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Winter Weekend keeps getting better

By ERIC FREELAND
Beacon Staff Writer

What do you get when you combine a scavenger hunt, twenty of your closest friends, and two full days of a good time?

Winter Weekend, of course. This year's Winter Weekend theme is game shows, and seventeen teams are expected to compete.

Winter Weekend '96 is set up much different from previous years. The most noticeable change is its location. This year, Saturday's events will be held on the greenway

between Stark Learning Center and COB.

The festivities will be kicked off on Friday at 7:30 pm in the Marts Center with the spirit contest and then followed by the volleyball tournament.

On Saturday, things get rolling again at 11:00 am with teams competing in the traditional bat spin and amoeba contest.

New games have been added this year and they include: the hula hoop race, the dodge-ball tournament, and even a scavenger hunt.

Another additional change is that the music will be provided by 98.5 KRZ's

Boom Box. Also, hot dogs and hamburgers will be served by Wilkes University's cafeteria.

According to Ali Qureshi, Student Government Vice President and Winter Weekend Chair, this year's changes are to entice more students to participate.

"Last year's turnout for Winter Weekend was low," says Qureshi. "With the new additions and change in location, we hope to attract more students."

Stephanie Hastings, senior, thinks that moving Winter Weekend's location is a good idea.

"It was such a pain getting over to Ralston Field, and with most people consuming alcohol the risk for drunk driving has been eliminated," says Hastings.

Hastings also questions the elimination of the keg rolling contest.

The planning for this event has been four months in the making. The members of Student Government have tried to put together a weekend that all students can enjoy. There is more to this weekend than just fun and games, each team's forty dollar admission fee will be donated to a local charity to be announced on Saturday.

Turner tips another one in

*Wilkes captures a 95-73
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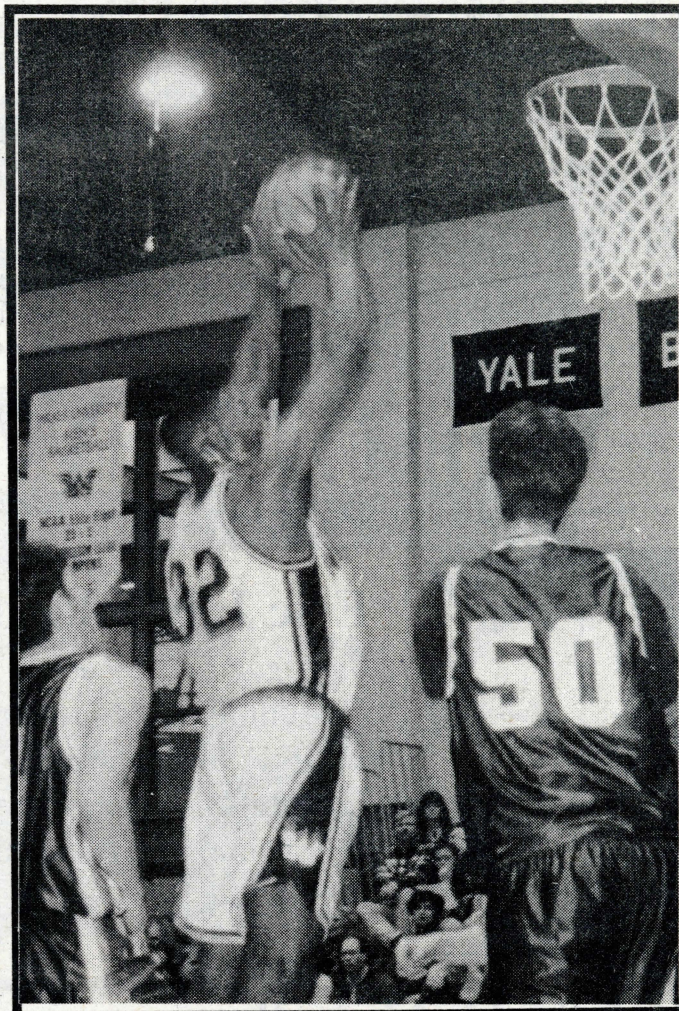


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Rolling to a 21-1 record overall, the Colonels momentum continues in a big win over Drew University. See Beacon Sports for more information.

Winter Weekend Activities

Friday:

7:30 pm: Spirit Contest

8:00 pm: Volleyball Tournaments

Saturday:

11:00 am: Bat Spin

Amoeba

Tug of War

Dodge-ball

Hula Hoop Race

Scavenger Hunt

12:00 to 2:00 pm: Hot dogs and
Hamburgers will be served

4:00 pm: Completion of all events



Open house rescheduled

By AMY CONNELLY
Beacon Staff Writer

After a four week postponement, Wilkes University will be holding its annual open house on Sunday, February 18, 1996.

It was originally set for January 21, 1996, but due to the flood evacuation it had to be rescheduled for a later date.

The university was notified at 11:45 pm that it had to evacuate all students; consequently canceling the open house slated for that Saturday.

"We were on the phone at 1:30 in the morning calling prospective students beyond the Allentown area who wouldn't know about the evacuation and flood," said Bernie Vinovski, Dean of

Enrollment Services. "We called those same students again on the following Monday to inform them of the new open house date."

Of the students telephoned, only one was dissatisfied with the change; however, 22 of them were unable to accommodate their schedules to attend the newly scheduled open house. Many have visited in the meantime, they couldn't wait to come tour the campus.

The Admissions office is expecting about 170 perspective students on Sunday. Including parents and students, there will be over 500 people on campus.

This is expected to be a good turnout, since this open house is a new program at Wilkes—the first of its kind at the university.

One change that will occur includes class attendance for

the prospective students.

"The new program represents a special initiative so students will actually go to class, we want to replicate an actual day," said Vinovski. "We hope this will be more effective in recruiting students."

The open house begins at 9:30 am on Sunday. Students will register between 9:30 and 10:00 am in the Dorothy Dickson Darte Center. They will receive a packet of courses and an itinerary to begin their day.

During the course to the open house, perspective students will find out information about financial aid, tour the campus, and meet some of the faculty and coaches. This open house should be a very successful despite the postponement.

Flashback

These events took place in which year?

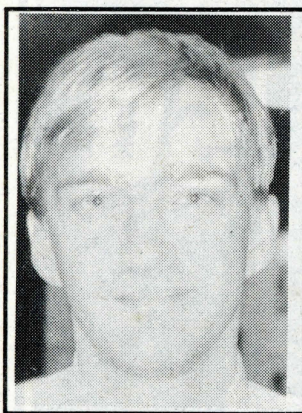
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- On Jan 31, 13 year old American students rank last in Math and Science, compared to students from South Korea, Great Britain, Ireland, Spain and Canadian provinces.
- On March 21, a federal drug testing of jobs involving public health and safety was upheld by the Supreme Court, 7-2.
- On June 12, the Supreme Court ruled 5-4 that the burning of the American flag as a political protest, is protected by the First Amendment's guarantee of free speech.
- On November 27, the first U.S. liver transplant was successfully completed at the University of Chicago Medical Center.

Look on page 6 for the answer to this week's Flashback.

-All information taken from *The Encyclopedia of American Facts and Dates*, 9th ed., Gorton Carruth

Who's Who?



Eric J. Freeland

Barnegat, New Jersey

Communications major

"Wilkes has shown me how to stand out in the crowd. The experience I obtain in the classroom, and the campus activities are invaluable."

Kristin M. McNally

Sewell, New Jersey

Biology major / Psychology minor

"Taking full advantage of all Wilkes has to offer has afforded me a wealth of knowledge and treasured memories."



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If there isn't any answer leave your name and numbers and your call will be returned as soon as possible.

Fundraising idea receives award

By **TONI ODEN**
Beacon News Editor

The Wilkes University office of Volunteer Services was recently selected by Break Away, the Alternative Break Connection, as the 1995 Alternative Break Award Winner for the category of Most Creative Fundraising Venture at the October National Conference.

The award-winning idea, created by Amy Mazur and Mary Hession, was the "Buy a Brick" campaign. The proceeds were used to fund the Fall 1993 and Spring 1994 alternative breaks.

During the alternative breaks, the Wilkes students assisted Habitat for Humanity sites in Patterson and Newark, New Jersey and Miami, Florida.

"A lot of work was accomplished, but everyone had fun at the same time," said Amy Mazur, Director of Volunteer Services.

The "Buy a Brick" campaign included a cardboard outline of a brick house. Students then sold cut-out paper bricks to help "build" the house.

"The people were asked to sign the bricks, and the house was taken along on the alternative break trip," said Mary Hession of Campus Interfaith. "We gave them the house and explained that it

contained the signatures of people who supported our cause."

Fundraising has a high priority for members of volunteer services. Some past endeavors include: hoagie sales, chocolate covered pretzels, the "Buy a Mile" campaign, letters to churches and other organizations, and entertainment books.

If you have free time and the desire to help others, get involved. All alternative break trips and activities are run through Volunteer Services and Campus Interfaith.

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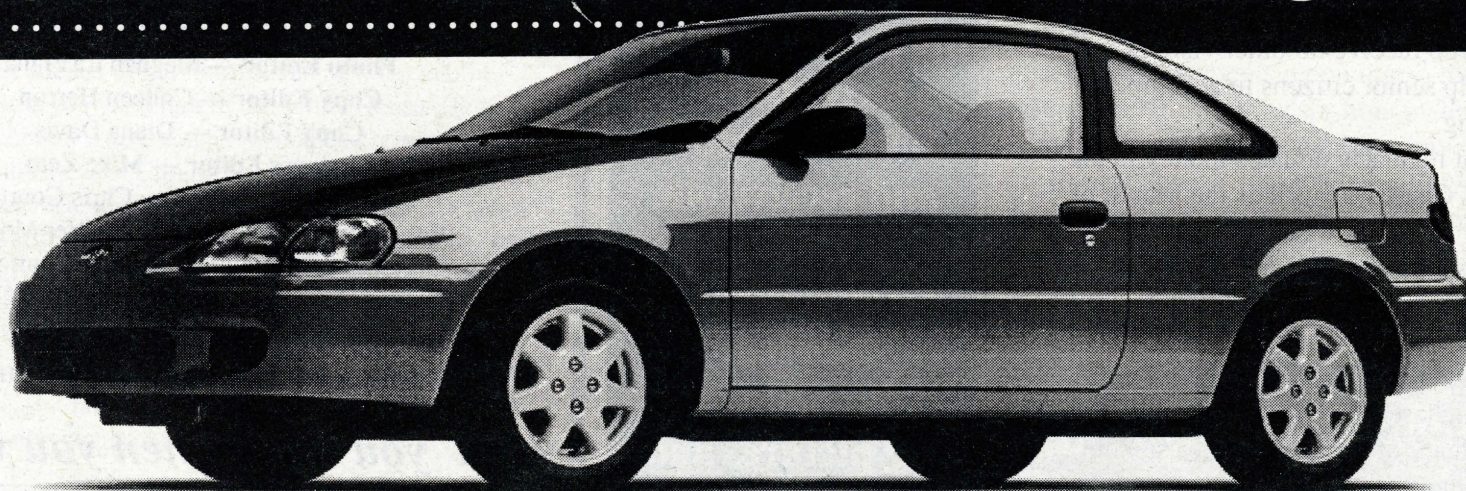
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Giving is second nature for some Wilkes students

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In a society with few remaining altruistic people, I always find it heart-warming to see individuals doing nice things for others who are less fortunate than themselves. For example, when I'm walking down a street and I see a young person helping an elderly woman carry her bags. Or when a homeless person sits hungry and alone on a dirty street corner and I notice a stranger offering him a warm cup of coffee. Although small acts of kindness, these deeds should not be forgotten. For that reason, I would like to commend those 12 clubs and organizations who helped serve food to the people in the Vision Shelter last week.

For one hour, starting at 6:30 pm, these students not only gave up their own time to serve a healthy meal, but they also lent a source of comfort by talking to and spending quality time with those who really needed it.

I don't know about you, but I find their efforts something to be extremely proud of. I mean, how many college kids do you know who take time out to help the less fortunate?

The answer may surprise you. In a world that condemns Generation X'ers, I doubt these critics even take the time to look at the number of good deeds college students perform every day. Just take a look at the number of community service accomplishments Wilkes has to offer.

- For two hours a month, volunteers attend to residents at Little Flower Manor who receive no other visitors.

- Other volunteers help senior citizens to accomplish basic computer processing.

- Student Government regularly donates money to the Big Brothers, Big Sisters Charity as well as the March of Dimes.

- A REACH party is sponsored by various Wilkes organizations every month, which benefits underprivileged children.

- On a monthly basis, students volunteer their own time to help the blind purchase groceries.

I'm sure there are plenty of services Wilkes student body provide that I have not listed. But in terms of money donated to charities and volunteer services available, Wilkes plays a positive roll in our community.

It's about time someone noticed.

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Happy Valentine's Day, friends and foes, as we join in the celebration of love, commercial style. Here's hoping you sent your loved ones a few Hallmark cards, some Gertrude Hawk chocolates, and an FTD Bouquet. Isn't love grand?

Our musical mood-setter is courtesy of Dire Straits, from a love ballad entitled "Romeo and Juliet." As winter ever-so-gradually melts away into spring, so the cold hearts of bundled students will thaw and embrace the coming of spring. In the words of Homer Simpson, the original "Gangster of Love," "Mmmm . . . spring."

Spring is a type of rebirth, countless poets tell us, and maybe that's why Valentine's Day is perfectly positioned: it warms our hearts as a sign of things to come. Whether or not you are experiencing the love of a relationship this week, there are a great many things around you which are quite lovable. The Chatter gives thanks for many things on this Valentine's Week, including a sweetheart who can appreciate the love this column has for the following topics.

Love 1: Three words: pitchers and catchers. The baseball season is almost here, and nothing is more spring-like than listening to a four-hour spring training game, with visions of October championships. Football teams continue to move, and the NBA gets more and more hip-hop all the time. But baseball, still the National Pastime, plugs on, taking the hearts of its followers on a wonderfully long ride. God, I love this game.

Love 2: Baseball and Presidential Primaries in the same week? I must be dreaming. The results from Iowa are possibly the most heartening thing to happen to the Grand Old Party since Ronald Reagan got hot in 1980. Dole is the front-runner, doomed to fail much like a flawed protagonist in a Shakespearean tragedy. Buchanan came in second only because the gun club members were the only mobilized voters in the party. Sitting comfortably in third, a spot both Reagan and Bush held in Iowa during their successful elections, is Lamar Alexander, whom the media is ready to anoint as the darkhorse. A caveat to our friends of the fourth estate: Do not anoint Alexander unless you want him in the White House. He is more likable than Clinton, with a catchy message to remember your ABC's (Alexander Beats Clinton), and a flannel shirt for visibility. As one friend suggested this week, when Alexander hits the southwest, he will alter his first name to Lllamar, the Spanish infinitive which means "to call." That should just about gather the Mexican vote, as well as sew up the nomination. Alexander-Ridge in '96? I have goosebumps.

Love 3: Speaking of goosebumps, this Saturday night is the final regular season home game for both the men's and women's basketball team. Much had been said about the MAC being weaker this season, and that the men's team was good, but probably not a top-five team. Then the St. John's-Fisher loss happened, and the doubters came out in full force. The narrow win over Lycoming at home did nothing to silence them, but the Chatter sincerely hopes that Tuesday night's clutch win at Lycoming will. People, this team deserves your support, and not just being at the games. **Get there, get loud,** and root for a great group of guys on a championship mission. If you have yet to come to the games, you have no idea what you are missing. This is one of the most special years in Wilkes athletics, and we should all cherish it before it vanishes with the snow.

That's all for now. We'll see you at the games, and we'll chat again next week.

Astute Observations

with John-Erik Koslosky

A student driving on South Franklin Street notices a parking spot open just a few cars ahead. He backs in, gets out, feeds four quarters into the meter and checks his watch.

Ten minutes before 9 a.m.

Enough time to get to class and find a seat. Another class immediately follows at 10 a.m., and he hopes the meter won't run out before he gets back.

Upon returning to his car, he notices an ominous white paper tucked beneath the driver's side windshield wiper — a parking ticket. He checks his watch again.

Two minutes before 11 a.m.

Not even 10 minutes late, he thinks, helplessly infuriated. Ten minutes might have been made up for only by leaving a class early, or arriving late, neither of which his professors would appreciate.

This is a typical South Franklin Street scene. Whether they are meter violations or street cleaning violations, parking fines are plentiful near Wilkes University.

There is little doubt why college students are being targeted by the McGroarty administration in its effort to recover some of the \$200,000 in unpaid parking fines. College students undoubtedly receive the most parking fines.

There are about 700 commuters attending Wilkes. The university furnishes only about 200 student parking spots, leaving about 500 commuter students searching for spots every day. Many of the 300 to 400 students living in off-campus and 600 dorm students also rely on city streets to park.

The first scofflaw motorist arrested by city police was incorrectly identified in *The Citizens' Voice* as well as other media outlets as being a Wilkes University student. The headline reads:

"Alleged parking fine deadbeat arrested"

The subhead:

"Wilkes University student sent to jail"

John Imperial, the man arrested and held until he paid nearly \$550 in accumulated fines, was a Wilkes student, but is no longer enrolled at the University.

Shannon McNulty, Wilkes-Barre community relations director, was quoted in the *Voice* regarding the warrants and the targeting of college students.

"This is the first of many," McNulty was quoted as saying. "This should go out as a warning to all those college kids who have outstanding tickets."

She issued a warning to college students — not to all scofflaw motorists — specifically to college students.

It certainly seems as though the Wilkes-Barre Police Department operates on a strict schedule concerning monitoring parking near campus.

Instead of threatening students who have unpaid fines, McGroarty should begin working to alleviate some of the problems that result in students receiving so many parking fines.

One alleviative the city should consider is installing six-hour meters to replace the two-hour meters it currently uses. Other cities and smaller municipalities have installed parking meters which allow motorists to park for several hours without having to feed the meter.

While a resting scofflaw motorist may provide the city with money otherwise lost, it does little, if anything at all, to eliminate the conditions that led to so many students receiving so many parking fines.

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Upcoming Campus Events for February 15 - February 22

Thursday, February 15

- "The Crucible"- DDD theater, 8 pm

Saturday, February 17

- National Random Act of Kindness Day
- "The Crucible"- DDD theater, 8 pm
- W B-ball- Scranton (H) 6 pm
- M B-ball- Scranton (H) 8 pm

Monday, February 19

- Washington-Lincoln Day

Wednesday, February 21

- Ash Wednesday
- SG meeting- 6:30 pm
- Campus Interfaith "Talk it out", 5 pm SUB basement
- Wrestling- East Stroudsburg (H) 7 pm

Friday, February 16

- "The Crucible"- DDD theater, 8 pm
- College retreat @ Poconos- thru Feb. 18th.
- Winter weekend thru Feb. 18th

Sunday, February 18

- Wrestling- Syracuse (A) 1 pm
- WCLH Black History Month- "The Montgomery Bus Boycott" 3:30-4:30 pm.
- "The Crucible"- DDD theater, 2 pm
- "Mississippi Burning"- SLC 101, 7 pm

Tuesday, February 20

- OCC meeting, SLC 380, 11 am
- CC meeting, SLC 204, 11:45 am
- Amnicola meeting, Hollenback Hall, Noon

Thursday, February 22

- WCLH Black History Month "The Montgomery Bus Boycott" 7:30-8:30 pm
- IRHC meeting- SLC 1, 11am

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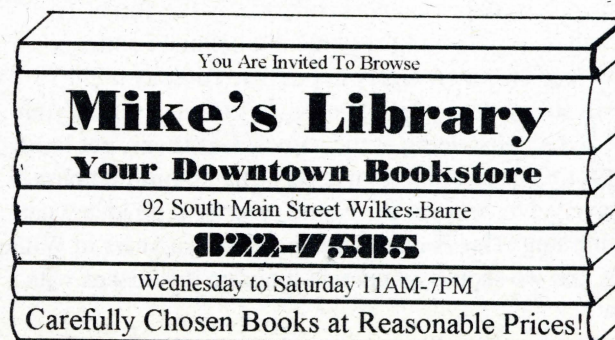
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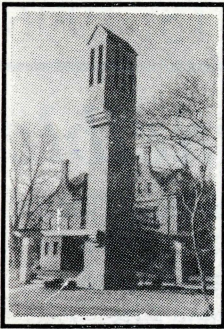
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Obsession with the Reflection

By **CHRISTINE GAYDOS**
Beacon Features Editor

While we constantly reassure each other that looks aren't everything, the truth is that few people look in the mirror and are completely satisfied with what they see.

Ideas of self improvement are natural, everyone wants to feel good, but an obsession with one's reflection can become a serious problem.

Though bombarded with talk shows and after-school specials dedicated to anorexia and bulimia, few people know the details about the disorders.

What is the difference between the disorders? Anorexia is characterized by significant weight loss caused by starvation. Anorectics tend

to wear baggy clothing that hides their figure in order not to attract any attention.

Symptoms of bulimia are cycles of bingeing and purging. Bulimics are very secretive in their actions.

How do I know I need help? Traditionally women are diagnosed with eating disorders, however 15% of sufferers are males. Eating disorders often surface when the individual is a young adult, but can continue through their thirties.

Disorders tend to flare up with stress, "like coming to college or other major changes in one's life," explains Dr. Mark Sowcik, director of campus counseling.

Most anorectics and bulimics suffer from depression, have a poor self

image and are high achievers in school or in their career.

How do I help a friend who suffers from an eating disorder? Dealing with someone with an eating disorder can be very painful to those who care about them, but it is important to simply let them know you are there.

"Don't expect them admit to such a problem." He offers these three tips to those who are close to an anorectic or bulimic.

- Don't be judgemental Express concern.
- Research the concerns and risks.
- Leave the door open. Tell them that you are available along with campus counseling and health services.

Dr. Sowcik wanted to address these and many other

questions students may have about the disorders at the Eating Disorders Screening held in the Marts Center last week.

"Unfortunately, it was poorly attended," said Dr. Sowcik. The screening consisted of a presentation, video, discussion and ended with a screening in which participants answer questions and rated themselves concerning eating disorders.

Dr. Sowcik plans to hold the screening again. "Moving it closer to the center of campus and changing the time to the evening might increase interest," he said.

The screening is planned to be rescheduled sometime in the next few weeks. Anyone interested is encouraged to attend.

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What is Valentine's Day?

By **BERNARD SEEMAN**
Special to the Beacon

On February 14th, St. Valentine's Day, people showed their teachers, friends, or more importantly their significant others how much they loved them.

"Love is something that you can't put chains on and throw into a lake. That's called Houdini. Love is liking someone a lot," writes Jack Handey in his book *Deeper Thoughts*. Love made these people act crazier than ever before, and they went mad giving cards, candy, flowers, jewelry, poems, etc. to those loved ones who hold the key to their hearts.

What was the reason for this madness? What is the reason for St. Valentine's Day?

St. Valentine's Day is a day that honors two Christian martyrs who shared the same name, Valentine. Both martyrs were buried on the Flaminian Way on the same day, after being persecuted by the Roman Emperor Claudius II Gothicus in the third century. In the fourth century a church was built over their graves.

Others contend that Valentine's Day probably originated because, according to ancient belief, February 14th is the day that lovebirds begin to mate.

Textbooks can tell us about the birth of Valentine's Day, but their pages lack the emotion that helps us understand what Valentine's Day means to people.

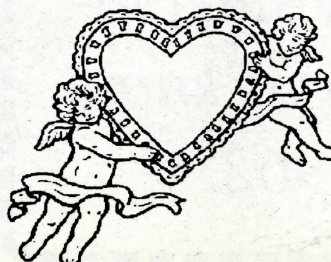
"It is nothing... frivolous... it is for the birds... love birds... chocolate companies, Hallmark, florists..." said Allen Lee, a Wilkes University student, when asked the question, "What is Valentine's Day?"

But is it only for lovebirds? "It's a day that has different levels of meaning for different types of relationships," said Wilkes University Upward Bound secretary Bobbie Fiascki, after a few minutes of

pondering.

Someone else thought otherwise. "You should show a person how much you love them every day of the year, not just on one special day," said friend Pamela Kitzmiller.

"Whom we love best, to them we can say least," wrote John Ray in his book *English Proverbs*. Obviously, he wasn't thinking of Valentine's Day when he wrote it, because on that day we say everything.



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- Distorted body image (as they become thinner they see themselves heavier).
- Obsession with food.
- Denial of hunger.
- Ritualistic, sometimes bizarre eating patterns.
- Food binges followed by fasting, vomiting, or use of laxatives.
- Excessive exercise (often exhibiting high energy levels despite malnutrition).
- Excessive devotion to work or studies.
- Withdrawal and depression (a general loss of interest in former activities and friends).

SYMPTOMS OF BULIMIA

- Recurrent episodes of binge-eating.
- Normal or near normal weight; some may be underweight or overweight or experience frequent abnormal eating patterns.
- Recognition of abnormal eating patterns.
- Depressed mood, feelings of guilt and self-induced vomiting and/or use of diuretics and laxatives.
- Decreased self-control particularly related to food issues but eventually carrying over into all areas of life.

TREATMENT

- Professional psychological therapy - it is often recommended that the entire family be involved.
- Informal group interaction with other anorexics and bulimics, both recovered and those still suffering from the disorder.
- Weight gain and /or establishment of normal eating habits in conjunction with moderate physical exercise.

The Wilkes campus is full of talented individuals making exciting achievements. If you have any such information let us know at ext. 2962.

Wilkes to present *The Crucible*

Wilkes-Barre— Members of the Wilkes University Department of Music, Theater and Dance will present Arthur Miller's *The Crucible*, from Thursday, February 15 to Saturday, February 17, at 8 p.m.; and Sunday, February 18, at 2 p.m., in the Edward Darling Jr. Theater, of the Dorothy Dickson Darte Center for the Performing Arts.

The Crucible, an exciting drama about the Puritan purge of witchcraft in old Salem, is both a gripping historical play and a timely parable of contemporary society.

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Get ready, it's coming

By CHRISTINE GAYDOS
Beacon Features Editor

Many of us recycle religiously at home, where there are ordinances which require the separation of waste. Unfortunately, this good habit doesn't often carry over when students return to the resident halls.

While it may not be easy to recycle at this time, students are being assured changes are underway. Three Wilkes students have gone to great lengths to get their big ideas on a new recycling

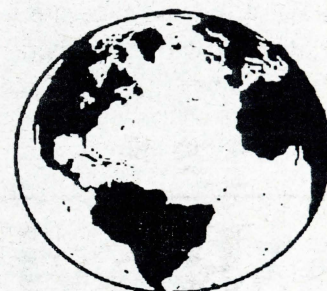
system underway. Rob Frederick, Recycling Operations Manager, Jessica Wisser, president of the Environmental Club, and Randy Yerger, Recycling Assistant are out to make a difference on campus.

"It will take the help of the student body, faculty, and staff to get things going," admits Rob Frederick.

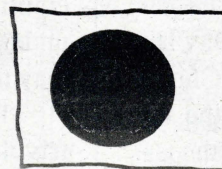
Once operational, the new plan will include the recycling of newspaper, office paper, flyers, cardboard, glass and plastic and aluminum.

All students interested in

knowing more about recycling at Wilkes on those interested in getting involved are encouraged to attend the Environmental Club meetings on Tuesdays at 11:30 am in Stark 434. The *Beacon* is also going to feature recycling updates in future issues.



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HOROSCOPES

Aries (March 20- April 19)
Don't schedule your life around your special someone. You can't be everything to them. Remember you have needs too.

Taurus (April 20- May 20)
Lucky in love, or are you? Make sure you know what you are getting yourself into, you may be in over your head.

Gemini (May 21- June 20)
Caught between two loves? Make the best of it and don't be forced to make any hasty decisions.

Cancer (June 21- July 22)
Your valentine is just a little late, give them time to get up to speed. Be understanding and let them make it up to you.

Leo (July 23- August 22) You may be missing a past love, but don't try to ignite an old flame, some things are better left untouched.

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Virgo (August 23- September 22) You may not be too sure about things with your sweetie, especially if they are far away. Just hold on.

Libra (September 23- October 22) A close friend may suggest getting even closer. It may be a shock at first, but can you imagine yourself with anyone else?

Scorpio (October 23- November 21) You may have been burned in love in the past, but don't hold that against the one you're interested in now. Be honest about your past.

Sagittarius (November 22- December 21) It may seem like Cupid is playing games with your love life, but if you keep an open mind and smile, it will all work out.

Capricorn (December 22- January 20) Don't try so hard. You'll never win your special someone's heart if you keep playing games, especially if you try to make them jealous. Just be yourself.

Aquarius (January 21- February 18) Don't worry about the gift you gave your valentine. They truly adore you, true romance has no price on it.

Pisces (February 19- March 19) It may be your nature to be interested in a few people at once, just keep in mind that hearts are fragile. Please be gentle.

Born this week: Someone special may have caught your eye, but beware of a wolf in sheep's clothing. You deserve the best don't accept any imitations.

Consider This...

"That's it baby, if you've got it, flaunt it."
Mel Brooks

"Never find your delights in other's misfortunes."
Publilius Syrus

"All for love and nothing for reward."
Edmund Spencer

"To weep is to make less the depth of grief."
William Shakespeare

"It is a wonderful seasoning of all enjoyments to think of those we love."
Moliere

"Love truth, but pardon error."
Voltaire

"If a tree dies, plant another in its place."
Linnaeus

"Talk low, talk slow, and don't say too much."
John Wayne

"The bottom line is in heaven."
Edwin Herbert Land

Roving Reporter with Meghan LaVigna

If you could have any Valentine in the world,
who would it be?



"Kristin Alfonso (Hope)-
Days Of Our Lives"
Asif Ilyas



"Pamela Anderson (C.J.)
Baywatch"
R.J. George



"Jennifer Aniston (Rachel)-
Friends"
Chad Gomborg



"Just a nice guy to ask me
how my day was."
Michelle Tufaro



"Adrian Paul (Duncan
McCloud) - Highlander"
Lynn Evans

Ladies ride streak into the playoffs

By **MICHAEL BUTCHKO**
Beacon Sports Editor

All season long, the women's basketball team has fought through adversity to strive for success.

This week, they finally reached their goal.

By virtue of a 89-65 win over Drew University, the Wilkes University Lady Colonels clinched an MAC playoff spot. Two days later, the team defeated Albright College in Reading by a 70-68 tally. They completed their undefeated week with a 70-37 win over visiting Delaware Valley on Wednesday.

Of course, none of these wins was without incident. Saturday's win over Drew was interrupted by a power outage at the Marts Center. It was a metaphor for the Lady Colonels, who were shooting the lights out all game. They scored 53 points in the second half, and had a balanced scoring attack.

Coach Karen Haag was pleased with Saturday's effort. "We shot well and took care of the basketball. We need to have several kids with great games in order to play our best possible

game."

Rebecca Baker led the Lady Colonels with 25 points and 10 rebounds. Jaime Land scored 17 points, 12 on the strength of four three-pointers. Natalie Miller chipped in 12 points, all from three-point land, and Kristen Cookus contributed 11 points.

Monday night's game at Albright had all the makings of a let down for the Lady Colonels, as they were coming off their best effort of the year. Rebecca Baker's 30-point effort against Albright was capped off by the game winning shot with no time left. Baker was set up underneath by an inbounds pass from Jaime Land. Kristen Cookus added nine points, while Erica Kramer and Jaime Land both added eight points.

Coach Haag had been continually impressed with Baker's performance, and Monday night was no exception. "They [Albright] could not stop her. We did a good job of getting her the ball. The amazing things were that she was in foul trouble, so she did not play as much as she could have, and that she missed some bunnies [short shots], too." Baker was named MAC

Freedom League Player of the Week last week for her efforts.

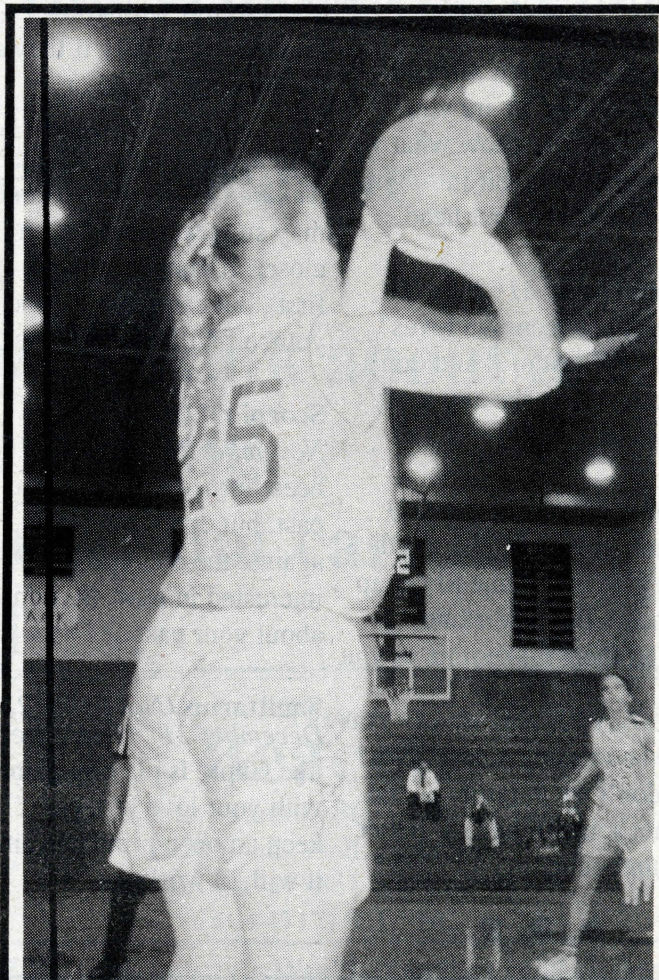
The Lady Colonels looked to make the week a sweep on Wednesday night against Delaware Valley. On January 17, Wilkes defeated the Aggies, 61-45, on the losers' floor.

The first half was close for a while, with Delaware Valley keeping Wilkes within range. But the second half was a different story, and Wilkes blew out the Aggies, 70-37.

This week's games have playoff implications, as Wilkes can conceivably move up to the third seed in the MAC Freedom League. Wilkes needs some help from FDU-Madison, which plays King's this week. A Jersey Devil win would move Wilkes into the third slot. Coach Haag anticipates that Wilkes' first-round opponent will be Elizabethtown or Susquehanna, both expected to be the top two seeds from the MAC Commonwealth.

This Saturday, the Lady Colonels end their regular season against the University of Scranton. It will be the final regular season game for five seniors: Jaime Land, Amy Kuzmick, Erica Kramer, Renee Casterline, and Kristen

Release, rotation, splash!



Sophomore Natalie Miller eyes up a three-point shot from the corner against Drew University. Miller scored 12 points to help the Lady Colonels to victory.

photo by Meghan LaVigna

McNally. Coach Haag expects the night to be emotional. "A lot of kids have put their heart and soul into this team, and hopefully it will be an exciting and happy night for everyone involved." Tip-off is set for 6 pm, inside the Henry Gymnasium.

Next Wednesday, three Wilkes wrestlers will compete in the final home match of their careers.

Your presence is requested.

February 21st against East Stroudsburg, start time of 7:00. Support Wilkes athletics!

Colonels' Scoreboard for the Week

WRESTLING

(4-11 overall)

Results:

Saturday (10th):
44-0 Loss to Rider

Upcoming Schedule:

Sunday (18th):
at Syracuse 1:00

Wednesday (21st):

@ Home vs. East
Stroudsburg 7:00

Sunday (25th):

at Old Dominion 4:00

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

**(8-13 overall;
6-5 MAC)**

Results:

Saturday (10th):
89-65 Win over Drew *

Monday (12th):

70-68 Win over Albright

Wednesday (14th):

70-37 Win over Delaware
Valley *

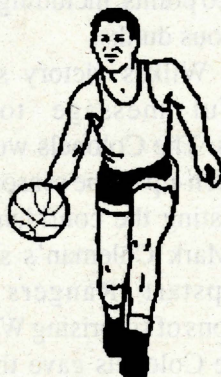
Upcoming Schedule:

Saturday (17th):
@ Home vs. Scranton 6:00 *

Tuesday (20th):
MAC Quarterfinals

Thursday (22nd):
MAC Semifinals

Saturday (24th):
MAC Finals



MEN'S BASKETBALL

**(21-1 overall; 11-0
MAC)**

Results:

Saturday (10th):
95-73 Win over Drew *

Monday (12th):

85-82 Win over Lycoming *

Wednesday (14th):

95-59 Win over Delaware
Valley *

Upcoming Schedule:

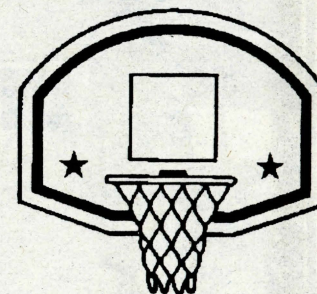
Saturday (17th):
@ Home vs. Scranton 8:00 *

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* MAC Freedom League
Games



Saturday night, *nine seniors*
will play their final regular
season home games.

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first;

we'll say "farewell" and
"thank you"
as only we can.

February 17,
Wilkes vs. Scranton,
men's and women's games.

Pre-game at 5:50.

And turn to us first for
coverage of the MAC playoffs.

90.7 FM, WCLH:

If they play 'em,
we'll call 'em.

Beacon Sports
Quote of the Week:
Wilkes guard Chris
Parker, on his game-
winning shot against
Lycoming:

"On the last play,
Dave (Clancy) got
stuck in the middle.
When he got stuck,
he hit me with a
nice pass.
Fortunately,
it went in."

Home, sweet home!

Win over Lycoming clinches home court for MAC playoffs

Turner, with authority!



Jason Turner throws down one of his monster jams this past Saturday. Turner tallied 20 points in the win over Drew.

photo by Meghan LaVigna

By PAUL CHIMOCK
Beacon Sportswriter

It was another week of winning for the Wilkes University men's basketball team. The Colonels have rolled to a 21-1 overall record, and have rattled off 12 consecutive wins. All three wins were impressive, each for different reasons. The following accounts detail this week, when the Wilkes University Colonels won their second consecutive MAC Freedom League title.

Wilkes 95 Drew 73

Chris Parker hit eight three-pointers on his way to scoring a game-high 34 points as the Wilkes University Colonels defeated the Drew University Rangers, 95-73, this past Saturday. The Colonels improved to 19-1 overall and 9-0 in the Freedom League.

Parker exploded for 23 points during the first half, including 14 points in the final five minutes

of the first half. Parker also pulled down a team-high nine rebounds to go along with four assists and three steals. Senior Jason Turner was a dominating force for Wilkes in the paint. Turner scored 20 points, including three thunderous dunks.

The Wilkes victory sent a powerful message to the Rangers. The Colonels won the first match-up of the season, 75-71, boosting the confidence of coach Mark Coleman's squad. The upstart Rangers had aspirations of surprising Wilkes, until the Colonels gave them a dose of reality.

Wilkes 85 Lycoming 82

The Colonels won their second consecutive Middle Atlantic Conference Freedom League title and earned the number-one seed for the MAC playoffs with an 85-82 victory over Lycoming College this past Monday night in Williamsport.

Wilkes, sparked by Matt LaBuda's 30-point performance, as well as Jason Turner's 19 points and 15 rebounds, proved to the youthful Warriors that you can't beat experience.

Lycoming did play well, however, cutting into an early first-half Colonel lead. Both teams shot over 50 percent in the first-half, and Lycoming took a 53-52 advantage into the locker room at halftime.

The situation did not improve for Wilkes at the start of the second half. The Warriors jumped out to a seven-point lead at the 17-minute mark, prompting Wilkes coach Jerry Rickrode to call timeout. Soon after play resumed, both Matt

LaBuda and Dave Clancy were charged with their fourth personal fouls. Things looked even more bleak in the middle of the second half, with Lycoming leading by as many as nine points.

The veteran Colonels did not panic, however. Sticking to their game plan, Wilkes slowly cut the Lycoming deficit. LaBuda returned to action at the six-minute mark, and with 4:28 remaining, the Colonels trailed by a single point.

Momentum shifted in Wilkes' direction when Lycoming's leading scorer was assessed his fourth personal foul. As Andy Rutherford, the guilty party, looked on in frustration, Jason Turner made the front end of a bonus opportunity to tie the game. The clock read 3:43.

The Warriors regained the lead with 1:17 left to play, as Lenny Weisbrod scored his only points of the evening. His three-pointer gave Lycoming a 82-81 lead. Weisbrod, possibly effected by freshman nerves, missed two free throws with 47 seconds left to give Wilkes the window of opportunity they so desperately needed.

The next offensive possession saw Dave Clancy find an open Chris Parker for an off-balance jumper. Parker would not be denied, and the senior gave Wilkes an 83-82 lead.

The Colonels needed a defensive stand, and they received it when Dave Clancy partially blocked the shot attempt of Geoff Boblick. Matt LaBuda caught the errant shot, and was immediately fouled. Because the nature of the foul

was blatant, and no attempt was made to grab the basketball, the officials called an intentional foul. Matt LaBuda sank two free throws, and by virtue of the intentional foul rule, Wilkes was granted possession of the basketball after the free throws. Wilkes inbounded as time expired, with the "Wilkes faithful" cheering loudly.

Jay Williams added 13 points, and seniors Chris Parker (nine points and nine boards) and Dave Macedo (seven points and seven assists) also played large roles in the Colonel win.

For Lycoming, sophomore Andy Rutherford had 24 points, 16 of them coming in the first half.

Wilkes 95 Delaware Valley 59

Wilkes faced an overmatched Delaware Valley squad on Wednesday, a team they defeated by 60 points earlier in the year.

This game was not much different, as the Colonels sprinted out to a 51-28 halftime lead. Chris Parker had 14 points at the half, Jason Turner added 12, Matt LaBuda had nine, and Jay Williams contributed eight points.

The second half was also not much of a contest, and Wilkes romped by a score of 95-59. Wilkes has a chance for a perfect MAC Freedom League record when they host the University of Scranton this Saturday. Tip-off time for the game is approximately 8 pm.

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