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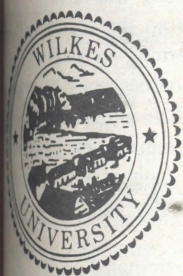
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## The fur flies at Wilkes debate

Jeffrey C. LoBalbo

Assistant News Editor

WILKES-BARRE — The war rages on, as far as animal rights go. Debate sponsored by the Communications Department at Wilkes University was the setting of a heated discussion on whether animals should be killed for their fur.

The debate began with opening remarks by Professor Jane Craghall who also introduced the panelists to participate in the debate.

The participants for the "Pro Fur" side were: Steve Wentzel, from Luzerne Valley, PA, and Eastern Vice President of the Pennsylvania Furriers Association; Stevette Wood, from Tionesta, PA, President, Pennsylvania Fox Breeders Association; and William Wasserman, Wildlife Conservation Officer, Pennsylvania Game Commission.

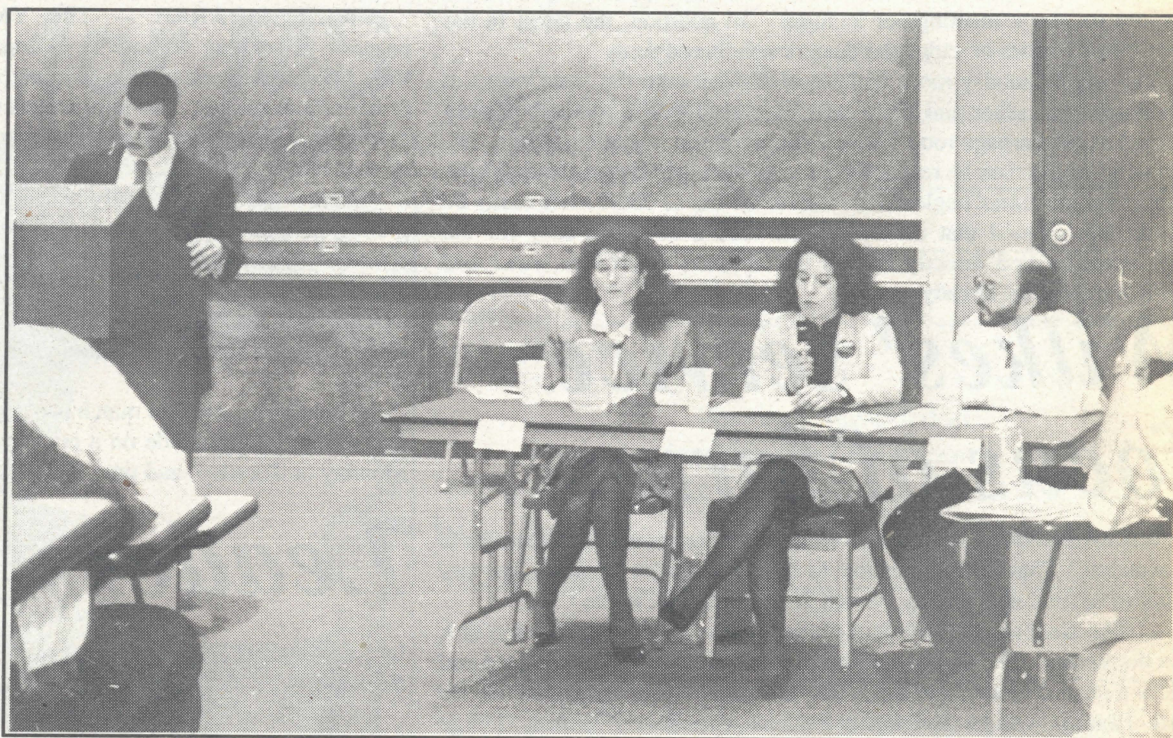
The committee endorsing the "Anti - Fur" side consisted of Lynn Manheim, Factoryville, PA, Citizens for Animals; Dana Stuchell, Hazleton, PA, Trans-Species Unlimited; and Jay Notartomaso, Wilkes-Barre, PA, Direct Action for a New Society.

After introductions were complete, John Sheehan, moderator, outlined the format of the debate. The three parts of the debate included a minute introduction and opening argument by each participant, a cross-examination by the participants of each other, and a period in which questions from the audience via slips of paper passed to Sheehan to be read. Direct participation from the audience was forbidden.

The opening arguments were begun by Wentzel, who stated that fur was a non-profit group in favor of trapping, which was considered a sport.

"We view man as a participant in nature," he said. He went on to state that he endorsed freedom of choice of the people and it was their right to decide if they wanted to do so.

The next person to speak was Manheim, who stated that she was opposed to all killing, and also mentioned that she and other activists were often attacked for not liking people. She also mentioned the fifth commandment of the Bible, which says, "Thou shalt not kill." She stated her interpretation as not to kill anything.



From left to right: John Sheehan, debate moderator; Dana Stuchell, Trans-Species Unlimited; Lynn Manheim, Citizens for Animals; and Jay Notartomaso, Direct action for a New Society.

photo by Donna Yedlock

Wood, a professional fox farmer, retailer, chicken farmer, and President of the Pennsylvania Fox Breeders Association, stated that she had 2000 to 4000 members in her group. She stated that "people are connected to animals" and farming and breeding are "good as long as the animals are treated humanely and ethically."

Stuchell, in her commentary, stated that her cause is a revolution for the rights of animals so that they can be "free to live out their lives without human exploitation." She also warned about stopping the robbery of the Earth's resources for the Earth may never be the same as it was.

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## Aquinas report exaggerates tuition raise

Jeffrey C. LoBalbo

Assistant News Editor

WILKES-BARRE — You just can't believe everything you read.

In the February 28, 1990 edition of the *Aquinas*, the student newspaper of the University of Scranton, there was an article stating that there was to be a 17.5 percent tuition increase in the 1990 - 1991 academic year, raising the cost per credit hour from \$194 to \$228 next year. The article also stated that the raise was due not only to the 4.5 percent inflation rate, but also to the cost of Wilkes' transition from college to university.

According to a recent letter to students and parents

drafted by President Christopher N. Breiseth, the full time tuition rate will increase approximately 7.5 percent and the total package of tuition and room and board will increase by slightly less than 7.5 percent. The 1990 - 1991 tuition will total \$8,200 and the room and board will total \$3,800, making a grand total of \$12,000 as compared to this year's \$11,224.

The President's letter also mentions that student aid will increase by 17 percent.

"We can hold our heads up high in terms of the costs of private institutions," says Paul O' Hop, Chairman of the Business Department.

O' Hop stated that the reason for the added three percent raise over the 4.5 percent inflation rate was because "tuition only covers 70 - 75 percent of the total expenses. When programs are changed, there are associated costs where included."

O' Hop also remarked that Wilkes is doing its best to ensure that the best quality education is being offered.

As for the dispute over the figures, O' Hop said that *The Aquinas'* article listed the University of Scranton's full-time tuition percentage raise, and Wilkes' part-time per credit percentage raise. Wilkes' per credit cost will go up 17.5 percent, but the overall, full-time tuition cost will only go up 7.5 percent.



# TV room opened at Pickering Hall

by Michele Corbett  
Beacon Staff Writer

WILKES-BARRE — Pickering Dormitory standards are on their way up thanks to increased student support and the efforts of Bob Bloom, Wilkes' Regional Coordinator of Residence Life. He reports that there is a 71 percent reduction of vandalism at the all-male dorm.

"Students seem to care more about where they live," offered Bloom. "More Pickering residents are opting to remain here after each semester, especially the freshman."

This may be due to the fact that Pickering has more to offer its dwellers. As of October of 1989, Pickering has a television lounge where the old basement weight room was located. Pickering had gone without any sort of lounge for over two years. When Bloom was hired for his present position during the summer of 1989, he put such Pickering renovations on his high priority list.

Efforts are underway to install a video cassette recorder for the lounge by the end of the semester. Lamps are ready to replace the existing fluorescent lights, and pictures are awaiting proper hanging supports.

Most students use the room to study or "crash out" while waiting for their wash to finish in the adjacent laundry room. Various meetings have been held there and resident assistants have had the opportunity to secure the room for dorm meetings or lectures. In addition, the latest in the "Finger Bowl" series of etiquette dinners was served there.

The single laundry room will be subdivided onto the three wings of each floor. A washer and dryer will be placed in the rooms currently regarded as the garbage rooms which simply house a single garbage can. Each wing would then be responsible for its own laundry unit thus cutting down on the machines' neglect and misuse; the blame could more easily be placed. Bloom said that the transitions should be rather easy for the kitchenettes located directly behind the rooms will provide water and electrical sockets are already present.

## Wilkes' service focus of forum

WILKES-BARRE — How can Wilkes work better to meet the needs of the students? That is the question to be discussed at an all-University Forum to be held on Tuesday, March 20, at 8:00 p.m. in the CPA.

The Beacon and Student Government are co-sponsoring this open discussion. The purpose of the forum is to give Wilkes students and faculty a chance to air their views and ask questions of ten people on the panel. Panelists will be Christopher Breiseth, President of Wilkes; George Waldner, Vice President for Academic Affairs; Paul Adams, Associate Dean of Student Affairs; Marcie Kreinices, Student Government President; Mark Allen, Assistant Dean of Student Affairs; Dan Kopen, M.D., Board of Trustees member; Phil Wingert, Associate Director of Athletics; Erin Ostroski, Bookstore Manager; Gerald Cookus, Director of Campus Security; and a representative of the Food Service.

Karen Donahue, Vice President of Student Government, will give opening remarks. Christopher Augustine, a junior Communications major, will moderate the forum. Other members of the Group Discussion class who planned the Forum are Tara Haas, Mark Maxwell, Valerie Sweeney, Stacey Symecko and Karen Turbowitz.

According to Valerie Sweeney, the forum organizers tried to contact a key spokesperson for every facet of student life. "We are pleased with the cooperation of all people we have asked to participate," said Sweeney.

Have a concern, complaint or question about what goes on at Wilkes? The Wilkes University Forum is your opportunity to listen, and to speak out about campus life. Plan to attend the Forum on Tuesday night.

## Fur

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Wasserman stated in his argument that control of the local environment is in the hands of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. He also stated that there is protection of endangered species. He ended his note with a rebuke towards the "Anti-Fur" team's remark about his loss of a job if trapping was made illegal with the remark that he would be the one enforcing the laws.

The final remark was presented by Notartomaso, who felt that the exploitation of America must stop and people must get involved.

"If apathy continues, the situation will get worse," he said.

He also pointed out that wildlife should not be distorted, and trapping is cruel and unnecessary.

The next part of the debate was the cross examination between each side. Each side was allowed

two minutes to answer a question posed by the latter with a one minute rebuttal by the inquisitor.

This part of the debate covered everything from the techniques of trapping to a Bible verse debate between Wentzel and Manheim.

This part of the debate was also the most controversial. Outbursts from the audience pushed Sheehan to the point of warning the audience that if outbursts continued, time penalties would be levied.

The third part of the debate involved questions by the audience passed to Sheehan on note cards, which asked all kinds of questions ranging from fox farming to whether the animal actually suffers when being trapped.

Local media also participated in this event, including WBRE 28, WNEP 16, The Times Leader and The Beacon.

## Tutors needed at YMCA

by Michele Corbett  
Beacon Staff Writer

WILKES-BARRE — The YMCA tutorial program is seeking volunteers to donate an hour of their time each week to help a younger person in his or her school studies. The tutor selects the subject and grade, from first through twelfth grade with which he or she feels most confident.

Tutors are most urgently needed in math for all grades, as well as in high school algebra, geometry, chemistry, and physics. Volunteers can be professors, teachers, college or high school students who have had that particular subject before, or anyone else with a spare hour and a good background in the area they wish to help.

Once an appropriate match is made between tutor and student, both decide on a convenient day (either Monday or Tuesday) and time (between 3:30 and 7:00

p.m.) during which to meet each week in the YMCA's tutoring room. Students work from their own school books and classroom notes.

The tutorial program, sponsored by the United Way, began its educational assistance to children from mainly low to modest income families in 1964. Mrs. Edward R. Jangigian has been its director since 1966. Since that time, thousands of Wilkes students have donated their time to tutoring through the program.

Mrs. Jan, as she is known by tutors and students, pointed out that this has provided a valuable opportunity to those pursuing teaching professions. She also remarked that the "Y" is the only place that many parents, school and agency personnel can find free educational tutoring for their students.

To volunteer, please call the Wilkes-Barre YMCA (located at 40 Northampton St.) at 823-2191, and leave your name, subject preference, and phone number at which you can be reached.

## Leadership holds session

by Lee Morrell  
Beacon Editor

"Media" was the buzz word for the delegates of Inter-Collegiate Leadership Wilkes-Barre when they met at Wilkes University on Wednesday.

The delegates, representing Community College of Luzerne County, College Misericordia, King's College and Penn State, Wilkes-Barre, in addition to Wilkes, heard from representatives of the local media as well as learning how to handle their own spotlight.

The program was opened by Wilkes professor Tom Bigler who addressed the topic, "What's News To You?"

The group was given a list of 23 headlines and were asked to build either a newscast or a newspaper front page. The stories ranged from stories of local triteness to international importance.

Following "What's News . . ." the group was addressed by a panel of media experts from a number of the local news agencies.

Addressing the group was Citizen's Voice Managing Editor Paul Golias, Times Leader Columnist Jean Torkelson, WBRE-TV Anchorwoman Flora Posterero, and WYOU-TV News Director, Jim DePury.

After a lunchtime address by Wilkes President Christopher N. Breiseth, in which the group learned

about the mysterious "N," the group members "became the news."

Bill Bachman, senior director of corporate communications at Blue Cross of NE Pennsylvania, put five of the leaders in front of a camera and began to fire away with questions.

The questions were meant to put the potential business leader on the spot while revealing hidden facts about their lives.

"It was difficult thinking on my feet like that," said Scott Zolner, a Wilkes senior. "He really caught me off guard."

The group will complete their sessions with a meeting on Public Service at Penn State Wilkes-Barre on April 19.

## IABC

by Laurie Tappan  
Special to The Beacon

WILKES-BARRE — Relations class who chapter of the International Communicators (IABC) on Thursday, March 22, in the Marts Center.

Participants in professionals in the B, namely those from public marketing. All those encouraged to attend.

Keynote speaker Patricia Morrow, a 19 currently Vice-President Department for Ketchikan City.

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## Learn



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WILKES-BARRE — The Walking Center on March 20 at answers you will need Cities Walk to raise money Sclerosis Society.

The clinic will be Fitness Director at the

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Academic Progress Reports Due  
Lethal Weapon II, 7:30 &  
9:30 p.m., SLC 101

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St. Patrick's Day  
His/Pol. Sci. - George Wesley &  
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9 p.m. - 1 a.m., Marts Center  
Arnold Air Society Sleepout,  
6 p.m. - 8 a.m., Bell Tower

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Poetry Reading,  
Art Gallery, 7 p.m.



# IABC to hold career fair

Laurie Tappan  
Special to The Beacon

WILKES-BARRE — Students from the Public Relations class who are implementing a student chapter of the International Associations Business Communicators (IABC) will be hosting a career fair on Thursday, March 29, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Marts Center.

Participants in the fair include several professionals in the Business Communication fields, namely those from public relations, advertising, and marketing. All those interested in these fields are encouraged to attend.

Keynote speaker for the event will be Ms. Patricia Morrow, a 1981 Wilkes graduate. Morrow is currently Vice-President of the Public Relations Department for Ketchum Advertising in New York City.

Following the fair will be a luncheon co-sponsored by the Wilkes University Public

Relations Office. The luncheon cost is set at \$5.00 per person. Student participants are welcome to attend the luncheon, but they must pay in advance. The money may be handed in to Professor Elmes - Crahall in Room 23 of Capin Hall no later than Monday, March 26.

The IABC provides professionals and student members hands on experience in actual business settings with IABC colleagues. Every month members receive a newsletter which includes a listing of job and internship positions within their region, contacts, and upcoming workshops.

"The IABC is a great opportunity for students to break into their job field and establish ties with important individuals," says Matt Germain, IABC student coordinator.

For more information concerning the career fair or becoming a member of IABC, please contact Marcie Kreinces or Laurie Tappan at 829-4655 of Professor Jane Elmes-Crahall at 824-4651, ext. 4162.

*The Beacon is looking for a few eager, go-getter types to canvas the Wilkes-Barre area businesses for purposes of soliciting advertising. If interested, please contact Kathy Harris at the Beacon, 824-4651, ext. 2962.*

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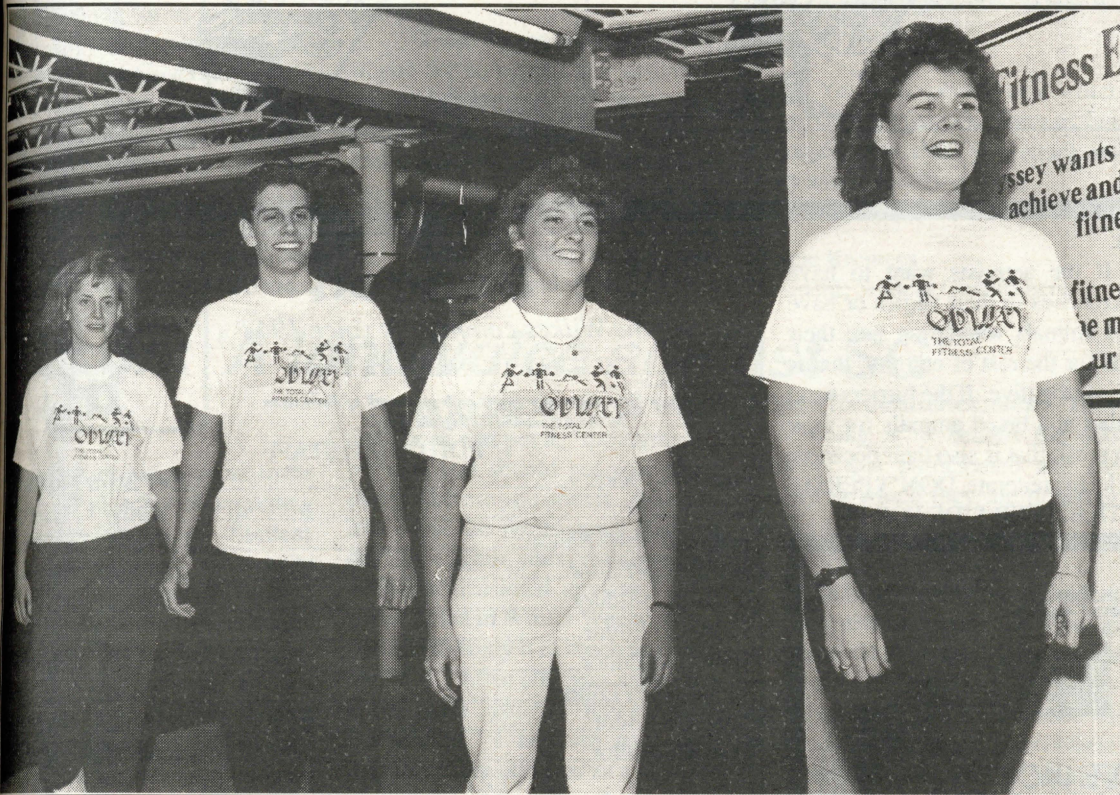
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Please deliver your application and a writing sample (previous *Beacon* story, a term paper, or an English paper) to Mr. Tom Bigler, Capin Hall room 20B. You will be called for an interview.

Application deadline: **Friday, April 6, 1990**

# Learn to walk for MS



Showing their walking prowess are Wilkes students Alisa Geller, Paul Ellis, Pam Miller and Teresa Herman.

WILKES—BARRE— Do you know how to walk? "The Walking Clinic," at the Odyssey Fitness Center on March 20 at 8:00 p.m. will give you all the answers you will need on how to prepare for the Super Cities Walk to raise money for the National Multiple Sclerosis Society.

The clinic will be conducted by Ross Anderson, Fitness Director at the Odyssey. All those attending

will receive a free one day pass to the Odyssey.

The clinic is free and open to the public. For more information on the clinic, call the Odyssey Fitness Center at 829-2661.

Anyone interested in participating in the Super Cities Walk please contact the National Multiple Sclerosis Society at 824-7411.

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Art Gallery, 7 p.m.

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Biological Society Meeting,  
11 a.m.  
SHAC Meeting, 12 noon  
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Circle K Meeting, 11 a.m.

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Wednesday

Advanced Technology Seminar  
Series, 3 p.m. -  
5 p.m., SLC 101  
Dr. John Parados Lecture,  
Marts Center, 8 p.m.

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Thursday

Nominations for SG  
Representatives and Class  
Officers.  
Senior Class Meeting, 11:15 a.m.,  
CPA  
BACCHUS Meeting, 11 a.m.  
Programming Board Meeting,  
11:30 a.m.



# Opinion/Editorial

## Some humans we turned out to be

Last night I attended the Communication Department's debate on whether animals should be killed for their fur. After seeing this debate and seeing how human beings can treat each other I can honestly say that I was absolutely appalled.

**OPINION**  
by Jeffrey C. LoBalbo

Note that I am not criticizing either side. I am neither pro nor anti fur. I simply am stating that members from the same human family should treat each other with more respect despite opposing views on whatever subject.

Remember, this wasn't brain surgery. This was intended to be merely a friendly debate to discuss different views, and not attempt to force their opinions down the throats of their opponents. I am not saying that voicing opinions is wrong, but the way it is done is.

During the debate I observed that both sides had a problem obeying the rules. The anti-fur audience had to be told three times to allow the "opposition" to complete their

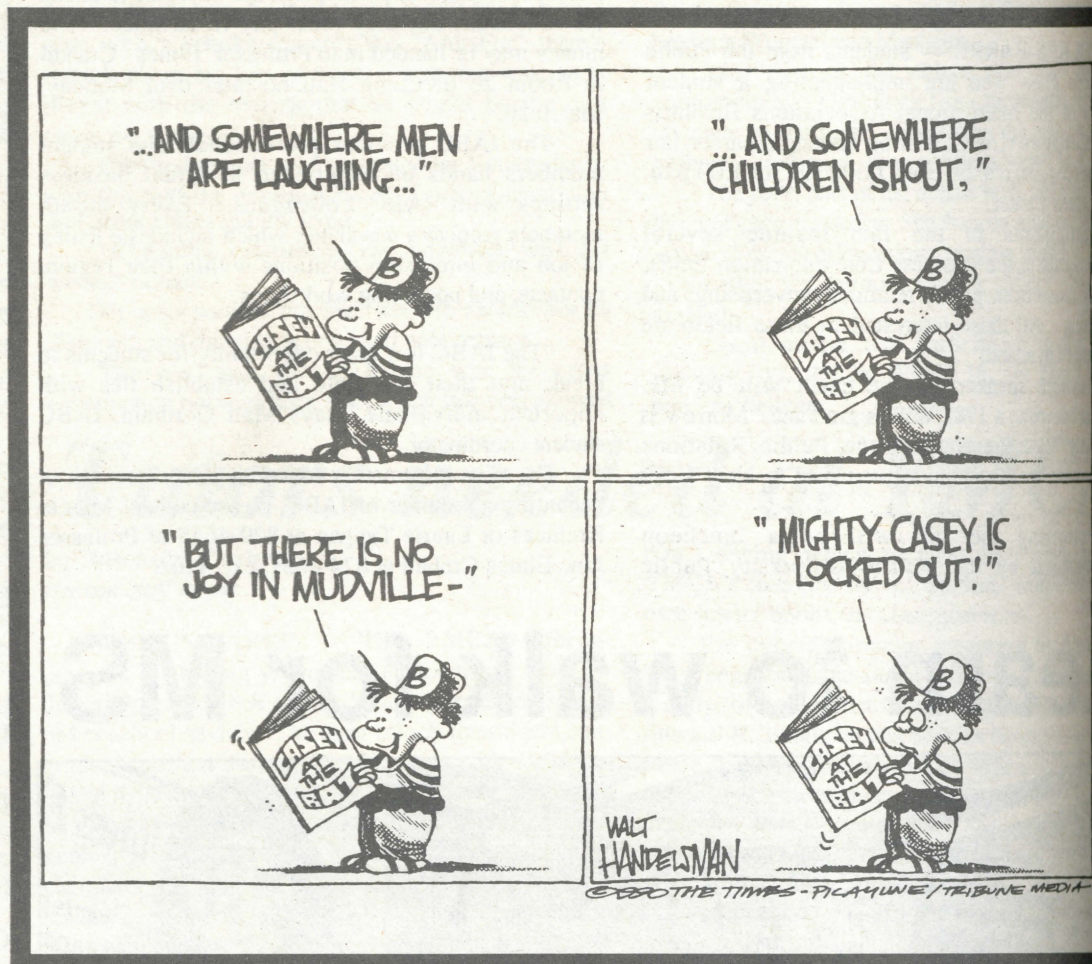
views, while the pro furs had to be told only once. I am not saying that the pros were more right, but three times is three times. I feel that these so-called "mature" adults should set an example and keep quiet when they are supposed to.

Another thing I could not figure out was why each "team" was unable to acknowledge what each other stood for. All night the opposite team to both sides was known as "the opponent." I feel that for any real communication each side should accept the other's argument and put it into consideration and at least attempt to understand from where each is coming from.

I also noticed that during the debate both sides denoted the other's intellect and logic abilities. If these people had any intelligence, they would have left each other alone in the first place, or at least been more civil. Personally I do not care whether a person buys a fur coat, eats meat, or whatever. If a person makes a decision and is happy with it, he should be allowed to live in peace and not be scorned or raped because

of it.

If the activists want to have cockroaches in their vegies or have rabid animals wandering into their yards for the rest of eternity, that is their prerogative. If the furriers want to hunt and breed animals for their own profit that is also their decision, but, let me reiterate, DON'T PERSECUTE EITHER SIDE FOR IT!



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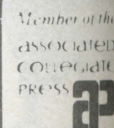


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The next scheduled break is April 6-18. Enjoy!

## SG Pres

Dear Editor;

I am writing in re March 8, 1990 editorial: Directionless Carnival in the March 8 Beacon.

First of all, I do not think you can say that we (the Government) have not done anything really good. I guarantee that we provide for the good, the money we give to charities is not good, and we give campus clubs is not good.

The concept of a student organization that is set up by students who want to make a difference. The SG should be commended for the amount of time and effort it puts into everything we do, every few weeks because nothing else to write about. Always willing to listen to problems, complaints, suggestions no matter what they are. It is not something for us to do directly, it is turned over to subgroups of the Government. For example, you mentioned housing problems. Problems are handled by the Student Council and housing are handled by the Interscholastic Hall Council. The president of two organizations attend

## Beacon:

Dear Editor:

I am writing in re March 8, 1990 editorial: your dissatisfaction with the Government. First of all, I am not the only one who feels that we have not, in almost three years, heard anyone but the Student Government. Other campus organizations matter. You seem to think that the Student Government is the "true student organization" and that students can voice their concerns. Far as I know, no student has ever been turned away from the Student Government. Maybe you ought to try to voice your personal opinion of Student Government, instead of hiding it.

THERE WERE SOME APPEALS AND APOLOGIES THAT APPEARED. THAT



# The Beacon Mailbox

## SG President rebuts Editorial

Dear Editor;

I am writing in response to the Editorial: Directionless SG like a Carnival in the March 8 issue of the Beacon.

First of all, I don't see how you can say that we (Student Government) have not done "anything really good." I guess the activities that we provide for students are not good, the money we donate to charities is not good, and the help we give campus clubs is not good either.

The concept of SG is an organization that is set up for students by students who want to and will make a difference. The members of SG should be commended for the amount of time and effort that we put into everything we do, not criticized every few weeks because there is nothing else to write about. SG is always willing to listen to student problems, complaints, or suggestions no matter what the topic is. If it is not something for us to deal with directly, it is turned over to the other subgroups of the Government. For example, you mentioned parking and housing problems. Parking problems are handled by the Commuter Council and housing problems are handled by the Inter-Residence Hall Council. The presidents of these two organizations attend all SG meet-

ings and deal with the complaints as they see fit. As for scholarships for "fellow leaders," if we are not aware of it, how are we supposed to deal with the problem? You must think that we are mindreaders.

We, the student leaders (you included), are constantly confronted with setting good examples for other students, providing activities and dealing with the ever-frustrating apathy. To deal with this, we try to promote a positive attitude and plenty to do. I, along with all of the members of SG, have been trying all year to make this year the best it could be and when I read your editorial I was very offended. Student Government is not "damned" to reputation as you stated last week. What would happen if we were to say that next year there will be no Homecoming Weekend, no Winter Weekend, and no Cherry Blossom Weekend? Don't you think people might complain?

I also do not understand why, if you are so against our activities, you participate in them? Homecoming is a tradition and Winter Weekend is just plain fun. I'm sorry if we are trying to make this (college) an enjoyable experience for everyone.

Aside from the fun activities, we deal with fund requests from

groups that need money for conventions, etc., constitution readings for newly formed clubs, and all of us are on one of the five or six faculty committees.

Since this seemed to be directed toward your dissatisfaction with Winter Weekend, let me tell you a few things about it. We brought in \$800 to donate to St. Vincent DePaul's Soup Kitchen in Wilkes-Barre. Members of SG will be spending an afternoon there serving lunch and presenting the check.

I certainly hope that this does not turn into a game like the one you created with Pete the Colonel. In my opinion, that was very unprofessional when I'm sure there were other topics to write about.

I cannot recall how many times a Beacon Representative was invited to attend SG meetings so you'd know what was going on - maybe now is a good time to take us up on our offer.

Yes, you succeed as a writer by provoking a response from us, but I suggest next time you attack an issue worth attacking.

Marcie Kreinces  
President, Student Government

## Beacon: 'A lone voice against SG'

Dear Editor:

I am writing in response to the March 8, 1990 editorial regarding your dissatisfaction of Student Government. First of all, you seem to be the only one who feels this way. I have not, in almost three years here at Wilkes, heard anyone but you slander Student Government, or any other campus organization for that matter. You seem to believe that Student Government is not being a "true student organization" in which students can voice their opinions. As far as I know, no student wishing to voice his or her dissatisfaction has ever been turned away from a Student Government meeting. Maybe you ought to try it sometime and voice your personal dissatisfaction of Student Government in front of them, instead of hiding *The Beacon*.

In regards to "Winter Weekend" or as you put it, "the carnival," perhaps you should get your story straight before you print it. After all, isn't that the professional thing to do? Then again, you certainly are not acting professional anyway. You participated in Winter Weekend and seemed to enjoy it as much as everyone else. After all, you were on a team last year ("Rocky and Bullwinkle," I believe) and came back for more this year as a member of the "Great Depression" team. You didn't seem to mind Student Government's participation then.

Also, you felt that Student Government took over "full control" of Winter Weekend. Well, why didn't you and/or the rest of your *Beacon* staff offer to help? I personally know quite a few people who put 110% of their time and effort into organizing the affair. They weren't

doing it for themselves, either. They were doing it to benefit the 400 students that participated and the charity to which they are donating \$800.

In being analogous to Student Government in terms of George Bush and "Danny-Boy" Quayle, you make no sense whatsoever. Apparently you think that events such as Winter Weekend and Casino Night "just don't happen." Well I have news for you, Mr. Know-it-all-editor. College is more than just keeping one's nose in a book or sitting in a small room on the third floor of the Conyngham Student Center trying to think of ways to make other campus leaders look bad in an attempt to make yourself look better.

Sincerely,  
Kristine Bauer

THERE WERE OTHER LETTERS IN THE BEACON MAILBOX THIS WEEK. SOME APPEAR ON PAGE 8, THE REST WILL APPEAR NEXT WEEK. OUR APOLOGIES TO THOSE WHO WROTE AND DID NOT HAVE THEIR LETTERS APPEAR. THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO DID WRITE; KEEP THOSE LETTERS COMING.

THE STUDENT VOICE IS FINALLY SPEAKING.

HEAR IT ROAR!

## Editorial

## It's hero time, folks

There was a television show a couple of years ago called, appropriately enough, *The Greatest American Hero*. The show chronicled the life of a school teacher who gets touched by greatness and becomes a costumed crime fighter.

The show kind of hinted that John Q. Public could rise from mediocrity and teach the world a lesson or two.

It allowed us a glimpse of the life of that John Q. Public and the ups and downs of heroism.

Wilkes University got a double glimpse at the lives and times of a number of John Q. Publics over the last week and a half.

First, early last week, Tim Weigard, a Wilkes junior, defined the word "hero" with a real game-winning tackle.

No, it wasn't another tackle from his safety position on the Colonel football squad.

It was the tackle of an alleged fur thief that scored points for Tim and a local business.

Weigard and another local man tackled someone who was seen leaving Stein's Furrier Shop with over \$5,000 worth of fur coats. Weigard sat on his chest for ten minutes while the Wilkes-Barre police cruised by to pick up the alleged thief.

Weigard was lauded by city police and was recognized by the Mayor in a ceremony at the courthouse.

Weigard, by putting his butt on the line, is a hero.

This weekend, Wilkes hosted its first EIWA tournament. The team finish was disappointing but, thanks to some individual performances, Wilkes will be represented at the University of Maryland in two weeks for the NCAA tournament.

These men — from Aaron Tufankjian who bowed out early, to Steve Schannauer and Mike Schroat who lost in the final round — are all heroes.

These warriors, fighting for the home crowd, put their all on the line and allowed us into their hearts every time they took to the mat.

Who can forget the sight of Kurt Tamai wrestling in his third round match with an eye swollen to the size of an egg?

Or Mike Froehlich's comeback from a 7-1 deficit to pull even at 8 before bowing in overtime to the eventual second place winner at 134?

How about Steve Schannauer's toe pick with one second left to pull out his semifinal match?

These guys are real heroes and are deserving of our admiration, but they are not our only heroes.

• Anyone who has ever seen a soccer match knows of the in-goal mastery of Colonel keeper, Kevin Tronkowski.

Not many of you know about his achievement of Academic All-American status. His 3.726 grade average while playing soccer and majoring in engineering is truly heroic.

• How about our Student Government (Yes folks, Student Government) donating the cash from Winter Weekend and their time to the St. Vincent dePaul food kitchen so that those less fortunate than us can eat courtesy of the Wilkes student body for a day.

That's heroic.

• And lastly, how about the students taking the initiative in the fur debate by bringing one on campus, or our students getting involved with the M.S. SuperCities Walk-a-thon, or tutoring, or ... you get the point.

Heroism is in the eye of the beholder.

Be a hero.

Just in case you missed it, the application for Editorial positions appears on page 3. As mentioned so many times before, The Beacon is looking for people to fill spaces for next semester. The best way to gain the necessary experience is to come to the Beacon office and learn the ropes. We are always willing to teach. ANYONE INTERESTED IN SPORTS, this is your opportunity to step in immediately. The application is due by April 6, the day before Spring Break starts. Upon receipt of your application, you will be contacted for an interview.



## Feature

# Wesley to rock Rumours

by Lee Morrell  
Beacon Editor

To most, Reggae is a type of music that evokes images of fun; it gets the toes tappin' at parties.

To George Wesley, who will appear at Rumours on Friday, March 17, at 9 p.m., Reggae is a way of life.

And what a life it has been.

For the Factoryville native, music has molded his attitudes for the past 25 years. It has been that way from the very first time he started jammin' with his father's country and western band as a guitarist.

Although that past is a large measuring stick for Wesley, it remains in the past. The future is where George Wesley and his new group, The Iriations (Irie means "positive vibration" in Patois) are headed.

That future got a little bit brighter Friday when it was learned that Red Stripe Beer, the number one selling beer in Jamaica — the birthplace of Reggae — will be sponsoring Wesley and the Iriations on a West Coast concert tour starting this fall.

"It makes you feel good after banging your head for so long," said Wesley.

They were the first group signed by Red Stripe, who will be choosing three more Reggae bands to represent the beer.

"It's going to be us and another smaller band plus two 'major' bands. I hear one of them might be 'Third World'.

"Red Stripe will back all of the show's dates and will get our name into the major trade magazines," said Wesley.

Commercially successful or not, the music is what is important to Wesley. That music, and the freedom to do it his way, to steal a Sinatra-ism, is what counts to him.

"I like making music my way. That's what makes the Iriations. It's the freedom. We're not locked into the same show every night. When you come to see George Wesley and the Iriations, you're not going to hear the same songs."

What are you going to hear?

"A little bit of the obligatory Bob Marley, some Hank Williams, Jr., Jimi Hendrix, and some Grateful Dead. They were my influences. My music is a combination of all of the other different artists that have influenced me. That's the beauty of Reggae, it's a combination of all music."

According to Wesley, the influences are the same everywhere Reggae is popular.

"I was in Jamaica and in the music stores there, you will find Williams, Marty Robbins, and Peter Tosh on the same racks."

Wesley is an enigma in the world of Reggae.

Musically speaking, he is a white man in a black man's world. This isn't a racial thing, it's just a reality of the genre.

"People say we are the weirdest looking band they've ever seen," said Wesley.



Rumours have it that George Wesley will appear at Wilkes

"This country is scared into wrongly judging others. Times are scary. That's why I like Reggae. It isn't a question of black and white. It's just music."

"We should be judged for what we feel; what you get out of being with people."

"Reggae is one of the few vehicles for spreading that word of unity."

The problem of prejudging comes to light in an anecdote Wesley tells of his days on the road.

"We got stopped by the police when we were driving. We were stopped because of our look. Think about it, two Jamaicans and me in a car. We were stopped and searched."

With the tour looming in the near future and other possibilities for headline dates, it begs the question of what would be a "dream date" for the band.

Wesley didn't have to search far and wide for the answer. "I've already done my dream gig. In October of '88 I was able to open for UB40 at the Kirby and it was absolutely great. The crowd was the best."

"Usually when one band opens for another, there is an ego problem. The first band tries to outdo the major act and it stops being fun. We didn't have that problem that night."

The UB40 show may have led to some more good times for Wesley and the Iriations.

"Nothing is confirmed, but we might open for a UB40 tour starting in August."

Tours, however, are not the lifeblood of Wesley. He

will be playing at 16 different colleges, including Wilkes on Friday — the show will cost \$5 for students — in the next two months as well as hitting the bar scene.

Wesley's first major collaboration was with Don Rogers as The Wesley Rogers Band. As Wesley Rogers, they released their only album, *Strong*.

*Strong* was put together with the help of Reggae guns Sly and Robbie.

"I was thrilled that they got together with us. They definitely put their mark on the project. Robbie (Shakespeare) amazed me. He had just finished up laying down this killer bass line when he went back in (to the studio) and composed 'Angel of Mercy' (a cut on the album)."

The Iriations, the latest outlet for Wesley's music, was formed in June, 1989. The band is made up of Dave Walker (Ikri) on drums and percussion, and Evon Lazzari and Wesley on lead vocals, guitar, bass, and keyboards.

"Playing music is communication. I don't need applause for approval. As long as I know people are listening, dancing or just moving, that's acceptance enough for me."

Wesley sums up his role as a musician easily.

"We're just doing our part. If we all throw our pebbles into the pond, eventually we will build up enough of a wave to wash the bad stuff away."

"It's all about making a joyful noise."

And that's what Wesley does best.

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by Cathy Slebocka  
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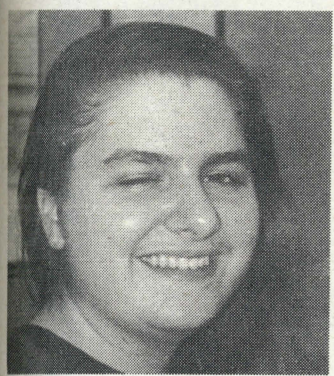


by Cathy Slebodnik  
Beacon Feature Reporter

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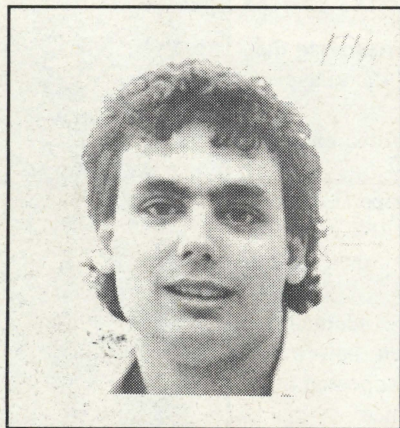
Photos by Mary Ann Bobkowski  
Beacon Feature Reporter

## What are your job prospects like after you graduate from college?



**Mary Jo Rubino**  
Junior

I think there will be a lot of jobs open and I won't be limited to one field with a major in accounting.



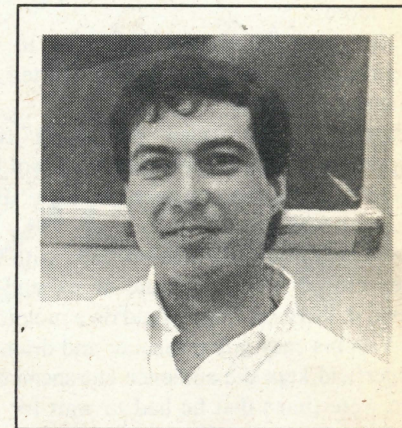
**Ron Ostrowski**  
Senior

I feel that my prospects should be high because I have a lot of job experience that will benefit my employer.



**Lisa Knabb**  
Junior

I think my prospects are pretty good because there is an increasing demand for accountants.



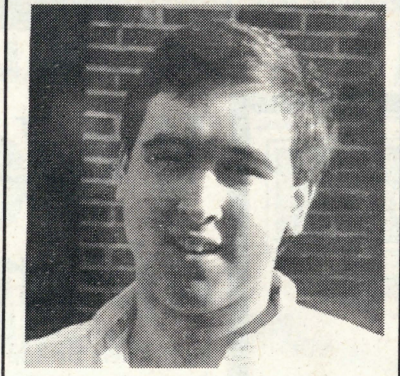
**John Kline**  
Graduate Student

I think they will be excellent and expect to be gainfully employed in July.



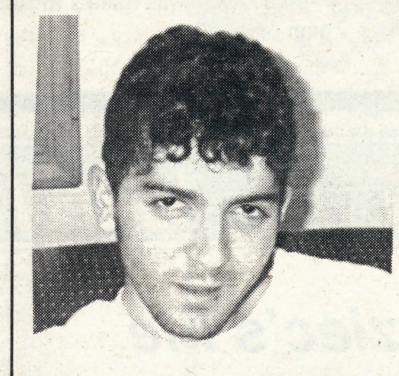
**Bill Chromey**  
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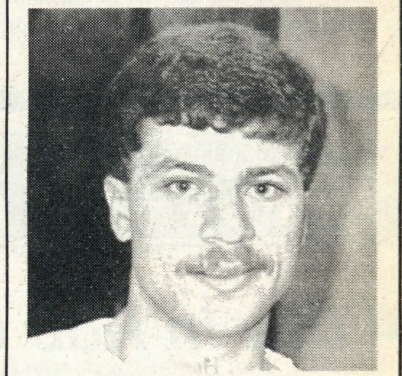
**Rob Koons**  
Senior

I think they should be pretty good because there is a good market for business and accounting majors.



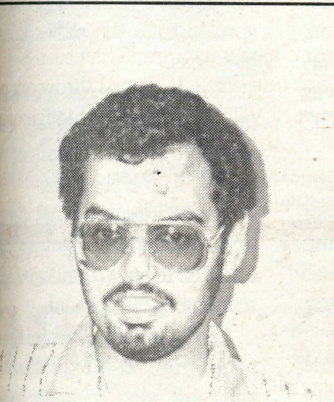
**Robert Aarahannas**  
Junior

I think they will be more or better than average.



**Nidal Al-Shellah**  
Senior

Since I've only been in the US for only a year, I think it will be a little harder for me to find a good job.



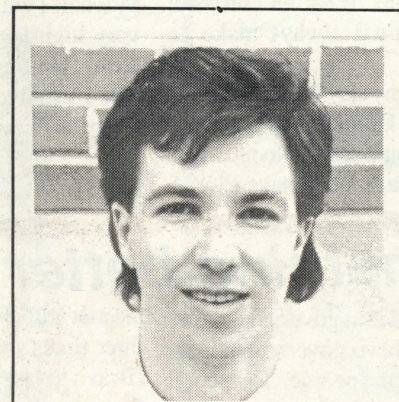
**Amjad Marshad**  
Junior

In Kuwait, I think it will be easier to find a job.



**Greg Podolak**  
Junior

My job prospects are okay because I will do anything.



**Todd Billings**  
Senior

They are not good around here but in other cities and states there are a lot more opportunities.



**Jeff Russo**  
Sophomore

I don't know because I don't know what I want to do yet.



# Abracadabra... and he's gone! A wo

by Michele Broton  
Beacon Feature Editor

WILKES-BARRE — Who can make a motorcycle disappear when it is twenty feet in the air? Who can make a tie dance in mid-air? And who can make a duck and a chicken switch bodies?

The answer is David Copperfield, magician extraordinaire.

At his performance on Wednesday in the F.M. Kirby Center, Copperfield did all those things and many more.

The evening started late due to technical difficulties, but once the evening started, everything was magic, literally.

Being the seasoned performer that he is, Copperfield had the audience eating out of his hand the minute he made his entrance on stage. But what an entrance it was.

A huge empty box was on stage with his dancers. They closed it for a minute or so, and when they opened it, there sat Copperfield on a motorcycle!

With his easy going manner and dramatic talents, Copperfield kept the audience entranced even though there were times that he had to wait for his crew to finish setting up (difficulties arose because of the small stage size at the Kirby).

The dancing tie routine was, for me, a highlight of the evening. After borrowing a tie from a member of the audience, Copperfield turned on some Jamaican style music and made the tie dance. Of course, prior to the tie dance, there was a nice comic bit between the tie's owner and Copperfield. They tapped upon the glass box in which the tie was to dance as if it were a drum. It ended with the audience member upstaging

the star of the show in the drumming competition.

In another portion of the show, Copperfield took a chicken and a duck, "pulled" their heads off and switched their bodies. Talk about genetic engineering!

The most harrowing portion of the evening consisted of one of Copperfield's most dramatic escapes. He was strapped to a table, with a box around him and his wrists showing in handcuffs. Above him, moving slowly downward, was a huge buzz saw. The audience watched him get out of the handcuffs, open the box, and in plain sight begin to remove the metal braces holding him to the table.

Suddenly, as he was in the midst of removing the second brace, the buzz saw fell, cutting the magician in half.

He proceeded to be magically separated and put back together.

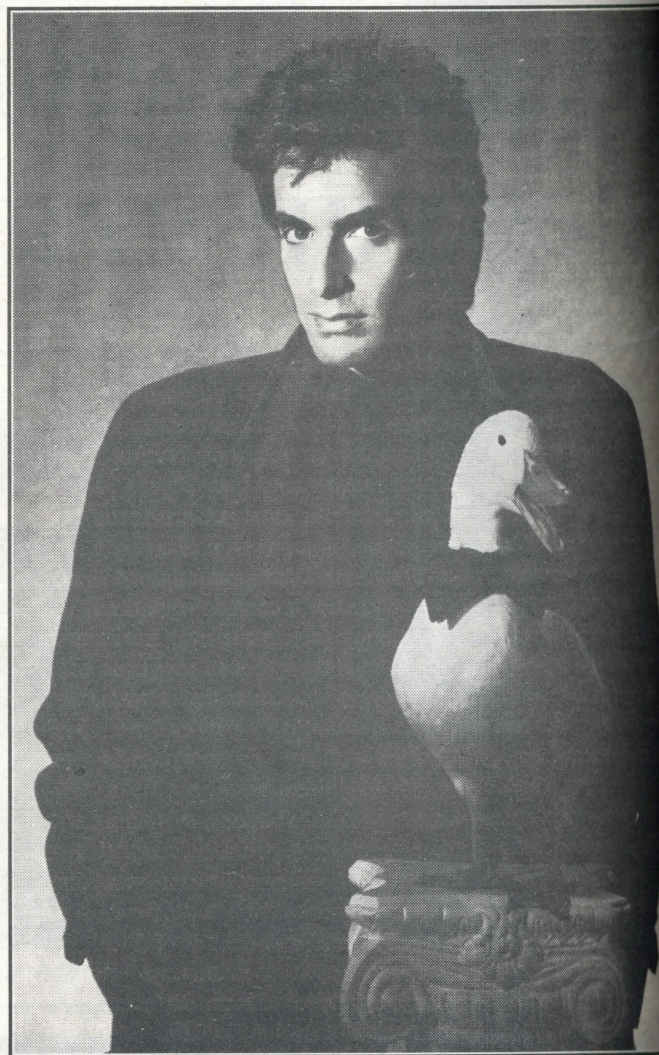
The final bit of the evening had Copperfield in a biker outfit and back on his motorcycle. He rode the bike onto a cage-like platform that was then raised approximately 20 feet in the air.

He lit a flare and the cage fell apart. Both the bike and Copperfield had disappeared. Then, before the audience could catch their breath, he reappeared on a platform positioned in midst of the audience.

Copperfield received a standing ovation at the end of his performance, and it couldn't have been more well-deserved.

The magic show was just that, magic. And the audience left with a little bit of that magic clinging to them. They left with smiles on their faces and laughter in their voices. They left the Kirby in good spirits.

Their joy was thanks to David Copperfield, a true man of magic.



David Copperfield appeared and disappeared at the Kirby Center

## WCLH members hit radio seminar

by Michele Broton  
Beacon Feature Editor

What can be done to improve the situation at WCLH?

That is what four Wilkes students decided to find out this past weekend when they attended a College Radio Seminar at LCCC.

Mary Jo Rubino, Karen Jordan, Jeff Russo, and Heather Nicholas all enjoyed the seminar which was sponsored by WSFX, the LCCC radio station.

While at the seminar on Saturday, the students learned that other radio stations have the exact same type of problems as WCLH, and they aren't in as bad shape as they thought they were.

Some of the specific events included lectures on: dealing with record companies; dealing with production equipment, what to and not to buy; how to get underwriting grants; management positions; and how to write a good resume.

Schools attending the seminar were Marywood, Penn State/Wilkes-Barre Campus, Penn State/

Williamsport Campus, East Stroudsburg, Wilkes, and of course LCCC.

The Wilkes students learned numerous things about running a radio station. For example, according to Rubino, "You have to make sure the kids are enjoying themselves, but you also have to make sure to treat the radio station as a business."

The managerial staff has come up with some ways of possibly improving the situation at WCLH thanks to the seminar.

They intend to find out exactly how much money they have and are allowed to spend, and attempt to get some new equipment.

They also plan on making sure people are there for their shows and will also make it harder for students to get radio shows. The last part is to make it more of a privilege and less of a chore.

The Wilkes radio station may not be the best in the area, but with people like this in charge, there's always hope.

## More Beacon Mailbox

### A Day in Rob Gryziec's life

Dear Editor:

*This is a day in the life of Rob Gryziec.*

Accessibility. What does it mean. I know what it doesn't mean. I have found myself sitting outside a door that says - PULL. Easy for you to say! Or sitting at the bottom of the Bookstore steps pondering on a way to conjure a spell to make a tablet magically fly out to me. Have a meeting with your Act 101 counselor at Kirby Hall. Sounds so easy, if only

there weren't about a hundred steps between us. Maybe I'll take in a show at the Center for the Performing Arts. This shouldn't be much of a problem, but then again the last time I tried to see a show I had to be lowered bodily by the A-Team from the stage. What an entrance! But then again I always make an entrance.

Well, my day has come to an end, or has it. I think I'll try and leave Stark Learning Center. No problem. Oh! There's a door, it says PUSH.

Well I think I'll increase my speed to 6MPH just to make sure I can bulldoze past it. It hooks me on the way out. Ah, the ramp is in sight. Yes, that decaying wooden thing that just happens to be a tad too narrow - and did I mention that if my steering is off by a hair I will plunge head first off a very high loading dock. I made it today, but tomorrow is another day. But I'm adventurous, that's why I chose Wilkes University...

Rob Gryziec

### Can't you find something better to do?

Dear Editor:

As editor, it is probably difficult for you to fabricate Wilkes University maladies. I sympathize with you! You are only attempting to do your job. However, whipping the young men and women of the Student Government for organizational propensity is folly!

I am making a gigantic assumption that you understand "our"

(American) idea at governance. You see, "we" believe government is for the people by the people. The people (Wilkes University students) want well-organized social events, if the students "want" the SG to be take the point, that is a "campus good."

Finally, pseudo-governments do not have a great deal of leverage with the powers that be. If you go to

the mat with the President, two out of three times you will not be getting up (Bravo to last years seniors for being the exception!). The Colonel and the SG are on the Beacon's hit list. Why not include the Beacon's agenda to cover the items you listed for their betterment?

Lamont McClure  
Sophomore





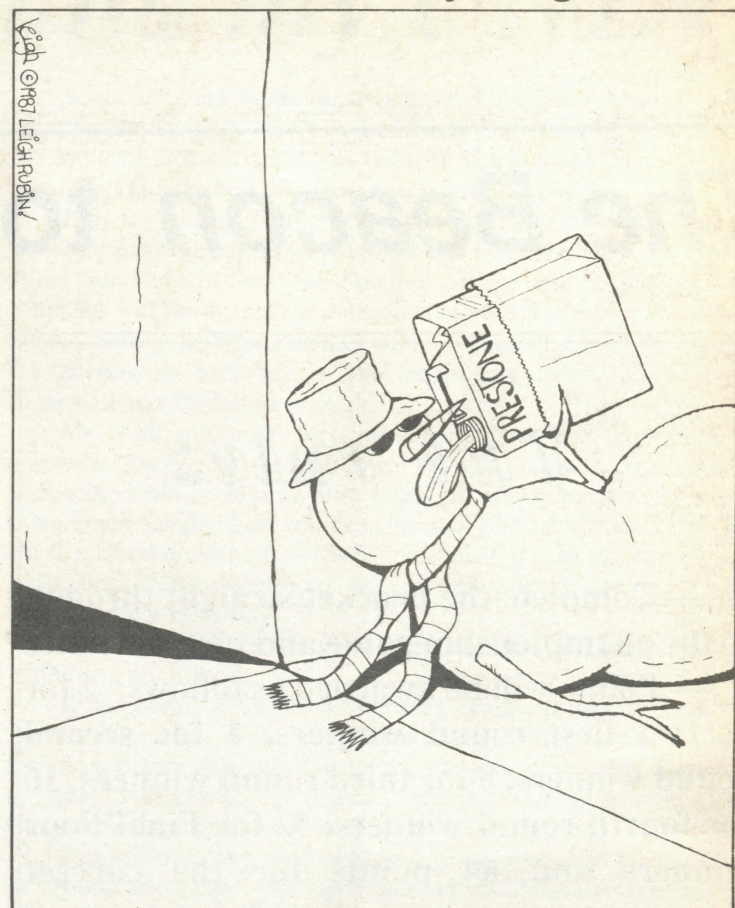
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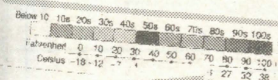
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By Leigh Rubin



Despondent over his flash-in-the-pan music career that spawned only one hit single, Frosty ended up destitute, spending the last of his royalties on cheap alcohol that would eventually turn his mind to slush.



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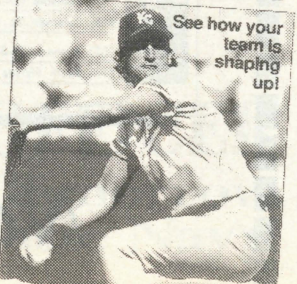
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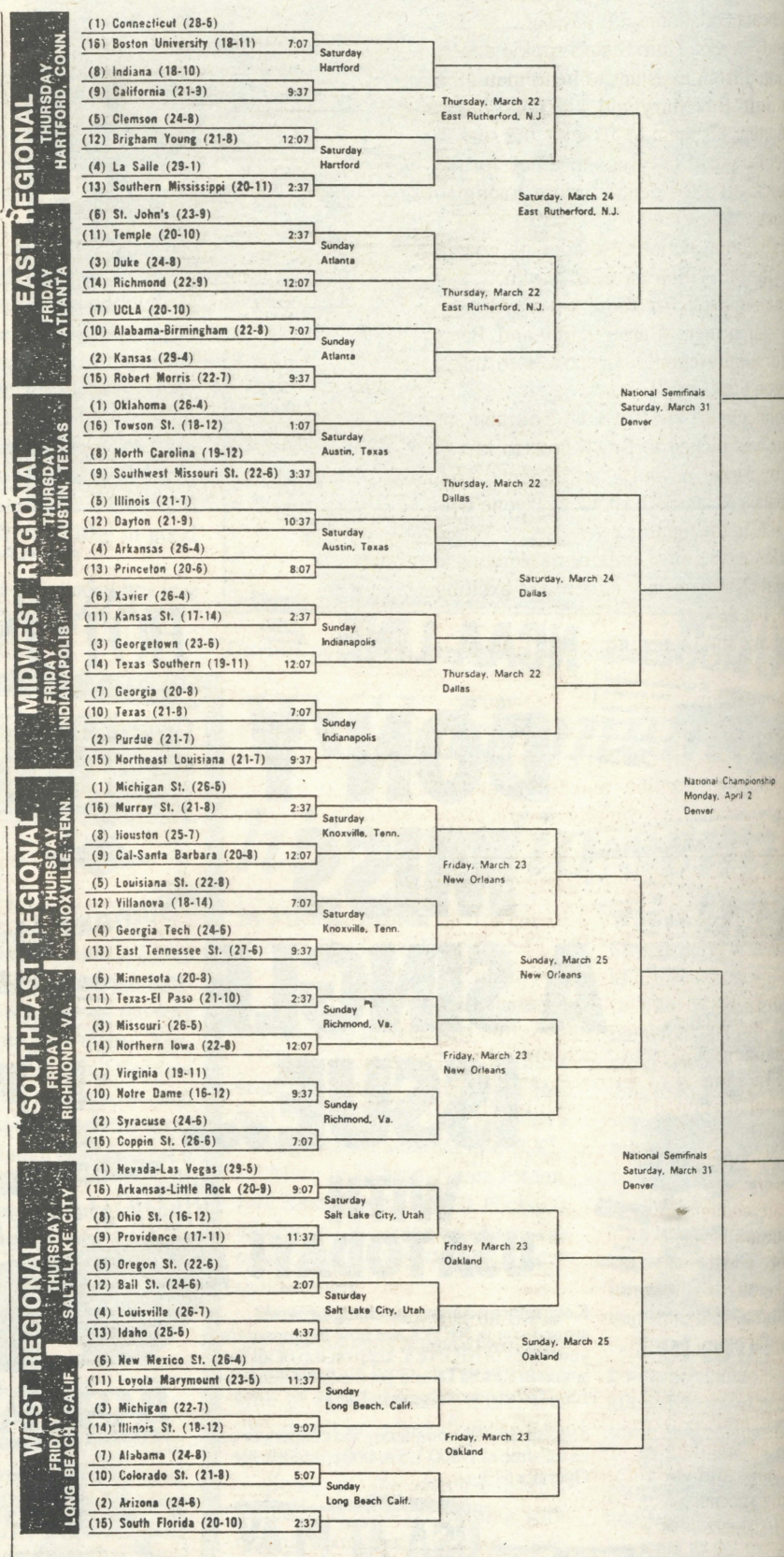
# Sports

## The Beacon tourney contest is back

### The rules

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# Proof I know my ABCs and my UNLVs

This is it — March Madness. The NCAA basketball Tournament is the most exciting event in sports, pitting 64 teams together in a 'one and done' brawl and a fight to the finish.

Last year, I offered a trip to spring break for every student if Princeton beat Georgetown in the opening round. I watched that game while leafing through transfer applications to other schools. An Enzo Mourning block of a Kit Mueller jump shot came in Wilkes-Barre.

There was no way I could afford that. So this year, I'll just keep my big mouth shut and give you an A-Z of this year's Division I college basketball season to go along with a Final Four prediction. But if Lawson State beats Oklahoma, I'll pay for....

A is for Randy Ayers, Ohio State's rookie coach. Ayers was promoted from assistant to head man after Jerry Williams left for Maryland. Ayers did a wonderful job leading his team to 16 wins the season after losing franchise guard Jay Burson. Look for the Hoosiers to knock off Providence before losing to UNLV in the West.

B is for Ball State, which also lost its coach, Dick Majerus, to the University of Utah. But anyone else came back for the 24-6 Cardinals. Conference performers Curtis Kidd and Paris Curdy should supply enough firepower to upset seeded Oregon State in the West.

C is for Connecticut, the Big East Tournament champs. UConn was picked to finish next to last in the conference by *Street & Smith* and *Sport*. The Huskies used a balanced attack to shock everyone with their dark horse ride to the final.

D is for defense, the most important element in winning a national championship. Offense is exciting and fun to watch, but defense wins the big one.

E is for elimination, the thing every team is trying to avoid. In a single-elimination tournament, everyone must come ready to play or it's "see you next year."

F is for Felton Spencer, Louisville's seven foot center who's averaging 15 points and 9 rebounds a game. Spencer was arrested Sunday for reckless driving, the same day his Cardinals were made a number four seed. This is just another distraction Denny Crum has to deal with in getting his talented bunch ready for a run at the crown.



## The Razor's Edge

Ray Ott

G is for 'go-to guy.' Every team that's thinking Denver has to have someone to go to for the big hoop at crunch time. The difference in this tournament is often a last second shot. Go-to guys who come up big send their team to the next round.

H is for Hank Gathers, the Loyola- Marymount star who was tragically stricken while playing last week. Gathers' death should remind us all how precious life is and that all athletic contests are just games and something we should enjoy, win or lose, while we still have the chance.

I is for Indiana Hoosiers and head coach Bob Knight, the best in the business. Knight started four freshmen and a sophomore and led them to 18 wins against rugged Big Ten competition. The Hoosiers probably won't go far this year but they will gain valuable tournament experience. Look for Knight to claim another national championship in the next three years with this young bunch.

J is for jump shot, something that can make or brake a squad. Teams like Georgia Tech or La Salle which rely on it can be packing their bags for an early exit if they fail to find the range.

K is for Kenny Anderson, a member of the jump-shooting Georgia Tech Yellow Jackets. The point guard from New York City's Archbishop Malloy High School is also the finest freshman in the land. Some pro scouts call him the best they have ever seen at the position.

L is for Lionel Simmons and his La Salle University Explorers. Simmons has been named player of the year by *Basketball Weekly*, *United Press International*, and the mouth of college basketball, Dick Vitale. Simmons will finish as either the second or third all-time leading scorer in NCAA history depending on how deep his Explorers go in the big show. It's also no coincidence that La Salle has the best record (79-17) in college basketball over the last three years.

M is for midnight, the time which Cinderella turns back to a pumpkin. Every year, the tournament has a few of these. Some upsets to watch for could be Murray State knocking off Michigan State and Ball State giving Oregon State all it can handle. Keep an eye on Villanova in the first round against LSU. The Wildcats are 9-0 in NCAA openers under head coach Rollie Massimino and 15-0 in games they have had two or more days to prepare for.

N is for nailbiters, the thing that makes this tournament the most exciting in all of sports.

O is Owens, Billy that is. Owens, the multi-talented sophomore Syracuse forward, is the key to the Orangemen's tournament hopes. Owens will have to knock down the outside jumpshot, since no one else appears to be able to. If he can't, defenses will collapse on Derrick Coleman and the Orange will be labeled as chokers again.

P is for Princeton, the Ivy League representative in the tournament for the last two years. The Tigers showed how dangerous they can be in last year's tournament. Their head coach, Pete Carril, is a mastermind and will back-door you to death. The bottom line is the Tigers were beaten last year, and will be beaten again in the first round by a very talented Arkansas club. Razorbacks' coach Nolan Richardson probably was wishing for some other first round opponent.

Q is for quickness, something the numerous great point guards in the Division I ranks are blessed with. Chris Jackson (LSU), Kendall Gill (Illinois), Gary Payton (Oregon State), and Greg Anthony (UNLV) all have the electrifying quicks to leave defenders in their tracks.

R is for Rumeal Robinson, the best of all the point guards. Robinson combines the quickness, strength, jumping ability, and an outside shot to go along with his playmaking and leadership skills, making him the nation's best quarterback. Look for Michigan to make another serious run at the title.

S is for Southern Illinois, a team that finished as the regular season Missouri Valley Conference champs. They were upset in the conference tournament and left out of the Big Show despite their 26-7 record.

T is for Terry Holland, the head coach at the University of Virginia who is stepping down at the conclusion of the season to become athletic director at Davidson University. Holland has run his program with a clean hand and has been a real class act. He has also taken two teams to the final four in his tenure.

U is for UNLV, my pick to win it all again this year. I'm staying with the Rebels and Tark since they went deep into last year's tournament, losing in the regional finals to eventual runner-up Seton Hall. The Rebs have everyone back from last year's crew and have added manchild Larry Johnson in the middle. The only thing that will stop these guys is themselves.

V is for Valvano, the North Carolina State head man who has a program in total disarray. Retire, Jimmy. You have enough money to make sure your grandchildren don't have to work a day in their lives. You don't need the aggravation.

W is for winning it all. And the team that does will bring their school over a million dollars.

X is for — what else — Xavier, which will play Kansas State Friday at 2:37 p.m.

Y is for yelling and screaming, something you will hear a lot of in the next three weeks.

Z is for zenith, the highest point, a place 64 teams will be trying to reach starting today.

And there you have it, a complete alphabetical journey through what always turns out to be a real treat — the NCAA Tournament.

Incidentally, I'm not the only one who gets a chance to predict the outcome. You'll find the *Beacon* tourney contest entry form on page 10. Clip it, fill it out and drop it in the red box in Stark Lobby tomorrow morning.

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## Neal, Schannauer and Schroat take spots **Colonels sending three to NCAAs**

by Jim Clark  
Beacon Sports Editor

WILKES-BARRE — After all the dramatic events that comprised Wilkes' first Easterns last weekend, one may tend to forget that the Colonels, a fifth-place finisher, didn't accomplish all they expected to.

That's not to say there weren't any positives for Wilkes. Number-one seeds Mike Schroat (150 pounds) and Steve Schannauer (heavyweight) each finished second in their weight classes, earning berths in the NCAA Tournament along with the surprising Merrel Neal, who finished third at 158.

But those gains were tainted by the messy situation of Ron Miller not making weight at 126, a weight class which promised to deliver the Colonels key points.

"It's a terrible thing for Ronnie to go through," said Wilkes head coach John Reese. "He was only a pound and a half over the Friday before, and he figured he could lose that no problem. He weighed himself on Monday and he was five pounds over."

Despite working desperately all week, Miller was only able to drop a half pound. The senior lost his last opportunity to return to the NCAAs.

So did senior Kurt Tamai, seeded second at 118. A first round loss to Navy's Robert Weis didn't seem to deter Tamai, who surged through the consolations and reached the NCAA-qualifying third place match. But Tamai, whose eye was shut courtesy of a Syracuse wrestler's headbutt, wasn't able to capitalize.

His upset loss seemed to give Wilkes' effort a down tone from the beginning. "We were expecting Kurt to go a lot further," Reese said. "He really wrestled tight. That kind of hurt us in a point sense."

So did sophomore Ray Mendoza's effort at 190. Expected to finish in the top three, Mendoza recovered from a loss in the championships and roared through the consolations like a man possessed before losing in the third place match.

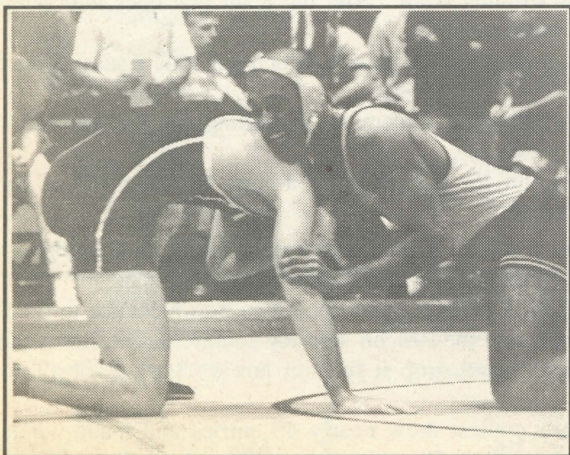
Neal provided a pleasant lift when he took third at 158. "Like I said before Easterns, it's all in the mind," he said. "I thought I could win, that I could beat anyone I was up against. As I went on, I became even more confident."

Schroat wasn't as satisfied with his performance. "I'm lucky to be going to the NCAAs," he said. "I didn't wrestle well at all. I wasn't mentally into the matches. To do well at Nationals, I have to get more intensity."

But Schannauer gave a sunny perspective to the Colonels' disappointments.

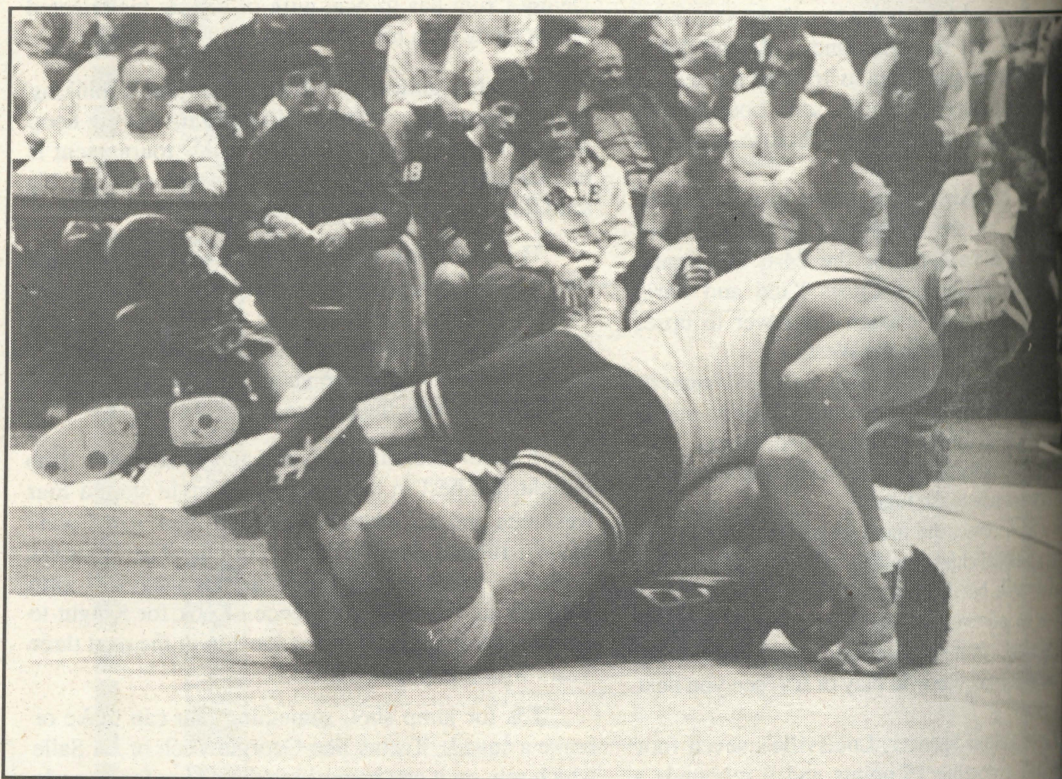
"Once you get to Nationals, everyone's the same," he said. "What you did at Easterns doesn't matter anymore."

For three Colonels, that's something to take solace in.



Merrel Neal (right) took third at 158

photo by Donna Yedlock



Mike Schroat (top) takes control on his way to a berth in the NCAA Tournament

photo by Donna Yedlock

## **Whatever happened to Froehlich?**

At last spring's Easterns, Mike Froehlich popped his head into the storied world of Colonel wrestling in a big way.

After compiling a good but nondescript 7-3 regular season record at the 134-pound weight class, the squat Froehlich reached the semifinals at Lehigh University.

A freshman in the final four of the EIWA.

Froehlich had reached an early pinnacle.

But things soured quickly for him. A night of trying to sweat down a few pounds depleted Froehlich's strength and shoved him back to a sixth place finish.

The NCAA Tournament was forced to the shelf for another year.

Forward to last weekend at the Marts Center.

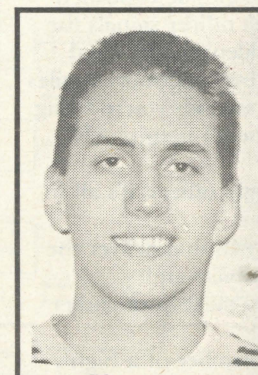
A still-weakened Froehlich is down 7-1 at the start of the third period to Lonnie Davis, the second seed from William & Mary.

The NCAA Tournament — such a real goal at the start of this sophomore season — is fading away.

A 9-8 record wasn't exactly what he had planned. But a weak body usually doesn't respond to the rigors of the mat. Froehlich knew something was wrong.

"I took blood tests that showed my body did have mononucleosis at one time," he said. "I think that's what it was. I didn't have any of my strength. I didn't have the energy to work out."

The condition eased in mid-February, but another



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malady struck Froehlich. In a meet at Syracuse, he pinched a nerve in his neck and reagravated it again at Army. The injury caused Froehlich to miss two matches.

"I really didn't have time to get in shape for Easterns," he said. "That may have hurt my chances."

But the rough season did have some benefits.

"It was a real learning experience," Froehlich said. "Without all of my talents available to me, I learned to wrestle smarter. I'll be back next year."

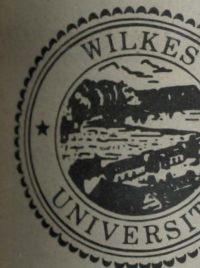
With the home crowd screaming and the team stalling, Froehlich battled back to an 8-8 tie. Even though he lost in overtime and didn't place, Froehlich proved something to those assembled and himself.

No matter the outcome, he was back.

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## Student heard

by Jeffrey C. LoBalbo  
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WILKES-BARRE representatives at the Forum Tuesday evening discussed the status of athletic facilities. The forum was sponsored by the Communications class. Panelists were Karen Donohue, Valerie Sweeney, Mark Student Government also. There were many points raised at the start of the forum. "I feel that it's a great forum," Donohue said.

The forum began with a presentation by the Student Government, followed by an address by the moderator. Wilkes were Dr. Chris Kreinices, Student Government, the Students; Erin O'Connell, coordinator of the food service; Adams, Associate Dean of Student Services; and Dr. Dan K. All of these panelists answered questions were directed to the audience were invited to

Dorm or Convent? See