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Wilkes dramatics to present...

Wilkes University's Department of Visual and Performing Arts will present the two-hour musical comedy, *Once Upon a Mattress*, in the Edward Darling Jr. Theater of the Dorothy Dickson Dart Center for the Performing Arts.

Opening night is Friday, November 10, at 8 p.m., with additional evening performances scheduled for November 11, 17 and 18. Matinees will be held on November 12 and 19 at 2 p.m.

In a kingdom far away there lived the sad Prince Dauntless (sophomore John Stassen, South St. Paul, Minn.). Dauntless is unhappy because of the influence of his overbearing mother Queen Agravain (senior Alice Fink, Wilkes-Barre, and junior Nancy Fattorini, New York). The domineering Queen not only controls her son, but also her husband, the mute King Sextimus (Rhys Shovlin, Reading, Pa.) and the entire kingdom. Not wanting to lose control, the queen establishes a law that no one may marry until Dauntless takes a bride. And, she is determined to prevent that from ever happening.

Meanwhile, the beautiful Lady Larken (Colleen Dever, Chester, N.Y.) informs her lover Sir Harry (Paul Mitchell, Lewistown Pa.) that she is pregnant, and, because of the new law, they must find a bride for Dauntless or she will have to leave the kingdom. The noble Sir Harry leaves the kingdom in search of a



(Left to Right) Rhys Shovlin, a senior from Reading, Pa., will portray King Sextimus; Tiffany Smith, a freshman from New York, N.Y., plays Princess Winnifred; and John Stassen, a sophomore from South St. Paul, Minn., is Prince Dauntless in Wilkes University's production of *Once Upon a Mattress*.

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By Megan Stevens
Beacon Staff Writer

Wilkes bolsters its computer power by adding \$25,600 in new personal computers and a new \$100,000 main database.

"Not again," is a common saying in the computer labs on the campus of Wilkes University. "I have been here for four years and every year it gets harder and harder to get my work done in the com-

puter labs," says senior criminology major David Sekelick.

These cries may not be so frequent because the new Dean of Technology Dr. Fred Sullivan, is spearheading an upgrade of the computerized classrooms in COB 105 and SLC 216.

Dr. Sullivan has been the Dean of Technology only since June 15th but has already made strides to im-

In addition to the library, the current computers in COB 105 will be replaced with I-Mac 2000. The thirty-two I-Macs that will be replacing the existing computers will cost \$25,600. "I hope it will be ready this semester," says Sullivan of the improvements being made to the lab in 105.

Along with the library and the computer lab in COB, there is another major improvement happening in SLC 216. Thirty-two PCs that will be used for computer assisted design and graphic design classes will be available for use on Monday, October 16. Andrea Frantz, a visiting assistant professor of journalism is excited about the new computer upgrade in COB 105. "The technology in the computer labs now is outdated, and we need the latest in technology to run the new software programs" said Frantz.

By the end of next year, Dr. Sullivan hopes to also have the main database replaced with a new IBM costing in the range 100,000 dollars. This main database will effect everyone. The main database will control all of the administrative computers and will even allow for on-line classroom registration.



proving technology on campus. Over the summer, fifteen computers in the library were all updated with faster computers, more memory, and also a faster Internet connection.

"I don't even go to the computer labs anymore to get my research done. I would much rather go to the library to get it done because of the speed of those computers," adds Sekelick of the improvements.

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Piecing it all together

By Megan Stevens
Beacon Staff Writer

Has anyone noticed the large, brightly colored puzzle pieces across campus? If you notice closely you can find out some critical information about next week.

This week is Into the Streets Week, a highly anticipated annual marathon of diverse community service projects. Every day at all different times, you can find an event to participate in.

The Student Community Service Council (SCSC) is dedicated to developing a week of service activities each year in order to promote involvement in community service. This week gives students the opportunity to try out different projects. Often students find a certain area of community service that they really care about, and then they continue to expand their service hours in that area.

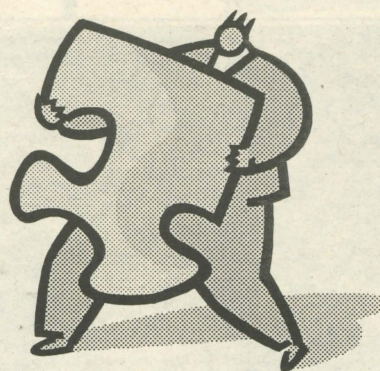
Why puzzle pieces? Debra Gibson, the head coordinator from SCSC, chose this year's theme to be "Wilkes Volunteers: Putting the Pieces Together."

College life is not simply academics or parties. Growing as a person and reaching out into the community to be of service is an important aspect of your college years. Debra Gibson encourages students to put all the pieces together. "By connecting a piece of the community with your college life you will find completion," says Gibson.

The first part of the puzzle for

Gibson and SCSC was putting the events together. There was a lot of work involved. What would the students be interested in? What do people within the community need? Such issues were among the factors considered.

There are a lot of people within



this community that really need help. Gibson feels this week is important because it shows the community that the students really care. In response, the people within the community who were contacted about this week are very excited. "They couldn't believe that we have a full week of service events," Gibson stated. The work that went into preparing the week is evident in the Into the Streets Week 2000 calendar of events that is posted across campus.

The next part of the puzzle is getting involved. A big Kick-off Party was scheduled for this Monday, October 23rd from 9pm till 10pm in the Ballroom of the Student Union. This was the place to come and sign up for the events you are interested in. At the party you could have picked up your free T-shirt for being in-

involved as well as enjoying the refreshments that were provided. If you missed the Monday night Kick-off, you can stop by any time at the Office of Volunteer Services on the second floor of the Union to sign up.

But let us not forget the main puzzle piece this week - YOU! You have an opportunity to help build a house. You have a chance to help developmentally disabled people. You can play games with children from the community. You can be part of the effort to keep nature trails clean. You can tutor high school students for an afternoon. You can pack groceries for the poor. You can be the Halloween highlight for senior citizens. You can improve neighborhood safety. You can keep children safe on Halloween night.

You can make a difference. Into the Streets week began Monday night and extends until Tuesday, October 31st. Be a part of the special Halloween memories of children within the community. Put your heart into whatever area of service you are most interested in. Try something new. Get the volunteer hours you need for your major. Make use of your halloween costumes. Get a free T-shirt!

According to Gibson, "the main point is to get involved, meet new people, help the community, and feel good about yourself." Community service is a big part of this school. Put the pieces together with other Wilkes volunteers, and you'll discover a completed puzzle picture that you can be proud of.

Vocabulary land

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A band of hoodlums vandalized the home of a prominent children's doctor in Wales, apparently after confusing her title of pediatrician with "pedophile," police said Wednesday.

Dr. Yvette Cloete, a specialist in pediatric medicine at the Royal Bwent Hospital, fled her home after her windows and front door were spray-painted with the word "pedo" - an abbreviation for pedophile said Karl Close, chief inspector with the Gwent Police.

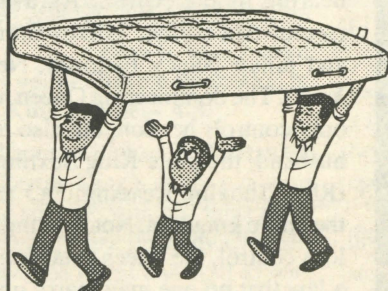
"Are they just so dull they

don't realize the difference between the two?" Close said of the attack which took place Saturday. "The doctor is a pediatrician who is committed to helping children and somebody got her."

Britain has seen a rash of vandal attacks most against victims of mistaken identity since The Sun of the World tabloid published pictures of sex offenders this summer. Across Britain, several people shared surnames with alleged offenders named by the paper. Some have had their homes attacked.

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princess worthy of Prince Dauntless. He returns with Princess Winnifred (Tiffany Smith, New York), who is a bit soggy from swimming the moat in her excitement to meet the prince. The queen is horrified and outraged that such a "moat swimmer" would have the nerve to marry her son.

The queen decides that she must come up with a foolproof test to find out if Winnifred is a true princess. She and her confidant the Earl (Dale Heller, Berwick Pa.) come up with a plan to put a tiny pea under 20 mattresses and if Winnifred feels the pea, then she is a true princess.

Comedy ensues as the plan is put into effect and the entire court attempts to make sure Winnifred passes the test. The play was written by Jay Thompson, Marshall Barer and Dean Fuller. The music was composed by Marshall Barer and the lyrics were written by Marshall Barer.

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Student Government Update

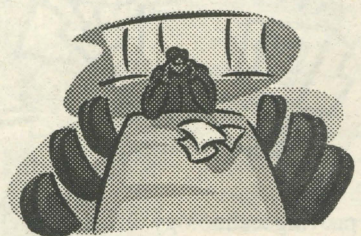
By Steven Gazda
Beacon Staff Writer

This week's SG meeting was shorter and had a much better turnout than last week's meeting, again thanks to the attendance of the underclassmen.

The meeting was called to order at 6:08pm by President Bosh and "New Business" was brought to the table. The only discussion for the night was the second reading of the proposed "Ski Club." The entire Board voted and approved the constitution of the proposed "Ski Club," enabling it to exist here on campus.

Those clubs represented at the meeting discussed their plans for the next few weeks. The Commuter Council again wants to remind everyone that they will be selling NYC Trip bus tickets starting on Tuesday of next week. The

tickets are \$20 a person and the trip date is November 22, just in time for Christmas shopping. The Off-Campus Council will be hosting a "Fright Night" event on October 29, at 7pm in the Ballroom. Free food and a scary movie will be provided.

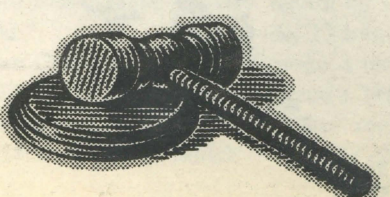


The multicultural coalition will be hosting their annual "Fashion Show" on November 4. Anyone interested in posing or thinking of helping out, please contact Gina Morrison. The programming Board wants to remind everyone that they hold meetings every Thursday at

11:30am in the Student Suite. Tickets are still available for the Busta Rhymes concert.

Free tickets for the WB/Scranton Penguins will also be available this coming week, so if you have nothing better to do, or want to see a hockey game, make sure to read next week's article with more details. The SCSC announced that their blood drive was a great success and would like to thank everyone who came and supported them. This week begins "Into the Streets," so get involved!

That's about it for this week's SG meeting and please take part in upcoming events here on campus.



Wilkes political voice

By Obed Addo
Beacon Staff Writer

Recently I went around Wilkes and asked twenty people what they think about the upcoming election. I asked them if they were registered to vote, who they were voting for, and their overall feelings about the candidates. I got a lot of different answers.

Out of the twenty, eighteen were registered to vote. The other two had no clue what was going on. If you aren't registered to vote you can sign up online at www.yvote2000.com.

Fourteen of the people are rooting for Gore. Nine of them are voting for him because of the way he handled the debates. The other five are voting for him just to have another democrat in office.

Bush is getting no love from

Wilkes. A lot of the people gave very negative results towards him. They say that he is stupid and incompetent. One kid told me that he likes Bush because of his stance on education.

Two of the kids said that they are voting for Ralph Nader. They both said that we need an environmentalist in office. I don't agree with them, but Nader would make an alright president. The last two said that they weren't even voting all because of who was on the ballot. They said that there needs to be more choices for president. Gore is winning the popular vote at Wilkes. People just don't want to see Bush in office. Thank God. I personally am voting for Gore. We will see what will happen on November 7th.

A vote

By Obed Addo
Beacon Staff Writer

November 7th is the next presidential election. It's not just a day on the calendar. It's the day when the people of the United States of America decide who they want to lead the country. But if you don't vote, you are not part of the decision.

What do you know about the candidates? Not much, right? You need to know who they are and what they stand for. He is a passionate leader. He is now running as the Green Party candidate. He is a one will vote for.

There are three candidates for the presidency: Al Gore, G. W. Bush, and Ralph Nader. I will re-evaluate the first three. Whether you much at the prevailing opinion is Al Gore.

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Are you the kind of person who likes the outdoors? Do you like winter sports like skiing, snowboarding? Would you like to be part of an organization that promotes these activities? If you've answered yes to these questions, you should consider joining the Wilkes University Ski Club. We are looking for people who are interested in the outdoors.

The newly formed club is having its first meeting in a few weeks, but you can get an idea of how it will be by attending the meeting. We are interested in having an inclusive organization that will work together to promote winter sports.

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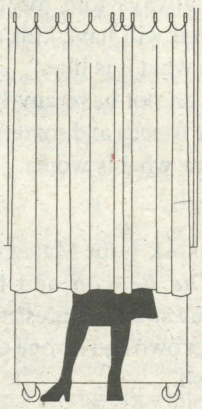
A vote not against Nader

By Obed Addo
Beacon Staff Writer

November 7th the day to elect
next president will be upon us.
It's not Student Government
resident. It is the president of the
United States of America. Have you
made up your mind? If not, let me
help you. But if you have made up
your mind against Gore, think it over
before you sit under a tree inhaling
poisoned air.

What do you know about Ralph
Nader? Not much probably. One
thing you need to know about him
is that he is a passionate consumer ac-
tivist. He is now running for presi-
dent as the Green Party presidential
candidate. He is a good man! A
man one will vote for if the circum-
stances were right. But they are not.
There are three other candi-
dates for the presidency. They are
Al Gore, G. W. Bush and Pat
Buchanan. I will restrict this article
to the first three. One need not
know much about Bush. For the
prevailing opinion which seems
to be that Al Gore is smarter and
better for the job as president. The
case is Bush and all his advisers
do not agree. There has not been
an credible logical argument
against the competency of Al Gore.
The criticism which is more of
style is that, he is detail oriented.
But is that supposed to be bad?
If you want someone who can
explain the how and the why of
something of an act or program
without being fed through a screen
then to say? Al Gore will put you
to rest!!!! Voting for the guy who
does his math seems the best
choice. Al Gore seems to know his
job. It doesn't seem fuzzy.
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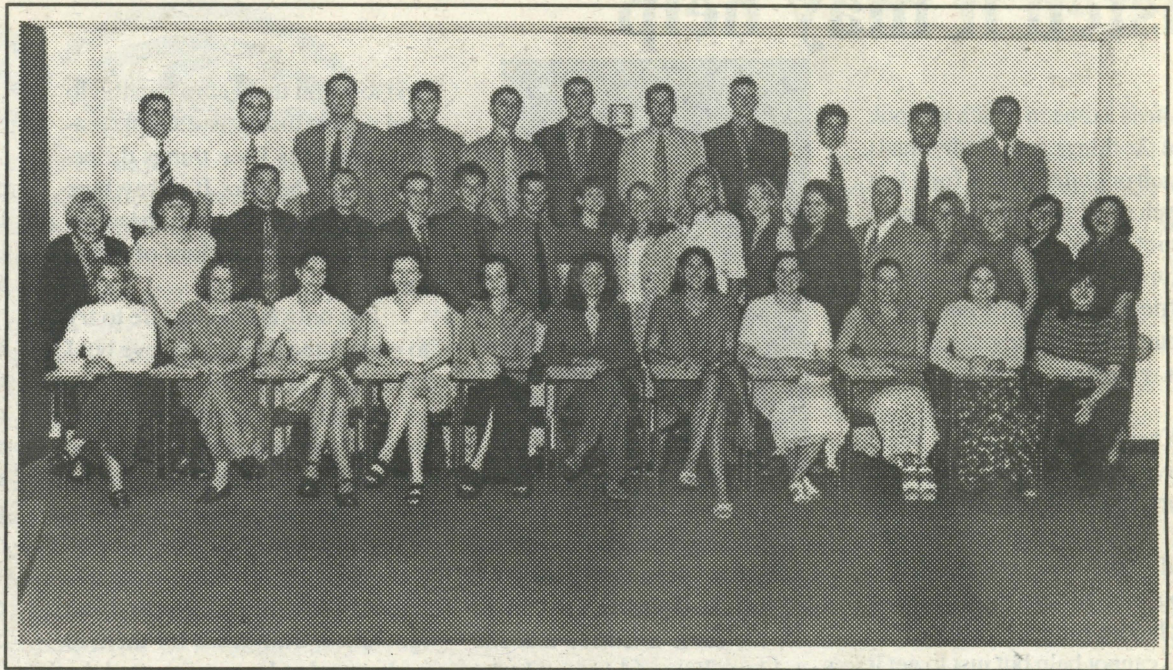
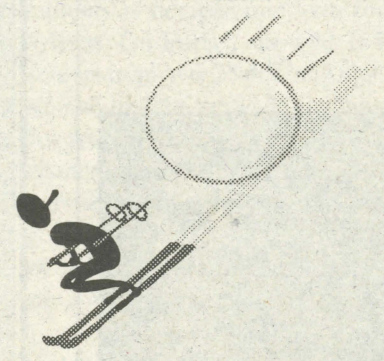
tween Gore and Bush is apparent.
The choice must be Gore! But what
about Nader? Well, if you vote
Nader at the present, the air starved
Asthmatics will surely suffocate to
death for the environment will be
Texasilized. Yeah polluted! The
fine fall colors we enjoy here in
Pennsylvania will be a thing of the
past when Bush becomes president.
So if you are a supporter of the
Green party, well its okay to vote
for Al Gore for president (he is an
environmentally enlightened) and
pull the green party candidate le-
ver for the other offices. Just note
that most democrats tend to be en-



vironmentally friendly.
I hope I have helped you in
your decision. The case at hand
comes down to philosophical analy-
sis. In this Aristotelian society, hi-
erarchy is important. The smarter
the better. For the choice between
Nader and Gore, one may apply
Utilitarian principle-Which one of
them will bring the greater good?
Al Gore! Gore has the greater
chance of winning so he must be
the one to vote for. Voting for
Nader will elect Bush which will
not bring even the goodness de-
sired.
See you at the poll Nov. 7th.

Ski club wants you

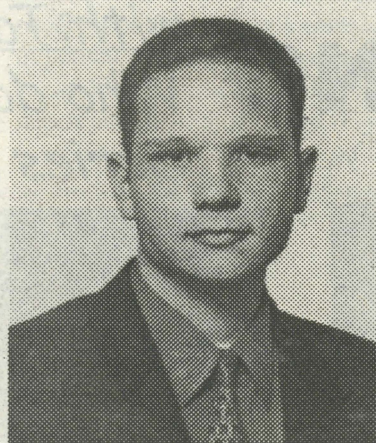
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Ski Club, and we are looking for people who are
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are.
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have its first meeting in the
next few weeks, but we would like
to have an idea of how many people
are interested in joining. We
will be announcing the first club meet-
ing in the next week or so, and we
look forward to seeing you on the
slopes!



Wilkes University's Fall Semester student teachers have begun teaching duties in local elementary, middle, and high schools. The student teacher program provides the participants with valuable classroom experience and an easy transition from college life to the professional field.

Paveletz named giving program manager

Scott Paveletz, of Parsons, was
recently named annual giving pro-
gram manager at Wilkes University.
In his new position, Paveletz is
spearheading the University's Com-
munity Business Campaign,
Phonathon, and Senior Class Gift
Campaign. Pledges received from
these three fundraising initiatives
help provide scholarships for Wilkes
students through the Annual Fund.
Previously a regional income
development specialist with the
American Cancer Society, Paveletz



also worked as program director for
Wilkes-Barre's Catholic Youth Cen-
ter (C.Y.C.) and program specialist
for the Y.M.C.A. His community
service activities include helping
CHOICES Drug and Alcohol Re-
hab Center, Odyssey Fitness Cen-
ter, Y.M.C.A., C.Y.C., American
Cancer Society, and church groups.
Paveletz is pursuing a Bach-
elor of Arts Degree in Psychology,
Human Resources Management,
and Gerontology.

Free W-B/Scranton Penguins Tickets!!

W-B/Scranton Penguins VS Rochester. Saturday November 4th at the Arena
- Free to all Wilkes students and transportation provided

- Signup Wednesday from 5-6 or Thursday 11-1 at the SUB information Desk or
in the Student Activities Office

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your notices here, email the Beacon
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Listen it may help

Life is a time in which we look back at the things we as individuals have said or done. I know for a fact that each of us has said something we regret to a friend or relative, but sometimes they deserve it. When your friends say things that try to help out your life they sometimes do not realize they hurt your feelings.

What makes me mad is when you give it back to them they then in return can't take it. As the saying goes "What goes around comes around." This is a concept that is true but not always right. I know "think before you speak," but sometimes I cannot help but just to get it off my chest. For example, my best friend Kim and I would not know what to do if we did not have each other in our lives. We have only been friend for two years, but those two years are filled with laughs, smiles, tears, and fears.

She and I are very opinionated and sometimes we do not want to hear what each other has to say because the truth does hurt.



Jill Stankoski

Another difference between her and I is age. She is 26 and I am 21. She has "been there and done that" and she does not want me to make the same mistakes that she had. I love Kim and I should take her advice on life but as stubborn as I am I will not. I wish that everyone had a friend like Kim in their life, but she needs to realize that there is always going to be someone that is more vocal than her, I doubt that but maybe there is.

Another example is the relationship that I have with my parents. God love them, I will be the

first to admit that I am a handful to deal with at times. The simple reason for that is I see things differently than they do. If I say blue they say black. I guess these are the trials and tribulations of growing up.

It is only human nature to try to protect those that you love but I hate living in a bubble.

Experience is what you need in life to get ahead. When people shy you away from "reality" you will never understand what life is really all about. When my parents were growing up things were different in the means of crime and ignorance. So I guess for them to understand today's society and the ways of life are a tough concept to grasp. But for me this is easy because I was born into a world filled with a great deal of corruption and temptation.

Opinions are very important when you are trying to get your point across but you still have to listen. Listening is also essential to life because if there are two people talking and no one is lis-

tening then nothing will ever be accomplished.

Based on my experience as a person I admit that I do not always listen and I am in the wrong but so is everyone one else who is not listening.

For instance, when I am trying to get people to do things that they are suppose to do and I get nothing but a bunch of lip instead of a bunch of help. I just want to snap. I have a "short fuse" to begin with and that just sends me right over the edge.

I know that my parents will be pleased when they read this because they always told me that "someday you will have kids and you will see what it is like."

Well, I do not have any kids but I do have friends and sometime I do not know what is worse.

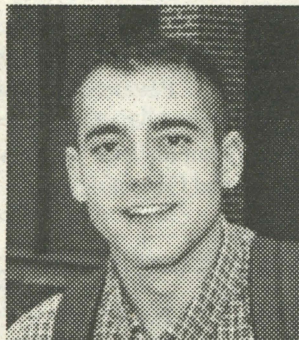
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with: Tara Barrie

Who do you want to win the World Series Mets or Yankees?

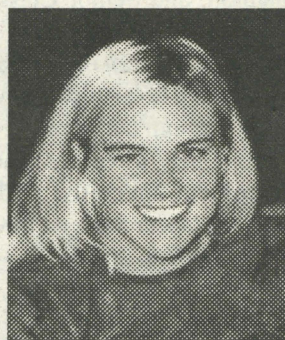
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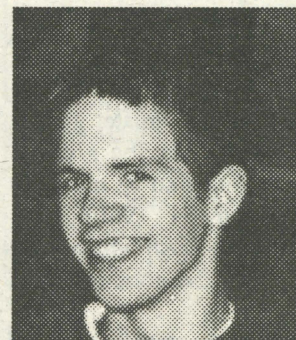
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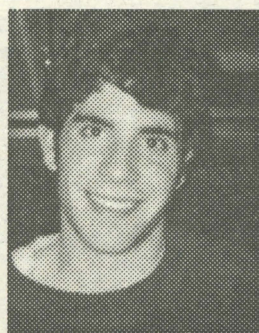
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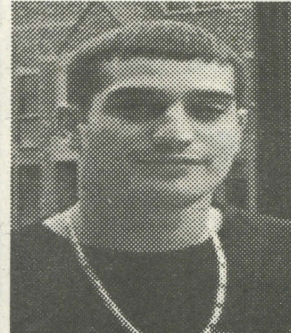
Mario Romanelli
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Chris Talecki
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Dominic Goffredo
Freshman
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Through

by: Him and Her

Hi. How is every day? Hey, here's a great click our heels together three times "I love W Well, to be perfectly you, we wouldn't either week's topic is exact wouldn't (unless we However, we should love the cafeteria and ested in reading propaganda it put out of its m all means, skip the r ticle, and perhaps ch Crazy Bob has to say

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September 28 Thursday night, bu gave a warming speech.

Several studer physicians, and o members gathered the Student Union

Dr. Catherine Catherine DeAngel Editor-in-Chief of American Medic (JAMA). JAMA international peer-medical journal th mote the science cine and the bette lic health.

During Dr. DeAngelis has ited 10 books and commentaries, ed and abstracts. renound leader in Dr. DeAngelis is become the edito was also the first a pediatrician at Jc cal School. As a DeAngelis has ab lar interest in ch cents. Her patie "Cathy's kids," a

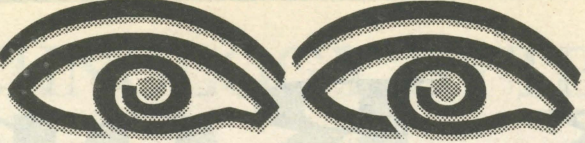
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Through our eyes

by: Him and Her



Hi. How is everyone doing today? Hey, here's a great idea! Lets all click our heels together and chant three times "I love Wilkes!" No? Well, to be perfectly honest with you, we wouldn't either, and this week's topic is exactly why we wouldn't (unless we were paid). However, we should say that if you love the cafeteria and aren't interested in reading propaganda for having it put out of its misery, then by all means, skip the rest of this article, and perhaps check out what Crazy Bob has to say this week.

Picture it, Wilkes-Barre, 84 West South Street 3rd floor, the cafeteria. Its dinner time, so you head over the SUB in hopes of finding something edible amongst the stale rolls and fresh out-of-the-can soup cups. According to some of the people "in charge," everything in the cafeteria is "home-made" and "delicious." Ha! Come on people, we may have been born yesterday, but we weren't born last night. Even some of the employees in the cafeteria (who shall remain nameless) admit to some of the food they serve looking "gross." We don't know what planet that person "in charge" is from, but we think that we can speak on behalf of the rest of the

Earthlings here at Wilkes and say that there is some \$hit going on with the cafeteria. Now, we don't think it's too much to ask to have reasonably decent food and a good selection to pick from. If you live anywhere on campus, you're forced to have some kind of meal plan, so instead of the students constantly "getting screwed" by the cafeteria, we hope that those people "in charge" will read this and make a few changes.

Did you ever notice that usually by Thursday, the sub (hoagie, hero, whatever) rolls are stale? There is a very simple solution to this: close the bags that the bread is in. Thank you. Over at the dessert thing, if you look really closely, you may find a tiny little swarm of *drosophila melanogaster*, or for all you "non-dorks" out there, fruit flies. One afternoon while going through the cafeteria, we stopped and took a look at the "home-made" desserts that were sitting out. Low-and-behold, there were fruit flies crawling all over several pieces of cake and the left over donuts. Lovely, isn't it. Well, not really surprised at what we had just seen, we stopped over at the cheese ma-

chine to see if it was working yet. Just recently is mysteriously began working again. Weird.... it actually is working after being on hiatus for most of last year and the beginning of this one. Students should probably expect to see a new item on their tuition statements.... "cheese machine fee, \$50." This one, we think, is just a matter that lacks common sense. Why is the butter, cream cheese, jelly, etc.... placed in such close proximity to the toaster oven? Last time we checked, butter melts. And another thing concerning the condiments sitting out on the counter: will people please try and not get them full of crumbs? We know that most people really couldn't care less about the next guy behind them in line, but would you please at least try and make an effort not to get crumbs in the condiments? It would be much appreciated.

Moving along from the food, let us ask you a question, and have you tell us the truth. Most people would at the very least expect the dishes, glasses, and silverware to be clean right? Well, guess again. This is Wilkes, remember? We recommend that the next time you are in the cafeteria, not only should you take a

look to make sure that whatever you put on your tray isn't infested with living things, but you should also take a quick look to make sure that the dishes and glasses you pick up are clean. While at the "Sip Station," which by the way really needs a new name, we both took two glasses and attempted to fill them with Coke and Sprite. After discovering that neither of these had the proper amount of syrup in them (clear Coke...yummy) we dumped them out, and made an interesting discovery: the inside of one of the glasses had bits of food gunk stuck to the inside of it. Thoroughly disgusted, we then proceeded to the card-swiper lady and then to a table. During the course of our dinner, one of the cafeteria employees came out and started putting "clean" silverware into the containers, which is all fine and dandy, until the employee dropped several forks on the floor and simply put them back in with the rest of the clean ones. This is absolutely atrocious and disgusting. Enough said. We know that equal opportunity employment is an important thing, but if someone is incapable of knowing that forks which fall on the floor do NOT go in with the clean ones, they need to

be relocated to a job which requires less intelligence. Perhaps they are more suited for a job managing the food services? We suggest that students start bringing their own Styrofoam plates and plastic silverware to dinner with them.

We sincerely hope that this article has raised some awareness concerning some of the things that continually occur in the cafeteria. No one should stand for this because we simply pay too much money for rotten things like these to be happening. Now that you have seen the cafeteria through our eyes, we would like to know how does that make you feel? Perhaps you should let the people "in charge" of the cafeteria know. If you like, you can also email any comments to us at millerab@wilkes.edu. Until next week, bon appétit!

Integrity In Medicine By: Meg Stevens

September 28th was a cool Thursday night, but a Wilkes alum gave a warmly successful speech.

Several students, faculty, area physicians, and other community members gathered in anticipation in the Student Union Ballroom to greet Dr. Catherine DeAngelis. Dr. Catherine DeAngelis is currently the Editor-in-Chief of the Journal of the American Medical Association (JAMA). JAMA is an influential international peer-reviewed general medical journal that serves to promote the science and art of medicine and the betterment of the public health.

During her career, Dr. DeAngelis has authored and edited 10 books and over 150 studies, commentaries, editorials, chapters, and abstracts. She is indeed a renowned leader in medicine today. Dr. DeAngelis is the first woman to become the editor of JAMA. She was also the first woman to become a pediatrician at John Hopkins Medical School. As a pediatrician, Dr. DeAngelis has always had a particular interest in children and adolescents. Her patients are known as "Cathy's kids," and they are spread

across the globe from Pittsburg to Baltimore, Boston to Madison, Wisconsin, as far as Liberia, Peru, Nicaragua, and the West Indies. Due to her love for the younger generation, Dr. DeAngelis kindly agreed to be the distinguished lecturer for the second annual Wilkes Pre-Med Day.

An additional reason for Dr. DeAngelis to grace the Wilkes campus is her genuine love for Wilkes. On Friday, she told 185 seniors from over 25 different high schools that she would do anything for Wilkes because Wilkes took a chance on her. "If you want to understand what it is like to be a decent human being and gain the scientific knowledge and how to apply it -Go to Wilkes,"

Dr. DeAngelis recommended. Not only was this five foot Italian woman a delightful speaker with a resume over 21 pages, but she conveyed a fresh, altruistic, motivational message to all in attendance. President Christopher Breiseth introduced Dr. DeAngelis by remarking about her "brightness, energy, outspokenness, articulateness, and savvy qualities." "She flourished as a Pre-Med stu-

dent at Wilkes's, and "no one was surprised at her spectacular success," says Briesth.

Dr. DeAngelis also left quite an impression upon the students. "She was the epitome of what a doctor should be," remarked Kristy Tkach, a senior nursing student. Jennifer Vodzak, a junior Pre-Med student, was a member of the Planning Committee for Pre-Med Day.

She described Dr. DeAngelis as being a dynamic, very realistic and motivated physician. "She is wonderful to talk to because she provides a great sense of dedication to her field and motivation to those going into the health field," stated Vodzak. Amber Rokofski, a senior at Myers High School, agreed responding that Dr. DeAngelis "gave a great speech, and she gave me hope for my career."

Dr. DeAngelis delivered a speech focused on integrity in medicine. She began by pointing out that physicians are "given respect and credit whether we deserve it or not." She described what a privilege it is to be a physician. She gave the examples of being the first to see new life at the delivery of a baby and the last person someone sees before they

die. She humorously added that "people will take their clothes off when you ask and you're not even the President of the United States." Given the privileges of a physician, Dr. DeAngelis suggests that in return you owe something back. Physicians must maintain the integrity of medicine.

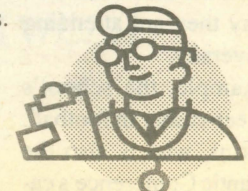
Dr. DeAngelis noted that there is a movement that is "forcing the business ethic into the same vein as the medical ethic." She described how managed care and pharmaceutical sponsorship threaten medical integrity. Dr. DeAngelis encourages us to be aware of such problems or "we will be doing a disservice to ourselves and our patients." She further challenges medical students to "take back medicine from the business people."

Medicine is not nor should it ever become a business focused on a profit. The only profit of medicine should be quality patients care. After hearing her lecture, Dr. Klemow of the Biology Department thought, "It was tough for her to hit all the phases of integrity in medicine. She hit some major issues. It is something people really care about. I wish more people were here

from the community to benefit from it."

Yet again Pre-Med day was a success. After last years program the number of incoming biology majors doubled. The number of high school students who participated this year doubled from last year. The comments resonating from students, faculty, and staff only serve to reinforce the importance and quality of Pre-Med Day at Wilkes. The Planning Committee who worked so hard beginning in the summer until now are to be congratulated.

Thanks also to the following sponsors: Health Sciences Office, Student Government, Departments of Biology, Chemistry, and Health Sciences, Dean Bedford and the College of Arts, Sciences, and Professional Studies, Admissions Office, Public Relations Office, and the NEPA Health Education Center. A special thanks should also be extended to Dr. DeAngelis for giving her time freely to come back to Wilkes.





Got a BUG?

The purpose of this column is to help students gain an unprofessional aspect on life based on experiences by their fellow college student and also as a means of entertainment!!

Question: I have a crush on one of my fellow Wilkes students but he and I are best friends. I have a love of our friendship and also a love for him. What should I do, tell him or just keep my secret to myself?

Ronnie says: Mixing business with pleasure, this is my speciality. When male and females are friends more times than none someone is going to feel something for the other. This "feeling" can either be mutual or destructive. If it is a mutual feeling **Woo Hoo**, get it on, but if it is destructive that sucks because not only did you possibly mess up a friendship but boy are you going to be embarrassed next time you see him.

Take things step-by-step and play it by ear. When he talks be attentive and see if he is talking about other girls and what he likes in them. Play "match maker" Match all of the qualities that he looks for in a girl and see if any of them match with you. If you do find some qualities in yourself that he likes great, make a move girl. If you don't find any then don't waste your tears or breath. As Michael Bolton bellowed out in his ballad "How can we be lovers if we can't be friends." This is a such a true concept because if in a relationship there is

only one person trying to make things work it will never work out because it takes two to tango.

Question: I went to a party over the weekend and I ended up hooking up with this guy and my friends are telling me that he has been known to be dirty. I am freaking out what should I do?

Ronnie says: EWW you have cooties!!

No just kidding this is a serious matter and you should go and get tested. You **SHOULD** go to Planned Parenthood (824-8921), or Health Services of Wilkes University (408-4730). I do hope though that when you were "going at it" for better choice of words that you did use a condom. That is one of the most important decisions that you and your partner make while engaging in sex.

If you ever have any questions dealing with this manner you can always go to the health services and pick up literature on sex, sexually transmitted diseases, and abstinence. This information is not to replace a professional but it will give you some ideas to ask these health care officials.

Hooking up is part of college life and you have to use your head and I mean the one on your shoulders not the one in your pants.

Question: I just found out that my best friend has been trashing my name around campus and now people are looking at me because of the things that she has said about me. What am I going to do to fix what she said? and should I confront her?

Ronnie says: For some reason that seems to be a trend on this campus and it is not just this campus. The reason why things circulate so fast at Wilkes is because it is a small university. But who cares what people think about you because you are the one that knows the truth. You should think about the things that she is saying about you and get in check with yourself. The things that she is saying maybe true and this can be a way that she is trying to help you. I am not sure of what kind of things that she is saying but reveal the fact with myth and somewhere in-between the lines is the truth. Now I hope that she is not talking about about the time when some girl was all messed on drugs, and stripped down and starting humping a couch because if that was you man you have some serious issues and definitely need to talk to someone. As for confronting your "so-called" friend talk to her about it and find out what her problem is and why is she all of a sudden trash talking you on campus. Hopefully, things can be resolved and you both learn from this. Don't be stupid and learn to keep your mouth closed.

Well, readers that is all that I have for this week. Please keep the question coming because the more question the more I can help you solve your issues and problems E-mail your questions to Beacon@wilkes.edu

Hope everyone has a great week and till next week

Thank you very much Wilkes University

I would just like to express my sincere, heartfelt thanks to our fine institution – the one in which I shell out roughly \$15-18 thousand dollars per year to go to.

The sad fact is, with that money I provide to Wilkes University, I only expect a few things. Yes, classes are one of those things, and a degree is the ultimate goal. But the one thing I never counted on was being denied a chance to play a home game as a member of the baseball team.

I know that "people choose colleges for that school's academics," but you know what? That statement is just a little bit of bulls*^#.

I am not at Wilkes because of its fine academic standards. I am here to play baseball; I'm just getting a degree while pursuing a championship. Is that bad? You may think so and people who are not athletic supporters may not agree with my statement, but why don't you ask the more than 100 athletes why they are attending Wilkes University.

For example, the school's all-time career-rusher in football, Mike Hankins, who is also the Middle Atlantic Conference's career-leading rusher, didn't even attend classes after his senior season of football. He went in the fall, during football season, but never made it to the spring classes. Why? That's right, he was here to play football. I could care less about that fact, I think it's a perfectly reasonable excuse to go to school and I support it.

Now I am not going to be a record-holder of any sorts when I end my playing days for Joe Folek and the Colonel baseball team, but it's the most enjoyable thing I do. I'm not going to get drafted after college, but I am going to make the most of my playing days at Wilkes. I realize I will need a degree when I graduate, so I do try hard in my classes and make an effort to learn everything I could. But the simple fact remains – if I didn't have the ability to come to Wilkes and play baseball, with an opportunity for a starting position, I would not be here.

Sorry, but it's true. When I weighed the factors of going to college, coming to Wilkes where they had just lost their starting catcher was the biggest factor to me. Sure, it had a good reputation and it was close to home, but baseball was first. To make matters worst, the fact that my father graduated from here was the second most important factor in my decision.

Those two factors outweighed the idea of going away to college or going for a specific degree. Now I have found out that my \$15,000 per year doesn't even guarantee me a baseball field to play on. It was made official on Monday that Artillery Park will not be ready for use in the spring. It has been undergoing some serious renovations and will not be completed by March.

I see this from two angles. The first, I should take one for the team. When the field is finished, it will be better than ever with a much-improved playing surface. It is one of the nicest fields now, so improvements will only make it better.

The second, though, is a little selfish. I don't want to sacrifice my home field for the good of the team years from now. I paid the money to attend Wilkes and I should have the luxury of a baseball field to call home. The best thing about playing college baseball isn't the exposure. It isn't the competition, or the ability to play for a national championship. For me, it's the convenience of having everything together. We use a locker room at the Munson Field House, just a

short walk from Artillery Park. It's a place to call home. Some athletes spend as little time in their respective locker rooms, but me, I can spend the day there, just hanging out, preparing for a game, and getting ready to play a good team. It's the most exciting part of my life. I know that doesn't make me look too good, but that's how I am.

Now I don't have that. So far I've given you nearly \$50,000 for that luxury and you can't even provide that, Wilkes University. Believe me, when it comes time to choose a graduate school, I won't forget this. I will probably end up at Wilkes, but it won't be without some serious consideration, the main thing being if Artillery Park is ready for two years. When the baseball team plays, the closest home game it can have will be at a high school stadium. I spent my senior year in high school without a home field, and you know what, I resent my school very much for that. But at least I didn't pay them an exorbitant amount of money to do it.

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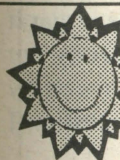
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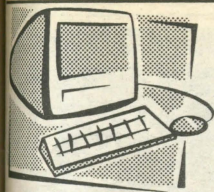
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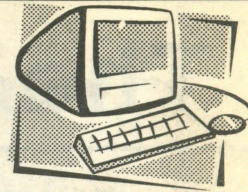


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Sherill Babcock had a problem. She was trying to register as a user on the site blackplanet.com, but the censor software that that site uses told her that her last name was "unacceptable." Blackplanet staff asked her to choose a different name, and Sherill somehow managed to register under the names Babpenis and Abdildo.

There's a lot of material on the net that's considered indecent or even obscene by some folks, and to protect their sensibilities many authorities recommend the use of filtering software. Such as NetNanny, Cybersitter, or several other near-clones. These are software packages that simply block access to sites on a list of offenders, and sites generally get onto that list by containing language that can be construed as indecent. The fundamental problem is that such software doesn't work. Censor software blocks the non-indecent stuff, lets a lot of the indecent stuff through, and just generally yields ridiculous results, all the while not doing a single thing to prevent competent users from finding the information they want to find.

dfn.org recently held a contest to find the most bizarre results from filtering software. The grand prize went to Joe J., who reported being unable to access his own high school's web page from a computer in his own high school's library, because the filter software objected to the use of the word "high." The Poetic Justice award ended up going to House Majority Leader Richard Armey's site. Armey, who is a strong advocate of censorware, has a site that is rejected by netnanny, Surfwatch, Cybersitter, N2HS, and Wisechoice, all because he happens to be a Dick.

It gets sillier. An Australian high school student couldn't research a report on cucumbers because Netnanny blocked the second syllable. An employee of surplusexchange.com reported many customers being unable to access the site, blocked by their own software. Quokka.com's sailing forum blocks the word "scoop," for reasons unknown to all. I'm not sure what scooping is, but it probably can't be worse than felching. Quokka also blocks the word "golden," for reasons that are prob-

ably obvious, and the word "mate," for reasons that are probably not.

It gets more bizarre. Another person playing online games at cyberstrike2.net noticed that not only is the word "gay" blocked, but if he types "homosexual," he gets "&*&sexual." "Heterosexual" passes unimpeded. More interestingly, so does the word "fag." Filter software used by Matsushita, the company that owns Panasonic, caused executives to appear in newsgroups as employees of "MatsuXXXXa." Another high school student in Australia couldn't get past the censorware to do a report on the Fibonacci sequence; no one knows why.

It gets downright dangerous. While these examples are all somewhat funny, there are deeper issues here. Filter software also blocks sites for seeming political reasons. EFA.org.au is blocked by Surfwatch, and Cybersitter blocks the site of the National Organization of Women. And certain filters used by the K-12 schools are even preventing educators from getting e-mails regarding the debate on filtering.

What's at the root of the issue

here is a fundamental fear of responsibility. People don't want it. Parents don't want it. It's far easier to demand that the school library implement censorware to block dirty language than it is to raise your children in such a fashion that dirty language won't have some sort of negative impact on them. It's always easier to enforce mindless rules than it is to teach.

This shirking and fear has real effects. The Gauntlet firewall prevents people from searching the web for detailed "analysis" of legal decisions. In many libraries, you can't find any information on the works of Anne Sexton. And with Altavista's new "Family Filter" in place, a search on the word "sex" - a topic that in its broadest reach includes public health, mental health, contraception, reproduction, safety, biology, sexual dysfunction, sexual abuse, history, law, poetry, and prose - returns a grand total of 161 hits.

Okay, maybe we don't have it as bad as many countries do - yet. DFN executive Alan Brown correctly points out that "You can't visit the *New York Times* from a

Chinese ISP because of political concerns about what political speech and cultural information Chinese citizens might read. In Burma you can't even have a modem unless you're one of a select group of government officials or company insiders."

But for all that the widespread and, more significantly, the unquestioning use of censorware brings to light issues of grave concern. It's chipping away at the freedom of expression online. And as a matter of more proximate concern, does anyone really want Symantec corporation or Disney as an arbiter of what we are permitted to see online? How can even parents, in good conscience, abdicate to the software corporations their responsibilities for governing what and how their children learn?

I'm not sure what actual prizes were awarded in the dfn.org filtering contest, but I'd suggest either bumper stickers from Scunthorpe, England, or souvenir T-shirts from the town of Fucking, Austria. And if anyone out there knows what "scooping" is, please let me know.



In the Clouds

with Rupal Kalariya

Halloween is just around the corner. Who else is excited? I hope to see everyone in costume this weekend. It's the one time of year where you can look like a total weirdo and get away with it. So have a blast. Anyway, you may already know, Wilkes University Squares was postponed until Nov. 8, but still make sure that you check it out. The squares are professors, deans, student activity advisors, etc. It'll be set up in the S.U.B. with three people on each of the floors... doesn't that sound fun? So check it out and I'm sure you'll have a good time. I think we should continue this game-show trend and have Family Feud night. Who knows?

Well, I should publish that I received a response from the cafeteria employees about my comment last week and they assured me that the food is never served

twice. But that still doesn't take away from the fact that so many people are not happy with it. Since I am a vegetarian, I personally dread having to go in everyday, there is nothing new to eat. Everything is about the cafe making money or as they like to call it "economical issues." But enough of my whining, it's not as if they listen to me anyway.

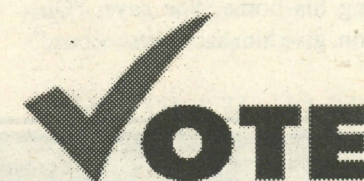
Onto a more "happy" topic. The semester is more than half over. Actually that's a little sad for me. It's one day closer to leaving here. I mean there are times when I can't wait to leave here, but I'll definitely miss it. So make sure you make a lot of memories! Sit around with your friends on a Sunday and watch movies non-stop, take a road trip, talk about "life." Who knows when the next time will be that you can enjoy a moment in life with a friend.

Nader Rocks Wilkes University

Thursday, November 2, from 7:30 - 10:00pm in the Ballroom (2nd floor of the Student Union) is your opportunity to hear from the Green Party Presidential Candidate!

Chris Pilosi, a Wilkes student, attended a rally at Madison Square Garden in NYC on Friday, October 13th and videotaped much of the event and all are invited to come and hear from another choice on the ballot this Election Day.

This rally was not your typical, stuffy, big money, political function that most of us would have no interest in at all. This rally



included appearance by Phil Donahue, Michael Moore, Susan Sarandon,



Tim Robbins and Bill Murray. It also includes musical performances by Patti Smith & Eddie Vedder of Pearl Jam.

Not only will you get to hear from the man the Democrats and Republicans locked out of the debates, but you will be thoroughly entertained!

Admission is free to all and there will be snacks and refreshments. Come and see what the Green Party is all about and what your vote can accomplish!



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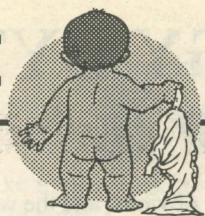
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The Main Event

With Crazy Bob



"Ya'll gonna make Bob lose his mind, up in here, up in here." I brought the songs back as you can tell. Welcome to the Main Event with Crazy Bob, the only column in the Beacon where it's eleven thirty-Crazy Bob is jumpin' jumpin'. You know what I love? You guessed it: punching old people in the face. Haven't you ever wanted to walk up to some fat geezer and pop him one right in the kisser? You have? You freaks; I'm not writing for you monsters ever again.

You know what else I like? Plagiarism. Plagiarism rocks. Some of the best ideas I ever had I've stolen from someone else. Come to think of it, some of the funniest things I've ever read someone has stolen from me (but that's because everyone secretly wants to be just like the Bobman). What I like about plagiarism is you don't have to do any actual thinking. It's easy AND fun! Never mind what the syllabus says; everyone should give it a try. The only bad part is having to deceive a teacher, because everyone knows that teachers never lie.

This week we're going to introduce a new segment on the Main Event. It's called "Hot Chicks Say the Funniest Things." Anyone who knows me knows that I went back to work at Subway because of the chicks

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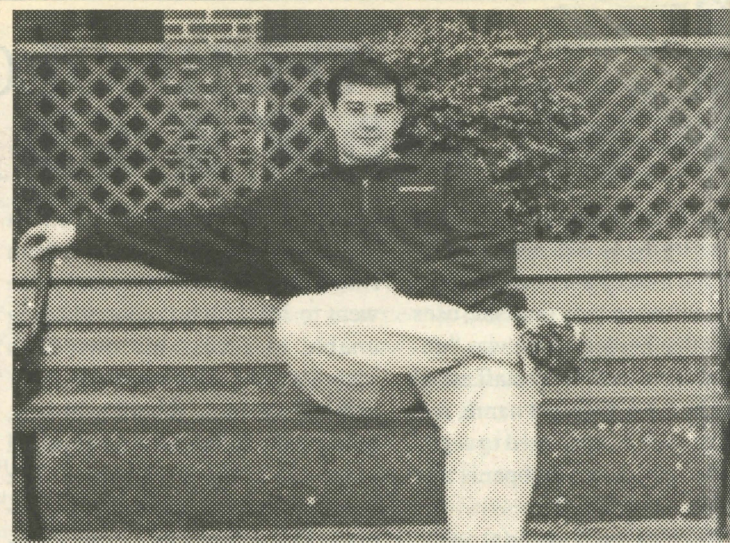
(stop laughing). Some of them are from Dallas or Edwardsville and have valley girl accents, so everything they say sounds snobby whether they mean it or not. They could be giving a eulogy and half the speech would just be them going "like whatever" over and over.

So imagine my delight when one of my coworker's valley girl friends came into the store to chew the fat. Apparently this girl worked at some trendy clothing store and was complaining about how mentally challenged customers were treated. These were her exact words: "Like, why do people, leave their retards, in the middle of the store? I mean, like, what if, they like, have a retard attack, or something?" That is the funniest thing I've heard in a long time.

Also in "Hot Chicks Say the Funniest Things," Mad TV actress Nicole Sullivan, who I've always wanted to rail, was a guest hostess on the E! channel's Talk Soup. She was commenting on another talk show that featured a midget unfairly losing his home. She says, "Oh, c'mon, give him back his shoebox."

Friends, Romans, countrymen, it just doesn't get any better than this.

My crazy cats I need your help. I'm thinking of renaming the Main Event. It doesn't groove the way it used to, and since I don't write about wrestling anymore (unless it's me and the Subway girls) it doesn't make much sense. I'm thinking of calling it "From the Roof" where I just sit on my roof and watch people but I think the Wilkes-Barre police will have a problem with that. Somehow I gather you didn't find that as funny as I did. Seriously though if you have any suggestions for the Main Event's new name then please let me know, so I can reject them because they will be stupid. By the way, I am proud to announce that I am now a NEW and PROUD card-carrying member of the Blockbuster community. I suggest you go there and rent "Instinct" with Anthony Hopkins and Cuba Gooding Jr. I also heard of a flick called "Crippled Masters of Kung Fu" where amputee ninjas fight crime. If you can't be with the one you love; love the one you're with. This is Bob; go nuts.



From the Bench

With John Heck

Finally, I've gotten around to getting a picture that actually correlates with my article. It came down to either getting the picture or changing the name of this article to, "From the Steps." There isn't half the action on the good old steps that there is on the bench. (Most of the time) Now with that said, I can get back to my usual ramblings.

Is it just me or has this semester gone by really fast. It seems like the first day of classes were only a few weeks ago but we just took midterms last week. Where does the time go?

This is just one of the many questions that I've been asking myself lately and I think that me and the bench have come up with an answer.

Did you ever wonder why time only starts to go by fast when you reach a certain age. I can think back to my days as a youngster when summer vacation felt like a really long time. Now when people ask me how my vacation is I tell them that it was too short. I never really thought about it until recently but it's strange, and I felt the need to know why. So after carefully weighting out all of the variables involved with the question I came to this solution.

Time goes by faster and faster as you get older and older. The reason for this is because, you get use to the way that the world works. I think a good example of this is to try and think back to the first time that you tried something that eventually became a hobby for you. For me that was snowboarding, the first time that I ever went, I busted my ass the entire day. The day just felt like it would never end. Over time I got better at it and now when I go I am there until they kick me out, because I want to keep going.

You can relate these exact same principles to your daily life. When you are young it feels like a year is a whole lot longer than it really is. That period of time between the time that you turn five years old and the time that you turn six is incredibly long. As the saying goes "you get better with age." As you become more experienced in life things seem to go a whole lot faster than normal.

This is just the beginning, right now I am talking about a semester going by fast. Think about how your Grandparents feel when they tell you things like, "oh, I can remember my 50th like it was yesterday." Better yet, something to the effect of, "those 30 years of working in New York City, went by so quick." That's real scary if you ask me. Just remember that although life only gets better with age, old people would give anything to be young.

I am not going to ramble on any more about my philosophies, but in a few more weeks when you are asking yourself "where did the semester go?" you can think back on this, and understand that it's just part of growing up.

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For the Movies... with Kevin Walsh

Meet the Parents

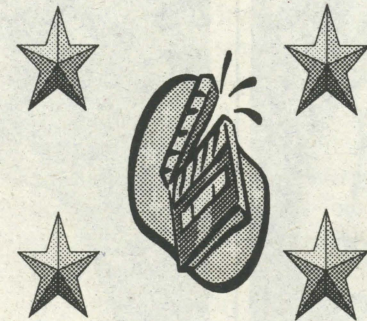
When you think of Robert DeNiro, you may think of a wise guy from *GoodFellas*, or a caring father in the *Bronx Tale*, or even a psycho in *Cape Fear*. This versatile actor has taken on many different roles through out his movie career, but through his last project, "*Analyze This*" and his current, "*Meet the Parents*," he has tacked on a new face in the world of comedy. De Niro has traded in his big guns for big

laughs.

His co-star is a neurotic nurse played by Ben Stiller, who is sadly named Greg Focker. Yes, his name is Focker. Greg Focker is in love with his girlfriend and simply wants to get married. The couple travels to New York for her sister's wedding and Greg sets out on a mission to make an impression on his future in-laws and gain permission to marry their daughter.

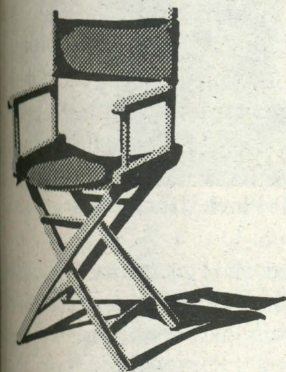
Greg makes every attempt to get into the inner circle of the family, but falters along the way. Focker turns into a stammering idiot saying and doing everything wrong in his quest to impress and gain their approval.

The movie drags through the beginning, but the pace starts to pick up and the movie turns into one of the funniest pictures of the year, in my opinion. The combination of Ben Stiller and Robert De



Niro with their wicked humor and gags keep the film alive and fresh. "*Meet the Parents*" is the type of comedy that would be appropriate for almost any age group, all of which will undoubtedly have a good time and be entertained. I asked some movies patrons what they felt about the picture and Jason Sheakoski expressed that the movie was "focking hilarious," and I have to agree.

4 out of 5 stars

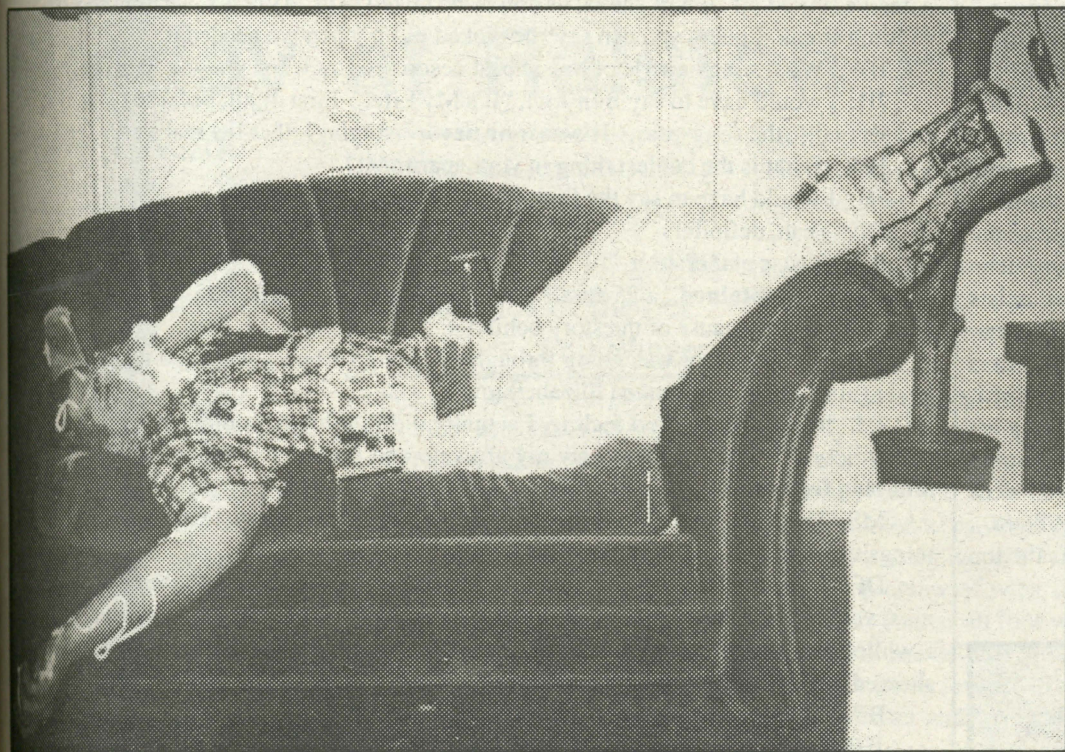


Picture of the Week

Not Necessarily....

With John Heck

From the Bench



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Eye of the Future

With Madame Ecstasy



Aries (March 21 - April 19) A job that recently seemed frustrating could suddenly make sense partly 'cause you're getting better at it. A friend's support helps.

Taurus (April 20 - May 20) Even though you will be put on the spot this week for the work that should have been done, you will make ends meet if you try.

Gemini (May 21 - June 21) You may still be under some personal pressures concerning family situations and decisions about the structure of daily events. You'll see the light at the end of the tunnel if you try.

Cancer (June 22 - July 22) Avoid anyone who puts a damper on your creative plans. Take your time when it comes to making decisions, or you might end up in the wrong place.

Leo (July 23 - Aug. 22) Don't try to influence the way things will work out. Instead focus on the joy of opportunities with groups and friends. Heed the advice of your partner.

Virgo (Aug 23 - Sept. 22) If events are keeping you in a vise, you may have to delegate some responsibilities to others, postpone decisions about self-expression.

Libra (Sept. 23 - Oct. 23) Take a chance on a new lifestyle, but check out the facts before you make a move. There is nothing worse than a bad move.

Scorpio (Oct. 24 - Nov. 21) Set new goals and go around obstacles. Time will resolve everything. Someone else may be under pressure now because of the foundation that you laid.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21) Don't let other people come in between you and the one that you truly care about, if you do you are going to be confronted with a decision where you will have to choose between friends.

Capricorn (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19) Some careful restructuring of your daily schedule may be necessary if you are to express your talent. Investigate any opportunities that come your way.

Aquarius (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18) Other people cannot resist your vulnerability. You may hesitate to ask for anything, however, because of your pride or fear of rejection. Try not to worry about it or you may be overwhelmed.

Pisces (Feb. 19 - Mar. 20) A partner or mate may be under heavy pressure and may tend to worry. If you feel a lack of communication between you and someone important in your life, look at where they are coming from.

Men's basketball team garners pre-season honors

Januzzi picked as pre-season All-American

WILKES PICKED FIRST IN PRE-SEASON COACHES POLL

The Wilkes University men's basketball team has been picked as the favorite to win the inaugural Freedom Conference championship this year in a balloting of the league's coaches.

The Colonels received five of a possible seven first place votes to total 52 points in the poll. Wilkes returns eight players who started at one time or another last season, including pre-season All-American Dave Januzzi. Januzzi missed most of last season with a foot injury, and was granted a medical waiver to return for his senior season.

Scranton, which received one first-place vote, was picked second with a total of 45 points. They are followed by King's, which totaled 41 points, and Lycoming, which had the other first-place vote and finished with 37 points.

Allentown and FDU-Madison tied for the fifth position in the poll with 23 points. Delaware Valley College was seventh in the rankings with 20 tallies, followed by Drew, which totalled nine points.

WILKES EARNS TOP TEN RANKING IN STREET & SMITH PRE-SEASON RANKING

The Wilkes University men's basketball team has had its fair share of success in recent history. With the return of nine part-time starters, including senior All-American candidate Dave Januzzi, the Colonels have earned the number seven position in the Street & Smith Magazine pre-season Division III Top 10.

William Paterson University, a team that Wilkes defeated minus the services of Januzzi a year ago, was tabbed as the number-one team in the poll. They are followed by Calvin (MI), Roanoke (VA), St. John's (MN), Wisconsin-Eau Claire, Wooster (OH), Wilkes, Salem State (MA), Carthage (WI), and Chicago.

"If the players assume their roles and all play their parts like they have on our championship teams of the past, we have a chance to become a great team," commented Wilkes' head coach Jerry Rickrode. "We should be able to dictate tempo due to our depth and talent level."

"We are once again very happy to be ranked in the top ten in the nation by Street & Smith. Exposure like this is certainly good for both our basketball program and Wilkes University."



Beacon file photo

JANUZZI NAMED FIRST TEAM PRE-SEASON ALL-AMERICAN

Wilkes University senior guard Dave Januzzi has been named a pre-season first team All-American by Street & Smith Magazine. Januzzi, who was also named to the first unit a year ago, missed nearly all of the 1999-2000 season due to a foot injury, but was granted an additional year of eligibility due to a medical waiver.

A year ago, the 6'0" guard from Meyers High School, was on his way to another superb season, averaging 19.2 points per game during the team's 3-0 start. But, in game number four against Delaware Valley College, he went down with an injury which prevented him from playing for the remainder of the year.

"David is very deserving of being selected a pre-season first team All-American," stated Wilkes' head coach Jerry Rickrode. "We all know how much he has meant not only to our team, but to the entire Wilkes' community. I feel he is prepared to have a super final season here, and he has set some lofty goals for both himself and the team."

As a junior, Januzzi was named to the Basketball Times first team All-American unit after averaging 19.2 points, four assists and 3.9 rebounds per game. An All-Tournament team selection at the Final Four as a sophomore, Januzzi heads into his final season ranked fourth on the all-time scoring list at Wilkes with 1,527 points. The two-time Freedom League Most Valuable Player needs 430 points to surpass Jim Nolan (1986-90), who amassed 1,956 career points, as the top scorer in school history.

Sports Schedule

Saturday, October 28

Football - Lebanon Valley at Wilkes, 1:00 p.m.

Women's Soccer - Freedom Conference Championship Match, TBA

Field Hockey - Freedom Conference Champ. Game at Drew, 1:00 p.m.

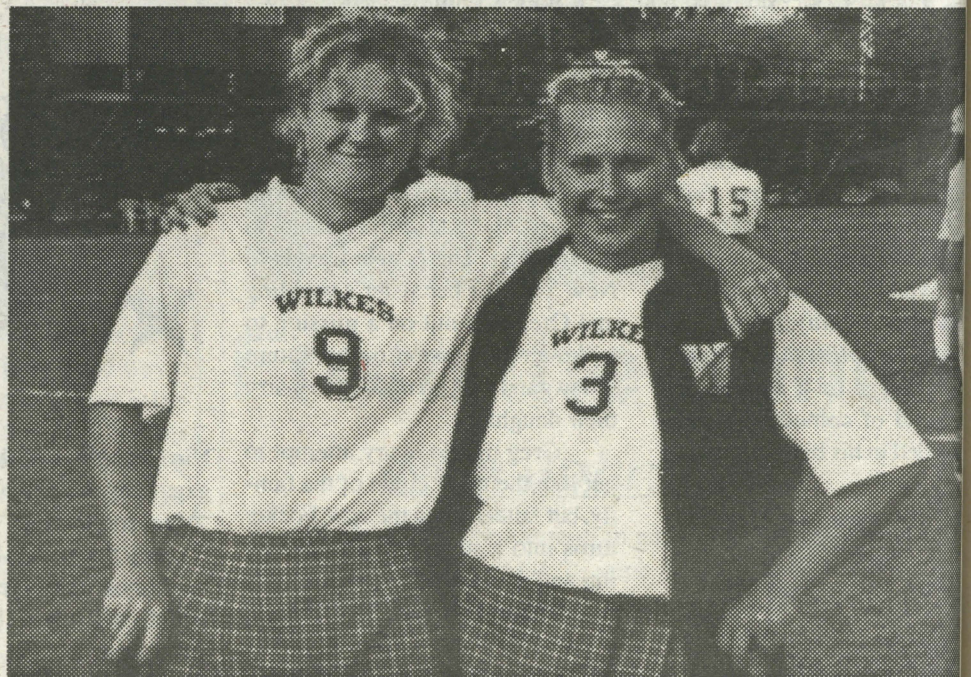
Sunday, October 29

Men's Soccer - Drew at Wilkes, 2:00 p.m.

Hit the Showers

with Jill Henry and Danielle Flock

By Brian Walter and Marcus Sowcik



MS: Marcus Sowcik, BW: Brian Walter, DF: Danielle Flock, JH: Jill Henry

BW: Why do field hockey players have to wear skirts?

JH: Well, I think it all started when field hockey originated, and I guess it has just stayed that way. Personally, I like to wear skirts better. I would much rather wear them than shorts.

MS: You have 32 total points, 12 goals, 8 assists; how do these stats compare to the goals you set for yourself in the beginning of the season?

JH: I had 14 goals last year but less assists, so I think that I am doing just as well. I would have liked to score more goals, but I know that I am helping the team more with the assists.

BW: Where would people find you, and what would they find you doing on a Saturday night?

DF: I'm 21, so I usually go to the bar. I like to go out and have a good time. I like to tour the town (laughs). Some weekends I can't do too much though, **because we have hockey.**

MS: In one word or phrase, how would you best describe the team?

JH: **We're all about the team.**

MS: What is the most beneficial thing coach Malatesta does for the team?

DF: Coach is really into academics. She is always making sure we are keeping up with our work, and that we are excused from class. She also gave this year's team some heart. After we started off slowly, she sat us down and talked to us. After that we went on a six-game winning streak. I guess you can say she picked us up when we needed it.

BW: What song or style of music best describes you when playing field hockey?

JH: I would have to say Bon Jovi, "It's My Life." First of all, because I love Bon Jovi, and secondly, the song goes, "**It's now or never**" (singing), that fits real well.

BW: What is the coolest thing in your apartment?

JH: I would have to say the Pink Floyd poster.

DF: Yeah, definitely.

BW: Please elaborate.

JH: We "**obtained**" a 25-foot Pink Floyd poster last week, it takes up the entire wall. It's my favorite because of the story behind it.

MS: Tell me what was going through your mind when you scored the game-winning goal against nationally-ranked Elizabethtown.

JH: It was such a good feeling. I actually didn't think it would end that way, but I am happy now that it did. I just threw my arms up and started screaming. **Scoring is just an amazing feeling.**

MS: The team started off the season kind of slow; how did the team, you especially, pull things together and end up where you are now?

DF: I just started to speak up more, I tried to take on a leadership role. I try to be the most verbal person on the team. We knew we could play better than we had been, it just took a while for us to get going. Once we started, we went on a **six-game winning streak**; we showed ourselves that's how we could really play.

BW: What are you going to be for Halloween?

JH: That's a surprise, I don't want anyone to know until Halloween.

DF: Actually, I am going to Party City tonight to pick out my costume!

Open Floor Statement

JH: Be spontaneous, take life as it comes.

DF: Experience: What you get when you are looking for something else.

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Wilkes kicked-out by Bombers, fall to 4-3

By MATT REITNOUR
Beacon Staff Writer

ITHACA — The Wilkes University Colonels made the three hour bus trip to Ithaca, New York for Saturday's match-up against the Ithaca College Bombers with a very simple game plan. The idea was to be in position to win the game in the fourth quarter.

And if it wasn't for a hot field goal kicker, the Colonels' plan would have been a success.

Instead, Ithaca place kicker Seth Steinberg hit a 25-yard field goal with 2:18 to play in the fourth quarter to give the host Bombers a 16-13 win over Wilkes at Butterfield Stadium on Ithaca's campus. The non-conference loss moves Wilkes to 4-3 overall, 2-1 in the Freedom League. The win allows Ithaca, who is independent, to keep their national play-off hopes alive with a 5-2 record.

The Wilkes offense entered Saturday's game banged-up. Wilkes was without the services of junior tackle Matt Berger, plus running backs Mike Lorady, Kyle Kehoe and Anthony Malchiorre. Wilkes head coach Frank Sheptock knew he needed to run the ball against a tough Bomber defense, so he made the call to his own defense.

Sheptock and his coaching staff moved freshman Steve Rogers from his usual linebacker spot to running back, where he carried the ball 23 times for 62 yards. Rogers also saw time on the defense as well, where

the Wilmington, Delaware native made six tackles, three of those solo.

"He was a man, he played like a senior today," Sheptock said of his freshman running back. "You are talking about a true freshman playing in his seventh game going both ways, I mean it is unheard of but he was up to the challenge."

Rogers gained 17 yards on his first college carry to give Wilkes a first down on their first drive of the game. Rogers, who ran the ball at St. Mary's High School last season, actually put the bug in the ear of the coaching staff a few weeks ago, but it was not until Wednesday that he actually got some reps in the backfield.

"I kept nagging the coaches," Rogers said. "I really like the challenge of going both ways. I'll do whatever is best for the team."

The two squads traded punts at the start of the game. Another Wilkes freshman then stepped in for the Colonels. Freshman punter Mike Walk nailed a 35-yard punt which was downed at the Bomber three-yard line, leaving the Wilkes' defense foaming at the mouth.

Ithaca's offense responded in the shadow of their own goal line, going 97 yards in 11 plays for the game's first score. Ithaca quarterback Brian Young found Conor Mulkeen wide open in the back of the end zone to place the home team on top. Ithaca would hold the lead until Wilkes scored just 1:19 into the second quarter.

Sophomore quarterback Jeff

Marshman threw the first of his two touchdown passes to wide out Ryan James on a fourth-and-12 play from the Ithaca 20-yard line. Marshman's pass to James was under thrown, but the senior made the adjustment and hauled in the scoring toss. Following the PAT, the score was tied at seven. Marshman finished the day 10-for-25 for 157 yards and two touchdowns. Marshman was also picked off twice. James was the game's leading receiver with four catches for 102 yards, including a 70-yard touchdown pass which tied the score 13-13 with 8:52 to play in the game.

Following the James touchdown, freshman Wilkes' kicker Ian Silverman had his PAT blocked, keeping the score at 13-13.

Sheptock knows that if the Colonels want to win close games, they need to be able to score in the kicking game.

"We missed too many opportunities," Sheptock said. "Our kicking game gave up seven points today. We need to get better there."

One area where Wilkes improved over last week was on the offensive side of the ball. Wilkes was held to just 85 yards total offense a loss to Lycoming. This week the Colonels were able to muster 259 yards in total offense, which according to Sheptock was a real sign of his team's character, especially since the offensive line was a mix-mash of players following a season plagued with injuries.

"I was real pleased with how

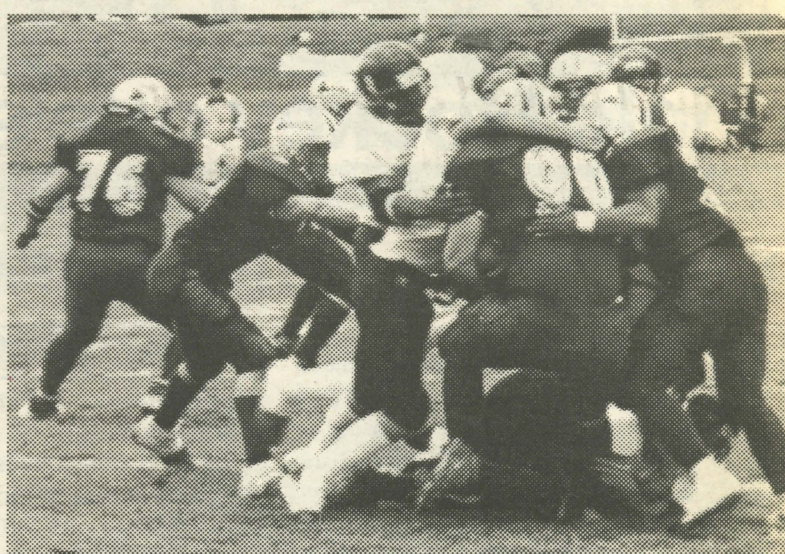


Photo by Adam Polinger

Wilkes (4-3) will look to mob Lebanon Valley College this Saturday at 1 p.m. in the first of a two-game homestand.

our offensive line bounced back with people in new positions," he said. "Coach (Bob) Barbieri did a real good job with that unit."

Steinberg put the Bombers up 10-7 with a 32-yard field goal with 11:42 left in the third quarter. The senior then became the first Bomber kicker to have three field goals in one game since 1990 when he hit a career-long 37-yard field goal to put Ithaca up 13-7 with 9:50 to play in regulation. The next drive was the Marshman to James scoring connection.

Even though his squad is 4-3 and has lost two straight games, Sheptock is still very pleased with his team's progress through the 2000 season. Sheptock hopes his team can build on the Ithaca game,

even though it was a loss.

"If we can build on today, we are going to be a real good football team," he said.

"We are going to finish strong. Obviously we lost the last two, but this football team has a lot of character and you saw that today, we just kept coming."

Wilkes will be back at home for the first time in two weeks when they host Lebanon Valley College at Ralston Field next Saturday. The trip to Ithaca was the last scheduled trip out of Wilkes-Barre for this year's team. After hosting Lebanon Valley, Moravian comes to town the following week, followed by a trip across town to face King's College in the final game of the Mayor's Cup Series this fall.

Top spot up for grabs this Sunday at Ralston Field

By COREY YANOSHAK
Beacon Sports Editor

The men's soccer team will be in the MAC Freedom Conference playoffs when they begin next week.

Just where they will be seeded is still up in the air, though, as the Colonels still have a game with Drew University on Sunday at home.

Wilkes came up big with a 6-1 win at Allentown College last night as Bill Schneider, Ty Bowman, and Scott Carr all scored two goals. Seth Nye turned away five shots as the Colonels improve to 9-5-2 overall, 4-0-2 in the MAC Freedom Conference.

"A win against Allentown will make us one of the top two teams. If we can win on Sunday, we can be the top seed," said head coach Phil Wingert. "Drew will be the first or

"We're either shooting wide, high, or right at the goalie. We've got to find the back of the net."

- Phil Wingert

second seed and if we give them their only loss, that should be enough for us to be seeded first."

Only two of the eight teams have been eliminated, so this last week is important in the whole conference. Wilkes has now gone from facing possible elimination to playing for the top-seed.

The Colonels were without the services of senior Bill Smith, who did not play due to receiving too many yellow cards. Once a player receives five yellow cards in the year, he is suspended for one game, and Smith was handed a yellow card

against Elizabethtown, making yesterday's game the one in which he would miss.

"He's our most consistent defensive back and we're going to miss his leadership, but at the same time, this is a great opportunity for our underclassmen to step up and show us what they can do," Wingert added.

Pete Schmidt, Joe Roback, Drew Moyer, and Rob Gebhard were presumed to be starting as of Wednesday morning, and Wingert expects a preview of what he can expect next year as all four will be back on defense in 2001.

"I'm looking forward to seeing how they react and who steps up today (Wednesday)," offered Wingert. "So far we've done a good job on defense, we just need to keep it up."

Wingert knew his team had to



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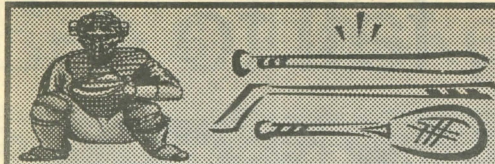
Wilkes hosts Drew University on Sunday at 2 p.m. in what will decide the top-seed for the playoffs.

start scoring more and that it was also a matter of time before Schneider, the team's leading-scorer last year, found his scoring touch.

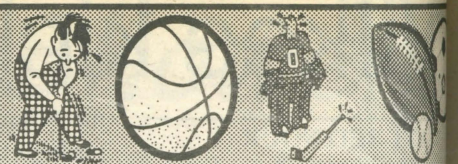
"We knew we had to score some and minimize their chances and goals," said Wingert. "We've been getting decent opportunities, but we haven't done a good job of

finishing. We're either going wide, high, or right at the goalie. We've got to find the back of the net."

Karl Myers dished out two assists, while Matt Diltz and Kyle Rush each helped once. Carr, who scored his first goals of the year, also added an assist in the win as the Colonels outshot the Rangers 17-6.



The Back Page



Field Hockey one step away from defending title

By MATT REITNOUR
Beacon Staff Writer

Sometimes field hockey can be a game of inches.

It was just that on Wednesday afternoon when senior Jill Wilson tipped in a Kim Whipple pass from about 20 yards out to move the Lady Colonels past FDU-Madison 4-3 in overtime.

The Freedom Conference semi-final win moves the Lady Colonels into Saturday's game versus Drew University for the Free-



Photo by Adam Polinger

Desiree Podrasky has stepped up in goal, turning away nine shots in the team's first-round playoff overtime win.

1st round Field Hockey

**Wilkes 4
FDU-Madison 3**

dom Conference championship. Wilkes is now 8-11 overall.

The visiting Devils scored first when Ericka Gates banged home a pass from teammate Erica Lee with 4:10 left in the first half. FDU held the lead going into the intermission.

According to junior Jill Henry, the half-time was a chance for everyone to realize the season shouldn't end just yet.

"Today was our day and we knew it," Henry said. "No one wanted this to be our last game, not on our field."

The second half saw an offensive explosion from the Blue and Gold. Wilkes would score three times in just 3:36, with the tying score coming off the stick of Sara Ciotoli. Henry snapped off one of her five second half shots, and Ciotoli was there to bang home the rebound with 23:50 to play in regulation.

Just one minute later, Wilkes would score again to take the lead. Senior Jill Wilson scored the first of her two goals when she hit the back of the net after great passing from Maria Currier and Henry. Wilkes would score again to drive the score to 3-1 after Kim Whipple connected on a penalty shot. Whipple had two penalty shots during the game, but she was stoned by FDU-Madison goal keeper Amy Banghart in the first half.

FDU-Madison took momentum on their



Photo by Adam Polinger

Wilkes will face-off with Drew University in New Jersey on Saturday at 1 p.m. what will be the Lady Colonels' second-straight trip to the finals.

side for the next seven minutes, scoring twice to force the game into the extra session. Gates picked up her second goal of the game with 6:36 to play before Beth Banghart got a goal just 1:08 seconds later to knot things at 3-3.

In the extra session, Wilkes held a three to one shot advantage, with the third shot being the final one of the game. Wilson's goal was not only special because it keeps her team's season alive, but she dedicated the game-winner to her grandfather, who just passed away last week.

"I really wanted to do it (score) because my pop-pop died last week," the senior said. "He would have liked to be here. I did it for

him."

The Lady Colonels now advance to Saturday's match-up with Drew in Madison, N.J. Game time is set for 1 p.m. This is the championship game in less than a year for Wilkes. They are 1-1, with the win coming last year in double OT over nationally-ranked Lebanon Valley College.

Both teams were credited with 24 shots on goal in the fast-paced contest. FDU-Madison held a 12-7 edge in penalty corners. Desiree Podrasky came up with nine saves to earn the win. Amy Banghart had two stops for the Devils, who finish their season with an 8-10 mark.

Women fall in second half of first round, 5-2

By COREY YANOSHAKE
Beacon Sports Editor

The women's soccer team knew they had their hands full when they travelled to second-seeded Drew University for their first-round MAC Freedom Conference playoff game.

The Lady Rangers defeated the third-seeded Lady Colonels earlier in the year, 3-1. But first-year coach Melissa Elwell believed if her squad could play their style of game for 90 minutes, they should win the semi-final tilt.

"They're a good team, but if we play our game and keep up high pressure for 90 minutes, we should win the game," said Elwell before the game of her Lady Colonels. "When they beat us, we played our game for 30 minutes, but then panicked and got knocked off our game."

Wilkes started off on the right foot, taking a 2-0 lead early in the game, but Drew rallied back to advance to the finals with a 5-2 win over the 10-9-1 Lady Colonels.

Holly Shiber got the Lady Colonels started with their first goal, while Katie

1st round Women's Soccer

**Wilkes 2
Drew 5**

Pearson scored under two minutes later for the early advantage.

"Holly's had a great year and we need for her to have a big game," said Elwell before the game. "But a lot of girls have had a great year and everyone's really stepped up."

Tina Mooney assisted Shiber's tally, while Julie Olenak helped on Pearson's goal. Wilkes took a 2-1 lead into the half, but allowed double the shots they took. Keeper Jen Pawleshyn stopped 10 shots in the loss.

"Jen's a great keeper. There's no question of her physical ability, she's one of the best I've seen," commented Elwell. "If she's mentally ready, then not much gets by her."

Shiber finished the season with a team-best 14 goals, good for second in the Freedom Conference, and five assists, which is third in the conference. Olenak finished with nine goals after last year's junior season when she missed time due to injury.



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The Lady Colonels jumped into playoff-action at Drew University. Jill Klicka (in air) and Jill Lacy (#11) go strong to the net on offense.