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Learning from a distant classroom

By PAULA J. GENTILEMAN
Beacon Staff Writer

Wilkes University recently established a new distance learning program that allows off-campus college students to receive a Wilkes education through teleconferencing.

"Distance learning is an innovative way to teach students outside of the typical classroom setting.

"Technology makes it possible to go beyond the confines of an ordinary university. Learning is no longer limited to the classroom and campus. The audience is expanded and has the opportunity to communicate with the best minds in the world," said Dr. James Merryman, coordinator, distance learning, at Wilkes.

The Distance Learning Center at Wilkes, located in room one of the Stark Learning Center, is equipped with interactive video technology which allows students and teachers from a Wilkes class to see and speak to students at distant sites in real time. There is also a quad screen which allows four distant sites to be seen simultaneously.

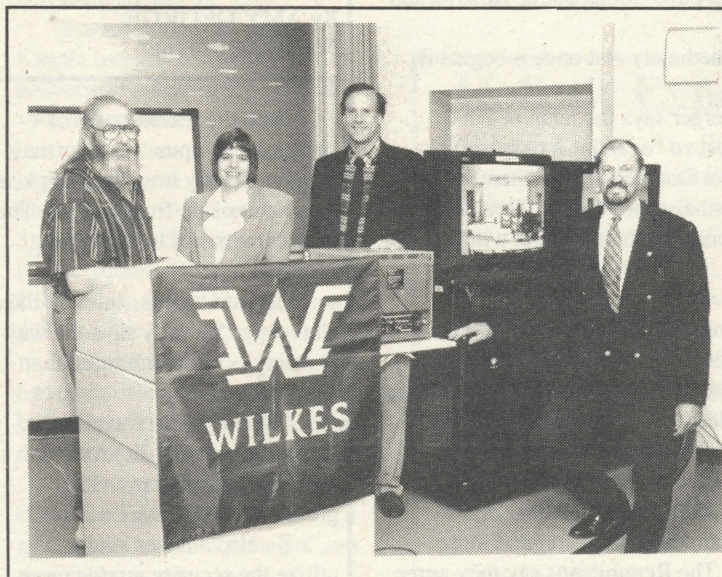


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Wilkes faculty kickoff distance learning program.

Wilkes is currently exporting three graduate courses within Pennsylvania. Dr. Robert Seeley, chairperson, business and economics, teaches a master's course in health economics. The master's course in medical sociology is taught by Dr. Michael Garr, associate professor, sociology and anthropology.

Both of these courses are

exported to Penn State Geisinger Medical Center, Danville, Pa. A graduate course in education, titled "Cognition," is instructed by Dr. Deborah Tindell, assistant professor, psychology and transmitted to a classroom at Liberty High School, Bethlehem, Pa.

During the spring semester of the 1998-99 academic year, Wilkes

will participate in a certification course on business and entrepreneurship with Eastern Europe under the Center for Agile Pennsylvania Education (CAPE).

Dr. Jeffrey Alves, director, Small Business Development Center, will oversee the Wilkes component of the certification process.

Plans are underway for the distance learning program to export classes at the international level.

Wilkes and Heilongjiang University in China are engaged in dialogue on linking the two universities in an interactive learning initiative.

The distance learning program will offer college credits to qualifying high school students. More than 150 high schools throughout Pennsylvania, New Jersey and New York will have access to the Wilkes distance learning courses through the partners in distance learning consortium.

"Distance learning is a vital part of the future of education, and it is important that Wilkes is a part of it," said Merryman.

Scholarship to benefit students

By LARA LUKESH
Beacon Staff Writer

Wilkes University is proud to announce its recent acceptance into the McGowan Scholars program.

This business program award, in honor of William G. McGowan, founder of MCI, brings a recognizable prestige to the University. Two students will be accepted into the program and will receive full-tuition scholarships during their senior year of study.

This program serves to provide an incentive for early preparation in integrative entrepreneurship activities by students in the Wilkes business program. The McGowan Scholars builds upon student and community interest in entrepreneurship.

Last fall, Dr. Anne Heinemen Batory, associate professor, marketing and Dr. Jeff Alves, Allan

P. Kirby junior professor of free enterprise and entrepreneurship, prepared a proposal to develop the McGowan Scholars program at Wilkes.

"The McGowan Scholars offers tremendous scope on two fronts. First, it gives our students an opportunity to look at the field of entrepreneurship as a career choice.

"Second, the program emphasizes Wilkes's commitment to entrepreneurship education on campus and within the greater Wilkes-Barre area," said Alves.

The program aims at increasing campus and community recognition of the personal and professional contributions of William G. McGowan as a telecommunications giant.

"Having the McGowan program at Wilkes University is an appropriate and tangible connection between the entrepreneurial spirit with which McGowan approached

his business ventures and the unique strides in entrepreneurship which Wilkes is beginning to make," said Batory.

A unique component of the business education offered at Wilkes is the Allan P. Kirby Center for Free Enterprise and Entrepreneurship.

The center fosters and promotes economic individualism and independence within the context of the free enterprise system. The Kirby Center enables local business persons, businesses and Wilkes students to explore strategies for starting new ventures and expanding existing businesses.

Who is eligible for the McGowan Scholars program?

Undergraduate students who are declared majors in a Wilkes business program are eligible when they have achieved junior standing and plan on spending their next academic year at Wilkes.

Graduate students are eligible but they must have completed at least one semester of graduate work and plan on completing their graduate degree requirements at Wilkes.

Other selection criteria include: a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.0; a 500-1,000 word essay submission to the William G. McGowan Scholar Award Committee of Wilkes University commenting on McGowan's contributions to today's business world in general or to the telecommunications field in particular; a portfolio of entrepreneurship activity; and a recommendation for the award by at least one business faculty member.

Applications will be available in early spring. For further information, please contact Dr. Batory Ext. 4704 or Dr. Alves Ext. 4592.



News



In the nation now... Crime on campus: How can we keep ourselves safe

WASHINGTON, D.C. (AP)- President Clinton is relying on international monitoring to hold Yugoslavia accountable. Clinton says the world is "not dependent on hope." He stresses that NATO will be watching to see if Yugoslavia's president pulls troops out of Kosovo and ends oppression of ethnic Albanians.

Yet, that morning may not start immediately and once it begins it could go on for a long period of time.

National Security Advisor Sandy Berger says the team of 2000 international monitors will remain in Kosovo "as long as necessary."

At the Pentagon, spokesman Michael Doubleday says there's also no time deadline for the end of NATO reconnaissance flights. Doubleday didn't say exactly when those flights would begin other than within a few days.

JERUSALEM (AP)- There's new trouble for a Middle East peace agreement. Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu says the fatal shooting of an Israeli student may have scuttled any possibility of a troop withdrawal agreement with Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat. The U.S. had hoped for an agreement at this week's summit in Washington.

MARYLAND (AP)- President Clinton is turning up the heat on Congress. He is calling for the Republican leadership to spend more money on federal programs for schools. The Republicans say they agree on how much money to use, but they want the states and local school boards to contribute to the spending.

WASHINGTON, D.C. (AP)- Gay rights activists are dismayed by a Supreme Court decision that lets Cincinnati deny special protection for gays. A spokeswoman for a gay rights legal defense group says the ruling is "not the end of the battle for equal rights in Cincinnati."

NEW YORK (AP)- For the first time in its history, the National Basketball Association (NBA) has had to cancel regular season games because of a labor dispute. The league says it has cancelled the first two weeks of the coming season after labor talks broke off in New York.

WASHINGTON, D.C. (AP)- Flu experts from around the world are meeting in Washington to compare notes on how to fight an illness that kills 40,000 people in this country and millions more worldwide each year. Dr. Keiji Fukuda, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, says most people should get flu vaccinations in early fall, but he says people who run a health risk if they get the flu should get their shots even if it's late in the season.

Those attending the conference say there is also a need to get more people, especially older minorities, to be vaccinated against the flu.

ATTENTION ALL STUDENTS!!

The Beacon is currently looking for writers to write about news related issues on campus. We are also looking for any newsworthy story ideas that pertain to the Wilkes community. If you are interested please call The Beacon office at Ext. 5903 or stop in for our general staff meeting on Tuesday at 11:30 a.m. You can also e-mail us at: beacon@wilkes1.wilkes.edu

Check out our website.

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

By AMY GEORGE
Beacon Staff Writer

With the recent onset of crimes on campus, students may wonder exactly how they can keep themselves safe from danger. The answers turn out to be pretty simple.

Gerald Cookus, chief, Wilkes University Security says the way to safety is not much more than common sense.

"When you're traveling at night walk in well-lit areas, don't take shortcuts and travel in groups," said Cookus.

He also advises students to utilize the security guards more often.

"If you dial 4999 a security guard will come and walk you to wherever you want to go. You can also get a mobile escort within a three block area," said Cookus.

Students may not be aware of another way they can prevent crimes on campus. It is called the CARE (Criminal Activity Reporting Extension) line.

"Just dial CARE and you can report any suspicious activity you see. If you suspect someone of using or dealing drugs or if you

feel that you may be in danger of someone just dial the line," said Cookus.

The line is anonymous so students should not be afraid to call and report impending crimes.

In an actual event or emergency there are steps which can be taken to ensure safety.

"Scream as loud as you can because criminals don't want to get caught," said Anthony George, deputy chief, Wilkes-Barre Police. He also advises to give assailants anything they want because "no material objects are worthy of your life."

If there is a threat, or someone is approaching, an individual should run as fast as he/she can to an area where there are a lot of people.

"Don't be afraid to be embarrassed if you're wrong. Better safe than sorry. Also, get the best description as possible of the assailant without putting yourself in any danger," said George.

Individuals should pay attention to their height, weight and clothing. Look for distinguishing characteristics and see if they were driving or walking. All victims of crimes

should call the police immediately which has been easier with the areas new 911 system.

"Crime on campus is an ongoing issue that is ever-vigilant for the universities administrators," said Paul Adams, dean, student affairs. Adams said that keeping students safe is a matter of to create awareness and educating them to the dangers of everyday life.

"Try and understand that there are people who want to take advantage, especially students on a campus," said Adams.

Adams and Cookus recently to discuss the issue of the crime on campus. Their concern is to improve the campus climate.

"I want everyone to take responsibility for one another. People have to realize that we have a stake in each others lives," said Adams.

They seem to agree that everyone in the university help keep this campus safe. People are educated about dangers then they just might be able to do that.

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• On October 9, 1998, a robbery occurred at 3:50 p.m. at 94 South Main Street. The victim reports he was approached by a suspect who demanded a revolver at him and demanded money. The suspect was over approximately 30 in cash and the suspect description: 35 years old, 5'10", 150 pounds, brown hair, blue eyes, wearing a white t-shirt and blue jeans, driving a 1990's blue full size sedan.
• On October 10 and 11, 1998, a theft occurred between the hours of 8 p.m. and 1:05 p.m. at 1000 Ford Street. An unknown person(s) stole the victim's candy and a 1966 Chevrolet Chevelle Sport from the location. The vehicle bore a Pennsylvania license plate BHB0242. The value was \$21,000.
On October 11, 1998



"Goo Goo" for you

By BETH WEIR
Beacon Staff Writer

Saturday, November 7, at 8:00 p.m., the *Goo Goo Dolls* will be performing at the Marts Center.

Traveling by bus from their concert in Philadelphia on November 6, they will arrive in the afternoon with special guest, *Athenaeum*, an alternative band.

When asked how Wilkes ended up on the *Goo Goo Dolls*' tour list the response was simple.

"We contacted their agent and based on the affordable price he gave us and the date available, we were added to their tour," said Helen Dempsey, publicity coordinator, Wilkes University programming board.

Wilkes isn't the only population excited about the concert.

King's College, Luzerne County Community College and Penn State Hazleton are also looking forward to getting tickets.

The *Goo Goo Dolls* is made

up of John Rzenik, vocals and guitar, Robby Takac, bass and vocals and Mike Malinin, drums.

The band formed in Buffalo, New York in 1986 and released their first album, "*The Goo Goo Dolls*," a year later.

Even though the album didn't do very well the band persevered.

Four albums and a new drummer later, they hit it big. Their single "Name" raced up the charts and placed itself and the album, "*A Boy Named Goo*," at number one for several weeks.

Their latest album, "*Dizzy Up the Girl*," includes the hit single "*Iris*" from the "*City of Angels*" soundtrack.

Plenty of tickets are still available, \$12.00 for students, must show ID, and \$16.00 for the public.

They can be bought at the programming board office on the third floor of the Conningham Student Center or in the Stark Learning Center until tickets are sold out.

The ticket money will pay the cost of the hospitality for the band and expenses for the concert.

Kneale to speak at conference

WILKES-BARRE — World-renowned educator and author Dr. Mike Kneale has been named the keynote speaker for Project LEARN V, a consortium of 3,500 professional educators, scheduled for Friday, October 16, 1998, on the campuses of Wilkes University and King's College.

For more than 20 years, Kneale has given keynote addresses on enhancing personal and professional growth and motivation. He will present his keynote address, "Reflecting on Success: The Billy Hawkins Story," at the FM Kirby Center, Public Square, Wilkes-Barre, from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., and from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Kneale received a baccalaureate and master's degree from Kent State University and a doctorate from Harvard University.

Kneale has served as an elementary and high school teacher, an assistant principal and principal. He was named superintendent of the Holdrege and Grand Island City School District in Nebraska and was then

appointed superintendent of the Colorado Springs Public Schools.

Kneale travels the globe speaking on the importance of valuing people and the institutions that develop them. He has served as a visiting professor, an author and has hosted his own radio and television programs.

Project LEARN V is a day-long education conference that provides cutting-edge information to local teachers, kindergarten through university level. This year's theme, "School to Careers," emphasizes the student's need to acquire the necessary skills to succeed in the workplace.

Holistic Exposition to be held

WILKES-BARRE--The Holistic Consortium of Northeastern Pa. announces their annual Holistic Exposition, to be held Saturday, October 17, 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and Sunday, Oct. 18, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., at the Independent Fire Hall, Sprague Avenue, Kingston, Pa., located one block off Rt. 11 and Market Street (at Kingston Corners).

Come and enjoy the unique experience and friendly atmosphere of this unusual gathering.

Meet gifted artisans and craftsmen. Browse amid books and tapes, artwork of natural materials, handmade pottery, soaps and powders.

Learn about healing therapies based on the principles of nature. Learn about Numerology, Handwriting Analysis, Reiki (the universal healing energy), Oriental therapies, nutritional supplements, Flower Essences and more.

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

• On October 9, 1998, a robbery occurred at 3:50 a.m. on 94 South Main Street.

The victim reports being approached by a suspect who pointed a revolver at him and demanded money. The victim turned over approximately \$110 in cash and the suspect fled.

Suspect description: white male, 35 years old, 5'10" tall, 165 pounds, brown hair in crew cut style, wearing a white T-shirt and blue jeans, driving an early 90's blue full size station wagon.

• On October 10 and October 11, 1998, a theft occurred between the hours of 1:30 p.m. and 1:05 p.m. at 216 Bradford Street.

An unknown person(s) stole the victim's candy apple red 1966 Chevrolet Chevelle Super Sport from the location. The vehicle bore a Pa. registration BHB0242. The stolen value was \$21,000.

• On October 11, 1998, a

robbery occurred at 12:45 a.m. at 300 Parkview Circle.

The victim reported walking at the location when he was approached by three white males and a Hispanic male. The suspects engaged him in brief conversation and then pushed him to the ground and removed the victim's wallet from his pants pocket.

The wallet contained no valuables.

• On October 11, 1998, criminal mischief occurred between 11:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. at 95 Butler Street.

An unknown person(s) smashed the rear windshield on victim's 1988 Chevrolet Cavalier.

• On October 11 and 12, 1998, criminal mischief occurred between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 7:30 a.m. at 243 North Main Street.

An unknown person(s) ripped approximately ten shingles off the victim's roof.

• On October 11 and 12, 1998, a theft occurred between the

hours of 9:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. at 700 North Pennsylvania Avenue.

An unknown person(s) removed the rear lights off nine of the victim's trailers.

• On October 13, 1998, a rape occurred between the hours of 4:00 a.m. and 4:30 a.m. on Academy Street.

A 22 year old female reported getting something out of her car on Sullivan Street when the suspect stopped his car near her and started asking for directions. The suspect got out of his car and forced the victim into his car. The suspect drove the victim to a residence on Academy Street where he forced her inside and sexually assaulted her. The victim was able to flee the area and contact police.

Suspect description: black male, 25-30 years old, 5'6" tall, 140 pounds, black hair, black eyes and wearing gray jogging pants and flip-flops. The investigation is continuing by the detective division.



Stark 101 has a new name

By PAULA J. GENTILEMAN
Beacon Staff Writer

Wilkes University and Rite Aid Corporation recently held a Ribbon Cutting and Plaque Unveiling Ceremony to formally dedicate room 101 of the Stark Learning Center as the Rite Aid Auditorium.

Following a welcome speech by Dr. Bernard W. Graham, dean of the Wilkes School of Pharmacy, Timothy J. Noonan, president of Rite Aid, presented the keynote address to a capacity crowd of more than three hundred people.

Representatives from Wilkes and Rite Aid participated in the ribbon cutting and unveiled a

prototype of the plaque that will adorn the entrance of the auditorium.

Rite Aid gave a donation for the remodeling of Stark 101 to upgrade the equipment and bring the facilities into the twenty-first century. The Rite Aid Auditorium is used by the pharmacy department for classes, seminars and general science classes. It also hosts various lectures and special events held at Wilkes.

The Professional Initiation Ceremony for the pharmacy class of 2002 was held in conjunction with the ribbon-cutting ceremony. Sixty-three students received their professional white coats, signed the Pharmacy Code of Ethics and took the official Oath of a Pharmacist.

ATTENTION ALL STUDENTS!!



The Multicultural Student Coalition (MSC) is sponsoring its second annual international fashion show, Saturday, October 24, at 8:00 p.m. in the Dorothy Dickson Darte Center for the Performing Arts. The show is free and open to the public. There will be samples of international cuisine and displays from various countries following the show where the audience can ask questions. For more information, contact Gina Morrison at Ext. 4731.

Opinion

Letters to the Editor

Letters to the editor guidelines:

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

Dear Editor & Students of Wilkes,

Since this year began, a great travesty has fallen upon our campus. It is nothing so severe as racism, sexual assault, but none the less a tragedy that affects the students. Last week, Wilkes security has injured the rights of our students and given preferential treatment to that of faculty members.

On Tuesday, September 22, one resident's car was mercilessly taken from the parking lot behind Delaware. Wilkes security did not bother to find the owner of the car and warn him that the car was being taken. They came, saw prey and devoured, leaving no evidence of the crime.

That is not the only injustice of the day. Not an hour after Wilkes security towed this car, a faculty member parked in the exact same spot. A spot that is neither a spot, or parking place. One student's car was taken from an illegal parking spot and a faculty car was left there for two days, devoid of a ticket or a towing.

We ask you students, does this bother you? Should the administration and faculty not fall under the same rules and regulations as it's students? This hypocrisy must end. It is obvious that there is limited parking available on campus and yet the faculty deems it necessary to park wherever they please, with no fear of being dragged away by the Wilkes security "Happy Ticket Men."

Favoritism on campus cannot be allowed to continue. We are all equals here (except those of us who pay over twenty thousand dollars to get towed away).

Jonathan Burke
Mike Koch
Alan Duke
Greg Johansen

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

I wanted to start this week off on a good note by telling everyone to have a great fall break. Now without anymore menial chitchat I present to you this week's column.

This week's column topic came about for two different reasons. First is the fact that there have been more incidents involving guns, knives, robberies and muggings this year than in the past two years I have been here combined. The other is that one of my roommates made an interesting observation that I found to be very intriguing.

I am not sure if everyone has noticed, but it seems we have a new addition to the greenway. A lot of hard work and valuable time has gone into installing a new sun dial, just to the left of the library. The way I see it, that is just what Wilkes needed, a sun dial.

We shouldn't worry about the individuals that were mugged right in front of the library or even the individual that was beaten up in front of the president's house. Now, I am fully aware that this money to construct the sun dial came from somewhere or someone who specifically told the school what they wanted done with their money.

My only argument to that is why, as a university, are we not trying harder to get money to increase security across campus? Is it because there is no need for more security or is it simply because there is no plaque that says "Donated by" on these items? If the second answer is the case, then maybe we should look into putting names of the donors on the back of security uniforms or on the hoods of security vehicles.

The truth is that all of us on campus need to help in answering the problems with security. If we don't, well, I guess when we get mugged we can at least look at the sun dial to know the exact time to put on the incident report. I can only hope the sun is out when it happens.

Your opinion belongs here!
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that Social Security provides for young workers and their families:

- One out of every three Social Security beneficiaries is not a retiree but a disabled worker, or a member of a disabled worker's family or a survivor of a worker who has died.
- Social Security provides survivors insurance for a young, average worker with a family that is equivalent to a personal life insurance policy worth about \$300,000. Average benefits for a widowed mother or father with two young children are currently about \$1,500 per month.
- For a disabled worker with a spouse and two young children, the average Social Security disability payment is now about \$1,200 per month. The value of the Social Security protection, including financial protection after reaching retirement age, for a young average earner with a family is equal to a long-term disability policy worth about \$200,000.
- Benefits are based on progressive formulas that take into account the fewer work years and lower earnings of younger workers. This means that, even though a worker may not have a full lifetime's earnings, the worker and his or her family still have significant insurance protection in case of death or disability.
- Social Security cash benefits, including disability and survivors' benefits, are indexed to inflation; unlike many private insurance policies, benefits increase as the cost of living increases.
- Once a disabled worker is entitled to cash benefits for 24 months, he or she is entitled to Medicare health insurance coverage.

Although the next major exam or job interview will most likely continue to be the major concern of younger Americans, they should not forget that, unfortunately, premature death and disability could be a reality for some. Although reform is needed to ensure the long-term solvency of Social Security, Social Security is indeed providing valuable disability and survivors insurance protection today for younger workers and their families.

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Late nights, early mornings

An editorial

The Beacon is published every week throughout the semester with the exception of school holidays and final exams. Although many members of the Wilkes community are loyal readers not many understand the hard work, dedication and long hours that go into producing *The Beacon* each week.

This year *The Beacon* staff went through some major changes. Although we have made some major layout, design and copyediting improvements, unless you know the numerous rules and guidelines involved you may not even notice. The staff has changed over the last few months also, which is an adjustment.

Two of the section editors are new, not only to the staff, but to the world of publishing on a weekly basis. The different writing styles, restrictions, layout guidelines and the added stress is a lot to get used to, especially while working and going to school. Once you get used to the stress of not getting articles in time, if at all, the late night copyediting and the early mornings it does get easier. However, it is an often thankless job.

Everyone who works on *The Beacon* is a student. After spending every Wednesday night, all night, staff members get up, go to class, take tests, give presentations, go to work and continue working on the next issue of *The Beacon*. If you are not or were never involved in a weekly publication on a college scale it is hard to understand, or even believe how much time and energy goes into getting a paper out every week. *The Beacon* staff works non-stop trying to get ahead, but things always seem to fall behind, at no fault of the staff.

The Beacon staff works exceptionally hard to produce a quality newspaper and I am proud to say that we are succeeding, in both small and large ways. We have learned a lot about the style guidelines, being responsible, time management, and working with others. Most importantly we are learning a lot about each other. *The Beacon* staff has meshed into a working unit and more importantly a family.

I just want everyone, faculty, staff and students, to take a moment to really think about how much work my staff does on a weekly basis. I also want to let my staff know how proud I am of them and how grateful I am to have them working with me at *The Beacon*.

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

Social Security-There for you now

By Kenneth S. Apfel, Commissioner of Social Security

A guest editorial

For students worried about the next round of final exams or the prospect of landing a good paying job after completing their education, retirement security four or five decades down the road is probably the last thing on their minds. And, should the subject of Social Security arise, most young people would say that they don't believe the program will be there for them when they need it in the future.

However, the sad truth is that for many younger Americans, the need for Social Security could occur sooner than they think...well before they reach retirement age. Early death, disability...each seems like a remote possibility when you are young and healthy. But consider this sobering fact: Fully one-third of all twenty-year-olds will die or become disabled before they reach their 65th birthday. Consequently, for millions of young people, Social Security is there today providing valuable protection.

Younger Americans should also bear in mind the larger economic consequences of what Social Security means to older Americans of their grandparents generation—without the program, more than half would be living below the poverty line. A significant accomplishment, yes, but what significance does this have for students on America's campuses? Well, without Social Security, many middle-aged parents of today's college students would feel an obligation to help provide for their own aging parents, and there would be fewer family resources to use for their children's educational expenses.

It is true that Social Security is facing long-term financing challenges in the next century based on demographic trends, particularly the fact that people are living longer, healthier lives. Of course, this longer life span is good news for all of us. But, we must recognize that changing demographics will put a strain on America's retirement program.

The president has called for a year-long national dialogue on Social Security. Following a White House Conference on Social Security in December 1998, the president will seek bipartisan discussions with Congress early next year to seek responsible reforms for Social Security so the program can continue to meet all its financial obligations for current and future generations of workers.

We must dispel this notion that Social Security will not be there in the future. It will be there. The only question is what shape the program will take for the next millennium. But what will happen in the future is only part of the story. As explained earlier, for many young people, the future could be now if premature death or unexpected disability occurs.

Social Security can provide a buffer of economic security against such eventualities for young workers and their families. Shorter work histories, high medical expenses, lack of employer provided insurance coverage, low salaries, even poor planning—these and other reasons mean that many young workers and their families have little insurance or "extra" resources to help out if their earnings stop abruptly. Social Security can be a critical lifeline.

Here are some little known, but very important, facts about the disability and survivors insurance protection see **SECURITY** page 4

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Schedule of Events

Thursday, October 15

- Fall Recess, 10:00 p.m.

Friday, October 16

- National Boss Day
- Academic mid-term grade reports due in Registrar's office

Saturday, October 17

Sunday, October 18

Monday, October 19

- Classes resume 8:00 a.m.

Tuesday, October 20

- Off-Campus Council Meeting, SUB Basement, 11:00 a.m.
- Commuter Council Meeting, SUB Basement, 12:15 p.m.
- Circle K Meeting, Alumni House, 5:30 p.m.
- Percussion Ensemble, CPA, 8:00p.m.

Wednesday, October 21

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

The Beacon
staff would like to wish
all students, faculty
and staff a safe
and happy fall break!



Volunteer Services/Campus Interfaith

Heading "Into the Streets"

By: GREG COLLINS

Starting on Thursday, October 22, Wilkes students and faculty will be taking part in a week of various volunteer activities. The annual "Into the Streets" program consists of such events as Halloween parties for school children, painting pumpkins with the elderly and spending an afternoon at an area soup kitchen. Student volunteers can take part in one or many activities.

Typically, well over 100 students participate. Everyone who volunteers during "Into the Streets" week, as in years past, will receive a free T-shirt, in addition to the joy of lending a hand.

"It's a lot of fun, but the best part is it's easy to get involved," said Megan Stevens, sophomore, who participated last year.

Schedules of the planned activities will be available this week for everyone who is interested.

"Into the Streets," October 22-October 29

For further information or if you have any questions you can contact Mary Hession at Ext. 5904.

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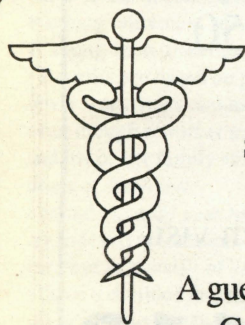
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**The Nursing Student
Organization is
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on AIDS.**

A guest speaker from the American Red Cross will speak in COB 106 on
Wednesday, October 21, 1998 at 4:30 p.m.
The presentation is for community education as
well as for those interested in health care.
Everyone is welcome.

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By JOANNA G.
Beacon LifeStyles

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LifeStyles



Education and awareness necessary for defense

By JOANNA GAYDOS
Beacon LifeStyles Editor

Violence is a common occurrence, not only on our campus but everywhere you go. This is causing an increase in the need for education and awareness.

With a rise in criminal activity on our campus, students have to become more aware of their surroundings and how to react to them.

That's where self-defense comes in. Self-defense offers individuals ways to react to an attack or assault. It teaches methods of preventing violent situations. It also instills critical tools to respond to the state of violence and it clears up all the myths about violence and protecting yourself.

Self-defense works in two ways, through awareness and fighting back.

The first step in self-defense is becoming aware of the surrounding area. Individuals need to present themselves as a

"hard target," appearing confident and aware. Confidence consists of looking ahead, not at the ground, standing up straight and walking with a purpose.

Although individuals may not feel confident, this helps them become aware of what and who is around.

Students are always given the image of an individual who has been attacked as a victim, they never hear of those who have fought back and "won."

The key to fighting back lies in turning fear into anger and power. To do this people have to realize they are worth defending. When they realize this, an attack is unacceptable.

A defender's first reaction may be crippling fear which literally makes you freeze. As soon as a defender becomes angry, adrenaline will help them fight off the attack and get away.

Eighty percent of women who yelled and ran from their attacker were able to escape without physical harm and 60 percent who either yelled or ran

away, escaped.

Everyone, especially females need to be further aware of this rise in criminal activity. Most women, if not all, fear sexual assault.

The possibility of sexual assault affects many women, making every woman a "potential target." The fear of becoming a target shapes the idea that women cannot walk alone, ride a bus alone, go out alone, wear certain clothing, say certain things or even make eye contact with men.

Most women will shy away from yelling and will hold their power inside, afraid of drawing attention to themselves.

In self-defense women are taught to unleash this power. Developing strength not only mentally but in physical techniques.

Although self-defense will not erase violence, it will prepare men and women for these violent situations.

Information provided
by: www.hss.cmu.edu/bs/22/rentschler.html

Options for Defense:

Chemical Sprays- These sprays can disable an attacker for up to two minutes, giving you time to get away. The best choices are pepper spray and mace. Don't carry a chemical-spray canister in your purse; rather, carry it on your key chain. Be sure to practice using the spray, on a doll or a chair, so you know how the canister works.

Personal Alarms- These handheld devices emit a piercing shriek, startling an assailant and giving you time to run.

Guns- Unless you are trained, don't carry a gun or keep one in the house, since it is likely to be stolen from you or taken away from you by an assailant. If you do keep a gun, make sure you have the necessary training permits. Check with local police about the laws in your area.

Physical Force- Women aren't brought up to be aggressive, so they are generally not prepared for a fight. Self-defense classes can help. The best ones teach methods tailored to women's strengths, located in the hips and legs. If nothing else a self-defense class can boost your confidence, which is one of the best defenses of all.

Information provided by: www.legs.com/articles/9603/selfdefense.F/

Myths and facts about self defense

MYTHS:

- don't fight back and you won't get hurt
- chemical spray will reliably fight off an assailant
- owning a gun will ensure your safety
- doing "disgusting" things such as, vomiting, urinating and defecating on yourself will make an attacker leave you alone
- only women can be raped

-there are many false reports of rape (less than 1 percent of reported cases are false)

FACTS:

- 15 percent of women on college campuses are raped each year
- 11 percent of women on college campuses are victims of attempted rape each year due to knowledge of self defense

Information provided by: <http://ccwf.cc.utexas.edu/~weiss/SDMyths.html>

Suggested Safety Tips:

In your car:

- keep car doors locked while driving
- close windows at red lights and in slow traffic
- check rearview mirror frequently, stay aware of who is behind you, if you think someone is following you don't go home, go to the closest police station or well-lit, public area
- park under a street light or as close to the building you will be coming from, avoid parking near hiding places such as bushes, dumpsters and woods
- scan the parking lot before approaching your car
- if possible walk with a friend, co-worker, doorman or security guard, there is safety in numbers
- have your keys in your hand before you leave the building
- when you approach your car, check underneath and inside, potential attackers could be hiding there

On the street:

- stay alert and aware of your surroundings, walk with a determined stride
- don't rule out women as perpetrators
- if you think someone may be following you go to a well-lit busy area or even stepping off the curb will make it easy for drivers to see what's happening
- carry a whistle, personal alarm, or pepper spray with you at all times and don't hesitate to use them

At the ATM:

- choose an ATM in a well-lit area visible from the street and that has security cameras
- ask a friend to stand a couple feet away and keep watch
- avoid using ATMs at night
- don't use that ATM if someone suspicious is lurking around

At Home:

- keep all doors and windows locked, deadbolt locks on front and back doors
- if you hear something suspicious call the police, don't assume it's just the wind
- never open a door to a stranger
- single women should list themselves in the phone book by their first initial and last name, not to divulge gender
- keep outside of your house well-lit when you are going to be coming home after dark

At work:

- keep office doors locked when working late, on weekends or early in the morning
- do not get into an elevator with someone who makes you feel uncomfortable or unsafe

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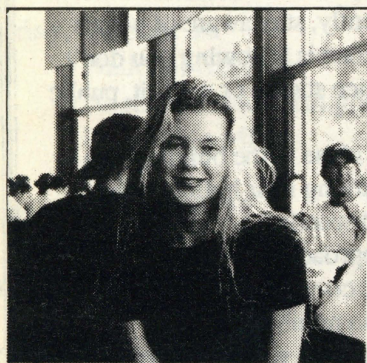
- condition yourself, it helps to be mentally prepared
- talk to your family about these safety tips and act out different scenarios
- be mentally ready and stay alert

Information provided by: http://family.disney.com/Feature/family_1996_05/bois/bois199605_boisdefense/bois199605_boisdefense.html and <http://www.legs.com/articles/9603/selfdefense.F/>

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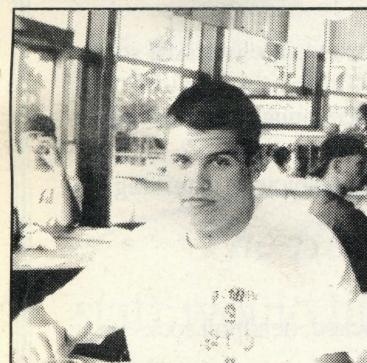
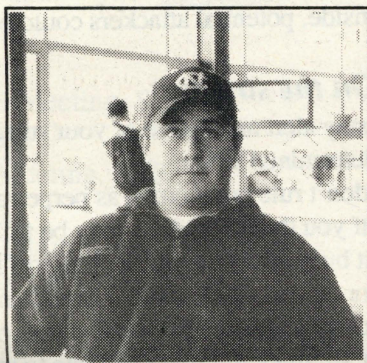
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If you had one wish, what would you wish for?



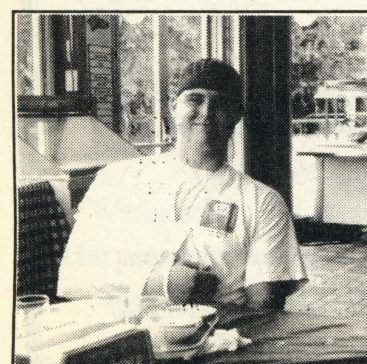
Jennifer Lazorack—"To travel the world for free."

Joe Harbeson—"Three more wishes."



Matt Breger—"Our cafeteria food was good so I wouldn't have to spend three hours in the bathroom at night."

Angie Cardoso—"To graduate early."



Wes Zientek—"To use my right arm so I can wipe easier when I use the bathroom."

Roving Reporter photos and reporting by Derek

Sniffling? Sneezing? Coughing?

By VANESSA SCHEFFNER
Special to the Beacon

Feeling a bit under the weather lately? You're not alone. Coughing, sneezing and runny noses are widespread across campus these days. Students seem to be exchanging cough drops and tissues as often as class notes and homework.

Diane O'Brien, director, health services, indicated that the number of patients visiting with ailments within the past two months has been a steady flow.

Large numbers of students across campus are looking for a little relief from their cold and allergy symptoms. Some symptoms include sore throat, runny nose, sneezing, coughing, watery eyes and headaches.

For these people, an upper respiratory infection or strep throat is usually the case. Many have also exhibited symptoms of gastrointestinal infections such as upset stomach, vomiting or diarrhea.

There are many ways to contract the infection and with many students living within dorms, it becomes even easier for bacteria to spread.

Sharing glasses and eating utensils, shaking hands or even sharing a hand towel can contribute to the bacterial spread.

The seasonal change is also a

contributing factor. With the change in temperature, many people do not dress properly, making them more susceptible to becoming ill. Autumn is an allergy season for many, as well.

O'Brien suggested that perhaps the biggest factor contributing to illness is stress related.

Stress depresses the immune system, which is the body's way to fight off infections. Many students also exhibit rather irregular sleep patterns and eating habits.

Pulling an all-nighter while munching on nachos may help to ace that exam, but certainly takes its toll on one's health after awhile. A run down, sleep deprived, stressed out student is a student certainly more prone to illness.

Because most of these infections are due to a virus, prescriptions such as antibiotics will not help the body to heal.

There are several ways to help fight off a common cold or other illness. Getting enough sleep is first and foremost. In fact, taking a day or two off from classes or work for complete rest can work wonders.

Drinking fluids also helps. While drinking water primarily cleanses the system, drinking fruit juices is even better. Fruit juices help replenish vitamins and minerals the body is constantly

losing.

Taking a vitamin supplement, such as a multi-vitamin, is another method of supplying the healing body with the nutrients it needs.

People should also remember that most infections are spread by touch. Touching a previously infected table top, door knob or another infected person, perhaps before eating lunch, with those same hands can certainly transport the bacteria directly into the body. Washing hands is an excellent prevention technique, especially with an anti-bacterial soap.

In the meantime, relief is not out of reach. Over the counter drugs are available everywhere to help with various individual symptoms.

Practically any ailment has mild to maximum strength liquid gel or tablet form available at a local drug store.

If you have yet to catch the bug, floating around campus, use common sense to prevent an unwanted infection.

Visit a personal physician for a flu shot, bundle up in cold weather, get a good night's sleep or nap in the afternoon, try to keep a normal eating pattern and most importantly do as your mother always said, "wash your hands before every meal and after using the bathroom!"

Candlelight vigil held for slain student

By LISA RUGGIERO
Beacon Staff Writer

Ally, a club that benefits for gays, lesbians and their supporters, sponsored a candlelight vigil Wednesday night in honor of Matthew Shepard.

Shepard was a university student in Wyoming and the victim of a vicious crime.

Shepard died Sunday night after receiving a tragic beating Friday.

Jim Harrington, professor of music and advisor, Ally club, spoke out against homophobics in prominent positions, especially politics. He feels they are to blame for hate crimes.

"I wanted the community to stand up against hate crimes and to promote tolerance," Harrison said, when asked why he organized the vigil.

Gina Morrison, director, multicultural affairs, and Mary Hession, director, campus interfaith, also spoke briefly about the crime and how they felt students should respond.

"I came because I think we need to show support for diversity and to grieve for all victims of crimes," said Morrison.

After the remarks, candles were lit while Hession led the group in a prayer for acceptance and peace.

Students in attendance felt strongly about the issue.

"I think it's a good thing that this school can acknowledge this and make an impact," said Katrina Protheroe, a sophomore art major.

Mike Krasulski, a junior history and pre-law major, came because he is a strong supporter of minority civil rights.

Members of the community were also in attendance. Heidi Owens, a recent graduate of the University of Georgia and a native of Wilkes-Barre, came because "my friend's brother died of AIDS in seclusion and it made me realize how much more open-minded society needs to become."

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Leo (July 22 - August 21) - Finally becoming a department this week you will feel as if a
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Sagittarius (November 22 - December 21) - Care of anything in
Capricorn (December 22 - January 21) - You this week. Use difficulty with in the
Aquarius (January 22 - February 21) - Take all your past is over and make your
Pisces (February 22 - March 21) - Yourself and find all
Aries (March 22 - April 21) - Time to live up your work and vegging out



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Taurus (April 20 - May 20) This week has you feeling as if the world is moving by too fast. Take the time to set your priorities and things will ease by the end of the week.

Gemini (May 21 - June 21) Financial problems seem gargantuan this week. Just keep your mind on what's important and things will work themselves out by the start of next week.

Cancer (June 22 - July 22) This is the time to talk things out with a person who has been giving you trouble. Remember to stay calm and all bad situations will mellow out soon enough.

Leo (July 22 - August 22) Something you have been trying to achieve for a while is finally becoming a reality. This week all opportunities will fall right into your lap.

Virgo (August 23 - September 22) Everything will begin to clear up in the romance department this week. Confusion in your life will become clear and by the weekend you will feel as if a huge weight has been lifted off your shoulders.

Libra (September 23 - October 23) This week has been completely stress free. Watch out because this week brings lots of stress and anxiety, just relax and things will work out eventually.

Scorpio (October 24 - November 21) These past two weeks have seemed stress free. Enjoy the rest of the week because once next week hits you'll be bombarded with work.

Sagittarius (November 22 - December 21) This week brings you great luck. Take care of anything in your life that may have loose ends or be unsettled.

Capricorn (December 22 - January 19) Everything seems to be going alright for you this week. Use this extra energy and luck to finish up some work you had difficulty with in the past.

Aquarius (January 20 - February 18) This is the week for closing doors to the past. Take all your past issues, problems and unsettled situations and have closure, start over and make yourself happy.

Pisces (February 19 - March 20) This is your selfish week. Take time to reflect on yourself and find all the changes that need to be made.

Aries (March 21 - April 19) This week you feel drained and drawn out. Take the time to liven up your spirits by either exercising or just by taking time out of all your work and vegging out with your buds. You will thank yourself afterwards.



Inner peace with Ani

No love for the singles...

Dear Ani,
Recently I have been sort of depressed and I want to know what

you think about what's going on. Last year, there were a group of about six guys that I always hung out with, we were all single. We would just hang out, go out on weekends looking for girls and have fun.

Now, four of those six guys have girlfriends and I am not one of them. Now my guys spend most of their time with their girls and it has left me depressed and kind of jealous.

Should I be worried that I haven't found someone yet? Why everyone else and not me? Seriously, there is nothing wrong with me! I'm a good guy, why don't I have a girl yet?

It just isn't fair and I don't know how to deal with this. Please help.

-Single Guy

Dear Single Guy,
I really see where your coming from on this one. I totally understand that being lonely can really stink, especially when you are surrounded by people who are being all mushy and lovey-dovey.

I understand your jealousy because the relationships your friends are in seem like they are perfect, since from what you told me, they are fairly new relationships. Every new relationship usually seems perfect and wonderful in every way. In my experiences, a lot of this changes.

Keep in mind all of your friends haven't found the "love of their lives" in the relationships they are in now. Sooner or later maybe they will look upon your situation and be jealous. You are free, independent, you have no one to please but yourself. Go with that for now and don't worry so much about finding someone so fast.

You may be worrying too much about trying to find someone, anyone, to be with what you have lost track of what is important. Have fun with girls and continue to go out, be yourself and just relax. Don't worry about your guy friends who are in too much of a haze, because of a girl, to realize that they have dissed you as a friend.

Keep having fun and doing things that make you

happy. Love is not something you should preoccupy yourself with finding. It will find you, don't worry.

It is very hard to be lonely but you are not the only single person on campus. Learn to appreciate what you have instead of what others have, the grass isn't always greener on the other side. Enjoy your time on this beautiful planet and don't worry about things beyond your control.

-Peace, Ani

To pierce or not to pierce, that is the question....

Dear Ani,

I need some advice. It's not that much of a serious problem, but it's a big deal for me. I have wanted to pierce my eyebrow for the longest time and now I think I am finally ready to do it. So I decide to just go for it.

The other day I told my boyfriend about my decision and he was disgusted. He told me he thinks all piercings are disgusting, especially eyebrow rings, all girls that have them are weird and he doesn't want me to get it.

I want to do it so bad but I am terribly afraid that if I do my boyfriend will dump me. Should I do it anyway?

- Pierced Freak

Dear Pierced Freak,

Shame on you for even asking this question! If you want my advice, I say heck yeah, go for it! You say you really want it, you've wanted it for a while and your ready for it, correct? Well then there is the answer to your question is right there. It's your eyebrow, therefore your decision, not your boyfriend's.

This is something so superficial that if he dumps you, he is an official dirtball. He needs to respect you for who you are. You are an individual, as far as I can see, there is no reason why he should be controlling your actions.

When two people are in a relationship, neither will have to sacrifice there individuality.

If your boyfriend loves you for who you are he should love you with an eyebrow ring. You will always be the same person regardless of what you look like.

Explain to your boyfriend that this is something you really want, tell him he can accept it or move on. Keep one saying in mind, "If you feel froggy, leap!"

-Peace, Ani

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Critic's Corner with Dan Lavelle

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Paul Taylor Dance Company Conducted by Paul Taylor Dancers to open November 9

SCRANTON- Dance students and adults interested in learning techniques of modern dance are invited to a workshop on November 9, featuring lessons from the dancers of the Paul Taylor Dance Company. The workshop sponsored by the Scranton Community Concerts, precedes the performance on November 10, at the Scranton Cultural Center.

The workshop, to be held at the Ballet Theatre of Scranton, is for students from the age of 12 and for experienced dancers. Beginner and intermediate modern dance lessons begin at 3:30 p.m. and an advanced class begins at 5:15 p.m. The classes each last 90 minutes.

Sports

Football falls to Wesley in OT "The Rock" leads ladies

By **ROBERT J. MORCOM**
Beacon Staff Writer

Mike Hankins became Wilkes' all-time leading rusher in Saturday's contest as he surpassed the former record held by, Jason Smith, with a 127-yard effort.

Hankins has 3,039 yards and needs just 221 more to break the conference record of 3,268 yards held by Juanita's Dennis DeRenzo. However, Wilkes still lost Saturday's contest in overtime by the score of 25-18.

Wilkes started early as they got on the board first. Hankins carried the ball five times in the opening drive for 32 yards and a one-yard touchdown blast. Matt Diltz's point after hit the uprights and bounced out leaving the Colonels with an early 6-0 lead.

Wilkes defense got a stop and allowed the offense to go to work once more. Quarterback Neil Rine completed a number of passes moving his team down the field.

On the 13 yard line, Hankins took a Rine pass and made two defenders miss on his way to the endzone. The two-point conversion failed but the

Colonels still led 12-0.

The Wilkes defense was tremendous as they smothered the Wolverines in the first-half. However, Tyrone Handy took a hand-off and raced 80 yards on a Colonel blitz for the Wolverines lone score of the half making the score 12-7.

The Colonels would answer right back as they drove 80 yards down to the Wolverine 2 yard line. There, Hankins took it in for his third score of the first-half behind his offensive line. This ended the half with the Colonels up 19-7.

Both teams were struggling to get anything going as neither could punch it in the during the early moments of the second-half.

Unfortunately for the Colonels, Wesley got in the zone first as Steve Azzanesi hit Joe Able on a 34-yard touchdown strike. Azzanesi then ran in the two-point conversion and the Wolverines pulled within three, 18-15.

Wilkes got the ball back, but were forced to punt, thus, giving Wesley good field position. Wesley then drove the ball down to the Wilkes 9 yard line, but were faced with a fourth-and-goal. Wesley chose to go for the field goal and Becker capitalized. He split the

uprights and tied the game at 18-18.

Both teams failed to score again so the game was sent to overtime.

In overtime, Wilkes won the toss and elected to play defense first. Running back Robert Wright got the call on the first play and advanced it to the Colonel 19. Next, Azzanesi hit Phil Milewski for a first down at the 15 yard line.

Two plays later, Wright got the call and ran it in from 5 yards out. Becker's point after was good giving Wesley a 25-18 advantage.

The Colonels immediately responded. Larry Zeller took a Rine pass and took it two yards before he was stopped.

On the next play, Hankins was stopped at the line of scrimmage. On third down, Rine dropped back, but was met there and sacked by Wesley's Andre Summers. On fourth down, Wilkes needed a score. Rine dropped back and looked for Hankins, but he was stopped short of the first down and Wesley escaped with the 25-18 overtime win.

Catch Wilkes this Saturday as they take on cross-town rival King's at Monarch Field. The game begins at 1:30 p.m.



Photo by Shawn Penn

Lady Colonel leading scorer and leading goaltender Donna Rothrock boots one for opposing defenders to handle.

By **MATT REITNOUR**
Beacon Staff Writer

When a soccer player scores a goal, their celebration is often crazy. They might dance with the corner flag, belly-slide or jump around with teammates.

When Wilkes sophomore Donna Rothrock scores, she just keeps playing.

"I just have a job to do. People get all excited, I just don't do that," said Rothrock.

But don't get the idea she doesn't care about the wins or losses though. This sophomore from Orefield, Pennsylvania, does whatever it takes wherever she's needed, which included her changing positions about three weeks ago.

Rothrock started the season as the Lady Colonels goalkeeper, before making the change to mid-fielder to help a squad that got off to a 2-5 start. Rothrock's move and Wilkes' competitive nature have pushed the club to 8-7 overall. The club picked up a win and a school record eighth win on October 13.

"I just tell coach to play me wherever," said Rothrock.

"Rock," as she's known by teammates, is listed in the media guide as a goalkeeper and mid-fielder. In the last 11 games she leads the team in points with 21, thanks to seven goals and a team high seven assists.

Rothrock assisted Jill Klicka in the 1-0 win over Baptist Bible on October 13. She is also second overall on the club with career points at 34, but ask Rothrock about numbers and the same answer will be given over and over again.

"Numbers mean nothing, I just want us to keep going

forward," said Rothrock.

Many of the Lady Colonel players say their hard work has helped them get to the school's best win record ever. Rothrock works hard throughout the year.

Rothrock has no off-season and even hits the weight room during the season. She works out five days a week year-round and she feels it helps her endurance during game action.

"Game conditions are different, it's not like there are a lot of speed bursts," said Rothrock.

The Middle Atlantic Conference (MAC) play-offs could still be in the picture, but Rothrock would like to see what the 1998 squad has inside.

"I just want to see us keep progressing and working hard day in and day out," said Rothrock.

Maybe if the blue and gold make it to the MAC play-offs, the "Rock" will dance. Then again, she'll just keep doing her job and a fine one at that.

Hoops goes multicultural

By **SCOTT VEITH**
Beacon Sports Editor

Last week, Wilkes University celebrated Multicultural Awareness Week. To help celebrate and to earn money for the R.E.A.C.H. Foundation, the Multicultural Student Coalition (MSC) put on a charity basketball shoot-out.

The R.E.A.C.H. Foundation is an organization that benefits underprivileged children and several coalition members felt that the proceeds of their event should benefit this organization.

In return R.E.A.C.H. members handed out *Hershey's Kisses* to hungry fans.

The game included campus personalities such as MSC president Terry Martin as the games top scorer, Colonel running back Floyd Allen as the announcer and Wilkes basketball stars Dave Jannuzzi, Bob Morcom and Angela Collins as the officials.

Also strutting their stuff on the court was softball superstar Kerianne Geist and wrestling

standout Roderick Franklin.

The game also featured shooting contests during breaks in the action. Fans were called out of the stands to try their hand at foul shots. The best of the lucky fans

"I think it was a great event because we raised money for the children."

-Shan Reeves, junior

earned themselves t-shirts to commemorate the event.

"I think the event was a great idea. I was happy to see people of many different cultures out there. I had a great time and I hope we can do it again," said Collins.

Shan Reeves, a junior who participated in the event, felt that the event was interesting and

worthwhile. Reeves has been a member of MSC for the duration of his tenure at Wilkes and is interested in bringing more activities to benefit the community and campus.

"I think it was a great event because we raised money for the children," said Reeves.

Martin, a former member of the Wilkes basketball team, feels that basketball is a good way to bridge community gaps.

"This event was a great community builder. I appreciate everyone who supported us. We had a good time," said Martin.

It is not certain whether the group will try to produce similar events in the future. Most members and participants expressed that the event was productive and enjoyable.

The members of the MSC governing board that chose not to display their basketball skills are vice president Maya Tatum, secretary Angelique Sutrisno and treasurer Obed Addo.

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Tennis squad ends season

Looking to improve for first spring season

By GREG COLLINS
Beacon Staff Writer

After finishing out a tough 0-9 season, the women's tennis team is beginning to prepare for next year. Last week the Lady Colonels dropped 9-0 matches to Lycoming College and Allentown College, while both of this week's matches were cancelled.

Against Lycoming last Thursday, top-seeded Lady Colonel Vildana Harba lost her match to Umunga DeSilva 6-2, 6-1.

Junior Nicole Weiss played well for Wilkes, returning most of Holly Metzger's shots. However, Metzger used a late surge to take the match 6-4, 6-3.

At number three singles, Sue Sophabmixay's rocket serve could not keep her from falling in straight sets, 6-3, 6-2, to Heather Straub.

A big positive coming from the match was Wilkes' doubles teams. Finally beginning to gel, they gave Lycoming a scare.

At number one doubles, Harba and Weiss worked well as a pair and see-sawed back and forth against DeSilva and Jamie Kaiser. The Lycoming team, however, took advantage of the windy conditions by rushing the net and finished with a victory, 8-6.

The number two doubles team of Sophabmixay and sophomore Jozica Vodlan also played well. After keeping the match close at the start. They lost their match 8-4.

On the third court, Angie Cardoso and Ameer Mehta kept each game close, taking several to deuce, before losing 8-1.

Against Allentown last

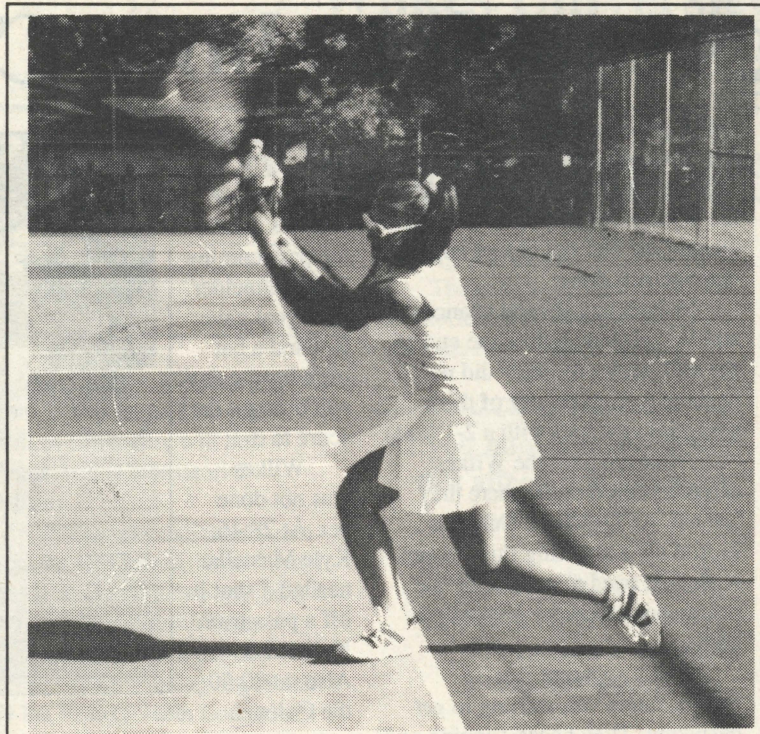


Photo by Shawn Perrine

Freshman Vildana Harba returns a serve against Moravian.

Wednesday, the team again lost 9-0. Both Harba and Sophabmixay picked up six games in their straight set losses.

Despite the 0-9 record, the team remains remarkably optimistic about the future. First year coach Bill Van Der Sluys could make the team's vision a reality.

For the first time in school history, it appears Wilkes will be competing in a spring season.

"Hopefully we can have (a spring season) if we can get the funding," said Lady Colonel Lori

DeMarco (with a smile on her face).

Van Der Sluys said he would also like to host a tournament if things work out.

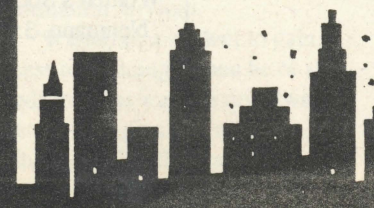
"[I think] mixed doubles could be fun," said Van Der Sluys.

For now, the team will prepare for the MAC individuals tournament later this month.

This newly found enthusiasm is expected to pay greater dividends next year and in years to come.

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That's what I say



with SCOTT VEITH

One of the most difficult jobs in the world of sports casting and sports media is providing a live interview with the coach whose team just lost their chance to appear in the World Series. Aspiring journalists and broadcasters dream of the day that they get to report live from the locker room of a world champion or that of a team who just completed an amazing come-from-behind triumph. This situation is different.

This coach has just seen his team erase all of the success that they experienced over the grueling 162 game season in a matter of hours. His team has worked an entire year for the chance to play in the World Series and this chance was just stripped of them by a team that they know they are better than.

Of all of the broadcasters, correspondents, analysts and reporters that work for NBC, the network gave this difficult and menial task to Keith Olberman. This is not because Olberman is an aspiring young reporter who needs work. This is not because they used up all of their best reporters on the winning team. This is because Keith Olberman is the best and most knowledgeable baseball broadcaster in television.

Olberman has been bringing sports fans highlights, telecasts, analysis and interpretations of sporting events and political occurrences since 1979. He has worked in such markets as New York, Los Angeles and Boston. He can put names like *SportsCenter*, "ESPN Radio," "MSNBC" and "Sports Illustrated" on his resume. He has been successful in every major medium including television, radio and print. He is the co-author of the best book ever written about the profession of sports casting and he was the Cable Ace Award winner for Best Sports Caster for 1995.

Cleveland Indians manager Mike Hargrove had the discomforting distinction of being the losing manager of the American League Championship Series and the first face that greeted him was that of Olberman. In his cut-to-the-chase approach, Olberman asked the questions that every American baseball fan wanted to hear but most sports casters would be afraid to ask.

Olberman didn't ask Hargrove what he was thinking because any idiot could tell that he was unequivocally upset with the situation. He didn't ask what Hargrove's team could have done differently to win the series against the Yankees because if Hargrove felt he could have done something differently, he probably would have.

Instead, Olberman faced facts. He spoke with Hargrove about the difficult situation that he was in, having lost the World Series last year and not having the opportunity to right this wrong. Olberman also asked about Sandy Alomar, Jr., the Indians catcher who has courageously withstood the taxing toll levied by a season marred with injury. Olberman then reassured Hargrove that they "have to stop meeting like this" and sent Hargrove to console his team.

Few broadcasters have made the decision to leave one of America's most popular programs to host a less popular show. Olberman not only did this when he left the set of "SportsCenter" to take aim at his own show, *MSNBC's "The Big Show,"* He mad his new show (ne of the most popular programs of it's kind. Even fewer journalists have been able to maintain their roots when their popularity and success as a broadcaster flourishes. Olberman has done exactly this through his work with *Sports Illustrated*.

Olberman has risen to a level of respect and integrity that few media members achieve. He has accepted tremendous challenges, including the interview with Hargrove and has taken each challenge seriously. In his 20 years in broadcasting, Olberman has succeeded for one reason. He has been himself.

Olberman once said, "I knew when I was eight years old that I'd never get out of the way of a 90 mile an hour fastball aimed at my head, and I though sports casting would be safer."

From that point on, he dedicated himself to being the best sports caster that he could be and the world of sports is a better place for this dedication. We have been blessed with the chance to watch an intelligent man speak his mind about sports and politics and we are all smarter for having listened to his words.

Thanks Keith.

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

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Sports

Men's Soccer hangs tough to boot Crusaders

By JOHN MURPHY
Beacon Staff Writer

On October 7, Wilkes took the road for a match against Baptist Bible College. Wilkes took control of play throughout the first half, but could not manage to convert any shots into goals. They went into halftime tied at zero.

The Colonels play remained dominant going into the second half, which seemed to be too much for Baptist Bible to handle. Sophomore Bill Smith placed Wilkes on the board first with a shot from about 18 yards out into the far corner of the goal at 8:49 into the second half, with the assist going to Rob Rolland.

Then at 16:49 Wilkes placed another tally onto the board thanks to Rolland. After receiving a pass from Dave Reinert, Rolland took the ball down field placing moves on two different defenders to get past them before taking the shot.

Baptist Bible refused to fold. They came back to score a goal on a penalty kick with only 6:30 remaining. Unfortunately for Baptist Bible, this was not enough and the Colonels ended the game winning 2-1.

On Saturday afternoon

Wilkes took on Susquehanna University at Ralston Field. Wilkes' offense once again took control of the game early on with a charge at the net at 2:43 into the game, with a shot from Jarrad Max. From there, the two teams fought from their respective ends of the field.

After a series of officiating calls against the Colonels, Wilkes managed to fight their way in front of the Susquehanna goal.

Rolland took advantage of the situation and scored one for the Colonels at 13:44 after Scott Kowalski fed him the ball.

Susquehanna took the ball after the goal and charged into the heart of the Wilkes defense. They managed to slip one past goalie Seth Nye to place themselves onto the board at 14:05.

Wilkes then picked up the offense and started putting on the pressure. The game started to get physical once again, but the Colonels took advantage and scored once again when Tim Seymour passed the ball to Rolland who placed the ball into the net at 18:58.

Susquehanna did not let this discourage them. The team almost converted a chance at the 21:45 mark when they caught keeper Nye

out of position after blocking the first shot. The Susquehanna offense went after the rebound but the Wilkes defense covered up and cleared the ball out before any damage was done.

Wilkes had several chances to add to their lead before the end of the half. However, they did not manage to convert any of them, going into the half with a 2-1 lead.

After the half, the Wilkes offense started right where they left off. At 11:20, the Colonels kicked off a shooting flurry when Kowalski tried to get one by the Susquehanna keeper, but it flew high.

It was apparent that Susquehanna was starting to get desperate. They began tripping and pushing the Colonels on an already slippery field.

Bill Schneider passed one up to Max, who then took off toward the goal at 11:45. As Max was getting past the last defender, he placed the shot, but the Susquehanna defensemen tripped him up, sending the ball wide.

The Colonels then came back thirty seconds later when Rolland blasted one past the goal keeper.

The Wilkes offense was not done and the next goal came out at 15:26 as Rolland scored on a shot

that got through the Susquehanna goalie's hands, the pass coming from Schneider. This goal gave Rolland a hat trick for the day and brought the score to 3-1.

Wilkes was not done yet. At 28:46, Kyle Mastellar headed a shot in off a pass from Kyle Rush. Also, at 30:50 the Colonels were awarded a penalty shot. Matt Bieber took advantage of this and placed Wilkes out of the reach of Susquehanna's grasp.

This would not stop Susquehanna from trying. They came back to score a point against relief goalie Brian May with only about 10 minutes left in the game. They drove once more at 34:30, but May stepped up and stopped the attack.

That was the last good advance that Wilkes allowed in the game,

bringing the final score to 5-2.

"We came here today to win, but we won," said Bill Smith, following the game.

"It was a hard game, not the best conditions, but we came out and I only hope we can keep the momentum going through the rest of the season," said Heath Niederer.



Photo By Shawn Penn

Jarrad Max looks to head a joust in recent action at Ralston Field.

Field Hockey storms back, beats Susquehanna

By LARRY LEWIS
Beacon Staff Writer

The Lady Colonels field hockey team has not yet found the formula that would allow them to attain a winning record. Over the course of the season, they fought their way to a 4-7 mark.

They attempted to improve this mark on Tuesday, October 13 as they traveled to Selinsgrove, Pennsylvania for a Middle Atlantic Conference game against the Lady Crusaders of Susquehanna University.

When the game began, the Lady Colonels were slow. They

could not put together any offensive fire power.

They gave up only one goal in the first half, but the Lady Crusaders were firing constant shots at the Wilkes net. Despite the defensive efforts of Sarah Reed and Jill Wilson, the Lady Colonels trailed at halftime by a score of 1-0.

The second half would prove to be a different story. Led by Kim Walker and Sara Clause, the Lady Colonels roared back.

Each of the two leaders scored with an assist coming from the stick of senior Lisa Werkheiser. Susquehanna could not muster up

another scoring threat.

Senior goalie Pam Truszowski stopped 12 of the 13 Lady Crusader shots to record the victory. This triumph improved the squad's record to 5-7.

The team will play host to the Lady Greyhounds of Moravian College Thursday afternoon at Artillery Park at 4:00.

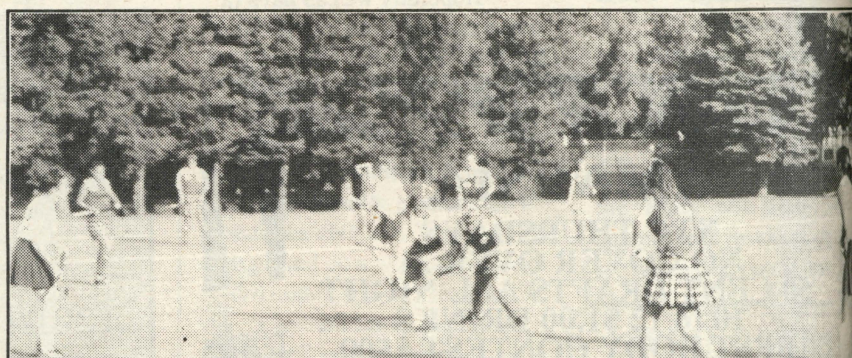


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The Lady Colonels, seen here in recent action at Artillery Park, look to improve their record this afternoon against Moravian.

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October 17

*Field Hockey @ Drew,
1:00 p.m.
*Men's Soccer @ Delaware
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*Football @ King's, 1:30
p.m.
*Women's Soccer @
Allentown, 1:00 p.m.

October 19

*Volleyball @ Marywood,
7:00 p.m.

October 20

*Field Hockey vs. Scranton,
3:30 p.m.
*Women's Soccer vs.
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October 21

*Men's Soccer vs. Drew,
3:30 p.m.
*Volleyball vs. Scranton,
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