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Debate to promote our right to vote

By LORA CAMERON-LANDIS
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On Sunday, October 25,
from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.,
Wilkes University will host
Pennsylvania's senatorial
debates.

Senatorial candidates Arlen
Specter, Bill Lloyd, Dean Snyder
and Jack Iannantuono will be at
the Dorothy Dickson Darte
Center (DDD) for a public
debate which is being organized
by the Pennsylvania League of
Woman Voters.

The debate will be
moderated by Keith Martin,
news anchor, WBRE, Wilkes-
Barre.

Candidates will give brief
opening statements, then 20 to
25 minutes will be allowed for
the candidates to answer
questions about broad policy
issues. These questions will be
framed by the League of Women
Voters.

Another 20 to 25 minutes
will be allotted for
approximately six questions
from the audience, after which
the candidates will make their

closing statements.

The center section of the
auditorium will be reserved for
students from Wilkes, King's

**"...you must vote because
this affects you as an
individual."**

-Dr. Jane Elmes-Crahall,
election services director,
League of Women
Voters of Pennsylvania

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student identification.

Wilkes' communications
department's Dr. Jane Elmes-
Crahall, election services
director, League of Women
Voters of Pennsylvania is the key
organizer.

The League of Women
Voters has expressed concern
about the lack of younger voters
participating in the democratic
process recently.

The last election produced

only 17 percent voter turnout, an
all-time low. Locally the most
powerful voting block consists of
senior citizens who are 72 years
of age and older.

"It's really important to
explain to younger voters and
new voters that you must vote
because this affects you as an
individual," said Elmes-Crahall.

She stressed the importance
of attending public debates as an
essential gauge of candidates'
opinions and credibility.

"If all you watch are
competing 30 second ads, then
you're letting the media and
interest groups dictate how you
feel about issues. There is no
substitute for face-to face
interaction with political
candidates," said Elmes-Crahall.

She also recommends that
students examine candidates via
the internet. Project Vote Smart,
at www.vote-smart.org has
published statistics and public
statements from all the
candidates.

Information can also be
found at the Women's Voting
Guide website at
www.womenvote.org or at the
League of Women Voter's toll-

free number, 1-800-692-7281.

Specter is the incumbent
Republican Senator from
Philadelphia. For years, he has
stressed Pennsylvania's "family
values." Specter currently serves
on the Senatorial Committee that
is investigating President
Clinton's alleged impeachable
offenses.

Running against him are Bill
Lloyd, Democrat, Somerset;
Dean Snyder, the Constitutional
party, York and Jack
Iannantuono, a Libertarian,
Schnecksville.

Anyone with questions that
they would like to pose to the
candidates are asked to be seated
in the Darte Center by 1:40 p.m.
so that the procedure for asking
questions may be thoroughly
explained.

Questions may be submitted
in the form of note cards prior to
the debate or students can leave
their questions at the League of
Women Voters' toll-free number.
Questions will then be reviewed
by the moderator before being
presented to the candidates.

The debate will be covered
by Pennsylvania Cable Network,

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May I see some identification, please?

By JENNIFER KLAIPS
Beacon Staff Writer

To anyone who has used the
computer lab in the Classroom/
Office Building (COB) 006, the
presence of a card-access system
is quite obvious.

Contrary to students'
opinions, the card readers were
not placed there as an
inconvenience. They were
designed and installed with the
students' needs in mind.

An identification (ID) card
swiped through the card system is
required in order to gain access to
many services provided by the
university.

The swipe readers at the
doors of COB 006 are a part of the
card-access system which is
operating in many of the buildings
on campus.

The card system is controlled
by a local area network and this

year is the
first time
they're
completely
on-line with
the computer
system.

The
system is
there "to
provide
students,
faculty and
staff with a
universal way
of accessing
facilities on
campus,
including the computer lab," said
Gus Stangline, acting director,
information services.

"It enables a student to gain
access to buildings when he or she
needs to. That way it's not always
open to strangers. It's a safety
feature, too," said Gerald Cookus,
director, Wilkes security.

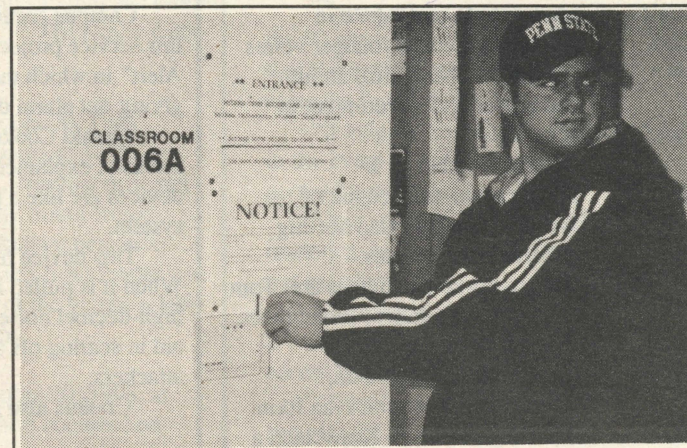


Photo by Derek Bleiler
Bernie Blosky swipes his I.D. card at COB 006.

Stangline made the decision for
the card readers to be present in
COB 006.

"Access to the computer
facility has been for Wilkes
University students, faculty and
staff.

"However, people from the
Wilkes-Barre community in general

were found to be
utilizing the facility as
well," said Stangline.

Stangline realized
there was a problem at
the end of last semester
when "a number of
unauthorized users
(people with no
affiliation with Wilkes
University) were
complaining that they
couldn't get seats in the
lab."

In addition, students
were finding the lab full,
with several computers
being occupied by the
general public.

Further, money to maintain
the computer lab comes from the
students, not the public. With the
addition of laser printers and the
expanded number of computers,
the cost is reflected in the

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News



What should I wear?

By LISA RUGGIERO
Beacon Staff Writer

The Multicultural Student Coalition (MSC) is sponsoring its second annual International Fashion Show on Saturday, October 24, at 8:00 p.m. in the Dorothy Dickson Darte Center for the Performing Arts. The show is free and open to the public.

There will be fashions from most of the seven continents; the countries of China, Malaysia, India, Nigeria and the Congo are just a few of those that will be represented.

Formal wear from the United States, as well as sportswear from the Wilkes University bookstore will be modeled.

There will also be performances by students, including dancing and the martial arts.

Following the show, there will be displays with foods where the audience can ask the models about their ethnic backgrounds.

Like last year, the faculty will also participate. Some faculty members donate clothing to be modeled, while others like Dr. Jim Merryman, professor,

anthropology and international studies, join in on the fun.

"We really do our best cross-cultural communicating when we know who we are. Events such as this International Fashion Show give students opportunities to find out something about their backgrounds and to share that knowledge with others," said Gina Morrison, advisor, MSC.

"They feel proud of that part of their culture which they've chosen to share: the clothing, the dancing, the food, the history or whatever.

"People who participate in things like this, or who come to watch, usually end up learning a lot and finding out something about themselves in the process, too," added Morrison.

Maya Tatum and Angelique Sutrisno are the co-chairs for the event.

"We are basically doing the fashion show to help others learn a little bit more about the various cultures on our campus.

"With the tables, the presentations and the clothing that are being modeled, we hope that they can at least get something out of it," said Tatum.

Into the Streets kickoff at Wilkes

By LISA RUGGIERO
Beacon Staff Writer

Today, October 22, is the beginning of the *Into the Streets* program at Wilkes. *Into the Streets* is a week long, national campaign to encourage volunteerism in America. The program is in its sixth year and Wilkes will be the only school in the area to participate.

Into the Streets is planned by Mary Hession, director, campus interfaith and volunteer services and by Alyse Bauman and Nicole Ehrich, two members of the Student Community Service Council.

They have organized numerous activities for the week, some of which offer year-round participation. The list of activities changes yearly; this year's agenda was started in September.

In previous years, the list was planned around four main topics.

This year, the council decided to incorporate existing programs from the Wilkes-Barre area into the week.

Some of the activities, such as "Best Buddies Pumpkin Painting," "the Children's Halloween Party" and "Cookie Baking" were very successful in other years and were continued based on their popularity. Other activities were suggested by organizations on campus. Student government, for example, encouraged the "River Restoration."

"I'm involved in the *Into the Streets* program because I think it's a really good idea to get students into the volunteer force; hopefully they will find an activity that they like and will continue to volunteer throughout the year," said Baumann, third year, pharmacy.

"I think it's a great way to experience activities and decide which ones you want to continue with," said Ehrich, sophomore,

psychology.

There is a wide variety of projects in which students can participate. These activities are available because volunteer services is in contact with over two hundred agencies throughout the year. Wilkes students donate 193 hours of their time in the recent "Crop Walk," "Diabetes Walk" and "Alzheimer's Walk."

"The willingness of students at Wilkes to volunteer amazed me and I want to continue to encourage it," said Hession.

The kick-off for the week tonight, in *Rumours* at 8:00 p.m. All students are encouraged to participate, but Hession would like them to register for the activity by calling her office at Ext. 5. This would prevent any confusion and assure that everyone has correct information.

All students will be given a free T-shirt for participating in the activities this week.

Protect yourselves with "Operation Alert"

BY LINDSAY KRAVITS
Beacon Staff Writer

For everyone concerned with safety on and off campus, there is a device available which everyone should take advantage of since crime is so prevalent in this area.

Campus security is calling this service project "Operation Alert" in which they will be giving out alarm devices.

Gerald Cookus, chief, security, explained that these devices are like a personal alarm system.

This device resembles a pin. When it is pulled it will let out a high-decibel noise. This should aid in scaring off any possible attackers.

Cookus also stressed the

point that this is only a safety aid. Common sense is the biggest step to decrease violence on campus.

These devices have been available for a few years now and students are encouraged to take advantage of them.

There is an initial \$7 deposit, which will be returned to the students upon return of the alarm devices. Students can keep them for their entire stay at Wilkes if they choose.

There are currently 75 to 100 alarm systems now available. They can be obtained at the security office upon request.

For anyone interested, a student can receive an alarm by simply filling out a form that requires a name, social security number and phone number where the applicant can be reached.

All students are encouraged to

utilize this program. Response among the students seems positive.

"I think that the alarm is a great idea and will decrease risks of crimes towards students," said Kyle Masteller, freshman. Other students' sentiments echo this opinion.

"The 'Operation Alert' is an excellent protective device for those students who choose to walk alone at night or even during the day.

"This device is especially useful for students, like me, who take night classes or extra-curricular activities," said Collins, junior.

For more information on the device, you can reach the security office at Ext. 4989 or go to the information desk in the Stark Learning Center lobby.

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PCN and local television stations.

"There's a growing wedge between those who do have information and those who don't and those who choose to inform themselves and those who don't.

"A lot of individuals grumble and say, 'this isn't fair,' but when only 17 percent of voters turn out to vote, this gives inordinate power to any organized group," said Elmes-Crahall.

Wednesday and Thursday evenings, the League of Women Voters held focus group interviews in Stark Learning Center's television studio with senior citizens and younger voters. This is to examine why senior citizens vote in far greater

numbers than younger generations. Senior citizens explained that they had been taught as children that it was their civic duty to participate in democracy, while younger voters appeared to be cynical about candidates and government in general.

On October 21 in Philadelphia, the League of Women Voters is also hosting gubernatorial debates. Gubernatorial candidates are: Tom Ridge, the incumbent Republican, Erie, Peg Luksik, the Constitutional candidate, Johnstown, Democrat Ivan Itkin, Pittsburgh and Ken Krawchuk, a Libertarian, Elkins Park.



Check out our website.

<http://wilkes1.wilkes.edu/~beacon/index.html>

ATTENTION ALL STUDENTS!!

The Beacon is currently looking for writers to write about news related issues on campus. We are also looking for any newsworthy story ideas that pertain to the Wilkes community. If you are interested please call The Beacon office at Ext. 5900 or stop in for our general staff meeting on Tuesday at 11:30 a.m.

You can also e-mail us at:
beacon@wilkes1.wilkes.edu

Steel

BY LARA LUTZ
Beacon Staff Writer

With the fall semester over, students are making progress on the Dining Commons project. If the work will be done by the end of the year.

After meeting with the Dining Commons director, business manager Robert Breslin, and design project manager Associates, it was planned for the new Dining Commons to be actually right at this point.

"We're working on it at this point," said Hession.

It has taken a lot of time to manufacture the Dining Commons and put it together.

In the last few years, it seemed to have been a long time. The main focus

Police

Here are some

• On October 19, 1998, between 11:00 p.m. and 11:30 p.m., an unknown person stole a large quantity of CDs. The stolen items were valued at \$2000.

• On October 19, 1998, between 11:00 p.m. and 11:30 p.m., an unknown person shot a New Alexander Street.

Several shots were fired at a house on Stark Street. Three bullets were recovered from the house. No one was injured in the incident.

The unknown person entered a dark room and drove from the investigation with the detective di-

• On October 19, 1998, between 11:30 p.m. and 12:00 a.m., a burglary occurred on Stark Lane.

An unknown person gained entry into the house.

Steel holding up building in more ways than one

BY LARA LUKESH
Beacon Staff Writer

With the fall semester half over, students are looking at the progress of the Student Center/Dining Commons and wondering if the work will be finished on time.

After meeting at length and discussing the progress and schedule with Paul O'Hop, director, business affairs and Robert Breslin, architectural design project manager, Highland Associates, it was noted that the plans for the new student union are actually right on target.

"We're where we expected to be at this point," said O'Hop.

It has taken more time to manufacture the structural steel and put it together with the architectural plans, than expected.

In the last few weeks, the site seemed to have minimal activity. The main focus has been on the

site utilities such as plumbing, electrical, storm drains and sewers.

"In any new building, the hardest part is the ground work," said Breslin.

On October 20, the next major phase of construction began and seventy percent of the concrete foundation was poured.

The building does not have a basement due to cost and environmental concerns.

It was cheaper to build up and add on a third floor than to construct the original plans with a basement and only two floors.

Breslin explained that until



Photo by J. J. Fadden

Progress is evident at the construction site.

the steel arrives at the end of November, there will be a period where little work will be done.

Once the steel comes in, they will erect the structure.

The steel structure will then be closed in and work can continue on the building throughout the

winter, barring any major blizzards.

Consider that the five or so workers students have seen on the site these past weeks does not reflect all the work that is being done off the site to ensure that this project stays on schedule and at cost.

"I'm the project manager for my firm; Quandel has a project manager. There are

about six managers working on this.

"Also, keep in mind that there are people who don't even leave their office who are making sure this job gets done right. They handle the continuous flow of paperwork to make sure we stay on schedule," said Breslin.

The dates of specific assigned

tasks may alter somewhat, but overall, the team plans to have the Student Center/Dining Commons fully operational by next fall.

"We're optimistic that we will remain on schedule," said O'Hop.

No students have complained about the construction work at this point or mentioned any inconvenience.

One neighbor suffered the loss of a cherished flower bed, but that was an isolated incident and no other complaints have been received.

Keep reading for further updates of this construction and other campus improvement activities.

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PHONE CARDS
EARN \$1000 PART-
TIME ON CAMPUS.
JUST CALL
1-800-932-0528 X 64**

Police blotter...



Here are some incidents that occurred right here in Wilkes-Barre:

• On October 17 and 18, 1998, between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 9:00 a.m., a theft occurred at 14 Glen Street. An unknown person(s) entered the victim's 1993 Jeep and removed a large quantity of compact discs. The stolen value was \$2000.

• On October 18, 1998, shots were fired in the area of New Alexander and Charles Streets.

Several shots were fired and struck a house at 184 Charles Street. Three bullets were recovered from inside the house. No one was injured during the incident.

The unknown suspects entered a dark colored minivan and drove from the area. The investigation was turned over to the detective division.

• On October 18 and 19, 1998, between the hours of 11:30 p.m. and 2:00 p.m., a burglary occurred at 34 Dodson Lane.

An unknown person(s) gained entry into the victim's

residence and removed one Magnavox VCR, one 18" herringbone gold chain and one 20" gold rope style chain.

• On October 19, 1998, between the hours of 8:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m., criminal mischief occurred at 372 South Main Street. An unknown person(s) shattered the front windshield on the victim's 1995 Mitsubishi Mirage.

• On October 19, 1998, at 1:00 p.m., criminal mischief occurred on North Washington Street. An unknown person(s) smashed the rear window of the victim's 1998 Honda with a brick.

• On October 19, 1998, between the hours of 8:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m., a theft occurred at 82 East Thomas Street. An unknown person(s) removed the victim's Diamond Back Assault boy's bicycle, silver in color, from the location. The stolen value was \$250.

• On October 19 and 20, 1998, between the hours of 9:00

a.m. and 3:00 p.m. the next day, a burglary occurred at 20 Gravel Street. An unknown person(s) entered the victim's residence and removed one Winchester Model 14 pump shotgun, one Remington 12 gauge pump shotgun and one Remington rifle. The stolen value was \$900.

• On October 20, 1998, between the hours of 12:00 a.m. and 9:36 a.m., criminal mischief occurred at 547 South River Street. An unknown person(s) scratched the left front fender and left rear door of the victim's 1995 Nissan Altima.

• On October 20, 1998, at 9:00 a.m., a theft occurred on Public Square. An unknown person(s) removed the victim's wallet which contained \$60 cash and personal effects.

• On October 20, 1998, at 10:35 a.m., a theft occurred at 700 North Pennsylvania Avenue. An unknown person(s) stole a Partners 650 chop saw with a 12" diamond blade from the location. The stolen value was \$1000.

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students' technology fees.

"I wanted to find a way where the people who were paying the bills for the facility were the ones using it, and the people who weren't paying for it would find it difficult to use," said Stangline.

Another advantage of the card readers is security.

"It helps to pinpoint vandalism or computer fraud," said Paul Adams, dean, student affairs.

The computer system records the ID cards that are swiped, thereby recording when students enter the facility.

"It helps to see who's in there in the event of misused computer access," said Adams.

Most students find the card readers to be a nuisance and do not see any benefits from them.

"I think it's inconvenient and it would be different if it was open access for more hours.

"There's no purpose for the security (of the card reader.) I don't see the point of having security that doesn't work since people can get in anyway," said Jeremy Nightingale, senior.

People who do not have their ID cards can, in effect, "beat the system" by tailgating.

Tailgating is merely following one student in after they have swiped their ID card.

Stangline explained that this is bound to happen, but is not a problem.

His major concern was preventing the general public from occupying a good portion of the machines that are for student and staff use.

While Wilkes security does not randomly check for student ID's in the labs, they do enforce the system when the need arises.

"If someone is in the lab who isn't supposed to be, and security is notified, they will escort that person out.

"That is why the use of proper ID cards is important. If challenged by security, students should be able to present their ID," said Cookus.

"They're (the card readers) an inconvenience. Basically it's a little box on the wall that wastes my time," said Jonathan Katchur, freshman.

"The students need to know that it's not there to hassle them. The reason is so that the students paying the bills are the ones who get to use the facility," said Stangline.

Eventually most of the buildings on campus will be card-accessible, including the dorms.

"The system provides convenience, safety and accessibility. I believe that control access is a step in the right direction for the entire campus," said Cookus.

Opinion

Letters to the Editor

Letters to the editor guidelines:

Letters should include your name and phone number. They should be no longer than 250 words and must be signed in order to be printed. Letters will be printed in the order they are received and must be submitted by 10:00 a.m. on the Tuesday prior to publication. Letters can be sent via electronic mail, intercampus mail or dropped off at The Beacon office.

Our President asked for forgiveness. Americans are a forgiving people, so he just may be forgiven. One must realize, however, that forgiving does not mean condoning one's behavior and actions.

In this country we have prosecuted and discharged from our Armed Forces personnel for reasons of sexual behavior and activities, such as infidelity and homosexuality. Each of those discharged was also considered to be vulnerable and therefore of a high risk to our national security. There never was any consideration for their popularity, their job, their capabilities or the level of performance of their duties.

To allow this President to remain in office and continue as Commander in Chief of our Armed Forces would be to apply a completely separate and less stringent set of standards to an elected official than to the rest of this country's citizens. Consider, also, who is more in a position to be of high risk to our national security?

The recent happenings have created within me a sudden and almost panicky awareness that through our complacency we, the voting citizens of this country, are gradually been turning over the "Power of the People" to our government. We now fight our tax supported government for our own citizen's rights and by their response our elected officials are acting more as rulers of this country and its citizens, than as leaders for the citizens of this country.

Americans—wake up! The voters of this must show a willingness to return to the polls in massive numbers in order to re-establish the power of the vote to return us to a government of the people, by the people and for the people. Those staying away from the polls because they currently feel voting is a waste of time and their vote is meaningless now need to return to the polls in November. A turnout of voters as never before seen in this country will send a message so loud and clear that out politicians can't possibly misunderstand its meaning.

With a return to a meaningful vote we can work to:

- 1) Elect our next President by majority vote rather than by the Electoral College System. The current system projecting the winner hours before all polls have closed has caused uncounted numbers of voters not to vote.
- 2) Rescind the power given Supreme Court and other Judges to overturn issues already approved by voters. This also greatly demoralizes the voters as to the meaning of their vote.
- 3) Remind our elected officials who they are in office to represent.
- 4) Give notice that graft and corruption in our government will cease and those guilty of involvement will be putting their positions, benefits and retirements in jeopardy.
- 5) Become aware of just how many tax dollar funds are available and call for an accounting of their uses and by whose discretion they are being distributed.
- 6) Concentrate this country's resources so that all of our citizens, especially our children, sleep at night in their own beds, in adequate housing, with a full tummy, knowing that there is food in their family's cupboards. Then share with the rest of the world how democracy can work for its people.
- 7) End the double standard so prevalent in this country—one standard for the wealthy, the rich and famous, the politicians and another for the rest of the population.

This list is only a suggested beginning and is not necessarily in the order of importance. Our internal problems facing this nation, but should we still be on this Planet tomorrow and the next day and the next, we need to be here with a people's government.

Between now and the November elections, there needs to be an awesome effort of awareness as to the need to go to the polls. Some suggested methods to use might be to wear buttons, T-shirts, sweatshirts, bumper stickers on your cars, headings on your stationery, organize a billboard, have your local newspaper print this letter and/or put it on your web site. Message suggestions: Crusader for the return to a meaningful vote. Politicians-Leaf us, don't rule us. Compassion, not corruption, for a better U.S.A. A meaningful vote is a powerful thing. Democracy, not Bureaucracy, I'm proud to be an American Voter. November vote a must! Any others you might like, but make sure they are positive and help our cause.

In conclusion, the main goal of a system of government within a democracy is to reflect the will of its citizens. Our current system has fallen far short, as is evidenced by the numbers of groups raising funds and spending millions year after year, fighting for issues and without resolve (Social Security, Medicare, Health Care Reform, Education and Environment, et cetera). These groups could be the catalyst we need to get issues before the voters, and in that way, the will of the people to our politicians. With a massive voter turnout in November we should be able to count on those newly elected to office, as well as the many others already in office that are also concerned.

This November's election may well be the most important election ever for the American people. Your vote is meaningful!

L.D. Powell
Shingle Springs, CA

Polish Room Scholarship

Each year the Wilkes University Polish Room Committee awards scholarship funds in honor of Dr. & Mrs. Joseph J. Kocyan. These funds are awarded to students of Polish descent who do well academically (minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0).

Any student who wishes to be considered for this scholarship must submit a brief letter of application indicating major, class year and Polish ancestry to the Financial Aid Office, Passan Hall by Friday, October 30, 1998

I can't be "under the table and dreaming" with Matthew Sowcik

Welcome back, hope everyone had a great fall break and now we can start looking forward to Thanksgiving. Although there is still one great break left from the everyday drag of papers, tests, classes and lectures that we as a entire university can look forward too. Homecoming is right around the corner and with the way this year is going, it will be here before we know it. So I decided to take a step back and appreciate and maybe critique some of the finer points that make up this event they call Homecoming.

First, there is the Pep Rally on Thursday night. This is always a sight to see, all the fall sports come together to give appreciation to the fan base that comes to see their games. Oh, who am I kidding, what really happens is the coaches of each sport force some unlucky member of their team to sum up an entire season in roughly 30 seconds. All things aside this is a great evening. We, the students, are able to gather together to show are appreciation to those individuals who have busted their butts all semester to represent us as a school. Besides this we also get to see the famous pinata tradition. This is when three of the guys and gals from the Homecoming Court blindfold themselves and chase around a pinata.

Then, there is Friday night and the Homecoming Dance. I can honestly say I have not to much to say about the Dance. This year a lot of hard work has been put into planing the dance and from what I have heard it should be a great night. Although I can always comment about the infamous wrist bands that for one night out of the whole year are the single most prized possession.

On day three, Saturday, is the Homecoming football game. This is always a spirited event, but I am sure many of you will intend to go, maybe even make it to the parking lot, but will never make it in the front gate. Although there is always a great crowd in the stands cheering for the home team, there is an even bigger crowd cheering in the roped off area. I can honestly say that this is one of the most amazing sites I have ever seen and is one of the biggest feats Wilkes has ever accomplished. For about three hours Wilkes students, alumni, parents, administration and faculty can get together and find a common bond.

Now with all that said, I wanted to discuss the one thing that truly bothers me about Homecoming. Did you ever wonder how the Homecoming Court is picked? Well you shouldn't, there where signs up for about three weeks. So I ask the question how did these members get picked? Was it based on good looks? Was it based on popularity, like in high school? Was it just because they are involved in different organizations around campus and the only people who voted are people involved around campus? I have come to believe that this is the correct answer. Hell, everyone I picked made it. Can you say the same? If your response is "No, I didn't even vote," well I guess you just missed out and once again you let the same people who always do, run the school. I guess I have two points. First, it would be nice to see some new faces pop up and take a lead in things at Wilkes. Second is, if your not getting involved then your really going to miss a lot of great times this year, including Homecoming.

P.S. I also noticed that it only took about a week until the sundial was broken, man I guess nobody saw that coming.

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Alright, who broke the sundial?

An editorial

If Wilkes University was to make a Christmas list, I am sure the list would not start off with a sundial as the primary need. Granted Wilkes needs many, many things but the newest addition to the campus just happens to be a sundial and a nice one at that. The question that I would like to pose to you, the Wilkes students, is what is the point of destroying it?

The sundial looks as if someone broke the top of it off, for what? A few smirks and smiles or maybe now the person or persons who broke the dial can tell their kids that when they were in college they were rebellious and showed their strength by breaking a sundial. I bet the broken half of the sundial could also make a great trophy in someone's living room.

Believe me I agree with everyone who says that they do not see the purpose of a sundial because I feel the school could use some improvements that have nothing to do with telling the time. We already have a huge clock tower for that. However we attend Wilkes University and we should be enjoying our time here.

The school seems to be doing everything in its power to make changes where they see fit. A sundial was not the best choice but still it is part of our school. We should respect everything on our campus, including an unnecessary sundial. Besides it was not the school's decision to erect the sundial, it was donated.

I am not saying that this act was definitely committed by a Wilkes student. I am just trying to understand why, if you do attend the university, would you do something so foolish?

This article was not written to give ten minutes of fame to the culprit. If you are the person who defaced school property, shame on you. But how can I blame you, it is really your parents' fault for not teaching you better.

Each week a member of The Beacon editorial staff writes an editorial representing the opinion of the editorial board. It is not meant to reflect the opinions of the University as a whole.

Welcome to the Web

with John Bruett

The new *Beacon* web site is up and stronger than ever... as of this weekend the page has been updated. Some new features this page has to offer are frames, a full archive, and mail-to features for all of *The Beacon* staff. I have been working on this page since I got the position last year, and it has taken a lot of patience and hard work to get it to where it is now. There are still a couple of things that need to be added to the page like a professional graphic, a new issue and finishing the archives. I hope to have it completed by the end of the month. Please don't be afraid to e-mail *The Beacon* or myself with your compliments or problems with the new page. I think this is one of the best pages on the Wilkes1.

The major element of the new page is the frames. These frames make it possible for the user to switch the larger frame around the site while the other two frames stay where they are. One of these frames is a title frame, the other is the menu frame. I find these frames make sites easier to navigate if they are multiple page sites.

The other thing that I would like to talk about today are search engines such as *Yahoo* or *Excite*. Currently, these companies allow their users to personalize the engines so they will become the homepage for that user's browser. I don't have a problem with this, I mean most of the time people go on the web to surf it anyway right?

My problem is that all the engines now misuse their space and money by posting many unneeded items on their page. I find this to be ridiculous if they want people to use the personalization option on the page.

Another thing that has bothered me recently is the way search engines post the findings of their searches. I have been working on the Internet a lot recently and I still don't understand how they do it. Between the percentages and the missing links, I am completely baffled. There has got to be a better way to complete searches than the way that they do it now.

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Schedule of Events

Thursday, October 22

- Inter-Residence Hall Council, SUB basement, 11:00 a.m.
- Programming Board Meeting, COB 106, 11:30 a.m.
- Weight Management Group Meeting, Health Services waiting room, 12:00 p.m.
- Student AIDS Awareness Committee Meeting, COB 209, 12:00 p.m.
- Rainbow Kids Day, St. Mary's/ St. Nicholas Schools, 2:15-3:30 p.m.

Friday, October 23

- First day of Autumn
- "Armageddon," SLC 101, 7:30 p.m.



Saturday, October 24

- United Nations Day
- Make a Difference Day
- SHARE Food Co-op, St. Mary's, 8:30 a.m.
- Multicultural Student Coalition's International Fashion Show, CPA, 8:00 p.m.

Sunday, October 25

- Daylight Savings Time Ends

Monday, October 26

Tuesday, October 27

- Off-Campus Council Meeting, SUB Basement, 11:00 a.m.
- Commuter Council Meeting, SUB Basement, 12:15 p.m.
- Circle K Meeting, Alumni House, 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday, October 28

- "Talk it Out," Alumni House, 5:00-6:00 p.m.
- Student Government Meeting, Marts 214, 6:30 p.m.
- Scripture Study, Alumni House, 6:30-7:30 p.m.
- Martial Arts Club Meeting, Wrestling Room, 6:45 p.m.

Student Government

Building for the future

Upcoming Events and Announcements



Homecoming '98

'Mardi Gras'

Homecoming Court



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Amy Gutowski
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Lisa McClintock
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Come out and vote for Homecoming King and Queen on Thursday, October 29 in SLC lobby from 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. and in the CAFE from 4:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m.

Be sure to vote!

The three finalists for King and Queen will be announced at the Pep Rally, Thursday, October 29, 8:00 p.m.

The Pep Rally will be held on Chase Lawn. In the event of inclement weather the Pep Rally will be held in the Marts Gym.

Come out and show your support,
FREE FOOD!

Student government holds their meetings every Wednesday night @ 6:30 p.m. in Marts 214. The meetings are open to all students, feel free to attend or stop by the student government office located on the third floor of Conyngham Hall.

Homecoming tickets are still on sale!

Monday-Friday in SLC lobby from 11:00 a.m.-1:00p.m. and in the CAFE from 4:30-6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$20 each. The dinner dance at Genetti's begins at 6:00 p.m., Friday, October 30.

Tired of the same old classes?

Check out the political science department's course offerings for something totally different. All of these are special topics courses open to everyone!

PS 198 The Politics of Sports
PS 298 Environmental Law and Policy
PS 298 The European Community

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Senior portraits will be taken starting Monday, November 2, at the Annette Evans Alumni House. Call 1-800-OUR YEAR(1-800-687-9327) the week of October 26 to schedule an appointment.

Meeting for January and May graduates on Thursday, October 29, SLC 101 at 11:15 a.m.

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By MEL MOYER
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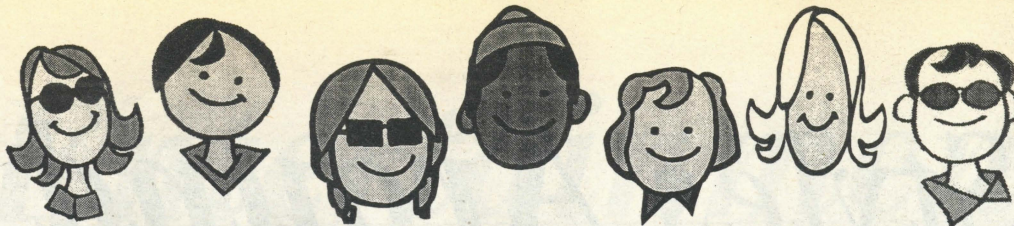
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AIDS: You don't know it all

By MEL MOYER
Beacon Staff Writer

Some may say "not another AIDS speech. I already know it all!" but stop and consider this: the one aspect of the epidemic that has not gotten through to everyone is the one that could kill you.

No one can ever be too safe. In an effort to combat AIDS ignorance Wilkes sponsored a speech on AIDS awareness Wednesday night in COB 106.

Mark Innocenzi, director, HIV/AIDS education and Outreach-America Red Cross of the Wyoming Valley, gave an extremely awakening speech on all of the aspects of AIDS and HIV.

Innocenzi presented local statistics that are quite horrifying. He states that there is a 200 percent increase in AIDS cases locally alone and the ages of 13-19 are the primary victims.

Three out of 10 high school students in the valley are presently carrying HIV.

There are four bodily fluids that can potentially transmit the virus. They are blood, semen, vaginal fluid and breast milk.

One can contract AIDS from oral sex, digital penetration, intercourse and french kissing (if there are any cuts within the mouth).

A mother can also transmit AIDS to her child through breast feeding.

People who have tattoos and body piercings are high risk candidates for AIDS. If anyone is considering getting either one of these, make sure the needles are new and the equipment is

sterilized.

Once diagnosed with HIV an infected person has a life expectancy of 10-15 years.

Once diagnosed with AIDS, life expectancy drops to 5-10 years. When teenagers, 13-19, contract HIV their life expectancy ranges from 2-7 years, because of puberty.

Innocenzi also made a point of stating that if you are not sure if you have the virus, do not donate blood.

He said people who are unaware create the 1/400,000 ratio of infected pints of blood collected by the Red Cross. He said the Red Cross runs an antigen test that takes 16 days, but that nothing is foolproof.

Prevention of AIDS is difficult, but well worth the time.

Innocenzi covered prophylactics that were used for oral sex, such as the oral condom, which came in various flavors like vanilla and strawberry. This device is just a flavored condom.

The oral device provided for females was the "dental dam," which was a pink latex square that is vanilla flavored. This is to be placed over the females genitals.

Other prevention devices included the male and female condom. Innocenzi stated that, "Most men think the female condom feels like having sex with nothing at all!"

He said the only problem with female condoms is that they are expensive, up to seven dollars for only three.

He said male condoms are 99 percent effective out of the

factory, but that 93 percent of men do not know how to properly use or apply a condom.

This drops the effectiveness rate by 50 percent. Innocenzi said, "Seriously, how many of your fathers stop and ask for directions?"

Out of the people who are being newly diagnosed with AIDS, 60 percent of them are women.

There are no visible symptoms in males, but for women the only symptom is recurring yeast infections.

With AIDS testing there is a 3-6 month window period where the disease cannot be detected.

This is because the virus attacks T-cells in the body. AIDS is detected when a person's T-cell count falls below 200. The problem is that it takes the virus time to kill the T-cells: approximately 3-6 months.

When your T-cell level reaches zero you are clinically dead. It is important to have multiple tests because of this window period.

Tests are offered at the local Department of Health. They are free and anonymous. Other tests are offered at Planned Parenthood, but they cost \$15 and are not anonymous.

There will be a testing night at Wilkes, which will occur sometime in the near future. They will use an OraSure test, which only requires a minute of your time, placing a small sponge in your mouth and is 99.6 percent effective.

If you have any questions about any of the above information you can contact

The most effective ways to prevent HIV infection:

- Not having sex--- whether vaginal, anal or oral
- Sex only between two mutually monogamous, uninfected partners, who do not share needles or syringes with anyone
- Not injecting nonprescribed drugs (get into treatment to start or never start).
- Not sharing needles or syringes for any reason (when injecting illegal drugs, medications, vitamins, or steroids; tattooing; or body piercing).
- Not engaging in activities that involve the exchange of blood, semen, vaginal fluids or even breast milk

Information provided by: The American Red Cross

Ways to reduce the risk of HIV infection:

- Using a latex condom the right way every time during vaginal, anal or oral sex
- Not using drugs or alcohol, which can impair judgment
- Cleaning needles and syringes with chlorine bleach and water if more effective prevention is not available
- Using barrier protection (e.g. latex gloves) when coming into contact with blood

Information provided by: The American Red Cross

Everyone needs to know:

- People who have engaged in risk behaviors and who do not know their HIV status are encouraged to seek individual counseling and testing.
- People who know that they have HIV need to ensure their sex and needle sharing partners know that they are at risk of HIV infection. Health departments and other health care providers have people who are trained to notify partners at risk without revealing names.
- People who know that they are HIV positive should seek medical care as soon as possible.
- People who test negative should take steps to remain negative.

Information provided by: The American Red Cross

Mark Innocenzi at 823-7161.

Resident Assistants in all Wilkes dorms have medical kits complete with condoms for your convenience, no questions asked.

The Wilkes University health services also offers free condoms upon demand. The Department of

Health provides free female condoms, flavored oral condoms, vanilla dental dams and safe sex packs, along with flavored lubricants.

Just remember that safe sex is not only secure, but it can also be pretty "dental dam" tasty.

Giving a helping hand with Volunteer Services

By GLENN ASTON
Special to the Beacon

Wilkes University prides itself in being a well-regarded institution of higher learning.

Along with being a wonderful place to get an education, it is also a place where students can give themselves to the community.

The Volunteer Services Center on campus is located on the third floor of Conyngham Hall. The head of this center is a woman by the name of Mary Hession.

"We basically take calls

from places which need volunteers for certain things, and we find students who will volunteer to do then," said Nicole Ehrich, a service center employee.

For example, if a daycare needed students to help out with young children, the service center would be the place they would call.

Since Wilkes has a very strong Education and Psychology department, the volunteer work provided by the service center gives students with those majors the opportunity to improve their resume.

Aside from just taking calls from places and finding volun-

teers, the service center also provide students for certain volunteer events.

"We help out with such programs as the CEO, where we help with packaging food, also with the Vision Homeless Shelter, the S.H.A.R.E soup kitchen and the Greenhouse, where students help out mentally retarded children," said Ehrich.

The most current volunteer activity being held by the Service Center is *Into the Streets Week*, which runs from October 22-October 29 and includes programs mentioned above.

Other programs such as River Clean-Up, Halloween

hospital visits at Nesbitt Hospital, Best Buddies Pumpkin painting, baking cookies and tutoring.

The activities provided during this upcoming week will hopefully help students become active in the community and in turn provide a lot of good will during the Halloween season.

Aside from winter volunteer activities, Volunteer Services hosts a trip every spring to a certain area of the country which needs much help from volunteers. "Last year we went to Mexico and worked with children, teaching them English and we also helped

restore roofs from some El Nino victims," said Ehrich, "Next years trip, will be to Nebraska, but what work we will be doing there is not yet determined."

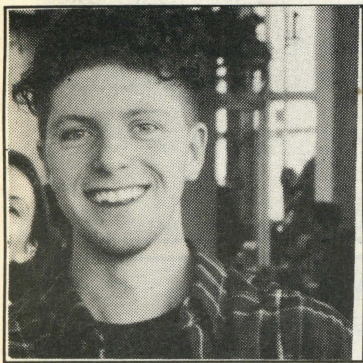
The Volunteer Service Center has proved to be an important part of university life, providing students with means to give back to the community, feel that they have done a good deed and help others less fortunate than themselves.

Anyone interested in volunteering for any activities contact Mary Hession at 408-5904.

LifeStyles Around Campus

Roving Reporter with Derek Bleiler

What is your favorite horror movie?



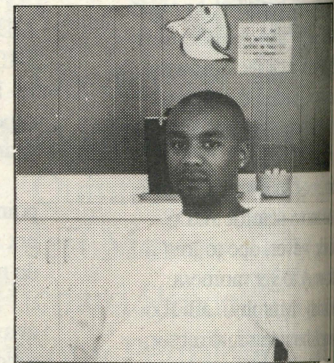
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Critic's Corner with Dan Lavelle

"Holy Man"

Hello fellow movie viewers. Sorry I wasn't around last week but I was fighting off a case of the stomach flu. Now that I'm feeling better I was able to rush to the nearest movie theater.

The movie this week was "Holy Man" starring Eddie Murphy and Jeff Goldblum.

In the movie Goldblum plays a TV producer for a home-shopping network. However, due to low ratings he might lose his job, unless he can think of a way to get more viewers. Out of pure desperation Goldblum hires G (Eddie Murphy), a holy man from off of a freeway. As a result, G turns home shopping into a religious experience and takes America by storm in the process.

I remember seeing previews for this film and they led me to believe that Eddie Murphy was the main star. But after seeing the film, it seemed like most of the focus was on Goldblum. Don't get me wrong, Eddie has a good part in the film, I just don't think this was his best film. I am used to seeing him as a wise cracking character but here he seems to mix that with a religious figure. The two don't seem to go together.

Jeff Goldblum seems to do all right playing an uptight producer with a change of heart at the end of the film. But it seems like whenever I see him in a film, he seems to mess up his lines. I'm not sure if that's a habit or if he uses that technique on purpose. But after seeing a couple of his films, it starts to get annoying.

I'm giving this film **ONE AND HALF STARS**. For some reason I can see this as a date film, but to loyal Eddie Murphy fans, I would be careful with this film. I don't really consider this his best work. You might want to wait for the tape, but if you still want to see it, then enter with



Aligning the planets with Madame Zelda

Aries (April 20 - May 20) This week has you feeling rushed by everyone especially your professors. Tackle each situation one at a time.

Gemini (May 21 - June 21) Try something new this week. If you succeed you will have found a hidden talent that will bring much success.

Cancer (June 22 - July 22) Stress is your word of the week. Don't let your hectic schedule get in the way of your loved ones. Things will ease up by the end of the week.

Leo (July 22 - August 22) You seem to be playing dorm counselor this week with some friends. Everyone comes to you with their problems. Take the time to help them out as much as you can, you may need the favor returned in the future.

Virgo (August 23 - September 22) Romance troubles seem to keep rising this week. Make sure you talk things out before it becomes too large to handle.

Libra (September 23 - October 23) Your week is stress free. Take this advantage to get a head start on next weeks work, which may not be such a breeze.

Scorpio (October 24 - November 21) Trying to balance your life seems impossible this week. Keep your head up and stay positive.

Sagittarius (November 22 - December 21) Take this weekend to mend a serious problem with a loved one. You will thank yourself in the end for making amends.

Capricorn (December 22 - January 19) Keep yourself on the mellow side this weekend. Your hectic week has drained you, take this time to relax and recharge.

Aquarius (January 20 - February 18) You need to start living in the present and not the past. Stop dwelling on past mistakes you can't change.

Pisces (February 19 - March 20) Watch yourself this week. An enemy from your past may appear, be prepared for the consequences of your actions.

Aries (March 21 - April 19) Your hard work is going to begin to pay off soon, keep this up and your next few weeks will be carefree.



Inner peace with Ani

Dear Ani,

All right, here's the deal, tell me what you think. My friend Steve and I have been best buds since our freshman year of high school. We have always been really close and told each other everything. We went to school together, our families were friends and we spent years hanging out together, strictly in a platonic relationship. Now, things are beginning to change. Steve is no longer with his girlfriend that he had for three and a half years, which I think may have been what was holding me back from realizing my true feelings for Steve.

Suddenly, after all of these years, I want to have a relationship with him that is more than friends. I have finally realized that he is everything I am looking for in a man. The best part is, he is interested in me in the same way. Here's the problem though. Steve tells me everything and while he was in this relationship with his old girlfriend, he admitted to me that he cheated on her once. This makes me wonder...even though we both have really strong feelings for each other and have realized we both really want to be together, I have really uneasy feelings about him cheating on her. Would he do the same to me if we were to get together? I have loved Steve as a friend and trusted him for such a long time. Should I consider what Steve did to his old girlfriend when deciding if I definitely want to begin a serious relationship with him?

Single-so-far Sister

Dear Single-so-far-Sister,

OK, I'm sure you've heard the saying before "Once a cheater, always a cheater." Well, sure, O.K., this makes a lot of sense and some may disagree of course, but I don't think this is always true. I think there are a lot of reasons why people cheat in a relationship and it doesn't necessarily mean that a man will cheat in every relationship he is in if he has done it once. Since you and Steve have been best friends for so long, you should have a pretty good sense of how well you can trust him. If you have total trust for him, putting his older relationships aside, then I would say to overlook what happened with this other girl. Explain to him that it bothers you and find out exactly why he did it, if he is totally sorry, and what his overall views are on cheating in a relationship. If he feels totally guilty and sincerely declares that he could never think of doing it again, you should be able to judge if he means it or not by how well you know him. You really have to go with your gut and decide if you can really trust this guy. Has he ever given you a reason in your own relationship not to trust him. Do you think he will make a loving, caring boyfriend? There are many things to consider here. You know him well enough, considering you have been best friends with him for years. If you feel that if you got into a relationship with him and could only be preoccupied with wondering when or how or if he is going to cheat on you, don't give yourself the extra grief. You have to feel as if the relationship could work and you could forgive him for his mistake and begin the relationship with total trust.

The only other issue I would consider in wondering whether or not to go for it with Steve would be the three and a half year relationship you briefly wrote about. Did this relationship just end? I would love to hear more about that part of it, because that could be something you need to think about. If Steve just got out of this relationship, based on that fact alone I would advise you not to begin a serious relationship. Three and a half years is a long time to be in a relationship, and there is a period of healing that must occur when it has ended. You don't want to end up being his "rebound girl," and possibly ruining such an established friendship. This could be an issue you must consider along with the cheating in the past. If he just got out of this relationship, give him time to get over his old girlfriend, and be SURE that he is, before you begin anything new. When the time comes that you are BOTH ready for a serious relationship, and you can truly trust him in a relationship, then go for it. If the fact that he cheated in the past still bothers you, I would recommend keeping the friendship that you have and being happy with that. No matter what, make your first priority to try and keep the tight friendship that you have built up over the years. My only other advice is to tell Steve that this bothers you and is holding you back from going for the full-blown relationship deal. Share your feelings about this with him, and keep the communication lines open, and right there you're off to a good start already. Good Luck...Ani

****send questions to inner_peace@hotmail.com****

~Wilkes University's Manuscript Society~ hosts intercollegiate poetry reading/coffee hour

The students of the Manuscript Society have noticed a void of creative outlets for Wyoming Valley college students. The Manuscript Society will be hosting a bi-weekly poetry reading/coffee hour. The name of the event has a poetic twist, it is called the "Creative Inlet." Students from Wilkes University, Kings College and College Misericordia are invited to attend this free event. The event will happen at Wilkes University's Annette Evans Alumni House (use door at the rear of the building), near Stark Learning Center on Tuesday, October 27, 1998, from 8:00 to 10:00 p.m. Refreshments will be available for a small donation.

The "Creative Inlet" has a coffee house atmosphere with coffee, desserts, and an abundance of creativity. Expect to find readings of original works, classics, favorite short stories, art viewing and whatever else that may display creativity. Discussion of literature, art and philosophy are encouraged. Michael Loeredi, a new member of the Manuscript Society said, "The cozy atmosphere of the Alumni House will relax anyone who attends. The openness of the Manuscript members also makes sharing your imaginative idea a comfortable place."

For more information on the Manuscript Society or the "Creative Inlet", please contact Sarah E. Karlavage at 819-1330 or Jim Warner at 408-5800.

Men's Soccer struggles in three tough contests

By JOHN MURPHY
Beacon Staff Writer

On Wednesday, October, 15, the men's soccer team took on the Moravian Greyhounds. The Colonels went into this game coming off a 5-2 win against the Susquehanna University Crusaders on October 10.

Bill Schneider managed the first offensive chance for the Colonels as he hammered at the goal, but the Greyhounds goalkeeper managed to stop him.

Wilkes had a few more chances before another good opportunity showed itself. This came with only 1:45 remaining in the half as the Colonels were awarded a corner kick.

Freshman Matt Bieber passed the ball to fellow freshman Kyle Rush who placed the shot, but the Greyhounds goalie once again stopped a good shot, knocking it high over the goal. This brought the halftime score to a tie.

The first good opportunity in the second half came at 9:41 when Schneider passed the ball to Tim Seymour, who then fired it toward the goal. The shot went wide and out of bounds. Another chance came as Heath Neiderer stole the ball and

passed to Schneider, who put up the shot, which ended up going wide.

At the 17:00 mark, the Greyhounds had a chance to score when they took a deep throw-in. The ball ended up in front of the goal, but their offense could not manage to get the shot into the net that ended up getting knocked over the crossbar.

The next good shot came at 22:19 as Jason Cadwallader crossed one to Lucas Markelon, who charged down field, but the shot went wide in the end. At 37:37 Rolland picked up another goal as his shot beat the Greyhounds goalie, this was Rolland's fifth goal in three games.

The Colonels earned a 2-0 win and Seth Nye earned his fourth shutout.

Wilkes improves to 9-6

The Colonels then played Delaware Valley. Wilkes went into this game looking to expand their winning streak to four in a row.

"We had been practicing the coin toss on Friday afternoon. We did win it and decided to run up hill for the first half, I think that this was one of the most important decisions that we made in the game," said head coach Phil Wingert.

The action of the first half led to a goal early in the contest for Wilkes, which came at the 7:33 mark. The goal was scored by Schneider, with the assist going to Neiderer. This gave Wilkes an early 1-0 lead.

The lead would not last long as Delaware Valley came back to battle and managed to score a goal at 14:43, as they slipped one past Colonels keeper Nye. This tied the score, which was how the two teams went into halftime.

The Colonels managed the tie-breaking goal at 10:02 in the final half. It came about as juniors Jarred Max and Dave Reinert moved down field along with senior Rob Rolland.

Max then sent the ball across to Rolland, who was at the far post of the goal. Reinert headed the ball across to Rolland, who once again came through for the Colonels when he put the ball into the goal putting Wilkes up 2-1.

This goal would go unanswered because the Colonels dropped into a defensive shell to secure the victory for the last four minutes of the game.

The Aggies attacked the Colonels net, but these attacks failed. "We played hard out there. Hopefully this will set us up for the

next four matches," said Wingert.

This win placed the Colonels at 3-1 in the MAC Freedom League and 9-6 overall.

Wilkes gets locked up by Drew Rangers

The team took on the Drew Rangers on Wednesday afternoon in a Freedom League match up. The game quickly took off as an offensive showdown between two good teams.

The Rangers opened up the shooting with a header off of a penalty kick, but Wilkes goalkeeper Nye picked this shot out of the air.

After a series of midfield battles and shots on goal by both teams, the Rangers drew first blood. A Ranger managed to head the ball from midfield to another player who broke past the defense and drove the ball into the far corner.

Coming out after half time, the teams picked up right where they left off. The teams again battled for

possession and control as the game went into the first half.

The Rangers once again took the shooting at 1:37, off of a penalty kick, which was saved by Nye.

At 11:09, the Rangers awarded an indirect penalty. The Colonels they took this one as a push, unfortunately for the Colonels they took this one as a push. As they sent the ball into the center of the goal box, the Rangers hammered this one into the upper corner of the net putting themselves up 2-0.

The Colonels tried once again to score but lady luck was on the offense's side.

On a breakaway, the Colonels attempted one final team effort to past the Ranger defense. The ball was crossed to Tim Seymour, who took the shot, but it bounced into the upper corner of the goal putting the Colonels up 2-1.

The Colonels added another goal that would once again go unanswered bringing the final score to 3-0 for the Rangers.

Stickers earn playoff birth

By LARRY LEWIS
Beacon Staff Writer

The Wilkes University Lady Colonels Field Hockey team has reason to celebrate. They earned a Middle Atlantic Conference (MAC) Freedom League birth with a victory on Tuesday night against the regionally ranked Lady Royals of the University of Scranton. The victory upped the Lady Colonels season record to 7-8 and their Freedom League mark to 3-2.

The Lady Royals came into the contest leading the Lady Colonels with a record of 3-1 in Freedom League play. The Lady Colonels had only earned a 2-2 mark in the league prior to the game.

Wilkes hoped to take control of the second playoff seed by beating the Lady Royals in the match.

Less than two minutes into the contest, junior Sara Clause found the back of the Scranton net on a pass from Megan Fogle.

The score put Wilkes in the lead for the first time in the contest and the squad would not look back from there.

At the 5:55 mark of the second half, sophomore Karen Bradley took advantage of a penalty shot. Bradley managed to slip one past the Lady Royal goal tender to make the score 2-0. The Lady Royals had no answers for the Wilkes squad and the score remained 2-0 as the final buzzer sounded.

Senior goalie Pam Truszowski stopped eight Scranton shots on her way to a shutout. The Lady Colonel defense, led by Jill Wilson and Sarah Reed, held strong and did not allow the Lady Royals many chances to attack the Wilkes



Beacon File Photo

Senior Lisa Werkheiser pushes past a defender.

net.

The ladies travel to the State University of New York (SUNY) at Cortland this afternoon to take on the Lady Red Dragons. The squad will next see action on Saturday when they play host to Elizabethtown College.

Volleyball falls again

By SCOTT VEITH
Beacon Sports Editor

The Wilkes University Women's Volleyball team took to the court against the Lady Royals of the University of Scranton on Wednesday night.

In the first match, the Lady Colonels fell behind 7-0 despite winning three long rallies that resulted in sideouts in favor of Wilkes.

The Lady Colonels managed a point, but gave the service back to Scranton. The Lady Royals refused to let up as they won the first match by a score of 15-2.

Long rallies were once again the story of the second game. Each team served five times during the series and the Lady Royals squeaked out to a 4-2 lead. The Lady Colonels, led by the defense of Deanna Roulinavage and Mandy Kehler, fought to regain control of the service.

Wilkes eventually earned a sideout and served to the Lady Royals, but the squad gave the ball back to Scranton due to a lack of communication.

The Lady Royals proceeded to rattle off 11 points on 11 consecutive serves. These points included a spike from the right hand of Scranton junior Anne McGovern that hit Lady Colonel Shanna Henninger in

the face.

Henninger, one of the Colonels top performers, was in the game but could not get the team back to victory. The Colonels dropped the second match by a score of 15-6.

The third game was no different, as the two teams battled to a 5-5 tie. These points were won on long rallies and poor communication. The match looked to be over as the Lady Royals took a score of 13-6. At this point, Royal coach Kristen Miller substituted her lineup with reserves.

The Lady Colonels took advantage of the substitution to regain a lead, but it was short-lived. The Lady Royals came back with a 15-13 win and a 3-1 victory.

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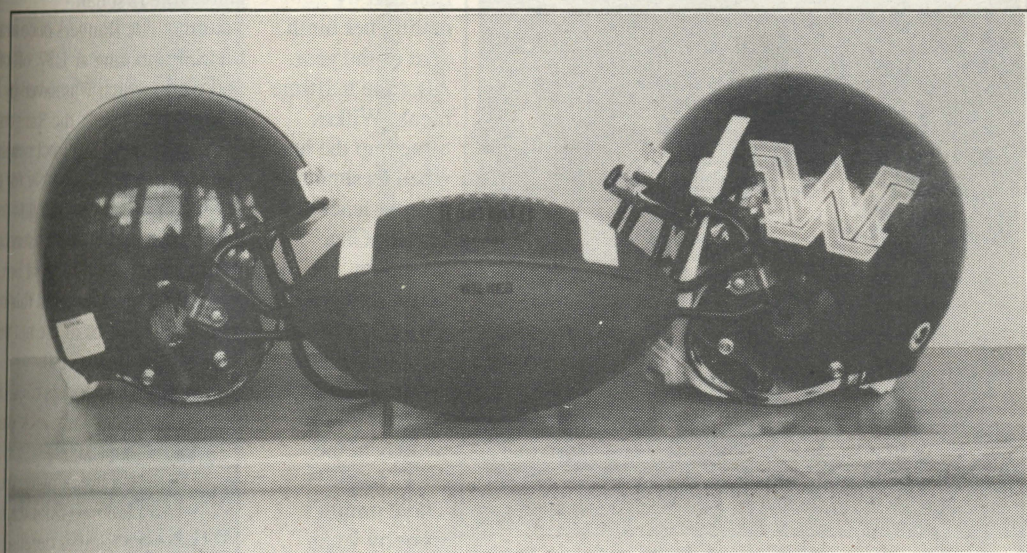
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Guest Editorial To "W" or not to "W"

We investigate the football helmet decal mystery

By JOHN BRUETT



This season's helmet design (LEFT) and last season's helmet design (RIGHT) face off here. Which design do you like? Email us at beacon@wilkes1.wilkes.edu with your opinion.

Photo by J.J. Fadden

Due to repeated questions directed at The Beacon editorial staff about the whereabouts of the flying W that used to adorn the sides of the Wilkes University football helmets, The Beacon sent WCLH football color commentator John Bruett on a mission to investigate the situation.

Here we are about halfway through the football season and nobody has seen the flying W on the Wilkes Colonels' football helmet. Well, being the good investigative reporter that I am, I went and hunted it down. My research included a phone discussion with Colonel head coach Frank Sheptock.

I called coach Sheptock at 1:15 p.m. on Tuesday afternoon to question him about the whereabouts of the "W" and I was told in confidence that there was no "rhyme or reason," as Sheptock put it, to the disappearance.

He went on to tell me that there was a decision made by himself and the rest of the staff to make a move to the metallic blue that now adorns the helmets of the Colonels. This new paint is the same type of paint that many of the professional teams are now using it produces a very high gloss finish to the helmets.

I asked coach Sheptock about the player's thoughts on the helmets, he responded, "They like the darker color of the helmet. They find it adds to the mysteriousness of the team."

So, now there was only one question left for me to ask.

"Would the flying 'W' be coming back?" The coach told me that he would be looking at some different helmet designs this week for possible use next year.

Sheptock said that there was a small outside request from the alumni that they go back to the old, Notre Dame style, solid gold helmets that were worn when Wilkes football was young.

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That's what I say



with SCOTT VEITH

One of the biggest travesties in the history of sports took place on Monday morning in a courtroom in Las Vegas, Nevada. The animal best known as Mike Tyson was granted the privilege of reapplying for a boxing license in the State of Nevada. This was not only the wrong decision for this particular case, it the wrong thing to ever grant a man like Mike Tyson.

Tyson is a convicted rapist. This offense alone should have had Tyson executed, but our judicial system allows for animals like this to walk the streets. Never again after his assault on Miss Black America pageant participant, Desiree Washington, should Tyson have been permitted to be a functional member of society, much less be the focal point of entertainment and athletics. But he was granted the chance to compete again at the game he loves.

During Tyson's hearing with Nevada athletic officials, Tyson's attorney James Jimmerrman babbled about how he feels Tyson deserves a second chance. In my estimation, Tyson's second chance came when he was allowed to take part in a professional sporting event after committing a felony. Inspired by fabled boxing promoter Don King (a convicted felon himself), Tyson climbed up the ranks of professional boxing with little regard or knowledge of who he stepped on during his climb. His first and only concern on this trip was becoming the heavyweight champion of the world. This attitude is exactly what is wrong with sports today.

Professional athletes are looked at by every kid who wears a little league uniform or plays touch football in the street, as role models. Every kid has a favorite athlete or a favorite musician and their hopes and dreams rest on the idea that they can someday be just like their favorite athlete or musician.

The argument has been made to dispute this claim thousands of times by Charles Barkley and other athletes who refuse to accept the role, but the fact is that a child who aspires to excel in a particular field looks up to the most successful professionals in that field. I agree that parents should be the first and most influential role model in a child's life, but many parents are not fit to take on the role either.

Throughout childhood, I wanted to grow up to be everything from a fireman to a police officer to a baseball player to the President of the United States of America. Aside from idolizing my father, my brothers and my grandfathers, I looked up to my neighbor (the cop), my uncle (the fireman), Pete Rose and Ronald Reagan. I, just as every young boy does, pretended to be these people. That is just what kids do.

I had no way of knowing that my uncle was a drug addict. I had no way of knowing that my neighbor was not much of a cop. I had no way of knowing that Pete Rose was a compulsive gambler. All I saw was that these people got paid to do what I wanted to do. They were my role models. To this day, I hold a special place in my heart and memory for the way that Rose played the game, but I know now that I don't want to be just like Rose. I just want to be able to play baseball just like him.

At 31 years of age, Tyson should know that every child that he talks to thinks he is the greatest. They do not yet have the ability to choose to what they are subjected. These kids don't understand what rape is. Most adults don't even understand what rape is. The only thing they understand is that Mike Tyson can beat the snot out of some other big guy and that impresses them.

I'm not impressed.

Every professional athlete, whether they like it or not, is a role model. They may not be positive role models, but they are role models nevertheless. What the Nevada State Athletic Commission and Mike Tyson just taught kids is that it's O.K. to assault people at traffic stops, in bedrooms and in the boxing ring as long as the offender is a good athlete. Some children can decipher this message and understand that it is the wrong message, but most can not.

The State of Nevada and Mike Tyson have once again succeeded in corrupting our country even further than they already have. I hope they are proud of themselves.

The ideas expressed in this column are generated through everyday interaction with Beacon readers and members of the Wilkes community.

Sports

Corrigan, Labbe break records, lead ladies

By MATT REITNOUR
Beacon Staff Writer

In a year when Mark McGwire and Sammy Sosa, better known as "Big Mac" and "Swingin' Sammy," were smashing baseball records, Adrienne and Laurie brought the record breaking trend to Wilkes University.

Although the two latter names aren't going to be on the cover of *Sports Illustrated* anytime soon, these two Lady Colonels are ripping up and rewriting the women's soccer record books one page at a time.

The Laurie is senior captain Laurie Labbe, who broke the 100 career point mark in Saturday's 6-0 whitewashing of Middle Atlantic Conference (MAC) League foe Allentown College.

Labbe becomes the first Lady Colonel to reach this mark and now owns or is tied for seven women's soccer records.

The Adrienne is sophomore goalkeeper Adrienne Corrigan. After fellow sophomore Donna Rothrock moved into her field position and freshman Darby Wolfe went down with an injury, Corrigan

stepped into the net and has posted some great numbers.

Corrigan hasn't allowed a goal in three games. That equals more than 127 minutes of shutout soccer.

Not only are her three straight shutout games a school record, but so are the five total shutouts she has posted. Corrigan has allowed just six goals and has a minute 0.07 goals against average.

The play of these two record breakers in combination with an all around team effort has helped the Lady Colonels to a 10-7 overall record. These ten wins rank as yet another school record.

While the MAC playoffs are not in the cards for this season, Eastern Collegiate Athletic Conference playoffs are a real possibility and that's something that excites many of the players.

But to keep those playoff hopes alive, the Lady Colonels need strong outings in both of their final two games.

Wilkes is currently on a four game winning streak where they have outscored opponents 15-1 overall. The last two games have seen the blue and gold explode offensively, hitting the net 11 times.



Photo by Shawn Perrine

Senior Laurie Labbe recently became the first athlete in Lady Colonel history to eclipse the 100 point mark for a career.

Wilkes thumped Neumann College by a score of 5-0 on Tuesday to up their record to 10-7 overall, 2-4 in the MAC Freedom League.

Rothrock who has been a solid offensive performer since her exit from the Lady Colonels' net, got the scoring machine started with

4:03 left in the first half by nailing her ninth goal of the year. After the halftime break, Wilkes turned up the heat when freshman scoring leader Larissa Giza scored an unassisted goal with just 0:49 in the second half.

Labbe got her first goal of the day at the 20:12 mark. Three minutes went by when Giza scored again to put the nail in the coffin.

The offensive attack

was not the only facet of the Lady Colonel game that was on this game. The Wilkes defense held Neumann to just one shot on goal. Therefore, Corrigan had little work to do in her record breaking shutout.

Now the Lady Colonels look toward a meeting with cross town

rival King's College today and a game versus Catholic University on Saturday, October 24 at Ralston Field. From there, Wilkes must sit and wait to see if their 1998 season is extended.

If the Lady Colonels are presented with circumstances that extend their season, the team would enter the record book one more time with the first ever playoff appearance in Wilkes history.

Jannuzzi named All-America by Dick Vitale

WILKES-BARRE--Wilkes University basketball superstar Dave Jannuzzi earned the dubious distinction of being named to *Dick Vitale's 2nd Team Division III All-America Team*.

Jannuzzi has been one of the Colonels top scorers for the past two seasons and was a key member on last season's Final Four team.

This season's team returns three starters from last year's squad, the most successful team in Wilkes basketball history.

Hankins, DaRe muscle Colonels past King's

By ROBERT J. MORCOM
Beacon Staff Writer

Tony DaRe intercepted two passes and returned one for a touchdown as Wilkes downed King's 31-21 to retain the Mayor's Cup. For his efforts, DaRe was named *ECAC/Budget Division III Metro Region Defensive Player of the Week*.

The Colonel's win improved their record to 3-3 overall and 2-0 in the Middle Atlantic Conference (MAC) Freedom League. King's slipped to 0-6 overall and 0-2 in league play.

King's opened the game with

the ball, but were forced to punt after a Colonel defensive stand. Mike Hankins, the *First Union Bank Most Valuable Player of the Game*, took over from there.

Hankins took a handoff from senior quarterback Neil Rine and raced 63 yards into the promised land. Sophomore placekicker Tim Caron added the point after to give Wilkes the early lead.

The Wilkes offense went back to work after Walter Hall sacked Jeff Cemelli on a fourth and goal play from the 4-yard line. Rine then marched his team down the field on a 10 play, 93-yard scoring drive. The drive was capped by a 5-yard scoring strike from Rine to fresh-

man wide receiver Brian Miller. Caron converted the extra point to increase the Colonel lead to 14-0.

Caron then added a 25-yard field goal that capped a 5 play, 30-yard drive. The field goal gave the Colonels a 17-0 lead.

Then, it was the Monarchs turn. Cemelli connected with Mike Manassy on a 15-yard touchdown pass. Placekicker Tom Pierantozzi added the point after to pull King's within 10 points.

King's kicked to the Colonels after the score and Wilkes could produce nothing on the ensuing drive. The Monarchs eventually got the ball back and were attempting to score before the end of the first half.

Unfortunately for the Monarchs, DaRe and the Wilkes defense had other ideas.

DaRe intercepted a Cemelli pass at the Monarch 34-yard line and took it in for the score with just seconds remaining in the half. Caron's point after gave the Colonels a 24-7 halftime lead.

In the third quarter, Wilkes would not let up. Rine would connect with Miller for his second score of the day. Caron again added the point after to give the Colonels their final point of the game.

In the fourth quarter, King's would add two scores against the Wilkes reserves. They recovered a fumbled punt on the Wilkes 33-

yard line and eventually converted it into seven points.

King's junior running back DeMaise took a handoff and ended up in the endzone 16 yards later. Tom Pierantozzi pass on the two-point conversion made the score 15.

On their next possession, Pierantozzi drove his team 73 yards down the field for another score. Kenson Vincent scored on a 49-yard pass making the final score 21.

Chris "Stump" Shannon led Wilkes defensive charge with 12 tackles while Mark Hendry added 10 tackles of his own.

October 22

- *Field Hockey @ Cortland, 4:00, p.m.
- *Women's Soccer @ King's, 3:30 p.m.

October 23

- *Women's Tennis, MAC Individual Championships, TBA

October 24

- *Field Hockey vs. Elizabethtown, 1:00 p.m.
- *Men's Soccer vs. King's, 11:00 a.m.
- *Volleyball @ Muhlenberg, 11:00 a.m.
- *Women's Tennis, MAC Individual Championships, TBA

October 25

- *Field Hockey @ Messiah, TBA
- *Men's Soccer @ Scranton, 7:00 p.m.
- *Women's Soccer MAC Semi-Finals, TBA



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