

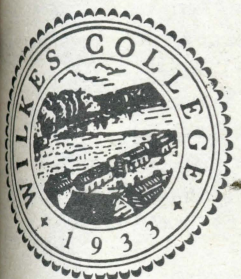
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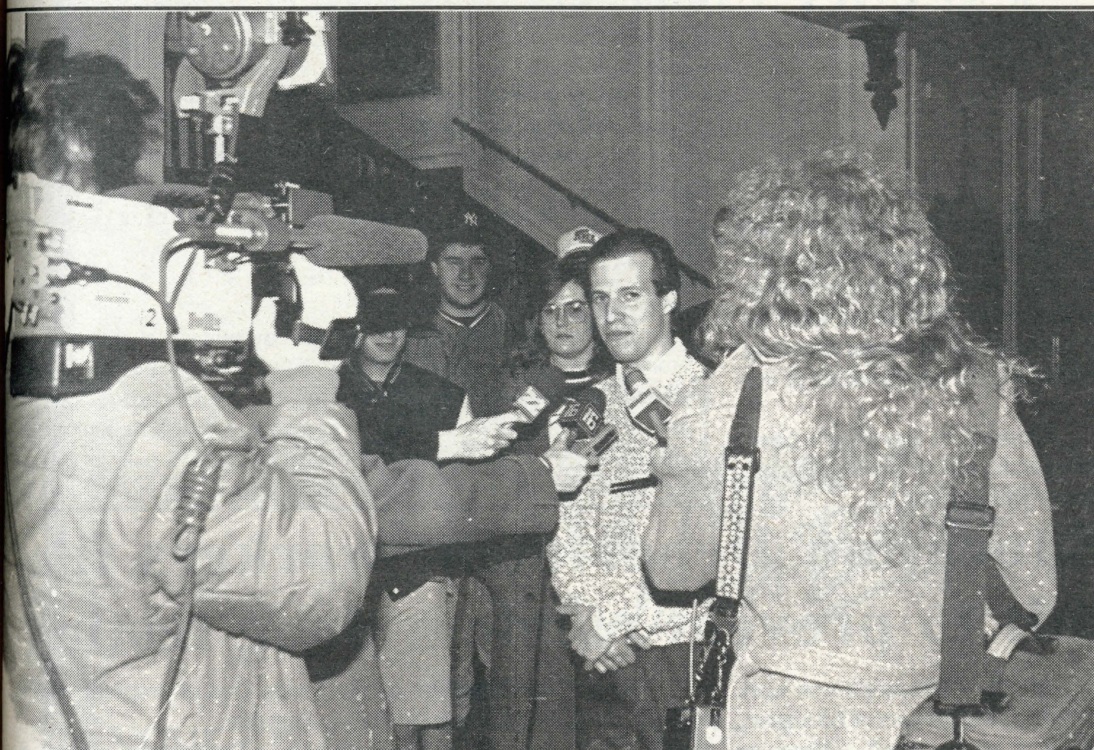
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Ralston Field gets green light



by Tom Obrzut
 Beacon Staff Writer

WILKES-BARRE — Barring unfavorable weather conditions, Wilkes president Dr. Christopher N. Breiseth said Monday this year's senior class will graduate at Ralston Field in Kingston.

Graduation ceremonies in the Marts Center were nixed, Breiseth said, because of what he called "the sincere concern of the seniors about the availability of space for their families."

Last Thursday, more than 150 students gathered outside the president's office at Weckesser Hall to protest the administration's decision to hold graduation in the recently completed Marts Center.

"We have decided upon a 'fair weather option,'" said Breiseth, "in which commencement will be held on Ralston Field, if weather and field

conditions are favorable."

Breiseth said Wilkes is in a wonderful position of having desirable space for graduation both inside and outside.

He called the decision the "favorable result for everybody." Student protesters said the outdoor commencement would allow the students to invite an unlimited number of guests.

Last year, approximately 5,000 persons attended commencement exercises at Ralston Field.

If graduation were held in the Marts Center, which seats 3,285, each student would be limited to six guests inside the gym. Others would watch on closed-circuit television in the gym's auxiliary rooms.

Monday afternoon, President Breiseth met with Charles Sweigert, student government (SG) president; Kevin Flemming, senior class presi-

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Dave Garber and Renee Strucke

Wilkes students accepted at Harvard

Michele Corbett
 News Editor

WILKES-BARRE — Two Wilkes seniors, Dave Garber and Renee Strucke, have recently been notified of their acceptance at Harvard's graduate and medical schools, respectively.

While maintaining perfect academic standings, Garber is completing a double major in chemistry and biology while Renee is majoring in biology with a minor in chemistry.

According to Strucke, the recommendations from her professors "were among the finest the reviewers had seen. This was due in part to how our professors' recommendations were. Recommendations like those can only come from supportive professors."

Other institutions at which Garber and Strucke are being considered include John Hopkins, Princeton, Caltech, Cornell, Rockefeller, University of Pennsylvania, Hershey, Temple, Jefferson, Stanford, and Washington.

Garber and Strucke agreed the combination of their internships at larger institutions and

educational experience aided by personal attention at a small school has helped when it came time to apply at graduate or professional schools.

Garber encourages those interested in applying to nationally classed institutions to "become as involved as possible in the activities here at Wilkes and to take advantage of any outside opportunities."

"Being involved in various committees," Strucke said, "has developed my speaking abilities which helped with interviews."

Garber is the current president of the Chemistry Club and has been a member of the Biology Club for the past two years.

He is also a former member of the Wind Ensemble in which he played saxophone.

Garber also participated in Columbia University's "Research Experience for Undergraduates," which involved synthetic and organic chemistry.

Strucke is the current president of the Biology Club. She was involved in the Office for College Advancement.

Her internship was spent at Lehigh University's

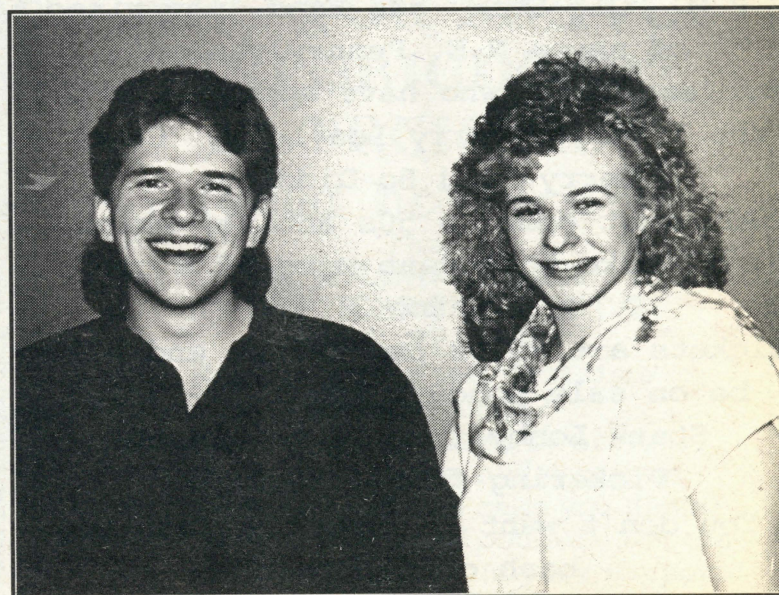


photo by Donna Yedlock

See Students page 2 Wilkes seniors Dave Garber, left, and Renee Strucke, right, have recently been notified of their acceptance to Harvard.

H.S. editors coming to Wilkes tomorrow

WILKES-BARRE — Wilkes College will host the second annual high school editor's conference tomorrow, April 14, 1989.

The conference is open to all area high school journalists. It's being co-sponsored by the college's admissions office and its student newspaper, *The Beacon*. The event will be held in conjunction with Wilkes' Pre-Law Day.

This year, students will be split into two sections: editorial and sportswriting.

Allison Walzer, editor of *The Times Leader*, and Ed Ackerman, managing editor of *The Pittston Dispatch*, will address the editorial students while Elmer Smith, sports columnist for *The Philadelphia Daily News*, and Paul Domowitch, a Wilkes alumnus ('76), and sports writer for *The Philadelphia Daily*

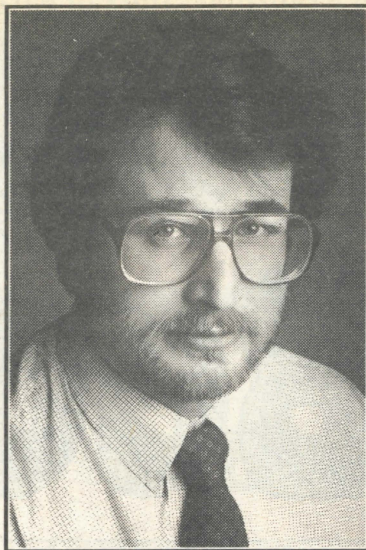
News, will address the sports students.

Thomas Moran, president of the Luzerne County Community College and former managing editor of *The Sunday Independent*, is the scheduled keynote speaker. He will address both sections.

Following Moran's speech, an awards presentation and luncheon will be held in the Arnaud C. Marts Center.

"We're very excited about this year's conference," said John Chwalek, special assistant for college advancement at Wilkes. "In just two years this event is becoming very popular with area high schools."

Chwalek said the conference serves two purposes. "It provides high school students with both first-hand journalism experience and a glimpse of the many advantages of



Paul Domowitch

the Wilkes journalism program," he said.

This evening, a reception will be held for the participants and organizers of this year's event.

Please contact *The Beacon* at 824-4651 ext. 2962 for more information.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT REPORT

EVENTS:

COMMUTER COUNCIL AND L.R.H.C. ARE SPONSORING A TRIP TO GREAT ADVENTURE AMUSEMENT PARK ON SATURDAY, APRIL 22. TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE FOR \$10 ON A "FIRST COME - FIRST SERVED" BASIS IN THE COLLEGE OFFICE, WHICH IS LOCATED ON THE THIRD FLOOR OF THE SUB. THE TRIP INCLUDES THE COST OF THE BUS AND ADMISSION INTO THE PARK. THE BUS WILL LEAVE WILKES AT 8 A.M. AND THE PARK AT 8 P.M.

THE MOVIE *BETRAYED* WILL BE SHOWN THIS SATURDAY IN SLC 101 IN THE PROGRAMMING BOARD AT 7 P.M. AND 9:30 P.M.

THE SPRING FLING WILL BE A 50s DANCE TO BE HELD AT GENETTI'S. IT WAS SUGGESTED THAT A KING AND A QUEEN BE CHOSEN AS WELL AS A "HULA HOOP" CONTEST.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT WILL HOLD A CASINO NIGHT ON SAT., APRIL 23.

COMMITTEES:

S.G.'S SPIRIT COMMITTEE HAS PROPOSED A HOMERUN DERBY CONTEST COACH BAVITZ FOR THE DOUBLE HEADER AGAINST JUNIATA IN APRIL 22. IT WAS ALSO SUGGESTED TO HAVE A S.G. PLAYER OF THE GAME CHOSEN BY WCLH.

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THE FOLLOWING CLUBS HEAD CONSTITUTIONS ACCEPTED BY S.G. THE PRE-LAW ASSOCIATION:

THE PRE-LAW ASSOCIATION HAS THE DUAL MISSION OF SEEKING TO PROMOTE AN AWARENESS OF THE IMPORTANCE OF THE LAW IN CIVILIZED SOCIETY AND OF PROVIDING ASSISTANCE TO THOSE WHO ARE CONSIDERING THE LAW CAREER.

INTERFAITH FELLOWSHIP:

THE WILKES COLLEGE INTERFAITH FELLOWSHIP IS A CAMPUS ORGANIZATION WHICH PROVIDES OPPORTUNITIES FOR WILKES STUDENTS TO STRENGTHEN AND BETTER UNDERSTAND THEIR OWN RELIGIOUS TRADITIONS AND PARTICIPATE IN COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS. THE FELLOWSHIP WILL HELP TO PRESERVE WILKES' COMMITMENT TO A CAMPUS ENVIRONMENT OF TOLERANCE AND FREEDOM FROM PROSELYTIZING ACTIVITIES.

Decision

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dent; Cindy Carr, SG vice president; Kristen Henry, SG treasurer; and Andy Harris, SG secretary to inform them of his decision.

Flemming was obviously pleased by Monday's announcement.

"I'm glad we came to this decision," he said. "We wanted a compromise."

Protest organizer Larry Abramson said he was happy the compromise was reached.

"We never wanted the school to be split," he said. "I'm glad the college can once again speak with one voice."

Breiseth said next year's seniors will be involved in planning next year's graduation.

"We will seek their involvement in the arrangements for this year's graduation events," he said, "so that they'll be well-informed on the complex set of issues attending the planning of commencement every year."

Speaking at this year's commencement will be prominent U.S. Senator Bill Bradley.

THE LAST BIG BASH!!

The freshman, sophomore, junior and senior classes will hold the first annual 50s Spring Bash on Friday, April 21.

The event will be a dinner/dance held at Genetti's.

There will be live music by The R.P.M. "Old Star" 50s Band, comprised of seven N.E. Pennsylvanian professionals who have appeared with the likes of Jerry Lee Lewis, Chuck Berry, and Bo Diddley.

All must come in 50s attire, which will make the event more of a good time.

Tickets are \$9.50 per person and will be on sale Monday, April 17-19 in Stark Lobby from 11 to 12 and Pickering from 4:30 to 6.

You don't want to miss the last big bash of the year!

THE LAST BIG BASH!!

Education Department workers file suit to prevent random drug testing

(CPS)—The people who work at the U.S. Department of Education, which is requiring all colleges to install anti-drug programs during 1989, sued the department two weeks ago to stop it from making them take drug tests.

The department, which oversees most federal college programs, planned to begin randomly testing the 3,000 workers at its Washington, D.C., offices April 21.

But the American Federation of Government Employees, the union that represents the department's nonpolitical employees, has sued to stop the plan.

"We are confident the courts will not sanction programs that randomly select government workers, and require them to submit to humiliating urinalysis testing without any history or reasonable suspicion of drug abuse problems," said union President John Sturdivant.

Congress in 1987 approved a measure that will cut off federal aid to any campus that doesn't have a "drug abuse program" in place by the end of 1989.

However, the Education Department, which is supposed to manage the program, has not issued any guidelines to determine

what kind of program would be acceptable.

The department's news office refused to comment on the drug testing suit.

In a related matter, the federal government might ask students who get Pell Grants to prove they don't use illicit drugs.

The drug rule is set to go into effect next month.

It asks that all federal grant recipients like weapons manufacturers, highway workers and apparently even students work in "drug-free" environments.

Students

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Center for Molecular Biology and Bio-Technology.

Both students were selected for the Trustee Scholarship as well as receiving the Freshman Outstanding Chemistry Student and Sophomore Outstanding Biology Student Awards.

The two were also members of the College Judicial Council for two years.

Garber and Strucke were named to the Who's Who of Outstanding College Students of America. In addition, both were recipients of the Dr. Charles B. Reif Scholarship in the Biological Sciences for their senior year.

As well as being teachers' assistants, the two are currently partners in a research project entailing the mutagenicity of vipers involving a technique termed "the mouse micro nucleus test."

Their findings will be presented at ECSC at Wilkes in April.

Their immediate plans involve looking for summer employment.

Garber is the son of William and Shirley Garber of Shavertown. His sister, Donna, graduated from Wilkes in 1984. Strucke is a Dupont native and the daughter of Albert and Irene Strucke.

Latest



Erin Ostroski, left, and

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Latest campus fad; Protests? No, Trivagory

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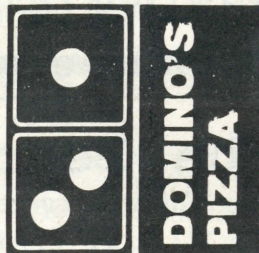
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Ostroski, left, and Donna Yuscavage, right, play Trivagory, the latest rage on campus.

photo by Donna Yedlock

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by Kathy Harris
Beacon Staff Writer

What's the hottest thing on campus?

No, it isn't tickets to the Red Barons. It's Trivagory, the new trivia game which has appeared on the shelves of the Wilkes bookstore.

The game, invented by John Yuscavage, made its debut just prior to Christmas.

Yuscavage, a pharmacist from Mountaintop, attended Wilkes before going to Temple to receive his doctorate in pharmacology.

He developed the game 10 years ago, and since then, he has refined and perfected the game.

It seems he's succeeded in perfecting it. A panel of 32 people played Trivagory, and 24 of them preferred Trivagory over Trivial Pursuit, seven were undecided or felt it was equal to Trivial Pursuit, and one never played Trivial Pursuit.

And it wasn't just the panel who liked the game.

Two of the biggest magazines for toy manufacturers featured Trivagory in their new product sections. Both *Playthings* and *The Toy Book*, the number one and number three magazines of the toy industry respectively, viewed the game at last February's Toy Fair in New York City, and liked its unique lettered die.

This is how the game works: A

player rolls both a traditional die, which tells the player how many spaces to move, and a lettered die, which tells the player which question to answer in the question book.

There are two question tracks, each of which has a question book, and 99 categories, such as Walt Disney films and N.F.L. player nicknames. The highest roller chooses which track he or she wants to play. There is a 60-second time limit for answering questions. This time limit was seen as one of the benefits of the game over Trivial Pursuit, therefore limiting the overall game time to slightly more than an hour.

In order to win the game, a player must be the first to reach the center of the board and land on one of the four finish spaces. If they answer the question in the category on the finish space, they are the winner.

So, why should you buy the game?

"It's an educational, enjoyable game," says Yuscavage. "When groups get together to play, it is so much fun!"

"It's easier than Trivial Pursuit," said Donna Yedlock.

Another reason is the Wilkes bookstore is selling the game at a lower price than anywhere in the area.

The game retails for \$29.95, but the bookstore sells it for \$22.95.

Student Government Presidential Forum

Candidates:

Scott Barth

Marcie Kreinces

Thursday, April 20 at 11:00 a.m. in Stark Learning Center. Candidates will present their platforms and respond to questions.

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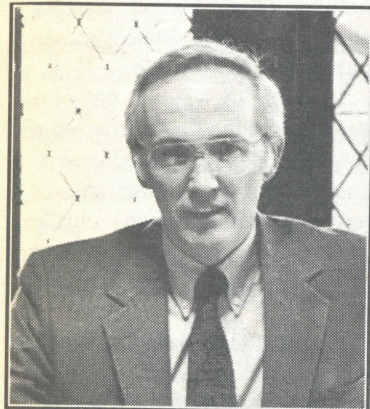
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Opinion/Editorial

Last week

Student activism is alive and well on the Wilkes campus



President Breiseth

Student activism, a long lost art from the late 1960s, made its return to the Wilkes College campus last week in a big way. Last Thursday's protest attracted more than 150 students who disagreed with the administration's decision to move this year's graduation exercises to the \$6.5 million Arnaud C. Marts Center. Their collective voice was heard by the administration and, as of last Monday, graduation will be

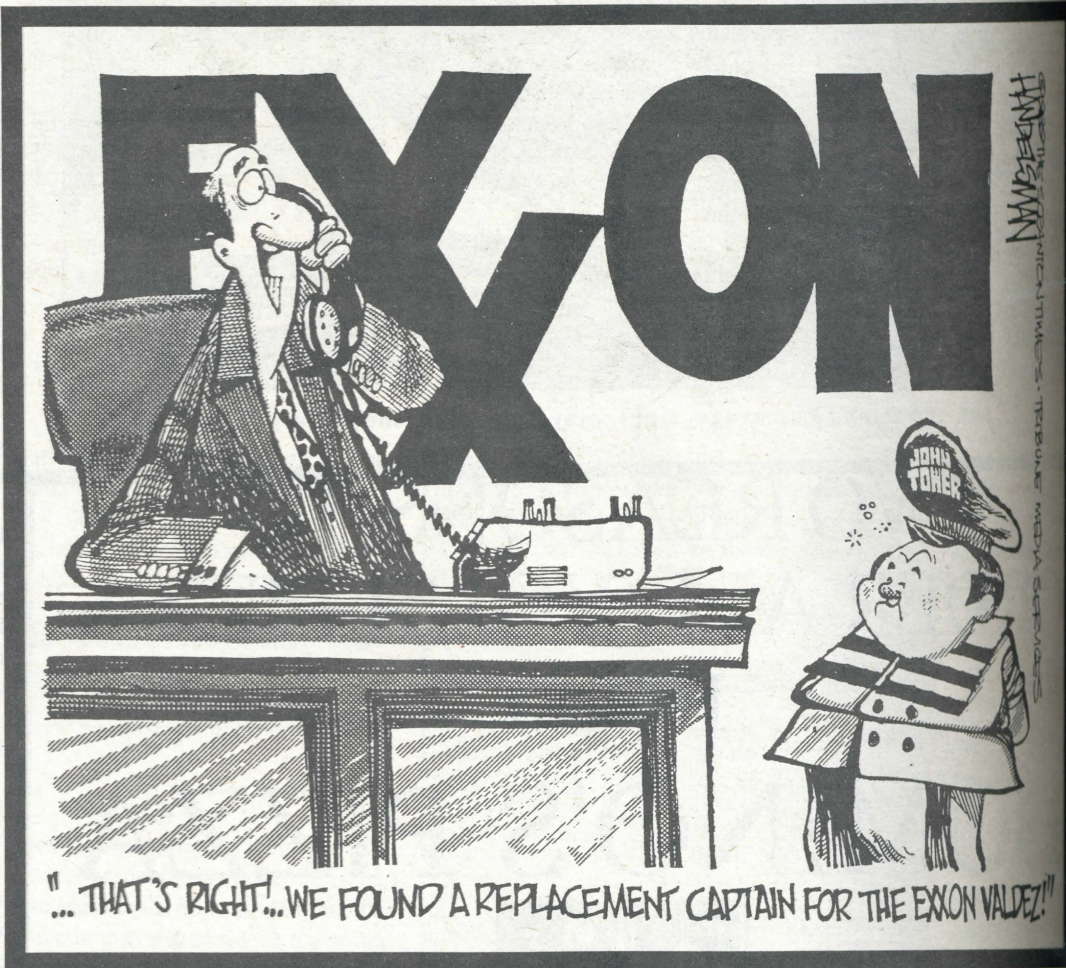
held at Ralston Field. For many years, students have let others decide what direction policies directly affecting them would take.

OPINION by Tom Obrzut

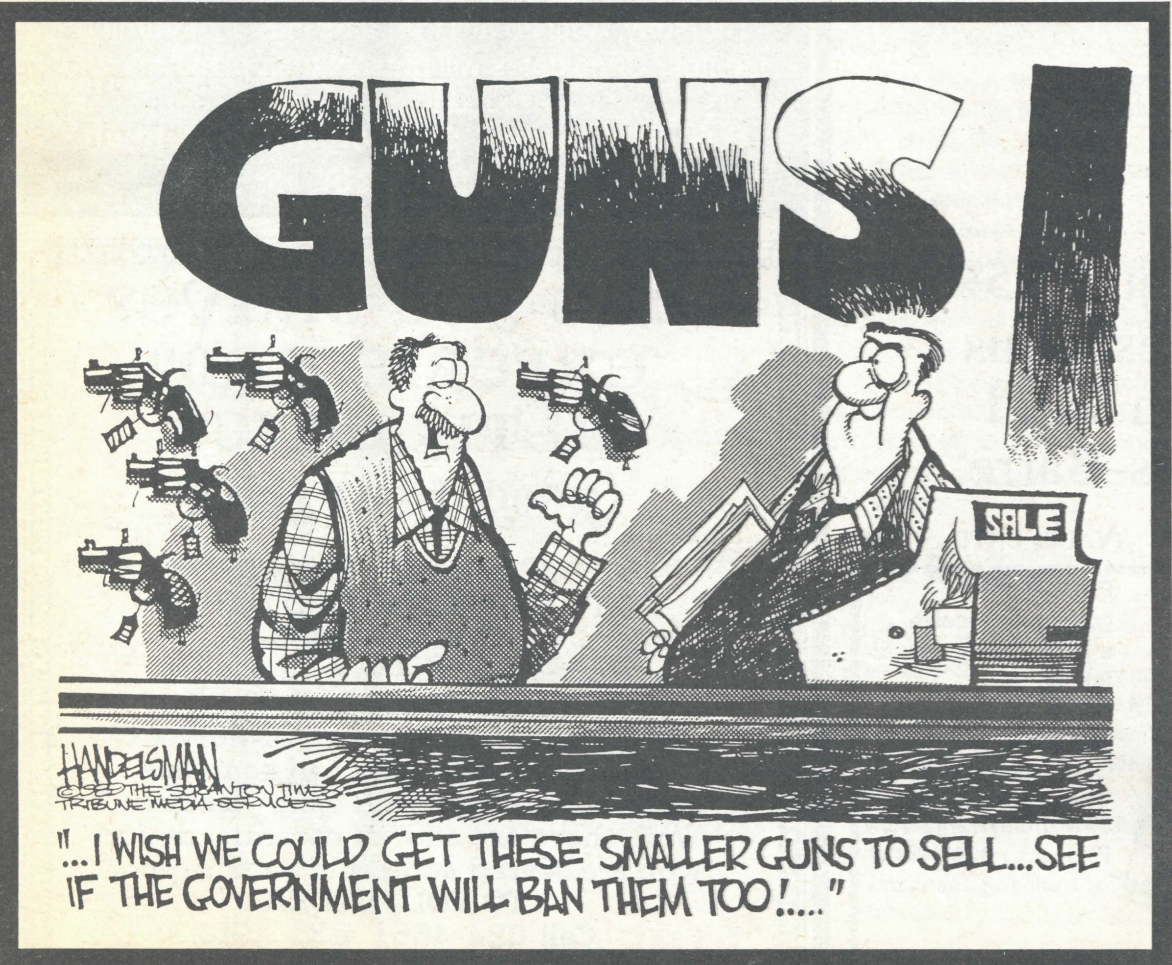
The collective student voice was a powerful and very important aspect of college life in the late 60s and early 70s, but since then it's been reduced to an occasional whimper. In years gone by, students protested the Vietnam War, politics, and just about anything else they felt was worth a protest.

What you saw on campus last week was a revival and renewal of the collective voice of Wilkes' students. They responded to a situation they felt was wrong and in the end a compromise, acceptable to both the students and administration, was reached.

It's nice to see when Wilkes students have an opinion they can express it in a peaceful way and get results. President Breiseth said the compromise will serve the best interests of the College. And it will.



"... THAT'S RIGHT!... WE FOUND A REPLACEMENT CAPTAIN FOR THE EXON VALVEZ!"



"... I WISH WE COULD GET THESE SMALLER GUNS TO SELL... SEE IF THE GOVERNMENT WILL BAN THEM TOO!...."

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To the student body:

I have met with the Senior Class of 1989 surrounding the location of the 27 Commencement ceremony.

The sincere comments from seniors about the available space for their families to decide upon a "fair way" plan in which Commencement be held on Ralston Field and field conditions are otherwise, we will have a ceremony inside the Marts Center the days immediately before. I will meet with the members of the Senior Class and administration to determine the best location.

I hope this approach will be successful.

Emeritus

To the Editor of The Beacon:

Promoters of an ecologically sound commencement now find themselves embroiled in an ecological war of epic proportions. A large number of applicants for the position of Commencement speaker exceeds the carrying capacity of the campus.

Applications for Student Orientation Positions are available at the Deans' Office. Residence Life Office, Student Activities Office, and the Information Office. They must be returned to the Dean's Office by April 28.

Application for Commencement are available at the Deans' Office, Residence Life Office, Student Activities Office, the Information Desk. Preference is given to students who live locally (commuting apartment) or on-campus. Academic community Applications returned to the Deans' Office by April 28. The winner will be selected and notified by the Deans' Office.

The Beacon Mailbox

President announces compromise

the student body:

I have met with the officers of the Senior Class of 1989 on the issues surrounding the location of the May Commencement ceremony.

The sincere concern of the seniors about the availability of space for their families has led us to decide upon a "fair weather option" in which Commencement will be held on Ralston Field, if weather conditions are favorable.

Otherwise, we will hold the ceremony inside the Marts Center. In the days immediately before May 27, I will meet with the officers of the Senior Class and with Dean Lampe and other members of the administration to determine the location.

I hope this approach serves

the interests of the College and of the graduates and their families. If we have safe, pleasant weather, the ceremony will be on Ralston Field. If field conditions are unfavorable or the weather forecast for May 27 is for extreme temperatures or rain, we will hold the ceremony indoors.

The College will prepare for both alternatives and graduates will be sent a memorandum outlining the ticket distribution system for the Marts Center. At present, it appears that there will be six tickets per graduate for the space inside of the gymnasium itself. We will continue under this plan to set up auxiliary seating in other rooms of the Marts Center where a closed circuit broadcast of the ceremony will be available.

A major factor in the timing of

the decision will be the need to give sufficient notice both for those setting up the event and those attending to know where it will be held.

I am confident that with this decision the Senior Class officers and our staff will cooperate fully in preparing for one of the most pleasant Commencement ceremonies ever held at Wilkes. I also look forward to working with officers of the present Junior Class on their Commencement for 1990. We will seek their involvement in the arrangement for this year's graduation events so that they will be well-informed on the complex set of issues attending the planning of Commencement every year.

Dr. Christopher N. Breiseth
Wilkes President

Emeritus Professor has his say

the Editor of The Beacon:

Promoters of an indoor commencement now find themselves embroiled in an ecological crisis of proportions. Apparently the number of applicants for the cheering section at Commencement '89 far exceeds the carrying capacity of the

indoor facility.

This is a clearcut example of overpopulation. The only solution is for the College's recruiters to select the incoming freshman only from families that have not been so prolific.

It is obvious that a basic ecological principle applies in this

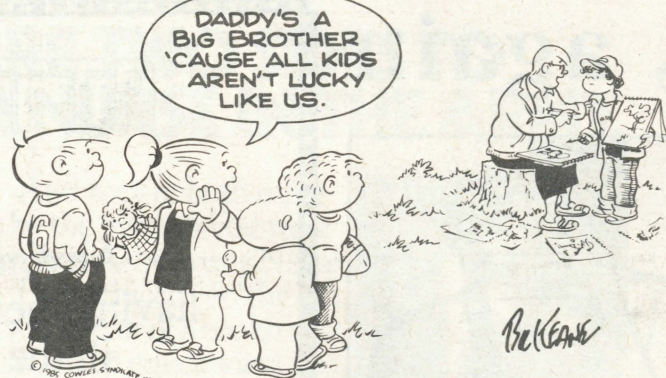
case, namely, Liebig's LAW OF MINIMUM which states, "It is the last straw which breaks the camel's back."

Respectfully,
Charles B. Reif
Emeritus Prof. of Ecology
Wilkes College

Applications for New Student Orientation Staff positions are available now at the Deans' Office, Residence Life Office, Student Activities Office, and the Information Desk. They must be returned to the Dean's Office by April 28.

Applications for Commencement Ushers are available now at the Deans' Office, Residence Life Office, Student Activities Office, and the Information Desk. Preference for ushers will be given to those students who live locally (commuter or apartment) or have an on-campus academic commitment. Applications must be returned to the Deans' Office by April 28. Ushers will be selected and notified by May 5.

Temple Israel is pleased to extend an invitation to your Jewish students to participate in its congregational Seder on Wednesday, April 19, beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Temple Vestry. The students will be the guests of the Congregation. Reservations are required. Contact Dean Lampe, Dean of Student Affairs for more information.



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Editorial

A RESPECTable decision by Wilkes

R-E-S-P-E-C-T

This seven letter word (and the concept it represents) has gained a great deal of meaning and credence on the campus of Wilkes College in the last two weeks.

Granted, the word was dragged through the mud in that same two week period. But, in the long run, its rebirth as a "good" word has brought about a happy air at Wilkes.

President Breiseth can be proud of the respect that he gained from the student body when he decided to listen to the student voice.

He deserves the respect that people are showing him.

The president made a difficult decision by going against a public stand that he had made less than a week earlier. He may have ruffled a few feathers in the "pecking order" (outlined last week), but apparently that means very little.

It would seem that the positives of his decision outweighed any negative response he could have received.

The student protesters who let their voices be heard can be proud of the respect that the administration showed them in dealing with this issue.

The protest committee (more specifically, protest organizer Larry Abramson), for all intents and purposes, was judged as a bunch of radicals who were out for personal gain when this whole thing started. The first contact with the protest was a series of handouts and signs and no one expected it to truly materialize.

They kept their heads when all about them were pointing fingers and calling names and ended up throwing one hell of a respectable protest last Thursday.

The protest that they pulled off was well-covered by the media and showed that, if done correctly, a peaceful rally can muster support and do some good.

The best part is that everyone is really happy.

The president is happy because he was able to make the students happy and get this whole thing resolved before it really got out of hand.

The seniors are happy because they got their compromise and, weather permitting, will graduate on Ralston Field; more importantly, they proved that the student voice is worthy of merit.

The underclassmen are happy because the road to compromise has been well-paved for their Commencement.

Most importantly, Aretha Franklin is happy because someone finally listened to her song.

Thumbs up: to the president and his staff, the Board of Trustees and whomever else was responsible for the "fair weather option." It is a good thing you do for Wilkes College.

Thumbs up: to the protest committee for speaking where some were afraid to speak. Your show of strength is an example to us all.

Thumbs up: to any Wilkes College student who got up and took a walk in the Super Cities Multiple Sclerosis Walk-a-thon, this past weekend. College students are very susceptible to MS and it is a cause worthy of consideration by the college crowd.

Thumbs up: to Wilkes College's next Francis Ford Coppolas and Michael O'Neills. Pat Shields and Jeffrey Eline put on two wonderful shows in last weekend's *A Night of One Acts*. We can expect good things from these two.

The Beacon would like to extend get well wishes to Mrs. John Reese, wife of Wilkes Athletic Director John Reese, during her illness. We all hope that you get better real fast.

Feature

Geffen Recording Stars at the Kirby

The New Bohemians Rock the Kirby

by Lee Morrell
Beacon Editor

Maybe Edie Brickell and New Bohemians aren't aware of too many things but, after last Saturday's performance at the Kirby Center for the Performing Arts, we can be aware of a lot of things.

For one, Brickell and Bohemians — soon to go back to the original "New Bohemians" sans the name of the lead singer who wants the focus to go to the whole band — aren't just a passing fancy.

They are for real.

Also, it is apparent that they have a well defined yet very diverse audience. Saturday's audience ranged from high school students to "older" fans.

Whatever the demographics of the fans, they all were treated to a show, that, for lack of a better word, was refreshing.

No musicians running up and down the stage screaming.

No big egos.

Just good music.

A little bit of talkin' and a whole lot of rockin'.

Veteran rocker Steve Forbert opened for the band and lit a small fire under the audience, with his folksy style and his acoustic guitar and harmonica. Many of the older fans remembered the journeyman and even requested some of his older hits.

Although he didn't have the requested songs in his repertoire for the night, he did soothe his fans by touching the past with his old hit,

"Romeo's Tune."

After a fifteen minute intermission to set up the stage for the featured act, the lights went down and the room filled with "Linus and Lucy" (The Charlie Brown theme). The band strolled onstage to this unusual choice of intro music and the crowd went nuts when they recognized the long-haired silhouette of Brickell.

Brickell, who seemed a little shy about the attention she was receiving, jumped right into her first song, "She."

With the first strum of a guitar, the crowd floated forward as if the stage were one giant magnet. They were attracted by the musicianship of New Bohemians and the voice of Brickell.

The band played all of the songs that appeared on their hit album, "Shooting Rubberbands at the Stars," with the exception of the tunes "Now" and a special bonus song that appeared on the CD, "I Do."

Included in the set were five songs that will appear on the next, as of yet unnamed, album — "Mama," "Black and Blue," "I'm Lost," "Times Like These" (a beautiful ballad about love and rainstorms), and "Gave Up" — as well as, the band's two hits "What I Am" and "Circle."

The talent and the diversity that has prompted many music experts to call her the next great songwriter showed in her performance and especially her lyrics.

Lyrics like those in the song

"Little Miss S." that "kinda deals with famous dead people, but, if you really think about it, they're not really dead," Brickell said in her shy Texas accent.

The title character starts out the song "Shooting up junk in the bath-

room..." and ends up "Living it up to die in the blink of the public eye."

Her stage show, at times, was well coordinated with the lyrics in some of the songs. A case in point was "Air of December."

When she sang "And you sent a chill across my face, like the air of December, I swear I remember it that way," a smoky wind swept across the stage while slides of a snow covered tree played across the back of the stage.

The musicians, Kenny Winthrow on lead guitar, Wes Martin, also on guitar, Brad Houser on bass, John Bush on percussion, and Chris Whitton on drums, created the perfect blend for Brickell's words.

They all were given time to showcase their talents and, like the prelude to the song "Keep Coming Back," when the drummer and the percussionist got involved in a "power duo," they sometimes got carried away. No one complained, though.

Overall, it was a magnificent show, from Forbert's first note to the last note of the encore of the Bohemians' set.

Look for these Bohemians to ride this rubberband ride, even beyond the stars.

THE STARS ARE KIND



Edie Brickell and the New Bohemians performed to the great satisfaction of the audience at the F.M. Kirby Center.

Celebrity Birthdays

Happy birthday this week to: singer Ella Fitzgerald; actress Carol Burnett; actress Sandy Dennis; actress Ann-Margret; actress Eve Arden; TV personality Jack Parr. Other famous folks born this week include: inventor Guglielmo Marconi; news broadcaster Edward R.

Murrow; architect I.M. Pei; baseball great Rogers Hornsby; military leader-politician Ulysses S. Grant; politician James Monroe; playwright Robert Anderson; jazz great Duke Ellington; newspaper publisher Joseph P. Hearst; poet John Greenleaf; singer Kate Smith.

Here we go again, again

by Michele Broton
Beacon Assistant Feature Editor

"Jimmy Landry was born at Columbia Hospital for Women in Washington D.C. on October 4, 1957 — Sputnik Day; the day the Soviets shot the first spaceship into outer space. His parents sent out a birth announcement depicting a small baby blasting off from a smaller earth, inscribed: 'JUST LAUNCHED, James Edward Landry, Jr., 5 lbs., 2 scrawny ounces.'"

Landry has already performed at Wilkes twice, and both times he received rave reviews. According to Beacon editor, Lee Morrell, "He's very talented, but the thing that attracted me most to him was his sense

of humor."

With early music influences that include Peter, Paul, and Mary; Bob Dylan; James Taylor; and Dan Fogelberg, Landry has a show that shouldn't be missed.

In his last visit to Wilkes, Landry's show included both original pieces and old favorites from artists such as Eric Clapton, Dan Fogelberg, James Taylor, and Billy Joel. His style has been described as sounding very much like Cat Stevens.

Landry will be performing in Stark Lobby on Tuesday, April 18, from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. So for an exciting and funny way to spend your Tuesday, come by Stark Lobby and catch the Jimmy Landry show.



Jimmy Landry

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by Dominick Cucco
Beacon Feature Writer

On Friday, April 14, the Wilkes College Percussion Ensemble will perform in C.P.A.

Under the direction of A. Nowak, the ensemble is performing a wide variety of music, including over 100 percussion instruments. The program will include "Phony for Percussion" by Leonard, and the "Gypsy Dance," from Carmen.

For those who enjoy

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by Nick Humen
Beacon Feature Writer

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Jeff Eline's production of "The Names," a contemporary play, is certainly something to see. Two of our college's most talented performers managed to play five characters simultaneously. But, then again, the actors are hardly common

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ARMY

Percussion ensemble to play

by Dominick Cuccia
Staff Feature Writer

On Friday, April 14 at 8:15 p.m., the Wilkes College Percussion Ensemble will perform in concert in the P.A.

Under the directorship of Robert Nowak, the ensemble will be performing a wide variety of music using over 100 percussion instruments. The program will include *The Symphony for Percussion*, by Stanley Leonard, and the ever popular "Gypsy Dance," from the opera *Carmen*.

For those who enjoy a dash of

island flavoring in their music, the program will include "Ala Samba," by Mitchell Peters. If you enjoy music of the ragtime era, there is "The Whirlwind," featuring soloist Jeffrey Zwiebel on xylophone, as well as "The Chromatic Foxtrot," featuring Dominick Cuccia.

This concert also marks the end of Stephen Primatic's Wilkes Percussion career. As a salute to this "giant" of a performer, the ensemble will be playing two Primatic arrangements, "The Carnival in Rio," and "The Theme from Raiders of the Lost Ark."

Primatic will also be a featured

soloist on vibes, along with Geoffrey Dent on marimba and Stephen Fidyk on drum set, in John Beck's "Jazz Variants." If you enjoy jazz, with a little taste of funk, this is one piece you should really love!

The ensemble is rounded out with sophomore Chris Peeler, alumnus Monica Spishock, freshman Mike Bogdan, and college bound Justin Gibbons, all featured performers throughout the program.

The concert is open to the public at no cost and the Percussion Ensemble would especially like to invite Wilkes College students and faculty.



Mark Rust entertained the audience on Saturday, April 1, at the S.U.B. His performance was enjoyed by all who attended the concert.

photo by Donna Yedlock

A weekend of laughs and more laughs

by Nick Humen
Staff Feature Writer

Audiences at the Dorothy Dickson Darte Center this past weekend enjoyed productions of two student directors. *Chinamen*, by Michael Frayn, and *The American Dream*, by Edward Albee, were the one-act shows performed.

Jeff Eline's production of *Chinamen*, a contemporary comedy, was certainly something to be proud of. Two of our college's most talented performers managed to bring to life the characters simultaneously — a feat that is hardly commonplace. But, then again, the actors themselves are hardly commonplace.

Maureen O'Hara (of *Dream Girl* and *Gales of March* fame) portrayed, with undying enthusiasm, the role of "Jo," a middle-aged, upper middle-class hostess of an all-important dinner party. In addition, O'Hara also played "Bee," a ditzzy, overly emo-

tional friend of the family and "Alex," Bee's new hippie boyfriend.

John Domzalski, who's been in more productions than anyone here at Wilkes can remember, gave an outstanding performance as "Steven," Jo's husband who not only cannot seem to remember his guests' names, but also creates a social catastrophe by inviting "Barney," Bee's drunken ex-husband (and a second character for Domzalski), to their home for dinner on the same evening.

Needless to say, *Chinamen* was full of action, excitement, and plenty of quick-changes, not to mention the awkward but hilarious predicaments of Jo and Steven. Both actors performed with zest and incredible amounts of energy. Eline's smooth, clever blocking and simple but effective set-design made the show easy to follow and very enjoyable for all audience members.

The American Dream, directed by Pat Shields, was an interesting,

comical, although somewhat confusing, portrayal of American middle-class society.

A combination of Wilkes and King's College actors compiled the cast of five. Don Semyon, a Wilkes alumnus, played "Daddy": extremely passive, nervous, and (as is Semyon's trademark), very funny.

Jennifer Hussey, a sophomore at Kings, portrayed "Mommy," a selfish, domineering tyrant who incessantly bitched at Daddy and anyone else who dared cross her path. "Grandma," the only one who really knew what was going on, seemed to be a cranky, "senile" old lady with a multitude of snappy one-liners, and was portrayed with a great deal of sarcastic humor by Rebecca Schmidt.

Christine Brunnock, of Wilkes, was the meddlesome, class conscious "Mrs. Barker"; and Jason Delcampe, also of Wilkes, portrayed the "perfect," if empty and "incomplete,"

young man, also known as "The American Dream."

Despite the strong performances of all the actors (especially those of Semyon and Schmidt), there seemed to be something too complex within the text of the play for it to be purely entertaining. Although the play was

well staged, acted, and produced, the less attentive members of the audience were left bewildered and, therefore, not nearly satisfied with the show's outcome. *The American Dream* was very well done, but it was by no means a crowd-pleaser here at Wilkes.

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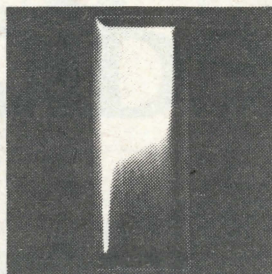
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Wilkes' very own Academy Awards

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Well you guessed it. I saw the Academy Awards last week. I was probably not alone; I am sure that many of you plunked yourselves down in front of the old T.V. set and glued your eyes to the screen and labored for hours and hours, watching countless awards being given out for categories nobody but the winners and their immediate family really gives a flying cow cake for.

All of this effort is for one reason: to see who will win the real Oscars — the ones for "Best Actor," "Best Actress," maybe even for "Best Supporting Actor or Actress." But most of all, we wait around for the big one: yes, "Best Picture."

I have been watching the Oscars — don't ask me why — consistently for the last 5 years, and every year I have seen who wins "Best Short Animated Documentary," "Best Cinematography,"

"Best Foreign, Not So Short, But Long Enough, Non-Animated, Educational, Somewhat Full-Length, Documentary for Television," plus a virtual plethora of others that I barely could keep my eyes open for.

I have never, in all of the 5 years that I have watched the Academy Awards, seen who has won "Best Picture." I always gave up and went to bed before then and found out who won the next day on the news.

Yet, being the true blue and gold blooded Wilkes College bovine-loving and dedicated bull that I am, I was really only interested in finding out if anyone from Wilkes College won an Oscar in any of the categories our fine young and old producers/film makers/directors have made over the last year.

Surprisingly, I did not see any of these this year; I must have slept though them, so they must have been important.

Just in case anyone else missed them, I have comprised a list

A Bull's eye view

B. Bovine

of all the movies by Wilkes College Studios that were nominated for Academy Awards this year:

Nominated for "Best Movie Involving Tall Structures" was THE BELL TOWERING INFERNO!!! Yes, see every member of the Wilkes College campus scream in horror as the gigantic speakers in our fine, and very tall, monument become ablaze. Hold on to your hats as members of our administration make daring attempts to extinguish the flames.

Nominated for "Most Vindictive and Unfair Documentary Cartoon" this year was WHO FRAMED ROGER CROOP.

Yes, poor Roger Croop, the wascally but wowed wabbit, loses his

job at Toon College because the Wicked Queen (from Sleeping Beauty) did not get her trip to Toon Town.

Nominated for "Best Silly Thing the English Department Ever Did" was one of my personal favorites, PRIVATE BENJAMIN. This movie was great. Ben Fiester from the English Department joins the U.S. Army and becomes a member of the Grammar Beret.

He has one mission: to parachute, all alone, deep into the heart of Nanticoke. Armed only with a red marking pen, he begins to clean up all grammar usage. "Hainah or no?" "Good God, Sir! Make my day." Forget about Rambo, this was much better.

Nominated for "Film Showing Best Turning of Opinion" was STUDENTS OF A LESSER GOD. This film is about normal, healthy, fully-functioning students; it is the administration that is deaf. But, by a miracle of modern media, the ad-

ministration is healed! Wow! The one was a real tear-jerker.

Nominated for "Best Showing of a Silly and Stupid System" was RAIDERS OF THE LOST PARK-ing space. Follow the adventures of Susquehanna Jones, fraught with spills and thrills, as he gets frustrated trying to find that last, lost, and elusive near-campus parking space.

These five were my personal favorites, but there were many other fine Wilkes College Studio productions worthy of recognition. Here is a partial list of other nominated films: HAINAH AND HER SISTERS, THE ACCIDENTAL STUDENT, THE WE-LOST BOYS (documentary on our basketball team), ROBODEAN, and R.A.in MAN.

These were just a few. Though Wilkes College Studios did not win any awards this year, Sheldon and I are still very proud of all of you. Good luck next year, and remember: coming to a theater near you this Christmas: STARK WARS.

Barry Drake to give lecture on 60s music

The decade of the 60s was one of the most interesting periods in American history. Through all of the good and bad times, it was the music that brought us together and sometimes tore us apart. The political turmoil, the social upheaval, the Hippie Movement, the Vietnam War and the Generation Gap were all reflected in the popular music of the

day.

The Beatles, Bob Dylan, Jimi Hendrix, The Supremes, The Beach Boys, Simon & Garfunkel, The Rolling Stones, Otis Redding and yes, even The Monkees, were the sounds filling the airwaves throughout those turbulent years.

"60s Rock — When the Music Mattered," a multi-media presenta-

tion by Barry Drake, will celebrate, examine, clarify and put into perspective one of the most exciting decades of music history.

Barry Drake has often been called a walking encyclopedia of music. A graduate of Manhattan College, he has been totally involved in the world of music since buying his first Rock 'N' Roll record in

1954.

Growing up in the New York City area, Drake went everywhere there was music to be heard. He saw everyone from Buddy Holly and Chuck Berry at The Brooklyn Paramount in 1957, to Jimi Hendrix and Janis Joplin at The Fillmore East in 1967. Drake was there hanging out on the streets with The Grateful Dead

and The Jefferson Airplane. There was even a rumor that he once danced on American Bandstand.

In the middle 60s, Drake became a performer and songwriter, and was soon signed to Capitol Records. Since then, Drake has recorded three albums of his own music and has toured The United States and Europe for the past twenty years.

Not content to be just a performer, Drake has successfully started his own record company, booking agency, and management firm. He is also a respected collector



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Barry Drake

and dealer of rare records. Most recently he has been called upon to share his knowledge of music and enthusiasm for Rock 'N' Roll at colleges and music business conventions across the country.

Combining his extensive knowledge of music and his ability as a dynamic stage performer, Drake has succeeded in making his lecture among the best and most inspiring in the business.

Barry Drake will be lecturing in the media room on the second floor of the Marts Center at 8 p.m. on Friday, April 14.

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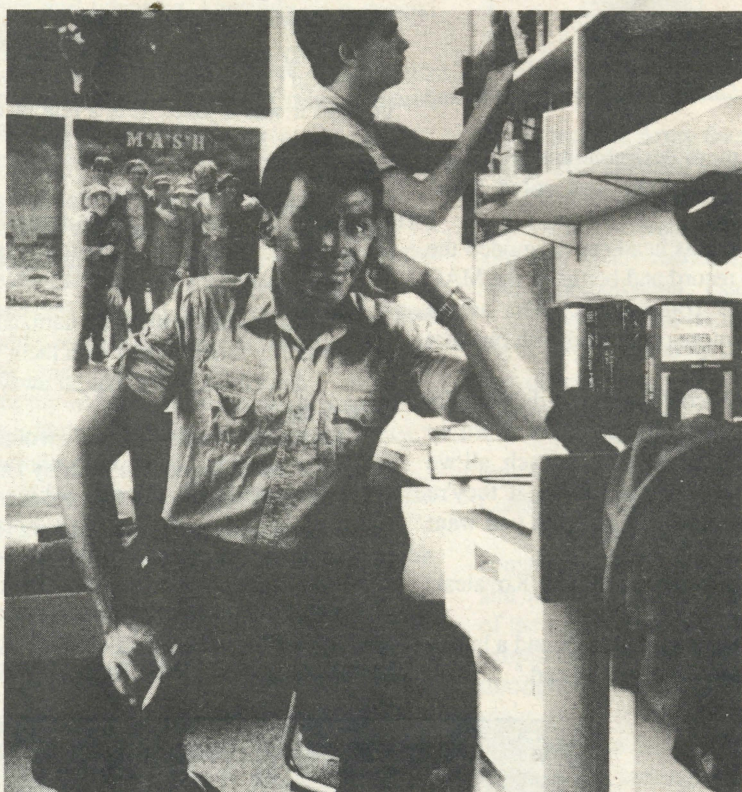
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Sports

Kovaleski, Nolan gain honors

Kest honored as MAC's top coach

by Jim Clark
Beacon Sports Editor

WILKES-BARRE — There is peer pressure and peer praise.

The latter is a bit more desirable and Jodi Kest was the recipient of it when she was voted MAC Coach of the Year recently.

Kest, in her third year as head coach, guided the Lady Colonels to 16-10 record and berths in the MAC playoffs and the ECAC Tournament. The award pleased her, but she was more concerned with one that wasn't given.

"I'm not happy that Nicole Kovaleski didn't make the all-star team," Kest said. "I'd give this award up in a minute for her to be honored. As a coach, all we can do is recruit players. We don't know if they're going to fulfill their potential and do what you want them to do."

Kest has a personal theory as to why Kovaleski wasn't selected.

"I guess when you have a good team and a bunch of good players, individuals don't get noticed."

Kest was also selected Coach of the Year by *The Times Leader*. That award was a little less surprising.

"They are picking from a limited area," she said. "I couldn't believe that I got it from the MAC. I thought it was a joke. It is a real nice honor because it's chosen by the other coaches. I didn't vote for myself."

"What it tells me is that we are turning the program around. That's a really good feeling. We had a great season and I'm really excited about next year."

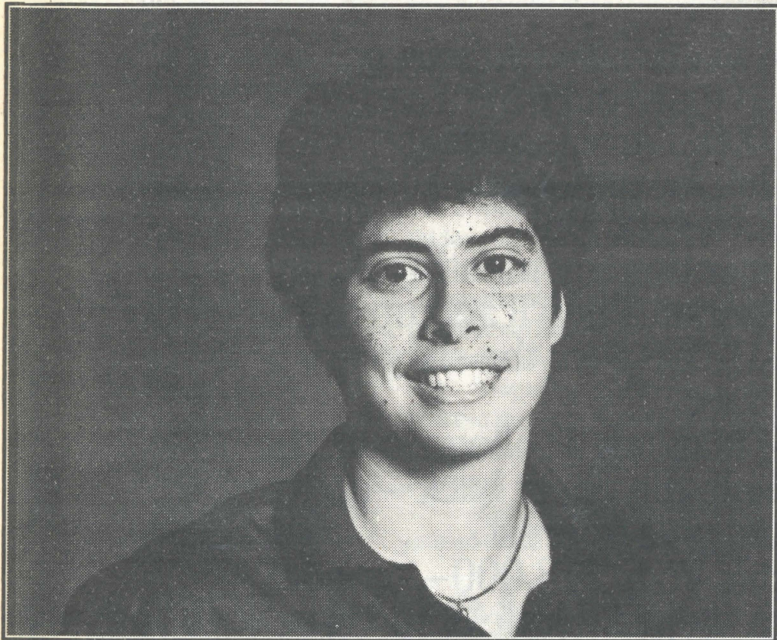
Why, Coach?

"Elizabethtown won the national championship and we pretty much stayed with them when we played them. I don't think we're that far away from where we want to be."

Kovaleski was named women's collegiate basketball Most Valuable Player by *The Times Leader*.

The 5'10" sophomore forward averaged 13.2 points and 9.5 rebounds per game. She was also the key in the Lady Colonels' playoff drive.

Jim Nolan made the *Leader's* men's collegiate all-star team. The 6'1" junior guard averaged 18.1 points per game for Ron Rainey's 7-17 Colonels.



Jodi Kest was named MAC Coach of the Year.

Lady Colonels near record

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season, going untouched for six and one-third innings, before giving up a single on a 3-2 pitch. She finished with a 4-0 shutout.

Miller provided all the offense necessary in this one, going three for three with two RBIs and a run scored.

"Our pitching has really been big for us," Dunsmuir said. "Jen and Kim are doing a excellent job and the defense has been really good behind them. Balestrini had 16 chances at shortstop in the doubleheader and made only one error. She made some really tough plays."

The Lady Colonels returned home for two more twinbills this week in Kirby Park, taking on Marywood on Monday and Scranton on Tuesday.

The opener against Marywood was a basic pitcher's duel, with Bodnar on the hill flinging a shutout for the Lady Colonels. She went seven innings, allowing a hit for each frame and raising her record to 5-1.

Meanwhile, the Lady Colonels were being held to only four hits, but Skrepenak came through with a triple and a single to lead the squad in the 4-0 win.

The second game provided fans with a tad bit more excitement and suspense,

With the score tied at 6-6 in the eighth inning, McGuire started a rally with a single. Freshman centerfielder Lorrie Petrulsky sacrificed, moving McGuire into scoring position. Kennedy then delivered the game-winning single.

The Lady Colonels trailed, 6-2, in the bottom of the fifth. Freshman Michele DeSantis led off with an infield single and Bodnar pinch ran for her, moving to second on a passed ball. McGuire singled and was followed by Petrulsky, who also singled, to make it a 6-3 contest.

Kennedy grounded into a fielder's choice, which forced McGuire at third, and left Wilkes with Petrulsky at second and Kennedy at first. Balestrini singled, knocking them both in and reducing the deficit to 6-5. Skrepenak then singled, driving in Balestrini and tying the game at 6-6.

Tuesday's doubleheader against Scranton displayed no signs of the Lady Colonels cooling down as they swept the Royals, 4-1 in the opener and 7-1 in the second game.

Bodnar got the start in the first game and went the distance, allowing only four hits and no earned runs. In doing so, she raised her record to 7-1 and lowered her ERA to a stingy 1.76.

Carson started the scoring festivities in the second inning

when she singled and came all the way home on a throwing error.

With two outs in the fourth inning, Rebels and Naholnik put together back to back singles. Both scored on a single to the gap by McGuire to provide all the necessary scoring.

The second game was a cakewalk, as Wilkes put it in cruise control and glided to a six-run win.

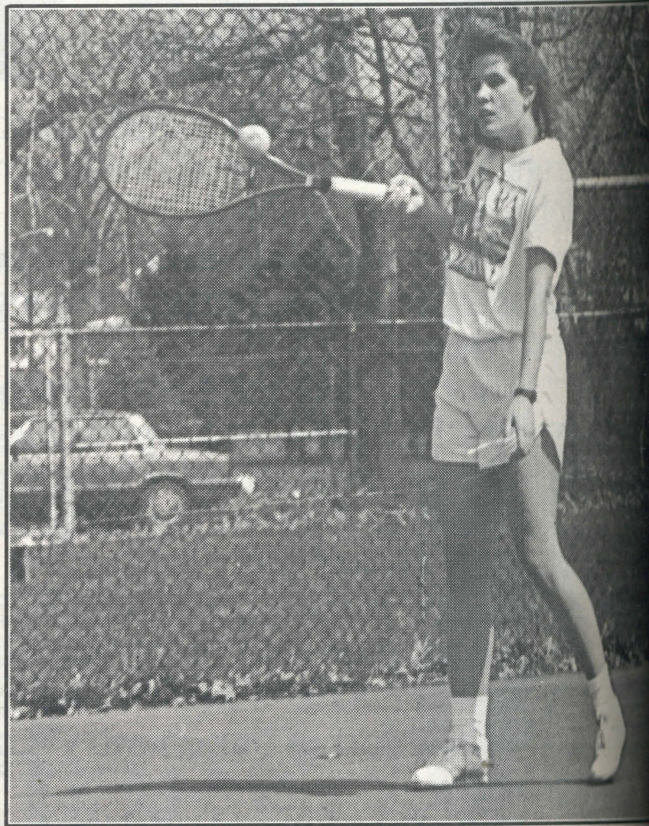
Skrepenak pitched a complete game allowing only three hits and no earned runs. Her pitching line for the year is spectacular. She is 4-0 and has an ERA of 1.38.

The game did have a down side to it. Petrulsky, the starting centerfielder, was injured and could miss Saturday's big conference game against Susquehanna. Otherwise, everything is turning up roses.

"The kids are doing a great job. A lot of times we ask them to do things they don't want to do but they are necessary, so they do it," Dunsmuir said. "The bunt is really important but not very popular and has helped us win games. The kids are really sacrificing and doing everything we asked them to do."

Hey girls, if you are going to listen, we have something to ask.

Will you keep winning?



TENNIS, ANYONE? — Stacey Symecko makes contact with the ball. The Lady Colonels picked up a 6-3 victory at Lycoming yesterday.

photo by Bruce

Golfers grab two wins

WILKES-BARRE — The Wilkes golf team improved to 10-3 as Cella continued his hot play. Joining him in the circle of hot golfers was Keith Kopec, who shot a 79 in a 415-419 loss at Scranton last Thursday.

Cella was the low scorer in the three Colonels wins, posting scores of 82 in a 422-423 conquest of King's and an 83 in a match victory over King's and Muhlenberg on Monday.

The Colonels travel to Moravian today (3 pm) and play in the Dickinson Tournament on Monday. They host Scranton and Lehigh Valley a week from today.

Rals

The familiar blue bic day, its pace not rapid, but George Ralston is the 71 quick enough.

"It looks like it's going to be a warm, Southern drawl. Sorry, Nature. It's a spring gale to stop Ralston Wilkes for 43 years and assistant to the alumni secretary. His tangible contributions calendars ago. He is a ver well of knowledge and for Athletes, take heed. I all.

"We started from nothing. We didn't have a facility. The equipment was the third floor. We cut the baseball diamond who's now the world's best. Artillery Park many times.

"I used to take my old could practice by headlight.

Ralston unleashed a thousand. Those were golden years such great students."

Much importance is relationships he formed with

"Nothing can compare closely associated. We lived together. Those people matters."

Over the spectrum of served as athletic director, housing and a biology teacher the labor of one of the pillars Wilkes College.

Ralston served as the (1946-54), men's basketball (1958-60) teams. He also collected a career log is 1 winning label on paper means the sweat and care that established none existed.

A native of Virginia Harrisburg, PA with his dairy school. He earned an athletic of North Carolina at Chapel and baseball.

"I thought I had a future and. My real objective was that time, I didn't have any prior to World War II. The athletics was what put me through.

A friend in Ralston's grasp suggested he come north at the lack of better options, then.

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by Ray Ott

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Ralston made pathway for sports

The familiar blue bicycle whisks around campus each day, its pace not rapid, but steady. Yet when one considers George Ralston is the 71 year-old pilot, the speed looks a little odd.

"It looks like it's going to be winter all summer long. The wind almost knocked me off my bicycle," Ralston said. It was a warm, Southern drawl on Tuesday afternoon.

Sorry, Nature. It's going to take more than a fired-up spring gale to stop Ralston, who's been associated with Wilkes for 43 years and counting, currently as a special assistant to the alumni secretary.

His tangible contributions to the school came many years ago. He is a veritable symbol of Colonels sports, a well of knowledge and fond memories.

Athletes, take heed. Ralston is the man who started it

"We started from nothing," he said. "There wasn't a facility. We didn't have a facility. The only place I could put my equipment was the third floor of old Pickering Hall.

"We cut the baseball diamond ourselves. George Toma, who's now the world's best groundskeeper, and I spaded up Pickering Park many times.

"I used to take my old car on the football field so we could practice by headlight. I used to run my battery down." Ralston unleashed a thoughtful laugh.

"Those were golden years," he continued. "We had some great students."

Much importance is invested by Ralston in the relationships he formed with students in his career.

"Nothing can compare to that," he said. "We were closely associated. We lived together, worked together, played together. Those people are the only thing that really matters."

Over the spectrum of nearly half a century, Ralston served as athletic director, dean of students, director of housing and a biology teacher. But titles virtually belittle the labor of one of the pillars of what has become today's Wilkes College.

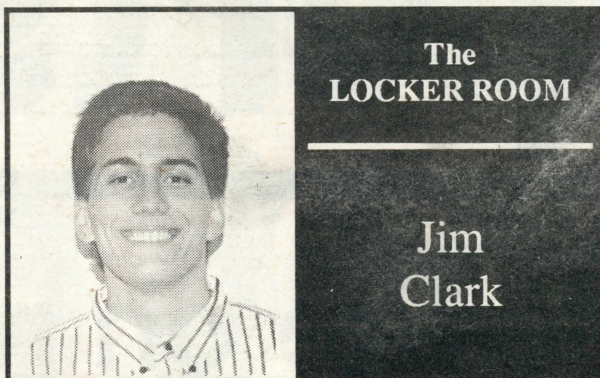
Ralston served as the initial coach of the football (1946-54), men's basketball (1946-55) and men's tennis (1958-60) teams. He also coached baseball from 1948-50. His collective career log is 148-175-4, but the absence of a winning label on paper means nothing when one considers the sweat and care that established an athletic program where none existed.

A native of Virginia, Ralston moved north to Harrisburg, PA with his dairy farming family while in high school. He earned an athletic scholarship to the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where he played football and baseball.

"I thought I had a future in professional baseball," he said. "My real objective was to be a medical doctor, but at that time, I didn't have any money. Those were the years prior to World War II. They were depression years and athletics was what put me through school."

A friend in Ralston's graduating class from Wyoming suggested he come north and pursue a coaching job. For lack of better options, that was the course of action taken.

"I got a job coaching in Forty Fort, Pennsylvania, then



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I went into the Army for five years," he said. "When I came back, I still intended to go to medical school.

"But Dr. Eugene Farley called and needed someone to counsel the veterans that were coming to Wilkes. I took the job. Dr. Farley mentioned that some of the boys wanted to start a football team. I said I would be interested.

"Then he said he needed a dean. I took that on and I never left. I joined up because there was a big job to do. A few of us grew up with this institution. Not many of us are still around."

Ralston designed the plans for the original gymnasium that was torn down last year to yield the land to the Marts Center. The demolition evoked mixed feelings in his soul.

"That (the old gym) was the first free-standing building constructed by Wilkes," he said. "It rendered great service and we were glad to have it. It cost \$250,000 to build. One of the first events of magnitude that we had in there was an exhibition by the Olympic wrestling team. We had a parade through the streets of Wilkes-Barre and really packed the place.

"But the Marts Center is a great facility. We look forward to it serving the college as well as the old gym did, even better."

What are some of the memories etched in Ralston's mind?

"There are so many events. They are innumerable. I couldn't mention just one," he said.

Then a reminiscing twinkle lit his eyes.

"I've always been partial to the 1949 football team. They were great people. I think that's the best team we've ever had. They weren't worldbeaters, but they were probably the most colorful bunch. Their average age was about 23, being mostly World War II veterans."

But it was members of his 1947 team that carried the commemorative sign that bore his name when Wilkes dedicated Ralston Field on Saturday, November 6, 1966, a day when words were hard to come by for the honoree.

"I was humbled by it," Ralston said. "When I saw my old players carrying the sign, it was a great feeling. I had a hard time talking."

The news of the impending dedication reached him in a strange fashion a year earlier.

"I was shaving one morning when my son brought the paper and showed me," he said. "I was surprised indeed."

As a founding father of Colonels sports, Ralston is as qualified as any to define the mission of athletics in the

school's greater scheme of things. He does so with extreme conviction.

"An integral part of our educational endeavor is that sports is a part of the whole," he said. "Sports is a great laboratory for students if conducted right. In the rapid give and take of an athletic contest, an athlete virtually loses himself and becomes himself. It's a real maturing factor in the education of a young person. It's a great lesson."

He paused to quell his emotional whirlwind then continued.

"I call it friendship through contest. I think that's the truth about an athletic program. For people, students or otherwise, young or old, play is a part of their life. We try to have students adhere not just to the letter, but to the spirit of the rules.

"I wish students would live their days so that they're going to have good memories. If you don't participate, you won't have any."

Time to 'fess up, Dean Ralston. What about the bike?

"I've been riding a bicycle since 1958," he chuckled. "The first one was my son's. I took his when he got a new one. The second one was given to me by the students in the 1960s at Christmas. I drove that one until the flood. The students gave me another, and the one I'm riding now was given to me by my sons."

Ralston sees his days at Wilkes ending soon.

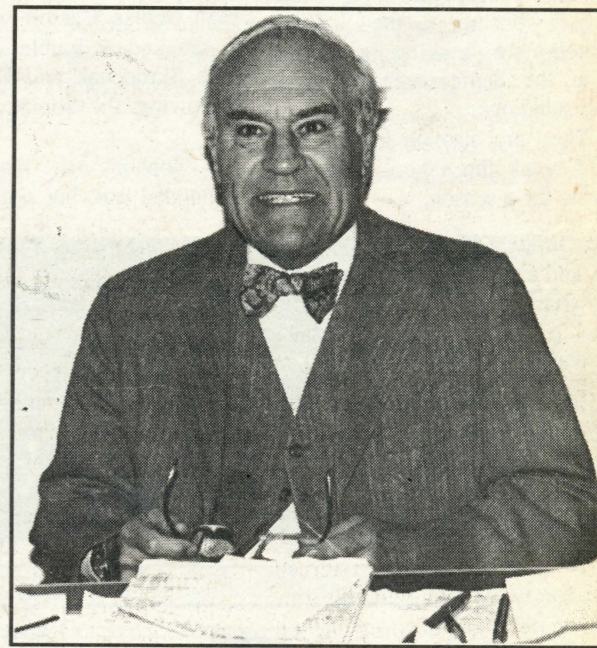
"I really retired two years ago," he said. "I'm kind of free-lancing now. I'm getting too old to be in touch. I feel kind of self-conscious. There are some things I want to do for myself. My wife has been a slave to me and this institution all these years."

He looked away and smiled.

"These great years."

When Ralston does vacate campus, an era will be over.

And the blue bicycle — and its pilot — will be greatly missed.



Dean George Ralston, founding father of Wilkes sports.
photo by Donna Yedlock

Netmen still thirsting for elusive initial victory

by Ray Ott

Season Assistant Sports Editor

WILKES-BARRE — The Wilkes men's tennis team can be likened to a man suffering from lack of water in a desert. For the last two seasons the netmen have fought valiantly but failed to experience the thrill of victory. And with losses to Albright and Lycoming this week, the drought continues, but improvement is being made.

"We haven't been playing that badly," said coach Phil Wingert. "We are definitely improving but we still lack consistency and we are making too many unforced errors."

The Colonels had a golden opportunity to get themselves in the left hand column yesterday in Kirby Park

when they took on Lycoming, another team searching for its initial victory.

Doug Meade, playing number one, and Spencer Corbett, at number six, came up with victories in the singles competition, but Wilkes still trailed, 4-2 going into doubles.

Dumitri Radu and Corbett chalked up a win playing number three to cut the lead to 4-3.

At number two, Jerry Matteo and Robb Whinney tied the match at 4-4 and set the stage for the number one doubles players to battle it out for all the marbles.

But Meade and Chris Arabis lost a heatbreaker, and with it went the match, 5-4.

"It was a close and exciting match but we just fell short," said Wingert.

On Tuesday, the Colonels traveled to Reading to volley with Albright and came home on the short side of a 7-2 decision.

Arabis was the lone singles winner, battling through a three-set 7-6, 4-6, 6-1, victory.

Arabis was also a victor in the doubles competition, along with partner Matteo, coming out on the upside of a 7-6, 3-6, 7-6 score.

The Colonels will continue their quest for a win tomorrow at King's and Tuesday at Scranton.

Someone throw them a jug of water.

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Bodnar, Skrepenak tough on mound

Lady Colonels are on record pace

by Ray Ott
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WILKES-BARRE — Let's talk about the hottest group of students on the Wilkes campus these past few days.

No, not the senior leaders who compromised with the administration and successfully bargained to get graduation outside at Ralston Field. They have only one win under their belts.

The distinction of the hottest group at Wilkes goes exclusively to the Lady Colonels softball team (11-1, 2-0 in the MAC).

The softballers are hotter than a scorching summer day right now. Behind the spectacular pitching of Jen Bodnar and Kim Skrepenak and some timely hitting, the Lady Colonels are making a strong run at the conference's top spot in the standings.

They are also on a pace that would break the school record of 15 wins for a season.

Last Saturday, the Lady Colonels were faced with the unenviable task of going on the road to Juniata, which is almost a four-hour trip, to take on the the Indians in a double dip.

The opening game featured the Lady Colonels doing their best imitations of sleeping beauty.

Juniata seemed to be coasting along with a 3-0 lead with one out in the top of the seventh. That was before someone woke the Lady Colonels up.

Shortstop Lisa Balestrini reached base on an error and catcher Melissa Kennedy walked. Skrepenak grounded into a fielder's choice, putting her on first and Kennedy on second. They then moved up to second and third, pulling a perfectly executed double steal. Up stepped freshman Denise Carson who promptly cracked a double, knocking in both Skrepenak and Kennedy and narrowing the Juniata lead to 3-2.

Sophomore Angie Miller grounded out, but not before Car-

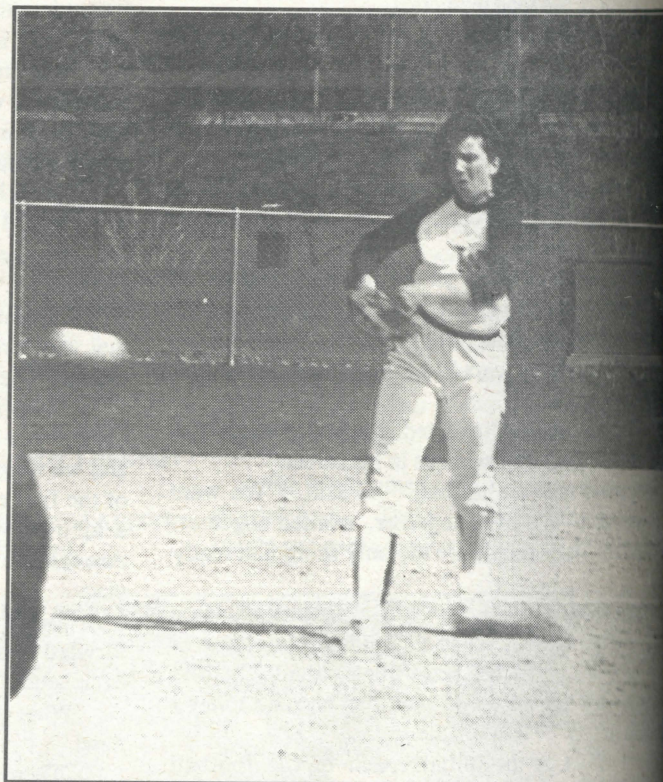
son advanced to third on a wild pitch, leaving the Lady Colonels with a runner at third and down to their last out.

The Colonels then dramatically sent the game into extra innings. Bodnar drew a base on balls, but with a catch: the fourth ball was a wild pitch. Carson broke from third for the plate, where the Juniata pitcher and the ball were waiting for her. Carson, doing her best Ty Cobb imitation, knocked the ball out of the pitcher's hands with her spikes, tying the score at 3-3, and, in the process, unintentionally injuring the Indians' pitcher and forcing her to leave the game.

"That was the biggest play of the game," said Wilkes assistant coach Tom Dunsmuir. "We tied the game up and their pitcher was forced to leave the game. Up to that point, we couldn't touch her."

The game journeyed into the ninth inning, when the Lady Colonels decided it was time for the fiasco to end.

Kennedy and Skrepenak put together back-to-back singles and set the stage for Carson to sacrifice them a base over. But she laid down the perfect bunt for a base hit and loaded the bases. Miller then singled, plat-



Senior Jen Bodnar lets one fly for the 11-1 Lady Colonels.

photo by Donna Vedlock

ing Kennedy and Skrepenak and giving Wilkes a 5-3 lead.

Bodnar sacrificed, driving in the sixth run, and Jill McGuire had a bunt single, knocking in the last run to make the final score 7-3.

The big performance was turned in by Bodnar. The senior southpaw was on the hill for all

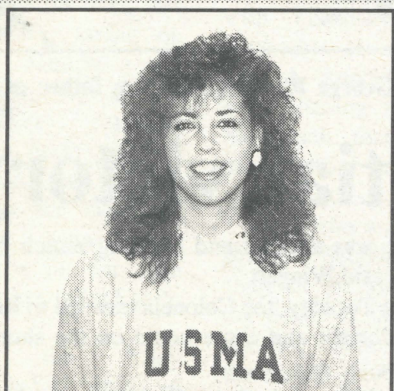
nine innings, allowing eight hits but not yielding an earned run or a base on balls.

If Bodnar was great in the first game, then Skrepenak was awesome in the nightcap. The righthander was making a bid for her second no-hitter of the season.

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Colonel of the Week

photo by Donna Vedlock



THE COLONEL OF THE WEEK IS JUNIOR SOFTBALL PLAYER KIM SKREPENAK. A NATIVE OF WILKES-BARRE, PA, SKREPENAK HAS PITCHED HER WAY TO A 4-0 RECORD AND A SPARKLING 1.38 ERA. SHE ALSO SPORTS A .333 BATTING AVERAGE AND HAS KNOCKED IN SIX RUNS.

SKREPENAK THREW A NO-HITTER AGAINST MANSFIELD ON MARCH 28 AND A ONE-HITTER AT JUNIATA LAST SATURDAY.

Power surge lifts Colonels, 10-7

by Jim Clark
Beacon Sports Editor

WILKES-BARRE — Jerry Bavitz's Colonels (2-3, 0-2 in the MAC) went without an extra base hit through their first four games. The disturbing trend had Bavitz thinking funny thoughts at night.

"I was seriously beginning to wonder if we would ever get one," he chuckled.

That nightmare was eradicated from his mind after the Colonels hit four home runs in a 10-7 pounding of Delaware Valley at Artillery Park on Tuesday.

Third baseman Rob Pietrzyk slashed four hits, including a homer. He believes the Colonels have finally escaped their hitting doldrums.

"We're coming along now," he said. "I think everyone was uptight for a while, but now we're all hitting the ball. I think the rainouts hurt us a lot. There's a big difference in hitting in a real game and hitting in practice."

Bavitz was glad to witness Pietrzyk's explosion.

"Rob's got a real quick swing," he said. "Sometimes it's too quick and he gets himself screwed up when the pitcher he's facing isn't very good. In other words, sometimes he hits as if he's facing Nolan Ryan when it's really a Tommy John."

Senior Bill Evanina gained his second home run victory.

"Bill's pitched really well," Pietrzyk said. "Last season, Francis was our number one pitcher coming into the season, but we haven't played well behind him."

The Colonels committed 10 errors with Francis on the hill in a 5-2 loss at Muhlenberg on Monday. "We played terrible," Pietrzyk said. "The error was a big factor in that game."

Bavitz will lead his charges through an eight-game stretch in the next week, beginning with a tilt against College Misericordia today at Artillery Park.

He hopes for a continuance of the lumberjacks' success. "That's such an important part of an attack," he said. "Hitting and pitching have to mesh for a team to win."

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