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AIDS Awareness Week a success

The NAMES Project Memorial Quilt was at Wilkes University from Tuesday, November 30, until Thursday, December 2, as part of a series of events for AIDS Awareness Week which included World AIDS Day, which was Wednesday, December 1.

Monday night Jeanne White, whose son Ryan died of AIDS, kicked-off the week's events with a message of prevention at 7 p.m. in the Dorothy Dickson Darte Center for the Performing Arts.

On Tuesday Attorney

Catherine Hanssens addressed the legal, ethical and social issue of the AIDS epidemic. A huge information expo was held on Wednesday in the lobby of the Stark Learning Center. Hundreds of students from local high schools were in attendance at all of the events, as well as, many community members. The week was a success due to continued support and volunteers.



Pictures taken by Jen Barkas
Pictured is the NAMES Project Memorial Quilt and the week of activities at Wilkes University.
See page 7 for more.

WHAT'S GOING ON...

DECEMBER 6

The public is cordially invited to hear **Dr. Mark Heller**, Senior Research Associate at the Jaffee Center for Strategic Studies at Tel Aviv University when he visits our community on Monday evening, December 6, 1993. He will speak on the present status of the **peace process in Israel** at 7:30 p.m. at the Jewish Community Center of Wyoming Valley, 60 South River Street in Wilkes-Barre.

Open Reading and Covered Dish Supper on Friday, December 10 at Kreidler Hall of the Lucan Center, 232 Wyoming Avenue, Scranton. Dinner starts at 6:00 p.m., followed by the Open Reading. Like all Mulberry Poets events the **Winter Solstice Celebration** is open to the community. Admission to this festive event is \$5.00 and a dish to share with others.

DECEMBER 12 to 13

Any men who are interested in four-part harmony are invited

DEC. 10 Mulberry Poets and Writers Association and nursing homes in mid December. The program is sponsored by the "Wyoming Valley Harmony Chorus" of the Wilkes-Barre Chapter Barbershop Singing Society, (SPEBSQSA) at St. Clement and Peter Episcopal Church, Wilkes-Barre. Participating guest singers will be treated to a Holiday Gathering of the Chorus at its rehearsal site. Project Chairman Zdanciewicz; Membership Vice-President Lou Volpetti 655/4769 or project advisor Bob Kressley 735-8584.

NOV. 17 to DEC. 15

Help give a young girl or boy a wonderful Christmas. Buy a Christmas present for someone in need. **Campus Interfaith** will

once again be sponsoring "the Giving Tree". For those of you who already have tags, buy a present, wrap it and place the tag on the gift. Then either deliver the gift back to the tree or the Campus Interfaith Office on the third floor of Conyngham before December 15. You will help make a child very happy. For more information, please contact Mary Hession at ext. 5904.

TAKE A BREAK

Do finals have you hummed? Why not take a break and attend the **Dance Recital on Thursday, December 16 at 8 p.m.** in the Darte Center! Each of the dance classes will perform a piece learned over the course of the semester. The performances of the composition students will feature a piece choreographed by each of the students. You're sure to have a great time, so drop by!

COMPETITION

The 42nd annual **BMI Student Composer Awards competition** will award \$16,000 to young composers. The postmark deadline for entering the

1994 competition will be Friday, February 11, 1994. It is open to students who are under 26 years of age on December 31, 1993. For further information contact: Ralph N. Jackson (212) 830-9703.

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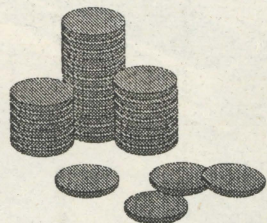
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Visiting professor working on post-colonial literature

*from Wisconsin to
Harvard and to Wilkes
this visiting assistant
professor has her
work cut out for her*

By CHANDA CASTELLER
News Writer

Dr. Linda A. Falkenstein is
the visiting assistant professor
of English at Wilkes Univer-
sity.

She received her B.A. in
English from the University of
Wisconsin in Madison.

As well, she has her M.A.
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can Literature from Harvard
University.

Falkenstein is a fiction edi-
tor of *The Madison Review* and
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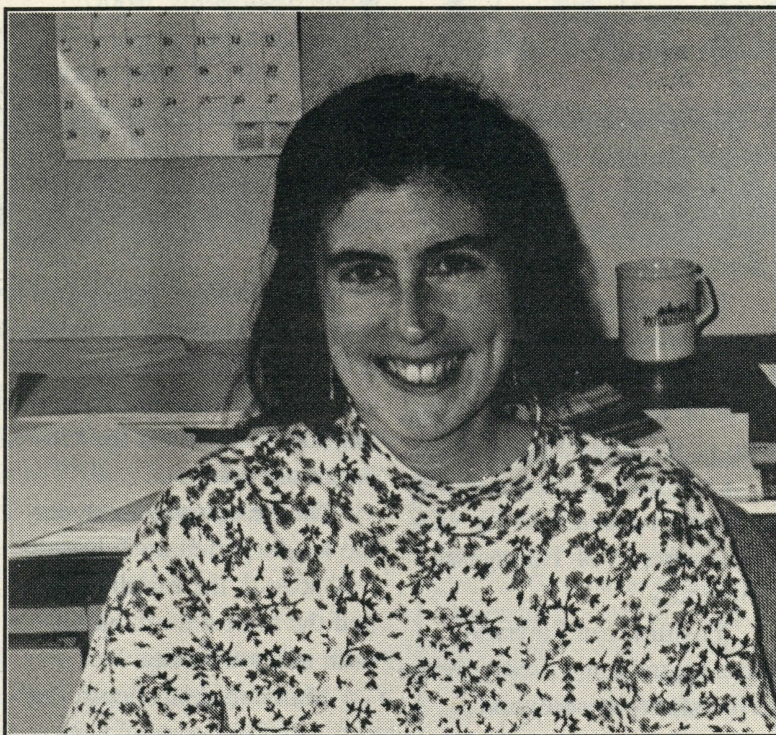


photo by Jen Barkas

*Dr. Linda A. Falkenstein, assistant professor of English, is
pictured above in her office here at Wilkes University.*

Falkenstein likes the Wyo- the valley "strange."
ming Valley very much. She "It's like everyone is huddled
enjoys the road trip and finds in this little valley," said

Falkenstein.

And she's still getting used
to all the hills, because where
she comes from the horizon is
flat.

Falkenstein often writes
poetry and fiction because be-
sides writing her review she
likes to write for her own per-
sonal satisfaction.

"I think it's important for
someone that teaches writing to
be personally involved and
write," said Falkenstein.

At present time, Falkenstein
is developing a course in post-
colonial literature.

This literature is written in
English in countries that are
former colonies of Great Brit-
ain.

These countries include:
Australia, Canada, the Carib-
bean and some parts of Africa.

"I hope to have that in the
books by next year," concluded
Falkenstein.

Childrens' Christmas Party on for Saturday

The Offices of Volun-
teer Services would like to
announce that the Physics
Club will be sponsoring the
REACH event next month.
A Christmas party will be
held on Saturday, Septem-
ber 4, in Rumours. Set up
will begin at noon. The chil-
dren will arrive at 1 p.m. and
leave by 4 p.m.

The Physics Club would
like to invite all clubs to help
with this event. They are hop-
ing that this will be a campus
wide program that will bring
much joy to the children of
REACH. Volunteers will be
asked to bring one small gift
that will be given to a child.
Any club that wishes to do-
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the event should contact Mat-
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Kei Takahashi brings back memories of Japan for student

With the beginning of a new semester there are always new faces here at Wilkes.

Kei Takahashi is one of those new faces that is now becoming familiar here on campus.

Kie is a graduate student from Japan who is working towards her Master's Degree in Education.

I first met Kei in March of 1992 when she visited Wilkes with a group of students from Tamagawa University of Tokyo.

They had come for a two week program to observe the American educational system.

During her stay, Kei was

impressed with the beauty and the history of many of the buildings here at Wilkes, and also with the friendliness of both the faculty and the students.

At that time, Kei was a junior at Tamagawa University and had no definite plans concerning her graduate studies, except that she knew she wanted to study in the United States after graduation.

Her decision to attend Wilkes University was prompted in part by Dr. Brieseth's suggestion when he visited Tamagawa University last January.

Kei graduated from

Tamagawa University last March with a B.A. in Education.

Her goal is to obtain a Master's Degree in Education here at Wilkes and to return to Japan to become a guidance counselor.

This past summer I had the opportunity to stay in Japan for six weeks with Yoshiko Shoji of Kawasaki City, Japan, who is also attending Wilkes.

One of the high points of my stay in Japan was my visit to the campus of Tamagawa University.

Yoshiko and I arrived there by train and were greeted at the station by Kei and a

group of students from Tamagawa University.

Kei and the other students gave Yoshiko and me a tour of Tamagawa's campus.

I was impressed with the beauty and the size of the campus.

Like Wilkes, Tamagawa is a private university, however it is more than that.

Tamagawa's educational institution begins at the kindergarten level.

On the campus there are the kindergarten and elementary school, the middle school, and the high school, along with the university.

Many students begin and

end their entire education at Tamagawa.

I was impressed with the university in many ways and was glad for the invitation to tour the campus. I had a wonderful time in Japan.

Many of my experiences were not only very enjoyable, but educational as well.

I would recommend to anyone who has the opportunity to visit Japan to take advantage of it.

You will learn many things about another people and culture, and in the process you will undoubtedly learn more about yourself.

—Darlene Jones

Adult Learner News

The semester is finally over

Hard to believe, but the end of the semester is upon us already.

For those adults who returned to school a while back, it is another semester closer to graduation and for those adults who just completed their first semester back to school, the hardest is behind them.

With every day that passes you question many times if you are doing the right thing, and if going back to school is really worth all the sacrifices you made.

Of course you realize that the answer is a great big resounding yes! For when it comes to bettering both yourself and your family no sacrifice can be too big or too small.

Though there may be some adults leaving Wilkes University at the end of the semester (hopefully because they are graduating), even more will appear on campus next semester.

As reported early in the semester, statistics show that the number of adult learners is growing.

This semester alone there were 506 undergraduate adult learners.

No longer will you sit in a classroom and feel like the "granny" of the class.

It seems like now that now there is a good chance that the person sitting next to you graduated from high school with you.

Congratulations to all of you adult students who made it through the semester juggling school and family or school and job or whatever your particular situation may be.

You made it through almost three and a half months of long lectures, lots of notetaking and endless hours of studying.

Give yourselves a pat on the back,

How many times have you been sitting in class and thinking to yourself that you could

be at home watching ESPN's Sports Center or for the soap fans, "Days of Our Lives."

How easy it would have been to call it quits, but you prevailed, stuck with it and made it through the semester.

After you finish your final your teacher isn't going to give any special award.

However, your family and friends will give you all the congratulations and encouragement that you will need.

What it comes right down to is that you came back to school to better yourself so it really doesn't matter what the 18 year-old student you're sitting next to you thinks of you or if the teacher is wondering if he/she is going too fast for you.

More than likely, the 18 year-old is thinking, "Hey, that person is somewhat older than me and they're back in school. Cool!"

And the teacher is more than likely thinking, "at least I know that one person is listening to me."

What does matter is that you

This is a weekly news feature in The Beacon with articles pertinent to the adult learner and non-traditional student. If you have any story ideas for this feature please contact Gina M. Tagnani, News Editor, c/o The Beacon at 831-2962

are back in school and making it through.

For it was probably one of the hardest things you ever did, but you did it and you are here and just about ready to take your final exams.

You made it this far and you can make it all the way from here.

Next semester we would like to start some type of organization for adult learners.

We would like to get a place where only adult students can go and sit and study or talk with their peers about whatever is on their mind.

If you would like to help out in the organization of such a group or just be a part of the group contact either myself at 287-8829 or Gina Tagnani at The Beacon office.

Good luck with your finals.

And to all those adult learners who will be graduating at the end of the semester CONGRATULATIONS!

Much luck and success to all of you.

—Sandy Kendig

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FORUM

EDITORIAL

This week has been opening the eyes of countless people. The presense of the AIDS Quilt during the Wilkes AIDS Awareness Week touches many. Although it touches everyone, it hits everyone in a different way. I feel that it is a great honor for the Quilt to be here at Wilkes and from the turnout that I have seen, I think most people would agree with me.

What does the Quilt mean to you?

Have you gone to see it yet?

There is still time you know.

For someone who hasn't been touched personally yet by the disease, like myself, the Quilt was moving. However, it was hard to know how to feel. It was emotional to think of the families and loved ones that have been left behind. I found myself thinking how hard it must be for these people and I couldn't imagine it ever happening to me. Unfortunately, I know that the odds of this disease never coming within my circle of friends and loved ones are not good.

It was definitely a new experience because I did not know what to expect. I had heard of the Quilt but I could not picture it. For many, including myself this will most likely be a one-time experience.

One person I talked to described the Quilt in a way that I had not thought of before. She said it was like having a graveyard in our gym. In a way, that is exactly what it is. Each panel is a memorial to one or more loved ones who have died. Some of the panels were very personalized while others were simple.

The panels also brought to life the fact that there are many different people who are affected. There are panels present for men, women, children, gays, blacks, whites and all different backgrounds. For me, although they are all tragic, the panels made for the children who have died are the most upsetting.

Education is the key to understanding and preventing this disease and the Quilt is the heart of that education. Until a cure is found, are only weapon against AIDS is knowledge.

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All of us at the Beacon would like to wish you luck on finals and we hope you have a happy holiday and a safe break. For those fortunate enough to be graduating (January 27, 1994 at 11:15 a.m.!) we wish you luck.

I would like to thank Teri and Julie for all that they have done for us this semester. And last, but certainly not least, I would like to thank Al for everything. We wish you the best of luck in all you do. Our Wednesday nights will never be the same. However, I'm sure that from now on FROGGY 101 will always be on the radio. We'll miss you.

S.G. NEWS

- * Heard constitution requests from WU Film Club and IRHC
- * Heard the first fund request for the Programming Board
- * The REACH X-mas party is this Saturday. For more info contact a member of the Physics Club.
- * The next general meeting will be held at 5 p.m. in RUMOURS next Wednesday.

IDLE CHATTER

By MICHAEL BUTCHKO

Columnist

It's been a while since we last chatted. In the spirit of this holiday season, the chatter presents a Christmas wish list (or Holiday Wishlist, if you prefer). Without further ado:

For senator Bob Dole: a re-run of that 60 Minutes interview which showed him to be human. Keep it up, and it will be Dole in '96.

For President Bill Clinton: a real landslide vote, where the margin of victory is something greater than two votes. And a sincere wish that whatever national health care is, it gets here in 1994.

For H. Ross Perot: Two tickets for himself and his world class wife to Mexico, so he can see that the whole nation isn't as poor as he thinks it is. And also a new demeanor.

For Don Nehler, head football coach of west West Virginia: A world without politics in college football. The Mountaineers deserve to play for the national title, but because everybody loves Florida state, the Mounts get shortchanged. Sad. And unfair.

For Coach Joe Delmelfi: Play-offs that are double elimination. Lost in Frostburg State's miracle comeback is a greateson for the Colonels. Most of the crew will be back for next year. Hopefully the magic will be as well.

For Joe Bugel, the head coach of the Phoenix cardinals: a long term contract. Before the season, Bugel was given an ultimatum: win nine games or lose your job. Bugel's team has been decimated by injuries, and has lost six of their seven losses by less than seven points. After this past Sunday's tough loss (#8), CBS commentator Verne Lundquist said "If there any justice, Joe Bugel will be back next season." Thanks Verne: I couldn't have said it better myself.

For Michael Jackson: a newfound ability to be as talented as he is and not be a nut job. And also an image makeover.

And finally for Wilkes University: Unincumbered construction of new buildings. Things are still moving along, and hopefully everything will be done on time. at its outset, this project was ambitious with its dreams and its dates. Let's hope it stays on schedule.

For you, the reader, I give continued thanks for your reading of this column. It has been a fun semester, and I hope you've enjoyed reading it as much as I've enjoyed writing it. I welcome any suggestions and/or criticisms., as the Chatter seeks to improve itself.

From Olyphant to Oregon, have a relaxing holiday season. And we will chat again next semester.

One Bit Short of a Byte

By AL SMITH

Beacon Technical Manager

Well, here it is, the final Beacon of the semester, and my final issue, period. I'm graduating after this semester, but didn't want to leave without a few last words.

Since I've spent four and a half years finishing my four year degree, I have to be one of the last students that remembers Wilkes College, The SUB and The Bookstore (now Wilkes University, the snackbar, and the Campus Shoppe, respectively.) Despite these few changes, many things have remained untouched by the passage of time, one most prominent is that Financial Aid is still an oxymoron. A rebuke? Well, maybe.

Anyway, I'll have more time to reminisce standing in employment lines, so I'll move onward to more important things.

First, and of course, most important, "I did it, Mom!" Also I'd like to thank my best friend, Jim. I hope that you're both proud. A special thought goes out to Mrs. Cocco, greeting me each morning with a smile. My long-time friends: "Gregg, Look over your shoulder, I'm right behind you, and Dan, I'm looking over my shoulder for you."

I'd also like to make a special dedication to Mr. Fuller of the Art Department (the man who's claimed every free moment of my time for the last 14 weeks.) Good luck Mark, Jason, Derrick, Joan, Denise, Jonah, Desmond, and yes, even Stacey.

And finally, to my friends at The Beacon. Try not to miss me too much next semester. (By the way, I'm keeping my phone number unlisted.) I must apologize for the late nights with FROGGY 101 - But, hey, I even caught LynnMarie "bopping" to the music once or twice. I leave my copy of Tracy Byrd's "Holding Heaven" to Patty. A big goodbye also to Lynn, Brad, and especially Professor Nollfe. And to acknowledge absent friends, to Michael: "Shut Up. Go away, we're like closed or something, he he he!"

Forgive me if I've missed anyone, but I only have about ten column inches to work with. I don't forget anyone so even if you're not in here, you're still in my heart. Thanks again everyone.

Hailing frequencies closed, Sir.



"The Christmas \$pirit"



BY SEYMOUR BUTZ

To get you all in the mood:

"Tis the season to spend money,
Fa-la-la-la-la, la-la, la-la:
Can I have Your Visa, Honey?
fa-la-la-la-la; la-la-la-la
Well, you get the idea

By AMANDA HUGINKIS

Seymour and I had originally planned to discuss the Bobbitt battle this week, but, in the end, we chose a subject that was a little less painful and hopefully, a lot more humorous. Scalpels aside (Sorry Seymour, you can uncross your legs.), it's that time of the year again. Yep, you guessed it. With Thanksgiving dinner still settling in your tummy, the holiday shopping season is upon us.

While fighting the crowds of frenzied shoppers and battling the cars in the parking lot for that last spot by the door is enough to give anyone a headache, guys and gals have a more serious problem at hand — what to get each other. No matter what, I always hear some of my friends moaning about what they're going to buy for their current flame at Christmas time. Or, even scarier, what their man might buy for them this year.

So to further the relationship between men and women, I have prepared a short list of do's and don'ts for holiday shopping for that special someone in your life.

We'll cover the female side of this first, since that inevitably will be the easiest. First and foremost guys, no matter how often she says, "I don't care what you buy me" or "I'd like anything as long as it's from you," don't believe her. Every female knows exactly (down to the specific store where the gift should be purchased from) what she wants from her guy. Keep that in mind while shopping and listen to those subtle hints she may be dropping.

Now that the pressure's on to perform, here's that promised list of do's and don'ts for you to follow. (And trust me, I've been getting bad gifts for years, so I'm a verifiable expert on this subject.)

*Don't purchase jewelry with any type of heart on it. It was cute in previous beaus will last me a lifetime thanks. (Can someone please explain to me why guys insist on buying heart jewelry?)

*Don't buy anything pink

*Don't buy the wrong

doubt, go with a size

is a pink.

*Do be original when it comes to buying a gift for that special gal. Don't let the salesgirl talk you into something you know your girlfriend will hate.

*Do shop before December 24.

*And do keep your gift ideas to yourself. Why is it that a girl's best friend and her mother always know way in advance what THE gift is going to be? Take it from me, this male habit only makes a bad gift worse. Imagine hearing about THE gift for three weeks only to find out that it is a cheap \$5 bottle of imitation perfume.

Now on to the ladies. Not much advice is needed here since most of us are world class shoppers, but I promised Seymour I'd pass on a few hints for his . . . mom.

*Don't bother with cute wrapping. Guys never notice that kind of stuff.

*Don't purchase tickets to "The Nutcracker" in hopes of enlightening your guy's appreciation of the arts. Trust me, he won't appreciate it.

*Do purchase anything electronic. Guys love any type of toy, especially if it's sports related.

*Do buy something you can wear, just in case he doesn't like it.

Follow the above lists and I'll guarantee you a merrier Christmas.

So you see, shopping for the holidays isn't as hard as it may seem at first. The important thing to remember, all joking aside, is that it really is the thought behind the gift that matters. As with so many other things, what the gift is isn't really the issue here. It's what the gift says about your relationship with each other that makes a present so special.

So take heart (not literally please) all you starving college students, you can still give the perfect gift to that Seymour or Amanda in your life even if you are down to the last dime. Simply do something nice, something unexpected to let your significant other know you appreciate the time you share together. Clean her car. Bake those cookies you've always promised. Do her laundry. Or do his laundry. Simply say, "I appreciate you."

Have a safe holiday season and this year, make sure your gift says what you're feeling for that special someone. And that's what she said.

The shopping season is upon us, and Amanda is visiting clothing stores as much as Lorena Bobbit is collecting cutlery.

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just the excess with which women shop. Before

Amanda hits any mall, she goes to U-haul to rent the proper equipment to carry her packages. And it's still not enough.

But why am I complaining? Gentlemen, we may complain about these actions, but why should we? In this holiday season, it's better that women give than receive, especially when they are giving to us. Rule Number 1 of being a man: Greed is good.

When the shoe is on the other foot, and we have to do the shopping then the dilemma becomes worse. Recently one of Seymour's amigos complained that his girlfriend had bought him multiple presents, while he was having difficulty finding one thing for her. In typical Seymour fashion, I asked, "So What's the problem?"

But this is the holiday season, and I guess we need some kind of moral. So combining two common features we end with a 1993/94 morality holiday quiz.

Question: Which of the following should you tell your mate this Holiday season?

A: "Amanda, when they say the economy is poor, they don't want you to simulate it by yourself."

B: "Amanda, what's this Lorena Bobbit Yule Log you bought?"

C: "Amanda, I really love you. Now give me back my wallet."

D: All of the above

The answer is "D", gentlemen. That's what he says.

The Staff of The Beacon
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FEATURES

The feel of a quilt...

A quilt is usually a family heirloom, passed down from generation to generation which sits on the foot of one's bed and is never used for fear of being stained. Every square is made by the hands of loved ones and has a special meaning for all who see. The squares are made out of love, with care, and each tells a story.

Wilkes is now holding such a quilt. And although it doesn't sit on the foot of a bed, it carries all other characteristics of a quilt, and more.

I visited the Quilt

Tuesday evening and was amazed at the power it held over me. As I looked and read each square, I felt the love of the quilt makers. Each square told a story, some a simple story and some more elaborate, but each square told a story.

I tried to repel the overwhelming hurt and loss each story told, but I could not.

I wanted my little brother to experience the AIDS Quilt so he joined me in this experience. As we walked around, he became my tissue supplier. I laughed with some and cried with others. Mostly, I cried.



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My brother was also affected. He saw one square which said that the person it represented was a scout. My brother, who is working on his Eagle Scout project, gave a Scout farewell salute in this man's honor.

I have friends who have lost friends and loved ones. I have friends who did not have a chance to say goodbye. I said silent goodbyes to people I didn't know. And I said silent prayers to the people who survived them.

I saw pictures of people who have

passed on and pictures of people who loved them. Through their pictures, I saw them grow up, fall in love, share friendships, get married, and enjoy their lives. Then, though not through pictures, I saw them suffer.

Mothers, fathers, brothers, sisters, aunts, uncles, grandchildren — all of them are victims of AIDS. All of them suffered awful deaths.

—LynnMarie Rosencrance

Why a Quilt?

By JONATHAN JELLEN
Special to The Beacon

Sitting alone in a dark room with just a lamp shining, an elderly woman moves her twisted, swollen fingers in a choreographed fashion. Her strained and tired eyes gaze upon her tedious and dull work, yet she continues. She continues with a dream in her mind. She continues to quilt.

With a portion of the NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt at Wilkes this week in the Marts Gymnasium from November 29 to December 2, I begin to wonder "Why is it a quilt?"

I figured I should look at what a quilt is and what it represents. Growing up in Quakertown, an area of Pennsylvania that is influ-

enced by the Pennsylvania Dutch culture, quilts were always around. There were some in my home and a neighbor hand-stitched them in her spare time. Occasionally someone from as far away as New York City would roll into town looking for a hand-made quilt.

So what is the attraction to quilts? It may be because they retain, and in most cases, increase their value or maybe it's because they are beautiful pieces of artwork. However, there is a higher value to them than their purchase price or their artistry. A quilt provides us with warmth, comfort, and security.

The NAMES Quilt provides those who have AIDS or who have lost loved ones

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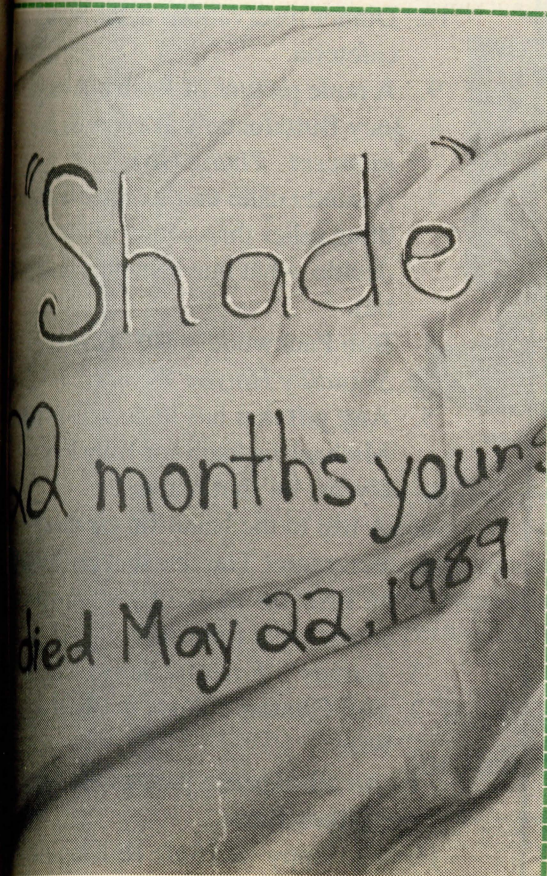


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Strawberry Jam: No preservatives added

By JON ROHMAN
Features Writer

In case you haven't seen them play, let me say that Strawberry Jam is one of the premier rock bands playing in Northeast Pennsylvania.

Strawberry Jam is a quintet that is comprised of John Shemo and Lee Matchett on guitars, Terry Cummings on bass guitar, Dave Chaump on keyboard, and Ron Blight on the drums. Shemo also plays a mean harmonica. All five sing, which gives the band more versatility, so they can play a wide variety of songs.

Strawberry Jam plays classic rock, and they play it well. They cover such great bands as The Beatles, The Doors, The Rolling Stones, The Allman Brothers Band, The Band, and, of course, The Grateful Dead.

They also have quite a few original songs which they usually include in their set. I've seen a lot of local bands play their original songs, and I can say that the Jam's originals are the best I've heard yet. With titles like "Rubber Room" and "Feelin' Happy" (which sounds like it was influenced by the Allman Brothers), these songs clearly define rock and roll.

The guys in Strawberry Jam are all first rate musicians. Each member plays his instrument like they were born to play it. The "jam" in Strawberry Jam tells exactly what they are doing in their songs—the group jams!

You could usually hear a number of great solos during any of their songs, which sometimes last as long as ten minutes.

They also do something that I haven't heard many bands do — bass solos.

Cummings usually plays a blistering bass solo on songs like "Funk #49" by the James Gang.

Another instrument that is essential to Strawberry Jam's sound is the harmonica. Shemo enhances their songs with a harmonica just as John Lennon and Bob Dylan were known to do. Shemo usually plays a wild harmonica solo on "Josephine" and "Who Do You Love."

Another reason why Strawberry Jam appeals to me is because they cover songs I would never expect to hear. One such example is the "Sun King" medley from The Beatles last album *Abbey Road*. Strawberry Jam plays it beautifully. Shemo and Matchett even trade guitar solos during the song, just as John Lennon, Paul McCartney and George Harrison did on the original version.

Another song I never expected to hear from them is the Rolling Stones' tune "Doo Doo Doo Heartbreaker." The Jam's version sounds as if the Stones could have been playing it themselves — it is flawless. The Jam also plays great versions of Jethro Tull's "Locomotive Breath," "Badge" by Cream, and Little Feat's "Dixie Chicken."

At every one of Strawberry Jam's shows, it promises to be a great time. The group puts a lot of energy into their performances. If you want to hear some talented musicians play and hear some great music, go out and see Strawberry Jam. The group plays every Sunday night at the Cabaret in Kingston, as well as at other bars in the area the rest of the week. Their first CD "Spread the Jam" is due out in stores soon. I can't wait to hear the Jam's new CD or see them again.

Jeanne White speaks out on AIDS

By LYNNMARIE ROSENCRANCE
Features Editor

Jeanne White, Ryan White's mother, travels the nation to speak about AIDS and her son. She tells of the pain, emotion, discrimination and love she and her family went through when Ryan was diagnosed with AIDS.

In an interview with her after her lecture, she commented on educating people about AIDS. "Parents need to



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wake up, this is everyone's disease. We definitely need to get with the act and talk with our teenagers about sex, drugs, and not be afraid to have AIDS education. no

"Parents need to wake up, this is everyone's disease."

matter how explicit." I think the adults are a little close minded because I don't think they know and see many people dying of AIDS as the younger generation."

Mrs. White also she learned from this experience that "you can do anything you want to. I think especially when speaking from the heart, I think that we have some doctors telling us this disease that a personal story and experience is the way to make this disease a real disease."

Ryan also learned through his experience with AIDS. She commented "Ryan learned no matter what people say about you, you still have to stand up for what you know is right."

Campus Paperback Bestsellers for December

1. *The Days Are Just Packed* by Will Watterson
2. *The Age of Innocence* by Edith Wharton
3. *The Joy Luck Club* by Amy Tan
4. *The Pelican Brief* by John Grisham
5. *Rising Sun* by Michael Chrichton
6. *The Tale of the Body Thief* by Anne Rice
7. *The Secret History* by Donna Tartt
8. *The Way Things Ought To Be* by Rush Limbaugh
9. *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings* by Maya Angelou
10. *Seven Habits of Highly Effective People* by Steven R. Covey

Top 10 Christmas gifts for your Ex-Girlfriend

By BRAD HAYS
Co-Copy Editor

10. Dinner reservations at the Wilkes cafeteria.
9. A nude picture of Rush Limbaugh.
8. Joey Buttafucio's *Ways to Seduce Innocent Young Girls*
7. A candy cane that's coated with something other than candy (Folks you decide what that something else is).
6. Bob Packwood's *101 Ways to Sexually Harass Women*
5. Any gift that has to do with or is Michael Jackson (or Billy Ray Cyrus for that matter).
4. A trip to the beautiful car dump in Scranton (The one that can be seen from I-81, for those of you who don't know what I mean.)
3. Barney's *Favorite Songs* CD
2. Bill Clinton's *Ways to Cheat on Your Wife*
1. An all-expense paid trip to beach.

Have a Happy and Safe Holiday

Bruce Hornsby at the Kirby Dec 8

WILKES-BARRE — Magic City Productions is proud to present an evening with Bruce Hornsby, Wednesday, December 8, at the F.M. Kirby Center in Wilkes Barre, for one performance only at 8:00 p.m.

It has been three years since Bruce Hornsby's last album, but the Grammy-winning artist has been anything but idle. Hornsby has played over 100 shows as guest keyboardist with the Grateful Dead, and has contributed his talents to 40 albums by the varied likes of Bob Dylan; Crosby, Stills and Nash; Bonnie Raitt; Don Henley; Stevie Nicks and Wilco. Then about a year ago, Hornsby realized the need to return to his own recording career.

After being on the road with the Dead for 18 months, Hornsby's latest endeavor, *Harbor Lights*, has a looser, more feel. However, besides the readily identifiable guitar of Jerry Garcia (he appears on two tracks, making this the second straight Hornsby album

which he's graced), it's the Dead's freeform musical vibe which permeates much of the new album.

There's also more of Hornsby's trademark piano sound than on his last album, evident from the onset. Another major difference is that *Harbor Lights* is Hornsby's first album without the Range. Hornsby drafted other musically diverse "kindred spirits" including (in addition to Garcia), Raitt, Phil Collins, Branford Marsalis, and Fishbone guitarist John Bigham.

The end result, besides the pronounced jazz influence, still shows folk character which marked Hornsby's stellar 1986 debut *The Way It Is*. "This is not necessarily my most accessible record," Hornsby states. "But I was never interested in being 'the big star' or trying to make an album of hit songs. I just go where I have to go, and hope that the people that liked us before will follow."

Tickets, priced at \$21.50,

all seats reserved, have been on sale since Saturday, November 13 at the Kirby Center Box Office, Triangle Pharmacy-Mountaintop and all Ticketmaster ticketcenters. To charge tickets by phone, call 826-1100 or 693-4100. For more information, or to make sure that there are still tickets available, call 826-1100.

AIDS

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Quilt

to AIDS with warmth, comfort, and security as well.

It takes a tremendous amount of time, perseverance, and love to hand stitch and design a quilt. It has also taken a lot of time, perseverance, and love to stitch the NAMES Quilt and it is not completed.

When we look at a quilt do we see the many hours that are needed to make one or the meanings behind the different designs and colors? As we look at the NAMES Quilt do we see the pain of the parents, spouses, children, or friends who have lost someone to AIDS or do we just see lifestyles?

We can easily misjudge a quilt as simply a piece of cloth with thread and designs and never see the time, love, and pain that gave it beauty. We can just as easily misjudge the NAMES Quilt as a gay drug user quilt and miss the time, love, and pain used to create its beauty.

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control reports that het-

erosexual females are the fastest growing population of AIDS affected persons with a 16.7 % increase in reported cases in the past year and the center estimates that by the end of this year the total number of U.S. AIDS cases could reach 480,000 people.

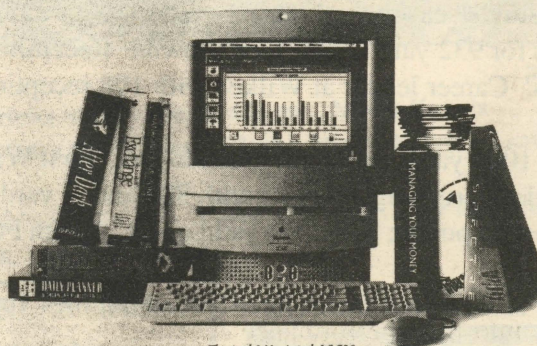
Why a quilt? Each individual panel on the NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt secures a tribute to the life of a special loved person. But quilts can always grow and take on new dimensions. The 648 panels that were at Wilkes University this week were created to comfort those who have lost loved ones to AIDS.

We can shrug off statistical projections as fear appeals that do not affect us. Yet, we might want to keep in mind the World Health Organization estimates the number of HIV infections will rise to 40 million by the year 2000. In time, we will all probably know someone whose name is on the Quilt.

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S P O R T S

Wilkes-Barre Touchdown Club to go national

WILKES-BARRE — First, Division I had the Heisman. Division II, the Hill. Now, Division III college football will be recognized with The Melberger Award. Presented by the Downtown Wilkes-Barre Touchdown Club on Saturday, December 18 at the club's annual awards banquet, the award will honor the Outstanding Division III Football Player in the country.

At a recent press conference, the Downtown Wilkes-Barre Touchdown Club unveiled plans for the national award. Three years in the making, The Melberger Award represents the crowning achievement of the club's goal to honor and support

Division III athletes. Founded and incorporated in 1991, the club has presented trophies to outstanding players in the Middle Atlantic Conference, the President's Conference, and the Centennial League. In 1992, the club also honored the Division III national championship team - the University of Wisconsin Lacrosse Eagles. With over 400 members, the club is located in northeastern Pennsylvania, an area rich in football tradition.

The award is named for Clifford K. Melberger, President of Diversified Records Services, Inc., a nationally known professional records management company. Captain and running back on the 1960 Bucknell University Lambert Cup football team,

Wilkes-Barre Touchdown Club Facts

* **THE CLUB** Founded and incorporated in 1991 to promote and honor student/athletes of NCAA Division III college football.

* **THE FOUNDER** The club was the brainchild of Wilkes University Assistant Dean of Admissions John Chwalek.

* **THE GOAL** The club hopes to eventually establish an award to honor the top player in Division III.

* **THE BANQUET** This year's banquet will be held at noon, Saturday, December 19 at the Ramada in Wilkes-Barre. The club will honor athletes from the Middle Atlantic Conference, President's Conference and Centennial League at the affair.

* **THE OFFICERS** Former Bucknell University and Coughlin High School coach Bill Yeomans is Executive Director. Wyoming Seminary coach Marv Antinnes is President. Members of the Board of Directors are: John Baron, Jr., Dr. James Blaum, William Brace, David Capin, John Chwalek, John Dorish, Dave Kashuba, Elmer Kozick, Dennis Llewellyn, Cliff Melberger, Pat Patte, William J. Rowe, Jr., Anthony "Corry" Salvaterra, Tom Torbik, Dr. Phillip Tuhy, Phil Wingert.

* **THE MEMBERSHIP** There are about 300 members at this time. The club is currently holding a membership drive. Membership costs \$10. To join, contact any member or write: Wilkes-Barre Touchdown Club, P.O. Box 2893, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18703.

Melberger's support to small college football is acknowledged by this award. Through his company, he has established a program at Bucknell and Wilkes University honoring the Most Valuable Player of

the Game. To date, these contributions have totalled over \$20,000 to each institution.

A national panel of sports writers will review the nominees received from Division

III schools before final selection in December. The top three nominees will be flown to Wilkes-Barre for the award banquet and the winner will be announced at that time.

The Melberger Award depicts an old-fashioned leather football helmet resting on a field of grass. Designer Ed Donohue, former college basketball coach and current sports artist, selected the helmet to represent neither offense or defense, but the dedication and determination of the Division III athlete. The award is crafted from a block of Anthracite coal by Frank Magdalinski of Anthracite Coal Craft in Plains. When complete it will stand almost two feet tall and weigh nearly 70 pounds.

STATS FOR PLAYERS SELECTED TO MAC AND ECAC ALL-STAR TEAMS

----**QB Boo Perry** — 147 of 252 passes for 2252 yards, 18 touchdowns, 11 interceptions. Had four rushing touchdowns. Set Wilkes single season total yardage record with 2257 yards.

----**WR Steve Endres** — 66 receptions for 932 yards and 3 touchdowns. Receptions and yards both new Wilkes single season records. Career leader at Wilkes with 198 receptions for 2901 yards.

----**TB Jason Smith** — 236 rushes for 1004 yards and eight touchdowns. First Wilkes back to top 1000 yards in a season. Career leader in rushing attempts with 801 and in yards with 2956.

----**PK Joel O'Donnell** — 25 of 34 in extra points; 7 of 13 in field goals. Seven FG's sets new Wilkes single season record.

----**DE Larry Trakes** — 57 tackles (17 solo), seven sacks, three forced fumbles, four recovered fumbles, five pass breakups.

----**DE Jake Cole** — 59 tackles (26 solo), 14 sacks, 11 tackles for loss, four forced fumbles, one recovered fumble.

----**DL Jason Feese** — 54 tackles (15 solo), three sacks, two forced fumbles.

----**LB Mike McCree** — 89 tackles (21 solo), three pass breakups, one interception.

----**DB Ben McKeown** — 38 tackles (16 solo), nine pass breakups, six interceptions.

----**WR Ryan Alston** — 38 receptions for 741 yards and eight touchdowns. 17 rushes for 134 yards and one touchdown. 9 kickoff returns for 207 yards.

----**DL Steve Koutch** — 22 tackles, three tackles for loss.

----**LB Mark Buss** — 66 tackles, three sacks, three tackles for loss, two interceptions.

----**DB Mike Modla** — 43 tackles (13 solo), seven pass breakups, five interceptions.

----**DL Chris Carr** — 42 tackles (12 solo), three sacks, one fumble recovery.

Colonel of the Week



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This week's "Colonel of the Week" is men's basketball player Jay Turman.

Turman, a senior, is leading the team in scoring with 17.7 points per game, and was named MVP in the Stony Brook Tournament where he scored 33 points in two games leading Wilkes to a tournament victory.

By DAVID M
Sports Editor

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DAVID MCCABE

Sports Editor

Well, here we are already, the last full week of the fall semester, and since this is the last issue of The Beacon until next semester, I figured I'd write a column this week.

The first order of business is to congratulate this year's football team for their memorable 10-1 season. The guys on this team gave everyone involved with Wilkes something to be proud of.

I would especially like to thank the seniors who stuck with the team for four years after winning just two games in the first two years. They deserve all the credit they received throughout the season.

There is one thing that bothered me throughout the course of the football season. There were Wilkes students who after the tenth week of the season did not know we were undefeated.

Now I realize not everyone's a football fan, but the team was receiving a good amount of publicity and most people on campus were talking about them, so I find it pretty sad that a few people who attend classes here at Wilkes, do not know anything about what goes on with the athletic teams or other activities on campus.

I would also like to pay tribute to a few other players who received awards for their performance this fall.

Senior field hockey player Tony Farinella was named third team all American and to the MAC Freedom League All-Star team, while her teammate Kim Kaskel was named the most valuable player in the MAC Freedom League. Head coach Addy Maltesta was named coach of the year.

Two men's soccer players also received MAC Freedom League post-season awards. Senior Dean Kontometros and sophomore Chad Heffner were given Honorable Mention awards from the league.

Junior Tina Hite was the lone women's soccer player named to the MAC All-Stars for her performance this season.

Finally, several football players received MAC and ECAC awards, (please see Colonels on page 12.)

Another issue I would like to discuss before we break for the semester is the hours for the gym and weight room.

Back when I was a freshman, the gym was open all the time and there were always pick up games going on. Now there is hardly anyone in the gym.

The gym is only open until 10 p.m., and most people have classes and activities all day, so they are not able to get to the gym because of the hours. The weight room is only open until 9 p.m.

This is a problem that will have to be looked into before next semester.

Finally, I would like to wish everyone the best of luck on their upcoming finals and I hope that everybody has a happy and safe holiday season.

Lady Colonels improve to 1-2 with win over Baptist Bible

By DAVID MCCABE

Sports Editor

The Wilkes University women's basketball team improved their overall record to 1-2 by defeating Baptist Bible college last week in the Marts Center.

The Lady Colonels, coming off two tough losses to Plymouth St. (73-56) and Hartwick College (54-52) in the Hartwick Tournament, bounced back against Baptist Bible, winning 63-56 for head coach Karen Haag.

Wilkes was able to go up early in the contest, outscoring the opponents 37-23 in the first half, and outrebounding them 53-45.

Doing the scoring for the Lady Colonels, was Michelle Shaffer, who scored a game high 16 points, and pulled down eight rebounds.

Katrzyzna Maziarz also had a solid night, hitting for 12 points and pulling down nine boards, while Lee Ann Azarewicz also hit in doubles with 11 points and 10 rebounds.

So far this season, it is

Azarewicz leading the team in scoring and rebounding, with 15.7 points and nine rebounds a game.

Shaffer is second in both categories with 12.3 and 8.3 per game, while Maziarz is third with 10.7 and 7.7 per contest.

The Lady Colonels will travel to Scranton to face the Lady Royals Wednesday evening, before returning home for a game with Drew College.

The 1993 Wilkes University Cheerleading Squad



photo courtesy sports information

1st Row (L to R)--Heba Malaty, Jackie Cramer, Missy Kolatis

2nd Row (L to R)--Gary Scott, Kami Spinosi, Merya Kagatci, Lori Gorrick, Stacey Grudzinski, Clay Bubeck

3rd Row (L to R)--Missy Bernhart, Maria Augustine, May Beth Gillespie, Bob Wachowski, Chris Latona, Jamee Berk, Lynn Churnetski

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SPORTS

Several Colonels receive post season awards

WILKES-BARRE —

The 1993 Middle Atlantic Conference Freedom League All-Stars have been announced by the league office and league champions Wilkes University has landed several players on both the first and second teams.

In addition, four players were also selected to the Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) Southern Division All-Star team.

From the offense and named to the Freedom League first team were senior wide receiver Steve Endres, senior center Brian Caloiaro, senior offensive guard Brian Lipinski, sophomore quarterback Boo Perry, senior tailback Jason Smith, and sophomore kicker Joel O'Donnell.

From the defense and named first team all-stars were senior defensive end Larry Trakes, junior defensive end Jake Cole, senior defensive tackle Jason Feese, senior linebacker Mike McCree and junior defensive back Ben McKeown.

Named to the second team Freedom League offense was freshman wide receiver Ryan Alston and junior offensive guard Keith Fox.

Named to the Freedom League second team defense was senior defensive tackle Steve Koutch, senior linebacker Mark Buss and senior defensive back Mike Modla.

Named an honorable mention all-star was defensive lineman Chris Carr.

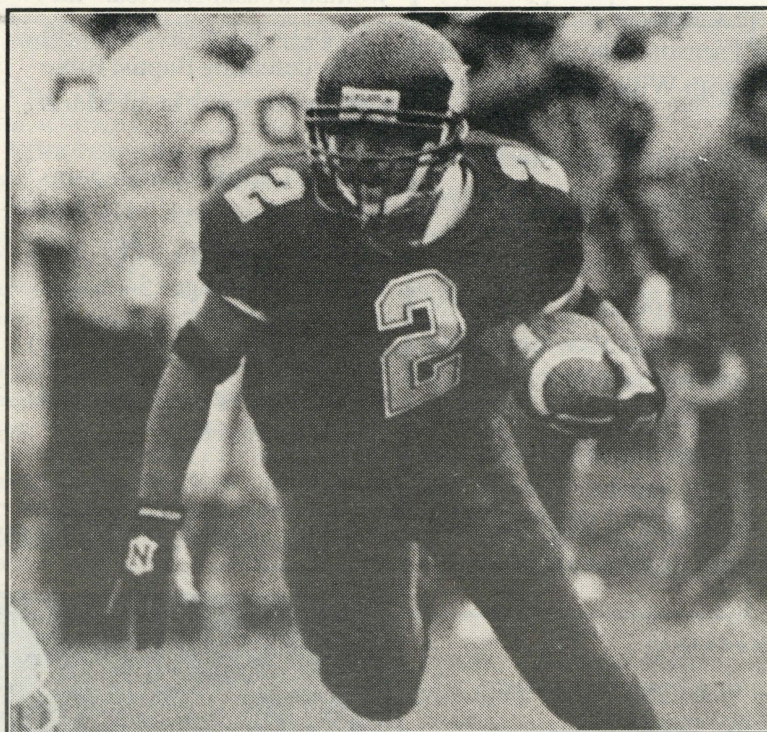


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Freshman wide receiver, Ryan Alston was just one of many Colonel football players named to post season all-star lists. Here he is in action against Lycoming this season.

Joe DeMelfi was named Middle Atlantic Conference Freedom League Coach of the Year.

Selected to the ECAC Southern Division All-Star team were quarterback Boo Perry, wide receiver Steve Endres, offensive lineman Brian Lipinski and defensive end Jake Cole. It's the first time since 1987 that the Colonels have had anyone selected to the ECAC All-Stars.

"I am thrilled for all the players selected and humbled by the award given to me," said DeMelfi. "This is a testament to how hard the team worked this year. It's good to see that they're recognizing their efforts."

Please see "stats" on page 10, for individual statistics.

Colonels win three straight to open season

By DAVID MCCABE

Sports Editor

The Wilkes University men's basketball team is off to a hot start for the 1993-94 season, with three straight wins to start the year.

The Colonels began the season by winning the Stony Brook Tournament, with wins over St. Joe's (NY) 107-69 and the host Stony Brook 78-75.

Jay Turman was named tournament MVP scoring 33 points in the two games, while Chris Parker was on the

all-tournament team, scoring 18 in the win over St. Joe's.

The Colonels made their home debut this past Monday night, and did not disappoint the home fans with a 84-70 victory.

Turman would lead all scorers with 20 points and six assists, while Parker and Dave Fleming chipped in with 16 and 12 points respectively. Senior John Harlan would round out the Colonels in double digits with 10 points.

Phil Marko led in rebounding with seven, while

Turman was a close second with six boards.

So far this season, it has been Turman putting up high numbers with 17.7 a game, while Parker is not far behind with 15.5 points per game, and Harlan and Eric Davis are adding 12.7 and 12.3 points per game respectively.

The Colonels will try and make it a perfect 4-0 when they travel to Utica College, before returning home on Saturday for a game with Drew College.

Up and Coming Events

Men's Basketball

Saturday, Dec. 4th home vs. Drew 8:00 p.m.
Monday, Dec. 6th home vs. Allentown 8:00 p.m.
Wednesday, Dec. 8th at Susquehanna 8:00 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 11th home vs. Prac. Bible 8:00 p.m.

Women's Basketball

Saturday, Dec. 4th home vs. Drew 6:00 p.m.
Thursday, Dec. 9th at Susquehanna 7:00 p.m.

Wrestling

Friday, Dec. 3rd home vs. Navy 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 4th at Kutztown 2:00 p.m.
Wednesday, Dec. 8th at Lehigh 7:30 p.m.