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"MAC"ing it up in Stark lobby

By CAROLE MANCUSO
Beacon Staff Writer

Pioneer National Bank
is now the provider for the
Automatic Teller Machine
(ATM) in Stark's Lobby as
of February 4, 1998.

PNC Bank moved out
and Pioneer moved in.
Why did PNC Bank go?

Initially PNC agreed to
pay Wilkes to be the
provider of the MAC
machine.

The amount of money
gained from foreign
transactions, that is, the
transactions made by
people of a different bank,
was thought to be able to
make the MAC machine
profitable for the PNC

Bank.

However, PNC Bank
found that this was not the
case at all.

Linda Kimsal, a
spokesperson for PNC Bank
said, "The low volume of
transactions at Wilkes was
unable to sustain the cost of
the MAC machine."

Therefore Wilkes
received a bill from PNC
Bank for \$3,000. This
exorbitant price led Wilkes
from PNC to Pioneer
National Bank.

So how does this switch
in banks affect the student
body?

With PNC Bank as the
Wilkes provider, it cost \$.75
to make a foreign
transaction. Now it costs



Photo by J.J. Fadden

Using the MAC machine is a new experience.

one dollar with Pioneer
National.

Also, PNC Bank
allowed ten dollar

increments to be withdrawn.
Pioneer National requires
withdrawals in \$20
increments.

Paul O'Hop, vice
president of business
affairs and auxiliary
enterprises, said, "We
could try to broach this
subject with Pioneer
National but, every bank
has it's own conditions
that we will have to
accept."

Marion Bishop of
Pioneer National said,
"All of our ATMs are in
conjunction and its not
something we would be
willing to change."

The new student center
will house an actual
branch of Pioneer
National Bank.

The branch will be run
entirely by Wilkes
students.

Wilkes television is coming soon to cable near you

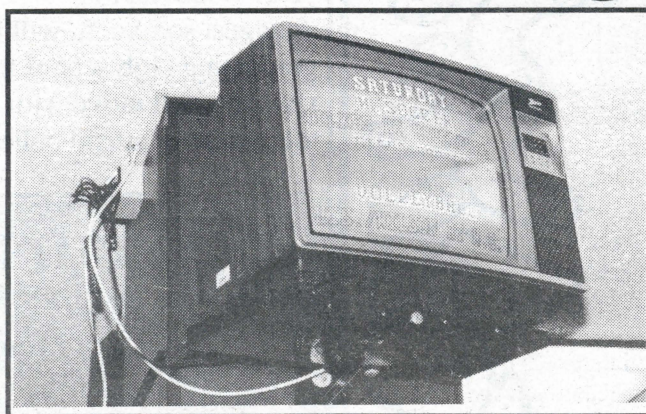
By JASON EVANS
Beacon Staff Writer

Can't find anything
interesting on TV? Well,
don't look now, but
Wilkes University will
soon occupy cable channel

The station will be able
to begin broadcasting its
student-run television
programs to a much larger
viewing audience.

Plans have been made
to have Wilkes television
programs on the cable
channel within the next
month.

The Shelbourne
Television Center
currently houses two half-
hour programs ran entirely



Beacon file photo

Wilkes is coming to channel 68.

by students.

The two month old
Wilkes sports program
"The Colonel's Edge"
will be the cornerstone for
the new programming.

The Edge differs from
all other shows in that it

gives inside looks into all
of Wilkes University's
sports teams.

"I think 'The Edge' has
promoted all of the Wilkes
sports teams in a positive
way," said Beth LoPiccolo
of the women's basketball

team.

Teammate Liz Burchill
said, "I like it!"

Senior captain of the
men's basketball team,
Matt Conway said, "It
offers an interesting look
on Wilkes University
athletics."

The other program that
will air on the new channel
is the bi-weekly variety
show "Wilkes Today."

Wilkes Today offers
students a chance to
participate in a show that
gives insight from the
students of Wilkes
University.

The show deals with a
variety of issues including
campus events, sports and
entertainment.

One of the shows

directors Will Taylor,
when asked about
upcoming changes within
the show said, "It's going
to be a new show headed
in the right direction w
h a promising future."

The success of these
two programs will
determine whether or not
more new programs will
be added.

Chairperson of the
communications
department, Dr. Bradford
Kinney, has has been very
pleased with the progress
the television center has
made over the last few
years.

"We're as close to
being professional as we
can get and it's only going
to improve," he said.



Around the world . . .

El Nino affects Panama Canal

PANAMA CITY, PANAMA (AP)--Even the Panama Canal is hurting because of El Nino.

Authorities blame the weather pattern for a severe drought. It's so bad they're lowering the water level in the Panama Canal, forcing ships to carry lighter loads.

The U.S. Canal



Commission estimates the new rules will affect 17 percent of ships crossing the canal through October.

The drought has reduced the level of a lake that feeds the waterway.

Rainfall this season is the lowest in the canal's 84 year history.

Hantavirus scare in N.M.

ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO (AP)--El Nino may be increasing the risk of deadly hantavirus in the desert southwest.

Hantavirus comes from rodent urine and droppings and causes hantavirus pulmonary syndrome. Now, rodent populations in rural New Mexico are booming because of the warm wet weather.

Vinovrski bids Wilkes farewell

By **CAROLE MANCUSO**
Beacon Staff Writer

Bernard Vinovrski, dean of admissions, will be leaving Wilkes University as of June 1, 1998.

This will be the end of his 12 year tenure at Wilkes University for Vinovrski.

Vinovrski will be moving to California where he will be the assistant vice president of enrollment at California State University (CSU).

The job at CSU will entail working with admissions, financial aid, registrar, international education and computer support for admissions.

Vinovrski said that he has always wanted to find a job in the Southwest and this is just the right year to go.

By moving this year, Vinovrski will be closer to his family.

His oldest son, Marty, moved to Arizona last year. Vinovrski's youngest son Scott, will be graduating high school this year and will move with the family to attend college in California.

"I didn't want to have to relocate Scott while in high school," said Vinovrski.

Vinovrski commented that although California State University is very similar to Wilkes there will be many things he will miss, including his son Todd, who is presently attending Wilkes; working at his alma matter since graduating from Wilkes and working with President Breiseth.

A successor for Dean Vinovrski has not yet been chosen. A national search for a new dean of admissions is currently being conducted.

Vinovrski hopes that a successor will be found within the next month so he/she will have time to train as the new dean.

Vinovrski said, "My successor's greatest challenge will be the cost of higher education for a private school."

Vinovrski hopes the new dean of admissions will have an easier job because of possible improvement plans for next year.

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Dear Editor:

As a senior here at Wilkes I would like to address a serious problem, that can be found behind the desk at City Hall. You guessed it, Mayor McGroarty. I am so sick and tired of having our school name associated with "not" contributing to Wilkes-Barre. As Wilkes students we all shop downtown and dine at local restaurants.

I expect the mayor, as a politician to respect college students just as he should respect his office. We are here at Wilkes for one reason that is to further our education. Many of us will find jobs locally and therefore become citizens of the valley, paying even more taxes to our city. What would happen if both King's and Wilkes were not here in Wilkes-Barre? What does he think would happen to the economy then?

The parking here at Wilkes has been a problem for years and the school is trying to improve the situation. However, the Mayor does not make things any better when every single meter on South Street and Franklin Street have "No Parking" bags over them for two days. Why? The city wanted to clean our streets. Well, what the heck were they doing when both King's and Wilkes were on Spring break? Or why didn't they clean up the streets when the street cleaning signs say they will? Probably because the Mayor knew that most likely the students and teachers would park there anyway, since there aren't many spots available to begin with, especially when the tickets were \$15 each. Multiply that by about 100 cars and you get \$1500 dollars, contributed to the city by Wilkes members.

It makes me very angry that the man who represents this city is bringing down education. Since I was a child it had been a dream of mine to complete my college education. Now I am a married woman with two children and own and help operate a dairy farm in Mahoning Valley, Luzerne County. I have been commuting 50 minutes each way just to achieve my goal and the year I finally graduate the school is being hindered by its very own City Mayor. A man who does not respect the hard work involved in completing a BA degree does not deserve the honor of Mayor.

The Mayor has given me the impression that all college students are lazy. This is not a true statement. Yes, students occasionally get lazy, but what school doesn't. We are here to complete our dream of receiving an education. I know that a lot of blood, sweat and tears went into achieving my dream and I am proud of myself. I just hope that other students who are considering pursuing their dreams at Wilkes, are not discouraged by Mayor McGroarty.

Debbie Troxell

Dear Editor:

If the instructor who is perhaps the biggest asset, the most effective, the biggest mover-and shaker in your major is suddenly suspended, without explanation, just days before the start of the spring semester, what would you think? What would you do? Probably, just what we've done.

Professor Jerome Campbell, a 19-year veteran of the music department, had this very thing happen to him less than a week before the spring semester began. Dr. Bonnie Bedford met with the students of the department on January 14 to discuss this and a number of other irrelevant issues. Within hours, a petition was begun. This petition demonstrated (and widespread) support for Mr. Campbell, requested that he be reinstated, and be offered the position of Department Chair. Having been signed by 32 out of 42 Music Majors (and five non-majors), it was handed over to the offices of President Breiseth, Dr. Bedford, Vice-Presidents O'Hop, Strunk, and Lennon, Music Department Chairmen James Harrington, AAUP President Dr. Thomas Baldino, Faculty Representative Dr. John Gilmer, and to Mr. Campbell himself. The only response of any kind from any of the above individuals (with the exception of Mr. Campbell) thus far is a letter from President Breiseth refuting rumors concerning the future of the department. While we are pleased that the department does indeed have a future ahead, we are quite disappointed that this letter does not address the matter at hand. Every letter is also being sent to the Wilkes University Board of Trustees along with a note outlining recent developments.

Meanwhile, the students organized a pizza party to be held in the Center lounge on February 3. This party was a show of moral support and solidarity to Mr. Campbell. Twenty-five people were in

A beautiful day in Collegetown

How long have we been subjected to the mayor's grand plans to transform the City of Wilkes-Barre to a warm and happy home for the college student population? As far as I am concerned, we have suffered long enough. It is officially time for the mayor to put that tired dream to rest.

On Tuesday morning a concerned business owner in the community called our office to let us know that while we were on break, many of the surrounding streets were empty, and she was enraged that the mayor waited until our return to clean the streets around our campus. This caller was correct. You probably noticed when leaving your 9:30 a.m. classes this Tuesday, many students (who were forced to park in spots with meters covered in "No Parking" bags due to the unreal lack of parking) received tickets because of the street cleaning project.

This situation outraged many, but I am personally disturbed by how the mayor and his assistant addressed the situation. Because this inconvenience seriously affected the Wilkes student body, *The Beacon* felt it was definitely news worthy, but when I called for an interview to compile a news article for this week's issue I was disgusted by how I was treated. It would have been very simple for someone to take five minutes of their time and explain the street cleaning project and justify why it didn't take place while we were away. In fact, Shannon McNulty, spokesperson for the mayor said, "It is not the responsibility of the mayor's office to plan street cleaning around the college schedules."

Take that Wilkes! I just hope that the mayor and other employees in his office realize that this is not the way to earn the respect of the college community. We certainly aren't asking for special favors. However, we definitely deserve the respect and consideration he would extend to any other residents of the city.

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attendance. The party served its intended purpose; however, it is interesting to note that it had been relocated due to an order prohibiting Mr. Campbell from stepping foot on campus. In addition, the students created and sold a T-shirts bearing the Spanish equivalent of "the people united will never be defeated" and Mr. Campbell's signature "J" on the back. More than 40 of these shirts have been sold as of this writing, some even to faculty.

Although the administration contends that the level of education has not been compromised by the suspension of Mr. Campbell, students think otherwise. Even though Mr. Mike Williams, Wilkes '84, has graciously agreed to stand in as Wind Ensemble director and take over Mr. Campbell's private lessons for the time being. This situation is difficult for everyone. While Mr. Williams is an able and welcome replacement, it is a sudden adjustment for which no one was prepared, and which has not come easy. Mr. Williams along with the other replacements has to travel a great distance to get to Wilkes. Therefore, none of them are able to answer questions or coach students on other days of the week. As of now, the Wind Ensemble has only had about 60% of it's scheduled rehearsals.

Mr. Campbell is the finest asset that our department has. It is sincerely hoped that this crisis will be resolved — very soon — with Mr. Campbell in his rightful position. Until that time, we the students will continue to fight on Mr. Campbell's behalf.

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David Westawski
Matthew Lengyel

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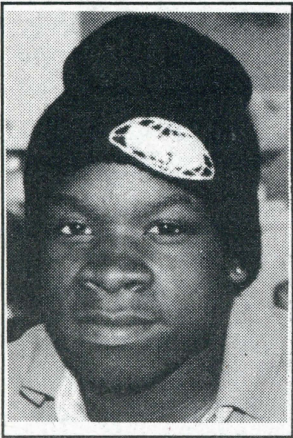
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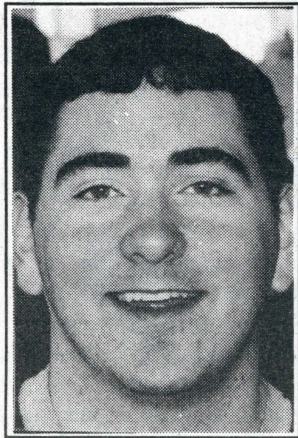
Roving Reporter by J.J. Fadden

"What did you do over Spring Break?"



Jason Hills

"I stayed home and did nothing."



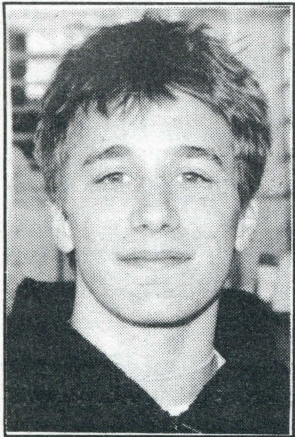
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"I played golf in Myrtle Beach."



Chris Mulhollan

"I got sun poisoning in Cancun."



Jarrad Max

"I hung out with my family."



E.J. Tomassoni

"I went to a basketball game every day."



Ann Marie Raleigh

"I went to sleep on Saturday and woke up the following Sunday."

Steel Cage Match: The Niefs vs. the world

If anyone watched Andy Rooney on "60 Minutes" during break, you would have seen a historic event. Rooney and the Nief brothers actually agreed on something. Normally, Rooney just rambles on in his youth-hating, unfocused crap (nothing at all like our articles). This time, it was different. He was complaining about sportscasters and how they never shut up. His specific example was with the Olympics and how the sportscasters felt the need to fill in absolutely every free second with useless chatter about the athletes, as if anyone cared. Rooney's final comment was something to the effect that TV sportscasters should sometimes just close their mouths and let the people watch and enjoy the games. We couldn't agree more.

Our biggest problem with sportscasters is a little bit closer to home than the Winter Olympics, namely NCAA basketball. Hell, we'll go one better: Dick Vitale. If you want to watch a Duke or UNC game, you have to sit through the God awful screams of Dick Vitale. HE'S ANNOYING, BABY!

He seems to get louder and louder as the year goes on, so by March Madness, he can only scream. This man feels compelled to talk and talk and talk. Granted, every once in a while he says something that is not entirely retarded. For example, last Sunday he called Duke forward Trajan Langdon the "Alaskan Assassin." That was funny, but it is bound to happen sooner or later when someone talks for over half an hour non-stop. ESPN should put a limit on him. Something like only 500 words a game so he would have to make them count. After he hits 500 words, they should just put a muzzle on him.

All sportscasters should have to take lessons from the NHL. They announced the games the way they should be announced. "LeClair to Lindros, Lindros to Podien, Podien shoots...and scores!" Notice that the voice only raises when something important happens. Not before. And notice that in the replay they will explain how the puck got past the goalie, not how the goalie's mother was born in a log cabin or anything totally unrelated like that. Well, every once in a while, they'll do something like that, but they have to fill the dead time somehow.

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Helping those who cannot help themselves

KAREN COOK
News Editor

Spring break is usually a
when students relax,
some rays and
enerate themselves in
uration for the remainder
the semester.

Eight Wilkes students
the mold of usual spring
ers this year by working
help impoverished families.
students traveled cross the
ter to the small village of
ecolote, located in Tijuana,
Mexico.

During their visit, students
two area families,
ntered at an orphanage
worked with children in
local youth center.

The center works with
then by providing a place
them to study and giving
the supplies they need to
omplete their homework.

Financial help is also given to
ents who cannot afford to
to school. Besides offering
active sports program, all
the participants receive a
nicious meal.

Elvira Carranza, a native
Mexican, along with help
from American and German
volunteers, runs the center.

The first task which the
volunteers tackled was
painting the center. All of the
classrooms, the hall, the
restrooms and the computer
room had been prepped for
painting.

Working together, the
goal was to get the center
painted before the children
arrived on Monday morning.

Work began daily at nine
a.m. and ended between five
and six p.m.

On Monday the group
began working off site within
the community. The majority
of the houses in Tecolote are
constructed from scrap wood,
old garage doors and any
other material that could be
found.

Although most of the
houses in Tecolote needed
repair, Carranza chose two for
the group to work on. The first
house worked on was the
house of a single mother and
her four children.



Courtesy of the Alternative Spring Break trip

Wilkes Voluteers help repair home

Cleaning the garbage that
surrounded the house was the
first task that needed to be
accomplished before the
structural repairs could begin.

There were piles of
garbage consisting of scrap
wood, old mattresses, toys,
clothes and old pipes.

In the middle of all of hte
garbage there was a small
building made up of old wood
and metal. It had a small door
and there were holes all

throughout, the dogs were
walking in and out of the
holes. It was their outhouse.

Garbage clean-up took
the entire first day of work.
On the second day of work
structural repairs could begin.

The group wrapped the
house with water proofing
paper and chicken wire. The
chicken wire not only holds
the paper on but it is crucial
if the family stuccoes their
house.

A fence was also
constructed around the yard
in order to keep the animals
out. Springs from mattresses,
scrap wood, scrap metal and
chilcken wire were the
materials used to construct
the fence.

After completing the first
house the group moved on to
the second house. Cleaning
garbage and re-roofing the
house were the main jobs that
needed to be completed.

"My worst day here is
nothing compared to their
best. It made me look at life
differently and appreciate
everything I have," said
Nicole Ehrich, a freshman
participant.

The students also got the
opportunity to work, for an
afternoon, at one of the local
orphanages and with the
students in the youth center.

Throughout the week, the
group worked hard to help the
community to overcome
many of their obstacles. This
experience made life in the
United States seem like
paradise.

Spit your stress levels away

MICHAEL BLAIR
Staff Writer

The lights flickered. The
resentation was about to
na. Dr. Francis Brennan,
chology professor at
aes University was first.
rolled up to the podium,
as he set his notes down,
lights dimmed. The whirl
the slide machine at the
of the room was the
sound that could be

Brennan cleared his throat
egan his fifteen minute
ch.
Presenting research at the
tem Psychological
ociation annual meeting,
time held in Boston on

February 27 and 28, was
something that Brennan
seemed born to do.

Opening up with a rather
informative speech on the
field of
psychoneuroimmunology, the
interaction between different
psychological variables, the
immune system, and the
nervous system.

The foundation of the
experiment was "the study of
stress and how it
compromises the immune
system," said Brennan.

Since cells have stress
receptors, there are two
possibilities that can occur
when an individual occurs a
stressor: immunosuppression,
the decrease in immune
functioning or

immunoenhancement, the
increase in immune
functioning.

In Brennan's study, saliva
samples from college
students were collected, both
before and after each was
subjected to different types of
music.

Why saliva samples? For
this study, Brennan was
looking for the level of a
certain antibody that is
released in all bodily
secretions. Since saliva was
the most readily secretion
available, it was the easiest to
collect.

There was four different
types of music played. One
group listened to jazz,
another heard jazz with
commercials, yet another

heard auditory clicks and the
last group sat in silence.

The difference in the
antibody levels of the saliva
was quite astonishing. The
group listening to straight
jazz increased the level of
their antibody about 15
percent, which definitely can
be considered
immunoenhancement.

The group that heard
auditory clicks had a
decrease in their antibody
level by about 120 percent,
which can be considered
immunocuppression. The
other two groups were
consistent, with the group
sitting in silence not
changing antibody levels
much.

As for the future,

Brennan claims that since "an
increase in this antibody may
be beneficial to one's health,"
clinical trials must be done.
In all actuality, there may be
major advancements in
immunoenhancement as a
result of these findings,
according to Brennan.

Chad Rugola, a senior at
Wilkes University majoring
in psychology, attended
Brennan's presentation.
"Despite a few slide
malfunctions," said Rugola,
"Brennan presented the
material in a humorous, but
informative way. It as very
good. Hopefully his finding
will help reduce people's
stress, especially in us college
students."



Critic's Corner with Dan Lavelle "Hush"

Hello fellow movie viewers. Once in a great while, Hollywood produces a suspense film so scary your hair turns white. One example, "The Silence of the Lambs," won numerous Oscars in 1992. I can still remember leaving the theater speechless after seeing "Seven."

Today, there is a new suspense film out called "Hush," starring multi-award winning Jessica Lange and Gwyneth Paltrow. "Hush" looks to follow the lead set by "The Silence of the Lambs" and "Seven." However, after seeing this film the scariest thing about "Hush" was the money I wasted.

In Hush, a young couple Helen and Jackson Baring move from the big city to a southern farm. The house is currently occupied by Mrs. Baring (Jackson's mother). Over joyed by their arrival, the mother allows them to stay. Little do they know, they're about to run into a lot of dark secrets from the Baring family past.

The story was weak and seemed choppy. In one part of the film, Mrs. Baring (Lange) mentions that she originally had two children. But she doesn't seem to go into much detail on how the first child died. Plus, Helen (Paltrow) is pregnant, but has a hard time figuring out whether she's having a boy or a girl. But what got on my nerves the most was the ending. I was expecting a big chase scene, but it turned out to be a Whoops, almost gave away the ending.

Lange might have given great performances in the past, in such films as "Cape Fear" and "Tootsie." But as far as "Hush" goes, don't expect much. She seems to do a rather impressive southern accent, but tends to be over-emotional. Personally, I blame the writers and editors for messing around with Lange's character.

Paltrow does a good job in a weak film. Although she does a good job playing a city girl, she does a bad job suffering. Her film debut was only a few years ago. But it seems like she's still learning the business. Give her a few more years, and hopefully she can be a decent actress.

I give this film a HALF A STAR. The story was terrible and Lange needs better taste in scripts. Paltrow does OK, but needs more practice. This is the type of film you want to avoid.



ALIGNING THE PLANETS WITH MADAME ZELDA

Pisces (February 19-March 20) This week a bond grows stronger. Certain events will bring you closer to an acquaintance and make them more than a friend.

Aries (March 21-April 19) You think you have set plans for the weekend. Well, expect a last minute call! Don't scramble to find something to do. Rent a movie, make some popcorn and spend quality time with yourself.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) Turn on the sweetness and charm today, you may need it to get yourself out of a jam.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) Recently you came into some desperately needed money. Be careful not to overspend or you'll be broke again in no time.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) This week you will be extremely moody. Be careful not to alienate those close to you. Try as best as you can to keep it under control.

Leo (July 22-August 22) Changes at work will produce new challenges for you. Don't worry! Take your time to see things right and you will be benefited.

Virgo (August 23-September 22) Lately you sum your mood up in one four letter word-blah! It has been hard to find your enthusiasm. Well, next week you will have no problem. So enjoy it.

Libra (September 23-October 23) You made plans for old friends to come visit. You may want to reschedule the visit because you will face too much work to spend time with them.

Scorpio (October 24-November 21) You've been feeling off key for a few days. Take this weekend to tie up some loose ends and you'll be back to normal soon.

Sagittarius (November 22-December 21) You have had mixed feelings about someone or something. Follow and trust your gut feeling and the feelings will subside.

Capricorn (December 22-January 19) Don't get discouraged if you have had a few bad days and life is seeming tough. Get through next week and good luck will come your way.

Aquarius (January 20-February 18) Be careful not to loose touch with your friends over a new found relationships. Chances are it won't last long and when you need your friends. They won't be there!

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That's Entertainment

Travolta for president?

LOS ANGELES, CA(AP)--

John Travolta wouldn't mind running for office, but only if you want him to. Travolta tells *Los Angeles Magazine* that he might "entertain the idea" if "people really want that."

So far, he says he's gotten no indication that the public wants him to run, but he says his last trip to Washington, some politicians were "evocative on the subject."

Travolta plays a president in "Primary Colors," which comes out later this month.

Sinatra: "no threat, no danger"

LAS VEGAS, NV (AP)-- Tina Sinatra is the latest to check in with a health update on her

dad. Sinatra said Frank Sinatra is "Doing very well considering his age and his lifestyle." He is 82 and hasn't been seen in public since having a heart attack more than a year ago. Sinatra says her father is "comfortable" and "doing well under the circumstances." She didn't say what those circumstances are, she says her father is in "no threat, no danger."

Lucci tries again

NEW YORK, NY(AP)--

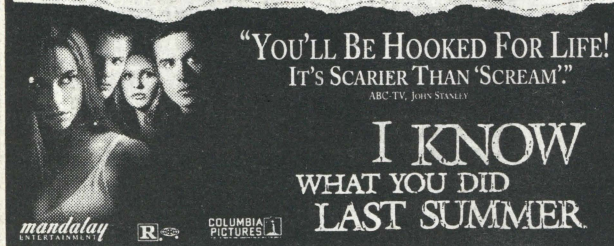
Susan Lucci tries to break the longest losing streak in Emmy history this May. Lucci picked up her 18th Daytime Emmy Award nomination yesterday, she never won. Overall, "The Young and the Restless," leads with 18 nominations. It will compete for best soap with "All My Children," "Days of

Our Lives," and "General Hospital." Winners will be announced on May 15.

Today's Birthdays

Singer Al Jarreau is 58. Actress Barbara Feldon, "Get Smart," is 57. Singer/Actress Liza Minnelli is 52. Singer James Taylor is 50. Keyboardist Bill Payne, "Little Feat," is 49. Bassist Steve Harris, "Iron Maiden," is 41. Singer Marlon Jackson, "The Jacksons," is 41. Actor Jerry Levine is 41. Actor Courtney B. Vance is 38. Actress Julia Campbell is 37. Guitarist Graham Coxon, "Blur," is 29.

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Wide World of Sports

Rose talks with Reds' minor leaguers

SARASOTA, FLORIDA

(AP)-- Pete Rose doesn't think he violated the terms of his ban from baseball today because he has no contact with the Cincinnati Reds baseball team.

Rose did talk for nearly an hour today to the Reds' minor leaguers. The baseball career hits leader had received advance permission from the Reds to watch his son work out at spring training. Pete Junior is an infielder with the club's Indianapolis farm club.

The Sporting News Selects players of the Year

ST. LOUIS (AP)--

Antawn Jamison of North Carolina and Tennessee's Chamique Holdsclaw have been selected The Sporting News College Basketball Players of the Year.

Their coaches each earned honors from the paper.

North Carolina's Bill Guthridge and Tennessee's Pat Summit are the publication's pick for the Men's and Women's Coach of the Year.

Knight Pays Fine

BLOOMINGTON, INDIANA (AP)-- After rejecting Indiana's appeal yesterday, The Big Ten told the school to decide. So, Given a choice between a one-game suspension and a \$10,000 fine, basketball Coach Bobby Knight is paying a \$10,000 fine. He's being disciplined for comments critical of officials in a game against Illinois last month.

The Big Ten has censured the referee who threw Knight out of the game, saying he improperly called a technical foul.

Tune into 90.7 WCLH for the live broadcast of Friday night's NCAA tournament game between Wilkes University and Rowan College. The WCLH pregame show begins one hour before tip-off. The broadcast of the game will be commercial free and uninterrupted.

Baseball hopes to start strong

By SANDIE KRAMER
Beacon Staff Writer

It seems like only yesterday we were watching the Florida Marlins beat the Cleveland Indians in the World Series. It will soon be that time again. Baseball season is just around the corner and the Wilkes University Colonels flew to Florida over Spring Break to get their season underway. They were set to play nine games with their first against Catholic University.

After a disappointing season last year, the Colonels are determined and focused. With the majority of the team returning, including seniors Jim Domzalski, Augie Mitschke, and Curtis Kroesen, transfer students

and freshman players, the team hopes to have a winning season and contend in their division.

"With most of our team returning and mixing our underclassman with new guys, we will be ready to hit against any pitcher we're faced with," says Head Coach Jim Folek.

"A major strong point in our teams favor is our offense. We are able to score a lot of runs against the other team," says Folek. A big question mark for the team this season is the depth of their pitching staff.

"We need to improve our pitching and our defense needs to play better," says Folek.

Even though the Colonels offense can score a lot of runs, the team also can

give up a lot of runs. Some of the teams toughest matchups include, Allentown College, FDU-Madison, and King's College.

This year's captains, Jim Domzalski and Curtis Kroesen, have set many team goals. "As a whole, we would like to improve the teams batting average, E.R.A (earned run average) and make it to the MAC championships," says Kroesen. "It's important for the team to get off to a good start in Florida and carry that the rest of the way throughout the season," says Domzalski.

It seems the Colonels have a little bit of work ahead of them, but with a little sacrifice, strength and determination, they should be able to have a successful season.

That's what I say with SCOTT VEITH

Two weeks ago, I was scared to editorialize about Wilkes University's Men's Basketball Team because I was afraid to jinx them. Athletes tend to be extremely superstitious, and our basketball team is probably no exception. This team however, is beyond superstition, luck, good bounces or even faulty shot clocks. This team is truly a group of champions.

At the beginning of the season, I was a little skeptical about this teams ability to blend together as a cohesive unit because of the individual talents that highlight the roster. I wondered if Mike Barrouk would find his niche as a team player after his league MVP runner-up performance after only his first year as a Colonel. I wondered if Dave Jannuzzi would keep his head small enough to fit through the Henry Gymnasium doors after his league Rookie of the Year performance. I wondered if Jay Williams would bring the same intensity to the floor that he has for the first three years of his career. I wondered if Chad Fabian's three point touch of last season was a fluke. I wondered if Jason Sheakoski could be a starting center. I wondered if Brian Gryboski could play physical enough to back up his size. I wondered if Matt Conway could sit his rear on the bench long enough to avoid technical fouls.

All of my questions were answered with a solid YES. This team has jelled together under Coach Jerry Rickrode as one of the most solid teams in Division III basketball. Barrouk has shown that his two years at St. John Fischer College weren't enough to distance him from the intense camaraderie that grew between Williams, Conway, Gryboski and himself at Bishop Hoban High School where they earned a 28-1 record in 1993-94.

Jannuzzi has proven that he is not concerned with personal accolades as much as he is committed to winning at all costs.

Sheakoski, although he has not yet established himself as a prolific scorer, has done an adequate job as the Colonels starting center. Adequate enough, that is, to let Gryboski and Scott Cleveland excel as rebounders while Sheakoski takes care of clearing big bodies out of the paint.


Fabian has gone above and beyond his duties of last season as a three point shooter. He has proven that he can play in transition, and has established himself as a good passer.

The real credit here, despite the heroics of all of the Colonel Players should go to Head Coach Jerry Rickrode. Rickrode is the first coach in the history of Wilkes University Basketball to earn a 20 win season, and he has done so in each of the last five seasons. He is the first Wilkes coach to beat the University of Scranton three times in the same season and he is the first team to beat Scranton in three consecutive meetings. He is the only Wilkes coach to lead his team to the Elite Eight of the Division III national tournament. He gets as much respect on the Wilkes campus and in the Wilkes-Barre community and he presents himself as a perfect gentleman both on and off the court.

Most importantly, he has kept local talent. Often, talented athletes stray away from their local schools to find a better program away from home where they have a chance to see more playing time or find a better coaching staff. Rickrode has prevented that from happening. He has a solid coaching staff, and he offers substantial playing time for everyone who deserves it. For these, he deserves all of the praise that he receives.

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Colonels power their way into Sweet 16

By MATT REITNOUR
Beacon Copy Editor

Jay Williams had his "Sweet Sixteen" party on Saturday night with 2,080 of his closest friends at the Arnaud C. Marts Center on the Wilkes University campus.

The senior point guard for the Wilkes University poured in 16 points to help Wilkes defeat the University of Scranton 59-57 in the second round of the NCAA Division III Men's Tournament. The win allows Wilkes to move on and host the Sectionals Friday and Saturday in the Henry Gymnasium.

Williams helped pull the Colonels back together after the halftime break, as the Royals came out and went on a 17 point run to open the half. Williams showed his senior leadership by hitting a big three-ball, then stealing a Scranton inbound pass and turning it into a Wilkes basket.

Junior Scott Cleveland

secured the Colonel win with two clutch free-throws with just one second remaining in regulation. Cleveland finished with eight points, as did fellow forward Brian Gryboski. Sophomore Dave Jannuzzi had eight points and pulled in 10 boards in the winning cause.

The MAC Champions now advance to the "Sweet Sixteen" round of the NCAA Division tournament where they will play host to Rowan University in the second game of a double header. Kicking off the action at 6 pm will be Catholic and Hunter, a game of two high power offenses. Winners Friday night will face off Saturday in the Henry Gymnasium. Tip-off for the championship game is scheduled for 7:30 pm. The winner heads to Salem, Virginia for the Division III Final Four.

Wilkes was awarded the No. 1 seed in the Mid-Atlantic bracket after winning the MAC over Scranton. The Colonels

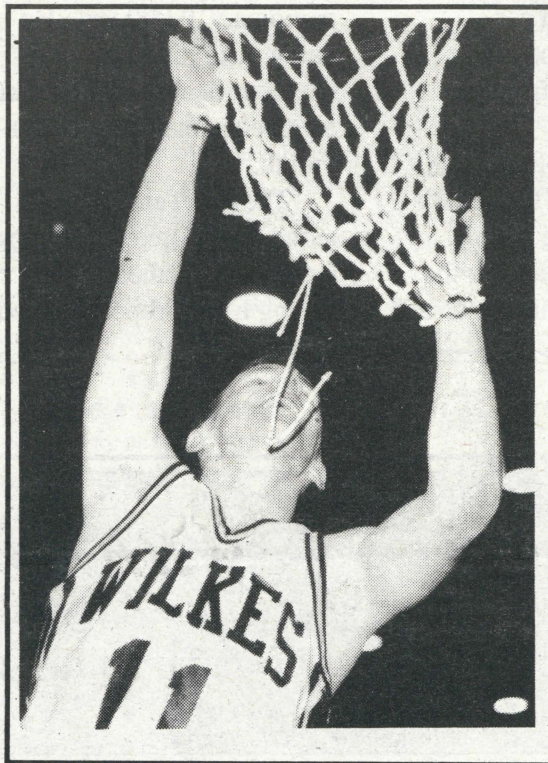
were granted a first round bye.

Tickets for this weekend's action are currently on sale in the campus bookstore. Student tickets cost \$4 and also will be sold at the door.

Tickets for Saturday's championship game will go on sale following the games Friday. After tickets went on sale on Tuesday,

RIGHT: Mike Barrouk scoops under the net to score against The University of Scranton in the MAC Championship game.

Photos by
J. J. Fadden



LEFT: Jay Williams makes the first snip in the ceremonial cutting-down of the nets after the MAC Championship game.



600 were sold. This weekend's tournament marks the first time Wilkes University has hosted a national tournament. The area basketball fans aren't the only ones who want to catch the top notch Division III hoops action. The Sports Information Office has handed out 32 media credentials for Friday night's games.

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