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Batory and Bedford have students in mind

By KAREN COOK
Beacon News Editor

Wilkes has two Interim Deans on campus this year. An Interim Dean is a Dean that is appointed while the University conducts a nationwide search for a permanent dean.

Dr. Bonnie Bedford was appointed Interim Dean of the School of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences replacing Dr. Robert Heaman, and Dr. Anne Heineman Batory was appointed Interim Dean of the School of Business, Society,

and Public Policy, replacing Dr. Gary Giamartino, on August 1, 1997. They will remain in their

positions until at least August 1, 1998, possibly longer. As dean they are only permitted to teach one class a semester instead of the four classes they were used to teaching.



Photos by J.J. Fadden

At right, Dr. Batory, Interim Dean of the School of Business, Society, and Public Policy.

At left, Dr. Batory, Interim Dean of the School of Business, Society, and Public Policy.

As deans, Bedford and Batory have many duties. Bedford oversees eleven departments and Batory oversees five departments and the department heads. Within

their departments they also oversee personnel, budgets, grant writing, and curriculum changes.

Additionally, Bedford oversees the

operation of the Sardoni Art Gallery, the Dorothy Dickson Darte Center, the Music Conservatory, and the Encore Music Camp. Batory oversees the Survey Research Center, the Small Business Development Center, and Allan P. Kirby Center for Free Enterprise and Entrepreneurship.

Dean Bedford has many goals for the coming year. In general, she hopes to see "more grant activity and scholarship within the college."

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Sexual harassment hits close to home

By KAREN COOK
Beacon News Editor

On April 18, 1997, President Breiseth released a memorandum to the Wilkes Community regarding allegations against Dr. Ralph Gatrone, Chair of the Chemistry Department. In the memorandum, Breiseth appointed a special committee to compile information from all parties involved.

The committee consisted of: Chairperson Dr. Anne Heineman Batory, Interim Dean of the School of Business, Society and Public Policy; Dr. Vasu Choudry, Associate Professor of Electrical/Computer Engineering; Dr. Roger Maxwell, Associate Professor/Chairperson of the physics department; Eugene Manganello, Director Of Human Resources, Equal

Opportunity Officer; and Paula Van Fossen '97, Student Government President.

On Monday, September 8, Breiseth issued another memorandum stating that he had accepted the resignation of Dr. Ralph Gatrone, who could not be reached for comment. The memorandum also stated that the committee had finished organizing the information and had made recommendations.

The committee recommended a review of policies concerning work environments. A need for better communication throughout campus was another concern. Increased sensitivity training for faculty and staff was also suggested.

"Anyone who wanted to speak to the committee was invited to share their views," Batory said, "We met at different times of the day so

that everyone had a chance to speak." Batory also said, "As a committee it was good for Paula to be on the panel to share her own experiences with the rest of the committee." Batory went on to say, "If there were student participants they tended to look to Paula for her support."

Dr. Batory said, "The process itself was a good one because everything was kept confidential. As a committee we felt confidentiality was key to ensuring that the credibility of the process was upheld and participants were protected."

The university also has a standing sexual harassment committee, made up of faculty members, that according to Breiseth, "has the overall responsibility for monitoring Wilkes' sexual harassment policy." Breiseth said, "The committee is also responsible for helping

students, faculty, and staff exercise their rights within this policy."

Breiseth said, "I will meet with Dr. Batory's committee first because they have made specific recommendations. These recommendations will be taken to the sexual harassment committee."

"Wilkes' sexual harassment policy is in place to protect those reported and those who report it," Breiseth said, "Wilkes' policy was being reviewed by the standing sexual harassment committee before this particular case was brought forward."

Breiseth said, "We have to look at how we've handled instances of harassment and address the question, Does our policy work in the real world?"

To do this, Breiseth said, "The committee is looking at how people really report

situations of harassment." Breiseth said, "Hopefully by the middle of October we will have reviewed the policy fully and made the necessary changes."

Dr. Linda Paul, Associate Professor and Chairperson of the philosophy department, is on the standing faculty committee and serves as a faculty advocate. Paul said, "If someone feels they have been harassed, first they should confide in someone they trust. If you are comfortable enough, bring that person with you to see an advocate. It is much easier to move ahead with the help of someone you already trust."

"An advocate will go along with you and help you through the process, Paul said."

More information on Wilkes' sexual harassment policy can be found in the student handbook.



New Technology in the computer lab

By CAROLE MANCUSO
Beacon Staff Writer

For those of you who don't already know, this semester the computer lab has purchased new software, new laser printers, and has upgraded computers to meet the necessity of the students. The computer lab now offers 30 new 200MHz Pentium computers, 15 Power Macintosh clones, 15 Power

Macintosh microcomputer systems, and 3 new laser printers that can be accessed through any computer. However, if any major problems or questions arise and the lab attendant is not able to amend them, it could be complicated to get assistance. As stated by J. Michael

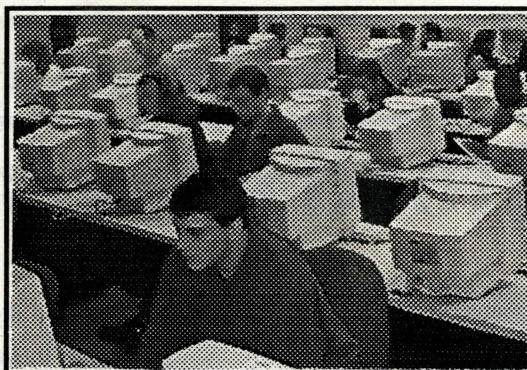


Photo by J.J. Fadden
Students are taking advantage of the new technology.

Lennon, Vice President of Academic Affairs, "Unfortunately, it would not be economically feasible right now to hire a full-time attendant for the lab specializing in computers."

For this reason, we have to depend on the Academic Computing Department for any major problems that might

occur. However within the computing department only two people are responsible for all open access labs on campus. Consequently, if any student who is highly knowledgeable in this field would be interested in working at the Academic Computing Department, please see Dr. Lennon. To find out more about the computer lab, its hours, software availability, or for assistance check out its web site at www.wilkes.edu.

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by both students and faculty." She went on to say that, "I feel it is my job to make sure faculty and students have as many opportunities as possible." One way Bedford is doing this is by organizing workshops for faculty members.

Two other important goals Bedford has set for the future are to find ways to integrate the diverse curriculum within the school and to serve as an advocate for students and faculty. She feels that an important part of her job is dealing with student issues and to "steer students in the right

direction."

Dave Gorham, a junior English/Elementary Education major, said, "She was a great teacher. She's very motivated, down to earth, and understanding." Senior, Computer Science major, Chris Court stated, "Dr. Bedford has motivated writing skills for students by enriching the field with her own creative outlooks."

Although Bedford has many goals as dean she said, "I love teaching. I miss it." She went on to say, "I will be delighted when I go back to teaching."

Batory also loves teaching and has set goals for

the coming year. She pointed out that they aren't her goals, but the goals of the entire college. One of the main goals of the college is, according to Batory, "to work on the evolution of the name of the college and to integrate business, society, and public policy."

Batory went on to say, "As a college, we need to be proactive and reactive to changes in society, business, and public policy so we can provide our students with the best education possible." In order to do this, the school will focus on outcomes assessment which is an objective assessment of

student learning, understanding, and skill levels.

According to Batory, "Outcomes assessment consists of formative assessment which is a non-graded evaluation of the learning environment within the classroom. Formative assessment is also important because it will help us to evolve and nurture effective student-teacher interaction, assignments, and techniques."

Another important factor in attaining this goal, according to Batory, is "summative assessment which involves student and alumni evaluation, as well as,

placement statistics and other measures of goal attainment.

Batory feels, "As dean, I am faced with different challenges than when I was teaching. I am surprised at how much I enjoy this job." She went on to say, "I work with a lot of great colleagues and I get to meet students in all areas of the college."

Dr. Liuzzo, Associate Professor of business and economics stated, "I think Dr. Batory is doing an admirable job maintaining the level of quality that the school was recently recognized through accreditation."

Food services introduces new take out program

By J.C. MALOCHESKI
Beacon Staff Writer

In their efforts to continually provide the best service possible, the cafeteria now features a service that will allow one take-out lunch package per student containing the day's entree, starch, vegetable, beverage, soup, and salad.

Bruce Thens, Director of Dining Services and Brian

Hall, Assistant Director of Dining Services are optimistic about the program, and feel that it is a step that will help many students to enjoy lunch and still be on time. "It is an added convenience that we hope students will enjoy and not abuse," said Thens.

In order to keep the program cost effective and functional, it is requested that students do not defeat the purpose of the program by



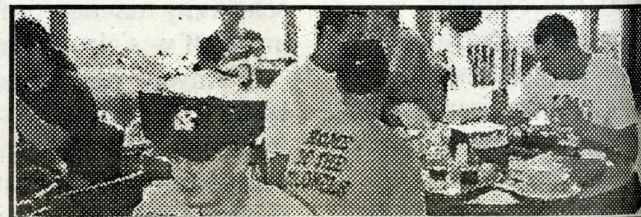
Photos by J.J. Fadden
With the new lunch program take outs are available.

eating take-outs in the cafeteria.

The take-out program, unique to Wilkes' cafeteria, will be monitored by staff to see that take outs are just that: take outs. The cafeteria serves over 450 people a

day. Student cooperation is appreciated.

Cara Durso, a senior communications major, said, "I think it is a great idea. It will be very beneficial to students on the go."



Students enjoy their lunches in the cafeteria.

Wilkes business programs attain accreditation

By KAREN COOK

Beacon News Editor

The Association of Collegiate Business Schools and Programs (ACBSP) accredited Wilkes' Business Administration (BBA), Accounting (BS), and Master of Business Administration (MBA) programs.

According to a newsletter published by the ACPSP, Wilkes is only one of six, four-year schools in Pennsylvania to receive this accreditation. Accreditation doesn't change the programs within the fields of study.

According to Dr. Anne Heineman Batory, "Accreditation is an external

validation of the quality of education our students are receiving. The programs in business administration, accounting, and master of business will not change. Alumni and future graduates can be assured they graduated from a quality program."

President Breiseth said, "It is recognition by our peers saying that our programs have met the national standards."

"Once a program becomes accredited, the college has to submit annual reports to continually show that the program is achieving their set goals. The college also has to go through a re-accreditation process every

five years," Batory said. "This is to ensure that the school is consistently reaching the competencies within the programs that are accredited."

According to Dr. Lennon, Vice President for Academic Affairs, "Depending on the organization that is accrediting the program, the schedule for re-evaluation varies."

Dr. Anthony L. Liuzzo, Associate Professor of Business and Economics and Faculty Coordinator for the Accreditation of the Business programs, "We started the thought process of accreditation in 1993. It required a heavy workload for about a year and a half

from the initial writing to getting the word that we were accredited. We are still working with the accrediting agency and are examining AACBS, the other major accrediting agency in business; however, no decisions have been reached as to the next step for the business programs."

Lennon said, "Not all departments are eligible for accreditation. Accreditation is granted to professional programs, such as pharmacy, nursing, engineering and business. All of the programs at Wilkes are accredited with one exception, the pharmacy program. The pharmacy program is as far along in the accreditation process as they

can be until they graduate their first class."

Accreditation may affect future enrollment because people look for accredited programs when they look into colleges. They look for a signification of quality," Batory said.

"I'm delighted. It will make it exciting for recruiting students for next year," said Breiseth.

"The university is accredited as a whole by the Middle States Association. The university is up for re-accreditation in 1999-2000. We will be appointing a committee to conduct a self study later this fall to prepare for reaccreditation," said Lennon.

Senior class plans ahead

By LISA RUGGIERO

Beacon Staff Writer

There are many plans being made for you and your input is desired. The senior class has been very busy lately. They started off the year by being the first class ever to sponsor a "Welcome Back Dance." That's only the beginning of many more activities surrounding the final year for Wilkes University's Class of 1998.

Most students who saw the banner hanging on the back of the COB building wondered what it was. The banner is the logo for the Class of 1998 and symbolizes growth.

The senior class officers thought that it would be a great way to evoke class spirit and attract attention to senior activities. It will be used at various class activities on campus and throughout senior week.

Another new item this year is the formation of the "Senior Class Associates." This group is responsible for forming committees for fundraising, social, and entertainment purposes. The

class leaders and representatives of Student Government will remain, but this new organization offers seniors a better chance to become involved in activities that they are interested in.



Photo by J.J. Fadden

The senior class banner hangs on COB.

The idea for the Senior Class Associates was developed from a program used at the University of Virginia. Four departments on campus will serve as advisory groups to the Wilkes seniors. The offices are Alumni Office, Student Affairs, Career Services, and Annual Giving. These departments are planing several activites together instead of focusing on events like senior week, and class gift seperatly.

A senior time capsule is

being organized to represent the Wilkes Universtiy experience. Rent stubs from apartments, papers from freshman orientation, and pictures are wanted. If you have any other ideas, contact senior class adviser Jennie Bullock in the Alumni Office.

An etiquette dinner is also being planned by the Alumni Office. The focus of the dinner will be to help prepare students for life after school, and specifically to help get that all-important first job.

The question of whether or not to hold graduation on the greenway (in good weather) is also being debated at this time. This would be the first class not to graduate on the field, or in the Marts Center. The planning and cost have not yet been settled. This decision can't be made without student input.

Other plans include the class gift, a senior newsletter, a web page, and events surrounding the 98th day of school. If you would like to volunteer of suggest and idea, call senior class president, Michael Beachem at (717) 408-5038 or senior class adviser Jennie Bullock at (717) 408-4132.

Will Wilkes think "Sex Matters"?

WILKES-BARRE--The programming board is pleased to bring international "sexpert" Jay Friedman to campus. His *SexMatters* lecture will be held on Sunday, September 14, at 7:30 p.m. in the CPA.

Friedman's lecture will entertain while educating his audience about important and timely sexuality issues. The event is open to the entire campus community and is free of charge.

"Healthy relationships enhance our lives," Friedman states. "Unfortunately, we live in a sex-negative, sex-phobic, and sex-repressed society

which has trouble talking about sex and provides inadequate sex education."

Friedman's lecture is sponsored in part by DUREX Consumer Products, makers of hte world's most popular condoms.

DUREX Consumer Products has a long-time commitment to quality sex education and shares Friedman's positive approach to sexuality. All interested participants at the lecture will receive a *Pleasure Pack* of condoms, and can even win a fun prize.

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A Voice for the Wilkes Community

While the "1997 back -to- school season" is just about over, I'd like to start off by welcoming all the returning students back to campus and wishing the freshmen good luck with what will be the roller coaster of their first year in college.

As the returners know, and what I am sure the freshmen have already learned, is that Wilkes students love to complain. Many students have a list of gripes about this campus. This list can range from administrators, to student activities, to the parking shortage. Maybe you're upset about your dorm room, or procedures at the registrar.

No matter what is getting under your skin, I have the answer to address all problems, as well as the means to get any of your questions or suggestions heard. In fact the answer is in your hands right now, *The Beacon*.

The Beacon is Wilkes University's STUDENT PUBLICATION, a some fact students don't realize. Not only is *The Beacon* interested in expanding our staff to include new writers from all majors, whether they are freshmen, sophomores, juniors or seniors, but *The Beacon* is always hungry for new ideas, your ideas.

Wilkes students, faculty and staff are the best resources to let us know exactly what is going on across campus. Too often the same student organizations and departments are repeated on the pages of *The Beacon*. Together, this semester *The Beacon* and its readers can work to cover all corners of campus.

If you are a student who wants to share your feelings about current events or daily life in general at Wilkes, please take advantage of your right to submit a letter to the editor. Letters to the editor are printed as long as the letter is signed with your name and phone number.

Even if you are not interested in having your ideas printed, you can call us at extension 5903 or leave a written message outside the office which is located on the second floor of Hollenback Hall directly behind the library. The staff will go to great lengths to follow up on your leads.

Keep in mind that *The Beacon* is a medium through which any student's idea or concern will reach administrators, professors, alumni, and fellow students. Your initiative has the potential to reach the entire Wilkes community.

I am anxious to hear what you have to say. Please leave all written materials outside of *The Beacon* office, or call extension 5903 and leave a message.

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Dear Editor:

I would greatly appreciate it if you could print the following announcement in your newspaper:

Parking in the Jewish Community Center Parking Lot is for members only. Wilkes University students who are parked in the Jewish Community Center Parking Lot will be towed at the car owner's expense. Thank you for your cooperation.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Richard Evans

Assistant JCC Director

Dear Editor,

I am writing to share some exciting news about a new student advisory group now being formed, the Class of 1998 Senior Class Associates. The Senior Class Associates will represent the Class of 1998 from our senior year through our 5th year reunion, at which time new class officers will be selected.

This group will lead the class in a broad number of areas including planning social and career events, raising funds for the class gift and planning events for senior week. After graduation, the group will work with the Alumni Office to plan young alumni events and a wonderful 5th year reunion. Additional projects, such as a class newsletter and home page, might be taken on.

If you would like to apply for one of the openings as a Senior Class Associate, please complete and return the application below by September 18 to:

Michael Beachem
 Senior Class President
 Box 54 Wilkes University
 187 South Franklin Street
 Wilkes-Barre, PA 18766

You may also express your interest in an e-mail to Michael at: beachemt@wilkes1.wilkes.edu. If you have any questions, you can call Michael at (717) 408-5038 or Jennie Bullock, Senior Class Adviser at EXT 4132.

I hope you will join me in helping to make your senior year outstanding!

Sincerely,

Michael Beachem

Class of 1998 President

Choose a committee

(List 1-6 in order of preference — 1=most interested, 6=least interested.)

Class gift _____ Graduation _____

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Career/graduate studies _____ Alumni _____

*The evaluators of the applications have the right to assign you to a committee other than your first choice to help evenly distribute the students. Every effort will be made to match your interests.

List additional reasons why you would like to be a part of the Senior Class Associates on an attached sheet of paper.

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From the top rope

with Rich Quigley

For all of you returning students who eagerly turned directly to "The Near Side" in every issue of *The Beacon* last year, you will not be disappointed with the column I will have for you.

Although we had to lose the author of that popular column to graduation, I felt there was no reason to lose that type of controversial, in-your-face type of writing in this newspaper. Even though my observations will not be exactly the same as those of last year, I can promise that at some point this year I will make every one of you laugh, cry, bitch, moan, applaud, complain, disapprove, or just simply smile - sometimes with just one column.

Those new students not familiar with "The Near Side" don't need to read up on back issues, you'll get the idea rather quickly. Just jump on board at this point and see where this road leads instead of where it's been. What I'm here for is to bring to light some things that I find unexplainable, or just plain ridiculous. I'll try to figure them out while discussing them with you. These issues may be something I see happening on-campus here at Wilkes or from your opinions. After thinking about what I've brought up, you will either laugh at others with me or become offended because I just put down something you stand for. Either way, I would appreciate any comments you could send me (regarding the column) via e-mail at quiglerc@wilkes1.

Your comments will be used to improve this column from week to week. Comments are fair game - the more cursing and berating from you, the happier I will be. You see, I don't want everyone to agree with me, that just wouldn't be fun for anyone. What I'm looking for is to supply all of you with something interesting every week that you can think about and respond to - whether you agree with it or not. Now that I've set up the format for what you should expect every week, I'm going to let you guys go and prepare for next week while I start writing the column. I'd love to dive right in at this point, but I'm only allotted so many words a week. So until then ... I will expect a lot of mail saying how my first column didn't say a damn thing. Have a great week everybody!!

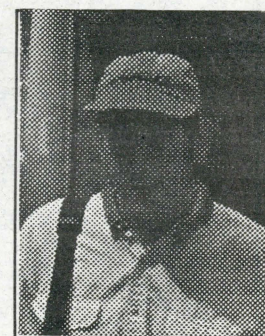
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"Do you think the Rumours Coffee Shop will succeed?"



Joe Umbar
"No, I don't think Rumours will catch on with the students."



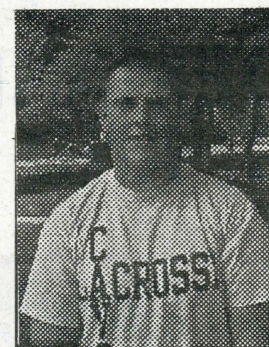
Clint Taffera
"Yes we need more activities for students."



Nicole Hinkle
"Yes, if they bring in more bands."



Theresa Kramer
"It could work, but the room is too impersonal."



Joe Harbeson
"I think it's a good idea. Students will take advantage of it."



Maggie Prosachik
"It could be a success if there was more interest."

For the students, by the students...

Wilkes Student Government Update

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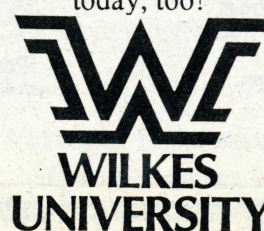
Get ready for the best Homecoming ever! This year's Homecoming marks the 50th anniversary. The dinner dance is Friday, October 17th. Early bird special tickets are now on sale from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in SLC lobby and 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 in the Cafe. The price for the Early Bird Special is only \$15 per ticket. Tickets will then go back on sale for \$19 on September 22nd until October 10th.

RUMOURS

Have you heard? Open from 8 p.m. to 12 p.m. Sunday through Thursday, Rumours is now a Coffee Bar! There are late night snacks like flavored coffee, soft drinks, deserts, and pizza. But what is all that without entertainment? Rumours features pinball, electronic darts, and other coin operated video games. Besides a stocked juke box, Rumours is planning to host a band a week. Check it out.

ELECTIONS

Replacement elections are to be held inside SLC lobby, today, Thursday, September 11th throughout the day. Be sure to come out and vote, you make the difference! Remember that freshmen elections are due today, too!



CHANNEL 68

The Shelbourne Telecommunications center has now implemented a closed-circuit television channel for the purpose of promoting upcoming events. Student Government has taken advantage of this new television channel to announce events. Professors can also announce cancelled classes and study sessions. School cancellations due to inclement weather will also be listed on channel 68.

FAMILY DAY

Call up the folks and let them know Family Day is Saturday, October 4th. There will be a free brunch in the Marts Center at 10:30 a.m. for all students and their families. Then all are welcome to stroll over to Ralston field to watch Wilkes football battle Lebanon Valley. After the game, stop down and prepare yourself for the hypnotist's show at Rumours. The party starts at 7:30 p.m. Be part of the action.

DAY BY

DAY

A student's guide
to Wilkes University
Activities

Thursday, Sept. 11

- United Way Day of Caring
- Flu shots available for \$6.00 at Health Services through September 22

Friday, Sept. 12

- Alternative Fall Break Applications due in the Volunteer Services Office

Saturday, Sept. 13

- Speilberg Associates LSAT course

Sunday, Sept. 14

- "Sex Matters" @ CPA 7:30 p.m.

Monday, Sept. 15

- Hispanic Heritage Month Begins

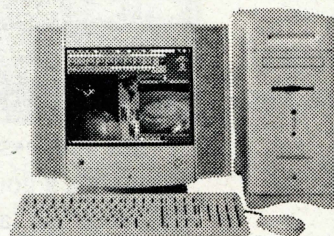
Tuesday, Sept. 16

- Community Service Fair, Chase Lawn 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Pre-Law Society Meeting 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. in COB 212

Wednesday, Sept. 17

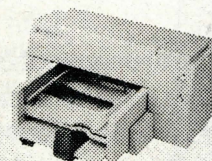
- Campus Interfaith "Talk-It-Out" 5 p.m. at the Alumni House

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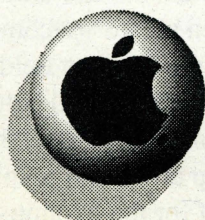
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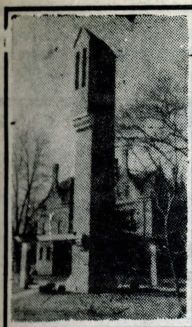
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Summer seminar turned into unexpected dream

By LAUREN CASTELLI
Beacon Features Editor

Two years ago the Math Department stumbled upon a problem they never imagined would result in such high honors. Former student and current Math Specialist at Wilkes University, Steve Gapinski was looking for a project for his senior seminar.

After thinking about a previous "magic type demonstration" that he performed in his communications class, he decided his seminar project would be based on a common card trick that is mathematical and easy to demonstrate.

At the time, Gapinski turned to Dr. John Harrison, Assistant Professor of Math and Computer Science, for advice on how to begin this project. Beginning in the summer of 1995, they began researching and performing various experiments to find the perfect problem. This process, without a lot of success, began by looking at a group of small tricks.

After discounting several methods they stumbled on a

common card trick known in technical terms as the "Gergonne P.Pile Problem." This trick consisted of a 21 card layout.

Gapinski said, "First thing we needed to figure out was what was going on in the context of the trick, but it was hard to speculate what was going on. After tracing the positioning of a card to give an idea of move-

ment we were able to generalize when the card would move into a fixed position." "A stroke of luck came upon us that summer when Tom Brennan, a graduate student from Harvard University, came to Wilkes University to teach," commented Harrison.

Brennan was asked for his opinion and the three ended up working in conjunction on the problem. Without Gapinski or Brennan ever meeting they were able to completely solve the problem in a matter of four months.

Harrison added, "I felt like we were making progress and we

might find something that could be published." The idea of bringing the problem to the next level was next on the agenda. Harrison believed that this was a reachable goal and it

was "rare to get a paper in mathematics published, especially in a good journal." They went ahead and prepared a preprint for a journal, whose name was not mentioned, and sent it out in December of 1995. The news arrived the following summer, but it wasn't good. The paper was not accepted

for publication.

This did not discourage them. Gapinski continued on and presented his paper at a conference at Millersville University MAA/Epistel in the Spring of 1996. They made corrections and rewrote the paper it submit to the prestigious journal *Discrete Applied Mathematics*.

As it turns out, the old saying "patience is a virtue" came true after ten months. In August 1997 Harrison, Gapinski and Brennan found out that they were going to be published.

After asking what impact this had on them, Harrison said, "The contribution and techniques were positive. It was the first time an undergraduate was able to work in an open ended project and continue on without knowing if it could be completely solved. It was an honor to be able to work on this project."

As of September 9, 1997 the final draft of the paper was being submitted to the journal for publications in 1998.

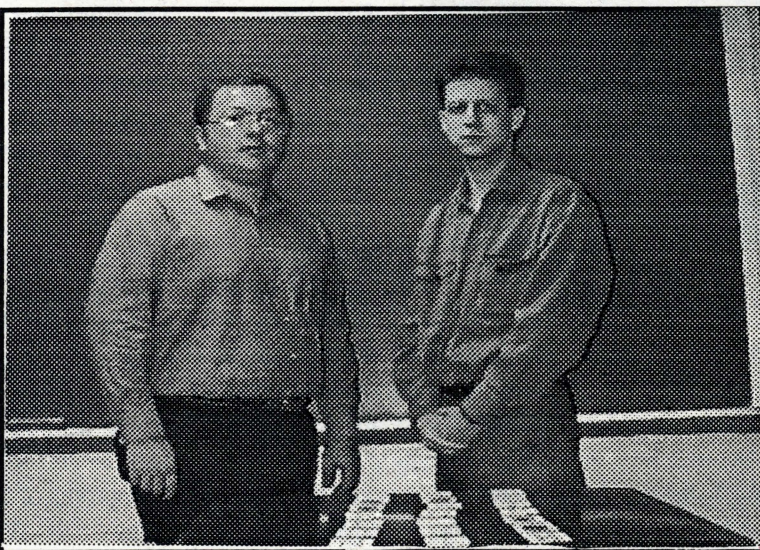


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Harrison (left) and Gapinski (right) reveal solution.

Internships go beyond field experience

By MELINDA SORBER
Beacon Staff Writer

We've all heard of internships and cooperative education, but do we really know what they are; what purpose they serve? An internship is basically a volunteer position offered in a variety of fields. Cooperative education, also referred to as co-op, is designed to get students into the workplace before graduation. Co-ops are usually paid positions and often lead to future employment for students after graduation. These programs are meant to replace formal education, as apprenticeships are, but rather in conjunction with educational courses.

These programs are designed

to to help students in a number of ways. Primarily, students have the opportunity to learn about the practical application of their individual field of study.

Carol Bosack, Coordinator of Cooperative and Field Experiences said, "An internship or co-op experience is probably one of the best investments you can make in your career."

An internship or co-op experience can also make you more marketable as a graduate because many supervisors prefer people who have hands-on experience.

"Students who become involved meet potential employers, explore career paths and improve employment pros-

pects," said Bosack. The internship and co-op programs at Wilkes University are taken for credits and are recorded on official student transcripts.

Internships are available to everyone and in all majors. They can be done locally, in your home town or at a location new to you. It's an opportunity to experience a work environment similar to one you may work in after graduation. You will probably do a lot of little jobs, but you will also have the opportunity to see how your education is applied in the work force.

A Personal Experience

Over the summer, I took an internship at Northeast Counseling Services to investigate whether or

not I wanted to pursue a career in Psychiatry. Working in an inpatient unit showed me that my perception of the field was skewed. Everyone's idea from "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest" is not at all accurate. Actually, psychiatric patients are not completely different from the rest of us. There were people who had good lives as nurses or prominent businessmen that became ill. By volunteering my time, more care could be given to these patients. Just being there for the patients to talk to made a difference in their lives as well as my own. They look upon us, the students, as young and lively people ready to face the world, eager to alleviate some problems of the world.

My internship experience helped me to realize that although I enjoy studying psychology, a career in psychiatry is not for me. For that fact alone, my internship was well worth the time spent. Additionally, I learned more about myself and how to deal with patients, and their emotions. I also gained a respect for people that are able to work there everyday. These are many of the values I was unable to grasp in the classroom. Shadowing, interning or co-op education is definitely an experience I would encourage anyone to utilize.

For more information concerning internships, call Carol Bosack in the Cooperative Education Office at 4645

My Good Electronic Friend, Wilkes One

By **MARC EAKIN**
Beacon Staff Writer

Has the Wilkes1 system become your best friend? Are your eyes burned out from surfing the Web all night? Are you suffering from Internet and e-mail addiction?

In researching Internet and e-mail addiction, the net was the natural starting point. There were several Web sites dealing with this subject. One such site is maintained by Ivan Goldberg, MD. This site describes the symptoms of e-mail and Internet addiction. Some of these symptoms may include checking your e-mail box more than five times a day and spending hours surfing the net, while neglecting other activities, such as your job and/or family. Getting worried that you may be an Internet or

e-mail addict? Don't worry, you can join an over-the-Internet therapy group, such as

like serving cocktails at an AA meeting, it is better than nothing for chronic internauts."

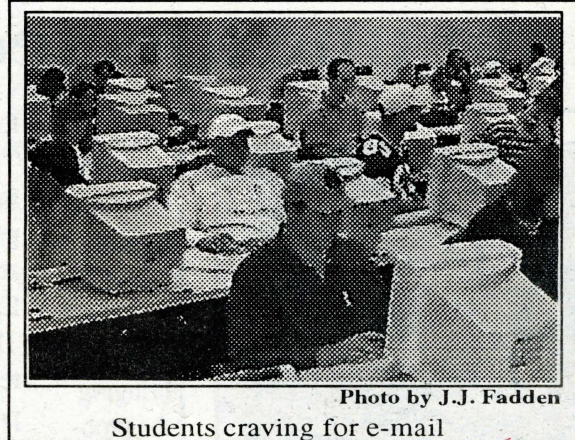


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Students craving for e-mail

"Interneters Anonymous!" Chris Allbritton, the creator of the "Online Addiction" Web site, defends the over-the-Internet therapy group, saying "...having an online support group for pathological Internet use may be

degree of involvement," which becomes "a priority" in that person's life. Garr also stated that people enjoy the "ease of e-mail," the "instant gratification," and the ability to "take on a new identity."

Dr. Michael Garr, of the Sociology - Anthropology Department disagreed with using the term "addiction." Garr felt that people that claim to be Internet/ e-mail addicts show "a high

From the psychology department, Dr. Holiday Adair's view on the topic was not all that different from Dr. Garr's thoughts. Adair stated that it may be "more of an obsessive-compulsive disorder." Adair went on to say that people develop a need for e-mail/Internet to function, which actually prevents people from functioning in areas like their job or family. When asked what could cause people to develop this need to check their e-mail constantly, Adair stated that stress could be a factor.

If you feel that you may be addicted to the Internet, Dr. Adair suggested that students look up the characteristics or behaviors of people with obsessive-compulsive disorder and compare them to the "symptoms of Internet addiction" found on the Web.

How do the students at

Wilkes feel about the subject? Kari Smith, a sophomore Biology/pre-med major, says that she "goes on to socialize" with friends from all over the world. Most importantly to Kari, e-mail enables her to talk to her mom and boyfriend at Penn State University for free!

Quinn Kirk, a Bio-Chemistry/pre-med major, agrees that e-mail is cheaper than calling friends and family and is a great way to keep in touch with his girlfriend at Susquehanna University. Quinn says that much of his time is spent between e-mail and keeping up the Student Government Home Page.

There are many views to what exactly constitutes a person who is addicted to the internet, but for now it is up to the individual to realize there is a problem and to seek help.

Multicultural Awareness draws crowd

WILKES-BARRE--About 45 people of different races and cultural backgrounds gathered Tuesday night at the Multicultural Mixer in Room 214 of the Marts Center. Including students from Wilkes, King's and Keystone Job Corps Center networked with leaders from the local multicultural community at this event, which was hosted jointly by the MSC (Multicultural Student Coalition) and the Office of Multicultural Affairs.

Shiru (Sheryl) Wang, secretary of the MSC, welcomed guests as they entered and invited them to help themselves to information packets and refreshments.

Wrestling Coach Al Zellner and Resident Hall Director "Jackie" Nkoba led a name game to get everyone acquainted.

"I came here tonight to let

people know where my church is, and who I am," said Reverend Cordella Brown, minister of the First United Methodist Church of Wilkes-Barre.

Ned Smith represented the Interfaith Center of Peace and Justice. As he passed out the Peace Center Newsletter he introduced himself to guests. He invited the group to visit the center on North Franklin Street, and to feel free to use the center as a resource.

"The idea of this mixer is to make a few new friends tonight," said Gina Z. Morrison, Multicultural Coordinator.

"It's just a way to get started," said Communications Professor Cliff Jemigan. Jemigan also added that events like this are helpful in getting adjusted to the community. He asked to be included in future multicultural events.

By the end of the evening, it

appeared that new connections had been made. Wilkes graduate student Zhihua Mzio and King's student Yoshiko Tabira were recruiting models for the international fashion show in April.

Christine Randall invited Dr. Paul Adams, Dean of Student Affairs, to visit the Neighborhood Resource Center on Park Avenue.

New Students Grace Lau, Obed Addo, and Deanna Altavilla expressed their desire to get involved with the many programs that will be offered on campus during Multicultural Awareness Week, September 21 through 27.

MSC Vice President Beverly Olds encouraged the participation of the campus community in the many multicultural programs that are coming up on the Wilkes Calendar.

Congratulations to the following students for being selected to serve on the Student Community Service Council Board for the 1997-98 year. The Student Community Service Council Board provides a structured program for students, and creating awareness with regards to volunteer services in the Wilkes-Barre area.

Good Luck in the upcoming year!

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Are Foreign Flicks Better Than Last Season's Hits?

By ELIZABETH PISANO

Beacon Staff Writer

Excitement and thrill, passion and lust, a good-looking movie star, are these the reasons that drive most people to watch movies? Excitement as in "Twister," the thrill of battle in "Braveheart," passion and lust between Tom and Renee in "Jerry Maguire," or a hot star in, say "Barbwire" or "Ransom?"

Films with these criteria are the ones that make it big and are highly publicized. But often people don't realize that films of other countries are just as good, if not better. Foreign films offer us a lot more than we may think. They give us insight into the culture of another country, and an in-depth description of the people and their language and their way of life. We can learn a lot about their gender roles, religious beliefs, and style of dress that differ from our own. But, best of all, we can be transported to faraway places through the landscapes that are uncovered in these types of films. These are places that most of us would not be able to see in person in our lifetimes.

Recently, I saw the movie "Kama Sutra." Though the title itself makes the movie sound erotic and provocative, it really wasn't depicted in that way. The story deals mainly with issues of love and friendship set in India. The characters are also forced to deal with their emotions and jealous tendencies throughout the movie.

The main character is Maya, who is a servant and also the best friend of the princess. A marriage is arranged for the princess by her family. When the groom comes to meet his bride, he falls desperately in love with Maya. This event marks an important turning point in the film and is where the film takes off and the plot twist and thickens. The ending is spectacular and very thought-provoking.

My favorite aspect of the movie, though, is how well the scenery is put together with the music. It made me feel as though I were right there along with the actors, walking in the warm sun on dusty paths or swimming in a cool pool of water. Unfortunately, this movie is no longer playing in theaters locally, but it is available on video.

The good news is that "Kama Sutra" doesn't need subtitles, so I suggest you pick it up and let yourself be transported to beautiful India and submerged into its culture for one short evening.

ALIGNING THE PLANETS WITH MADAME ZELDA

Virgo (August 23- September 22) You're fed up already, it seems like fall break will never get here. Try a little harder to have a good time and stop counting the days, that just makes it seem longer.

Libra (September 23- October 23) Money is pretty scarce lately, don't worry. Student Employment always has jobs available... check it out.

Scorpio (October 24- November 21) Joining all those clubs and activities may have been a bad idea, rethink a few of them. You may be spreading yourself too thin.

Sagittarius (November 22- December 21) A friend is very far from home and suffering from a bad case of home sickness. Help them out any way you can. Go to the cafeteria or to the S.U.B for meals with them, catch the movie in Stark on Friday. They'll owe you for it.

Capricorn (December 22- January 19) You have been feeling a little low on energy lately, but don't get discouraged. Start exercising or just go for a walk every once in a while. The juice will kick in soon.

Aquarius (January 20- February 18) Your semester is off to a bad start. Keep the faith and work through it it will all work out soon.

Pisces (February 19- March 20) Tell that certain person how you feel. Staring at them during your math class will get you nowhere. Say "hi" and strike up a conversation, love may emerge!

Aries (March 21- April 19) Don't sit back on the offer to do something you always wanted to do. It will work out great and help you in the long run.

Taurus (April 20- May 20) You may not know it, but you are neglecting some important people. Set some time aside in your busy schedule to call, e-mail, or write.

Gemini (May 21- June 21) Work may seem like too much lately, but stick it out for a few more days. You will be rewarded in the end.

Cancer (June 22- July 22) You thought you were leaving the love of your life, now things aren't working out as you had hoped. Give it some time to breathe, it may work out yet.

Leo (July 22- August 22) You want to keep that summer fling going, but you're meeting all these new people and your not sure its such a good idea. But don't sever communication just yet. Staying in touch might help later.

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Men's and Women's Soccer Making a Run For Play-Offs

By Gregg Severs
Sports Reporter

Both the Men's and Women's soccer team have finally gotten the right mixture of returning players and incoming recruits to put them in the running for play-off berth rights.

This will be the Women's first attempt at making it to play-offs with a confident and strong-minded team. The Lady Colonels (last year 3-12-2) have stand-outs and MAC First Team All-Stars, such as Meghan Haddad and Laurie Labbe. They also have goalie wonder, Denise Schembari, who posted her first shut out for the Lady Colonels since 1993. Her play will be

essential in the success of this team. Defensive dynamites, Laurene Kocylowski, Alisa Merolli, Lisa Niewinski, and Alyson Joralemon are expected to be impenetrable.

Incoming for the Colonels are freshmen Jillian Klicka, Julie Olenak, Donna Rothrock and Lisa Shafer. All four freshmen are expected to see a lot of playing time and goals in their near future. Transfers Jessica Rohde and Becky Landis look to start and add experience to the team.

The Lady Colonels kicked off their season by visiting the Brockport Invitational Tournament where they fell to Nationally ranked Brockport Golden Eagles in their first game.

In their second game the

Ladies kept up with the defending champions of last years tournament, Keuka College (N.Y.), and lost 2-0 in the consolation game.

Both games were seen as positive since they outran and outplayed both teams but failed to finish when the opportunity arose. Denise Schembari posted 18 saves in the two games combined before she was taken out due to a rib injury. The soccer team hopes to have Schembari back in action for their up coming game.

The Men's team (last year 9-9-1) has nine returning starters from last year's roster. They include ball wonder trio, Dave Reinert, James Lacy and Robby Rolland, who all look to score many goals this season.

Also returning are mid-fielders Matt Jagusak, Josh Hite, Jarrad Max, Heath Neiderer, and Cesaer Vines.

The mens team will also be looking for big things from incoming freshmen John Stuck and Bill Smith, who are also currently start-

ing. Other newcomers feature Melvin Moyer, Doug Iracki, Raymond Kuhl, Chris Rash, Ben Shovlin, and Adam Soares.

Coach Wingert is expecting this year's team to make it to MAC playoffs again this year.



Jarrad Max tries to defend the ball.

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Sports Figures Of The Week



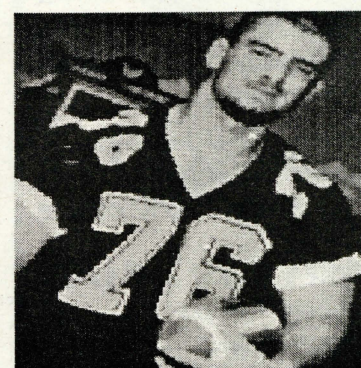
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 "Haddad"
 Soccer
 5'8"
 105 pounds
 Mid-field
 many years played
 Danville, PA
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 Indigos, eating,
 sleeping,
 watching T.V.
 the color green, and
 swimming
 G.P.A. 3.3
 Early Childhood



#24
 Carrie Chipeco
 "Chip"
 Field Hockey
 5'5"
 130 pounds
 Mid/Forward
 4 years played
 Swoyersville, PA
 Lebannon Valley H.S
 LIKES:
 Good books, 80's
 music, The Police,
 baseball and softball
 G.P.A. 3.0
 Biology



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 Jarrad Max
 "Max"
 Soccer
 5'10"
 150 pounds
 Mid- Field
 played since young
 Allentown, PA
 Allen H.S
 LIKES:
 Hanging out, run-
 ning, working out, Pearl
 Jam, Beastie Boys and
 his dog Gizmo
 G.P.A. 3.16
 Undeclared



#76
 David Kish
 "Kish"
 Football
 6'1"
 250 pounds
 Offensive Tackle
 started three years
 Bethlehem, PA
 Bechai H.S.
 LIKES:
 Fishing, weight lifting,
 Offspring, Metallica,
 and Ice Hockey
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 Environmental
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 The Blackhawks, and
 the color blue
 Start of Forth Year
 at Wilkes

1997 To Be A Key Year For All Colonels

By REBECCA LANDIS

Beacon Sports Editor

The Wilkes University Football Team is ready to kick off their 1997 campaign. Back bigger than before they will be looking to go further than any previous team to come through this school. The team is again looking for great things from Neil Rine, quarterback, who is once again set to be the Colonels top signal caller. Rine was the school's third-best all-time leader in passing and as a freshman was put into action when Boo Perry was out due to a preseason injury. Ever since then, Rine has been coming up big for the Colonels and is looking to maintain his reputation and hold up to his game breaking yards record.

There is also no question as to who will be catching all of those record breaking throws, Mike Hankins is back for another year full of touch-

downs and end-zone celebrations. Last year Hankins ran for 1,215 yards, the second most yards in school history and while racking up the yards, managed to scored eight touchdowns. Hankins is looking to break his single game rushing mark of 235 yards which he ran against Moravian College last year. Sophomore Floyd Allen and freshmen Jason Batholomew will both be heavily competing for playing time against Hankins.

Last year Wilkes lost two of the best wide receivers in school history, Mike Gundersdorf and Ryan Alston. This year the Colonels are looking to replace these two top athletes. Leading for the returning wide receivers is Jason Phillips who hauled in 13 passes to gain a total of 175 yards.

Also returning are seniors John Joseph and Randy Yerger and sophomores Jason

Berresford, T.J. McDonald and Ryan Neurhard. Some of the freshman expecting to see time are Ryan James, Tim Knabel, and Frank McCabe, a transfer from Millersville.

Wilkes all-stars do not stop there. They are lucky to have the best tight end in the MAC, senior Augie Mitschke, returning this year, proving himself as an outstanding blocker as well as pass catcher for the last two seasons. Behind Mitschke last year's 15 passes for 177 yards was sophomore, Scott Veith who finished his season with 10 catches for 96 yards.

As usual, Wilkes' offensive line is looking strong with their return of four starters and keys to the team; upperclassman Jason Nocella, Joe Ruddy, Dave Kish and John Williams. There are also over fifteen hungry freshmen dying to fill those positions whenever needed. Sean Geddis, Dan Natitus, and Doug Snyder are also

looking to return as key players who contribute strength and depth to Wilkes' offense. Dave Kish feels, "We are much stronger and more experienced, we have better team leadership and we have one of the best recruiting classes playing this year."

Like a brick wall, Wilkes' defensive line will not be touched with their three returning starters including J.J. Fadden, Layne Rarig, and Brandon Carlin.

Fadden and Rarig will be starting for their third straight year leading the team with 68 tackles and 27 tackles respectively. Carlin also added a strong 13 tackles and one sack as a defensive tackle. Other solid returners are Anthony Petrolonis, Tom Loftus, Ron Rosania, Scott Shifter and Tom Loftus. "I think the team unity is 110% better than last year because we do more extra curricular activities together," Petrolonis adds.

One of the strongest areas of this year's team is its linebackers including the returning trio of Joe Sinkoviich, Jim Poepperling and junior Chris Shannon. Add Harvey Fetterolf, Frank Tomaszewski, John Macowski, and Tony Dare.

Leading last year's team with four interceptions and 41 tackles was John Siekonick, the madman of the team according to Fadden, and close behind him was Jason Weaver who has 37 tackles, including 29 solo hits. Junior Jamie Golden will also be returning this season after missing last year due to an injury.

Overall, this years team will be a tough opponent to beat, filled with superior returning starters and hungry freshmen looking to find college ball playing time.

Baker Named All-Tournament Team

By REBECCA LANDIS

Beacon Sports Editor

In the volleyball opener last weekend, senior Rebecca Baker was named to the All-Tournament team after making 27 kills, 13 service points, 26 digs and 13 solo blocks in the day long event. The volleyball team now has a record of 1-2 as they fell to Misericordia, 3-1, Babbist Bible, 3-1, but

came up strong to beat Cedar Crest College, 3-0. Senior co-captain, Melissa Pammer, led Wilkes with 62 assists while Carin Smurl had 19 service points, including four aces, and six kills on the day.

The Lady Colonels are looking to be a stronger and improved team compared to last year. Watch the volleyball team in action September 14th at home at 7:00p.m.

Looking For a Win

By REBECCA LANDIS

Beacon Sports Editor

This year's womens tennis team is looking to grab its first win. The combination of a new head coach, Dave Macedo, also the men's basketball assistant coach, four returning players and seven young

talents, the Lady Colonels will see their first victory in the near future. Natalie Miller said, "We are better than last year, with no wins and only five people on our team. This year we have 11 girls, four of which had played last year. I look forward to our upcoming matches."

Upcoming Colonels' Action

September

13th

Field Hockey vs. Bloomsburg 1:00p.m. (h)

Men's Soccer vs. Dickinson 1:00p.m.(h)

Football vs. Widener 1:00p.m.(a)

Women's Tennis vs. Drew 1:00p.m.(h)

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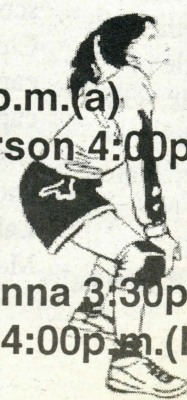
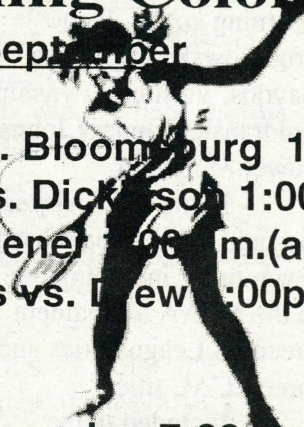
Field Hockey vs. Albright 4:00p.m.(a)

Men's Soccer vs. William Paterson 4:00p.m.(h)

17th

Women's Tennis vs. Susquehanna 3:30p.m.(h)

Women's Soccer vs. Scranton 4:00p.m.(h)



Fall Sports Make Strong Return For Colonels

By **REBECCA LANDIS**
Beacon Sports Editor

This year's fall sports will be featuring a host of outstanding returning players and top quality recruits. Not only will the ever strong football and field hockey teams have record breaking seasons but for the first time, volleyball, tennis, and both Men's and Women's soccer teams will be joining the winning programs.

Despite several teams loosing stand-out athletes such as Boo Perry, Mike Gundersdorf and Ryan Alston for football, Brian Smith and Brian Wukitch for soccer and five starting seniors from last years field hockey team, the teams will still have great seasons.

Loosing stand-out athletes was not the only hardship through this years pre-season, injuries played a major part in last minute position filling. Men's Soccer lost Robby Rolland to a sprained ankle but is looking forward to him returning to the playing field this week. Football lost Randy Yerger to a shoulder injury, and Walter Hall to a broken finger.

Despite all of the pre-season set backs, every team is looking for more wins than ever previously recorded here at Wilkes. Starting from this year and on, with key returners and large recruiting classes, Wilkes will be in a "league of their own."

So to all of you freshmen and last year's couch potatoes make sure that you make it out to see at least a game a week.



Photo By Coach Vrabel

The Lady Colonels Soccer Team enjoys some pre-season bonding.

Eight Straight, On Their Way

By **Bobby Morcom**
Beacon Sports Reporter

With title number eight on its way, the Wilkes Girls Field Hockey Team is back in full force. Although the all-star team lost five senior starters they recruited seven top-notch incoming freshmen. Beth Abrams, from Bishop O'Reilly will be seeing a lot of playing time as a forward and will be joined by freshmen Jill Wilson, of Catasauqua High School. Megan Fogle of Edwardsville, Illinois, will see playing time as a freshman midfielder, Karen Bradley (Wyoming Seminary), and Kelli Webb (Windsor), will both be

key defensive newcomers.

Joining last year's returning goalie, Pam Truszkowski are Joanna Gaydos, Vernon Township, and transfer January Johnson, Lower Moreland.

In the last four years, the field hockey team has won seven titles, including one trip to the NCAA tournament, four Freedom League titles and three ECAC titles.

Included in the returning crew is leading scorer and hard worker, Carrie Chipeco who is also a tri-captain. Joining Carrie as captian are seniors Jeanette Uhle from Southern Lehigh and Heather Evanish from Lake-Lehman. Coach Malatesta, "believes this team

has potential to be involved in post-season play."

In the Lady Colonels first two games, they suffered losses to Misericordia in OT 2-1, and to Lebanon Valley 2-0, which both of these goals were scored in the second half. Both games had numerous scoring opportunities with no successful finishes except Chipeco's goal against Misericordia. Freshman, Jill Wilson said, "I felt the team possesses the talent to go far, plus we are led by strong and experienced upperclassmen."



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