sadaro triple. Wilkes used Nate Lipton, Bill Smith and Jason Lenko on the mound to try to stop the offensive output of the Greyhounds, but the

Wilkes defense proved to be ineffective.

Against Marywood, the Colonels managed to implement the 12 run mercy rule by earning 14 runs, highlighted by home runs by both Sadaro and Jim Domzalski. Infielder Nick D'Amico managed three hits against

Marywood pitching to boost the Colonels offensive production. Pitcher Joe Doran was the winning pitcher in this afternoon affair.

The Colonels continue their season this weekend with a double header against King's College at Artillery Park in Edwards-

ville on Saturday and a double header against Beaver College. This will be the Colonels first two double header weekends of the season.



Mike Viglone swings for the fences against Marywood
Photo By J.J. Fadden

Augie Mitchke strolls off of first base for a solid lead

Photo By J.J. Fadden



Colonels get support from bookstore and library

By **SCOTT VEITH**
Beacon Sports Editor

The Wilkes University Book Store is setting the pace for school spirit during the schools participation in the NCAA Division III Championship Tournament features a display that encompasses all of the men's basketball team's accomplishments this season. The t-shirts shown on their display are the same t-shirts the Colonels wore after they captured the MAC tournament championship against The University of Scranton.

The Sheldon Library also got into the spirit of NCAA tournament basketball. The library is currently decorated with a bulletin board featuring

recent newspaper clippings, and blue and gold ribbons on the walls of the main floor of the library and each of the staircases

in the building.

They have also shown support for the basketball team by hanging good luck signs across campus.

The School Bookstore shows school spirit by displaying newspaper clippings and Colonel Basketball merchandise.

Photo By J.J. Fadden



This weekend's Final Four games that the Colonels will be participating in will be broadcasted on Wilkes' radio station, 90.7 WCLH-FM. The play-by-play for the broadcasts will be provided by Jason Evans and the color commentary will be done by Gary Spears. The Colonels first game begin at 6 p.m. on Friday and the WCLH broadcast will begin at 5 p.m.

If the Colonels are successful in defeating Hope

College, they will play in the NCAA Division III Championship Game at 5 p.m. on Saturday afternoon. If the Colonels are defeated by Hope, they will play in the consolation game at 2 p.m.

Stay tuned to WCLH for more information about the broadcast of the second game. The pre-game show for the second game will begin a half hour before the start of the game.

Final Four Sale at the Wilkes bookstore

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Drexler to coach The University of Houston

HOUSTON (AP) -- Clyde Drexler has been named the head coach of The University of Houston Men's Basketball Team for next season. Drexler was a member of the Phi Slama Jamma unit at the University of Houston with Hakeem Olajuwon. The team appeared in the Final Four after the 1982-83 season.

Houston won 59 of 67 games in Drexler's last two seasons at the University.

The University also announced that coach Alvin Brooks has been fired to make room for Drexler. Brooks has earned only one winning season in the last five seasons.

Steve Owens resigns from University of Oklahoma

NORMAN, OKLAHOMA (AP) -- The University of Oklahoma has announced that Head Basketball Coach Steve Owens is resigning this off season. KFOR TV of Norman, Oklahoma quotes sources that Owens has turned in his letter of resignation to the University of Oklahoma athletic department.

No further details were made available to the public by the University of Oklahoma sports information department.

No replacement has been named to fill the vacancy left by Owens.

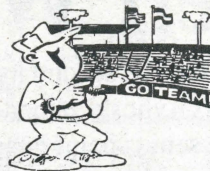
Sapp signs new Contract

TAMPA, FLORIDA (AP) -- Warren Sapp has one of the biggest money deals for a defensive player in NFL history. He signed th six year \$36 milllion dollar contract extension with Tampa Bay - a deal that includes a signing bonus of more than \$8 million.

The agreement eclipses the total value of a deal free agent Dana Stubblefield signed with the Washington Redskins last month by \$50,000.

And, it makes Sapp the second highest-paid defensive player in average salary behind Minnesota's John Randle, an unrestricted free agent who gets \$52.5 million ove five years to stay with the Vikings.

That's what I say



—with
SCOTT VEITH

As a student-athlete, I thought that I had a pretty good grasp of how much influence that the athletic department and student-athletes have on campus with administrators, alumni, faculty and fellow students. I felt that athletics brought in a good deal of money for the university and that was that. Boy, was I wrong.

The success of this year's men's basketball team has taught me that athletes, coaches and the athletic department make just about everything go around here at Wilkes. Never before, to the best of my knowledge, has Wilkes University cancelled a day of classes for a sporting event. This will first take place on Friday so that Colonel faithful can trek on down to Salem, Virginia to watch the basketball team try their hand at the national level at the Division III Final Four.

I realize that my word means very little around here, but I couldn't imagine President Breiseth canceling classes if the pep band were participating in a comparable event. I've also heard a rumor that, if our Colonels win both of their games this weekend, classes will be canceled again on Monday so students can join their team in a parade. Once again I see no such parade for the pep band.

These individuals involved in Wilkes athletics are not your typical moron, "I play foobawl", bang-your-head-against-the-wall, sports people. Thet know what they are doing.

This past weekend was the biggest weekend for recruiting for each of the sports in the athletic department. This is in no way a coincidence that the biggest weekend for recruiting prospective student athletes to become a member of the Wilkes sports family is the same weekend that Wilkes hosts their first Sweet Sixteen tournament in school history.

These recruits got to see Wilkes athletics at their finest. Many of these recruits have visited other local schools such as King's College and the University of Scranton and they saw no event like the Sweet Sixteen. They didn't even get to see a conference championship game.

Although this whole Final Four experience is a positive for everyone involved, nobody has a bigger smile on his face than Chris Breiseth. President Breiseth, a dedicated Colonel basketball fan, has much more to gain from this weekend than a possible national championship.

There is currently not one Wilkes student who lives on campus from Salem, Virginia. The majority of the popuation of Salem, Virginia has probably never even heard of Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, much less Wilkes University. This city is only about a half an hours drive from Virginia Tech, and the only college sports on their minds are of the Division I NCAA tournament involving teams from the Big East (Virginia Tech's conference).

This event is the biggest public relations experience in the history of Wilkes University and everyone from President Breiseth to Jerry Rickrode and from department heads to dedicated Colonel athletic supporters are living up this weekend to its fullest.

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Colonel Men Win Region, Set for Final Four

By DAVID DIMARTINO
Beacon Copy Editor

It encompassed 450 minutes, 276 points and 4,800 people. When you add up all those numbers they equal four, as in the Final Four in Salem, Virginia this upcoming weekend. The Wilkes Colonels will be attending their first Final Four thanks to their heroics last weekend.

It started on Friday when the 21-7 Rowan University Profs rolled into the Henry Gymnasium at the Arnaud C. Marts Center. The Colonels put forth one of their most balanced offensive attacks of the season and it came at a convenient time. Five Colonels scored in double digits to lead Wilkes to an 83-80 double overtime victory.

Starters Mike Barrouk and Dave Jannuzzi each scored 16 points while Chad Fabian also put in 16

all in the the second half. Brian Gryboski tallied 14 while senior point guard Jay Williams poured in 12.

Although the Colonels had such a versatile attack the Profs matched that by having five players in double digits, lead by forward Jason Adams who scored a game high 22 points. Guard Jason Groce added 15 by going 5-6 from the three point ark.

The Colonels lead by one after the first period of a score of 30-29. The Colonels were also helped out by Rowan due to their poor free throw shooting. Rowan went 9-20 (40%) from the charity stripe.

In the first overtime, the Colonels managed only six points.

In the second overtime the turning point came with 14 seconds left with the Colonels up by two. Senior

Mike Barrouk stole a pass from Groce and was then fouled. He hit one of two free throws to give the Colonels a three point lead and sealed the victory.

The Colonels did not get

had to play the Hunter Hawks coming off their own double overtime victory the night before against Catholic. The Hawks were lead by coach Mike Brown who showed up in plaid checkered pants with a

pink shirt, a red and green striped tie and no socks with boat shoes.

The Colonels played a lackadaisical first half by turning the ball over 11 times and as a result they were down by a score of 35-26. Brian Gryboski kept the Colonels in the game by scoring a 15 of his game-high 21 points in the first half.

In the second half the Colonels decided to change their offensive game plan by taking the ball to the hoop more and Mike Barrouk did exactly that. Barrouk finished the game with 21 points.

ball three players scored in double digits, lead by forward Braheen Cotton who finished with 16 points.

This game came down to a final shot and, for a change the shot did not belong to the Wilkes Colonels. The shot belonged to Hunter's hero from the night before, guard George Brown. Brown hit a three pointer with no time on the clock to send the Hunter Catholic meeting into a second overtime.

On this night, Brown, a transfer from the University of Alabama would come up short as his three point attempt at the buzzer rimmed out and the Colonels won an all-expenses paid trip to Salem, Virginia to play in the Final Four.

The Colonels are scheduled to play against Hope College on Friday night at 6 p.m. If they win, they will play the against the winner of the Wisconsin-Plattville University/William College game in the championship game.



Photos by J.J. Fadden
Scott Cleveland tries to dunk over a Hunter Hawk

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On the Hunter side of the

Softball hopes to continue their strong start

By COREY YANOSHA
Beacon Staff Writer

The Wilkes University Lady Colonel Softball Team will continue their season in Maryland this coming weekend. After a busy spring break in South Carolina, The Lady Colonels will look to continue their strong play down south before returning to Wilkes-Barre to start their conference schedule with two scrimmages and six games.

During the stretch, the team went 4-2, dropping two games to King's College on the trip. They also won both scrimmages.

Wilkes will look for leadership from seniors Shannon O'Neil and Carrie Wilkes and sophomore

Carrie Ann Geist.

The Lady Colonels also return almost their entire line-up from last years team including Geist, a standout catcher. Wilkes and senior Kristen Cookus will team up as the top two upper-class pitchers.

The biggest loss from last year's team is standout pitcher Amy Rosengrant who was lost to graduation. The Lady Colonels will need to fill that void on the mound if they plan to advance farther in the MAC playoffs than they did last season.

Besides the returning letterwomen, The Lady Colonels will look to a strong freshman class to fill in some holes left by players

that didn't return, and possibly supply the spark they missed last season.

Heading the freshman class are two former local high school standouts, shortstop Robyn Mendygral, from Hanover Area and pitcher Alicia Fink, from Meyers. Both players will look to see extended action this year for coach Kevin Vrabel's team.

"We have the tools to win," said Mendygral, "This is a great team and I just hope I can contribute, in any way I can."

Pitcher Mackenzie Martin who also joins the squad this season will look to see some time in her first season as a Lady Colonels.

"We played real well. Our offense was excellent, but we need to pick it up a little on defense," said Mendygral of her trip to South Carolina.

"But we're still moving people around, so nothing's set in stone." Mendygral feels that, as soon as the team settles in at new positions, they will be more successful.

Down south, Wilkes went 4-2, while also picking up wins in two scrimmages. The Lady Colonels only two losses came from cross-town rival King's College, who seemed to have the Lady Colonels number, so far. Mendygral started at shortstop in all eight

games, while Fink bounced back from a rough first outing by finishing strong.

The Lady Colonels will play their home games at Kirby Park. They will start their season here in about two weeks, but are still on the right track for a strong outing in Maryland.

"We have what it takes to win," said Mendygral.

She added "We have everybody back, except Rosengrant. Our pitching has been a question with her loss but Coach (Vrabel) went out and got a strong recruit in Alice (Fink). We could definitely make it further than we did last year. This team wants to win."

Last season, the Lady Colonels earned a record of 24-15.