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No it's not a paramecium

Water damage all over campus due to the snow over break

By GINA M. TAGNANI
News Editor

You don't have to be a biologist to know that the ceilings in Chesapeake are a mess.

It seems to be the talk of the town. There is water damage everywhere including the Wilkes campus.

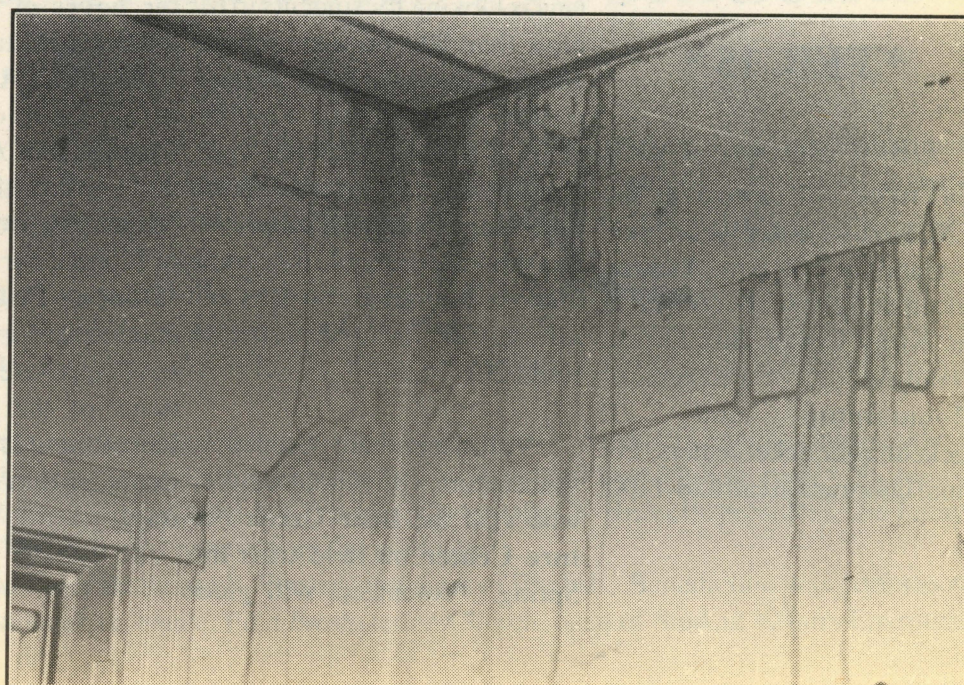
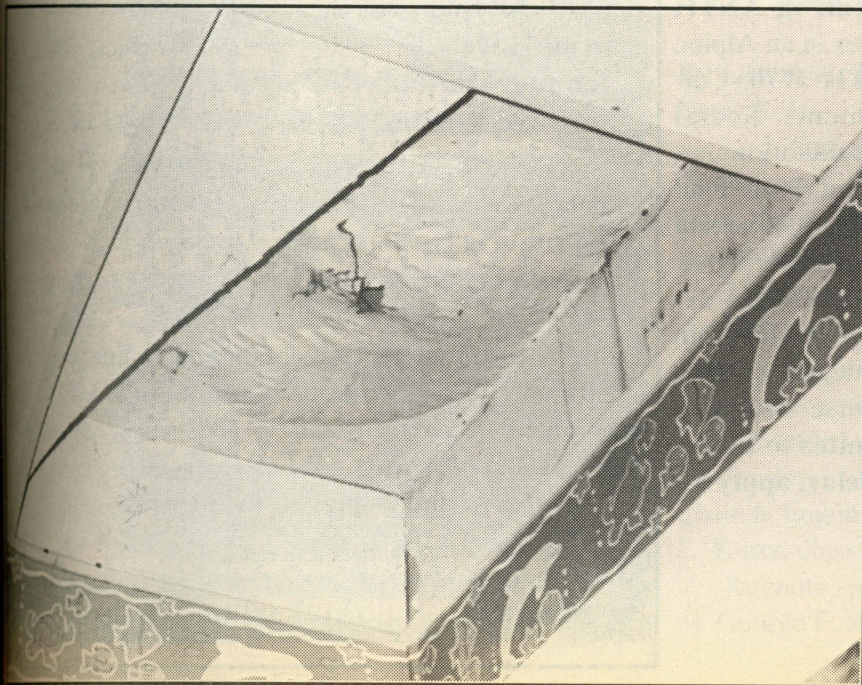
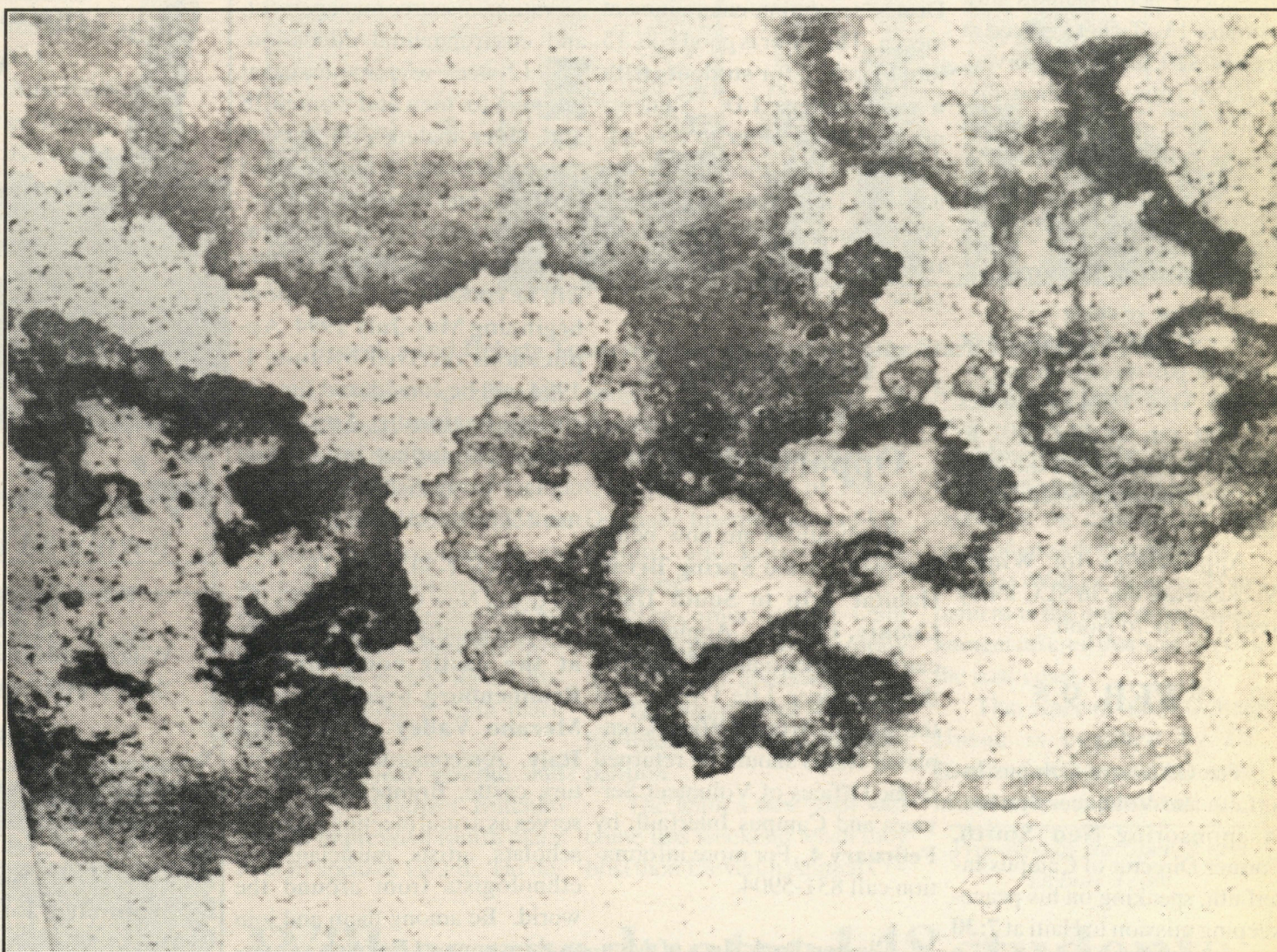
Amy Webb, freshman, Chesapeake Hall, said, "After a week of dripping the ceiling tiles were finally changed. Our rugs are mildewing and we were told that if we moved back in it could all happen again."

Tammy Perry, senior, Chesapeake Hall, said, "I have new tiles but my rugs are still wet."

The pictures are of the damage in Chesapeake Hall taken by Beacon Photo Editor Jen Barkas.

They illustrate better than any words exactly what a mess these students had when they came back from break early in the semester.

*This story was significantly
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WHAT'S GOING ON...

* FEB. 3 - 13 *

Sesame Street Live, presents "Big Bird and the ABC's," featuring Jim Henson's Sesame Street Muppets, in a musical stage show at the F.M. Kirby Center in Wilkes-Barre for sixteen performances thru February 13. Tickets, priced at \$12 and \$10, all seats reserved, are on sale now. For show discounts and information or to order tickets call 826-1100.

* FEB. 8 *

Attention Seniors

President Christopher Breiseth will meet with any interested May 1994 graduates at 11:00 a.m. in SLC 101 to discuss the location of the May 28, 1994 commencement exercises.

Applications for Winter Weekend are due in SLC lobby from 11 a.m. to Noon.

* FEB. 9 *

The Offices of Campus Interfaith and Volunteer Services is sponsoring Ned Smith, Former Director of Campus Interfaith, speaking on his peace-keeping mission to Haiti at 7:30 p.m. in SLC 101.

* FEB. 15 *

UB40 with special guest UsThree will appear at the F.M. Kirby Center for one performance at 7:30 p.m. Tickets, priced at \$23.50 are on sale at the Kirby Center Box Office, Triangle Pharmacy-Mountaintop and all Ticketmaster ticket centers. For more information call 826-1100.

* FEB 15 to MARCH 25 *

College students can get an extra break, financially that is, during Spring Break, at Walt Disney World in Florida. For \$25 (plus tax), students can enjoy a day at Epcot '94, the Magic Kingdom or Disney-MGM Studios. For an additional \$5, a whole night of fun awaits at Pleasure Island, Disney's nighttime entertainment mecca. This offer is good Feb. 15 thru March 25 for students with a valid college I.D. Students must be 18 or older to take advantage of the Pleasure Island add-on. Tickets are available at Walt Disney World ticket locations and Disney's Ocala Welcome Center on I-75.

* Internships & Volunteer Opportunities *

Applications are now being accepted for the Spring Break Habitat Trip to South Dade County, Florida. Applications can be obtained outside Stark 101, the Residence Life Office, and the Student Affairs Office. Completed forms should be returned to the Offices of Volunteer Services and Campus Interfaith by February 4. For more information call 831-5904.

Glacier Park, Inc. of Montana is looking for students to fill more than 900 summer jobs in all segments of the hotel and hospitality areas near the 1.4 million acres of Glacier National Park. Employees are needed from mid-May to early October. Internships are available for certain majors. For details on jobs and salaries call Glacier Park, Inc., at (602) 207-2620.

Volunteers are needed to share nature with school children who visit the Bear Creek Nature Center on field trips this Spring. Volunteers will guide

students on nature trails and lead hands-on exploration activities. Volunteers may choose either the Thursday training series to be held on March 17, 24, and 31, or the Friday training series on March 18 and 25. All training programs will be held from 9 a.m. to noon. Anyone interested should call (717) 472-3741 before March 15 to register.

The Student Conservation Association is offering approximately 1,000 expense-paid positions nationwide throughout 1994 and again in 1995 in conservation, resource management, and environmental education. The 12-week resource assistant program for men and women 18 and older includes on the job training, housing, living and travel expenses, and the potential to receive academic credit. Applications received by March 1, 1994 will be considered for positions beginning May-July 1994. Applications received by June 1, 1994 will be considered for positions beginning Aug.-Sept. 1994. For further information contact Lesly Schuler, Recruitment Director, at (603) 543-1700.

JUNE 1-30, 1994-The University of New Orleans offers the rare opportunity to live and study at the castle compound of Brunnenburg, overlooking the Merano Valley in northern Italy. A reconstructed 12th century castle, Brunnenburg today serves as a rural meeting place for scholars, artists, musicians and ethnologists from around the world. Be among them and join us this summer! Earn six semester hours of credit in ANTH 3090: Field Studies in an Alpine Village and ANTH 3770: Cultural Development, Social Changes and Acculturation, under the direction of Prof. Paul Magnarella from the University of Florida, our co-sponsoring institution. Field work, local excursions and a weekend field trip to Venice are integral components of the course structure.

Enrollment is limited to 15 students, so don't delay, apply to

* THANK YOU! *

I would like to print a public "Thank You" for all of the wonderful support and help I received as Volunteer Chairman of the NAMES Project Memorial Quilt.

Two Months ago it seemed like an impossible task to have over 500 volunteers give their time to make the project

asuccess. In eight short weeks I had over 500 staff, faculty and students signed up to volunteer in virtually any way I would need them. It is this enthusiasm that made the week an outstanding one!

To all who participated a sincere "Thank You".
Diane O'Brien

"THE SLEEPER HIT OF THE SUMMER!"

Patrick Stoner, FLICKS

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Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges select 40 Wilkes students

The 1994 edition of Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges will include the names of 40 students from Wilkes University who have been selected as national outstanding leaders.

Campus nominating committees and editors of the annual directory have included the names of these students based on their academic achievement, service to the community, leadership in extracurricular activities and potential for continued success.

They join an elite group of students from more than 1,400 institutions of higher learning in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and several foreign nations.

Outstanding students have been honored in the annual directory since it was first published in 1934.

Those recognized from Wilkes include Alison Adomiak, Melissa Asbury, Kevin Barno, Christopher Boring, Brian Caloiaro, Leanne Carabetta, Kevin Curry, Kermit Douglas, Judith Ann Durilla, Steven S. Endres, Michael Holly, Gail Humphrey, Teresa Inniss, Samantha Ireson, Michael King, Charlene Klynowsky, Melissa Kolatis, Lynn Krutz, Jamie Kurtz, Craig Lane, Wendy Maguschak, Matthew McCaffrey, Wayne McDonnell, Jr., Diane Menhennett, Jennifer Meyers, Karen Pastula, Christopher Scarba, Heather Shocker, Sandra Singer, Jason Smith, Lawrence Soggi, Jennifer Spitzer, Jennifer Stackhouse, Nancy Stanislaw, Gina Taylor, Adrienne Tinney, David Unzicker, Lisa Wrubel, Tracy Youells, and Katherine Zoka.

The registrar's office will be closed (except for transcript requests) on Monday, Feb. 14 and Tuesday, Feb. 15 due to Banner Computer Software Conversion

PRIORITY NOTIFICATION

suggestions from Security on campus safety

- walk in groups
- don't take short-cuts
- stay in lighted areas after dark

Security Escort Service 4999

Service will escort you at any time from anywhere to anywhere on campus

Speech and Debate team chalk up some more



photo by Jen Barkas

Speech and Debate Team trophies on display in the Stark Learning Center.

The Wilkes Speech and Debate Union scored an impressive victory this past weekend in Montreal, Canada.

The union team traveled to Montreal to participate in an invitational tournament sponsored by the Collegiate Forensic Association where the two-person team picked up six trophies, including a sixth place overall finish.

Second year veteran and sophomore Michael Butchko won an impressive fourth place overall speaker award. He de-

feated 119 other speakers for this distinction.

He also won trophies in Oral Interpretation of Prose, Dramatic Interpretation of Literature, and Entertainment Speaking.

Newcomer to the team Marla Augustine won a trophy in Expository Speaking.

The tournament was only her fourth intercollegiate competition.

The team's next visit will come this weekend when they host their Eleventh Annual Co-

lonial Novice Forensic Tournament.

More than a dozen schools from four states are expected to converge on campus for two days of speech competition.

The Wilkes Novice Tournament is the only novice tournament offered this semester on the east coast.

The Speech and Debate Union is coached by Dr. Bradford Kinney of the communications department.

Provided by the Speech and Debate Team

Wilkes graduates 148 students

By GINA M. TAGNANI
News Editor

Last Thursday at 11:15 a.m. at the Henry Gymnasium in the Arnaud C. Marts Sports and Conference Center, 148 Wilkes students graduated. Although no one was graduating Summa Cum Laude, there were seven obtaining Magna Cum Laude and eight obtaining Cum Laude recognition.

The most popular degree was Bachelor of Science with 52 graduates followed by Bachelor of Art (49), Master of Business Administration (24), Master of Science (13), Bachelor of Business Administration (4), Bachelor of Music (3), Bachelor of Fine Arts (2), and Master of Health Administration (1).

Graduates, families, friends and faculty were welcomed by Dr. Michael Lennon, vice-president for Academic Affairs and Invocation was given by The Reverend Paul Mullen, pastor, St. Jude's Church. Eugene Roth, chairman, Board of Trustees, Christopher N. Breiseth, president, and Jamie L. Kurtz, class of '94 presented greetings to the graduates.

Keynote speaker was Benjamin F. Fiester, professor of English. Benediction was performed by George F. Ralston, elder, trustee, First Presbyterian Church, dean of Student Affairs Emeritus.

Social Crisis Lecture Series at Wilkes

Instructors for the Social Crisis Lecture Series at Wilkes University gathered recently to plan for the upcoming course, "Are We Becoming One World?" Cross-cultural communication was selected as the topic for the 15th course in the bi-annual series of debates and discussions.

Classes will be held each Thursday, from February 10 through March 24 from 7:15 p.m. to 9:15 p.m. in room 213 of the Marts Center.

The course will examine how instantaneous communication and faster travel have created an ever-shrinking world that may blur or accentuate our cross-cultural differences.

Members of the teaching team for Social Crisis XIV will deliver presentations on family, gender, religion, ethnicity, science and media as they relate to this general topic.

The Social Crisis series began in 1984 as a World Religions class and evolved into a forum for discussions on culture, economics, religion, politics, global environment and personal enrichment.



Students inducted into Chi Alpha Epsilon

Five Wilkes University students were recently inducted as charter members of the newly formed Wilkes University chapter of Chi Alpha Epsilon.

Founded at West Chester University of Pennsylvania in

1990, Chi Alpha Epsilon was formed to recognize the academic achievements of students admitted to colleges and universities through non-traditional criteria.

Its purpose is to promote

continued high academic standards, foster increased communication among its members and honor academic excellence.

Students who hold a 3.0 cumulative G.P.A. for two consecutive semesters who were admitted to the University via developmental programs are eligible for membership.

Students inducted include Elizabeth Keator, Chanh Tran, Amy Jones, Han Ran Chen, and Nicole Mack.

Adult Learner News

We're back

Welcome back adult learners.

It's hard to believe that another semester is here. It seems just like yesterday I was shopping for Christmas gifts and now here we are buying Valentine's Day presents.

I chose not to get out of the habit of studying and took an intersession class. I heard all kinds of horror stories about intersession classes and I was somewhat nervous about taking one but it turned out to be quite harmless.

Learning over the break wasn't confined to the classroom. I learned it's possible to survive several feet of snow and -21 degree weather.

Another lesson for

me was that the next time I take my car to the garage I'll take anything that is in the car and anything that can be removed from the car off (i.e., Orioles license plate and frame, money and hubcaps.) That isn't exactly hypothetical. But, it proved to me that, if nothing else, there is one other Oriole fan in Northeastern Pennsylvania.

Well, we're growing in number. Adult learners that is. We're looking forward to starting an Adult Learners Association this semester so that the 24 and older crowd can meet with their peers.

Returning to college or even starting college for the first time is not an easy decision to make. I can most certainly attest to that. Once you've decided to return to school you've got to try hard to stay there. It is important to have your peers cheering you on and to have others in a similar if not same situation as you to be

there for you when you're ready to throw in the towel.

I lucked out in that respect because last semester when I returned to school I met a girl who became a good friend. She isn't an "adult learner" (although she understands the needs of adult learners very well). She was the one who kept me going last semester and even though she doesn't know this, when I was ready to "throw in the towel" she was right there and said the right things and pulled me through.

There aren't many people like her around. That's why I'm lucky. Not trying to insult anyone else, but her kind are few and far between. In fact, as far as I can see her only bad trait is her choice of baseball teams, but that's neither here nor there.

It's important to have someone who understands what you're going through. Someone

who'll be there for you and that's why we want to initiate an Adult Learner Association.

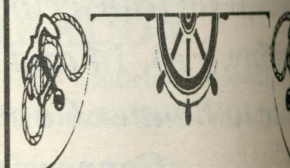
I know things will seem tough the next few months but you'll make it through. If you find the classes seem to be a little difficult because it has been a while since you were in high school. I highly recommend you take advantage of the Act 101 program. It's a terrific program and it helps tremendously. You can find the Act 101 office on the third floor of Conyngham Hall.

If you're problem stems from that fact that it's just too much, turn to another adult learner and you'll be amazed how much the load will be lightened.

Good luck this semester to all of the adult learners.

—Sandy Kendig

This is a weekly news feature in The Beacon with articles pertinent to the adult learner and non-traditional student. If you have any story ideas for this feature please contact Gina M. Tagnani, News Editor, c/o The Beacon at 831-2962



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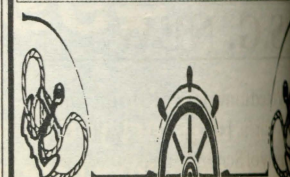
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FORUM

EDITORIAL

Welcome back to the winter wonderland of Wilkes University! For some students, who come from areas that are not used to seeing snow in the forecast, the piles of snow were a pleasant surprise. However, for those of us who have been living with the snow for the past couple of weeks it has been anything but pleasant.

The slippery sidewalks throughout campus have made walking extremely treacherous, not to mention embarrassing and amusing. Parking is also another interesting predicament. I have seen many creative parking jobs throughout the campus and the surrounding city streets. Maybe, by the time graduation roles around, the giant snow pile in the Evans basketball court will melt.

According to the French Astrologer Nostradamus we are supposed to receive 20 major storms this winter. So, it seems that Punxsutawney Phil was wise when he saw his shadow yesterday and went back to sleep. It doesn't look like there will be any relief from the weather and with the lack of salt and sand there isn't anything we can do about it.

In addition to the bad conditions outside, the conditions inside are also unpleasant. Many dorm rooms and offices have been damaged due to the melting of the snow piles on the roofs. This has caused major inconveniences with students who have been forced to move from or live in damaged rooms.

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They say that no news is good news, however, in regards to the Open Forum held in SLC 101 this past Tuesday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. the administration and staff were disappointed at the poor turn-out it received from the students. In the past the Open Forum has always been held at night to avoid a conflict with classes, however, the commuters always complained because they could not attend.

So, this time the Open Forum was held during the day to benefit the commuters and no one showed up. However, it was brought to my attention that if this forum was to be benefiting the commuters why wasn't it publicized a little better? So, some say that in the future when these forums are again held at night time, the commuters have nothing to complain about since they were given their chance. Or were they?

Speaking of forums, there will finally be an open forum held for the seniors to discuss their 1994 graduation on Feb. 8th. The seniors will be able to voice their opinion on where they would like it to be held this year. If I were a senior, I would be jumping at this chance. **DON'T MISS IT!! MAKE YOURSELF HEARD!!

S.G. NEWS

*Voted to award \$110 to the cheerleaders for a bus to the Wilkes vs. University of Scranton basketball game on February 14.

*Winter Weekend registration is on Tuesday, February 8th from 11 a.m. to noon in SLC lobby. This will be the **ONLY** time you can register so make sure you have all you need. Applications are still available at the security desk in Stark.

IDLE CHATTER

By **MICHAEL BUTCHKO**

Columnist

Welcome back, faithful reader, to the chatter that doesn't stop, but just takes long breaks. As usual, sincere wishes for a successful and enlightening semester.

Cold enough for you?

So much has happened since December and most of those issues will be addressed in this column.

The weather has captured more than its share of air time and it continues to chill. If you like snow, then this winter has been fruitful; if you're into power crises, then you're in your glory right now.

Some issues have been predictable. The Bills lose in the Super Bowl, and a Clinton nominee resigned while accusing the world of conspiring against him. Senator Bill Bradley of New Jersey, when asked why he would vote not to confirm Mr. Inman for Secretary of Defense, responded that he didn't like the sound of, "Bobby Ray, where are the missiles?"

Speaking of President Clinton, he's momentarily avoided any fallout from the Whitewater "scandal." And his 90 minute pep rally last Tuesday was very impressive. But make no mistake about it, he'll have quite a fight on his hands over health care.

Cold enough for you? And how 'bout them Cowboys!?

But the most interesting thing right now is the Tonya Harding/Nancy Kerrigan affair. The way I see it, Harding would have made a wonderful Secretary of Defense. Her shady past has been hashed and rehashed and all indications are that she is guilty.

As of this writing, she is still on the Olympic Team. Forgive me if this is outdated, but copy will hang my butt out to dry if the chatter isn't punctual. Although we can't convict her right now, she should not be on the Olympic Team. Could you see Tonya and Nancy rooming together in Lilehammer? Memo to Nancy: sleep with one eye open.

I'm saddened to report the departure of one of my original staff. As you know, my tenure as News Editor was brief, but it was brightened by having Allyson Hannigan as a writer. Ally has left school for personal reasons and all who know her will miss her terribly. More than once I can remember Ally rescuing me with a story that I assigned late. To Allyson: Communications misses you, the Chatter misses you, and we all hope to see you again.

Cold enough for you? How 'bout them Cowboys!?

And go Wilkes, beat Scranton.

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

Letter to the Editor

To the Editor:

I am the Vice-President of Student Government and am chairperson of the recently redesigned Campus Food Committee. It has come to my attention through a past article published in an issue last semester that my committee was acting in an undemocratic fashion and making decisions to fulfill personal interests.

Two comments in particular are downright false! With regards to your staff writer I think that it would be in your best interests to assign a writer to a story with which they have familiarity. The Otis Spunkmeyer cookies which the writer claimed to have disappeared this semester have been gone since last fall. And I can say with fair certainty that the quality of the food at the SUB is to the student's liking, at least that is what the majority of the comment cards are eluding to.

Secondly, the survey which she claimed should have been drafted and distributed, had already occurred. How do you think we came to the decision of offering the sundae bar at dinner and chicken patties more frequently at lunch? Over 120 surveys were taken and those two changes were the overwhelming favorites.

My committee may be small, but its representation includes students from the I.R.H.C., Off-Campus Council and Commuter Council. I find my committee to be very dedicated and well-informed concerning ideas for improvements in food service that benefit the entire student body, and moreover, I trust their judgments, for they are acting as representatives of their friends and colleagues. For many years, the "Food Committee" sat dormant, introducing nothing new as far as I'd seen in the past three years, yet now, when progress is being made, the committee is criticized for "lack of communication between committee and students."

We are working very closely with Morrison's manager Denny Drezek and Vice-President of Business Affairs Paul O'Hop to insure the best possible food variety and service is made available for the students. The student members of the committee include: Wayne McDonnell (IRHC president), Kathy Zoka (CC vice-president), Tim Stank (OCC rep.), Kellie Klein and Patti Gardner (SG Reps). If anyone has a question, concern, or complaint they can contact one of the above-mentioned, or myself, and we will address it as a committee.

This year the Campus Food committee is very enthusiastic and student-oriented, we know that communication is the key to success, but also that communication is a two-way street. This committee wants to give the students what they want, but we need constructive criticism to accomplish this goal. The comment "The food sucks" does not help anyone in making improvements. It acts only as a counteractive mechanism, defeating the purpose of comment, rather than helping us. The students must help in order for us to complete the task of this committee. With the student's support, our job should never be complete, for one should never "just be satisfied" with what they have.

Andrew F. Mazzeo

NEW CLUB SECTION COMING SOON

There will be a **CLUB BOX** set up in the center of Stark lobby next to where you pick-up *The Beacon*. This will give **ALL** clubs a chance to get their activities into the paper.

All **YOU** have to do is write up what your club has been up to or will be up to.

For example: include the event, time, place, cost and head person to contact with their phone number. If you want to talk about what did happen at an event, you can write up a summary.

This will give all clubs the publicity they need to help boost their turnouts at important events. This will also give commuters a chance to become more involved.

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Construction Corner—

By **PATTY PUERLING**
Editor-in-Chief

The purpose of this new weekly box is to inform the students and faculty about the plans for transforming our Wilkes campus. Over the next three years, this campus is going to go through some major physical changes. This will undoubtedly create some questions and concerns for the students. Hopefully, through this column, the questions and concerns can be answered.

Construction on the first of the new buildings will begin this year either in late spring or early summer. This will be the new classroom/office building which will be on South Franklin St. The new classroom/office building will contain three sections. One section will be devoted to 16-18 classrooms plus a computer room. Another section will be the Department of the School of Business Society and Public Policy which will include all of the faculty offices. The third section will be the Department of the School of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences.

The offices of both respective deans will also be in this building. In addition to these classrooms and offices there will also be some sort of a snack bar since they are also planning to getting rid of the snack bar in the SUB.

The building will be four stories, three above ground and one below. It will cover 45,000 sq. ft. with 30-32,000 sq. ft. of actual working space for classrooms and offices. This building will hold approximately 40% of the faculty here at Wilkes including the two deans previously mentioned.

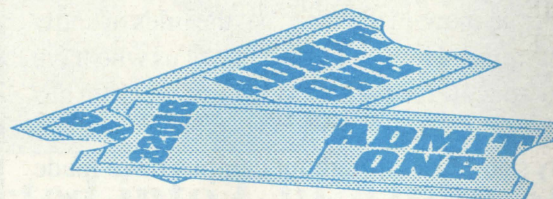
The President and his advisor's goal is to have the building completed by the 1995-96 school year.

They are also going to start the design stage for another building they are planning to have done by the 1995-96 school year. This will be the new University Center. This building will basically hold student activities, mail facilities, cafeteria/food court and student government. The Dean of Students and staff will also be located here. This building will house the bulk of the clubs we have on campus.

The 25,000 sq. ft. building will be located next to Bedford Hall and will ultimately take the place of Pickering.

WILKES UNIVERSITY BLOOD DRIVE

WHEN: Thursday, February 17, 1994
WHERE: Lower Level, Marts Center
TIME: 10:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.



All first time donors will receive one free movie ticket to the Gateway Theaters.

All regular donors who bring a first time donor will receive a free movie ticket.

OTHER GREAT PRIZES TO BE AWARDED

Tickets for two at the F.M. Kirby Center
Brunch for two at Genetti's "Legends" Restaurant
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Staff/Faculty Prize -- Washington Floral



Security UPDATE

By **PATTY PUERLING**
Editor-in-Chief

Nearly 30 campus security detectives, colonels, officers, sergeants and corporals from colleges and universities across the state gathered over break at Wilkes University's Marts Center for a week-long seminar on crime prevention. Sponsored by the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency, the course offered the latest techniques and programs in crime prevention to train new campus security personnel. Our security officers took the course in order to better serve the students here at Wilkes.

Attending from Wilkes were Richard Chabala, Ed Templeton, Bill Martin, Chief Jerry Cookus, Leon Potok, Tony Wienckowski, John Kassen, John Pesta, Paul O'Hara and Robert Billett.



Photos courtesy of Security

Sordon

WILKES-BARRE— The Art Gallery at Wilkes University will have a "Normal Editions" shop: Selected 1977-1993" through February 27. A reception will celebrate the opening of the exhibit at the Gallery on Saturday, January 29 from 7-8pm. The exhibit is open to the public, charge.

The exhibit will feature a wide variety of styles ranging from representational to the very abstract. Founded in 1970, the Illinois State University Normal Editions shop produces high quality lithographs by temporary artists.

FEATURES

Is it live or Memorex? Is it real or Virtual Reality?

By LYNNMARIE
ROSECRANCE
Features Editor

Virtual Reality is coming to Wilkes. Now, don't worry, this time it's the real thing. The Programming Board has scheduled Kramer Entertainment Agency Inc from Grand Rapids, Michigan to bring Virtual Reality to Stark Learning Center.

The virtual reality (VR) equipment will consist of two machines: one looks like it fell out of the "Buck Rogers" television show and the other re-

sembles Jordi's (Star Trek: The Next Generation) corrective "I was blind but now I can see" glasses — enlarged greatly.

Everyone who has tried VR has been incredibly surprised with its realistic qualities. Reporter Amy Blinn of *New Castle News* tried VR out and wrote in her article "Private Screening," "I found myself standing in a room on a checkerboard maze facing a fair-haired animated opponent. I fired my gun three times at her . . . I was too afraid to move for fear everything would begin to



spin. That happened next though, so I shot my opponent and her body parts exploded."

The testimonies go on and on. However, Dr. Michael McGreevy, head of NASA's virtual reality program, said, "Television is like a window. Virtual reality is like a door you can walk through."

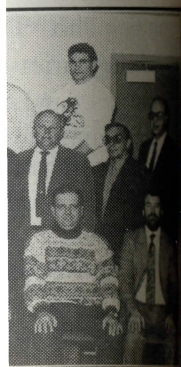
For all of you adventurous Wilkes students, your opportunity is on its way. Look for Virtual Reality in Stark Learning Center on Tuesday, February 8 from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. and again from 2-6 p.m.

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Sordoni displays lithograph exhibit through Feb 27th

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WILKES-BARRE— The Sordoni Art Gallery at Wilkes University will feature "Normal Editions Workshop: Selected Prints 1977-1993" through February 27. A reception to celebrate the opening of the exhibit was held at the Gallery on Saturday, January 29 from 6 pm to 8 pm. The exhibit is open to the public, free of charge.

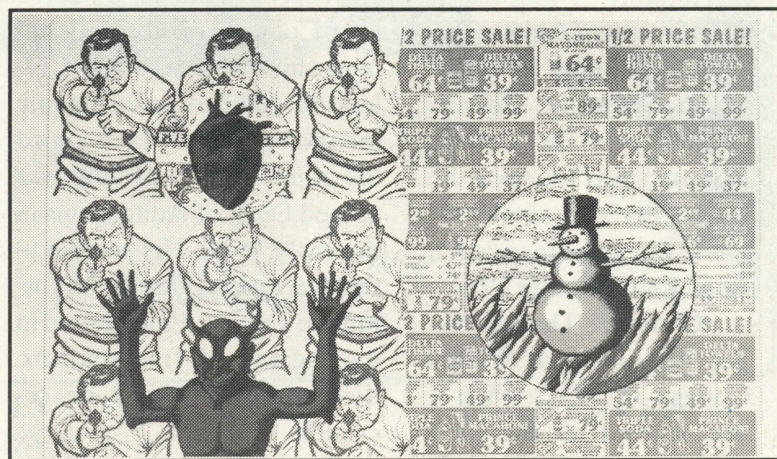
The exhibit offers a wide variety of prints in styles ranging from representational landscapes to the very abstract. Founded in 1976 at Illinois State University, Normal Editions Workshop produces high quality lithographs by contemporary artist from

throughout the United States.

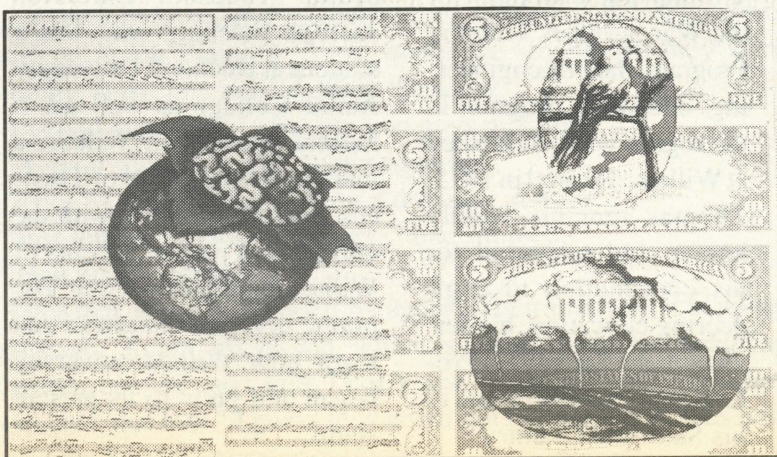
Among the artists whose prints will be shown are James Butler, Sidney Goodman, Mark Innerst, Dennis Oppenheim, Kiki Smith, and David Wojnarowicz.

The Sordoni Art Gallery is open to the public daily from noon until 5 p.m. and Thursday evenings until 9 pm. Call the Sordoni Art Gallery at 831-4325 for more information.

Lithographs pictured at right are by David Wojnarowicz. Top lithograph entitled "Fire and Water," bottom lithograph entitled "Earth and Wind."



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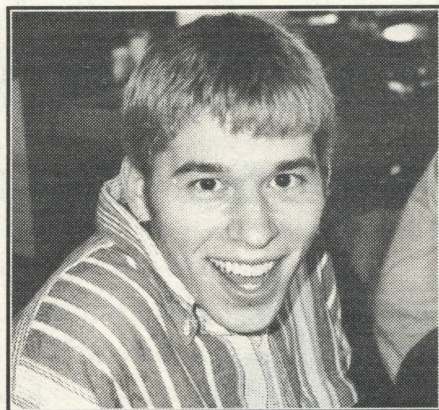
By LYNNMARIE ROSENCRANCE *Features Editor*

If you could change one thing about Wilkes, what would it be?



Susan Shaffer

"Parking. When I went to school at Marywood, the parking was excellent. At Wilkes the parking is awful."



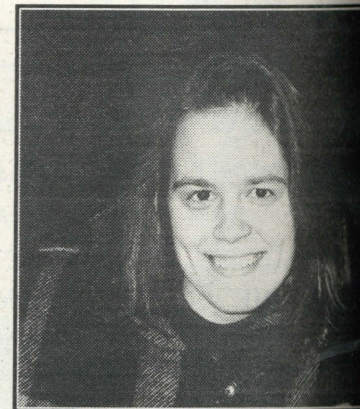
Chris Sleboda

"I guess I would change (maybe) the situation that involves the storage of automobiles while in classes. But not parking."



Tracy Berardi

"I would increase the amount of outdoor lighting throughout the campus and hire more security guards to ensure the safety of our students."



Erica Bullock

"Parking. As a commuter, with all the snow, I have to walk two blocks just to get here."

Photos by Jen Barkas

George Ralston presented second lecture in the Wilkes U's 60th Anniversary

WILKES-BARRE—George Ralston, Dean of Students Emeritus at Wilkes, presented the second lecture in the University's 60th Anniversary Series on Tuesday, January 25 at 7:30 pm. in the lobby of the Dorothy Dickson Darte Center for the Performing Arts. Ralston was joined by former Director of Admissions, John Whitby and Engineering Professor Emeritus, Cornwell Thomas for a panel discussion that followed his presentation. Admission was free.

This is one of a series of five seminars that presents the early history of Bucknell University Junior College and Wilkes College through the recollections, anecdotes, and written histories of former and current faculty, staff, trustees, and students. Professor Emeritus, Dr. Charles Reif presented the first lecture in December.

A member of the Wilkes community since 1946, Ralston has served as dean of

men, dean of students, counselor, instructor, and administrator. He currently serves as a special assistant to Anthony J. Shipula II '78, director of Alumni Relations, working as a liaison between the University and its 20,000 alumni. Ralston also founded the University's football program, and served as a coach from 1946 through 1954.

Cornwell Thomas began his career at Wilkes College in 1937, when it was known as Bucknell University Junior College. Through the leadership of the War Services Training Program, the first engineering education program in the region was established at Wilkes. Retired in 1975, Thomas remains widely known and respected for his contribution to engineering education, his services to the Society for Professional Engineers, and to his State and Country.

Edwardsville, John Whitby joined the navy which resulted in his graduation from the Notre Dame Midshipman's School. He received a Master's Degree from Columbia University and began his career at Wilkes College in 1947 as an economic instructor. Whitby later joined the admissions staff and was named Dean of Admissions in the early '60s. His service to the University during its formative years is remembered in the legacy of fine students, now alumni, which he recruited.

Future seminars will include Professor Emeritus Joseph Salsburg who was a student at Bucknell University Junior College as well as a faculty member at Wilkes, a member of the Board of Trustees, and a discussion with the current and past presidents of Wilkes. Admission is free. The public is invited to attend and learn how Wilkes university began and grew to its present status.

Top 10 New Resolutions of Bill Clinton

By BRAD HAYS
Co-Copy Editor

10. Vow to cause a new scandal every other week
9. Finally tell Hillary that "I'm the president, you p—whipping woman!"
8. Drop Hillary for Tipper Gore
7. Drop Hillary for Lorena Bobbit (Good luck in trying to do anything there, Bill!!!)
6. Beauty makeover for Chelsea
5. Claim that David Koresh was actually his half-brother
4. Ensure the National Health Plan includes free consultations to Dr. Kevorkian's office for all the Arkansas state troopers
3. Call George Bush to ask him how he survived being a one-timer
2. Change name officially to Bubba
1. Consult Rush Limbaugh for advice instead of David Gergen

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The newly formed music team of Dr. Flint and Lois F. faculty members at Wilkes University, will present a concert of music for piano hands on Tuesday, January 25 at 8 pm. in the Dorothy Dickson Darte Center for the Performing Arts. Admission is free.

The program includes Sonata No. 1 in D major by Mozart, Petite Suite by Debussy, Sonata for Four Hands by Haydn, and Fantasy in F major by Beethoven.

Schubert. The Harp work is a little-known composition and has not been performed in this region. Flint is the chair of Music, Theater, and Department at Wilkes University. She also teaches music theory, piano, and music history. She received her Ph.D. in music from the University of Maryland at college Park. M.M. degree in piano performance from the Shenandoah Conservatory, and her B.M. in piano from Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond.

Flint has published

Faculty to perform piano recital Feb 15

WILKES-BARRE—The newly formed chamber music team of Drs. Ellen R. Flint and Lois Forbes, both faculty members at Wilkes University, will present a concert of music for piano four-hands on Tuesday, February 15 at 8 pm. in Dorothy Dickson Dart Center for the Performing Arts. Admission is free.

The program includes Sonata No. 1 in D major by Mozart, Petite Suite by Debussy, Sonata for Piano Four-Hands by Hindemith, and Fantasy in F minor by

articles and reviews in various music journals, including a recent article in "Contemporary Music Review." An active performer and teacher, she is also on the faculty for the Encore Music Camp of Pennsylvania held at Wilkes University each summer.

Forbes teaches piano at Wilkes University as an adjunct professor of music. She received her Ed.D., Ed.M., and M.A. degrees from Columbia University and her B.M. degree in piano performance from Oberlin College Conservatory of Music.



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While at Oberlin, Forbes participated in the junior year abroad program, studying at the Mozarteum in Salzburg, Austria.

In addition to her teaching at Wilkes, Forbes is a faculty member at Penn state, Hazelton campus, and the M.M.I. Preparatory School in Freeland. She also has an active private studio in Conygham.

Both Forbes and Flint are active members of the Northeast Chapter of the Pennsylvania Music Teachers Association.

For more information, call 831-4428.

Discussion the lives and times of Wilkes-Barre

WILKES-BARRE—As part of the Wilkes University Concert and Lecture Series, Attorney F. Charles Petrillo '66, Wilkes-Barre will present "The Lives and Times of John Wilkes and Issac Barre" on Tuesday February 8 at 8 pm in the Dorothy Dickson Dart Center. Admission is free.

Petrillo has presented lectures on John Wilkes, and served as guest curator at the Sordani Art Gallery for exhibitions on both Wilkes and Barre.

Currently Executive Director of Legal Services of Northeastern Pennsylvania, Petrillo received a degree in Political Science from Wilkes, serving as the president of his senior class and captain of the swimming team. A graduate of Dickinson School of Law, he was Editor-In-Chief of the Dickinson Law review, and was later named assistant

professor of law. as an adjunct instructor at Wilkes teaching Constitutional Law II and social Problems, he developed his own course materials.

Petrillo's historical publications include: Harvey's Lake, a two-hundred year history of the area resort; Anthracite and Slackwater: The North Branch Canal 1828-1901, a history of the Susquehanna river canal system, and Ghost Towns of North Mountain: Ricketts, Mountain Springs and stull, a history of lumbering and ice-cutting near Ricketts Glen State Park.

He is married to Marion Boyle Petrillo, also a graduate of Wilkes.

For a complete schedule of Wilkes University's Concert and Lecture Series, contact University Relations at 822-8413.

K.J. James gave us the blues

By LYNNMARIE ROSENCRANCE
Features Editor

K. J. James performed last Saturday night at the Center for the Performing Arts to a small crowd whose toes did not stop tapping until the lights came up. K. J. James has been playing the blues almost all his life and life never leaves his blues.

James, formerly known as Dr. Blue, not only played the blues, he also gave the audience a little bit of blues history. Sitting alone on stage with his two guitars and tambourine, he invited the audience to become backup singers and percussion players by tapping their hands and feet.

The concert slowly evolved from the formalities of an audience and performer to a bunch of people laughing, singing, clapping, tapping and enjoying the sounds of the south.

One song in particular had everyone laughing. It was titled "The Breakfast Blues." For those who were there, you know "eggs"—actually what I'm talking about; for those of you who missed the concert, with any luck K. J. James will be back next year.

Who says snow is only for "little" kids?



By LYNNMARIE ROSENCRANCE
Features Editor

Photo by Jen Barkas

Last Wednesday night I passed by four gentleman defying nature. There, on South Franklin Street, under the streetlights they were moldeing, shoveling and brushing the snow.

I yelled over, "hey, what are you guys making?"

"A giant snow lizzard," they responded.

"Cool," I said, "we're making a dinosaur at home."

"Just tell me it's not a Barney...", one shouted.

"Hell no," I responded.

Later that evening, I passed by again. Their progress was pretty impressive. Again, my mouth, which is usually open and splurting out words, opened and I said, "You know, if you get some food dye, you could color him." I guess they never got that far but Wilkes new mascot the Snow Lizzard is pretty cool.

Classified

BFE desperately seeking SCSA. Good hygiene not necessary, but appreciated. Muscles not needed but creativity is. We will go to bed every Wednesday night for the rest of the semester. Call x 2962 (BFE = Beacon Features Editor, SCSA = Student Comic Strip Artist)

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SPORTS

Grapplers at 5-8; Reese four shy of 500 wins

By **SANDY KENDIG**
Sports Writer

Though many of us just recently got back from our Christmas Break, the campus was kept alive by intercession classes and sporting events. The Wilkes wrestling team was among those who remained behind this past break to work on a 5-8 record.

This year's team is led by junior Barry Van Scoten, who currently has a personal

record of 10-6, and sophomore Heith Fleisher with a record of 7-2. Both Colonels were on the team last year and boasted winning records.

As with any sport, this year's wrestling team is not without injury. Fleisher began the season with an injured knee and missed one month of the 1993-94 season. He is now back doing what he does best and having another winning year.

Those who also started the season injured and have not

yet returned are Dave Habowski and George Gurdock. Although Gurdock may be back before the season ends, Habowski is not expected back until next year.

New to the team this year are John Burdyn, Larry Castner, Lubomir Handl, Joey Hill, Chris Klein, Steve Kremer, Edmund Roderick, Lon Snook, Tim Solowej and Eric Strunk. All men are getting that "freshman experience" with their first year on the team and are sure to be the ones to watch during the

next three years.

Returning to the team this year is Mike Evans who is in his final year as a wrestler and currently has an 8-6 record. Evans had been named Freshman of the Year in 1990/91. Joining Evans in his final year is Colonel matman Brady Taylor. John Stout and John Klessinger also return for the Colonels.

Leading up to tonight's meet at Drexel, the Wilkes wrestlers are four wins short of Coach John Reese's 500th

career win. When the magic number of 500 is reached, it will make Reese the winningest active coach as well as the second winningest coach of all time.

The Colonels have seven meets left to give Reese the honor. Four of those are home matches, so be sure to support Coach Reese and his team to victory. It's not everyday that you get to see a piece of history being made.

COME OUT AND SUPPORT THE COLONELS!!!

Wilkes Wrestling Reunion Planned

WILKES-BARRE — Wilkes University wrestling coach John Reese will hold a grand reunion of all his wrestling teams for the past 41 years at Wilkes on Saturday, February 19.

The reunion will take place at the Marts Sports and Conference Center on campus.

Reese, who is 496-156-9 in his career, will also be honored for his 500th win which is expected to come later this month.

The big reunion will start with registration and a pre-dinner reception from 1:00

p.m to 4:00 p.m followed by a buffet dinner. At 7:30 the Colonel grapplers will wrestle Hofstra University followed by an afterglow party in the Rumours lounge in the Marts Center.

Tickets for the event are \$25 and can be obtained by calling the Wilkes athletic office at (717) 831-4020. Deadline for making reservations is Thursday, February 10.

Currently ranked second all-time in collegiate wrestling wins as a coach with 496 wins, Reese had made Wilkes wrestling known throughout the country during his 41 years as

a coach. One of the smallest schools in the country wrestling at the Division One level, Wilkes has had much glory on the mats over those 41 years.

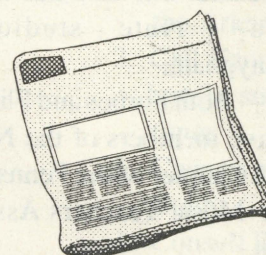
Some of those who will be honored at the event include Reese's first team from the 1953-54 season, the first of 14 Middle Atlantic Conference (MAC) championship teams in 1957, the first National championship team in 1974 along with the many National champions, All-Americans, Eastern champions, and MAC champions.

The event is open to anyone with an interest in Wilkes wrestling.

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Women cagers hanging tough despite injuries

By ERICA KRAMER
Sports Writer

On Saturday, January 29, the Wilkes women's basketball team played host to nationally-ranked Scranton University.

It seems this year's squad has been plagued with injury from the get go, starting with the loss of the team's second leading scorer, Stacey Boyer.

Since this time, the Colonels have also lost senior captain Colleen McGarry.

McGarry went down in the Misericordia game and is out for the remainder of the season.

Also on the temporarily injured list is sophomore point guard Kristen McNally. McNally gave the Lady Colonels solid play in the first half of the season. Her performance will be greatly missed and her

injury adds yet another vacant spot left to be filled by the coaching staff.

On this particular evening the starting lineup consisted of sophomores Jamie Land, Michelle Shaffer, Lee Ann Azarewicz, Amy Kuzmic, and newcomer Renee Casterline.

Casterline is a junior transfer from Millersville University. With the recent loss of McNally, Casterline has had

to adjust quickly to the program and Coach Karen Haag is very pleased with her performance.

Amy Kuzmic also added spark and solid defensive play to this line-up.

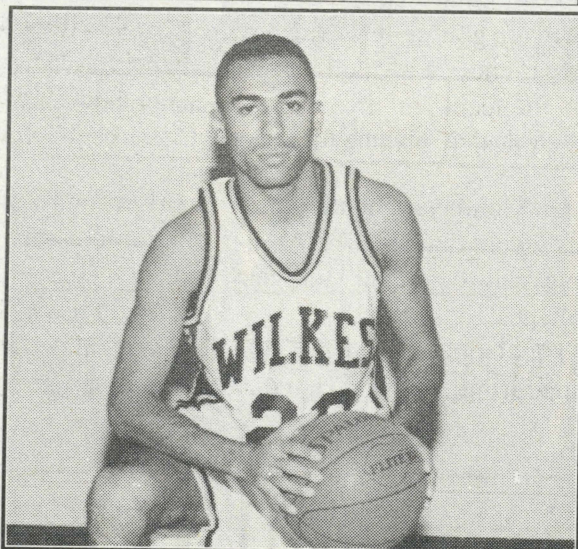
Although this was the starting unit on Saturday evening, the coaching staff's decisions on starters is not written in stone. Depending on the size of the opponents, the defense being played, and the injury situation, the starting lineup has

been known to change. "I'm not playing head games," said Coach Haag, "We just go with the best matchups."

Leading the attack against Scranton was Lee Ann Azarewicz who poured in 17 points and pulled down 11 boards.

Shaffer was also in the scoring column racking up 11 points. She had three field goals and went 5 for 5 from the charity stripe.

Colonels of the Week



photos courtesy of sports information

This week's "Colonels of the Week" are Lee Ann Azarewicz of the women's basketball team, Chris Parker of the men's team.

Azarewicz is leading the Lady Colonels in scoring and rebounding at 14.9 points and 8.9 rebounds a game.

Parker scored 17 against Scranton, and 14 in the win over Moravian. He is averaging 12.7 points a game. ■

Keystone State Games to hold Winter Sports Festival

WILKES-BARRE — The Keystone State Games will hold its seventh annual Winter Sports Festival over two weeks in February at various locations in Northeast Pennsylvania.

The festival will feature ski competitions from Thursday, February 11 through Sun-

day, February 13 at the Montage Mountain Ski Resort in Scranton. Ice skating competitions will be held Friday, February 18 through Sunday, February 20 at Ice-A-Rama, Coal Street Park, Wilkes-Barre.

Skiers of all ages and skill levels can race for the gold in alpine ski racing and freestyle

events. The seven alpine ski racing events include downhill, giant slalom, modified giant slalom - level A, modified giant slalom - level B, modified giant slalom - snowboarding, dual slalom - level A, and dual slalom - level B. The freestyle events are moguls and ballet.

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The ice skating competition is sanctioned by the United States Figure Skating Association (USFSA) and endorsed by the Ice Skating Institute of America (ISIA). Competition is open to Pennsylvania residents, all ages and skill levels, who are qualified amateur skaters and members in good standing of the USFSA or ISIA.

USFSA skaters can compete in freestyle, interpretive, solo dance, compulsory moves, and precision team events.

ISIA skaters can enter alpha, beta, gamma, delta, freestyle, couples, and spotlight events.

Entry fees vary depending on the sport and the number of events entered.

Join in the Olympic spirit and go for the gold in the Keystone State Games Winter Sports Festival. Spectators can cheer the athletes on free of charge. For more information or an entry form call the Games office at 717-823-3164.

SPORTS

Colonels off to best start ever at 15-2

By **DAVID McCABE**
Sports Editor

While most of us were at home for winter recess, the Wilkes University men's basketball team was on campus, and most importantly, they were winning basketball games.

First of all, the team won its own Colonel Classic tourney for the first time in school history with wins over Marywood, 92-48, and New Jersey Tech, 74-60.

Senior Chris Patackis was named MVP for his 21-point performance in the championship game, while sophomore Chris Parker scored 33 points in two games and was named to the all-tourney team.

Secondly, with wins over Scranton and Moravian this past

week, the Colonels improved their season mark to 15-2 overall, and moreover, to 6-1 in the MAC Freedom League — a record which leaves Wilkes standing all alone in first place in the league.

The 15-2 start is also the best in school history.

In the win over Scranton Saturday night, the Colonels trailed by four at the break. However, it was all Wilkes in the second half. The Colonels outscored the Royals 44-20 en route to their 78-58 victory.

Senior Jay Turman led all scorers with 18 points, while Parker and Patackis scored 17 and 13 points respectively.

Senior Phil Marko had eight rebounds, while Patackis and freshman Eric Davis each pulled down six boards.



photo courtesy sports information

Colonels after winning the Colonel Classic.

On Monday night, the Colonels would defeat MAC Commonwealth opponent Moravian College.

The Colonels once again trailed at the half, but their trade-

mark second half scoring held true on the way to the 73-60 win.

Again it was Turman leading a balanced scoring attack with 15 points, while Parker

added 14 off the bench. Senior John Harlan and Patackis also hit doubles with 10 apiece, and Davis just missed doubles with nine points.

Patackis also pulled down a team high 12 rebounds.

For the season, Turman leads with 14.9 points per game, while Parker scores at a 12.7 clip. Davis is third at 12.4 a game.

Davis leads the team in rebounding with 5.7 a game, while Patackis is a close second at 5.5 rebounds.

The Colonels take to the road when they face off against Drew on Saturday. Then the team will travel up Franklin Street to take on cross-town rival King's College on Wednesday.

Lady Colonels playing well

By **ERICA KRAMER**
Sports Writer

Before leaving for the Christmas holidays, the Wilkes University Lady Colonels sported a 2-4 record. Coach Karen Haag rounded up her troops at the start of the New Year to get them ready for their intercession competition.

During the three weeks of intercession games, the Lady Colonels went 2-3. They were handed losses by Lycoming (64-58) and regionally-ranked Albany (68-66) and Upsala (75-50). However, the Colonels captured two big wins by defeating Delaware Valley (64-57) and

cross-town rival King's College in overtime, 67-72.

Since the Spring semester began, the women's basketball team has gone 0-2. This makes their record 4-9 on the season. These two losses were handed to the Colonels by the teams of FDU-Madison (65-61) and College Misericordia (87-75).

Coach Haag seems to believe her team brought back a positive attitude and good work ethic from the break, despite their present record. "It's just unfortunate that all the leadership and control has to be thrown on the shoulders of the sophomores and freshman," Haag said of her young

team.

Although this year's squad is young, they are not deprived in the talent department. Coach Haag is very pleased with the way sophomores Azarewicz, Shaffer, and Land have handled their newfound leadership. Haag is also looking forward to the second half of their season.

The second half of the season consists of a brutal schedule with the Lady Colonels playing seven games in a nine day stretch. In the up and coming weeks, this women's squad may be tired and sore but Coach Haag seems excited and still has her sites on an MAC playoff bid.

Up and Coming Events

Men's Basketball

Saturday, Feb. 5 at Drew, 3:00 p.m.
Wednesday, Feb. 9 at King's, 8:00 p.m.

Women's Basketball

Saturday, Feb. 5 at Drew, 1:00 p.m.
Tuesday, Feb. 8 at King's, 7:00 p.m.
Thursday, Feb. 10 vs. Marywood (home), 7:00 p.m.

Wrestling

Tonight, at Drexel, 7:00 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 5 vs. Franklin & Marshall (home), 2:00 p.m.
Wednesday, Feb. 9 vs. East Stroudsburg (home), 7:30 p.m.