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Students celebrate final Homecoming of the century

By TARA BOYCE
Beacon Staff Writer

After weeks of being the hottest topic on campus, Homecoming 1999 was here. For the seniors it was their last, and for the freshman it was their first, but students agree that it was one to remember. Once again Student Government, led by Beth Danner, outdid themselves on preparations for the festivities. From the balloons and candy showers at the pep rally (anyone looking for a quick snack between classes should head to the big bush on Chase Lawn that was the recipient of most of the candy thrown) to the original favors at the dance, every detail was attended to beautifully.

The festivities kicked off on Thursday night at 9:15 on Chase Lawn when the student body came together to wish the fall sports teams well in the rest of their seasons. Paul Marciano and Jennifer Little were the organizers while John Bruett was the man with the mic as he kept things rolling. The coaches of fall sports recapped their seasons as well as their hopes for the future of their teams. Some thought that the Women's Soccer Team shared too much, but hey, it just brings the Wilkes community together that much more as a school!

Then came the moment that everyone was waiting for, the announcement of the finalists in the race for the 1999 Homecoming throne. Dean Paul Adams and Dean Barbara King introduced the Court to the crowd, then President Breiseth took over the mic to announce the finalists for King and Queen. Finalists for king were Matt "Doc" Kuntz, Matt Sowcik, and Jarrod Max while finalists for queen were Bhavika Patel, Jill Ronkowski, and Abby Sherburne.

Some students faced classes on Friday morning and others just continued the festivities from Thursday night, but many agreed that the place to be that night was at the Homecoming Dinner Dance, "A Century to Celebrate," which was held at Genetti's Hotel. Shuttle service was provided to Genetti's in an effort to keep drinking and driving to the bare



Photo by Erika Baltrusaitis

Jarrod Max and Abby Sherburne were named Homecoming King and Queen at halftime of this year's Homecoming.

minimum.

The evening started with a social hour and continued on through a elegant sit down dinner. The real fun began when the DJ began to pump the tunes and everyone headed out to the dance floor to boogie the night away. According to senior Jeff Reichl, "This year's Homecoming was the best Homecoming ever since I've been at Wilkes."

As students were still recovering from Friday night, tailgating got off to a slow start Saturday morning. There were a few diehard students and alumni alike out there at what seemed to be the crack of dawn, but it increased enormously as the game went on. It was a great time for students to catch up with friends that had graduated in the past few years that they may have lost touch with as well as party with their classmates of today. Some actually made it into the game to see

Wilkes loose a heartbreaker to Lycoming. This loss was cushioned somewhat by the comfort that both soccer teams and field hockey won their matches of the day.

The half time show, coordinated by Britany Richardson, Steve Gazda, and Kyla Campbell, was the highlight of the game as decorated pick-up trucks brought the finalists into the field for a loop around the track before Jarrod Max and Abby Sherburne were crowned Homecoming King and Queen. Saturday night brought an end to our last Homecoming weekend of the century and it has been agreed that everyone had a wonderful time, however they chose to spend their weekend.

Congratulations to Jarrod and Abby! Also, congratulations to Student Government for making Homecoming 1999 a memorable and successful one.

Wilkes professor receives recognition for national sex study

By JENNIFER LITTLE
Beacon Staff Writer

The constant research of Psychology professor Dr. Carl Charnetski continues. Dr. Charnetski, the Chairman of Psychology at Wilkes University, is conducting several studies.

In his current study, he is working with Dr. Francis Brennan, a former professor at Wilkes. They are studying love's influence on the immune system.

They are conducting this study by measuring the IGA levels in the body. An IGA level is known as Immuglobulin A. IGA is the enzyme that influences the immune system. It is found in all mucousal linings and is also a major antibody. They conducted their study on couples - 72 females and 42 males - with one couple that was married. The average age of the participants in their study was 18.8 years old. They were all in fairly long-term relationships with the average relationship being a year and a half. The professors collected data on love, sexual frequency, gender, age and type of relationship.

In their love study, Dr. Charnetski and Dr. Brennan tested their results on Dr. Robert Sternberg's triangular love scale. Dr. Sternberg is a professor of Psychology at Yale University.

Dr. Charnetski and Dr. Brennan did not find much of a correlation between love and IGA levels, but they did, however, find a correlation between sexual frequency and IGA levels. In this study, they researched participants who had no sex, sex less than once a week, sex one to two times a week, and sex three or more times a week. They found that couples that had sex one to two times a week had higher IGA levels than any of the others that participated in the study.

Dr. Charnetski has gotten a superfluous amount of publicity for his excellent research on his study of sex and IGA levels. There have been several articles written about this study in publications such as *Scientific World*, *Fitness Magazine*, and *Glamour*, just to name a few. Their research has also been published in several international and national newspapers.

Dr. Charnetski is continuing with his research. Currently he is working on humor's effects on IGA levels. He is also writing a book which is titled *The Immune System: A User's Guide*. This book should be coming out in the very near future.

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Summer Internships: A great way to spend the summer

By SHELLEY FAHLEY
Beacon Staff Writer

Talk to just three students who did summer internships interns and you will hear how students gained self-confidence, enhanced their resumes, made important contacts, established positive career shifts and advanced their current career goals.

According to Carol Bosak, former director of cooperative education, 60 Wilkes students interned this past summer. Each internship was a great professional opportunity. Just ask those students who interned and you will learn the value of "hands-on" learning in a professional setting.

Damon Heller, a junior Business major, interned with the NBA's Philadelphia 76'ers at the First Union Center in Philadelphia. This experience allowed Heller, a member of the Colonel's basketball team, to confirm his professional interests in sports management. His main responsibility with the NBA team was to research draft prospects, a task Heller enjoyed tremendously. He met many well-known sports figures and made valuable future contacts.

According to Heller, "My experience in Philadelphia exceeded my expectations of what a 'real hands-on' experience would be like. My co-workers were extremely supportive in allowing me to apply what I learned in the classroom to the work place."

Across town from Heller another Wilkes student was experiencing another sports related internship in broadcasting. Jason Evans, a senior

Communications major, interned at WPVI-TV, Channel 6 in Philadelphia. Philadelphia is the 4th largest media market in the United States and the ABC affiliate is ranked number-one in that media market. Evans' responsibilities included editing highlights, producing three minute sports broadcast and doing packages in front of the camera. Evans was pleased that "the station allowed me to use their equipment and resources to put together a five minute video selling myself as a broadcaster. Working with the professional broadcasting team at WPVI also taught me how to act in a professional environment while talking and working with mentors, including communicating my ideas during meetings." Without a doubt, Evans' hard work at WPVI-Ch. 6 will make his resume stand out among the competition.

Carole Mancuso had such a great summer internship that she changed her business minor to a major. Her positive experience at Fastenal Corporation in Dickson City allowed her to find a career direction that was most enjoyable and well suited to her personality. Mancuso added, "I didn't know how enjoyable it would be to do marketing procedures in an office setting until I was lucky enough to do an internship."

With such positive and motivational experiences as these, other students would be wise to pursue internship opportunities. Any Wilkes student interested in learning more about internships should contact the Co-op Office at ext. 4645 or stop by the Max Roth Center.

Check out Halloween Hypnosis

By CAROLE MANCUSO
Beacon Staff Writer

Next Thursday, October 28, Commuter Council invites you to kick off your Halloween weekend by watching a live hypnotism, or by going under the mystifying spell yourself.

Frederick G. Sam, a professional hypnotist, will work his wonders of the mind in the Ballroom, on the second floor of the Student Union Building at 11:00 AM. Admission is free!

The show will begin with a brief opening talk explaining the true nature and current scientific status of hypnosis. Audience members will then be invited

to volunteer to come on stage for a piece of the action. The hypnotic demonstrations will include: instantaneous trance induction, post-hypnotic suggestion, heightened control of memory, mood, and the senses, and many, many more hypnotic phenomena.

Frederick G. Sam has amazed and amused audiences with his presentation of spellbinding fun for the past 20 years. He is also a seasoned clinician with over 20,000 hours of clinical hypnotherapy sessions.

This is your chance to watch your friends do the wildest and craziest things imaginable, while sober!

The Beacon is currently looking for writers and editors for next semester. Please contact us at beacon@wilkes.edu or ext. 5903.

Upward Bound now accepting applications

By BETHANY STEFANEC
Beacon Staff Writer

The nationally recognized Upward Bound Program at Wilkes University is now accepting membership applications from interested area high school students.

Funded by the United States Department of Education, Upward Bound is designed to help high school students prepare for success at the college level. For nearly two decades, 90 percent of Wilkes University's Upward Bound students have advanced to pursue a college education.

Held over the course of semesters spring, summer and fall, the program offers a variety of academic classes and assistance with college selection and financial aid. Eligible students will experience life on a college campus while they improve their learning skills for the challenge of higher education.

For consideration, students should be a sophomore in high school, a potentially first generation college student, and able to meet the economic criteria established by the U.S. Department of Education.

An Open House will be held in early November so applicants can gather information on the Upward Bound Program at Wilkes. Students will be selected later that month and a kick-off event will be scheduled for early December.

The spring term begins in January and ends in May. A six-week residential summer program follows and offers an intensive experience combining academic preparation, individual attention, personal and social growth, career education and cultural trips. In the fall term, services for participating juniors and seniors include classes in SAT preparation and research writing skills and guidance in the college selection process.

For an application and further information about the date of individual school visits, students are advised to contact their guidance office or call the Upward Bound Office at Wilkes at (570) 408-4230.

Interested in writing news stories for *The Beacon*?
Contact Bhavika Patel, news editor, for more information at ext. 5903.

Hepatitis B sweeping the nation

Don't wait until it's too late!

1. Which disease infects 200,000 Americans each year (with 150,000 of them ages 15 to 29)?

2. Which disease has one million "carriers" who don't get sick themselves but can infect others?

3. Which one leads to liver damage & cancer, and kills 6,000 people annually?

If you answered Hepatitis B to all three of these questions, you are correct!

Hepatitis B is a highly contagious sexually transmitted disease that in some settings may be 100 times easier to contract than AIDS! This may very well shock you, and it should. After all, you have probably been hearing about all types of STDs since you were very young, but very little of the attention focused on HBV. Most of you know very little, if anything, about what this disease really is.

HBV is the world's most common, serious liver infection. Statistics have shown that heterosexual contact with multiple sex partners (more than one partner within a six-month period) is now the number one risk factor. The disease spreads through blood, injected drug use, and from an infected mother to her newborn. Some sufferers experience yellowing in the eyes or skin; however, many do not exhibit any symptoms. As a result, many carriers remain unaware of their infection and end up spreading the disease to others.

Hepatitis B is different from other STDs because there is a vaccine. It

consists of three shots within a six-month period and it is safe and effective.

Planned Parenthood is now offering these shots to anyone interested in protecting himself or herself. They even offer, through the "Vaccines for Children" program, vaccination free to youths under the age of 19. Many times, you may feel embarrassed about issues having to do with your sexual health and Planned Parenthood understands these feelings. Everything is completely confidential. You are the only one who needs to know, and you should feel secure in your decision to protect yourself.

There is no cure for the disease and the vaccine is only effective before infections. Why wait? One of 20 of your classmates is already infected — don't be the next one! There are many things you can prevent — why not take advantage of something you can? Why risk being infected? Allow yourself the peace of mind of knowing that you have protected yourself. For more information about this vaccine or the disease, contact a Planned Parenthood near you at 1-800-230-PLAN or write:

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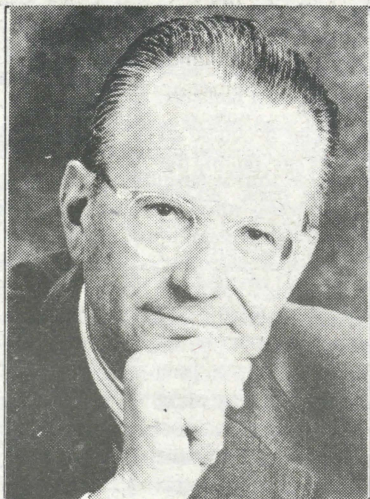
By BETHANY STEFANEC
Beacon Staff Writer

Wilkes University alumnus and University of California professor Dr. Jesse H. Choper will be the featured speaker at the school's reinstated President's Breakfast Series on Friday, October 29. Choper will present his lecture, "The U.S. Supreme Court: Recent Past, Present, and Near Future."

The breakfast buffet and lecture will be held in the Student Union Ballroom, 84 West South Street, Wilkes-Barre, and is open to the public. Cost for the buffet is \$8 per person.

Dr. Choper is an Earl Warren Professor of Public Law at the University of California. He received a bachelor of science degree in 1957 from Wilkes, and he earned a law degree in 1960 from the University of Pennsylvania, as well as admittance to the Bar in the District of Columbia. Since then, he has taught law at several prestigious institutions such as the University of Minnesota, University of Pennsylvania, and Harvard Law School, served as law clerk to Chief Justice Earl Warren; and acted as Research Editor of the University of Pennsylvania Law Review. Since 1965, he has been teaching at Berkeley, where he was also Dean from 1982-1992.

Dr. Choper's areas of expertise



Dr. Jesse Choper to speak at President's Breakfast Series.

are Constitutional Law and Corporate Law, both of which are the subjects of two casebooks for which he shares co-authoring credits for. His other major publications include the books *Judicial Review, Securing Religious Liberty: Principles for Judicial Interpretation of the Religious Clauses*, and the award-winning *National Political Process: A Functional Reconsideration of the Role of the Supreme Court*. For 20 years, he has been one of the major lecturers at U.S. Law Week's Annual Constitutional Law Conference in Washington, D.C., along with various other conventions across the country.

For more information or questions on the President's Breakfast Series, contact Lisa Pugh, coordinator of Special Events at Wilkes, at ext.4306.

Wilkes offers free SAT prep course

By BETHANY STEFANEC
Beacon Staff Writer

In continuing its dedication to students on the road to higher education, Wilkes University is offering a free SAT preparation course on Saturday and Sunday, October 23-24, from 9 AM to 5 PM in the Rite Aid Auditorium, Room 101 of the Stark Learning Center.

Wilkes professors Dr. James Yoho and Dr. Anthony Kapolka will teach the course. They have gained experience in teaching standardized test preparation courses at universities like Wilkes, Penn State, Temple, Dickinson, and Rutgers. Both are affiliated with the educational consulting firm of Spiegelberg Associates, which has been providing

high quality standardized test preparation through universities in the mid-Atlantic region for 20 years.

The schedule for the two days will include a six-hour instruction on the verbal part of the exam and a seven-hour instruction on the quantitative portion. Students need to bring writing utensils and paper to take notes.

Lunch will be provided for the students on Saturday, but they are responsible for lunch on Sunday. The Wilkes campus provides a state-of-the-art dining facility in the new Student Union as well as a variety of vending machine items.

For more information or questions on the free SAT preparation course, call the Wilkes Admissions Office.

Upcoming tennis event

The first annual tennis tiebreaker tournament will be held at the Kirby Courts in Kingston on Sunday, October 24th at 11:00 AM. All proceeds will benefit our local American Cancer Society.

The tournament is open to both male and female players. Double matches will be played. Partners will be randomly selected and new partners

assigned after each match. It is triple elimination and each match is a tiebreaker. The first to seven points wins.

The registration fee of \$15.00 will be collected at the beginning of the match. The entrance fee includes food and refreshments. Bill Van Der Slyus is the manager of the event. For registration information call 714-9697.

Wilkes hosts fall open house

By PAULA J. GENTILMAN
Beacon Staff Writer

Wilkes University's Fall Open House is set for Saturday, October 30, with registration beginning at 9:30AM in the Dorothy Dickson Dart Center for the Performing Arts, corner of South and West River Streets, Wilkes-Barre. The half-day program will give prospective student a complete

overview of Wilkes majors, faculty, athletics and co-curricular activities.

Interested students will pick three activities (discussions and tours) that interest them. The discussions include a brief synopsis of all the majors and the chance to meet and talk with faculty members. Campus tours will be personalized to fit the needs of the student, including a financial aid and student life question-and-answer

session, which will give the high school students and their parents a better feel of the Wilkes community.

Lunch will be served in the new Student Union Dining Commons and admission counselors will circulate to answer any additional questions.

To learn more about Fall Open House at Wilkes University, contact the Admissions Office at 1-800-WILKES-U, ext.4400.

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National Strike in Dominican

with Lisa Ruggiero

The Dominican Republic faced a small crisis Tuesday, October 12, 1999. After approximately a week of warning, the federal government raised the price of gasoline, prompting a national strike. The country braced itself for the worst because the strike was declared as indefinite, but it ended within a day-and-a-half with little violence. This calm was enforced by a strong presence of the National Police patrolling the streets, which were more or less deserted. All schools, universities, offices and stores, with the exception of small, neighborhood groceries/pharmacies, were closed by order of the national government and no one ventured outside except for the people

who delivered items from these stores.

People remained indoors voluntarily because strikes here are quite different from those in the United States. They are definitely not uncommon and they tend to involve quite a bit of violence. People often riot, throw rocks or bottles, and someone almost always gets injured or killed. This particular strike was called because people, especially taxi and public transportation providers, knew that the cost of gasoline had not increased for the government and therefore did not believe that there was a reason for the price escalation. In fact, according to newspaper reports, the price of petroleum, and hence, gasoline, has actually decreased, which only served to augment public indignation. This anger was manifested

in the poorer neighborhood where demonstrations were held and many people protested.

Relatively few people were injured or killed during this specific strike, but among the injured were two children accidentally shot by the police. This prompted yet another riot in that barrio, the last of the strike. Within two days, all returned to normal and the only vestiges of the strike were an increase in the cost of public transportation by one peso (roughly six U.S. cents) and resentment towards the government.

The increase in the price of gasoline in the Dominican Republic actually benefits U.S. tourists to the island. Before, U.S.\$1.00 exchanged for R.D. \$15.65 pesos in a bank and R.D. \$15.70 in an exchange house (which invariably pays more than a bank), but the augmentation caused yet another devaluation of the peso. Now an exchange house will pay roughly R.D. \$16.05 for every U.S.\$1.00 while banks fluctuate between the old rate and that of the exchange houses. This may seem like nothing to an American, but it accounts for millions of U.S. dollars in an economy that relies heavily upon tourism. Thus, while the price increase hurts the Dominican resident initially, it encourages more investment by tourists into the economy, at least according to the theories of government officials.

Letter to the Editor

Student Government Stands As One

I was going to write an article this week about how Ally changed their name to Wilkes Alliance of Queer Students and the controversy it stirred among Student Government members. Instead I've decided to write an article about how SG took a difficult situation and handled it well.

The name change of Ally to Wilkes Alliance of Queer Students, WAQS, was the most controversial issue SG has had to face this year. Each representative, officer, and executive board member had his or her own opinion, questions and concerns. Each member was given the opportunity to speak his or her mind. As WAQS sat in the middle of the room, SG pounded out important questions from safety issues to how students join, and carefully listened to each response. From the responses came another line of questioning, until every last question had been answered. Once the Q&A part of the meeting was over, WAQS left the room and discussion began. Every member voiced their concerns, beliefs, support and criticism of the group's name change.

People debated, but no one argued. It was impressive to see our government respecting the opinions of their peers, to see them working together as one to come to some sort of agreement, and to understand the other side.

When the vote was finally taken, the name change was passed and Ally officially became WAQS. There were people opposed to the name change for their own reasons, and they are entitled to those reasons. However, SG is standing together as one. Before WAQS reentered the room, the president of SG, Matt Sowcik, told SG that he understands that everyone has an opinion — he has his — but as a government they need to back one another wholly in case anything harmful would fall their way or on WAQS. Everyone agreed.

I usually have something bad to offset the good about SG, but not this week. I saw SG act as a fair and democratic government. I saw them stand together, but still as individuals, and that is how a government should be run.

Kathleen Startzel

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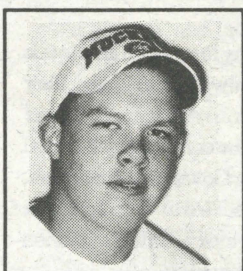
I must admit, I may have been impartial in my column last week when I ripped into Homecoming. I do not regret what I said because I do believe everything I wrote. But this past weekend, I got to see Homecoming from a different angle and I have to say that I saw what makes a homecoming a Homecoming.

For the first time this year, as a matter of fact in the last two years, the stands were crowded at the football game. An announced crowd of 3500 was at the Wilkes/Lycoming game on Saturday afternoon to cheer on the Colonels.

With the return of tailgating, the parking lot was also crowded with students, faculty, and alumni socializing with each other.

The high point for Homecoming, at least for me, was the football game. I'm sure the dance was a lot of fun and the pep rally was probably awesome, but for me, the football game held the most meaning.

As a student who degraded this annual event last week, I was forced to change my view.



Corey Yanoshak

With two minutes left in the game, the crowd of 3500 people was on its feet. There was such a feeling of pride throughout the stadium that I felt something I have never felt while at Wilkes University.

3500 people on their feet with a steady roar over them was enough to leave one speechless. The fact that it was against one of the top teams in the country made it that much more meaningful.

Everyone at Ralston Field felt a sense of pride and anxiety as Frank Sheptock and the Colonels drove down the field against a team that hasn't lost in 34 games. A freshman at quarterback and a senior at tailback provided all the

excitement a fan could handle. It didn't matter if you were a regular at the football games. It didn't matter if you only came to this one game. What mattered was that you were there and you were on your feet, cheering for the underdog Colonels. It was such an amazing feeling.

A decent Lycoming crowd was also on their feet, but for a different reason. They were in shock, as no team has ever moved the ball on the Warriors like the Colonels did. They have watched this Lycoming team beat 34 straight opponents throughout four years, while winning four straight Middle Atlantic Conference titles. These fans were in shock. The number five team in the country was on the verge of losing its first game in three years and these fans knew it.

Now, the outcome was a different story. For every person that says Wilkes should have won, there's a Lycoming fan that says it wasn't even close. Coaches and players got to see Mike Hankins' final run, which quite possibly ended in the endzone, and they claim it's easily visible that he was in. But I'm also sure that Lycoming saw a different tape that

shows he was clearly stopped at the goalline. I think this fact is irrelevant, at least now.

Personally, I wouldn't have had the guts to make that call. I know it's not fair to Wilkes and it's not fair to the players, especially the seniors. But the referee would be making a judgement call that would affect the whole country. Lycoming is a regular at the national playoffs and this loss may have jeopardized that. The guy in stripes would also be making a call that ended a 35-game winning streak. Mount Union was featured on ESPN for their 42-game win streak, so Lycoming is that much closer to national exposure. Frank Girardi has developed that program into something special. Perhaps that is why they got that call.

The main thing is that this campus was one campus, with one purpose. Over two thousand people were cheering for the Colonels and although they didn't get those final points, this campus was a united campus and Homecoming was a success.

I may have jumped the gun last week and now I find myself caught up in

all the excitement...

...12 seconds remaining, Wilkes on the one-yard line. Number 21, Hankins, takes the handoff and goes to the right. A host of Lycoming defenders stack the line. Hankins is at the goalline. A pile of players surround Hankins and the ball. The teams clear the area. The referee gives the signal...

The Colonel baseball team will be selling t-shirts to the public. The shirts will have "Wilkes Athletics" on two lines and will also have a picture of the Colonel between the words. Cost of the shirts is \$10.00 and they can be purchased by calling Nate at 825-4642 or Steve at 821-7365. They will be sold during Midnight Madness at Marts Gym. Profits will be used to help fund the cost of the team's Spring Break trip.

Tickets will be on sale for the first six home games of the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins. Tickets cost \$12-\$27 and will be available at the temporary box office in town.

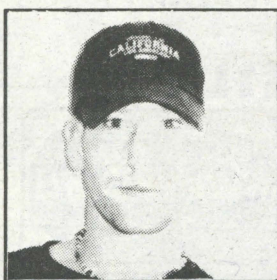
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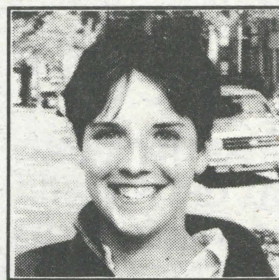
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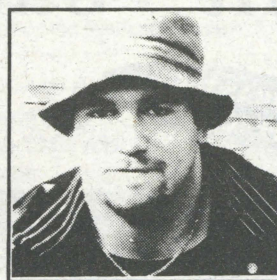
-Chris Klopp
"Watching Jason Weaver play football."



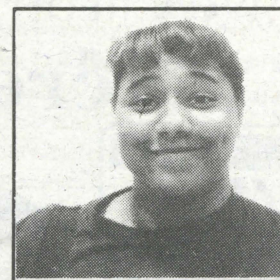
-Sam Swangler
"The football game."



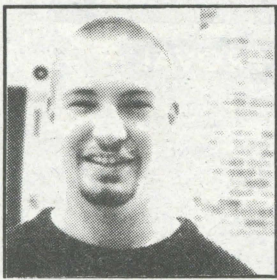
-Jeanna Miller
"Kegs and Eggs."



-Doug Snyder
"Mike Hankins was in the endzone."



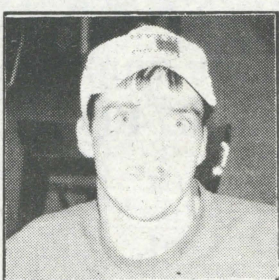
-Angie Cardoso
"I don't remember."



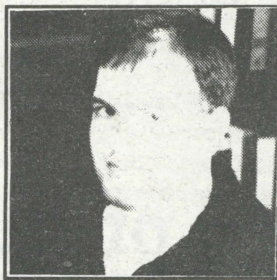
-Jeff Reichl
"Tailgating with those that were '21 and over.'"



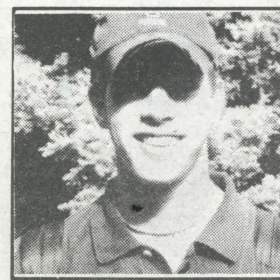
-Steve Knight
"The good-looking girls in the dresses."



-Sean Gibson
"The parties."



-Tim Millard
"I don't know when I went home."



-Scott Hunter
"Too many drinks, not enough time."

The condom broke. Now what?

By ANDRIA BIAGIOTTI
Beacon Staff Writer

Each year, millions of women have unprotected intercourse and are left with the fear of pregnancy and the sinking, directionless feeling of complete helplessness. Emergency contraception now gives these women an additional option to avoid pregnancy.

Emergency contraception, otherwise known as the "morning after pill," prevents pregnancy and helps lessen the need for abortion; it is not a form of abortion. Almost half (48%) of the six million pregnancies in the United States each year are unintended. The other half occur because no contraceptive was used at all. Widespread use of emergency contraception could prevent an estimated 1.7 million unintended pregnancies and 800,000 abortions each year.

So how do they work? Depending on the time during the woman's menstrual cycle that the pills are taken, ECPs (emergency contraception pills) may inhibit or delay ovulation, inhibit transport of the egg or sperm, interfere with fertilization, or alter the endometrium (the lining of the

uterus), which prevents the fertilized egg from implanting in the uterus.

How are they taken? The pills are taken in two doses. The first dose

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should be taken within 72 hours of unprotected intercourse, and the second dose 12 hours later. ECPs should not be used by women who are already pregnant, not because the pills are thought to be harmful, but because they won't work. Some women experience nausea and vomiting after taking the pills and additional side effects include fatigue and dizziness.

Many people are against emergency contraception because they believe women will use it in place of regularly used contraception. How-

ever, emergency contraception is not a logical choice for ongoing protection. The side effects of the pill lessen the desire to use this form of protection on a regular basis. Condoms protect against pregnancy and prevent the spread of disease. Emergency contraception does not provide protection against sexually transmitted diseases, including HIV/AIDS. For individuals at risk of sexually transmitted diseases, condom use remains critical.

On the other hand, both women and men may feel much more confident about relying on a condom for birth control if emergency contraception is available as a backup, in case a condom slips or breaks. Many believe the most important feature of the "morning after pill" is the hope that it can provide in a seemingly hopeless situation. Keep in mind the ill should not be frequently used. NOTE: Do not confuse emergency contraception pills with birth control pills. The two are widely confused however they are not the same thing! Remember to see a doctor or visit a local health clinic if you choose to use this form of prevention.

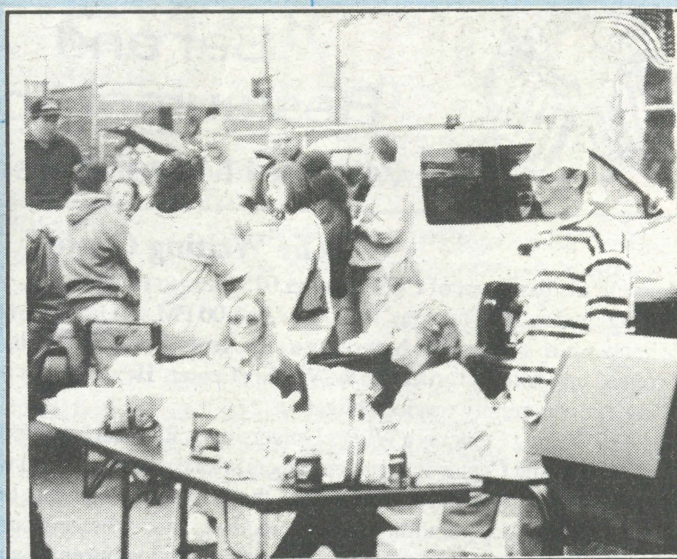
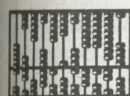


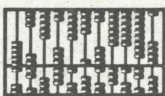
Photo By Erika Baltrusaitis

The Wilkes' family comes together while tailgating during the game.

The Beacon would like to congratulate Student Government for a job well done with Homecoming. This section shall include pictures from the weekend for your viewing pleasure. We hope you enjoy them!



TECHNOLOGY BYTES With Brian Trosko



I'll come right out and say it: This week's column has nothing whatsoever to do with science or technology. But what's the point in having a weekly soapbox if I can't go off on a rant once in while?

With that out of the way, I'll get right to the point. It's about the changes in the school's alcohol policy this year. Let's get off to a quick start with the personal restrictions: even if you're 21, you're not allowed to keep more than a case of beer, a gallon of wine, or a fifth of the hard stuff in your room. Is it just me, or is this a completely arbitrary way to divvy up the booze? What happens if I have half of my bottle of Jaeger left, and feel like buying a six-pack? Can I mix and match? Are substitutions allowed? Wouldn't it have been wiser to set the limit by ounces-of-alcohol equivalents, if only to remove the possibility of stupid questions like these?

Even worse, I'm sure you're aware of the new tailgating restrictions. If you were there on Saturday, you know that the lot was dead, comparatively speaking. Last year, it was jumping. The year before that, it was jumping. This year, it was more like an Irish wake, and a reserved one at that. And at those previous tailgate parties, was there rioting? Disruptive behavior? Wanton destruction? Multiple arrests? Well, no, not really. So why the new rules?

Of course, both of these restrictions are due to Wilkes University's perceived need to adopt a new alcohol policy. You know what? The University doesn't need a new alcohol policy. The University doesn't even need the old alcohol policy. I, and just about everyone else, cough up about twenty thousand dollars each year. Okay, maybe some of that is comprised of student loans or scholarships. But in all cases, we're paying in one way or another. I don't know about you, but what I expect in return for that money is an education. I don't expect, nor do I want, another parent making sure my behavior complies with whatever the current standard is. That's simply not the school's job.

Just about everyone attending this school is a legal adult. The state of Pennsylvania trusts me with the freedom to vote, to go to war, to drive a car, and to carry a firearm. It also trusts me with the freedom of deciding when and how much I want to drink. It is arrogant of the University to take my money, and then inform me that the state's judgement is in error, that in the final analysis I am not qualified to make such decisions. It is equally arrogant for the University to make such decisions for students who have reached the age of majority but who are not yet 21. If anyone should be making decisions regarding the allowed behavior for such students, it should be the very people responsible for their tuition payments: their parents. And yet, even under the old alcohol policy, parents of students caught drinking while underage were usually not informed, even though the fact that they're probably paying for their offspring's presence here means that they certainly are entitled to that information.

Frankly, that's a disgrace. The great majority of the student body is comprised of legal adults. Legal adults are responsible for their own behavior, and I resent having my freedoms curtailed because of the University's reaction to an irresponsible minority. One thing that I find very telling is the fact that the Homecoming game is the one game where tailgating is allowed. Rest assured that this is due to the presence of numbers of alumni at that game, and the fact that some checkbooks would likely disappear if they were told they weren't allowed to drink.

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We know we're supposed to be writing a semi-entertaining article, but because one of us works here, we are getting conned into doing an article on the Writing Center. Hey, it serves a useful purpose, so we can think of this as fulfilling our community service obligation.

Purpose: The Writing Center is a Wilkes University facility that is staffed by students from various majors. The purpose of the Writing Center is to review papers with the students who wrote them in an effort to create a more coherent and well-written paper. This year the Writing Center has developed a more home-like, friendly atmosphere with the incorporation of lamps, recliners, and wheeling computer chairs. This will ensure that a student having their paper reviewed can relax in an unthreatening environment resembling that of his or her usual habitat, the dorm room.

If you need a paper read over to clean it up before an important deadline, the Writing Center can help. Even if you just need an idea for a paper and help getting started, the Writing Center isn't a bad place to start. So if no one in the dorm will read your paper, now you have a place to go where people have to read your paper.

Personal Editing Tips: 1. Create a personalized checklist of your own common grammar and punctuation errors. 2. Run a blank sheet line-by-line down each page of your essay as you read. 3. Circle all suspected spelling errors first and only then look them up. 4. Read aloud to yourself or to a friend in order to hear the errors, or read into a tape. 5. At the top of your paper, list the three most frequent errors you make, and then read the paper through three times, each time focusing on one of the three errors. 6. Read your paper backwards sentence by sentence, starting with the final sentence, in order to break up the flow and avoid filling in gaps, missing words, or typos as you read. 7. Have a knowledgeable friend read over your paper for specific sorts of errors (such as those you listed under number one above). 8. Highlight or underline "be" verbs, (i.e. am, is, are, was, were, be, being, been, etc.) to check for use of passive voice, shifts in verb tense, or overuse of the verb "to be." 9. Underline repeated word choices or patterns and revise to create more effective wordings.

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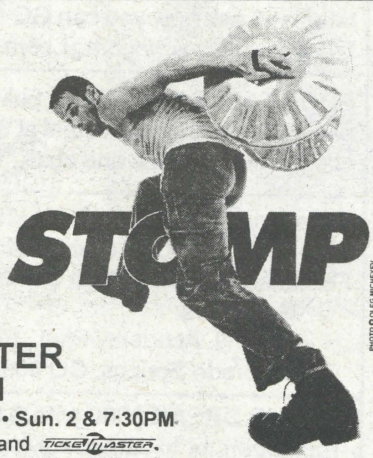
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From the Bench..

with
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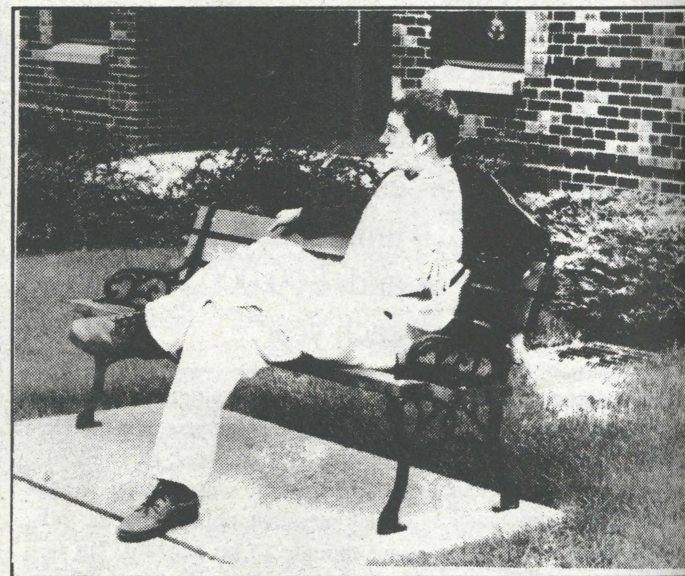


Photo By Larry Lewis

Joe Porto is caught mulling over complex Wilkes issues
from a popular COB bench.

Well, Homecoming weekend is officially over at Wilkes University. It was definitely a good time the entire weekend through. I was a little upset that Molly (Larry Lewis's automobile) didn't get a spot in the "designated tailgating area," however those that did get spots made up for it. I even broke tradition and attended the end of the Homecoming dance! I had more fun there than I had expected. All in all, it was a good weekend. Now I have to spend the week resting up on the bench for a change.

While recovering from the events of last week, I had some time to ponder some key issues concerning the University. There's no concert for this semester! This just happened to dawn on me, even though the Better Than Ezra concert was scheduled and canceled months ago. The lack of a concert bothered me, so I decided to ask some passerbys what their thoughts on the subject were.

Surprisingly enough, many students claimed that they would have gone to the concert. It was procrastination that killed the show. The students who were interested in going just waited too long. Unfortunately the Programming Board can't rely on "I'll buy them tomorrow". The president of the club, Brittany Wood explained the club's position by stating "We didn't even have 10 percent of the cost covered."

This means we can't completely blame the Programming Board for no concert. Some of the campus population disagree with the choice of bands. Scott Lloyd speaks for many students when he says, "I don't want to hear Better Than Ezra. They're old. They're too old." This popped the next logical question into my head. Who do you want to see play here then? Some of the more frequently mentioned bands were: Counting Crows, Trane G-Love and Spécial Sauce, Dave Matthews, Korn, N'SYNC, and Kid Rock. There must be a wide range of interest out there at Wilkes University.

So how will the next band be chosen? Melissa Rigglesma offers a democratic suggestion by saying, "We should get to vote on who comes to campus." Short, simple and to the point. Perhaps the Programming Board should start surveying for next semester. As of now, they've decided to bring wrestling to us in early November. This doesn't impress students who are looking for a concert, but it does catch the attention of part of the campus. You can't please everyone though.

Well, you win some and you lose some. We'll just have to let this semester slide by without a concert semester. Oh well, I'll rather sit on the bench anyway.



Photo By Jason Tallman

Kerianne Geist chuckles at Jason Cadwallader after singeing his facial hair from a grill flare.

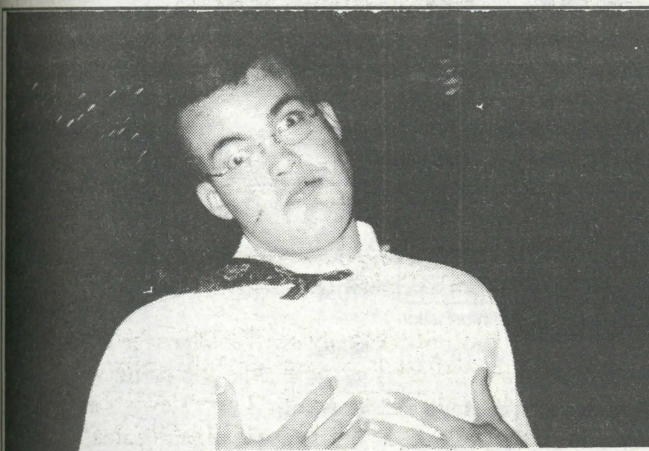


Photo By Chris Rokosky

Matt Zurn lives it up at Genetti's during the Wilkes' Homecoming Dance.

The Main Event

With Crazy Bob



Hi. My name is — what? My name is — who? My name is — Crazy Bob. I'm running out of songs to do that with. I'm Crazy Bob and it is now time for the Main Event! What I am about to do may shock you. It may even upset or repulse you. However, in this crazy mixed up world sometimes drastic measures call for drastic actions. I'm going to talk about wrestling.

WWF's pay per view "No Mercy" aired this week at Stark. You don't need me to tell you that Triple H beat Austin, or that Chyna finally won the IC belt. The show stealer was the Ladder Match, which pitted Edge and Christian against the Hardy Boys. The things these four men did were indescribable. From now on, look for big things from these two teams, including a few more title runs and better spots on RAW. These two teams gave us what is arguably the best series we've seen all year (matched only by Rob Van Dam and Jerry Lynn). It was refreshing to see the crowd applaud the losing team at the end of this match, which brings me to another topic: smart marks.

You've all watched wrestling with them. They don't shut up about all the inside stuff they know. They insist that you ingest every sliver of unimportant wrestling trivia they know. In the wrestling biz, they are known as smart marks. I used to be one myself. I said in the first installment of this funkalicious little shindig that I don't write that way. Now I have to go back on my word because this has to be said. Unless you have ever stepped into a wrestling ring under the hot lights surrounded by thousands of screaming lunatics and have had to concentrate on the physical match, its entertainment value, not getting hurt, not hurting someone, and making your boss happy all at the same time, than you are not an expert on professional wrestling. I am not an

expert on wrestling. I just know a lot of stuff and act goofy.

Just a note: applications for Crazy Bob groupies are now being accepted. Please send all resumes to *The Beacon*.

Thank you all for the positive feedback on "The Main Event." You're going to have face it: you're addicted to Bob. For all my crazy cats and dogs that can't get enough of that vitamin "B," I may just pop my head in on Wilkes radio during Lil' Ryan's "Scrambled Eggs" at 5:00 on Fridays. If he cancels again I swear I'll kill him.

I'm so excited and I just can't hide it. ECW wrestler Sabu will be on TNN this week (Friday at 8:00)! He has an underground cult following and is known as the "Lord of the Hardcores." TV doesn't do him justice, however, as you have to see it live to truly appreciate it. Which reminds me...

Finally, ECW has come back to Wilkes-Barre! Extreme Championship Wrestling returns to the Kingston Armory on Saturday, November 13. Get tickets at the Gallery of Sound. Between ECW at the Armory and the USWF at the Marts Center on November 19, I'm going to get brain damage from overstimulation.

Crazy Bob's personal role model, Mick Foley, is having a busy week. This Thursday he will be on the Howard Stern Radio Show (since I'm plugging radio this week), Late Night with Conan O'Brian, and his autobiography *Have a Nice Day* will be released. It is also important to note that Darren Drozdov is doing much better in his recovery. Stay loose, my funk soul brothers, and I hope you enjoyed this very special Main Event!



Madame Brandi Sees...

Virgo (August 23 - September 22) Better hit the books, midterms are on the way!

Libra (September 23 - October 23) Do something good for your body. Order a salad instead of that greasy burger sometime this week.

Scorpio (October 24 - November 21) Don't make promises that you can't keep. Otherwise you might let the wrong person down.

Sagittarius (November 22 - December 21) Make sure you prepare for winter this year. You don't want to be sick again already!

Capricorn (December 22 - January 19) Cook yourself a good meal over the weekend. Don't be greedy! Make sure you share it as well.

Aquarius (January 20 - February 18) Keep a close eye on your relationships this week — those of business and those of pleasure.

Pisces (February 19 - March 20) You've been going after the wrong type of guy or gal. Take a long look at the type who's been catching your eye lately.

Aries (March 21 - April 19) You're letting the little things bother you! Relax a little bit, and let this one slide.

Taurus (April 20 - May 20) What are you going to do with your weekend? Do something on the educational side, as you might learn something.

Gemini (May 21 - June 21) Pay more attention to that guy or girl in your life who you've been neglecting.


Cancer (June 22 - July 22) You had a great weekend. Now try and focus on the important things.

Leo (July 23 - August 22) You need to test your limits this week. Step out of your passive lifestyle and try something new.

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Booters on fire as playoffs approach

By KEVIN SICKLE
Beacon Staff Writer

As if Delaware Valley didn't have to overcome enough by having only an average year and facing a Wilkes team that has not been beaten in their last 7 games (6-0-1), it was also Homecoming Saturday at Ralston Field. With the football game not scheduled to begin until 12:30 PM, quite a few tailgaters gathered at the fence surrounding the soccer field to cheer on their Colonels.

Although it seemed that Wilkes controlled the ball for a good part of the first half, they failed to prove it on the scoreboard. Then, freshman Drew Moyer decided to take a little bit of the limelight when he found the net for his first collegiate goal with 1:50 to play in the opening half, thanks to assists from seniors Josh Hite and Tim Seymour. This propelled the guys into halftime with the momentum to win and a 1-0 lead.

This momentum did indeed carry throughout the break and into the second half. This was proven when sophomore Kyle Rush, with only 58 seconds into the half, took a pass from Seymour and knocked it home, giving the Colonels a 2-0 lead and demoralizing Delaware Valley in the process.



Photo Courtesy of Sports Information

Bill Schneider takes control of the ball and leads the Colonel squad in scoring.

Wilkes continued to control the ball for most of the remaining 44 minutes. The attack continued, as evidenced by multiple opportunities at the net. Then, junior Bill Smith sent a pass into the box which was received by sophomore Matt Diltz, who shot it into the back of the net. This was the clincher, or so

Diltz and the rest of the team and majority of fans thought. But that wasn't the case. Unfortunately, but rightfully so, the play was called back due to an offside call on Diltz. Senior Matt Jagusak missed on a nice header by the narrowest of margins, but sophomore Matt Bieber followed shortly after with

a goal off of an assist from Moyer to cap off the scoring.

With the win, the Colonels improve to 10-4-1 overall, and 3-1-1 in the MAC's Freedom League. It was a day to honor the seniors for their hard work over the past 4 years, but it was an overall team effort. Most importantly,

this impressive win keeps Wilkes flaming as they try to finish strong and play themselves into the MAC tournament to be held on November 3rd and 6th.

Watch for the Colonels return to Ralston field this Wednesday, October 27, against Allentown at 3:30 PM.

	1st half	2nd half	Final
Wilkes	1	2	3
Del-Val	0	0	0

Scoring:

1st half: (W) Drew Moyer, assisted by Josh Hite and Tim Seymour (43:10)

2nd half: (W) Kyle Rush, assisted by Tim Seymour (45:58) (W) Matt Bieber, assisted by Drew Moyer (86:48)

Wilkes

(10-4-1 overall, 3-1-1 in conference)

Shots: 13
Saves: Seth Nye - 5
Corners: 7

Delaware Valley

(7-8 overall, 3-2 in conference)

Shots: 9
Saves: Adam Mendez - 6
Corners: 3

Volleyball digs up a win

Coach Grandchamp and his girls defeated Marywood University last Monday in three out of four matches.

After falling to Allentown College last week in the Marts Center 3-1, the girls bounced back on Monday with the determination to win their last few matches.

Two key players of the game were Mandy Kehler, with 10 kills, 8 digs, 10 points, and 4 blocks, and Shanna Henninger with 9 kills, 10 points, and 4 aces. Stef Henninger added 34 assists and 6 points, while Lisa Day contributed 10 kills, 5 digs, and 6 points.

Topping off the scoring streak was Carin Smurl with 17 points. Smurl also delivered 6 kills and 5 digs in the Monday night victory.

The win improves the Lady Colonels record to 6-14 but they remain winless in the MAC Freedom League.

The Lady Colonel's host Delaware Valley College next Tuesday, October 26, at 7:00 PM.



Photo Courtesy of Sports Information

Carin Smurl bumped up five digs for the Lady Colonels on Monday.

Who is Frank Zane?

If anyone has ever been privileged enough to lift in the Wilkes gym, then they have seen Frank Zane. He hangs on the wall, diligently posing, never tiring.

Everyone sees him. But who is he? Frank Zane is a professional body builder who graduated from Wilkes in

1964. He has since led a very successful life. He was a three time Mr. Olympia winner ('77, '78, and '79) and even beat out Arnold Schwarzenegger in 1968 for Mr. Universe.

Want to know more? Keep an eye out for an upcoming article on this famous Wilkes alumnus.

Field hockey basks in week of victory

In the past week, the Wilkes field hockey team has added three more wins to their record.

On Thursday, October 14, Sara Clause scored a hat-trick to clinch the win over Moravian College. Clause got Wilkes on the board twice in the first half with a Jill Henry assist at 21:15, and unassisted with 5:04 remaining on the clock.

Moravian scrounged up two goals to tie Wilkes 2-2, but Clause kicked the game-winner with a penalty stroke against Moravian to make the 3-2 win.

On Saturday, October 16, the Lady Colonels shut-out Albright College in a Homecoming victory. Alicia Cymbala started the scoring with a Sara Clause assist at the 27:33 mark. Sara Clause then closed the first half with an unassisted goal at 14:29 making Wilkes on top 2-0.

Jill Henry dominated the second half for Wilkes. Henry kicked in an unassisted goal with 13:30 remaining, and topped it off with another at 3:18 with an assist from Sara Clause.

Sunday, October 17 the girls geared up to battle King's College at Artillery Park. The Lady Colonels captured the Middle Atlantic Conference Freedom League title that afternoon with a 2-1 win over King's. The victory, coupled with Scranton's 2-1 loss to Drew University on Saturday, clinches the Freedom League crown and gives the Lady



Photo Courtesy of Sports Information

Megan Fogle (c) dribbles the ball while Alicia Cymbala (l) looks on.

Colonels a home playoff game against the Commonwealth number-two seed on Wednesday, October 27th.

Wilkes improves their record to 10-5 overall, and finishes league play with a record of 4-1. King's sees their record slip to 10-5 overall, while also dropping the Lady Monarchs to 1-3 in the league.

Sara Clause gave Wilkes a 1-0 lead with 23:41 to play in the opening half when she scored off an assist from Jill

Wilson. Clause then put her team ahead 2-0 when she scored off an assist from Jill Henry just 2:37 into the second stanza.

January Johnson had 10 saves, including a stop on a penalty stroke in the first half, to pick up the victory for Wilkes.

Wilkes will return to action on Thursday, October 26, when they host perennial national power Cortland State at 3:30 PM.

Shooters rank eighth

Street and Smith Magazine recently released their 1999-2000 Men's Basketball Preview issue, and the Wilkes University Colonels are receiving their share of attention.

The Colonels, who fashioned a 25-4 record last season and won their third Middle Atlantic Conference championship in four years, have been ranked eighth in Division III according to the magazine. They have also named Wilkes senior guard Dave Jannuzzi a pre-season first team All-American.

"From a team standpoint we are very excited about the upcoming season," commented Wilkes Head Coach Jerry Rickrode. "I honestly believe that we have one of the deepest and most talented basketball teams we've had since I have gotten here. We are looking forward to the challenge of trying to win our third straight MAC championship, and our sixth straight Freedom League

crown."

Jannuzzi, who spearheaded the Colonels' march to their fifth consecutive MAC Freedom League title and a berth in the NCAA Sweet Sixteen, returns after averaging 19.2 points and 4.3 assists per game. He was named the Freedom League's Player of the Year for the second straight season, and earned a berth on the Basketball Times first team All-American squad and the National Association of Basketball Coaches second team All-American unit.

"David is very deserving of all the accolades he receives," commented Rickrode. "He is truly an All-American in every sense of the word. He is a leader for our basketball team both on and off the court. He certainly portrays what the Division III student/athlete is all about."

The article also mentions Wilkes senior guard Chad Fabian, who averaged 14.5 points per game last season. It said,

"All-American Dave Jannuzzi and senior guard Chad Fabian give the Colonels one of the country's best backcourts."

Also named in the pre-season poll was William Paterson University Pioneers, who comes into the season ranked second. The Pioneers will visit the Marts Center on January 7th and 8th to participate in the Ramada Plaza Hotel/Colonel Classic. Franklin & Marshall College enters the season ranked fifth in the poll. The Diplomats had their season end in the second round of the NCAA Tournament last season when they absorbed a 77-58 loss to the Colonels in the Marts Center.

The pre-season top ten is: 1. Wisconsin-Platteville 2. William Paterson 3. Hampden-Sydney 4. Rowan 5. Franklin & Marshall 6. Wisconsin-Eau Claire 7. Wooster 8. Wilkes 9. Ohio Northern 10. Calvin

Midnight Madness strikes the Marts

For the first time in Jerry Rickrode's eight years as head coach of the Wilkes University men's basketball team, the Colonels will open their season with a Midnight Madness Celebration.

The event, which is free and open to the public, will begin on Friday, October 22nd at 11:30 PM in the Marts Center, and will include the debut of the 1999-2000 Colonels as they take the

floor for their first practice of the new campaign at midnight.

The celebration will begin with the contests and prize give-aways for the public beginning at 11:30 PM.

At midnight, the Colonels, who are ranked eighth in the *Street and Smith Magazine* pre-season Division III top-twenty poll, will take the floor and go through some drill work. That will be

followed by a slam-dunk contest, a three-point shooting contest, and an intersquad scrimmage featuring members of the 1999-2000 team.

The Wilkes University cheerleaders will also be on hand to perform several routines, and music will be supplied by the Wilkes radio station, WCLH-FM 90.7. Come and celebrate the new season with the first Midnight Madness!

Bladers fall short in Tournament

By TIM CARON
Special to the Beacon

This past weekend Wilkes roller hockey played in its first roller hockey tournament.

The team barely made it to the tournament due to lack of funding. Thanks to the players of the Wilkes roller hockey team they made the first payment of 1500 dollars. Student Government contributed the 200 dollars due on the first day of the tournament.

The first team that Wilkes faced was James Madison University, ranked 2nd in the Eastern Collegiate Roller Hockey Association. It was a hard fought game throughout and in the end James Madison pulled off a 5-2 victory over the newly formed Wilkes roller hockey team.

After an 8 hour break between games, Wilkes roller hockey again stepped foot on the sport court against new rival Virginia Tech. The opening face-off took place at 1:00 AM Sunday morning. The Colonels scored the first goal two minutes into the game only to be handed 25 minutes worth of penalties in a 40-minute game. Due to these penalties, Wilkes was forced to be short-handed throughout the game. Even though

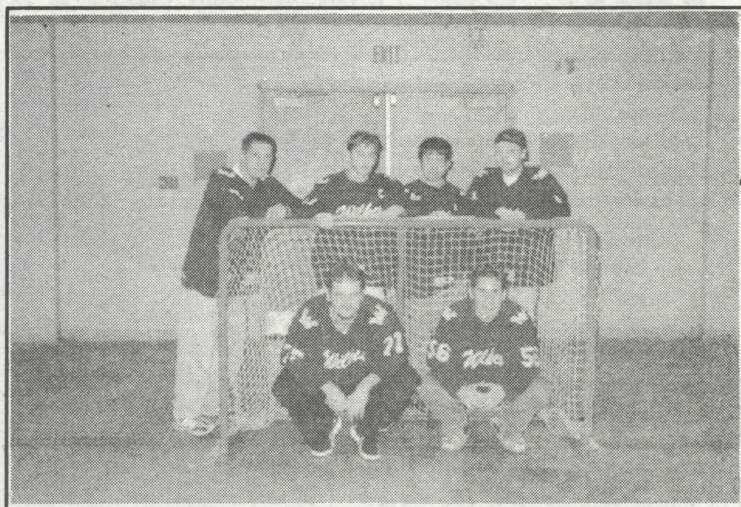


Photo by Tim Caron

Front row: Tim Caron and B.J. Kosich. Standing: Jason Waturbury, Chris Jarzyk, Dave Peer, and Eric Bonaccl. Absent from photo: Rob Hersker, Jason Renninger, and Mike Burke.

Wilkes was down a few players, they were able to hold Virginia Tech to a 5-2 game.

The game ended at three o'clock in the morning, and after 5 hours of sleep, Wilkes stepped onto the court again. This time they faced the number-one ranked Penn State team, only to suffer another devastating loss. Wilkes ended the tournament facing the 4th ranked University of Maryland. The Colonels

lost again, but the team left the rink with their heads held high and in high spirits knowing that they have 28 games left this season. Having competed against the best teams in the league, the players are convinced that they can compete at the Division I level.

The next tournament will be held in two weeks in Long Island. This is plenty of time for the team to regain their composure for their next opponents.

That's what I say

with SCOTT VEITH

He was in the endzone.

Mike Hankins scored a touchdown on the last play of the Wilkes/Lycoming football game that put the Colonels ahead 21-20. I had the best seat in the house to watch the play. There's not a doubt in my mind that Hankins scored.

Unfortunately for the Colonels, the officials didn't see it the same way.

The head linesman (the man I was basically standing next to) even appeared as if he was ready to make a touchdown signal. His arms started to raise up, and they stopped. He ran to find the football and forgot all about the touchdown.

Will Taylor, who videotaped the game from the sidelines and is probably the most experienced camera operator on campus, said the play was a touchdown. After reviewing the play, slowing the video down, and watching several times in slow motion, Taylor feels the same way I do. Mike Hankins was in the endzone.

What should have been Lycoming's first conference loss in four or five seasons, and Wilkes' first shot at a top ten national ranking in at least 15 years, turned into just another win for Lycoming. But from where I stood, Wilkes won.

Hankins and Head Coach Frank Sheptock will never blame a football game on officials. They know better. They know there were a few calls that could have gone Lycoming's way that didn't. They know officials are only human. Everyone makes mistakes.

The idea that the officials may have made the wrong call on the play means nothing to Sheptock. It means nothing to Hankins or senior receiver Jason Phillips. It means nothing to senior linemen Sean Geddis and Brandon Carlin.

Even if it was the right call, they still have been unable to speak through their tears. They still would have thought, "How did we lose?"

Luckily for the Colonels, they are mature beyond their years. They know their season is not over. The game they worked all summer for is over, and they lost on a technicality. How much more frustrating can it get?

I saw Phillips Monday morning. Phillips, the same kid who refused to look a single soul in the eye after the game because he was so utterly disappointed with himself and the outcome of the game, asked what I thought of the call. I said, "He was in the endzone, Jay." His head looked straight at the floor, and then he gazed right back in my eyes and told me the season is not over yet.

Jason, you're absolutely right.

The team still has a chance, albeit a small one, to make the NCAA playoffs. They have an excellent chance to make the ECAC playoffs and redeem a last-second loss to Frostburg State in 1996, the season when this year's seniors were freshmen. They still can, and probably will, go down as the best defensive team in Wilkes football history. Mike Hankins can break the 4,500 mark for rushing yardage in a career.

Unfortunately, all of those possibilities don't right a wrong. It doesn't make the loss any less devastating. It doesn't make the last play of the game a touchdown.

But, as far as I'm concerned, he was in the endzone.

Nice game, guys.

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The closest game, the hardest loss

By SCOTT VEITH
Beacon Circulation Manager

It all came down to one play.

Wilkes University Head Football Coach Frank Sheptock refused to agree with the notion, but Wilkes fans are still saying the final play of the Wilkes versus Lycoming football game was the whole game wrapped into one play.

With 13.4 seconds remaining in the game, the Colonels were faced with a fourth-and-one. A touchdown would win the game 21-20. Failure to score would send the Lycoming Warriors home with a 20-15 win. Wilkes didn't score.

The Colonels got the ball rolling on their first possession when quarterback Jeff Marshman hit tight end Ryan James on a crossing route. James did the rest of the work as he turned the play into a 82-yard touchdown. Place kicker Will McLaughlin put the point after through the uprights to make the score 7-0.

Tim Deasey evened things up for Lyco in the second quarter on a three yard touchdown run. The extra point tied the game at seven.

The Colonels came out of the locker room on fire in the second half as they scored on their first drive. Running back Floyd Allen caught a 7-yard pass from



Photo by Erika Baltusaitis

The face-off against Lycoming College on Saturday was one call away from a Wilkes' victory.

Marshman in the front corner of the endzone to cap a nine play drive. McLaughlin's punt after hit the goalpost. The Colonels led 13-7.

Still in the third quarter, Lyco linebacker Mike McGough intercepted a Marshman pass. The Warriors used the turnover to set up a 1-yard touchdown run from quarterback Ryan Swailes.

On their next possession, the Warriors found themselves deep in their own territory. Swailes dropped back to pass in his own endzone on first down, and defensive end Josh Saunders met him. Saunders got credit for a safety to give the Colonels a 15-14 lead.

In the final stanza, Swailes scored on another 1-yard run to give the Warriors

a 20-15 lead.

The Colonel sidelines erupted with excitement as they learned they would have another chance to score on mighty Lycoming. The squad got the ball at their own 17 yard line with 3:48 remaining. Sheptock and Marshman used every weapon in their arsenal to drive to the endzone. Allen, James, tight end

Frank McCabe and receiver Jason Phillips all caught passes on the drive.

Hankins and Marshman took turns running from scrimmage.

"We learned that we have to mix the ball around," said Marshman. "We did a lot of that late in the game."

The Colonels drove 83 yards in 15 plays and found themselves on the 1 yard line. Sheptock called Hankins' number, and the Warriors stopped him short of the goal line.

Colonel fans looked on in disbelief as it appeared to many that Hankins indeed crossed the goal line, but game officials said he failed to reach the endzone. The Warriors got the ball back with :09 left on the clock. They ran out the clock from there.

"We got caught up in the excitement of the moment," said Sheptock. "I think everyone did."

Sheptock added, "We have to turn the page now. Tomorrow, it's Ursinus and we have to concentrate on that. They're a tough team, too. We'll be ready."

As for Marshman, he's eager to exact revenge on the Warriors. "I can't wait until next year," said the freshman of the annual meeting between Wilkes and Lycoming.

The Colonels travel to Collegeville, Pennsylvania to take on Ursinus Saturday. The game kicks off at 1:00 PM.

Lady Booters fall to Lycoming, 2-1

By PETE SCHMIDT
Beacon Staff Writer

Homecoming is supposed to be a time for celebration, but for the Wilkes women's soccer team, Saturday left little to celebrate. With a frustrating 2-1 loss to MAC rival Lycoming, they saw their playoff chances take a blow.

"I know we should have won that game," said freshman Danielle McDonald. "We played hard; we just couldn't capitalize on our chances."

Lycoming set the tone with a goal in the opening minute when Angela Casselberry scored off a feed from Donna Mongiello. Wilkes answered in the 30th minute when Krista Kashuda connected with Katie Pearson getting the helper.

Both teams continued to attack, but both defenses held strong until Lady Warrior Tami-Jo Iredell slipped through

to score the unassisted game-winner. Wilkes continued to attack, registering a game total of 12 shots and 6 corners, but they could not find the back of the net. Lycoming keeper Bobby Jo Springman stopped 10 shots to post the victory.

With the loss, Wilkes saw its record fall to 10-4-1 overall in 3-2 in Freedom League play. Lycoming improved to 7-7 and 3-2 in the league.

"Obviously the result was disappointing, but there's nothing we can do now except move on and focus on our next game," said Colonel keeper Donna Rothrock, who finished the game with 7 saves. "We just have to continue to try to put all the pieces of our hard work together. You have to focus not so much on the result and more on what was gained from it."

Despite the loss, the Colonel's still are a legitimate contender for post-season play. The women are convinced that

they have learned from the loss, and confident they will return to the winning track once again.

McDonald is confident her team will rebound. "The season isn't over yet; we still have a lot of winning to do."

Results of Tuesday's match against Susquehanna:

Lauren Elwood scored on an assist from Julie Olenak in the first half giving Wilkes a 1-0 lead. Susquehanna managed to tie the game at halftime and were up 2-1 in the second half, until Donna Rothrock hit the field. Rothrock scored twice in the last 15 minutes of the game. She was first assisted from Tina Mooney and then again from Larissa Giza for the winning goal.

The victory improves Wilkes to 11-4-1. See the Lady Colonels play home this Thursday, October 21, against Scranton starting at 3:30 PM.



Photo Courtesy of Sports Information

Alyson Joralemon delivers a swift kick and a smile.

Men's Soccer

- * Saturday, October 23, at Elizabethtown, 12 noon.
- * Wednesday, October 21, vs. Allentown, 3:30 PM.

Women's Soccer

- * Thursday, October 21, vs. Scranton, 3:30 PM.
- * Saturday, October 23 at Allentown, 1:00 PM.

Football

- * Saturday, October 23, at Ursinus, 1:00 PM.

Field Hockey

- * Thursday, October 21, vs. Cortland State, 4:00 PM.
- * Saturday, October 23 vs. Elizabethtown, 1:00 PM.

Volleyball

- * Tuesday, October 26 vs. Delaware Valley, 7:00 PM.

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