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## SG budget released

By COREY YANOSHAKE  
Beacon Managing Editor

Did you ever take notice of your tuition bill from Wilkes University? Has anyone ever noticed the "Student Activity Fee?"

It is currently \$100, but that price may be going up in the near future. The Student Government has passed a proposal last night to raise the Student Activity fee to \$200 for each student.

Wilkes currently has the lowest Student Activity Fee among area colleges. The highest price found by members of Student Government in a recent survey of nine schools was King's College, whose Student Activity Fee stands at \$670.

This fee makes up the Student Government budget and is used to fund numerous clubs and boards.

"This money is not our money and we do not spend the majority of it," said SG Treasurer Jeff Reichl. "Students are blaming us for no programs, but we are not in charge. We divide all the money between all the different groups. SG only gets a small fraction of the \$140,000."

Reichl leads the Budget Committee, which oversees all of the money distribution. The committee looks at review sheets at the end of the year and will evaluate a club's performance based on the programs and activities they have performed. If a club is using the money they receive to its full advantage, they will receive an increase. But if nothing is being done with the funds, the club will not get the money asked for.

"Production leads to increases," said Reichl, quite simply. "If clubs don't use their money for anything, they won't get anything."

The biggest recipient of the SG budget is the Programming Board, which is responsible for the free movies that play each weekend. The Programming Board receives a total of \$56,300 per year, divided among six categories. The PB categories

include: concert, entertainment, film, novelty, publicity, and technology. Concert joins the yearbook, Amnicola, as the top-two individual money-getters. Each receives \$25,000 per year.

The Programming Board could not be reached for a comment as no messages were returned on Wednesday.

Any monies received are divided by two and dispersed each semester.

Clubs such as Aids Awareness and Community Service have seen increases in their money awards, based on past performance. The Community Service sector is responsible for programs like Into the Streets and Homelessness and Hunger Week, which aid charities and communities. Aids Awareness was responsible for numerous speakers and events last year, which helped SG favor to provide them more money. Community Service received an increase of \$200, while Aids Awareness received \$400 more.

The third biggest recipient is SG's All College Weekend Fund, which gets \$15,000. This fund goes towards Homecoming and Family Weekend.

PB's Film category is allotted \$11,000, ranking as fourth. These are the films that students can see for free each weekend.

"Our main goal is to increase student involvement and more events equal more students," noted Reichl.

If the SG's wishes are granted, the new Student Activity Fee of \$200 will serve to give smaller clubs a \$300 start-up fee to work with, while also being able to grant other club's requests for more money.

In a SG survey, 155 students were in favor of the new proposal, while 57 were opposed.

But in order for this increase to take action, the Board of Trustees must pass the proposal. The board will meet in December and if passed, the new fee will take effect in fall of 2000.



**Wilkes' students will begin their performance of *You Can't Take It With You* on November 11 at 8:00 PM.**

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## Alumnus speaks at President's Breakfast

By JILL STANKOSKI  
Beacon Staff Writer

Dr. Jesse Choper was a guest speaker at the President's Breakfast Series on Friday, October 19, 8 AM. The topic of this forum was "The U.S. Supreme Court: Recent Past, Present and Future."

He compared the ideologies and how each idea affected these political figures, which was carried on from generation to generation. He also discussed in his lecture the affects of society and the way of life for people in changing times.

Also, after the breakfast, Dr. Choper spoke to Dr. Baldino's American Presidency Class. He discussed Liberals and Conservatives

from Roosevelt to the president of today's society.

Dr. Jesse Choper is a graduate of Wilkes University, 1957, and University of California Earl Warren Professor of Public Law.

Dr. Choper has served as law clerk to Chief Justice Earl Warren and acted as Research Editor of the University of Pennsylvania Law Review. His areas of expertise include Constitutional Law and Corporate Law, both of which are the subjects of two casebooks for which he shares co-authoring credits for.

For 20 years, Dr. Choper has been one of the major lecturers at U.S. Law Week's Annual Constitutional Law Conference in Washington D.C., along with the various other conventions across the country.



**Dr. Jesse Choper spoke on the U.S. Supreme Court at the President's Breakfast Series.**



## Wilkes to hold Diversity Conference

By BETHANY STEFANEC  
Beacon Staff Writer

Wilkes University will host the Sixth Annual Colleges and Universities Conference on Diversity, "New Millennium Strategies for an Inclusive Campus and Community Environment," on Friday, November 12 from 8:30 AM to 3 PM in the Student Union Building, 84 West South Street, Wilkes-Barre.

The conference provides faculty, Student Affairs personnel, and students with information and opens a discussion on how to create a more inclusive environment on campus. Keynote speaker Dr. William Norris, professor of Sociology at Oberlin College, will deliver the speech "Diversities and Their Discontents: Coping with Race,



Seated from left to right: Sharon Teinban, Gay Meyers, and Gina Morrison. Standing from left to right: Elly Miller, Jim Harrington, and Nealon Caputo.

Gender, and Sexuality."

Norris received a doctorate from Harvard University, a master's degree from the University of Florida, and a bachelor's degree from the University of Arizona. His work in the Peace Corps in Brazil lead him to sociology with research interest in housing, social, issues and

community organization among the impoverished.

More recently, his research focused on sexual minorities in higher education and sexuality and social movements. Some of his publications include "Coping with Poverty in Urban Brazil," "Liberal Attitudes and Homophobic Acts: The Paradoxes of Homosexual Experiences in a Liberal Institution," and "Doing Without."

The keynote address will be followed by concurrent sessions dealing with inclusive issues and interactive small group discussions. The program is open to the public for a registration fee of \$20 per person, which includes lunch. There will be no charge for college students with proper I.D.

To register or for more information, contact Gay F. Meyers, associate professor of education at Wilkes, at (570) 408-4686.

## Upcoming play shows off Wilkes

By BETHANY STEFANEC  
Beacon Staff Writer

Wilkes University's Department of Visual and Performing Arts will showcase the comedic production *You Can't Take It With You* in the Edward Darling Jr. Theater of the Dorothy Dickson Darte Center for the Performing Arts, South and River Streets, Wilkes-Barre. The show will run November 11-13 at 8 PM and November 14 at 2 PM.

The play introduces us to two very different families. First, the unconventional Sycamores whose head of house, Paul, played by Eric C. Bailey of Jersey City, N.J., likes to tinker with fireworks in the basement while his wife, Penny, played by Heather Webb of Old Lyme, Conn., focuses on being a writer, an occupation she chooses after a typewriter was delivered to her house by mistake. Their two daughters, Essie, a candy maker and wishful ballerina, played by Corin Ztanz of Wantage, N.J., and Alice, the youngest and most normal of the bunch, played by

Trish Blaine, of Red Rock, Pa., out this peculiar brood.

The Kirbys, our second family, are melancholy members of the istic business world. When the Kirbys' attractive, idealistic son, played by Rys Shovlin of Wilkes-Barre, falls in love with Alice, a clash is bound to occur. After dinner, the plot spins out of control and the marriage of the two seems doomed. It's now up to the couple to help their opposing families overcome prejudice and preconceptions before tying the knot, but not before more bizarre antics take over the stage. The play is directed by Max Dawson, associate professor of Theater at Wilkes. The scenes, stage manager Dever, set designer David Koschak, and lighting designer Shock assist in producing the play. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for senior citizens and students. For more information, contact the box office at (570) 408-4545. *Bent* is an underground love story h

## Yetter speaks at SIFE forum

By JILL STANKOSKI  
Beacon Staff Writer

The main topic of this year's Students in Free Enterprise forum was of the health care industry, mainly with a concentration on pharmaceuticals. Wilkes alumnus and trustee Wayne P. Yetter, Carversville, Pa., newly named chief

operating officer of IMS Health, was a guest speaker. Yetter was elected to the Board of Directors of IMS Health, a biopharmaceutical company. The public is interested in the pharmaceutical industry. SIFE held their annual Entrepreneurs' Forum on Thursday, November 28, at 7 PM in the Auditorium of the Stark Center.

Senior Kirk Leslie said it was a great night of dinner and entertainment based on the interesting entrepreneurship.

Yetter earned a bachelor's degree in Biology from Wilkes University in 1967 and spent time in the United States Army. He was an Officer Candidate School graduate, Benning, GA, and as first sergeant, Platoon Leader, Signal Company, Fourth Infantry Division, Vietnam.

In 1973 Yetter, received a master's degree in Business Administration from Bryant University in Smithfield, RI, and an honorary doctorate in 1996. He completed a Global Leadership Program at the University of Michigan. He is a Business Administration professor at the Novartis Harvard Business School. Tickets are available at the Student Union Building, the Novartis Harvard Business School, on Tuesday, November 9, from 11 AM to 5 PM. For more information, contact the box office at (570) 343-7100.

Senior Vic Scelba said, "It was an interesting look into the world of capitalism."

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## 1999-2000 SG Budget

Organization:	98-99 Budget	99-00 Request	Amount Granted	Buffer
Amnicola	25,000	28,500	25,000	
AIDS Awareness	3,000	3,500	3,400	
Commuter Council	2,200	3,500	2,600	
Circle K	1,150	1,200	1,000	
Class of 2000	3,000	3,000	3,000	
Class of 2001	300	300	300	
Class of 2002	300	300	300	
Class of 2003	200	200	200	
Community Service	5,300	6,000	5,500	
Concert & Lecture	4,000	4,000	2,000	
IRHC	3,000	4,000	3,000	
MCSC	2,400	4,000	4,000	
Off-Campus Council	3,250	3,500	3,000	
SHAC	300	300	300	
Cheerleaders	1,900	2,500	2,000	
<b>Programming Board</b>				
Concert	25,000	30,000	25,000	5,000
Entertainment	3,500	10,000	3,500	2,000
Film	10,250	12,000	11,000	
Novelty	10,650	10,000	9,500	
Publicity	3,000	3,000	3,000	
Tech	2,250	4,500	4,300	
<b>Student Government</b>				
General	7,650		7,500	
Sp. Projects	3,000		3,000	
All College	15,500		15,000	
Var. Clubs	2,600		2,600	
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>140,000</b>	<b>163,050</b>	<b>140,000</b>	<b>7,000</b>
		Need to Cut:	23,050	

Note: These amounts are based on the entire year. Clubs are given only half of their allocation each semester, except for Programming Board which receives their entire allocation at the beginning of the year.



## Queers to show film

On November 9, 1999, at 7:30 p.m. in the Ballroom of the Student Union Building, the Wilkes Alliance of Reading Queer Students will be showing a cultural movie *Bent*.

This is a powerful love story of two men inside the Dachau Concentration Camp. In the harsh conditions of the work yard at Dachau, up to the task (Lothaire Blateau) teaches Max (Clive Owen) life-saving lessons, and more of which is the survival of the fittest. Though the two men cannot be together, they found a way to make the most of their time. Despite the agony, despite the death of Max, Max learns through his power and bond with Horst that survival, in the end, has less to do with the physical than with personal truth and David's fundamental human dignity.

The film is drawn from Martin Scorsese's award-winning and groundbreaking stage play, the first student film about Nazi persecution of homosexuals into the spotlight.

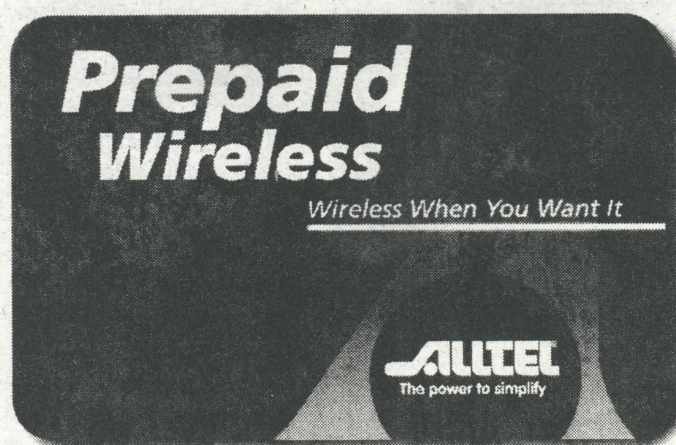
*Bent* is an unconventional war-love story helmed by acclaimed director Sean Mathias, making his feature film directorial debut. The film's cast features Lothaire Blateau as Horst, Clive Owen as Max, Brian Webber as Rudy, Sir Ian McKellen as Uncle Freddie, and Christopher Jagger as Greta (a drag queen). The public is welcome to attend. If there are any questions please contact James Harrington, WAQS advisor, at extension 4428 or e-mail him at [jharringt@wilkes.edu](mailto:jharringt@wilkes.edu).

## Commuter Council host trip to NYC

In time for the holiday shopping season, Wilkes University's Commuter Council is hosting an all-day bus trip to New York City on Wednesday, November 24.

Buses will depart from the C. Marts Sports and Conference Center, 274 South Franklin Street, at 8 AM. The New York City drop off point will be on the corner of 48th Street and 6th Avenue. The bus will leave this location at 9 PM. The bus is expected to return to Wilkes by 11:30 PM.

Tickets are \$20 per person and are available at the Wilkes Student Union Building, 84 West South Street, on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11 AM to 1 PM. For more information, contact Carole Mancuso at (707) 343-7172.



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# An American Abroad

with Lisa Ruggiero

The Central Bank of the Dominican Republic injected forty-five million dollars, or RD\$723 million pesos, into the economy on Tuesday, October 19th in an attempt to stop the devaluation of the peso against the dollar. The Central Bank stated all banks and legal changing agents could sell the dollar for no more than RD\$16.15. Of the forty-five million dollars, fifteen million went to the changing agents and thirty million to the commercial banks.

A Dominican Republic newspaper affirmed the idea is to deflate the speculative bubble in the market after which the authorities predicted a rise of 1.75% to 5% in the changing commission like the complement to the differential of the petroleum in order to pay the foreign debt. The speculative bubble is the rumors people began to spread when the price of gasoline went up. The newspaper is, in other words, explaining that the government will use the forty-five million to close the gap between the dollar and the peso, enabling itself to pay the foreign debt more easily.

Meanwhile, the Consejo de Gobierno will meet in order to evaluate the actions of the past eight months

and to prepare a plan of action for the remainder of this administration. One of the priorities of the government is to define the number of works that will be concluded during its administration and the resources that will be specialized in such ends. The government has solicited an inventory of works of the principal institutions in order to develop the proper program. Besides preparing the priorities of the next fiscal year, which is limited to eight months, the government will adopt other means to guarantee the fulfillment of various commitments, especially that of the salary increase for the doctors who work in public hospitals. They will receive an additional RD\$1,300 million to complete the total amount promised.

All of these measures are part of the government's efforts to modernize the country for the coming millennium. Almost all of the money generated in the country is invested in projects such as these as well as large construction projects in the capital, making it seem like more is getting accomplished than actually is. This particular venture though, has a large impact on Americans — more than what they might realize. The money, and more, is given to the government by the Clinton Administration.

# Letters to the Editor

## The facts about Student Government

The purposes and powers of Student Government as stated in the Student Government Constitution are "to represent the entire student body, to act as a liaison between the students and the administration, to plan and coordinate activities on campus, and to promote fellowship, scholarship, and the name of Wilkes University."

Out of the \$140,000 budget from the student activity fee, only \$28,100 goes directly to Student Government. The rest of the money is divided among various clubs and organizations on campus such as Programming Board (\$63,000), Amnicola (\$25,000 — which is still currently in operation), and 14 other clubs and organizations. When a club approaches Student Government and requests funds, the money is taken out of the Various Clubs Fund. The Various Clubs Fund this semester has a budget of only \$1,300, so a club requesting \$1,500 could not possibly be granted the full amount of funds that they requested. Community service, fund-raisers, current account balance, and a breakdown of costs are factors that are included on a

fund request sheet to aid Student Government in making a decision as to how much money to award a particular club.

Another responsibility of Student Government is to approve various clubs' and organizations' constitutions. Student Government approves constitutions so that a club or organization has the full privilege of reserving a meeting room via the student activities coordinator, approaching Student Government for financial support, and utilizing the account services provided by Wilkes University financial management. Every club or organization must have a constitution approved by Student Government. For example, when the former ALLY club came to Student Government, they requested approval of their new constitution. Part of their new constitution included a change in their club's name from ALLY to Wilkes Alliance of Queer Students (WAQS). Some clubs have areas of their constitution that bring about debate within Student Government; in the WAQS constitution, the issue just happened to be

the name change.

To promote student involvement and awareness of Student Government, the officers of Student Government involve themselves in campus and community events such as Car Day, the Santa Parade, River Rumble, and Midnight Madness name a few. Also, this year's Student Government welcomed in the freshmen class by helping them move their belongings into their rooms the first day back. Students are encouraged to participate in planning events and activities throughout campus.

The entire Wilkes' student body is invited to attend our weekly Student Government meetings on Wednesday nights at 6:00 PM in the Student Organizational Suite located on the first floor of the Student Union Building. If any student has questions or concerns, they may contact the Student Government office at (570) 408-2910.

Jeff Reichl (Treasurer) and Beth Danner (Secretary)

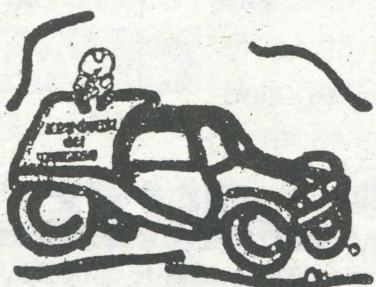
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## Student objects to last week's writing

Reading *The Beacon* the past few weeks has not been enjoyable. It seems our newspaper has become the platform for students to voice uninformed opinions. Case in point: the October 28th issue. There were not one but two articles in that issue that seemed to stem from pure ignorance and arrogance.

Mel Moyer and Jeff Ward's article about Student Government and the proposal to raise the student activity fee was clearly an uninformed opinion. Had both gentlemen bothered to attend the forum the day the paper was printed, they would have had all of their questions answered; thus, readers would not have been subjected to such dribble.

The second article I refer to is

Brian Trosko's subject in his Technology Bytes, which had nothing at all to do with technology. Anyone who feels the need to call others names like "nitwit" simply because they hold a different viewpoint has serious problems to deal with. The fact that there are two viewpoints of how this earth began, by evolution or by creation, cannot be denied. What can be refuted is the idea that one idea has won and the other has lost. This issue is not a game of chess, it is rather a game of Simon Says and for the past few 100 years or so, Simon Says evolution.

Mr. Trosko said that "Creationist nitwits" should not be allowed to influence what is taught in high school science courses. I ask why not? Why are students only presented with one

view of how the world came to be? how it works? Personally, I have seen any conclusive evidence presented on the evolutionists' part accept what they believe as fact. I have taken science courses in high school and college in which the evolution theory was presented as fact and I tried, in each one, to understand the evolutionary point of view. However, I found that there are too many gaps that no one seems able to fill.

Although a passionate Creationist, I do not feel the need to verbally bash my evolutionist counterparts. Perhaps it is time for scientist Mr. Trosko to adjust to the idea that there are, for now, two sides to the issue of how we got here.

Beth A. Weir

## The planning of a concert

A lot of controversy is going on around campus these days that needs to be addressed. There are a lot of things that people need to understand. This article is intended to help clarify a few of these misconceptions. If you do not know by now, each year Programming Board holds a concert for the members of the University. There is a lot of planning, deadlines, and budgets to work with in order to hold a concert. Some people do not under-

stand all that goes into having a concert. Hopefully this will help people to understand. While we would all love to see bigger bands like Dave Matthews, Counting Crows, and N'SYNC here on campus, Programming Board just does not have the funds to cover a concert of that magnitude. Our budget consists of 1/3 of what these bands would cost us. With this restriction, it severely limits our choices of potential bands that we can

accommodate. However, we, as many other students, would love to have these bands come here, but it is not feasible with the current budget that we have.

There is also a time factor involved in booking a concert. It is a great idea and we would love to

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## The future is coming quick and I don't know what to do, or care

As the end of the semester creeps closer and graduation nears, one thing remains certain — I still don't know what I am going to do when my graduation day comes.

I still have a year and a half left, but I see students scurrying around to get their resumes out and looking for jobs. I know this may not be the right attitude, but I'm still young and want to enjoy my life. I don't want to worry about finding the perfect job or saving money to buy nice clothes.

I see students looking for high-paying jobs in all different areas of the country. They're ready to hit the workplace the minute they receive their diploma.

Don't get me wrong, I give these ambitious students a lot of credit. They are taking the necessary steps to getting their feet in the door. They certainly know what they want out of life and how to go about getting it.

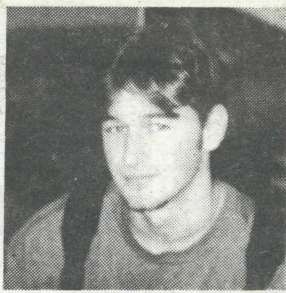
Me? I don't even have a resume. I saw a good idea how to make one. I saw an on-line site that could customize your own resume, so maybe in the future I'll go there and make one. As

a junior business major, I probably should have a better grip on my future, but it's still a year away, at least. Why worry about a resume or a job when there's so much else going on right now.

I have entertained a few ideas about the direction of my life, but little things cause me to change my views. At times, I want to leave the area, and at other times, I'd be comfortable staying where I am. One thing I have concluded is that I'll wait until I'm forced to make that decision rather than making it beforehand.

I have seen students that have no interest in the future and are worried mainly about wrestling and I have also seen students who are spending hundreds of dollars on suits. I have no authority to say which side is correct, but I can say that although I don't care about wrestling, I also don't care to spend \$700 on a suit that I can only wear once a week.

I have not had a chance to experience many job markets, and I am not sure where I want to spend my future. I hear students talking of mak-



**Corey Yanoshak**

ing \$150,000 a year or more. Myself, I would be happy to make \$50,000 and I know that is a stretch. For some reason, I feel like I'm behind in the race. I can think of so many things to do with \$40-50,000 that I would be out of my mind with three times that. Am I selling myself short or are these people a little too hopeful?

Personally, I realize I need to start looking to the future and getting some direction in my life. In a few months, however, baseball season will be here and priorities will change, so I'm not even going to worry about my future job right now.

**Corey Yanoshak is the Managing Editor of The Beacon. The opinions expressed in his column are those of his own and not The Beacon.**

## Concert

survey out on campus inquiring who people would like to see here, but unfortunately time is of the essence. There are many factors which restrict us from doing this. By the time a survey is compiled, answered by the students, returned, and counted, valuable time has been lost and there is a high probability that the prices for the bands will exceed our budget. This is due to the fact that we are competing with other colleges who are also in the market for bands. Prices rise as colleges bid on the bands and as the bands become more popular. Also, bands may be booked by the time the surveys are returned which makes the surveys useless.

This is why we hold general board meetings at 11:30 AM every Thursday in the Student Organizational Suite located in the Student Union Building. Everyone is welcome to attend these meetings to ask questions and voice their opinions not only regarding concerts but also about all the events that Programming Board sponsors on campus.

Another misconception floating

about is that Programming Board is solely responsible for booking the events which take place on campus. It needs to be known that the University holds the final say on what Programming Board can and cannot bring to campus. Another issue that needs to be addressed is the price of tickets. We are bound by contract with the bands to sell the tickets at a set price. That is why tickets are sold at the prices they are.

The Programming Board operates by looking to our general board members for input and feedback on the events scheduled each semester. The general board members are there to represent the student body, but unfortunately you cannot please everyone all of the time. So the bottom line is get involved with the organizations on campus and if you do not have the time to get involved, talk to your representatives. That is what they are there for.

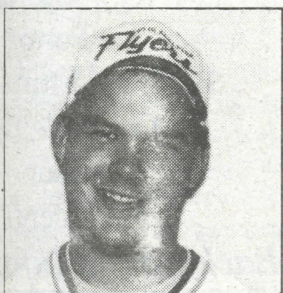
**Helen Dempsey  
Concert Chair  
Programming Board**

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# R o v i n g

with Claire Cole

## What do you like about autumn?



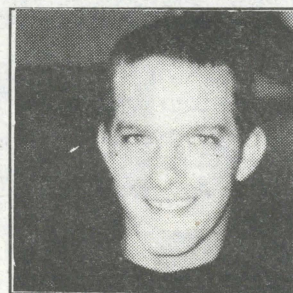
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"The large amount of hockey games we play."



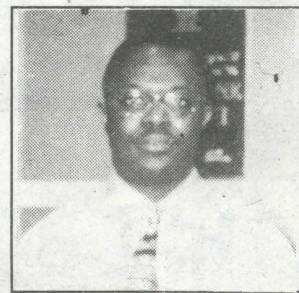
**-Lisa Donaldson**  
"The inches of leaves on the sidewalks."



**-Jen Lastovica**  
"The way the campus looks with different colored leaves."



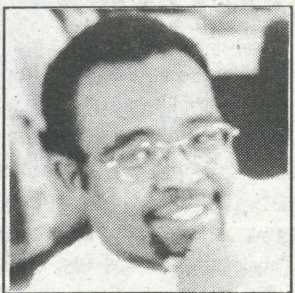
**-Joe Jaffer**  
"It's nearing the end of the semester."



**-Jacky Nkoba**  
"The leaves changing colors."



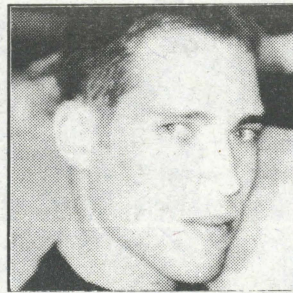
**-Kyla Campbell**  
"Watching football."



**-Jermaine Hilhinkle**  
"The leaves falling."



**-Ryan Gurian**  
"Scrambled Eggs every Friday at 5 PM on 90.7."



**-LeLand Turner**  
"The leaves at Kirby Park."



**-Liz Carp**  
"The pretty leaves."



## Satirical Interludes: The Second Coming

by Marc Eakin

I would like to start this week's column with a commentary on a section of Joe Porto's *From the Bench*, which appeared in the Beacon two weeks ago. Three years ago, way back in '96, I suggested to the Programming Board that they take a survey of Wilkes' students to determine which musicians should be considered for the annual concert. As are the majority of my observations, suggestions, and opinions, I was ignored and even dissed (I hope I'm using this hip slang correctly). I'm not sure how, but I know Melissa Riggleman and Joe Porto are conspiring to steal the best of my ideas and present them as their own. I can only hope that the current Programming Board Executive Committee will see the genius behind this suggestion.

Now it's time for what you were all waiting for: my weekly suggestion on how to raise academic standards at Wilkes. This week I would like to make a comparison between Wilkes and King's College. For the past year and a half, I have been taking classes in a particular department at King's. While I have only taken courses in this particular department, I have observed the same phenomenon throughout the majority of the departments at King's. The observation is that King's professors are very active researchers and not only do they perform research, they also include as many students as possible in their research (no, not just as subjects). One professor at King's even attempted to include me in her research (innuendo intended)!

This research experience is giving King's students not only experience, but it is increasingly important for those students who wish to go to graduate school. Why are students at Wilkes not given this opportunity? I'm sure that there are some departments at Wilkes in which professors are actively engaged in research with their students, but this should be

true in every department at Wilkes. Some people may say that every student is able to engage in independent research. In my opinion, students should first be given the opportunity to do research in conjunction with an experienced researcher (i.e., a college professor), to gain the experience, skills, and confidence to perform an independent research project. Can anyone disagree with me?

On a positive note, I finally got a response from two people in the Wilkes Community regarding my column on the Sordoni Art Gallery. One was from a student who was concerned that she would lose her work-study job if the Sordoni were closed. The other was from James E. Harrington, Jr., Chairperson of the Department of Visual and Performing Arts. Not only did Mr. Harrington take the time to e-mail me, we also met in person and held dialogue! This is what should happen: I write my opinion and members of the Wilkes' family respond with their opinion. Maybe I haven't made this clear enough. No, Mr. Harrington and I did not totally agree, but we were able to agree on some issues and appreciate each other's perspectives. I can only hope that others will follow the fine example set by Mr. Harrington.

I would like to share a quote which has very special meaning to me: "Bureaucracy is a challenge to be conquered with a righteous attitude, a tolerance for stupidity, and a bulldozer when necessary," from Peter's Laws: The Creed of the Sociopathic Obsessive Compulsive poster which hangs above my computer. The only part I disagree with is "a tolerance for stupidity." Please feel free to send me your comments, suggestions, and/or criticisms at [eakinmr@wilkes.edu](mailto:eakinmr@wilkes.edu).

## The Campus Beat

-with Claire Cole

Thursday 11/4

Biology Club Bake Sale @ 10AM-1PM

- Student Union Concourse

Rollerhockey Club Candy Sale @ 10AM-1PM

- Student Union Concourse

Applications for Alternative Spring Break Service Trip are being accepted.

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Friday 11/5

Film - Dick @ 7:30PM

- Ballroom, 2nd Floor of Student Union

Monday 11/8

RAW vs MONDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL @ 7:30PM

- Ballroom, 2nd Floor of Student Union

Tuesday 11/9

Taste of Wilkes @ 12PM

- Ballroom, 2nd Floor of Student Union

- Volunteers cook - you pay \$5 and get to sample recipes. All money goes to United Way.

Oxfam Cafe @ 7:30-10:00AM

- Stark Lobby

Wednesday 11/10

Hunger Banquet @ 5PM

- Student Union, 1st Floor

## Pic of the Week

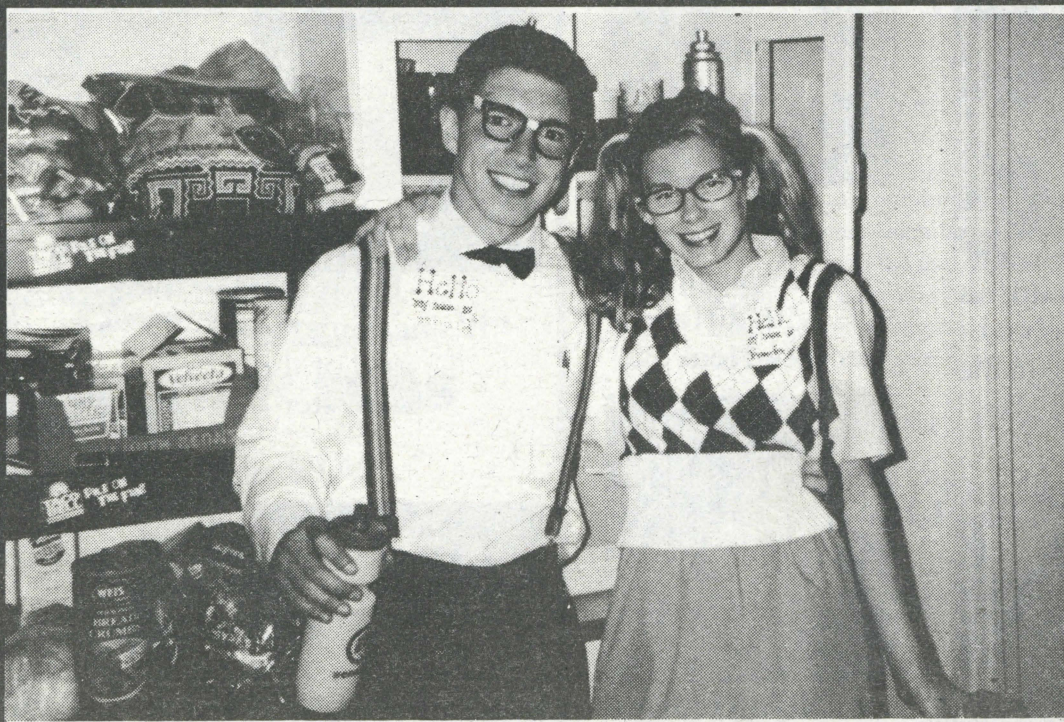


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Gerald Superko and Jennifer Lazorack show off their Halloween spirit at 354 S. Franklin St.

Pictures of the Week may be submitted by any student or faculty member to The Beacon office by Wednesday morning.

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## Meningitis hits college students hard

MARIA BIAGIOTTI

Staff Writer

Have you gotten your letter yet? It was probably thrown in with the rest of the letters that ended up in your mailbox. How many of those letters might be about meningitis?

The first problem is that not many people know exactly what meningitis is. Meningitis is an inflammation of the tissues surrounding the brain and spinal cord. It is caused by either bacterial or viral infections and is spread by direct contact with infected persons and through the air via droplets of respiratory secretions.

Early symptoms are a se-

vere headache and generalized muscle aches and pain. The early symptoms are often mistaken for the flu. However meningitis' distinguishing characteristic is the severe and unrelenting headache. With the flu, the headache is less severe and resolves within 24 hours.

The disease strikes about 2600 Americans a year and it is estimated that 125 to 175 cases of meningitis occur annually on college campuses. As a result, about 15 to 20 students die a year. The outbreaks are most often occurring in areas of high population density, such as dormitories and crowded living areas. Recent data shows that exposure to passive or active smoking, bar patronage and excessive alcohol consumption may put stu-

dents at increased risk for the disease. Because of all these factors, the American College Health Association is encouraging students to receive the vaccination. The vaccine reduces the student's risk of getting the disease.

Development of immunity requires about 7 to 10 days and is approximately 85-100% effective. The duration of immunity lasts approximately 3 to 5 years. Anyone interested in receiving the vaccine or more information should contact their family physician. The shot can also be obtained through Wilkes' Health Services for \$90. Although the shot may seem a little expensive, it could be worth the price if it means the difference between life and death.

## Patience, the emotion of virtue

ANNA BUTTON R.N.-C

The Beacon

You are an individual who is frustrated, annoyed, and irritated. Chances are you are impatient. Patience is achieved by accepting inconveniences, annoyances and life's unpredictable

occurrences by acceptance. Recognizing and accepting that every situation cannot be changed or controlled will result in a more peaceful and relaxed individual. Impatient people usually experience a high level of stress, frustration and anxiety. In addition, they also tend to make others feel uncomfortable

and embarrassed by their verbal outbursts. Everyone has the ability to be more patient in their lives by realizing that they do not need everything instantly. This week, identify your impatient behaviors and try to accept life exactly as it is rather than how you think it should be.

## TECHNOLOGY BYTES

With Brian Trosko

Let's talk about viruses. Not the real kind, but the computer kind. Specifically, let's talk about what they are, and how to get them. Or more to the point, how not to get them. Actually, let's just lump all bad computer code together into one group.

Viruses are critters distinct from worms, trojans, and Microsoft applications, but you really don't want any of those on your computer at all, so it's safe to talk about them as a group. Viruses are small pieces of replicating code. Sounds simple, but like real viruses then can have a bewildering variety of tasks, and many of them are undesirable. Back in 1988, a tiny little program written by a Cornell graduate student managed to bring the entire internet to a screeching halt as it replicated itself to the limits of storage space and bandwidth. Some viruses will draw sarcastic messages on your screen. Some will erase or modify files. A very select few are capable of rendering your computer inoperable.

There are a variety of antivirus programs on the market and available for download over the internet. Obviously, it's a good idea to use one. But since these programs require periodic updates in order to keep your system inoculated against the most recent threats, it's even better to learn how to avoid contracting viruses in the first place.

Here's the first step. If you have a floppy disk that's ever been in a computer in the computer lab in the past, take it and burn it. Maybe take it over to one of the chem labs and immerse in some good, cleansing bleach. Whatever you do with it, don't ever put it into your computer again. That alone will help a great deal in preventing infection.

Second, just be careful what you download. In order to actually do anything to your system, a virus has to be executed. You have to run it. You can't get a virus simply by looking at a data file. .txt files, .html files, and others like these cannot give your computer a virus. If all you're doing is looking at a file, you're totally safe. But the instant you execute a file, your computer could be catching a virus. Stay away from .exe, .bat, and .com files, unless you trust the source. Downloading a little game or game that your friend sends you in an email is risky, unless you know where it came from. Some email software can be configured to automatically execute email attachments you receive; make sure that yours doesn't do it, or you could get a virus without even realizing it.

Third, if you're a really paranoid compugeek, just run an operating system other than Windows. Of course, if computer viruses exist, the vast majority are written for Microsoft platforms due to the almost total lack of system security on them. If you run a Mac, or Linux, or some other Unix variant, you're safer than most people just because there's less noxious code out there for you to run afoul of.

And last, if you get one of those e-mails telling you about "Good Times" or some other e-mail virus, you should warn all of your friends, delete it. There's no such thing as an e-mail virus. The warning message you get is a virus, but it's one of the mental sort, and you spread it when you send it to all your

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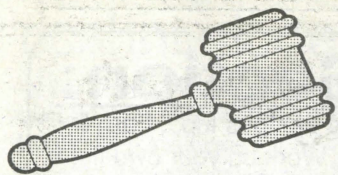
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# For the students, by the students? Part II

With Mel Moyer & Jeff Ward

The student response to the aptly titled article "What do you want next, our blood?" in last week's edition of *The Beacon* on the raising of the Wilkes activity fee was immediate. Not very surprisingly, most students were quite upset as to what their activity fee was going to pay for. Last week's article was written on a bare minimum of information which was representative of the lack of facts available to the student body. Recently, after interviewing members of Student Government, past members of University organizations and acquiring a copy of the Student Government budget, more interesting facts have been revealed. So unlike last weeks token shot at S.G., this time around it's real hardball.

On the second page, you will find a copy of the '98-'99 budget as well as both the requested, and actual, '99-'00 budget. It is relatively obvious that all S.G. did to accommodate the doubling of their budget was to indiscriminately double figures. According to this equation, Roller Hockey, a club that goes out and plays Division I competition

with a great big WILKES UNIVERSITY on their jerseys (School promotion!!) would have their budget doubled from \$200 to \$400. There is a meager proposed \$12,000 club startup fund to protect against this, but it is being partitioned off in \$200 increments per club. If you were the head of any sort of business, from Microsoft to Archie's Lemonade Stand, it would be pretty obvious that doubling one's budget does not make viable business sense. Most of the clubs on campus only need a few extra dollars that they requested in the budget, but were denied. From a business standpoint, if they were given over-exorbitant amounts of money they would simply not know what to do with it, or spend it poorly. So, why is Student Government being allowed to do it?

The fact of the matter is that Student Government shouldn't be allowed to manipulate an entire student body in this fashion. It is relatively simple to match the requested budgets of the various on-campus organizations from last year with the amount of money being tentatively allocated to them for next

year. As was brought up by a concerned student at last Thursday's forum in relation to the community service organization Circle K, S.G. has no clue how much money these organizations want or need. Why should a University club that has only a few members have their budget doubled? Perhaps they could

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use a few extra dollars, but not a gluttonous amount. It's just plain obvious that S.G. didn't do their homework, and when you're dealing with slapping the student body with an extra \$100 fee, you have to do your homework. Just as you can't walk into a class unprepared, you shouldn't go to the student body unprepared.

Another sticking point that Stu-

dent Government used to justify the raising of the fee were the fees paid by schools of comparable size. Yet again, S.G. didn't do the homework. On a list presented to the student body at the forum, both King's College and Lebanon Valley College were presented as having exorbitant activity fees over \$500. This simply isn't true. From King's own website it was clearly put that the high figure was a "comprehensive college fee" encompassing several very different fees. If you determine an equivalent figure from Wilkes' own '99-'00 handbook by adding our General University, Activity, Technology, and Student Union fees you come up with a cool \$710. Nice and exorbitant isn't it? Another small note that should be added is that another school of comparable size, the infamous we-had-them-beaten Lycoming College, only has an activity fee of \$80. Granted, that is at the complete opposite end of the spectrum, but wouldn't it be interesting to see how Lycoming manages on a similar budget?

It should be noted here that the authors are not trying to be com-

pletely unreasonable. S.G. is for money to put towards activities and make the campus attractive for both current and prospective students. That's respected. However, the fact matter is that S.G. is making change in their budget, tentatively changing the amount they have. They also haven't completely researched the facts of their proposal. S.G. should go to the drawing board, find out how much money each club would make sure that the club can't make them be given. In addition, they should seriously look at the figures that were mysteriously doubled and determine if they're really necessary. As an end result, a better proposal should be presented to all students in a better format than a one-hour presentation. Many students could not read a paper format proposal that was distributed in every student box is a recommended approach. This is what any real-world situation would do! This is not a proposal that should be swept under the rug and passed quickly.

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# The Main Event

## With Crazy Bob



bit of Crazy here I am, a little bit of me your man." Welcome to the fifth of The Main Event, or as I like to call I'm in a happy, rootin' tootin', finger type of mood, so let's do this thing much.

ticking for the USWF at the Marts ember 19. To get tickets, see Donna the 2nd floor of that big new build-steps. Tickets are \$10 ringside and \$6 mission. Considering we'll see such gends as The Sheik, that's a fine sn't it pay more to pay less?

gest artillery that the media has against s always been its violence, sex, and ent. I like violence. I like sex too. u going to do, cry about it? Usually, argument that RAW opens with a , and there's also that whole "parent" st people overlook. However, every moon even I have to admit that they ne. One of the angles on RAW is far nsensitive to a significant portion of . The subject matter either has or will l some day. It involves a certain stler and his blatant cruelty towards ation. I think those who have watched the last few weeks can guess which talking about.

abuse and the way the Stone Cold character goes about it is much too s trash-talking finger-flipping bad essly wasting alcohol on national and there are children watching! WWF realize that children imitate e? I guess the detractors are right.

They only care about the ratings.

Just a note: When you dress up as a wrestler for Halloween, and you're old enough to vote, you're giving the mainstream media more reasons to portray us as idiots. Yelling into the camera and pointing to your crotch helps too.

I've finished my copy of Mick Foley's autobiography *Have a Nice Day*. It scored #3 on the best sellers' list this week. His life story is better than any wrestling story ever seen on television. This book is a valuable tool to anyone trying to break into the business, from both a professional and personal standpoint. Foley tells his war stories from the independents, Japan, UWF, World Class, ECW, WCW, and of course his most notable WWF career. If anything, this book will leave you with a new respect for professional wrestling, and even more respect for the Hardcore Legend.

Why is the mojo magic man known around the world as Crazy Bob so serious this week? I should explain. Since this one night stand known as The Main Event is usually loaded with clever little comments and tacky outdated language, some people have questioned my journalistic integrity. Some radio disc jockey (Lil' Ryan's "Scrambled Eggs Show") actually thinks that out of the kindness of my heart (90.7) I would waste precious space (5:00 PM Friday) plugging his show. How dare he insult my work and my credibility (thanks for having me on) with such an outlandish request.

It wouldn't be fair if I didn't also mention ECW at the Kingston Armory on November 12. Call Ticketmaster (570) 693-4100. The Survivor Series will be shown somewhere at Wilkes on November 14. I'm off to see the wizard, my crazy cats, so stay loose.

# Madame Brandi Sees

- st 23 - September 22) You've been treading too close to the dark side. Keep your thoughts this week.
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- ober 24 - November 21) School work will fall into place this week. A little effort will produce needed.
- November 22 - December 21) Cook yourself a real dinner tomorrow! Stop eating the same lay this week.
- December 22 - January 19) You should do something that makes you feel good this week. ud of your actions later on.
- January 20 - February 18) Don't believe everything that you hear. It's easy to fall into that kind
- uary 19 - March 20) The weekend left you with more creative energies. Apply them and you zing results.
- h 21 - April 19) You need to change your exercise program! You're getting too used to what doing lately.
- il 20 - May 20) Be honest with your friends. If you can't tell them, who can you tell?
- y 21 - June 21) Significant others will be a source of chaos for the week. Be prepared for trouble ture.
- e 22 - July 22) It will be the little things that build up this week. Pay close attention to detail ld be all right.

# From the Bench...

with  
Joe Porto

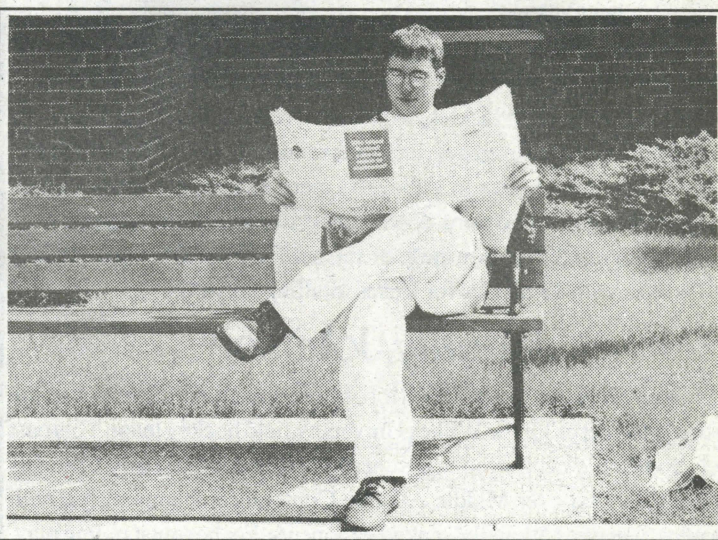


Photo By Larry Lewis

## Joe Porto researches the latest story from the rumour mill.

I'm glad to be back this week. Between last week's eight page *Beacon* and last weekend's killer flu virus that found me, I haven't been out that much. It does feel good to return to the bench, despite the sub-zero winds of the week.

This week's from the bench is a special topic, inspired by Wilkes University's gossip network. We all know of this intricate network that spider-webs itself into every nook and cranny both on and off campus. Those that control this network provide the campus with nothing but the utmost accurate information. Those of you who have had experiences with the underground gossip channel immediately recognized the SARCASM there.

I heard some of the most amazing things over the weekend about myself. Things that I didn't even know I was capable of pulling off! Unfortunately if I printed them, I might be asked to leave Wilkes.

I usually get a kick out of the things the rumour mill comes up with. However, the amount of influence these rumors have over people was recently pointed out to me. It is an impressive amount of influence indeed. Normally I wouldn't care what people are saying or thinking. I took this approach to the subject thinking that students were smart enough not to believe everything they hear. I didn't take into consideration the awesome tempting powers of the rumor mill. It's much easier and much more exciting to believe the false stories flying around campus.

I felt it important to address this issue because it's not just me I heard stories about. I heard the most amazing tales from this weekend about lots of people. My first reaction is always to laugh, and then to go to the source and ask them. It can be argued that it's important to let people know when rumours are flying about them. It lets that individual know who they can trust with secrets and who they can't. This is pertinent only if the rumour was true, which I've found that most are not.

I'm hoping that the Wilkes' family can keep in mind that most of what they hear is similar to the outcome of a game of telephone. The final sentence is always different from when it was first uttered. So before believing everything you hear, and simply passing it on like a node in the network, check it out first. It's not insulting or embarrassing to the subject of the tale — it's helpful. Take them somewhere, sit them down on a bench and let them know what the skinny is.



## Athletes of the Month

### Demetri Tzovolos

Demetri Tzovolos doesn't get much recognition as a starting defensive end for the Wilkes University football team. On Saturday, Tzovolos made sure that no one could ignore his performance as he played a pivotal role in helping Wilkes end a two-game losing streak with a 27-25 win over Lebanon Valley College.

Tzovolos came up with big play after big play on Saturday to earn Middle Atlantic Conference Defensive Player of the Week Honors. Tzovolos recorded eight tackles, including five for 34 yards in losses, to go along with three quarterback sacks for minus-29 yards. He helped the Wilkes defense limit Lebanon Valley to a mere 252 yards in total offense, while permitting just two third-down conversions on 15 attempts.

Tzovolos ranks fourth on the team this season with 40 tackles. He also leads Wilkes with 13 tackles for losses totalling 48 yards.

### January Johnson

January Johnson has been in a lot of tense situations this season as the starting goalkeeper for the Wilkes University field hockey team. This past week, Johnson's calm head and superb play helped the Lady Colonels capture their first-ever Middle Atlantic Conference championship with two wins over two nationally-ranked opponents. For her outstanding play, she has been named the Middle Atlantic Conference Freedom League Field Hockey Player of the Week.

Johnson began the week by stopping 12 shots in Wednesday's 2-1 overtime win over Susquehanna University. The victory over the Lady Crusaders, ranked 12th in the latest NCAA Division III poll, moved the Lady Colonels into the MAC final on Saturday. In that contest, Johnson was even more impressive. She stopped 15 shots as Wilkes went on to top Lebanon Valley College, ranked third in Division III, 1-0 in double overtime to win the title. It marked Johnson's fourth shutout victory of the season, while also handing Lebanon Valley just their second loss this year.

## Lady Colonels fall to Messiah 3-1

The volleyball team finished their season on Wednesday night with a loss to Messiah College in the Middle Atlantic Conference quarter-final held at Lycoming College, and finished 8-16 overall.

Mandy Kehler contributed 9 kills and Stef Henninger added 19

assists in a four-game effort. In the first game, Messiah controlled the ball and beat Wilkes 15-4. However, Wilkes fought back in the second game to beat Messiah 13-15. The Lady Colonels lost their momentum in the third game, suffering a 15-2 loss, and lost the final match 15-10.

## Roller Hockey Club improves record

The Wilkes University Roller Hockey Club participated in its second tournament this weekend in Long Island, N.Y. The team, trying to forget about its last tournament in which they went 0-4, went 2-4 this time and are 2-8 overall in league play.

In their first game against State University of New York at Binghamton they lost 6-1, their fifth straight loss in a row.

At this point the team decided things had to be changed around. They had already moved last year's goalie, Jason Renninger, to defense and gave freshman goalie Mike Burke some time in goal. The team still needed a spark so they looked towards the veteran players of the team, Chris Jarzyk, Dave Peer, and Jason Waterbury. They placed defenseman Chris Jarzyk and forward Dave Peer as line-mates and made freshman B.J. Kosich a full time defenseman.

The next team that Wilkes faced

was the University of Pittsburgh. This time the new lines worked great and the team scored 5 goals against the University of Pittsburgh in the first six minutes of the game. Chris Jarzyk contributed three straight goals, Jason Waterbury added another, and B.J. Kosich fired a rocket of a slapshot from 60 feet out into the goal. To end the game, Wilkes added two more goals, one short-handed goal by Dave Peer and another by Chris Jarzyk, to win 7-4.

Wilkes then faced SUNY Binghamton once again, this time with much greater confidence. Wilkes opened with a power play goal by Dave Peer assisted by Chris Jarzyk, and then added four more goals, a short-handed goal by freshman Eric Bonacci, a goal by Rob Hersker, and two more by Chris Jarzyk. The team won its second game in a row by a score of 5-2.

In the final game Wilkes faced Penn State Altoona. PSU Altoona is

### CORRECTION:

In last week's Beacon, son, a field hockey player, incorrectly credited for the game-winning goal. It was Sara Clause who netted the goal in the victory against Lebanon Valley College last Saturday.



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acon Jill Wilkes, a senior player, was named for scoring the goal. It was the final goal against Lebanon Valley College last Saturday.

Record

and one of the team's best players, suffered a 100-foot blown effort. The game of the year was the only scored first three games. Captain Chris Johnson, a senior, scored 12 goals and assisted in his first game. Freshman Burke displayed the past three only 22 goals.

ty teams in the roller hockey season second overall. The team faces the Canton, Ohio team they should be better than they have.

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# Field Hockey keeps the ball rolling

The Wilkes University field hockey team turned their seventh appearance in the Middle Atlantic Conference playoffs into their first championship crown last Saturday at Artillery Park.

Wilkes fought a long, drawn-out battle in a game where nationally-ranked Lebanon Valley College controlled the ball. Wilkes defense held firm, but the girls stood their ground and fought back, not giving up a single one of LVC's 19 shots on goal.

Sophomore Jill Henry scored the winning goal off an assist from senior Sara Clause with 9:41 remaining in the second sudden-death overtime period as the Lady Colonels defeated LVC, 1-0, to earn their first ECAC title.

The victory improves the Lady Colonels, champions of the Free-Flight League, to 12-7 overall, while the Flying Dutchwomen, who won the Commonwealth League title and were ranked third in the latest Division III poll, suffered just their second loss of the season to fall to 16-2. Senior goalkeeper January Johnson came up with her second



Photo by Erika Baltrusaitis

## There is much cause for celebration after winning the MAC and the ECAC first-round championship against Frostburg.

superb effort in four days. Johnson, who stopped 13 shots in Wednesday's 2-1 overtime win over nationally-ranked Susquehanna in the league semi-final game, was even better on Saturday. She came up with 15 saves to earn her fourth shutout win of the campaign, and hand the Flying Dutchwomen their first shutout loss of the season. Their only other loss was a 3-2 overtime decision to fellow national power Gettysburg College. Lebanon Valley, at least statistically,

had the better of the play on Saturday, holding a 19-7 shots on goal advantage and an 18-5 edge in penalty corners. While Johnson was keeping Lebanon Valley at bay, Candace Miller was doing the same for her squad. She stopped five of the seven shots she faced.

### ECAC First-Round Results:

On Wednesday night the Lady Colonels traveled to play in the ECAC first-round tournament held at Frostburg State, Maryland. The girls rose above a 2-0 deficit in the first half to clinch the victory over Frostburg State 3-2.

Alicia Cymbala put the girls on the scoreboard with a Sara Clause assist 6:08 before the first half ended to bring the score to 2-1. Jill Wilson followed with a goal in the second half assisted by Clause to tie the game 2-2. The Wilson/Clause duo paired up for the game winner, making the final score 3-2.

January Johnson contributed ten saves for the Lady Colonels. Overall, the Lady Colonels are 13-7 and will play in the second round of the ECAC tournament.



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Sara Clause had three assists in the ECAC victory over Frostburg State in Maryland.

# Women's soccer honored with first-time ECAC bid

The Wilkes University women's soccer team has never been to the ECAC tournament. That all changed on Saturday when the Lady Colonels were invited to participate in the Eastern Collegiate Athletic Conference (ECAC) championships. Not only did Wilkes earn a bid to the event, but they will host it as well.

Wilkes, the tournament's number one seed, will open play at Ralston Field on Saturday at 2:00 PM when they host the winner of Wednesday's quarterfinal matchup between third-seeded Muhlenberg College and sixth-seeded College Misericordia. The first round final at 11:00 AM will feature either fourth-seeded Penn State-Behrend or fifth-seeded Villanova. Those two teams will also play

on Wednesday.

The Lady Colonels will enter tournament play with an overall record of 12-5-2. They matched a school record, which was set last season, for victories in a season this year. The Lady Colonels are 1-1-1 against teams that are in the ECAC field. They topped Penn State-Behrend (2-1), lost to Muhlenberg (3-2) and tied College Misericordia (1-1).

"This is a very big day for our program," commented Wilkes head coach Kevin Vrabel. "We have really come a long way. I am happy for all of players, but especially the seniors. Alyson Joralemon has been with us for four seasons and has been a part of the growth of our program. It is also a tribute to the players from the past seasons who really helped to build our

program."

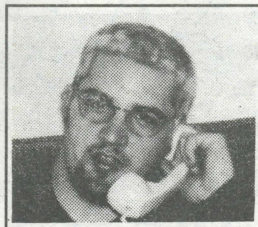
Wilkes was named the host for the event after Johns Hopkins (14-5-1) turned down the opportunity. Vrabel feels that his team has a distinct advantage having the opportunity to play at Ralston Field.

"It is very tough to win on the road, especially in a championship format against championship quality teams. We have played a lot of tough games on the road this season against quality opponents, and I think that it has helped us. But, it is a great advantage being able to play here."

Tickets for the event will be on sale at the gate. They are priced at \$3.00 for adults and \$1.00 for both students and senior citizens.

Support the Lady Colonels in their first ECAC tournament ever!

# That's what I say



with SCOTT VEITH

For the first time since a friend of mine passed away in 1989, I cried when someone died.

I was driving northbound on Interstate-81 somewhere north of Hagerstown, Maryland. I heard the news that Walter Payton lost his battle with liver disease and cancer, and I had to pull over. I couldn't even drive.

Payton is the National Football League's all-time leading rusher. He accumulated nearly six miles in yardage in his career. He was the greatest and I wanted to be just like him.

I think I would have reacted the same way if someone told me the same news about a family member. Is this crazy?

Well, look at it this way.

Payton was my first hero. At the age when my friends wanted to be just like He-Man or Batman, I wanted to be like Payton.

It was like I had three big brothers. The first was Kevin, who is seven years older than me and taught me the importance of being responsible and working hard. The second was Todd, who is five years older than me and taught me how to get away with aggravating my parents. The third was Walter Payton. Payton taught me the importance of loyalty, the right way to conduct myself in public, what it means to be a public figure, and that it's OK to wear a pair of sneakers with a change pouch.

I remember it like it was yesterday. My cousin had a whole house of He-Man figures, a ring full of World Wrestling Federation wrestling figures and a shoebox full of G.I. Joe figurines. He had a sit and spin and a swing set. He had everything. I just had a football.

It was a Chicago Bears football with the number 34 drawn on it with magic marker. It was the only toy I needed. It was my way of showing I was a Bears fan and I was going to be the next Payton.

When my cousin was setting up a fortress so He-Man and Hulk Hogan could be protected from Big John Stud and Duke, I was working on my downfield blocking and my spin moves.

I actually complained when my brothers would ask me to play basketball because Walter Payton was not a basketball player. I wanted to play football.

The two worst days of my childhood were the day my coach said I couldn't wear number 34 and the day he said I was tight end, not a running back.

"Tight end! What the heck is a tight end?" I thought to myself. "I bet Walter Payton never played tight end. And why can't I wear number 34? I don't care if it's already taken. Don't you people realize I'm going to be just like Walter Payton?"

I should have known. There would never be another Walter Payton. Not me. Not even my friend Pat who actually was a running back. Nobody could be like Walter Payton.

That's why I cried.

If he was just a football player, I probably would not have been upset. If he was just a good guy, I would have been able to keep driving. He was both.

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