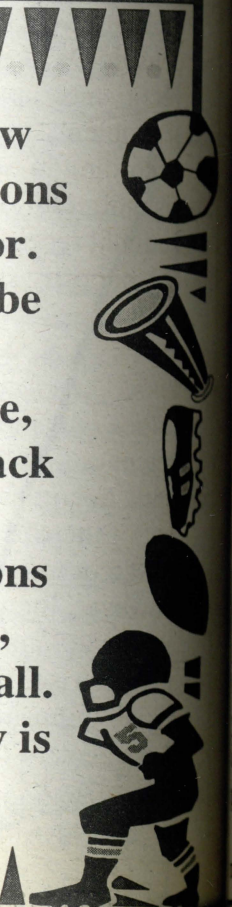


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Senior class of 1997 donates  
Wilkes banners to university.

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## President Breiseth honored

**WILKES-BARRE--**  
Steven P. Roth, Esquire,  
President of the S.J.

Cross Lodge No. 139 of  
Elm B'rith has  
announced that the lodge  
has selected Dr.

Christopher Breiseth,  
President of Wilkes  
University, as its recipient  
of the 54th Annual  
Community Service  
Award.

The award will be  
presented at the Lodge's  
Annual Lincoln Day  
Dinner to be held on  
March 8, at the Ramada  
Plaza Hotel in Wilkes-  
Barre.

The Community

Service Award is presented  
each year to "an outstanding  
citizen who, by courageous  
leadership and dedication  
on behalf of humanity, has  
made a valuable  
contribution to the fabric of  
our community life," Roth  
said.

In 1984 Breiseth came  
to Wilkes University to  
serve as its President where  
he has served the interests  
of the school and our  
community.

Under Breiseth's  
tutelage, Wilkes University  
has gained recognition as an  
increasingly sophisticated  
regional center for teaching,  
academic research, cultural

affairs and public  
service programs.

Wilkes has  
continued to meet the  
challenges and  
demands for a dynamic  
future. In addition to  
the name change to  
Wilkes University, the  
face of the campus has  
changed with new  
programs and facilities  
to enhance student life  
and education.

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Pharmacy program, the  
Allan P. Kirby Center  
for Free Enterprise and  
Entrepreneurship, a

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Photo by J.J. Fadden

The Apple Jack Daniels team was victorious.

## Developing diversity "Splashing through the mud and the muck!"

By **LISA RUGGIERO**  
Beacon Staff Writer

Most students would  
not consider Wilkes  
University a campus with  
racial problems.

According to Scott  
Bedfish, director of  
institutional research, there  
are 155 minority students  
on campus. Total  
enrollment here is 2,824  
students. Therefore,  
minorities only constitute  
5 percent of Wilkes  
students. In comparison, 25  
percent of the U.S. is  
composed of minorities.

However, the minority  
population at Wilkes has  
been on the rise. By the  
year 2050 minorities will  
compose 50% of the U.S.  
population.

Wilkes does not recruit  
minorities differently,

which is part of the reason  
numbers have been slow to  
increase.

According to Andita  
Parker-Lloyd, assistant dean  
of admissions, Wilkes tries  
to be as diverse as possible  
but does not attempt to fill  
any quotas. "Wilkes is  
constantly trying to ease  
minorities' transitions into  
Wilkes-Barre," said Lloyd.

Gina Morrison,  
coordinator for the office of  
multicultural affairs, is  
available to aid in students'  
adjustment to Wilkes.

Morrison sends a letter  
to minority students before  
they arrive at Wilkes. She  
informs them of her office's  
existence and her role for  
the university.

Not every minority  
student is contacted since  
many people do not want  
their ethnicity known. Some

of these students do not  
want to be labeled as a  
representative of a  
particular race.

Approximately half  
of the students  
Morrison contacts get  
involved in  
multicultural affairs.

The Multicultural  
Student Coalition  
(MSC) helps to guide  
Morrison in regards to  
programming on  
campus. The MSC at  
Wilkes is not composed  
of entirely minority  
students, unlike on  
many other campuses.

There are students  
from many different  
backgrounds working  
together to foster  
diversity on campus.

According to  
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Photo by J.J. Fadden

Mud wrestling was the main event.





## Around the world . . .

### Silent danger lurks

**CAPITOL HILL (AP)--** Because of the stand-off with Iraq we have been hearing lately about the threat of biological and chemical weapons. Here is something else to worry about.

Weapons experts have

### Breiseth

campus-wide computer network, the newly refurbished Cunningham Student Center, the Arnaud C. Marts Sports and Conference Center, the Classroom Office Building and the Thomas P. Shelburne Telecommunications Center are a few of the schools recent achievements.

Breiseth is also affiliated with numerous community, academic and civic organizations, including: Trustee of Deep Springs College; Board Member and Chairman of the Earth Conservancy;

### Minorities

Parker-Lloyd, some minority students leave Wilkes because they are not comfortable with the lack of diversity.

Morrison admits that it is hard to see the ways racism is institutionalized in America and explains that it requires much self-examination and effort to combat society's influences.

According to Morrison, improvements have been made in the past two years but glass ceilings and privileges still exist.

told a congressional committee there is a growing threat of weapons that do damage by emitting silent radio waves; in much the same way that static electricity can foul a computer.

The experts said weapons with concentrated radio waves can disrupt air travel, nuclear reactors, water treatment plants or any system that relies on electronics or computers.



The experts urge that more research be done to protect against the threat of such weapons in the hands of terrorists.

Pennsylvania Independent College and University Research Center; Osterhout Free Library; Greater Wilkes-Barre Partnership; Committee for Economic Growth; Chair Emeritus of the Pennsylvania Humanities Council; Allan P. Kirby Center for Free Enterprise and Entrepreneurship; Chair of the MAC Athletic Conference; member Torch Club; Association of Independent Colleges and Universities of Pennsylvania, Executive Committee, Center for Agile Pennsylvania Education.

Breiseth has been

published in numerous journals, focusing principally on the topics of Abraham Lincoln and Civil War History and has been the recipient of numerous awards and accolades by colleges and social organizations.

The community is invited to celebrate Breiseth's acceptance of the Community Service Award.

Attendance is restricted to advanced reservations, which may be made by contacting the Lodge's secretary, Mrs. Ben (Sophie) Cohen at 823-4517.

"Wilkes is making an honest effort to provide an environment of inclusion. However, racism is institutionalized in our society. We as a campus have to continue to fight this problem," Morrison said.

Morrison believes that President Breiseth is devoted to this struggle and Wilkes would be able to do more if there were more money available.

When asked if she felt Wilkes' campus is culturally diverse, freshman

Maya Tatum said, "No, not really. It lacks various nationalities but it is making an effort."

"I think Wilkes is diverse because of all the exchange students. It would be better if more people were involved in MSC," said freshman Jill Klicka.

All in all, Parker-Lloyd believes it is up to students already on campus to make minorities feel comfortable. She feels that being open to ideas and asking questions is the only way bridges are created.

## Bridging cultural gaps abroad

By LARA LUKESH  
Special to the Beacon

Dr. James L. Merryman, associate professor/chairperson of the department of sociology and anthropology and director of international studies at Wilkes University, has been selected to participate in the Joseph J. Malone Faculty Fellows Program in Saudi Arabia from March 7 to March 22, 1998.

Along with professors and administrators from varying disciplines, Merryman will attend briefings and meetings with both Saudi and American government officials, university faculty, community leaders and international business people.

"This region is so economically and politically important, yet we know so little about it," said Merryman.

Merryman wants to bridge research efforts between the Horn of Africa and Muslim countries of East Africa.

He plans to establish contacts for use in Wilkes University's Distance Learning Center, which has the capability to broadcast lectures to other centers worldwide.

In light of the ongoing problems in the Middle East, Merryman hopes to gain some cultural insight which he can impart on his students.

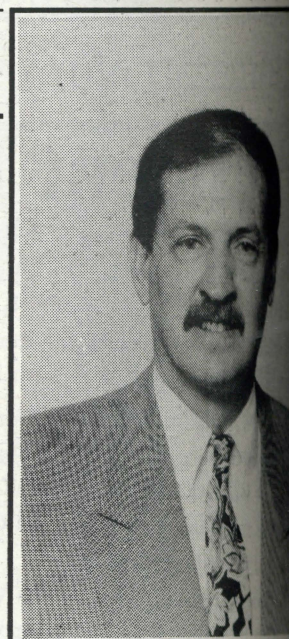


Photo courtesy University

Dr. Jim Merryman will travel to Saudi Arabia in March.

With this first-hand experience, Merryman hopes to return to Wilkes to teach a course in Middle East culture.

"I'm not a book anthropologist. I'm an experienced anthropologist."

"I hope to teach this course with the same level of first-hand participation knowledge that I do in my courses of South Africa," said Merryman.

The Malone Fellowship is a highly competitive grant sought out by college professors who hope to secure a position to travel to the Middle East and other Muslim and Arab areas.

Participants will be exposed to various facets of Arab culture and history; everything from contemporary Arab Islam society to visiting significant historical, cultural and national development sites.

By MARY TAN  
Beacon Staff Writer

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# Graduates provide Wilkes with banner year

By MARY TAMBASCO  
Beacon Staff Writer

The senior class of 1997 is distinguished as the 50th graduating class in Wilkes' history. In order to commemorate their achievements, they decided to present the university with a gift that would leave their mark on Wilkes for the future, both visually and symbolically.

After pondering over the issue of what the gift would be, the co-chairs of the senior gift committee, Tania Karpinich and Tawnya Rabuck, along with the members of the senior class decided upon a gift of banners.

"The banners were a unique idea for a class

project, which will help give the campus an identity, since they are doing something totally different; not the usual plaque on the wall," said Karpinich.

She added that her classmates, returning to campus for Homecoming and other reunion weekends, can acknowledge the banners as a class accomplishment.

In order to give back to Wilkes, the senior class worked together to raise money for their senior class gift project. Under the guidance of the offices of development and alumni affairs the senior class gift committee received approximately \$3,000 worth of pledges.

Caryn Cheyfitz, director of the annual giving office,

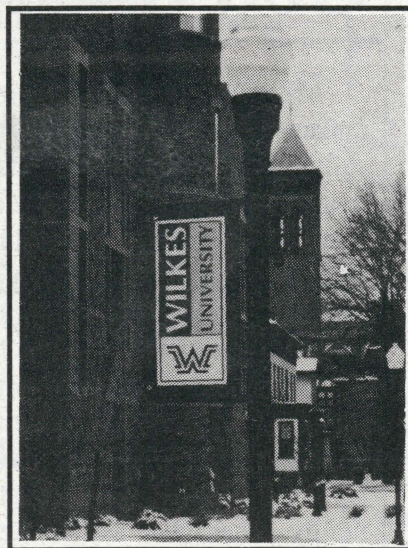


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The senior class of 1997 gift.

in conjunction with John Pesta, director of campus support services, provided their aid in materializing the project.

They dealt with obtaining a range of prices

from various manufacturers, placing an order of 25 banners along with the needed hardware and then submitting the senior class' design for the banners to Kalamazoo Banner Works.

Once the banners were received, Jack Zikoski, director of facilities management, and his staff had the responsibility of hanging the banners on the lampposts surrounding the

campus.

"This gift of banners is a visible and permanent fixture lining the main perimeter of campus which includes South River Street, South Street and South Franklin

Street, making them a nice identifier of the university," said Pesta.

According to Pesta, once the rest of the money is received from the pledges additional banners can be purchased to surround the upcoming student center.

According to Jennie Bullock, assistant director for alumni programs, the project was "a very worthwhile project which improves the outlook of campus."

Ryan Costello, president of the sophomore class, said that the banners are "a great addition to Wilkes University which allows people outside of Wilkes to know the borders of the university."

## What do you want to be when you grow up?

By ELIZABETH PISANO  
Beacon Staff Writer

Have you ever wondered how to go about getting a job after graduation? If you haven't thought that far ahead yet, have you at least thought about acquiring an internship?

The answer to these questions lies in one place, the career services center. It is located in the Max Roth Building on the corner of South River and South Street.

The career services center is where students usually begin their contact with future employers. The center also helps in developing a resume and by providing career counseling. Dorothy Lane, director of career services, suggests students begin contact with the career center in their freshman year.

At this stage, the students should start to familiarize themselves with the center and the services

it has to offer.

These services include, an alumni career advising program, campus recruitment interviews, career counseling, career development workshops, a career resource library, cooperative education and field experiences, a credentials file repository, job development, placement referrals and a testing center.

Lane, who is in the office full-time and Gene Donzalski, who works part-time, will individually meet with the student to help them in the decision making process.

After the student has selected their major, they may begin applying for internships. This process can begin anytime during or after the sophomore year.

Students should meet with Carol Bosack, director of cooperative education and field services, if they are interested in an internship.

Many students unfortunately begin visiting career services in their senior year. About two-thirds of

the senior class make use of the center.

It is advisable that they do so at least six to eight months before their anticipated graduation date to begin the process of finding a job. The process begins with developing a resume. There are examples of resumes available in the center.

Lane said, "The sooner and more frequent that you use the office, the more likely you are to have landed a job after graduation or shortly thereafter... I would encourage people to take advantage of us."

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## Career Pointers

•First year- Learn to use SIDGI PLUS, a computerized guidance for career-decision making, if you're not sure of what you want to major in.

•Second year- Begin exploring career options through co-ops and internships or part-time and summer jobs.

•Third year- Build career skills, consult advisors, prepare for tests, begin the application process, and conduct information interviews.

•Fourth year- Register with career services early, look into what you want your career. Go on prospective interviews and network with people within organizations that have the power to hire you.

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Dear Editor:

I am writing in response to the letter to the editor about the parking situation for next semester printed last week. As Commuter Council President, one of my many duties is to handle the commuter-parking situation on campus. Wilkes University will lose 250 spaces in the Park and Lock South as of April 30, 1998. This is not including the students and faculty who park monthly in Chacko's or who pay the daily fee for Park and Lock South. Student spaces on campus have been reduced from 200 to 157.

As for details of the Ralston Field shuttle system, many of the details are still in the planning stage. The committee's main concern is to have this system working smoothly from day one. The Ralston Field Lot has 310 spaces, which will be available at no charge to park in. A shelter will be constructed for bad weather, and lighting and security will be added to protect the lot. Two 24 seat mini-buses will be used to transport students back and forth.

The Ralston Lot will be closing at 7 p.m. because the committee thinks that students and faculty will be able to move their cars over to the other side of the river for night classes. We anticipate that every student I.D. will be able to open the gates after a certain time. The time when the Ralston Lot will close is still under consideration.

The Student Body is being taken into consideration in solving this problem. The plan was first presented to the student leadership of Wilkes University. Then, C.C. held a meeting with a small group of commuters to get feedback, questions, and comments about the Ralston Field plan. Students can express their opinions and concerns at any C.C., I.R.H.C, or O.C.C meeting. The reason why you (the student) have not heard about the exact solution is that not all the decisions about parking have been made. For example, the committee has not made the final decision about how to divide the spaces left on the East Side of the river. We are not trying to hide the issue from the Wilkes community. In fact, we are looking for more feedback about the parking situation.

I am on parking committees to ensure that the Student Body at Wilkes is being considered. If there were an easy answer to the problem, it would have been done long ago. When I have more answers, I will give them to the Student Body. C.C. is looking to have a Parking Forum for all students, faculty, and staff after Spring Break. If you have any questions about parking, you can address them at the C.C. meetings, which are held every Tuesday at 12:15 in the Basement of the Sub. I would also like to thank JJ Fadden for his letter last week.

Daniel Haradem  
President of Commuter Council

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## God bless America

My trip to Europe this summer was a gift I could never replace. I had the opportunity to live immersed in another culture on the other side of the world. Even though I was scared to death to leave these shores, I knew if I didn't jump on the chance, it would be a wasted opportunity. After all, I was the first in my family to study abroad. This, however, is not all that special since I am only the second generation to be born here.

My grandmother was only eight years old when she left her native country and settled in a small, tight-knit immigrant community in New Jersey with her parents and siblings. She remained in that small town and built a family of her own. My mother, her only daughter, stayed in the exact same town and raised her family in the house in which she spent many years of her childhood. Though my parents decided to move out of that small town years later, we never left New Jersey.

When deciding on where I wanted to go to college, I knew I needed to leave N.J. No matter how much I loved it there, I needed to broaden my horizons. While I only strayed two hours to the west of home to further my education, I felt as if I was seeing a new little corner of the United States. This area certainly has its own culture and language in comparison to what I am accustomed, but I was just kidding myself. I hadn't nearly begun to explore.

Earlier this fall, I took a weekend trip with friends to North Carolina and realized that there is a whole lot more of this nation that I need to experience. There are tons of faces, accents and stories waiting to be enjoyed. There are acres of brilliant landscapes waiting to be appreciated by new eyes. I only got a taste of this enjoyment, but I knew immediately that travelling across this country, my country, was something I had to do. Putting this plan into action may be a problem.

Many of you can probably relate to the long family trips from point a (home) to point b (family vacation destination). For me that was a one time adventure from our home down Interstate 95 to sunny Florida. While I obviously remember our time in the Magic Kingdom, playing games in the hot family car and making pit stops along the way provided just as much enjoyment. This is not the way to see America.

Many of us, myself included, have dreamed of packing a bag and setting out west with a best buddy and just drifting where the wind takes you. This is nice to imagine, but how many of us will really ever succeed at the "Thelma and Louise" act? Responsibilities often keep us planted right where we are, but once a year, students get a traditional break to focus on fun...Spring Break!

I, myself, am taking this opportunity to visit an area of our country that is foreign to me. This Saturday I set sail for Memphis, Tennessee. Granted, this may not be the number one hot spot for Spring Breakers this year, but it is definitely a worthwhile experience. In fact, I am sure I'll never forget it.

Perhaps it is too late for you to make plans to visit a state you have yet to see, but I strongly encourage you to make time whether it is later this year or five years from now to get out and explore the beauty bound within the United States' borders.

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By ELIZABETH  
Beacon Staff Writer

This past Friday, n  
assignment was to go to  
Department of Music, J  
Dance's presentation of  
Life After High School!  
I wasn't looking forw  
at all. My expectati  
school plays were  
always pretty low judgin  
from the ones that I've  
seen. After watching this  
presentation, my mind wa  
totally changed but I  
was pretty impressed.  
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School?" is a musical par  
mainly about memories of  
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continuous story but just s  
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er mainly through the  
characters. But by the  
end, the audience can se  
musical comes together.



## The Beacon calling ...



**John Seitzinger** now resides in Scranton, PA. He has served as the Sports Information Director since December. He left Marywood University after spending seven years there. He is also currently the men's tennis coach.

### •What is the main difference between Marywood and Wilkes?

"The success rate of this program is the major difference. This job is a little more competitive and is much busier."

### •What is your biggest challenge?

"Football, because I have never done it before. I am doing more work with good teams. The phone is ringing off the hook."

### •How do you propose increasing fan support ?

"The best way to get more students involved is by word of mouth. If you are going, bring a friend."

### •What is the best part of your position ?

"I think it's the people you get to meet and the opportunity to interact with students and athletes. I enjoy staying involved in sports. This is a really fun job."

## ARE YOU LOOKING FOR A GOOD TIME?

The Beacon is looking for writers and photographers.

If you are interested in writing for news, sports or features call extension 5903 or 2962.

## Steel Cage Match: The Niefs vs. the world

We're sure that you are all expecting some article about winter weekend, drinking, beer muscles and all that garbage. Well, screw that. The weekend is over and from what we remember of it, most of it was fun, with the big exception of the organized games. We're going to talk about bigger and far more important things like Mike Tyson in professional wrestling.

Unless you've been sleeping under a rock for the last few years, you know that Mike Tyson has returned to the world of professional sports after sampling the fare at prison for three years. So far, his return has been less inspiring. He seems to lack that thing that made him so good in the ring before jail; WINS! Not to say that he hasn't won any fights, he just hasn't won any of the ones that matter. He lost to Holyfield. Then in the infamous rematch, Tyson managed to offend the entire boxing community. Now he is killing time in the World Wrestling Federation (WWF) until his suspension is up.

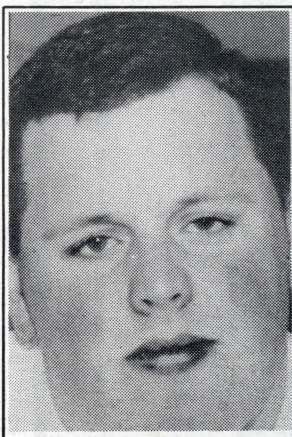
What does Tyson hope to accomplish by doing this? Show that he can be in a ring without taking a bite out of someone? Well, it is more likely that he is doing it for the cash. The WWF is becoming a lucrative industry. Just ask Iron Mike's accountant. He is supposed to be making over a million dollars for one appearance as a referee in a "Stone Cold" Steve Austin match right after Spring Break. What else Tyson is doing in the WWF still remains a mystery. If Tyson is trying to clean up his image, he is sending very mixed signals. He got rid of Don King (Otherwise known as the source of all evil on Earth), but there has to be other ways of making money than the WWF. Why couldn't he just do what everybody else does and sell out? Hell, he could sell "Dr. Scholl's" for all we care, but he is hurting his image with all of this. You see, despite everything that is said about him, we still like him. Although to us, he is still number two to Larry Holmes (YEAH JUSTIN).

The rumors that Tyson is actually going to wrestle had better just be a joke. If they are true, the wrestlers are lucky that it's all fake. We are talking about a man whose hands are classified as lethal weapons by the police. This means if Tyson shakes a fist at the police, they are allowed to pull out their guns and fire (The result of a successful lawsuit that classified his fists as "deadly weapons" in the first place). There are those who say that the wrestlers are tough, but this man, by our account, has somewhere near 40 knockouts in about 47 fights, 20 of them in first round. There is nobody in professional wrestling who can make any claim like that.

Now, to close on a characteristically unrelated note. Unfortunately we missed the basketball game on Saturday, and as we heard it from "The Source", Scott Veith; "You missed out on a real fricken' barn burner." We would both like to congratulate the woman's and men's basketball teams on great seasons, and wish the men good luck in the playoffs.

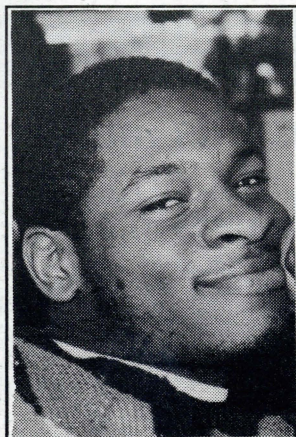
# Roving Reporter *by J.J. Fadden*

## "What is your first priority right now?"



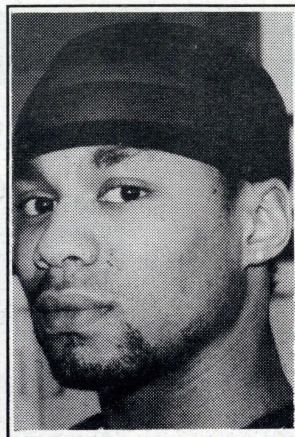
Derek Bleiler

"Doing well enough to graduate."



Floyd Allen

"To make girls laugh."



Terry Martin

"To keep God first in my life."



Erica Trowbridge

"Doing well in life."



Paula Gentilman

"School."



Nicole Weiss

"Family."



**DAY BY****DAY**

A student's guide to  
Wilkes University  
Activities

Thursday, Feb. 26

- Programming Board General Meeting,  
11:30 a.m., Marts 214
- Manuscript Meeting, 12 p.m., 3rd  
floor, Chase Hall
- Rainbow Kid days 2:15 p.m. at St.  
Nick 's/St. Mary's
- Scripture Study, 6:15 p.m., Alumni  
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Friday, Feb. 27

- SPRING RECESS BEGINS, 5 p.m.
- Alternative Spring Break Trip  
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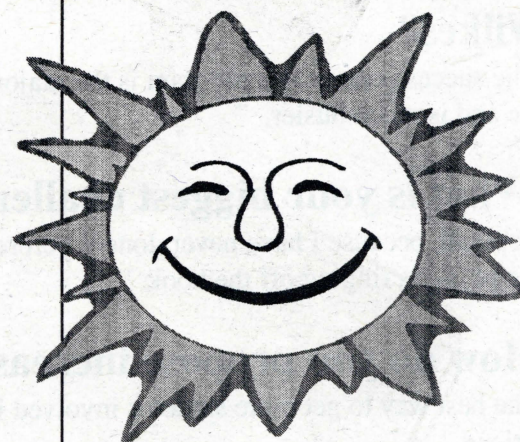
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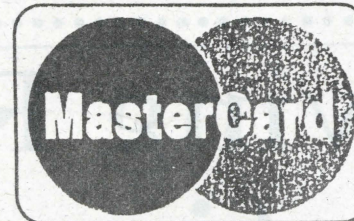
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# What a weekend!

It is 8:45 a.m. and your alarm clock has been buzzing for about an hour. Thoughts of the upcoming weekend are running through your head and you decide that it would be best to hit the snooze button. The most important thing to

you at the moment is saving your energy for the weekend ahead.

What weekend you might ask? Winter Weekend of course. A time when friends and fellow classmates gather together to relieve the pressures of classes. Many students feel the mid-semester anxiety and this weekend allows them to sit back, relax and party.

Much time and preparation goes into organizing the ideal perfect weekend. Teams gather together to think of the perfect name and game plan.

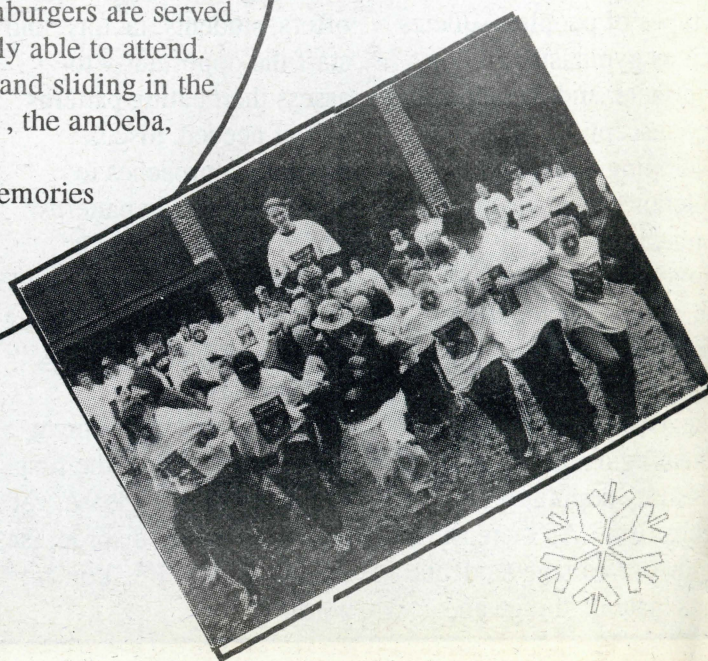
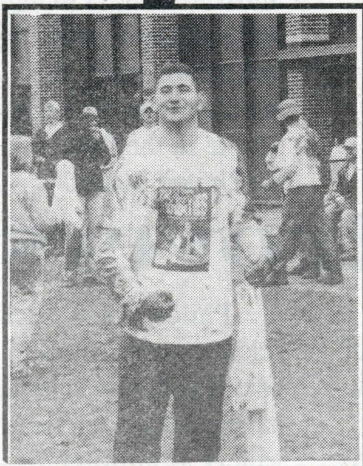
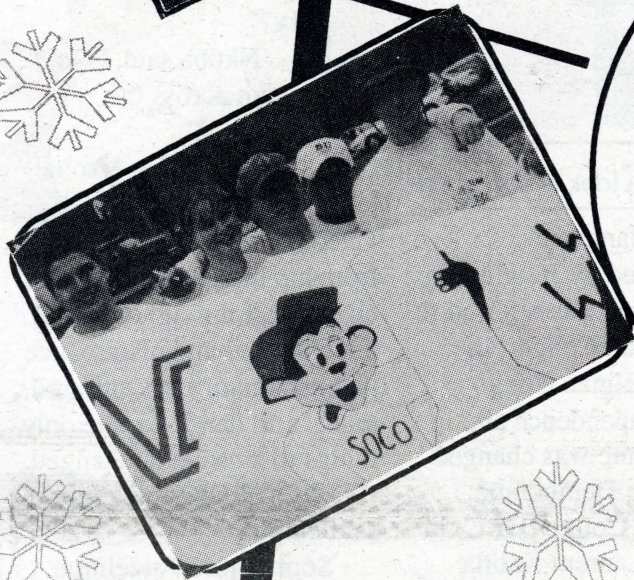
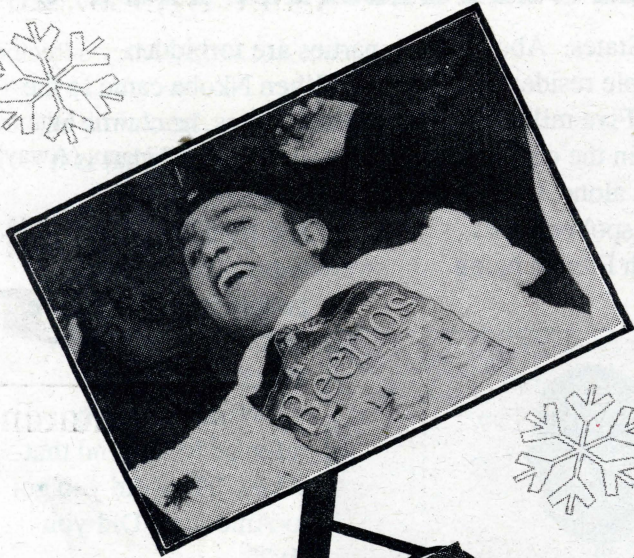
Although many activities are provided on campus, teams also arrange their own, social gatherings off campus as well. As the events

off campus begin, students remember to have their team spirit ready as many head over to the Marts Center.

Volleyball is the game and cereals are the name; the name of the teams that is. Each team created their own brand of cereal which they advertised through t-shirts all weekend. Some team names were the Rice Keggies, Soko Krispies, Honey Brown Berrios, Samuel Adams Cherry Wheaties, Frosted Funnels, etc.

The craziness begins at 9 p.m. as students storm the Henry Gymnasium. Passing through a wall of yellow guards many eager teams chant and waive their banners with pride. A spirit contest kicks things off. Each team cheers their hardest as the judges circle the gym. After the contest is over, the teams take to the court. With detailed strategy in mind each team is ready to see who will be the champions of the night. After the teams finish up in the gym, each team returns to their respective headquarters for more social events. The next day the fun continues. At 11 a.m. hot dogs and hamburgers are served on the Greenway for those students who were physically able to attend. The games begin at around noon with teams slipping and sliding in the mud. They participate in brutal games of tug-of-war, the amoeba, bat spin and hula hoop races.

Many new friendships are made and tons of memories created. May all the teams that participated remember the special times they shared. Congratulations to team 10 for winning this year's games.





## Escaping from yourself

By SARAH KARLAVAGE  
Beacon Staff Writer

Imagine every other thought in your head was the number of calories you consumed or how the loss of just five more pounds would make a world of difference in your life.

These are the constant thoughts of someone struggling with an eating disorder.

Anorexia nervosa, bulimia nervosa and compulsive overeating are three of the most common

forms of this physical and emotional affliction.

There are several signs to indicate if someone has an eating disorder. These signs include isolation, distorted body image, fluctuating weight and frequent dieting. Anorexic women may lose three or more menstrual periods.

Women are not the only people affected by this disorder. There is an increasing number of men diagnosed with eating disorders. It is said that men compose ten percent of the population who suffer from an eating disorder.

Eating disorders affect all types of people. Athletes such as gymnasts, swimmers, and wrestlers are very susceptible to developing a disorder. Athletics that put a strong emphasis on competitiveness and being thin can encourage these disorders.

In addition to athletes, college students sometimes use eating disorders as an unhealthy coping mechanism. An increasing number of college students participate in "binge and

purge" parties.

It is a poisonous junction of talking, eating fattening foods and then throwing up. This is intended to be a bonding session. This is very unhealthy and has serious consequences. People who repetitively purge or vomit could face serious medical problems such as the erosion of teeth, bruised hands from continually putting their

fingers down their throat and tearing of the esophagus or stomach. People

"... the number of individuals who have difficulties with their eating patterns continue to rise."

Dr. Mark Sowcik

with extreme cases of anorexia are at risk of liver failure, as well as the development of fur-like hair to insulate their bodies, loss of hair, bone fractures, and severe emotional problems.

"Each year, the number of individuals who have difficulties with their eating patterns continue to rise," said Dr. Mark Sowcik, Director of Campus Counseling, "With the increase in problems reported, fortunately there has also been a greater availability of resources that can be utilized to overcome undesirable eating styles."

"The National Eating Disorder Screening Program offers, students, faculty, and staff the opportunity to assess their eating patterns and, if needed, discuss possible approaches to modifying eating patterns. Referrals for help with eating disorders can be made through Campus Counseling and psychological testing," said Sowcik.

The program is a great opportunity to take the first step to recovery. Please, get help if an eating disorder is affecting your life. You are worth it!

## Bringing the homeland here

By MICHAEL BLAIR  
Beacon Staff Writer

"Yes we have buildings and freeways," claimed Mizele "Jacky" Nkoba, to a room full of curious students.

On Thursday, March 20, in cooperation with the Multicultural Students Coalition and in celebration of Black History Month, Nkoba gave a free slide show presentation about his homeland, The Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), formerly known as Zaire.

Born in Kinshasa, Nkoba, traveled the United States extensively before ending up at Wilkes University, where he is now Resident Director of Evans Hall and is also pursuing an M.B.A. Nkoba discussed a variety of subjects about his homeland including its geography, history, politics and culture.

The Democratic Republic of Congo is the largest country in Southern Africa, equaling about one-fifth of

the United States. About 45 million people reside within its borders. Five million people live in the capital city of Kinshasa alone. Over 250 dialects are spoken by its natives, with French being

parties are forbidden.

When Nkoba came to the United States, he claims he was often asked "what is it like in Zaire?" He was surprised by this lack of knowledge, since most

people in Zaire believe that Americans know about everything.

Nkoba jokingly referred to a friend that asked "How did you get to America? Did you fly?"

Nkoba said, "No, I swam across the Atlantic."

In closing, Nkoba offered two home

videos of traditional music from his homeland. He claims that throughout all of the civil war and disturbance that his country has suffered, music and dance are the only things to survive unchanged.

"It's all about the hips," said Nkoba.

Sophomore Angelique Sutrisno said, "I thought it was extremely well organized and informative. It's interesting to hear what people in the DRC think of the United States."

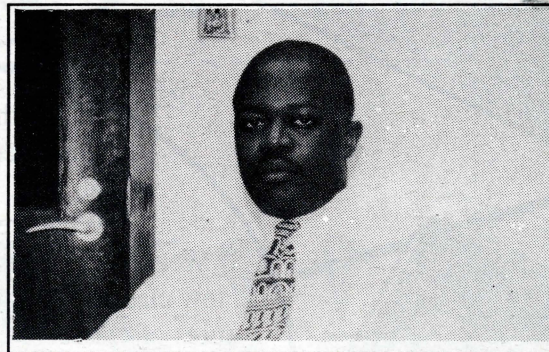


Photo by J.J. Fadden

Nkoba offers a look at his culture.

the official language.

Colonized by Belgium in 1908, the area was referred to as the Belgian Congo. In 1960, the Belgian Congo won its independence and in 1971 the name was changed again to The Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) in 1997 after Laurent Kabila seized control of the area from President Monbutu.

Nkoba claims that the DRC really doesn't have a "democratic" government, since all other political

## Images of controversy

By SARAH KARLAVAGE  
Beacon Staff Writer

Have you strolled through the Sordoni Art Gallery lately? More than likely, the answer is no. It is time to stop just getting on the elevator in the Stark Learning Center. Instead, take a minute to experience art.

Running through March 8th, there is a retrospective show from 1971-1991 of Sally Mann's photography. Mann's photography is considered controversial. Some of the photographs are of nude children.

Michael Thomas, photography professor at Wilkes explained that even though the prints are

technically perfect, it is incredible to see 20 years of someone's life in one show. The technically perfect photographic prints reinforce the work.

Mann challenges us to think about parental issues, the exploitation of children and gender and family relations. All of these have no set cultural value. It changes through time and people.

When asked how he would describe Mann's work Thomas said it is the "dark side of spiritual." The response of the exhibition has been mostly positive. "It has generated interest from several types of individuals," said Stanley Grand, Director of Sordoni Art Gallery.

Philosophers, social science professors and communication scholars have used the university's gallery as a forum for discussion and debate. Students of the art department gain knowledge from a technical point of view.

Thomas urges students to take his advice; "The Sordoni Art Gallery should be used as an oasis; an escape. It is an intellectual garden. Relax, take a load off and think about what you see."

The Sordoni Art Gallery is located on the first floor of the Stark Learning Center. It is open every day from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m.



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## Critic's Corner with Dan Lavelle "Krippendorf's Tribe"

Hello fellow movie viewers.  
Tell me, Did you ever leave a project

at the last minute? I'm sure we've all come across something like this in a while, trying to gather all the information you can and make it as complete as possible. We've all come across a situation like this, even Professor Dreyfuss, when he plays Professor James Krippendorf in the new "Krippendorf's Tribe."

You see, Professor Krippendorf was given a \$100,000 university grant to find the lost tribe of New Guinea. Unfortunately, he didn't find it. Now, the university wants to learn all about them. But instead of learning the fact that he found nothing, Krippendorf makes up his own tribe called the "Shelmikedmu" (named after this three kids Shelly, Mike and Edmund). Can Krippendorf pull off this silly, scientific charade or will he lose his job in the process?

I must say, this is one hilarious film. Dreyfuss does a killer job. I liked the way he would switch back and forth from Professor Krippendorf to the chief of the Shelmikedmu tribe. He's a great actor on both stage and screen. He can adapt to any genre the script calls for. When it comes to comedy, this man is no stranger. Some comedy films he has done include, "The Untouchables" and "What About Bob." Without a doubt, you can add this movie to Dreyfuss's best film list. However, his wasn't the only talent involved.

This hilarious picture could not have been done without the abilities of gifted writers. First, there is Frank Parkin, who based this movie on a novel. Then it was adapted to film with the help of screen writer Leslie Peters. Some of Peters' past works include "Blame It on Rio," "Three Men and a Little Lady," and "Jungle 2 Jungle." With their excellent writing abilities, they were able to create this script.

This is something worth seeing folks. Dreyfuss was brilliant, the story was ingenious and I was laughing so hard my ribs hurt! I am giving this movie **FOUR STARS!** When you get a chance, check it out. You'll thank me for this.

## Remembering when...

ELIZABETH PISANO  
Beacon Staff Writer

This past Friday, my assignment was to go to the Wilkes Department of Music, Theatre and Dance's presentation of "Is There Life After High School?" The truth was I wasn't looking forward to it at all. My expectations for school plays were pretty low judging from the ones that I've seen. After watching this presentation, my mind was totally changed but I was pretty impressed.

"Is There Life After High School?" is a musical parody about memories of high school. There were scenes about love, nights of drinking beer with the guys and Homecoming. There were also scenes that focused on feelings of jealousy, rivalry, and friendship.

At first it does not appear to be a continuous story but just scenes and memories. The scenes tie together mainly through the names of the characters. But by the end of the story, the audience can see how the musical comes together.

When the curtain rose and the whole cast was on stage for a single scene, I got a little giggly. But that soon subsided when I realized what talented students Wilkes has been cranking out and what beautiful voices most of the cast possessed. Each member had a solo at some point during the presentation that showed off their talent.



One character I thought was outstanding was Corinna Sowers who played Woman No. 3. Her voice was superb and her skill as an actress was great. Sowers had one solo entitled "Diary of a Homecoming Queen" and one duet called "Fran and Janie." Both scenes were heartfelt and memorable. She has great potential.

The thing that surprised me the most was that I left the CPA having actually enjoyed this presentation. I not only liked the story because it brought back many memories of my high school life, but I thought that the Department of Music, Theatre and Dance put on a wonderful show.



## ALIGNING THE PLANETS WITH MADAME ZELDA

**Pisces (February 19-March 20)** This week you have a tough decision to make. Take your time. Think it through. Don't be hasty! When you come to your final conclusion there is no going back.

**Aries (March 21-April 19)** You don't have anything special planned for Spring Break. Take advantage of this. Go to your hometown library, get some work done and get ahead. You will thank yourself for it when you get a surprise visit from an old friend.

**Taurus (April 20-May 20)** Seems like you cannot shake this cold you have got. Well, a spring break away from school and stress will do wonders. Rest and relax while you have some time off. It will help!

**Gemini (May 21-June 21)** You have started a work out program and now your seeing great results. This does not mean now you can slack. Keep up with the workout. It gets better from here.

**Cancer (June 22-July 22)** You're feeling burned out from school this semester and looking forward to Spring Break. Take a road trip with some friends, relax and have fun. You'll feel refreshed when you get back.

**Leo (July 22-August 22)** This is going to be the best Spring Break ever! You have the perfect vacation planned with a great group of friends far, far, far away from Wilkes-Barre. Make it count. You will be back before you know it.

**Virgo (August 23-September 22)** You can leave for Spring Break on Friday afternoon or stay for a party that night and go home Saturday. Start Spring Break off with a bang and stick around for the party. You will be glad you did!

**Libra (September 23-October 23)** This week you have so many things to do. Stress is at an all time high. Count down the days until Spring Break. That is when it all comes to an end!

**Scorpio (October 24-November 21)** Next week you will see a friend or ex that you haven't seen in a while. You're feeling uncomfortable and uneasy about the meeting. Take it easy. Everything will work out!

**Sagittarius (November 22-December 21)** You're half way through the second semester. You only have so much time left to get that G.P.A. up before its too late. Start applying yourself and work hard. You will see a difference later.

**Capricorn (December 22-January 19)** Next week you will have a strong need to be an individual and to do your own thing. Don't keep friends and family in the dark about your plans. Be cooperative with those close to you and avoid conflict.

**Aquarius (January 20-February 18)** This weekend, you're the social butterfly. Make plans to mix and mingle but make sure you spend good, one-on-one time with those close to you.

**The Beacon staff would like to wish everyone a safe and exciting Spring Break!**



## That's Entertainment

### The grannies?

**NEW YORK, NY (AP)--** The Grammys are getting hipper, but they have got a way to go. That is according to Thomas O'Neil, author of "The Grammys: For the Record," who said the Grammys are still out of touch with anyone under 40. He said part of the problem is that Grammy voters pick only the people they have heard of, overlooking truly innovative music.

Michael Greene, the President of the National Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences (NARAS), said the Grammys are getting with the times, even thought the voting process isn't perfect. So how is it acts like "Prodigy" and "Radiohead" even have a fighting chance? It's the inner circle. NARAS has created a panel of about

20 industry insiders who nominate the top awards: record, song, album and best new artist of the year.

### Candie girl

**PURCHASE, NY (AP)--** Candie's shoes seems to taking a kinder, gentler approach to its ad campaign. Lisa Loeb has signed on to promote the shoes. She has already performed live in the shoe department if MACY'S in New York to introduce the spring collection. Previous Candie's ads with Jenny McCarthy had been banned for being in poor taste, like one that featured McCarthy sitting on a toilet.

### That's Sir Elton to you

**LONDON, ENGLAND (AP)--** There must still be people in the world who have not heard of Elton John. When John approached Queen Elizabeth to be

knighthood on Tuesday. He was announced as "Sir Elton John," everything else seems to have gone o.k. as he knelt before the Queen so she could tap him on the shoulder with a sword. John calls his knighthood "icing on the cake" as awards go.

### Today's Birthdays

Actor **Mason Adams** is 79.  
Actor **Tony Randall** is 78.  
Actress **Betty Hutton** is 77.  
Singer **Fats Domino** is 70.  
Actor/Director **Bill Duke** is 55.  
Singer **Mitch Ryder** is 53.  
Keyboardist **Jonathon Cain** of "Journey" is 48.  
Singer **Michael Bolton** is 45.  
Actress **Jennifer Grant** is 32.  
Singer **Erykah Badu** is 27.





## Colonels fight their way to MAC Semi-Finals

By **ROBERT MORCOM, JR.**  
Beacon Staff Writer

Wilkes basketball fans will soon be given heart exams prior to entering the Henry Gymnasium for the rest of the season. After the last two games, those exams are needed.

Sophomore Dave Jannuzzi drove the length of the floor with six seconds left and hit a wide open Scott Cleveland for the game winning basket at the buzzer helping Wilkes beat Susquehanna 80-78 in the first round of the MAC playoffs.

The Colonels were ahead for all of the first-half by at least ten points. However Susquehanna came back and



Photos by J.J. Fadden

The Colonels leave the court as Crusader's coach Frank Marcinek, yells about what he believes was unfair clock management leading to a Wilkes victory.

cut the lead to just four at the half. Wilkes came out of the locker room and quickly built a 12 point lead. It looked as though Wilkes had

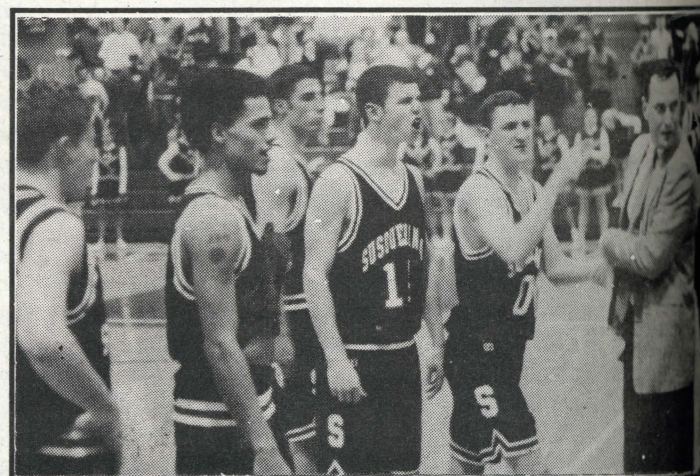
this one in the bag, but Susquehanna had other ideas. The Crusaders came back in the final three minutes to tie the game at 78 with just

six seconds left. Forward Brian Gryboski inbounded the ball to Jannuzzi who drove the length of the floor, then zipped a tough pass to Cleveland who shot the ball just seconds before the horn sounded.

Senior Mike Barrouk finished with a great game with

a game high 28 points while pulling down eight boards. Gryboski tallied 13 points and 12 rebounds while Cleveland and Jannuzzi pitched in 12 and 11 respectively.

The Crusaders were led  
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## The Wide World of Sports

### Mariners consider contract extension for Randy Johnson

**PEORIA, ARIZONA (AP)** -- A Seattle radio station says the Mariners are considering offering a contract extension to pitcher Randy Johnson.

Kiro says a source with the team in Peoria, Arizona, says key players have been approached about restructuring their contracts. Deferring salaries would free up money for Johnson.

Johnson is in the final year of his contract. He will be a free agent at the end of the season, unless he gets an extension.

### Steelers strike deal with Washington

**EDEN PRAIRIE, MINNESOTA (AP)** -- The

Pittsburgh Steelers have agreed to terms with former Vikings conerback Dewayne Washington.

A deal is expected to be announced today. The *Star Tribune* of Minneapolis says the four-year deal is worth \$8.8 million, including a \$2.2 million dollar signing bonus.

The Vikings were expecting to lose Washington. Possibilities to replace him include Baltimore's Antonio Langham, the New York Giants' Thomas Randolph and New England restricted free agent Jimmy Hitchcock.

### Sixers down Suns 85-84

**PHOENIX, ARIZONA (AP)** -- For a 22 year old, Allen Iverson has the patience of a veteran. With the Philadelphia 76ers trailing

the Phoenix Suns by 20 points in the third quarter last night, Iverson said they were just trying to get the lead back to ten before the fourth quarter.

They weren't able to do it, but in the fourth quarter the Sixers made some turnovers and got a couple of breaks.

Iverson had 13 points during a 20-3 run that got the Sixers the lead at 83-82 with two and a half minutes to play.

Then Derrick Coleman popped in a last-second 17 footer as the Sixers beat the Suns 85-84 on Tuesday night.

It was Philadelphia's seventh victory in 26 road games and first in Phoenix in 12 years came. And it came against one of the NBA's hottest teams. The Suns had won five straight and ten of 12 games.

## Softball Preview

By **BETHANY STEFANEC**  
Beacon Staff Writer

The Wilkes University Womens Softball Team has set their stakes high this season: trying to match their 25 wins from last year. Although such a feat will test the teams athletic ability to the fullest, fourth year head coach Kevin Vrabel seems confident about his team.

"Last year we won 25 games which no other team had done...it's gonna be a tough number to match but this year we feel we've got the people to do it," Vrabel said.

Starting the third week if January, the team went to work on mechanics following the start of formal training at the beginning of February.

This teams roster blends both upperclassmen and underclassman. "We have a nice mix this year," Vrabel said "With 11 returning members and four starting freshman." Among those freshman are Robln Mendiylgral and Alice

Frank, two of the areas top recruits who came from solid high school programs.

Seniors Carie Wilkes, Shannon O'Neil and Kristen Cookus lead the pack with experience in the areas of pitching, center field and infield respectively. "They're going to be key contributors this season," Vrabel said. "Our infield is our most improved part of our team."

Hopefully such improvements will help when the start of the season is kicked off during a five game string in Myrtle Beach starting on February 27 followed by a tournament in Salisbury, Maryland on March 20. According to Vrabel, the tournament at Salisbury means stiff competition against some of the best teams in the region. Vrabel said, "After that tournament, we'll have a better understanding of how we're going to compete for the rest of the season."



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and looking in on the  
tournament picture.

The 20-3 Colonels will  
host Lebanon Valley tonight  
in the MAC semi-finals.  
Lebanon Valley thumped  
Wilkes earlier this season by  
a 103-76 count.

## Wilkes downs Scranton

The University of  
Scranton Royals came into  
the Henry Gymnasium on  
Saturday to try and sweep

the Colonels this season.  
However, Dave Jannuzzi  
and company thought  
otherwise as they came  
back from a nine point  
deficit to win the game in  
overtime 85-79 in a MAC  
Freedom League battle.

Just like their last  
meeting, Wilkes jumped out  
to an early lead, only to  
allow the Royals to get  
back in the game. The  
Colonels controlled the  
game and the score, leading  
at the half.

Wilkes came out of the  
locker room on fire, but  
quickly fell behind by nine  
with just three minutes left  
in regulation.

Jannuzzi then took over,  
hitting a 12 foot runner in

the lane to take the game into  
overtime. Mike Barrouk hit a  
clutch three-pointer down the  
stretch, and pulled down a missed  
Scranton free throw with 13  
seconds left in regulation.

Jannuzzi ended up with a  
game high 32 points while Brian  
Gryboski had a complete game,  
scoring 15 points, pulling down  
seven rebounds, dishing out six  
assists while adding three steals.

T.J. McNulty led the charge  
for the Royals as he tallied 25  
points after receiving a bloody  
nose early in the first half.

Jason Fisher added 19 points  
and six boards. The loss kept  
Scranton's coach Bob Bessior  
from his 500th career win.  
Bessior showed up in Wilkes-  
Barre wearing a purple and white  
tuxedo for the occasion.

# That's what I say with SCOTT VEITH



The Winter Olympics came to a conclusion with zero fanfare. The  
NBA is so wrapped up in free agency and contractual disputes that they  
can't even tell who is in charge; the coaches, the players or  
management. Major League Baseball has not yet hit full swing.  
Excluding men's basketball, sports on campus are dead.

Rather than beating a dead horse by complaining about the Winter  
Olympics or talking about the men's basketball team and on their quest  
for a national championship (I don't want to curse anyone), I'd like to  
talk about a side of sports that many fans are not familiar with, and  
some never see.

Recently I had the great priveledge of recieving letters and speaking  
with three former professional athletes who have found a nitch in  
socitey after their days as athletes wound down. These three men, Joe  
Cunningham (professional baseball player in the '40's, '50's, and  
'60's), Jim Zapp (Negro Baesball League player in '40's and '50's) and  
Edgar "Special Delivery" Jones (Cleveland Browns football player in  
'40's) were kind enough to take time out of their schedules to either  
respond to letters that were written to them or speak on the telephone to  
a stranger in an instance in which they had no chance to benefit or better  
themselves.

Cunningham was a member of the St. Louis Cardinals and was a  
outfield mate of the great Stan "The Man" Musial. He was a high  
school teammate of my grandfather and he has kept in touch with  
grandmother long after my grandfather passed away. I have written  
back and forth to Cunningham since I was old enough for my mother to  
use her stamps. I have never been so extatic in my life as I was the first  
time that I got a letter from a former major league baseball player  
(Cunningham) and an autographed picture of him with Musial.

Zapp is probably the fifth or sixth Ex-Negro League star with  
which I have come in contact. My standard prosedure is to write these  
individuals at their homes and request for their autograph. Most of the  
individuals simply return me their autograph in the self addressed  
stamped envelope that I also sent to them. Zapp, however, took the  
initiative to write me a letter telling me that he appreciates my interest in  
the Negro Leagues, and he told me about an old friend of his that I  
might be interested in speaking to.

This old friend was "Special Delivery". Jones was not only a  
professional football player in the '40's. he was also a player/manager  
for the baseball team stationed at the military base in Hawaii. He and  
Zapp have kept in contact since their days together in the military, and I  
was fortunate enough to reunite the two after a two year hiatus in  
communication.

Zapp wrote to me and told me that Jones was a resident of Scranton  
and he left it up to me to contact Jones and let him know that he is  
missed in Zapp's home town of Nashville, Tennessee. Jones took the  
liberty of telling my friend and I all about how he earned the name  
"Special Delivery", how much he enjoyed being a an All-American at  
Pitt, and how interesting it was to play baseball with the likes of Jim  
Zapp and other professional baseball players.

Stories like this just can't be put into words. I try to concieve how  
brilliant these men were when they had the legs of a young athlete and  
the minds of an unbribled youngster. This can not be concieved through  
conversation, looking at old pictures, reading old newspaper clippings,  
or even watching old videos. The brutal fact is that we will never get to  
witness the miraculous lives of the stars of the Negro Leagues, the  
barnstorming days of professional baseball, and the days of professional  
football before the inception of the facemask. We can never wittness  
the barrier breaking that Jackie Robinson, George Mikan and Jesse  
Owens have contributed to the world of sports.

What we can witness is the rediculous contract disputes that cause  
professional athletes to lose their loyalty to a particular team or city.  
We can witness spoiled athletes that play their respective sports to  
entertain their fans and to be millionaires rather than playing strictly for  
the love of the game as Cunningham, Jones and Zapp did.

The efforts that these three athletes put forth in their prime is all but  
forgotten. They have no more time in professional sports to look  
forward to. All that they have to look forward to is reminiscing of the  
glory days of the world of sports with the individuals with which they  
shared their prime.

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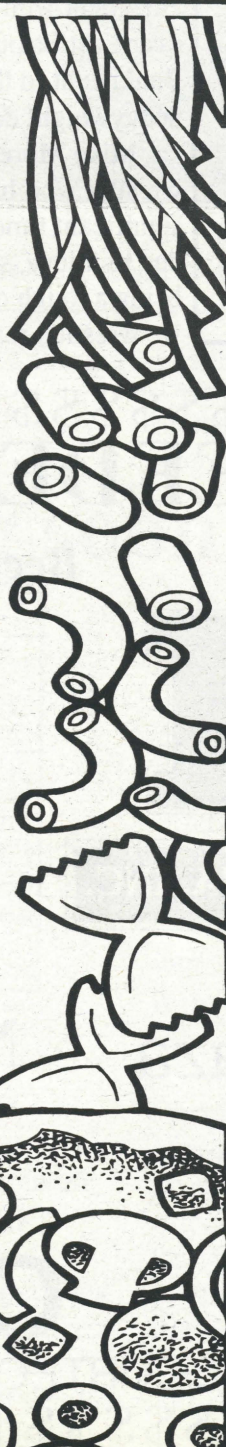
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# Lady Colonels end season with loss

By DAVID DIMARTINO  
Beacon Copy Editor

The Lady Colonels played their final game of the season Saturday evening but one would never be able to tell this by the effort they put forth against the Lady Royals of Scranton. The Lady Colonels seemed as if they were playing for a MAC Championship.

The Colonels went into the game with a record of 10-12. They played inspiring basketball but eventually showed their lack of depth by falling short to a Lady Royal team that is now 20-5 by a final score of 73-60.

The games top players for the Lady Colonels were seniors Rebecca Baker and Kristen Cookus and sophomore Katie Watkins. All three put forward tremendous efforts but Baker stole show. Baker broke the schools all-time rebounding record of 970 formerly held

by Kim Smith. Baker had 18 rebounds on the night but she broke the record on her 12th rebound when Watkins blocked a shot and Baker came up with the ball early in the second half.

Baker finished her career with 977 total rebounds and was rewarded with MAC Freedom League Second Team honors. Baker also finished with ten points on the night. Cookus had nine points and five rebounds in her final game as a Colonel. Watkins had a game high 18 points and also earned six rebounds.

The Lady Colonels were down by nine at halftime but lost the game down the stretch of the second half. The Lady Royals showed their depth by playing seven players off the bench and four of their five starters finished in double figures. Scranton had won 13 straight games coming into Saturday evenings game.

The paid attendance of 500 was a season high for the Lady Colonels at home.

# Mattmen defeated by ESU

By SHELBY ROHWEDDER  
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On Friday, January 20, the East Stroudsburg Wrestling team traveled to Wilkes to defeat the Colonels 34-12 at the Henry Gymnasium. Although the Colonels lost the match, strong individual efforts were made by Josh Mendoza, Kevin Baker and Jeremy Hoagland.

Mendoza had a tough match against Cory Kuncio of East Stroudsburg, but managed to defeat Kuncio in a decision.

Kevin Baker pinned East Stroudsburg's Dan Madonna in five minutes and 29 seconds, while Jeremy Hoagland won by decision over East Stroudsburg's Mark Bauknecht in the heavyweight decision.

Mike Morellino, a Wilkes wrestler who has missed significant time this season due to injury, said, "For them being a tough division I team, we wrestled really well.

Jeremy Hoagland and Josh Mendoza both did really well and won of their matches."

Also appearing on the mat for the Colonels were R.J. George at 142 pounds, Erik Thomas at 150 pounds and Jon Laudenslager at 158 pounds.

Laudenslager's match proved to be the most exciting match of the night. He fell to Mark Getz, one of ESU's strongest wrestlers, in an overtime bout.

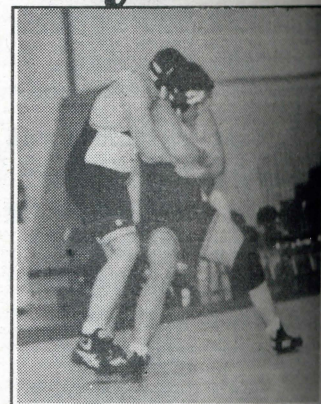


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Heavyweight Jeremy Hoagland tries to break hold by ESU wrestler.

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