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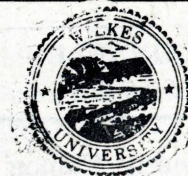
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President Clinton Visits Wilkes-Barre

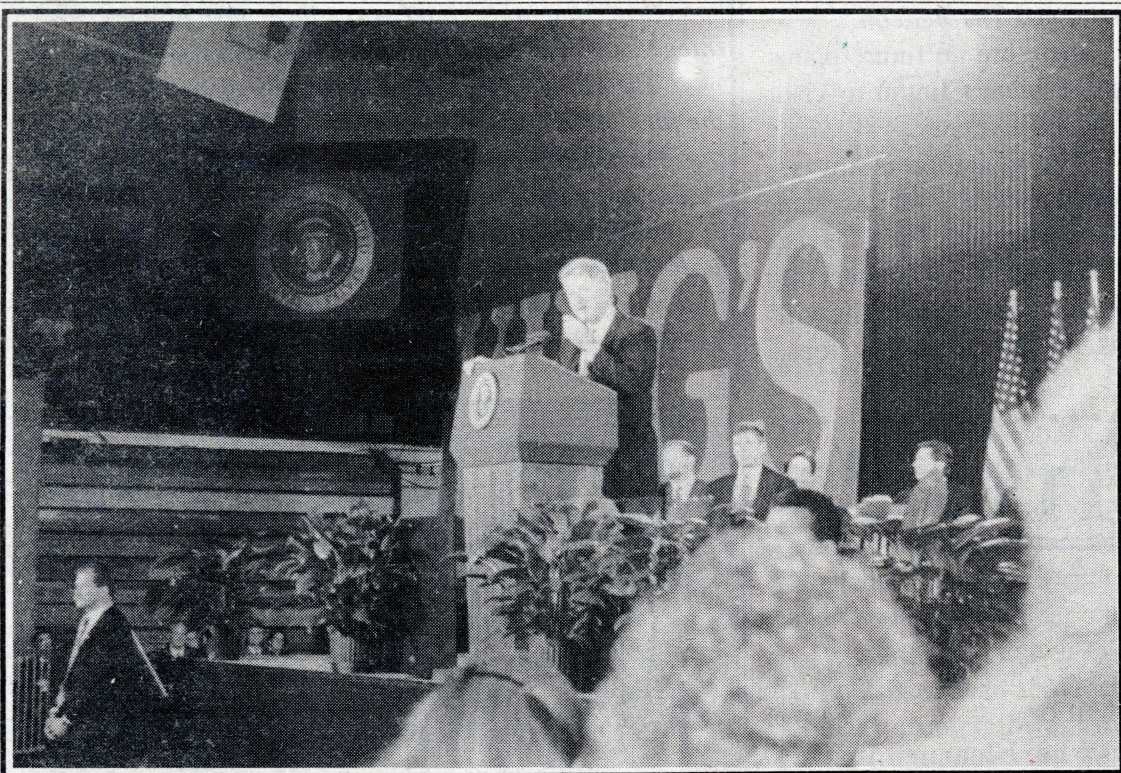


Photo by Michael Noone

President Bill Clinton speaks during his visit to King's College. Clinton addressed the public for 40 minutes.

By **MICHAEL NOONE**
Beacon Staff Writer

President Clinton visited Wilkes-Barre this past Friday to view the damage from last month's flooding and to announce plans for a \$150 million levee-raising project. The President arrived at the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton International Airport aboard Air Force One at 10:15 am on Friday morning.

The 27 car presidential motorcade arrived in the Parsons section of Wilkes-Barre at 10:30 where the President toured the flood damage area with Wilkes-Barre Mayor Tom

McGroaty, Pennsylvania Senators Arlen Specter and Rick Santorum, Pennsylvania Governor Tom Ridge, and Pennsylvania Congressmen Tim Holden and Paul Kanjorski.

President Clinton is often praised for his ability to work a crowd. Clinton spoke with flood victims throughout the half-hour walk around the normally quiet Parkin Street. At one point during his Parkin Street tour the President took a tearful child into his arms. Immediately a smile replaced the tears when President Clinton embraced the young girl.

An incredible number of reporters and security personnel accompanied the

President throughout his visit. For security purposes the Secret Service welded shut the manhole covers on Parkin Street and would have placed divers in Laurel Run Creek if the waters had risen above a predetermined level.

After shaking hands, posing for pictures and consoling flood victims on Parkin Street, President Clinton chaired a roundtable discussion with local officials, volunteers and flood victims in the King's College chapel.

Seated in front of large color pictures of the recent flood devastation President Clinton stated that work would finally begin on the levee-raising project that was promised 24 years ago by President Nixon

after the Agnes flood.

"We can start work this year," Clinton said, "to make sure that the Wyoming Valley will never be subject to a flood like that which came in 1972."

Federal and county officials reached the agreement needed for the \$150 million levee-raising project to begin this summer in Exeter. The higher levees will protect 400,000 people in 54 communities.

Wilkes University President Christopher Breiseth informed President Clinton about the evacuation efforts of the school. President Clinton also heard from Eric Malone, a 19-year-old Altoona man who risked his life to save people from the raging flood waters on his jet ski.

President Clinton appeared genuinely impressed with the efforts of the people of the Wyoming Valley.

"I look at the pictures behind me trying to visualize what you all have been through," said Clinton. "I'm very moved by the spirit of the people here."

After the roundtable discussion, President Clinton addressed a crowd of approximately 4,000 people in the King's College Scandlon Gymnasium. President Clinton was introduced by Patrick Murphy, president of King's student body. Murphy was on of the many students from both King's and Wilkes that helped sandbag the banks of the Susquehanna River during last month's flood.

Clinton focused his speech

on praising the efforts of local officials, notably Luzerne County Emergency Management Agency Director Jim Siracuse who coordinated the evacuation of 10,000 residents from the flood zone. Clinton also said that America learned from how this region handled its hardship.

"You have really shown us," said Clinton, "that America can rise to its challenges and show its best self. And I thank you for that."

The President concluded his half hour speech by reminding the audience how Americans come together on times of tragedy. Clinton also spoke about the importance of avoiding cynicism. Clinton said that we should use our actions during the flood as an inspiration to, "Remember how courage seemed ordinary."

After shaking more hands at the airport, President Clinton left the Wyoming Valley aboard Air Force One hour hours after his arrival. the President left behind lifelong memories of personal encounters, promises of the future flood protection and, perhaps most importantly, a feeling in the hearts and minds of local residents that he is truly concerned with the well being of the Wyoming Valley.



Secret Service says no to Wilkes

AMY CONNELLY
Beacon Staff Writer

President Clinton spent last Friday touring the flood-damaged areas of Wilkes-Barre and speaking to a capacity crowd at King's College's Scandlon Gymnasium about funding and his thoughts on the disaster.

During his brief visit to the Wilkes-Barre area President Clinton took part in a panel discussion at the King's chapel.

On Wednesday, Mark Davis of Wilkes University Relations said that President Clinton had also planned on

speaking at Wilkes University's Dorothy Dickson Darte Center. Unfortunately, the Secret Service cut down the number of stops the President would make on Friday.

"It was security reasons," Davis commented.

Wilkes University President Christopher N. Breiseth "spoke as a community leader who was at the heart of the activity during the evacuation," said Davis.

This was not President Breiseth's first meeting with President Clinton. They spoke a few months ago when the President was in the area for family business.

Vice President J. Michael

Lennon and a number of Wilkes students also attended the activities at King's College.

The University was given 100 tickets, which were distributed among the various departments on campus. Other campus ticket holders consisted of members of the student government, the TV studio and *The Beacon*.

There are no future plans for President Clinton to visit Wilkes University.

"The invitation is always opened and the offer has been extended to him," said Davis.

Hopefully next time the President visits the area he will make Wilkes one of his stops.

Foreign Language Open House

The Department of Foreign Language and Literature will hold a foreign language lab open house on Wednesday, February 28th, from 9:00 am until 3:00 pm. The state of the art Language Learning Center is located in COB, Room 18.

The staff of the language lab will provide information on its instructional programs in French, German, Spanish, and other languages.

They will also demonstrate the application and the versatility of the lab's multimedia equipment such as speaking computers, interactive laser disc players, integrated VCR's and monitors, and other technologies.

"The lab is welcomed and an important extension of the foreign language classroom, and will greatly enhance our instructional capabilities," said Dr. Karpinich, the chairman of the Department.

The faculty of the Department and the language lab staff invites students and colleagues for a tour of this brand new facility on Wilkes' campus. Refreshments will be served throughout the day.

Who's Who?



Theresa Ann Havel

Brodheadsville, Pennsylvania

Psychology Major / Sociology Minor

"I feel that in the past four years I have learned just as much about life experiences as I have about my academic career. It's been a lot of fun, I've attained many close friends."

Mariah E. Dembesky

Dickson City, Pennsylvania

Elementary Education/Psychology Major

"My time here at Wilkes has been a very rewarding and enriching experience. The friends I have made and the lesson's I have learned will stay with me throughout my life."

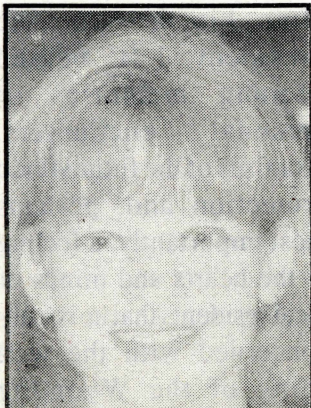


Tammy J. Swartwood

Dalton, Pennsylvania

Business Administration Major / Organizational Communication Minor

"Wilkes has given me an education that extends beyond the. Through the many opportunities Wilkes offered, I'm prepared for the challenges after graduation."



The Beacon will contact all other Who's Who students in the next few weeks. Please have the information available when needed.

Flashback

These events took place in which year?

1950 1951 1952

Dwight D. Eisenhower was elected president of the U.S. Senator Richard M. Nixon of California was elected vice president.

On July 14, price controls were removed from most fresh and processed meats and vegetables.

On June 2, presidential seizure of steel mills was declared unconstitutional by the U.S. Supreme Court.

On March 2, those considered subversives would be barred from teaching in public schools, according to a U.S. Supreme Court decision.

Some of this years popular songs were "Cry," "Kiss of Fire," "Wish You Were Here" and "Wheel of Fortune."

Look on page 3 for the answer to this week's Flashback.

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

Next Week: Look for the latest acts of vandalism and criminal mischief in the Security Corner.

Weighing my options between Clinton and Winter Weekend

Despite the fact that politics plays a minimal part in my present lifestyle, hearing President Bill Clinton speak from barely fifty ft. away will remain an unforgettable experience.

From the cold and windy 45 minute wait outside, to the repetitious tunes of Hootie and the Blowfish, each sound, sight and smell will remain an intriguing memory.

Originally, *The Beacon* staff was allowed only two passes to hear the President speak. Knowing next to nothing about Clinton and with the start of Winter Weekend only hours away, without a second thought, I gave the tickets to political buffs Mike Noone and Mike Butchko. Believing they would enjoy Clinton's speech more than I ever could, I woke up Friday morning to the smell of dozens of jiggling Jell-o shots, with no regrets about forfeiting the tickets.

Upon arriving at my internship at 9 am, I received a call from Mark Davis, director of University Relations, asking me if I would like an extra ticket for myself. Without hesitating, I jumped at the chance. What could I lose by hearing the President of the United States speak about the community to which I pay thousands of dollars a year to attend college? Besides, Winter Weekend is an annual event. Seeing the President of the United States firsthand is a once in a lifetime experience. How could I possibly pass up this second chance?

Interested in his ideas, yet more excited to actually see the President up close, I sat impatiently and waited for his arrival.

King's College Scandlon Gymnasium was as chaotic as one could imagine. Television, microphone and security wires snaked the gymnasium floor. Banners welcoming Clinton hung from all four walls. But the most intriguing point of interest was the giant-sized red and yellow King's banner that hung immediately beside the podium where President Clinton was to deliver his speech. I wonder, if Wilkes had hosted the President's speech, would we have a banner large enough to hang?

Clinton was an extremely charismatic speaker and I found myself wondering how the same person could be so down to earth, when hearing him speak on television I find myself falling asleep.

While it was clear Clinton was campaigning for votes, he also showed a great respect for the Wyoming Valley community. On several occasions he mentioned people who played a major part in moderating the flood damage and to those he did not know to mention, he gave his fondest regards.

When I left the Scandlon Gymnasium, I was not worried that I had missed my class or that my friends had started partying without me. Instead I was glad I had received the chance to hear Clinton speak. By playing a part in hearing the President's response to the Valley's calling, I experienced an event I will never forget.

Letters to the editor —

NEW POLICY:

It is the policy of The Beacon not to alter any submitted letters. Grammatical errors are those of the author.

To the editor:

It is about 1:10 pm on Friday February 16, 1996. Today is the day that President Clinton visited the Wyoming Valley. I am sitting in front of my television set watching the events occurring not two blocks north of my location.

It has come to my attention that Wilkes University was granted 100 tickets to distribute amongst the Wilkes Community to see the President. It has also come to my attention that five Wilkes students received these tickets distributed by Wilkes. I'm sure I do not speak for myself when I say that I would have liked to have attended the speech by the President of the United States of America, but unfortunately, I am not one of the fortunate few students that received tickets to see him.

Do the math. I'm sure that the Wilkes student population makes a larger portion of the Wilkes Community than a mere 5%. Alas, only 5% of the tickets granted to Wilkes went to its students. I believe in such a school as Wilkes, where a well-rounded education is emphasized, it is absolutely imperative for the students to be offered as much as possible to achieve this goal. Allowing the students to take part in such a momentous event is consistent with Wilkes' attitudes towards education. I feel slighted as a Wilkes student, as should all Wilkes students, that there was minimal effort to include the student body in an historic event that happens so rarely as a local visitation by the President.

If only 5% of the tickets went to the student population, where did the other 95% go? I'm sure that the administration of this University distributed the tickets in the same way things are handled at Wilkes. It all comes down to empowerment. It's all who you know. Just because the administration could...they did. This is wrong. And I'm angry.

Sincerely,
Scott W. Mengle

To the editor:

I am writing to thank all the Wilkes University clubs and organizations that made an effort to attend "Club Photo Night" on February 4 and 11, 1996. I would also like to thank those clubs that were not photographed, but made an attempt to get in touch with me by e-mail and phone. The event went well due to the patience and cooperation of all Wilkes Students. Fifty out of approximately sixty-five clubs on campus were photographed during the two nights in under a total of 7 hours.

I also would like to say I was extremely impressed with the leadership of the club officers that went above and beyond, to encourage their club members to come out on a Sunday evening. I was informed that these club officers made phone calls, hung up neon colored signs and one officer even held a pizza party after their picture was taken, to ensure attendance.

On another note a watch was found by the photographer during one of the nights. I will be holding the watch until the end of the semester for anyone who can give an accurate description to claim it. Please call the yearbook office at EXT. 2955 or e-mail me at beachemt@wilkes1.wilkes.edu if you believe that the watch may be yours.

At this point, the Amnicola staff has not yet determined how we will take the club/organization photos next year. Due to the success of this year, however we will probably continue a similar fashion. We welcome your comments and suggestions.

Thank you again for helping us to produce the 1996 Amnicola.

Sincerely,
Michael Beachem
Amnicola Photography 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 5 pm on the Tuesday prior to publication.

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Idle Chatter

with Michael Butchko

"When I have nothing to say, my lips are sealed; say something once, why say it again?"

The Talking Heads once again meet the Chatterheads, as we lead off the column with a requested musical lyric. It seems that one naive Chatterhead thought that the Talking Heads would provide the soundtrack for the final semester of Chatters. As David Byrne once sang from "Naive Melody," "We'll make it up as we go along."

The marquee quote comes from a cheerful little ditty entitled "Psycho Killer." Originally, the Zenmaster was struggling to grasp any possible topics for this week's entry. We talked politics last week, and besides, I can only say "Dicksville Notch" so many times without offending the school's Quaker heritage. We talked Colonel sports last week, and some of you were at the Lebanon Valley game. But when the flock from Annville drowns you out, you ought to be embarrassed.

No, this week is a little more abrasive, and a little more controversial. Last week, Tommy Morrison announced publicly that he had contracted HIV. Many people in the boxing world had heard rumblings that Morrison had been infected, and a Nevada pre-fight physical confirmed the rumors.

But what happened next is probably the best thing to happen to the HIV virus in years. Morrison had a press conference to field questions about his contraction of the virus, as well as his future plans. A few weeks ago, the Chatter embraced Magic Johnson returning to the NBA, and, much like Tammy Wynette, I still stand by that position. When he first announced that he was HIV positive Magic was quoted as saying, "I'm going to be the worst thing to happen to this disease."

He was wrong then, and he's even more wrong now.

Remember Magic's press conference in 1991? He was on the platform with his wife, Cookie, and although he wasn't smiling, he also was not devastated. Magic took a positive approach to being positive, and it looks as if it's working.

But what about the message it sends to children, or even adults? Look, Magic had AIDS, and he's fine; therefore, what can happen to me? The Chatter is not saying Magic should look sickly all the time, but he's not the best educational message for HIV. Tommy "The Duke" Morrison is.

Morrison looked devastated during his press conference. His girlfriend cried and appeared pale. His parents looked as if they had lost their son. Morrison was frank: he has contracted a disease which has killed most people infected. I don't know the exact numbers, but it's enough to make your face look more like the Duke than Magic.

Even more impressive were the pugilist's words. He told his young fans to no longer consider him a role model, but rather, "someone who had a chance to be a role model, and blew it." When a reporter asked Morrison how he contracted HIV, Morrison said, "Well, I've had a few hundred sparring partners, and I've led a promiscuous life. So go fish." Go fish, indeed; and a "SIDDOWN" from the Chatter.

This was not braggadocios stories of Magic's sexual escapades. This was not Showtime, and a big smile, and "at forward, from Michigan State University. . ." This is, "I've has a great deal of sex with high-risk women, and now I'm going to pay for it with my life." This is the virus, in its most brutal form.

Morrison has said that he wants to work with Magic to educate kids. Magic did a great job of attempting to preach protected sex to kids, but people don't remember the message. All they see is a larger, still smiling, and apparently healthy Earvin Johnson.

Maybe Tommy Morrison's infection will turn the tide. Maybe people will see that the only reason Magic has a slim chance of beating the virus is that he is in excellent shape. Morrison cried at the press conference, became angry, and apologized to everyone for his dangerous and stupid behavior. I hope Tommy takes his message of infection to teenagers everywhere. Magic is, well, magic. Tommy Morrison is the rest of us, and we need to listen. So consider this the Chatter-proclaimed "AIDS Awareness Week." And keep your eye on "The Duke."

That's all for now. We'll chat again next week.

The day the Valley Stood Still

By MICHAEL BUTCHKO

Beacon Sports Editor

Friday, February 16, 1996 will be a date that many in the Wyoming Valley will not soon forget.

On this day, President Bill Clinton toured flood ravaged areas of Wilkes-Barre, and after a discussion of flood control projects, addressed an awed public in the King's College Scandlon Gymnasium.

The address at King's had its high and low points. Many of the low points were due to poor planning at King's, by those who failed to properly anticipate the crowd generated by Clinton's visit.

By 10:30 am, the line for admission was already one city block long. Yet, those frozen from the wait were still more fortunate than almost 1,000 people turned away from the speech. Although they possessed tickets, the gym was already full, and their "tickets" were not honored.

The speech was delayed over one hour, as the President's tour and discussion lasted longer than expected.

When the President finally arrived, the capacity crowd rose to applaud.

It would be another 20 minutes before he spoke, however. King's College President, Father Lackenmeir, spoke for roughly 10 minutes on the merits of King's college. He also remarked that both Clinton and the school were about to turn 50 years old this year.

The only non-King's student who appeared to care was Clinton, who didn't appear enthusiastic about reaching the half-century mark.

Lest Wilkes be cut down, Clinton did acknowledge us in his speech. "I want to thank Dr. Christopher Breiseth, the President of Wilkes College, who was with us today."

Wilkes-Barre's only university thanks you as well, Mr. President.

President Clinton's address to the public was not meant to introduce any new policy. It was a gesture from the Chief Executive, an expression of interest in the plight of the people of the Wyoming Valley.

"Did you ever notice there are no cynics in a flood?" Clinton asked. His point was that cynicism is a luxury, but it is also a reaction to impromptu stump speeches. At the end of the address, Clinton shifted into campaign mode, attempting to convince the audience he had captured earlier.

The major drawback was King's preparations. The two-hour wait allowed spectators to hear Hootie and the Blowfish songs and ad nauseum. Father Lackenmeir's introduction was self-serving as well as irrelevant to the matter at hand. A sideshow meant to correspond with the speech was nothing more than a distraction.

In the final analysis, Clinton's speech was a well-constructed message of hope. It provided an official assurance the flood-weary residents of the Valley so desperately needed.

Upcoming Campus Events for February 22 - February 29

Thursday, February 22

- IRHC mtng, 11 am, SLC 1
- M B-ball, Drew (H) 7:30 pm

Friday February 23

- Movie "Casino" 7:30 pm, CPA
- "A Voice of Her Own: Women and Communications Technology in the 21st Century"- Dr. Jeanne Allen, 7 pm

Saturday February 24

- SHARE - St. Mary's Church
- "Technology, Communications and Community"- readings and discussion programs, 10 am -12 pm
- Student Recital-Pianist, David Jenkins, 3 pm, Dart lobby
- M B-ball MAC final, TBA

Sunday February 25

- Wrestling- Old Dominion (A) 4 pm
- Movie "Sarafina" 7 pm, CPA
- WCLH "Bill Pickett and the African-American West" 3:30-4:30 pm

Monday, February 26

- Begin preparing for Spring Break

Tuesday February 27

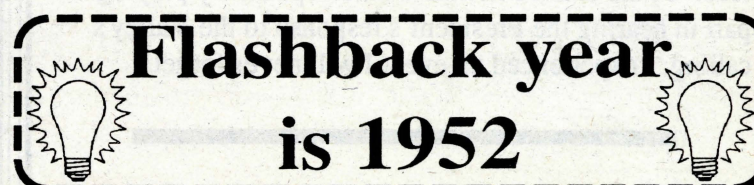
- CC mtng 11:45 am, SLC 204
- Amnicola mtng noon, Hollenback Hall

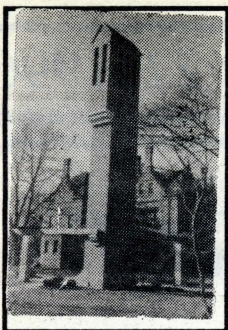
Wednesday February 28

- SG mtng 6:30 pm
- Campus Interfaith "Talk it Out" 5 pm, SUB basement

Thursday February 29

- Blood Drive 10 am-4 pm, Rumours
- M B-ball NCAA Tournament, TBA





Across Campus

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Heidelberg, here she comes

By **CHRISTINE GAYDOS**
Beacon Features Editor

"I came to Wilkes University because I could choose where I would study abroad," admits Theresa Kramer, sophomore with a double major in International Studies and German, who received confirmation that she has been accepted to Universitaet Heidelberg in Germany.

This program accepts 25-year. She will be spending next year in Heidelberg, one of Germany's most beautiful cities.

At home, Theresa's mother and sister both spoke

German and in grade 8 when faced with the choice of languages to study, Theresa chose German.

"I fell in love with German, and have always been fascinated with different cultures and people," said Theresa.

She studied the language all four years of high school, and has taken literature and culture classes while at Wilkes.

Theresa became interested in the program at through Natalie Weber, a Wilkes student currently in the program.

She researched what it had to offer and found that it had an excellent reputation

world-wide.

Heidelberg has an excellent International Relations program through which Theresa plans on taking courses in politics and economics. She will commence classes after completing a month of intense language training.

Upon taking a proficiency test, Theresa will be placed in one of three levels. The first is the intermediate level. The second is geared towards students studying German as ultimate level allows students to be mainstreamed into classes with native speakers.

Dr. Karpinich, chairman of Foreign Language and Study Abroad Advisor,

believes Theresa is capable of entering on the third level with native German students.

"Dr. Karpinich has been very supportive. He has been behind me in everything I've done," shared Theresa.

Theresa will be attending Heidelberg through Heidelberg College, its sister college in Ohio. She plans on leaving in late August and will remain in Germany until returning to Wilkes for her senior year.

Along with continuing her that she is "hoping to run into future job opportunities because I plan to live and work in Europe."

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**Friday
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7 :30 pm
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Why not study abroad next semester?

Wilkes University students who are interested in spending a semester, a year, or a summer studying in a foreign country are invited to explore the great selection of programs available through the Study Abroad Office. All study abroad applicants are also encouraged to apply for the Parking Chef Scholarship for International Understanding.

The scholarship, in the sum of \$650, is awarded yearly to a student (Pennsylvania residents receive first preference) who meets the following criteria:

- participation in an academic study abroad program for a summer, a semester, or a year (all other applicants for the the scholarship will be considered on individual and on availability of funds basis);
- 2.5 GPA and higher;
- submission of a thoughtful essay (about 500 words) on the benefits the applicant hopes to derive from the study abroad experience;
- proof of acceptance into a study program by the specified due date;
- submission of the 500 word essay (as described above) to the Study Abroad Coordinator, by March 31, an/or October 31, for committee review.

Essays of applicants who meet the above stated criteria will be evaluated by a faculty committee, and the finalist is chosen on the basis of the student's expressed need and the most effective use of the study abroad grant.

Students who wish to use financial aid to help meet the educational costs associated with study abroad should meet with the Director of Financial Aid to review applicable procedure.

All recipients of the Peking Chef Scholarship for International Understanding are recognized at the annual Student Awards Ceremony following their study abroad experience.

In addition to the above grant, the Institute of International Education, through the National Security Education Program (NSEP), the program, scholarship assistance will be available for overseas study in regions of the world outside of Western Europe and Canada.

The NSEP scholarship awards are for a minimum of one academic term; however, sophomores and upperclass students are encouraged to submit applications for a full academic year. Students who have never studied abroad before are especially encouraged to apply.

The Study Abroad Office has an extensive library for brochures, catalogues and flyers, and provides general information on study abroad opportunities and programs throughout the world.

For further information, please contact Dr. Walter Karpinich, Study Abroad Coordinator, Ext. 4524.

courtesy of Wilkes University Foreign Language Department

HOROSCOPES

Aries (March 20-April 19)

Your health is not something to compromise. If something ails you, seek attention before it is too late. Better safe than sorry.

Taurus (April 20- May 20)

Success awaits you if you are willing to put in the extra hours of hard work. Keep up your confidence and no one will get between you and your goal.

Gemini (May 21- June 20)

If stress is getting to you take the necessary time for your body and spirit to recover. Once rejuvenated you'll be able to face the daily grind.

Cancer (June 21-July 22)

Take a walk on the wild side. Do something this week that you surprise yourself and others.

Leo (July 23- August 22)

Try not to take advantage of those who are there to take care of you everyday. Call or write and let them know how much you truly appreciate them.

Virgo (August 23- September 22)

Becoming this "new you" might seem to solve your problems, but a tiger never changes its stripes. Be true to yourself and those close to you.

Libra (September 23-

October 22) Ask yourself if you are truly happy. If the answer is no, re-evaluate your priorities and clear a path to happiness.

Scorpio (October 23-

November 21) You definitely need to purchase a student planner because your forgetfulness is going to get you in trouble. Start making yourself reminders and fix this problem.

Sagittarius (November 22-

December 21) Don't let someone's fictitious stories hurt you. They are only jealous. Let it slide, and they'll be the first to notice what a fool they've been.

Capricorn (December 22-

January 20) Your generosity is greatly appreciated, but more importantly, you are proud of what you've done. If you continue to share, great things are in the near future.

Aquarius (January 21-

February 18) It hurts when the one you love won't love you back, but it's all for the best. The one for you awaits you sometime in the next week.

Pisces (February 19- March 19)

While trouble is your middle name, try to behave for the next few days. You never know who could be watching.

Born This Week: It is time to find peace. For so long you haven't been able to distinguish up from down. It's time to leave the fast lane for your own good.

Consider This...

"Sell when you can, you are not for all markets."

•William Shakespeare

"'Classic.' A book which people praise and don't read."

•Mark Twain

"In politics, if you want anything said, ask a man.. If you want anything done, ask a woman."

•Margaret Thatcher

"Heard melodies are sweet, but those unheard are sweeter."

•John Keats

"Reading is to the mind what exercise is to the body."

•Joseph Addison

"An argument needs no reason, nor a friendship."

•Ibycus

"You cannot teach a crab to walk straight."

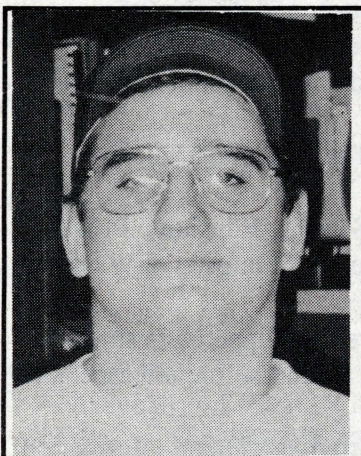
•Aristophanes

"Anger is a weed, hate is the tree."

•Saint Augustine

Roving Reporter with Meghan LaVigna

What do you think was the best part of Wilkes Winter Weekend?



"The Beerathon on Sullivan Street."
Joe Vilchek



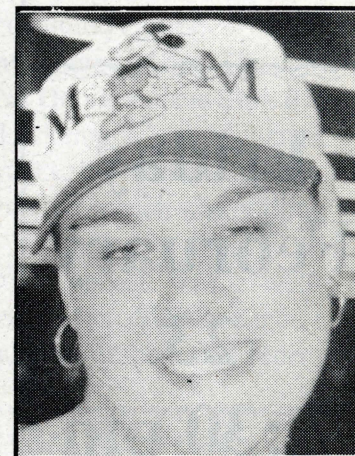
"Going to the Play on Saturday night."
Robert Costello



"Placing an RA in the trash."
Chad Pinder



"Watching people's bodies be written on with markers."
Lisa McCafferty



"Everybody ignoring Mariah at Saturday's events!"
Tera Smith

Five Wilkes players named to MAC All-Star squad

By **MICHAEL NOONE**
Beacon Staff Writer

Five Wilkes University basketball players were recognized for their accomplishments this past week when the Freedom League All-Star teams were released by the Middle Atlantic Conference this past Thursday. Matt LaBuda and Jason Turner were named to the men's first team, and Rebecca Baker was named to the women's first team. Chris Parker, the leading scorer for the Colonels, was relegated to the second team. Jamie Land was also selected to the women's second team.

LaBuda and Turner, two preseason All-Americans, were obvious selections. However the Colonels are bewildered as to why Parker was overlooked for the first team. Parker was a first team selection last year, but not this year, despite improving his scoring average to 19.4 points per game and

pulling down 7.5 boards per game, the second best rebounding average on the team.

The Colonels were also bypassed for the league MVP despite having three of the most dominating players in the league. Coach Jerry Rickrode was also overlooked for coach of the year honors despite leading Wilkes to a 23-1 overall record and the Freedom League championship.

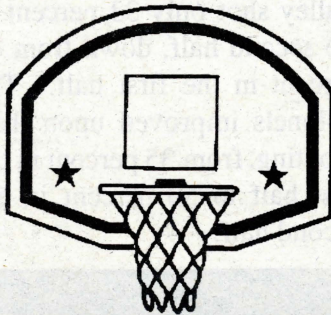
"We dominated the league for three years, but haven't had an MVP," said Rickrode. Rickrode also said that he wasn't concerned about not being named Coach of the Year because Mark Coleman of Drew, Wilkes' opponent in the MAC semifinals, did a good job in his rookie season and deserved the honor.

Another glaring exception from the all-star team was senior guard Dave Macedo. Macedo averaged 5.5 assists per game this season and featured a near

four-to-one assist-to-turnover ratio.

Anyone who has seen the Wilkes women's team play this season would realize that Rebecca Baker has put together a season worthy of MVP honors. Baker reached double figures in both points and rebounds in every game except one for the Lady Colonels. Baker also hit a game-winning shot against Albright, and a game-tying shot against Elizabethtown, to send that first round playoff game into overtime.

The Beacon Sports Staff congratulates the MAC All-Stars on their achievements, and both teams on outstanding seasons.



Elizabethtown needs extra session to eliminate Wilkes

By **MICHAEL BUTCHKO**
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The Wilkes University Lady Colonels fell to Elizabethtown College Tuesday night by a score of 67-53, in overtime.

The Lady Colonels trailed the top-seeded Blue Jays by one point at halftime, and by two points with 23 seconds left in the game. Rebecca Baker hit a turnaround jumper with three seconds left to tie the game at 47 and send it into overtime.

The Blue Jays started the extra session quickly, scoring six unanswered points and forcing Coach Karen Haag to call a time-out. The Lady Colonels were unable to score points quickly, and found themselves needing to foul the Blue Jays. Elizabethtown converted their free throw

opportunities, and won the game by 14 points.

Rebecca Baker led the Lady Colonels with 20 points and ten rebounds. Jamie Land added 11 points, while Amy Kuzmick chipped in 10 points. The Lady Colonels finished their season at 8-15.

Coach Karen Haag remarks that the outcome should have been different. "We should have won it in regulation. If we make our free throws, then maybe things happen differently. But this outcome doesn't satisfy the team, especially the seniors."

Nonetheless, Coach Haag is proud of her team. "I'm really, really proud of the way they kept it together. We were the quintessential underdog, and no one expected us to be in the same gym as Elizabethtown."

Women's MAC Playoff Brackets

Tuesday, February 20 Results:

*Commonwealth #1 defeats Freedom #4:
Elizabethtown 67, Wilkes 53, overtime*

*Commonwealth #3 defeats
Freedom #2:
Messiah 78, Lycoming 76*

*Commonwealth #2 defeats Freedom #3:
Susquehanna 70, King's 59*

*Freedom #1 defeats Commonwealth #4:
Scranton 75, Moravian 63*

Thursday, February 22 Schedule:

*Commonwealth #2 at
Freedom #1
Susquehanna at Scranton*

*Commonwealth #3 at
Commonwealth #1
Messiah at Elizabethtown*

Saturday, February 24 Schedule:

**Susquehanna/
Scranton winner**

VS.

**Messiah/
Elizabethtown winner**

Colonels exact revenge

Will face Drew on Thursday to advance to Saturday's MAC title game

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Last season, the Wilkes University Colonels were on the verge of winning the MAC Championship. The last hurdle before the title was the MAC Championship game in Annville, Pennsylvania, on the campus of Lebanon Valley College.

The Colonels played an excellent game against the then-defending national champions, but fell short, 61-56.

This season, the Colonels found themselves as the top-seeded in a battle against the underdog Flying Dutchmen. But this time, they would not be defeated.

The Wilkes University Colonels overcame a four-point halftime deficit to defeat Lebanon Valley College, 78-68. By virtue of the victory, Wilkes will play Drew University at the Marts Center Thursday night. The Rangers upset the Greyhounds of Moravian College, 77-59.

Lebanon Valley entered

the MAC quarterfinal game against Wilkes with a 12-12 overall record, and a 9-5 record in the MAC Commonwealth League. The Flying Dutchmen fell behind at the outset of the game, with the Colonels compiling leads of 7-0 and 20-9. The Colonels looked ready to blow Lebanon Valley out of the building.

The Flying Dutchmen rallied towards the end of the first half, led by freshman Andy Panko's 18 first-half points. The six-foot, seven-inch forward caused problems for Wilkes because of his passing and shooting abilities. The large Marts Center crowd sat in stunned disbelief as Lebanon Valley led 38-34 at the half.

The beginning of the second half saw both teams struggle in their shooting from the field. For their part, Wilkes played with a sense of urgency, as they tried to control the tempo of the game. The veteran team did not panic, however, and evened the score with the Flying Dutchmen at 42 apiece. Lebanon Valley attempted to slow the tempo, but the Colonels offense clicked

well, and took advantage of their scoring opportunities.

Defensively, both Dave Clancy and Dave Macedo shut down Andy Panko in the second half. "In the second half, it was my job to shut down Panko," Macedo said in a post-game interview on WCLH. "And we did it."

Coach Jerry Rickrode made defensive adjustments at the half. "We switched the matchups, and put sophomore Jay Williams in to pressure the ball."

Williams also added intensity to the Colonel offense. Williams scored seven of his 10 points in one stretch of the second half when Wilkes increased their lead from one point to 11 points. At the end of the run, Wilkes led 65-54, with 4:36 remaining in the game.

Game statistics emphasize the increase in Colonel intensity in the second half. Lebanon Valley shot only 33 percent in the second half, down from 47 percent in the first half. The Colonels improved upon their shooting, from 35 percent in the first half to 50 percent in the second half.

Turner goes strong



Senior Jason Turner hits the boards and scores in the second half against Lebanon Valley. Turner scored 20 points in the win.

photo by Meghan LaVigna

Men's MAC Playoff Brackets

Tuesday, February 20 Results:

*Freedom #1 defeats Commonwealth #4:
Wilkes 78, Lebanon Valley 68*

*Freedom #3 defeats Commonwealth #2:
Drew 77, Moravian 59*

*Commonwealth #1 defeats Freedom #4:
Susquehanna 92, Scranton 81, overtime*

*Freedom #2 defeats Commonwealth #3:
Lycoming 61, Elizabethtown 60*

Thursday, February 22 Schedule:

*Freedom #3 at
Freedom #1:*

**Drew at Wilkes 7:30
Live on 90.7 WCLH**

*Freedom #2 at
Commonwealth #1:*

Lycoming at Susquehanna

Saturday, February 24 Schedule:

**Drew/Wilkes winner
vs.
Lycoming/Susquehanna
winner**

*If Wilkes appears in the title game, they will host.
If Susquehanna wins and Wilkes loses,
Susquehanna hosts.
If both Wilkes and Susquehanna lose, then
Lycoming will host.*