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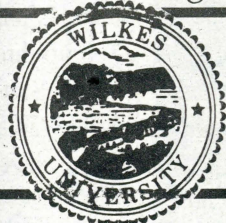
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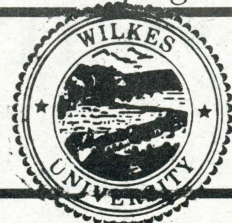
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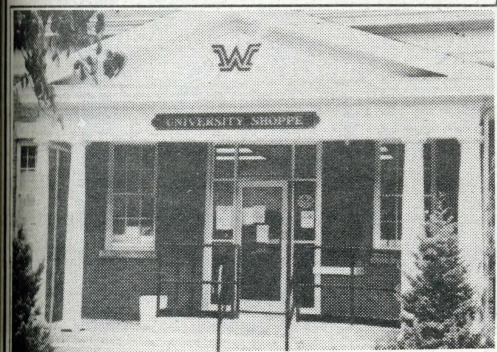
Wilkes University

March 20, 1997

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The proposal for a joint book store, to be shared between Wilkes University and King's College, has been a hot topic of debate for nearly a year. This past week a feasibility study, performed by Follet Bookstore, reported that the idea would not be in the best interest of the institutions.

For more information on this issue see page 3, and look for a full report on the status of the situation in the April 10 edition of *The Beacon*.

Students to lobby for additional funds

By COLLEEN HERRON
Beacon News Editor

Money woes due to a recent hike in the tuition at Wilkes University has left many students and their families in a state of despair.

In hopes of alleviating some of the worries centered around this issue a group of ten Wilkes students and two faculty members are headed to Harrisburg, PA to lobby for an increase in private school funding.

The group consisting of eight members of the Political Science Club and two members of the Pre-Pharmacy Club, along with Dr. Thomas Baldino, political science chairperson, and Professor Patricia Siplon, will take part in a meeting of The Council of Independent Colleges and Universities.

The group will be involved in asking state legislatures for an overall increase in the

amount of grants, such as PHEAA grants and Institutional Assistance grants (IAG's) available to private schools. The group will meet with six area legislators, attend a press conference, and meet with the state senate of delegation.

"I'm delighted that a group of Wilkes students are going to Harrisburg on April 8 for Student Lobbying Day," said Wilkes University President Christopher N. Breiseth. "The legislature's decision on the government's education budget will have a tangible impact on the amount of money available to students at Wilkes. The students' demonstration of personal concern can have a powerful impact on members of the general assembly."

Wilkes University has been involved in similar events in the past, but not in recent years.

Last year King's College and College Misericordia

attended this very important event. This year Wilkes University has been working closely with students from King's in hopes of making the day an even bigger success.

"The Political Science Club has done a great job volunteering and King's has been really great," said Professor Siplon. "I feel this is a great collaboration between the two schools and a good boost for the club."

Students from Wilkes attending Student Lobbying Day are: Noreen Collins, Aaron Sherburne, Michael Cook, Mike Shreiber, Brandon Beretta, Keith Bubblo, Jennifer Burick, Trish Blain, Rick Seipp, and Ray Wascavage.

The group hopes to continue this trip, with hopes of attracting more Wilkes students to their cause.

Thumbprints, the signature of the future

By JACK CRAFT
Beacon Staff Writer

After April 7, don't be surprised if you walk into one of the local First Union Banks and see a customer being fingerprinted.

Starting the second week of April, First Union will be implementing the Thumbs-up Identification Program in an effort to reduce the passing of fraudulent checks. If you do not have a deposit account with First Union, you will have to provide a thumbprint on the front of the check along with

the usual forms of identification.

"The problem right now," says First Union Media Relations spokeswoman Marnie Lamberson, "is that it's just too easy to fake IDs and forge signatures." When a forged check is found, there is no way of proving who is at fault. This thumbprint, however, provides a bona fide signature of the person who is cashing the checks.

The Thumbs-Up Identification program began a few years ago in Texas and had immediate positive results.

Soon after, the program was also given trial runs in Arizona and Nevada banks, proving to be equally efficient. Lamberson said that the program reportedly has lowered check fraud by 20-40% in those states where the program has been in effect, and its tremendous success has led to the publication of several articles in praise of the program in *American Banker's Magazine*.

First Union initially experimented with thumbprint identification about a year and a half ago with its branches in Florida. The program has since

been put to use at First Union banks in Georgia and South Carolina, and now Pennsylvania.

Don't fret over it just yet, though. Lamberson assures that it's not all as bad as it seems. There won't be any black ink stains left on your thumbs or dark smudges on your shirt front. This thumbprinting process involves the use of a light, pale gray inkless substance that transfers entirely from your thumb to the check face, allowing for a nice, clean transaction and no messes.

After the thumbprinting, the check is processed just as any other check. The thumbprint merely gives the bank a hard copy to which they can refer in case questions happen to arise concerning possible fraud. When that happens, the check is then turned over to the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Lamberson said that after seeing how successful the program has been for other banks, it only seemed logical for First Union to take the step, too.



Let your voice be heard

By AMY CONNELLY

Beacon Staff Writer

For the past two years, Wilkes University has been conducting enrollment management surveys.

The purpose behind these surveys is to compile information in order to find out just how campus services meet students expectations.

Wilkes University Services questioned in the surveys include meal plans, advisor satisfaction, residence halls and security operations.

"Everything except for what goes on in the classroom is covered in these surveys," said Scott Bodfish, the director

of Institutional Research and Planning Support at Wilkes University.

During the Spring 1995 semester, the first year the surveys were conducted, a problem seemed to exist between students and how they felt about the services offered to them. Wilkes University Security and other safety programs were proposed as an important issue amongst students. Officials felt that improvements were needed in these areas.

Bodfish added that after tabulating the 1996 surveys, the students felt that the necessary improvements were being made.

This year's survey will be given on Monday, April 4 during classes scheduled for 10 a.m.

"We try to select a class period that represents a sample of the student population," said Bodfish. "This way all different voices can be heard."

The surveys consist of four pages, including over 70 questions, divided into a number of different categories. Each category is scored and summarized in order to show what changes need to be considered by Wilkes, to ensure students continued satisfaction while they attend the institution.

Wilkes to host Morton Paper contest

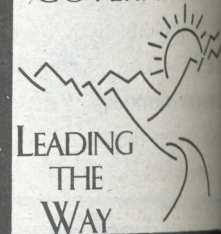
WILKES-BARRE - The Lehigh Valley section of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) will be holding the Morton Student Paper contest on April 4, 1997 in SLC 223, starting at 10 a.m. Participating institutions are: Bucknell University, Lehigh University, Lafayette College, Penn State Lehman, University of Scranton and

Wilkes University. The Selection Committee is chaired by Carl Gingrich, a retired engineer from Westinghouse. In addition to the prizes to be distributed at the end of the contest, J.J. Ebers Memorial awards also will be presented to the students for their superior academic achievements and professional interest in electrical engineering. All are welcome to attend the contest.

For more information please contact Dr. Vijay Arora at ext. 4813.

By JESSICA BIERBOWER
Beacon Staff Writer

WILKES UNIVERSITY
STUDENT
GOVERNMENT



President Christopher N. Breiseth was recently invited to attend a Student Government meeting to discuss the tuition increase, along with some other topics the students were questioning. Some of the topics included: updates on the bookstore, student union center, the cable situation and a student forum that will be taking place on March 25 at 11 a.m.

Student Government has also been involved in helping other major clubs on campus plan their upcoming events. Some of these events include: commuter council is sponsoring a bus trip to Baltimore on April 5 and the tickets cost \$9; Off-Campus Council is starting to put the final touches on the upcoming Block Party on April 19. The Block Party is being held in the parking lot of Ralston Field this coming year with a \$2 cover charge. Transportation will be provided to the field. Some of the activities planned are: 11 different games, a dunk tank, Battle of the Bands (sponsored by the Programming Board) and "The PeePee's" will entertain from 5 until 7 p.m.

Elections for Class President and class representatives will be occurring in the near future as well. Besides these above mentioned events, IRHC and the Rumours Committee are starting to plan something for the Final Four Basketball Tournament. Look for signs on campus explaining more on the upcoming events.



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SECURITY

As the warm weather approaches, Wilkes University Security would like to remind students of some helpful tips to insure their safety on campus.

With warmer temperatures, a greater number of students participate in outdoors activities. Just be sure that when walking to and from your destination:

- walk confidently with your head high
- have your keys ready
- know local phones and security contacts
- don't carry a lot of money

Also be sure to protect your car during these spring-time months:

- close windows and lock your vehicle
- park in well-lit areas
- don't leave valuables behind
- activate car alarms
- don't leave keys in or on car
- always carry your license and registration with you

If you ride a bike, make sure it is registered with your local police department, and always keep it locked up.

Once you have arrived home, remember to:

- lock windows and rooms
- don't prop doors open
- use curtains and close them when you leave

• post emergency numbers
When partying, remember to be

responsible! Drinking has been the source of 95 percent of all rapes. Rapes are one of the most unreported crimes in the United States. In order to prevent a possible sexual assault:

- be cautious
- don't use drugs or alcohol on dates
- feel free to say "no" to unwanted sexual advances

If you are the victim of such an occurrence:

- report it
- get medical attention
- try not to change or wash your clothes (doing so may damage evidence)
- contact a rape crisis center

Remember, being drunk or drugged is no legal excuse for rape.

In addition to these tips, Wilkes University Chief of Security, Gerald Cook, wants students to remember that the escort service provided by Security is not a taxi service. It is for student safety alone. Both walking and mobile escorts are available for transit within a three block boundary from the campus. Chief Cook added that in the case of special instances, arrangements can be made.

If you witness any abnormal activity on or around campus, you are encouraged to contact Wilkes Security at ext. 4999.

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March 20,
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On Friday, March 14, Wilkes-Barre's downtown will host a series of events that runs bookstores and determines the project's feasibility.

But, on Monday, March 17, officials swore they'd fight it's not over yet.

The community hasn't given up, but has it anyway? Just because F... isn't willing to stick it out, we want?

Let's remember who college and to live in this town. Follet. If anything, thousands of dollars we paid for books. Seems like a lot. How much more do we want? In a student survey conducted by the college, results released showed that students were interested in a community doesn't count too much.

For those of you unaware of the bookstore situation, let me explain. Representatives of Lehigh University, Lafayette College, Penn State Lehman, University of Scranton and

college town" initiative, which was in the former Pomona College Public Square Community. Included would be a 24-hour internet cafe — an attractive place for students and others downtown. This city, this is probably the most information Wilkes-Barre has. What's the big deal then?

Is it the travelling that's a few more blocks to the downtown? Couldn't it be worth the time and money to have a large paperbag full of books and coffee shop tables with a new email buddy?

This doesn't just have to do with books and candy bars. "College town" exists in Wilkes-Barre. But we first have to get it up.

I can write my ideas all over the place. Get out there and let the college is all about.

Attentive

Seniors who are interested in the college will be shown during Senior Orientation meeting on April 14 at the Annette Evans Alumni Center. Seniors who would like to contribute to submit photos to either the college or Alumni office prior to the meeting in May to students who are interested in the college. Contact Beachem at ext 50.

Downtown college bookstore

to be or not to be

On Friday, March 14, plans for a joint college bookstore at Wilkes-Barre's downtown area were scrapped. After 10 days of negotiations, Follet College Stores, the company that runs bookstores at Wilkes and King's, ousted the idea, claiming the project would not be "economically viable."

But, on Monday, March 17, Wilkes-Barre business leaders swore they'd fight the decision. According to them, not over yet.

The community hasn't given up, the business officials say. It's not given up, but have you? Whose bookstore is this anyway? Just because Follet, some Chicago-based bookstore, is willing to stick it out, who says we can't fight for what we want?

Let's remember who pays the big bucks to attend this college and to live in this so-called "college town." Certainly Follet. If anything, they're making the money off the hundreds of dollars we pay each semester to buy their overpriced books. Seems like we're getting screwed once again. How much more of this are we going to take?

A student survey conducted at both Wilkes and King's colleges, results released in November indicated nearly 60% of students were interested in the collegiate center. Guess our college doesn't count too much anymore.

For those of you unaware or ignoring the current bookstore situation, let me give you the quick rundown: Representatives of Leadership Wilkes-Barre have debated the idea of a collegiate center since last summer, hoping to attract students from all area colleges. In accordance with the "college town" initiative, the proposed bookstore was to be located in the former Pomeroy's shopping center, now referred to as Public Square Commons.

It would be a 24-hour coffee shop and a hi-tech internet cafe — an attraction assumed to draw college students and others downtown. According to representatives of this city, this is probably about the best idea for downtown Wilkes-Barre has seen in almost 50 years. So what's the big deal then?

Is the travelling that is questionable? So we have to travel a few more blocks to pick up next semester's books? Isn't it worth the travel next fall when after receiving a paperbag full of books, you can relax at one of those coffee shop tables with your hot mug of cappuccino and a new email buddy?

This doesn't just have to be a bookstore selling boring books and candy bars. Let's make it into something. "College town" exists because of us. We can make it or not. But we first have to speak out and tell them what we want. I can write my ideas all I want but you too have to have your opinions. Get out there and speak your mind. That's what college is all about.

Attention seniors:

Seniors who are interested in assisting with the senior slide show will be shown during Senior Week are asked to attend an informational meeting on April 8 at 12:30 p.m. in Jennifer Bullock's room at the Annette Evans Alumni house. Seniors who would like to contribute photos for the slide show are asked to submit photos to either Michael Beachem, Box 54 or Jennie Bullock, c/o Alumni office prior to April 4. If labeled, photos will be displayed in May to students who contribute. If you have any questions, contact Beachem at ext 5043 or Bullock at ext 4132.

Letters to the Editor

Letters to the Editor guidelines:

Letters should include your name and phone number. They should be no longer than 250 words and must be signed in order to be printed. Letters will be printed in the order they are received and must be submitted by 4:30 p.m. on the Tuesday prior to publication.

To the Editor:

I am writing on behalf of my concern for my fellow classmates. I would like to warn all those who ever plan on going on spring break to places such as Cancun. What my main point is in writing this is to stress to you to take caution with the spring break fliers you see around campus. Let me explain my experience to you and why I am concerned for you.

My friends and I picked up one of those spring break fliers and planned our spring break to Cancun with the "Take a Break Student Travel." When we did this it never occurred to us the nightmare that was awaiting us.

It all began with our first delay. We were supposed to leave for Cancun from the Philly airport at 12:50 p.m. on Saturday. When we got to the airport we were told that our charter flight AV Atlantic was delayed until 3:30 p.m. because of either weather or maintenance problems. Later it was announced that our flight was delayed again until 5 p.m. No reasons were given and when we asked questions, none were ever answered. When 5 p.m. came around we were delayed until 8:30 p.m. Now you could just imagine how much patience we were losing with this flight. Our parents then had to be called because they had no clue what was going on.

Well, to make half of my story short, at 12 a.m. we were then told we were not leaving until tomorrow. We had just sat in the airport for 12 hours and now they had no clue as to when we were leaving because they had no clue where the plane was. We were then sent to a different terminal because the one we were at was closing and they said they wanted to supply us with a good meal. Well, our meal ended up being cookies and crackers literally thrown at us.

It is now 1 a.m. and people are beginning to sleep on the airport floor. I couldn't believe this could be happening to us. Around 2 a.m. they decided to send us on buses to the Holiday Inn to sleep. When we arrived there, we were sent back to the buses to the airport because the Holiday Inn people refused to room 197 of us. Now we had no choice but to sleep on the airport floor.

At 4 a.m. we were awakened by the airport security guards telling us that we were going to the Marriot to sleep and get a free breakfast. They said our flight would leave sometime Saturday morning.

The same thing happened the next day. We were sent back to our terminal because the plane was supposed to leave after 4 p.m. We were then delayed until 9:30 p.m. Finally, after our 33 hour delay, two days of missed vacation, and no exact reasons why we were delayed, our plane was here. Thinking we would get on the plane as fast as possible, we were then told the pilot needed to take a rest. We sat another hour before boarding. We then arrived in Cancun around 3 a.m. exhausted from the stress of those two days. Now all we could do was pray we would get home.

Well, our trip home was just as bad as going there. Our flight was supposed to leave at 7 p.m. on Saturday. We were delayed another 27 hours going home. We were told FAA grounded our plane and that they were trying to find us another flight home. Sunday night we finally arrived home. They put us all on a jumbo jet and flew us all to JFK airport. When we arrived, there were buses to take everyone to the original airport.

I would like to thank all who read my whole letter through. If this helps just one of you I know I have done my job. What I faced was a nightmare and I would never want anyone to experience what I did. Therefore, I write this to make you more aware of what I believe was a scam. In the end our flight claimed bankruptcy and there was no way for anyone to be compensated.

Sincerely,
Leah Yurcho

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This week in History

March 26, 1790: Congress passed the Naturalization Act, requiring a two-year residency.

March 30, 1867: Alaska was sold to the U.S. by Russia for \$7.2 million, largely through the efforts of Secretary of State William H. Seward.

March 25, 1911: The building holding New York City's Triangle Shirtwaist Co. a sweatshop in which many immigrants (mostly young women) were employed, caught fire; 146 people died, some being trapped and killed while others jumped to their deaths.

March 29, 1951: Julius Rosenberg, his wife Ethel, and Morton Sobell, all U.S. citizens were found guilty of conspiracy to commit wartime espionage.

March 26, 1962: The Supreme Court backed the "one-man, one vote" apportionment of seats in states legislatures.

March 30, 1972: North Vietnamese forces launched the biggest attacks in four years across the demilitarized zone.

March 29, 1973: The last U.S. troops left Vietnam.

March 28, 1979: A major accident occurred at a nuclear reactor on Three Mile Island near Middletown, PA, when a partial meltdown released radioactive material.

March 30, 1981: President Ronald Reagan was shot in the chest by would-be assassin in Washington D.C. as he walked to his limousine following an address he'd given.

March 24, 1989: One of the largest oil spills in the history of the U.S. occurred after the Exxon Valdez struck Bligh Reef in Alaska's Prince William Sound.

March 25, 1996: U.S. District Judge Stephen Reasoner sentenced David Hale, a former municipal judge who had pleaded guilty to arranging fraudulent loans through Capital Management that had cost the federal government \$2 million and was a key figure in the Whitewater Scandal, to 28 months in prison, fined him \$10,000 and ordered him to pay \$2.4 million in restitution.

March 25, 1996: Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation began a confrontation with the Freemen, an anti-government anti-tax group in Montana.

March 25, 1996: LeRoy Schweitzer and Daniel Petersen, members of the Freemen, were arrested near the farm complex in Montana being occupied by their comrades.

March 26, 1996: Senator Bob Dole (R-Kan) nailed down the Republican presidential nomination by capturing California's 165 delegates with nearly 1.5 million votes, 66 percent of the total cast.

March 27, 1996: The Senate approved a bill that would sharply curtail the farm subsidy program.

The Near Side

with Rick Tym

Boy I'm glad Vince hasn't been calling for dew lately...my steps have been pretty clean for almost a week now. (For those of you that don't understand that statement, refer to last week's letter to the editor from Facilities Management. By the way, to the author of that letter: good one. A lot of people, including myself, got a chuckle out of it.) Maybe if he calls for warm weather I'll get air conditioning...

How's everybody doing out there? Life getting a little hectic? Feeling a bit down? Well, here's an uplifting fact: there are only five weeks of classes, one week of finals and a single Senior Week left. The only problem is that for some of us, that thought is as disturbing as it is exciting. Take for example, those of us that are seniors. No. I'm not going to get all sappy about how depressing it is to graduate. But there are simply too many things to do in the next five weeks! As sick as it may seem, I really wish we had another two weeks left so I could get everything done. Not necessarily done well, just done. This is the point where senioritis is taken over by blind panic, and you realize exactly what you have to get done before you get to walk down that aisle.

I have one simple question: Why can't the snack bar be an all-you-can-eat affair? Every day at lunch I end up owing like 40 cents because I opted for the large soft drink to go with my sandwich. I know this is really a moot point, because everyone knows about the generous increase in cash equivalence when you use your meal card. But think about it for a minute. At the cafeteria, you can get as many chicken patties as you want, but at the sub you're lucky if you can get two. Salads can be had in infinite quantities at the caf, but cost over two dollars at the snack bar. Perhaps the most puzzling of all are the soft drinks. I can get 10 glasses of Coca-Cola at the caf at lunch time, but I have to dig into my pockets when I want a large at the sub. Does this really make sense? Do soft drink companies charge the sub more than they charge the caf, thereby resulting in larger prices? I think not.

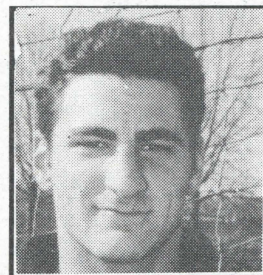
The fact that many of us, especially those who live on the north side of campus, go to the sub almost every day is another reason why I believe that you should be able to get two sandwiches instead of one without paying a dollar. Some might call us lazy and say we should just haul our butts over to the caf when we're hungry. However, some of us have a tight schedule and have no choice but to eat at the sub when we're in between classes. It might be mind-boggling, but many of us do not have the time to indulge in a social hour (which, for many, ends up being a two and a half hour affair) at the caf. Those of you that go to the caf regularly know what I'm talking about. It's easy to notice those big tables which are occupied by the same people from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at lunch time, or from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. at dinner. Believe me, if I could, I would.

But, as we all know, some things never change. I still haven't gotten my parking spot in back of McClintock yet. So, until things do change, make sure you bring your spare change when you eat at the sub. Unless, of course, you have some soda in your fridge, in which case you won't have to worry about making the monumental decision between a small or large pink lemonade. That's all for now. Remember to take a five minute break every hour while you're at the computer, and we'll talk again next week.

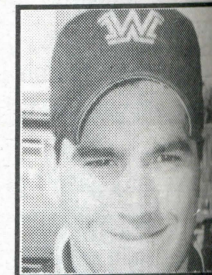
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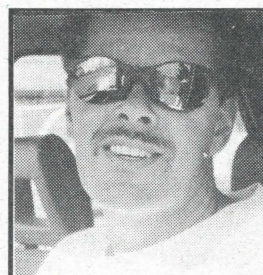
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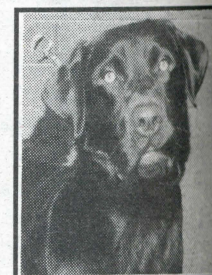
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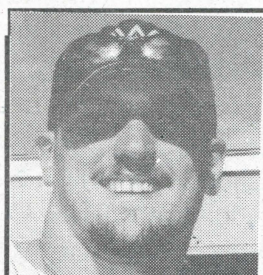
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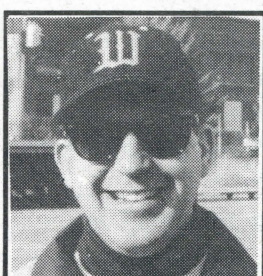
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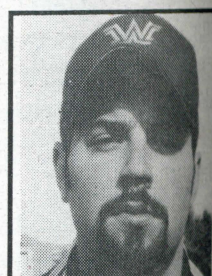
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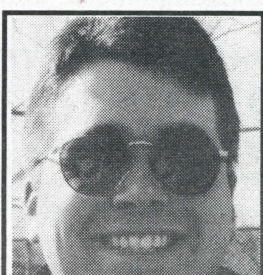
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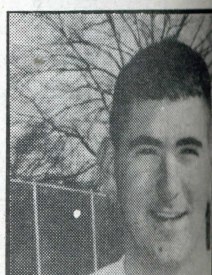
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Athletic Trainer
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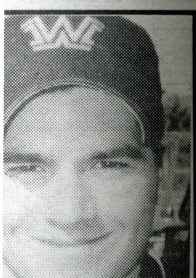
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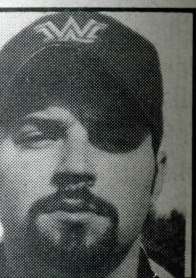
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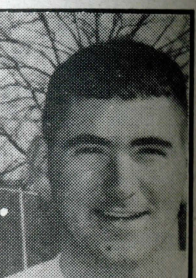
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Talerico tops all-time pledge record

CHRISTINE GAYDOS
Beacon Features Editor

"It's like a party. Food, prizes and laughter, and the students get paid for it," said Lynn Cheyfitz, assistant director of Annual Giving. Very few students know about the Wilkes Phonathon, let alone how much fun is going on while they work, or how much this organization does for the University.

The Phonathon is a division of the Annual Fund which raises "flexible" money for the University to use for anything from financial aid to renovations.

"We send everyone on our mailing list, which is

made up of alumni, friends and families of Wilkes University, a postcard informing them that we'll be calling," said Cheyfitz.

Each of the student employees who make the calls are compensated through work-study and are given appropriate training on proper telephone etiquette and marketing techniques.

"We have the opportunity to connect with alumni," said Brian Verhoeven, a freshman who works at the Phonathon. "Last night I spoke with an alumnus who spoke to me about his career as an assistant principle, a field I am very interested in."

"Our goal is not just to

raise money for the University, but to keep the Wilkes connection going," said Cheyfitz. "We keep those alumni that we call up to date about all the changes on campus. Our callers usually end up building a friendship with those they call."

In fact, making a personal connection is one of the best methods.

"She is exceptional and enthusiastic. She connects with everyone she talks to," said Cheyfitz, speaking about Donna Talerico, a freshman Phonathon caller who recently broke a Wilkes pledge record.

"She made them feel so

good about going to Wilkes that they gave a lot more," said Cheyfitz.

"I think anyone who called that number would have gotten the same pledge," said Talerico. "I remember reading that the couple that I was calling had made a previous pledge of \$500, and I was hoping they would match that pledge. Little did I know that they would increase their pledge to \$2,000."

"Everyone has a bell with them at the phone. I got off the phone with that particular pledge and I started ringing the bell like crazy," said Talerico.

The Phonathon has been

both beneficial to the University and the work-study employees.

"The Phonathon enhances interpersonal skills, you get to meet alumni and find out what possibilities are out there after Wilkes. It's really a lot of fun," added Talerico.

"I'm looking forward to next year being even better. I'm always looking for new people and ideas," said Cheyfitz.

This year the Phonathon's goal was \$128,000, but they have already raised \$157,000.

The Annual Fund is hoping for \$955,000 this year, and they have already met 60% of this goal.

SWE member shines

DIANA DAVIS
Beacon Staff Writer

Lan Pham, a Wilkes senior engineering major, was awarded a certificate of achievement in recognition of excellence. She also received a 1,000 SWE foundation scholarship from the Society of Women Engineers (SWE).

To achieve the award Pham needed to maintain a grade point average of a 3.5 or better and also had to be a woman enrolled in good standing in engineering or computer science.

The SWE is a non-profit educational association dedicated to stimulating female students so that they can achieve their full potential in careers in engineering and computer science.

The SWE also promotes

the image of engineering as a positive force in the quality of life, and to demonstrating how important diversity is in today's world.

"Lan is a very enterprising and outgoing student."

-Dr. Vashundhra Choudry, associate professor of Electrical and Computer Engineering and SWE advisor

The group awards scholarships to outstanding students each year. Pham was one out of only 50 students nationwide to receive an award.

A wide variety of corporate sponsored scholarships, including some renewable scholarships, are awarded nationwide, annually to women majoring Computer

Science or specific fields of Engineering in certain years of their education. These awards typically total more than \$60,000.

Pham describes her accomplishment as encouraging. "It gives me the incentive to achieve my goals," said Pham.

Pham enjoys working with hardware and software and hopes to one day become a computer engineer.

"Lan Pham is a hard worker and very dedicated to her school work," said Dr. Vashundhra Choudry,

associate professor of Electrical and Computer Engineering and advisor of SWE. "Lan is a very enterprising and outgoing student. She's the only woman in her class."

Choudry and the engineering department have a lot of faith in Pham and know she will someday achieve all of her goals.

Leaders Wanted

A committee comprised of the University's Leadership Wilkes-Barre alumni will select a nominee from the University for Leadership's 1998 class. Anyone interested in being the Wilkes nominee is asked to submit a letter of interest that addresses the following question:

How do you think the Leadership Wilkes-Barre program can help you fulfill your aspirations as a leader at Wilkes and in the Greater Wilkes-Barre area?

If you have asked to be considered a candidate for Leadership Wilkes-Barre in previous years, the selection committee asks that you reconfirm your interest by submitting the aforementioned letter. Also, be sure that you have the support of your supervisor before sending your letter. Please send letters of interest to Paul Adams at University College by March 21.

Leadership Wilkes-Barre brings together new and emerging leaders throughout the greater Wilkes-Barre area to: 1. inform and expose participants to community concerns, problems, challenges and potential solutions; 2. provide an opportunity for participants to meet and exchange ideas; and 3. motivate and encourage participants to assume leadership roles in community affairs.

If you have questions about the program you may wish to speak to a past participant of one of the Leadership Wilkes-Barre programs. Those individuals include Paul Adams, Ashim Basu, Scott Bodfish, Gary Giamartino, Barbara King, Ann Kolanowski, Mike Lennon, Diane Polachek, Dorothy Price Lane, Rob Seeley and Maggie Webster.

Soap Updates

ALL MY CHILDREN: Erica returned to Wildwind with the baby, but after seeing Dimitri and Maria embracing, she left and went back to Willow Lake. Later, at the memorial service for the child, Erica said she was going to Russia to adopt an infant. Pierce began to recall his daughter, but not what happened to her. Erica took Esther and the baby to New York. **Wait To See:** Hayley hears Tanner's "revelation."

ANOTHER WORLD: Carl visited a drugged Grant to get a confession, and unwittingly left a clue to his identity. Later, Carl asked Jake to "edit" the confession tape. Vicky saw a new side of Bobby when he spoke of running from his memories. Toni asked her mother, Etta Mae, to quit working for Vicky because it's dangerous. Rachel invited Carl to move back in. **Wait To See:** The Carlinos face danger.

AS THE WORLD TURNS: Mike searched for the missing Pilar. Holden told Emily and Kirk either of them could be Diego's killer. Kit told David Lily won't "talk." Despite David's reluctance to discuss his past, Lisa found something out about him. Bob walked in as a confused Kim turned to John for reassurance. Someone tried to stop Holden from using the evidence that could help Lily. **Wait To See:** Margo becomes increasingly upset by the investigation.

THE BOLD AND THE BEAUTIFUL: Lauren reconsidered her parting from Eric, but then learned he and Stephanie had reconciled. Ridge was furious when he learned Grant now had control of Forrester, thanks to Brooke's decision to sign it over to him. Sheila offered Curtis money to woo Maggie so she can get out of James' life. Stephanie told Michael she brought a gun to work so that Ridge can take it for repairs. **Wait To See:** A gun goes off in Grant's office.

THE CITY: Angie performed a tracheotomy on Lorraine to save her life. Lorraine had a disturbing vision, but Nick assumed she was being hysterical. Gino's cronies told Tracy they suspect she was involved in his death. At Tracy's urging, Alex got into Gino's apartment only to find it

trashed. After Alex left, Tracy found what she was looking for. Danny told Ally Tony was moving away with Carla. **Wait To See:** On Friday, March 28, the series' last episode airs with an unexpected twist of fate.

DAYS OF OUR LIVES: Marlena has decided that if she and John will be together, it will be because Kristen self-destructs. King's suspicions about Bo, Billie, and Hope led to his decision to kill them all. Kristen told Vivian and Susan she'll have Susan nurse the baby. Later, Ivan was erroneously given a dose of the anti-lactating drug meant for Susan and told Vivian Dr. Wu prescribed an antidote: making love to a beautiful woman — and would Vivian help fill the prescription? **Wait To See:** Susan prepares for her appointment with Dr. Marlena Evans.

GENERAL HOSPITAL: Sonny told Luke about Stefan rescuing Katherine who had fallen in her hospital room. Bobbie decided to check out Lesley's medical records. Later, Bobbie became concerned when she learned of Lucas' emotional eruption when he saw Tony and Carly embrace. Jason's drug investigation led to Dorman's apartment. **Wait To See:** Bobbie is trapped in a warehouse fire.

GUIDING LIGHT: Josh got bad news about HB and rushed to his father's bedside. Ross asked a devastated Blake for a divorce. Alan reacted to the truth about his relationship to Amanda. The board members were rocked by the revelation about Amanda and by Alexandra's mysterious reappearance. **Wait To See:** Reva may get more than she expects when she confronts Annie.

ONE LIFE TO LIVE: Viki rescued Dorian during the snowstorm, and let her stay at Llanfair. Later, the two women agreed to work to find a blood marrow donor for Starr. In New York, Casey told Andy and Antonio he was the building superintendent, but he later pulled a gun on Antonio. Maggie found Ian going through her father's office. **Wait To See:** Maggie makes a confession.

SUNSET BEACH: Meg found the briefcase of jewels Annie dropped and



SCOTT REEVES,
"RYAN,"
"YOUNG & THE RESTLESS"

put them in Lost and Found where Ben later found them. Later, Eddie tried to persuade Gregory that Del was already dead when he arrived, and the jewels were missing. Tiffany told Olivia she could link Olivia to Del's murder. Michael told Vanessa he shot and killed James' father in a gang war years ago. Eddie abducted Meg and told Ben he'll trade her for the jewels. Olivia was about to tell Cole he's Elaine's son, when he saw a photo of Caitlin and realized what he's done. **Wait To See:** Paula faces new danger.

THE YOUNG AND THE RESTLESS: Ryan decided to leave Nina and move into Flo's place with little Phillip. Ashley caught Grant looking at photos in the bedroom of the house Kurt may sell, and realized he was Linda's lover. Diane kept her dinner with Victor secret from Jack. John warned Jill he'll sue for custody of Billy if she marries Keith. Neil was overwhelmed when Dru told a TV interviewer that she credits him with her success. In Madison, Grace saw a document Frank signed giving his consent to the adoption of Sharon's baby. **Wait To See:** Tony moves in on an "opportunity."

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HOROSCOPES

With Carrie Nepa

Aries (March 21-April 20) Aries girls will receive an unexpected gift this week. For the rest of you, your love meter will go wild when you see a new face.

Taurus (April 21-May 21) Does it feel like everyone is ganging up on you? Well, blow them off and go on with your life.

Gemini (May 22-June 21) You are feeling the need to organize your life this week. Don't hesitate to do it.

Cancer (June 22-July 23) Don't be crabby this week, you may hurt someone you truly love.

Leo (July 24-August 23) Leo, this week keep your self-esteem up, you'll need it to prove yourself.

Virgo (August 24-September 23) Have you been feeling distant from your friends lately? If so, spend a little quality time with them.

Libra (September 24-October 23) If you feel a little left out from your friends, don't sweat, everything will be fine next week.

Scorpio (October 24-November 22) If things seem uptight this week spend some time by yourself. Have fun with your friends on the weekend.

Sagittarius (November 23-December 21) Life may seem unfair this week, but don't worry, the weekend will cheer you up.

Capricorn (December 22-January 20) You are feeling lucky this week. It will be worth your while to use it wisely.

Aquarius (January 21-February 19) Major changes are in the future for you Aquarian's. It's up to you if they will be good or bad.

Pisces (February 20-March 20) You're low with money this week, so use the money you have wisely.

80's trivia with Donna Talarico

Music: What song did Taco have success with in 1983?

Television: Scott Baio and Nicole Eggert starred in this sitcom.

Movies: What animals invaded John Candy's garbage in The Great Outdoors?

News: The first issue of this national news source went on sale on September 15, 1982.

Grab Bag: What comedian was the spokesperson for JELL-O Pudding Pops?

If you think you know the answers to these questions, be sure to tune into 90.7 WCLH-FM for "Interstate 80: Highway of Hits" on Friday at 5 p.m. for your chance to win a **FREE LARGE PIZZA** from Desi's Pizza!!! If you don't know the answers, listen anyway to refresh your memory on the 1980's. If you have any questions or comments e-mail Donna at talarids@wilkes.edu

(Answers to last week's trivia: The Locomotion, Advertising Agency; Silver Bullet; Harry Chapin; and Donatello(rico), Leonardo, Raphael, Michelangelo and April O'Neal)

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A couple of students looking into the possibility of organizing a country team to compete next semester. Anyone might be interested contact Joe Gromer ext. 5423 or Phil T at ext. 5025. Both women, with or without experience, are now desperately trying to get a program started.

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WILKES CROSS COUNTRY

A couple of students are looking into the possibility of organizing a cross-country team to compete next semester. Anyone who might be interested can contact Joe Gromelski at ext. 5423 or Phil Tochelli at ext. 5025. Both men and women, with or without experience, are needed desperately to try to get this program started again.

Banter in the Booth

with Michael Noone

There are certain milestones in sports that are truly remarkable, such as Cal Ripkin breaking Lou Gehrig's consecutive games played streak. This week another remarkable sports record fell when North Carolina's Dean Smith passed Kentucky's legendary Adolph Rupp as the winningest coach in college basketball.

Smith won his 877th game when the Tar Heels defeated Colorado in the second round of the NCAA tournament. Smith, the personification of dignity and class, is perhaps the most highly respected coach in all of college basketball. Smith has achieved remarkable success during his career, including two national championships, while running a program that is the standard by which other college basketball programs are measured.

Dean Smith recruits and develops talent in both players and coaches better than anyone in the country. NBA stars ranging from Michael Jordan and James Worthy to Jerry Stackhouse and Rasheed Wallace played their college ball at North Carolina.

Dean Smith also teaches his trade to his assistants who often go on to great success. Kansas head coach Roy Williams is one of Smith's former assistants.

One of the most remarkable characteristics about players and coaches who have learned from Dean Smith is their unyielding loyalty. Many of Smith's former players came back to celebrate with their former coach.

In typical modest fashion, Dean Smith did not want any fanfare to focus on his personal accomplishment. Rather he gave all of the credit to his former and current players. There was no post-game celebration that drew attention to his record-breaking victory. Instead Coach Smith graciously thanked his players and all the fans and began to prepare for next week's game.

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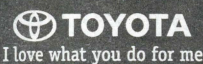
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Colonels build around explosive hitters and young pitching staff

By **MICHAEL NOONE**
Beacon Sports Editor

The Wilkes University Colonels opened the northern portion of their schedule this week by splitting a doubleheader with Muhlenberg and beating Marywood in a game that showcased the Colonels' hitting. The Colonels have never had a real problem scoring runs. Wilkes University has traditionally been one of the top run producing teams in the nation.

After winning three of their first six games in Florida to open the season, the Colonels traveled to Allentown to take on Muhlenberg in a doubleheader on Sunday. The Colonels won the first game, 18-4 and lost the nightcap, 8-3.

In the opener, Augie Mitschke crushed a 425-foot home run for Wilkes. Junior Randy Yerger went 2-4, scoring four runs while Jim Domzalski went 3-5 with four RBI for the Colonels.

Freshman Nate Lipton picked up the win for Wilkes, pitching five innings and striking out two. Lipton beat King's in his only start during the Florida road trip.

The Mules bounced back in the second game, defeating Wilkes 8-3. Yerger scored two of the Colonels' runs in the late game while going 2-4.

Jason Lenko picked up the loss for the Colonels pitching four innings and striking out one. Lenko tossed a no-hitter in his collegiate debut against Clarion, also in Florida. Junior Dan Moretski came on in relief for Lenko, striking out five in two innings.

The Colonels defeated Marywood, 12-7, Monday afternoon to improve to 5-4 on the year. Brian Kaschak went 3-5 and drove in four runs for the Colonels. Mike Viglone had four hits for Wilkes including a home run. Mike Evans knocked a solo home run for the Colonels while Ryan Flynn tripled and drove in two runs.

Tim Popovich pitched three and two-thirds innings in relief for the victory. Popovich struck out five and walked two.

The Colonels squared off against Beaver College in a twinbill Wednesday afternoon at Artillery Park.

Wilkes split the doubleheader, winning the first game 11-5 and losing the second 7-6. The Colonels are now 6-5 on the year.

Yerger hit a leadoff home run in the first game.

In the second game, Mitschke hit his third home run of the season. Viglone also homered in the Colonels' loss. Jim Domzalski hit a triple and a double in the nightcap.

The Colonels' pitching staff should be solid this year to go along with their strong offense. Second year coach

Joe Folek hopes the additions to the Wilkes pitching rotation will help the Colonels back to the Middle Atlantic Conference playoffs.

Kaschak hit .368 with a career high four homers and 23 runs batted in.

Sophomore Mike Viglone will start at second base after hitting .368 with a homer and 14 runs batted in during his first year.

Jim Domzalski returns at shortstop for the Colonels. Domzalski was an MAC All-Star last season, hitting .306 with one home run and a career best 34 runs batted in.

The infield is completed by Mike Evans at third base, where he saw spot duty last season. Evans hit .346 in 1996 and showed some power with three homers and 11 runs batted in.

Senior Geoff Little, sophomore Mike Motsay and freshmen Nick D'Amico and Corey Reader give the Colonels depth in the infield.

The Wilkes outfield is centered around junior centerfielder Randy Yerger. Yerger made a big impact during his first season as an outfielder for the Colonels last year, hitting a team best .419 and knocking in a school record 51 runs scored to go along with 52 hits and 31 stolen bases. Yerger was also a key member of the Colonels' pitching staff.

Yerger is joined in the outfield by Curtis Kroesen in left and Chris Tyukody in right. Kroesen hit .349 last

season with three home runs and 17 RBI while playing the outfield for the first time. Tyukody hit .357 in a reserve role last season with a home run and nine RBI.

Junior Tom Urban, sophomore Ray Bernardi and freshman Jamie Connell provide depth in the Wilkes outfield.

Senior Ryan Flynn returns for his third year behind the plate for the Colonels. A strong defensive catcher with a great arm, Flynn hit .333 last season with three homers and 16 RBI.

Pitching is the area where the Colonels look to improve most from last season. Despite scoring 297 runs, the pitching staff gave up 260 runs which led to some shootouts. Among the returning pitchers for the Colonels are Yerger who was 4-1 with 7.22 ERA last season and Kaschak who was 3-3 with an 8.27 ERA.

Among the newcomers to the pitching staff this season are Moretski, sophomore Bill Weidner, and freshmen Lipton, Jason Eberts, Steve Toth, Popovich, and Lenko, the only lefthander on the staff.

"I really feel we have the talent to challenge for a playoff spot this season and possibly the MAC championship," said Folek. "We have three seniors who were on the last MAC championship team here at Wilkes and they really want to get back there and win one more ring before they graduate."

This Saturday the Colonels travel to King's for a 1 p.m. game. Wilkes returns to Artillery Park on Thursday, March 27 for a 3 p.m. game against Moravian. On Saturday, March 29 Wilkes hosts FDU-Madison at 1 p.m.

Play Ball!



Beacon file photo

First baseman Augie Mitschke (28) leads an explosive Wilkes lineup. Mitschke has hit three home runs for the Colonels so far this season.

"Our biggest asset is our ability to score runs," said Folek. "With an unproven pitching staff, we are going to need our freshmen to grow up fast and keep us in the game. If we are close at the end, I think our offense will overcome a lot."

The Wilkes infield has the benefit of experience from last year. At first base Augie Mitschke will once again be the anchor for the Colonels. Mitschke led the Colonels with eight homers and knocked in 24 runs despite missing a month after having his appendix removed. Brian Kaschak, when not the designated hitter, will spell Mitschke at first. Last year,

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In-line
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By JACK CRAFT
Beacon Staff Writer

With the mild weather comes the outdoor activities. One of the hottest new recreation trends is in-line skating. However, a primary City Council a few months ago has the area's skaters a bit concerned.

On the first of the votes necessary for approval, the council unanimously voted to ban in-line skating in the downtown area — a move that would prohibit skating for transportation or any other recreational purpose.

Besides the concern of students who use in-line skates as a means of city transportation, the group of a dozen or so who visit Public Square every day to skate at the school.

"We're here to skate," says 17-year-old in-line skater, Anthony T. standing atop the steps of Public Square.

Skateboards have been banned in the downtown area since 1987, but they are a common sight. Will a ban in-line skates have the same effect?

"Nothing will change," said Turco. "When the council comes and tell us to get out, we're back in 20 minutes, half an hour."

Several of the skaters who attended the prim