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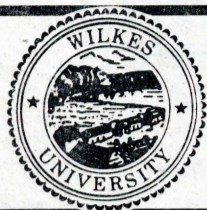
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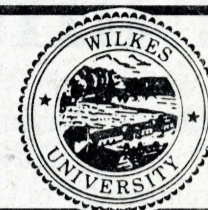
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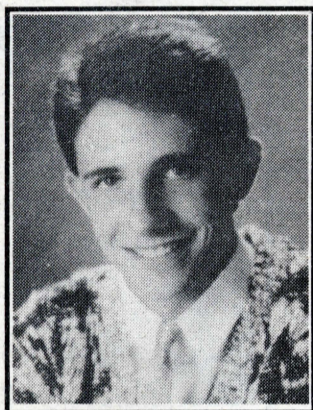


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Anthony D. Marseco Scholarship needs donations



Anthony D. Marseco

By TONI ODEN
Beacon News Editor

Each year at about the same time, you start to wonder how you are going to finance your college education. After some

furious scrambling and penny-pinching, you finally scrape together the amount needed to pay off the debt and register for classes.

However, these tuition payments do not fully cover the cost of attending Wilkes University. For this reason, past Alumni and other organizations make contributions to Wilkes to help cover the remaining costs. Because of this financial burden, and as a way to honor their classmate, the Class of 1996 has decided to establish the Anthony D. Marseco Memorial Scholarship as their Senior Class Gift.

It will be an endowed scholarship in which all money donated to the effort is invested by the University, and the interest earned is awarded as a scholarship. By using this process, the funds are able to continue generating interest for scholarships for needy students forever.

Anthony Marseco (a.k.a. "Badger") had a great impact on students and faculty at Wilkes before he was tragically taken away from his family and friends last year. This endowed scholarship would serve as a tribute to his memory, as he was to graduate with the Class

of 1996 in May.

A minimum gift of \$10,000 is required to create an endowed named scholarship. The goal of the Senior Class, as friends of Tony, is to raise the needed \$10,000 in honor of his name and contributions to the lives of many. Through this effort, his memory will be kept alive for many years to come.

About \$5,600 has already been raised through donations to the scholarship fund. So far, 45 seniors, 11 underclassmen, and 28 faculty, staff, or friends have contributed. However, participation of all seniors is necessary to make the

Anthony D. Marseco Scholarship a reality. Each senior is being asked to pledge only \$100 to the Senior Class Gift, payable over the next four years, although other donations are welcome.

All who were touched by Tony want to express their thanks by keeping his spirit alive through the scholarship fund, and they are asking you to become a part of it. If you have any questions, or want to make a pledge, please contact Maureen Burke, Assistant Director of Annual Giving, at 831-4311.

Students go to Rosebud, South Dakota

By ERIC FREELAND
Beacon Staff Writer

After traveling three thousand miles, stopping twenty times for gas, and crossing nine states; eight Wilkes University students returned from spring break with a sense of teamwork, accomplishment, and goodwill.

Wilkes University's office of Campus Interfaith and Volunteer Services sponsored its Third Annual Alternative Spring Break. This year the group went to the Rosebud Reservation in Rosebud, South Dakota. Their mission was to assist the Native Americans who



Pictured above: FIRST ROW (left to right) Wendy Laudeman, and Doreen Fanton. SECOND ROW (left to right) Tanelle Yenkevich, Beth Ann Fedor, Adrienne Sheasley, Amy Mazur, Mary Hession, and Todd Vinovski. MISSING FROM PHOTO: Robert Bartorillo and Daniel Smith.

live on the reservation with the outside maintenance of their homes and land.

However, low temperatures and a severe wind chill forced the group inside. Instead they painted, cleaned, and repaired homes and shelters on the reservation. This experience allowed the volunteers to apply skills and even learn new ones.

For example, Tanelle Yenkevich repaired a shower and installed a new sink at the reservation's Domestic Violence Shelter, while Robert Bartorillo built a new linen closet.

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Film to premier

Wilkes-Barre — The Women's Studies Coordinating Committee at Wilkes University and Planned Parenthood of North East Pennsylvania, in honor of Women's History Month, will premier the film "From Danger to Dignity: The Fight for Safe Abortion," by Academy Award-nominated filmmaker Dorothy Fadiman.

The film will premier at Wilkes on Thursday, March 28, at 7 pm in room 107 of the new Classroom/Office Building, South Franklin Street. The documentary chronicles the history of the abortion rights

movement in the United States by weaving together stories of underground activists who risked arrest, and outspoken legislators who risked their careers, to end the tragedies of illegal abortions.

A question and discussion period will follow the showing. Rabbi James R. Michaels, of Temple Israel, Wilkes-Barre, will introduce the film with a very personal perspective.

In 1970 his father, George M. Michaels, cast the deciding vote to legalize abortion in New York state.

This event is open to the public and free of charge.

ROSEBUD

The group not only spent three days making repairs at the shelter, they also called it home for the week long adventure. Besides working there, they painted the inside of two houses on the reservation.

According to Amy Mazur, Community Service Coordinator, the trip was not just about painting and fixing, but learning.

"The students learned about the Sioux Indians' way of life," says Mazur. "We participated in Sioux ceremonies and experienced their culture."

Some of the students who went on the trip were surprised to see the reservation's modern conveniences.

"I took it for granted that they would be several years behind," says Robert Bartorillo. "But their offices were high tech with computers and office equipment."

The group did not spend its entire trip working, they spent one day visiting Mount Rushmore, Badlands National Park, Custer State Park, and watching buffalo, elk, and antelope.

Wilkes University, junior, Adrienne Sheasley says the trip was a wonderful experience.

"I definitely recommend students who are interested to apply for next year's trip," Sheasley says. "As a group, we learned about teamwork and left South Dakota with a good feeling knowing that we helped so many people."

In previous years, Campus Interfaith and Volunteer Services sponsored Alternative Fall and Spring Break trips to New York City, Florida, Alabama, Maryland, and New Jersey. Planning for the next trip has started and students are encouraged to become involved.

Who's Who?



Jennifer Ryman

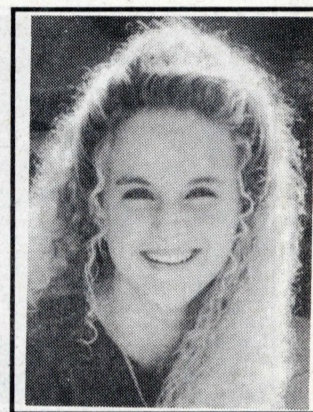
Tunhannock, Pennsylvania
Accounting Major

"The experiences I have encountered while at Wilkes have given me the opportunity to grow as a person and develop the skills and knowledge that will allow me to excel in my career."

Holli Alana Root

Conklin, New York
Nursing Major

"I am very thankful for the many opportunities Wilkes has allowed me to have. I feel really confident to practice as an R.N. based on my excellent education."



Karen Marie Bednarczyk

Olyphant, Pennsylvania
Accounting Major/ Finance and Management Minor

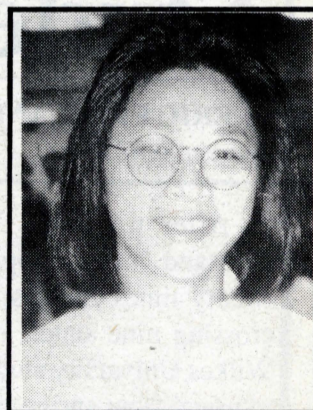
"There are people in the Wilkes Community who have served as teachers, mentors, and cherished friends. It is their influence that gives me the encouragement to pursue countless dreams. Thanks!"



Kiana Phuong Bui

Willow Grove, Pennsylvania

"My years at Wilkes have been a learning experience that I will cherish for the rest of my life."



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This service will be available to all members of the Wilkes Community upon request. Escorts can be arranged by contacting Security at Extension 4999. An example of this service may be the transporting of persons to the Park and Lock Garage on South Main Street from various locations on campus.

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March 21, 1996 A day to observe

It's Thursday, March 21. Yesterday, the first day of spring came and went. Robins weren't chirping, flowers weren't blooming and the sky was gray and bleak. While I'm not an experienced meteorologist, I'm pretty sure that a predicted snowstorm is not a sign of spring. But before you get yourselves in a tizzy, I am proud to report that there are many other reasons to celebrate today.

For starters, it's **Memory Day**. To observe this auspicious occasion, you could look at old photo albums or tie a white piece of string around your forefinger. Think back to certain events that made you smile and reminisce to your hearts content.

Since it's also **Children's Poetry Day**, reread the Mother Goose poems and regress back to the good ol' days. There once was an old woman who lived in a shoe...

Although robins may not appear for a few more weeks, **Bird Day** is another reason to take a look at nature. While you're walking down the street, take a minute to see if you spot any different kinds of birds. Most of them should soon be migrating north after a long, rested southern trip.

When was the last time you surprised your mate with a bottle of cologne or perfume? **Fragrance Day** is the perfect chance to buy *Fahrenheit* or *True Love*. The scent will not only bring memories of today, but every special moment spent with you.

With spring on its way, **National Tree Planting Day** and **Master Gardener Day** is a perfect chance to buy a seed and watch it grow. When returning for a Wilkes class reunion, you can look at how much your trees and flowers have grown and remember the full impact of college.

If today is too hectic, the remainder of the week commemorates many other holidays that you may or may not wish to add to your agenda. Since it's **Children and Hospital week**, volunteer at a local hospital or nursing home. Visit a children's reading hour and take the time to narrate a story.

In observance of **American Chocolate Week**, don't worry about those extra calories. Snickers and Hershey Kisses always taste better when you're cheating on your diet.

While there are many other reasons to consider March 21 a holiday, I'm not going to bore you with all the details. The weather may not be warm or sunny and you may not be getting a ton of gifts, but think of all the other reasons you have to celebrate today.

If nothing else, it's Thursday and the weekend is only one day away.

Letters to the editor —

To the editor,

It was very disturbing to read the editorial in last week's Beacon about the Spring Break trip to Cancun.

As organizer, along with Paula Van Fossen, we wanted to give this school the opportunity to go on Spring Break, as Wilkes University. A lot of hard work went into making this idea a reality.

I am very sorry that the editor did not have a good time in Mexico. However, I would like to make the readers aware that the writer's editorial does not speak for everyone that went on the trip. The editorial gives me the impression that the Cancun trip was a total flop. Well, as one of the organizers of the trip, I feel it is my responsibility to defend the other side of the trip.

There were many opportunities for everyone to have a great time in Cancun. I did not run into any of the problems that the editor encountered on the trip, and if I did, maybe I viewed them in a different light.

In defense of the trip, I would like to say that we did have a four hour delay at the Mexican airport. The airline posted a sign that our flight was delayed due to bad weather. "Take a Break" representatives were provided at the hotel if we had any questions. They got us to the airport and in the correct check-in lines.

Finally, they made sure that everyone that was supposed to be on the plane was at the airport. And as for the "ironically" disconnected 1-800 number? Two numbers were provided on our luggage tags. One was for inside the United States (the 1-800 number) and one was for outside the United States.

In conclusion, I would like to say that I personally had a fantastic time on this trip, and I have talked to many people who cannot wait for next year's trip.

Even though Mexico is a third world country, Cancun is a beautiful place to spend a vacation. Why else would it be a major year-round tourist attraction?

Sincerely,
Bill Pastewait

To the editor,

In response to the editorial "South of the border, not all it's cracked up to be," I was flabbergasted that the writer was unable to take advantage of all the wonderful opportunities that were available to her on spring break.

1. Orientations that were given in the U.S. and enroute to our destination clearly stated that this was not going to be a trip to Hawaii - this was a third world country.

2. An itinerary was provided to enable our group to take advantage of the many parties and food and drink specials. The gold card entitled us to food, drinks, and first preferences in lines to parties and clubs. It was a tremendous money and time saver, when used as intended.

3. The market place was an interesting experience providing both the opportunity to bargain with the merchants and give a peso (15 cents) to entrepreneur children selling yarn bracelets. These activities are common and expected in a third world country.

4. The trip was furnished with guides who stayed with us continuously in our hotel until it was our time for departure. Leaving us at the airport and in proper lines for check-ins, our guides checked our names off of a master list to assure that everyone was present, and then left for their next scheduled tour.

5. Our four hour wait at the airport was due to uncomfortable weather conditions that delayed our flight home. The writer did not read the explanation for the delay that was posted at the check-in counter.

6. We were provided with two phone numbers for contact with our travel agency. If used properly, the numbers did work. One was for dialing in the U.S. and the other was dialing outside the U.S. Using the wrong number, would make the caller think that the number dialed was "ironically" disconnected.

7. Most students never considered spring breaks to be a "room service" vacation.

Cancun was an affordable escape from winter and classes. Vacations are what you make of them, and I spoke with more than 20 Wilkes students who made this Spring Break a great one.

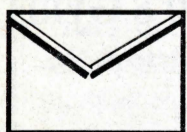
Sincerely,
Paula L. VanFossen

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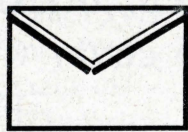
New Policy:

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Idle Chatter

with Michael Butchko

"How many times must we tell the tale; how many times must we fall?"

If the English department is correct in saying that there are only four or five basic themes in literature, and we just continue to repeat them, then that would explain the events of the past week. Yet each incident appears new at first, until it is compared to other past occurrences. Maybe Clapton is correct; we are just "Pretending" that all of this is new.

Sadly, the same songs continue to haunt us. For example . . .

Tale 1: So many of you have addressed to my response to the first ever Chatter-related hate mail. The responses have ranged from agreements with Mrs. Martin that I am a whiny first-grader to compliments on my refusal to engage in name-calling. To those who don't approve, instead of writing your opinion to me, next time, just spray paint it on the side of a building. Thanks, huh?

Tale 2: International aggression. This time, it's China, looming over Taiwan like this week's winter storm. If the elections in Taiwan are dissatisfying to China, then they might respond militarily. My question is this: if Republicans don't like Dole as the nominee, can we mobilize the National Guard in response? **Please?**

Tale 3: This week's winter storm. If you expected Spring this week, well, I guess you have to wait. The weather patterns of the past few years are frightening, especially when a storm of this magnitude effects the Southeast with tornadoes for days, and then effects the entire East Coast of the United States. By graduation, it will probably be 95 degrees in the shade.

Tale 4: The Scottish massacre. The Chatter has a range of responses, from wondering aloud why it never occurred to anyone that this suspected child molester maybe shouldn't be allowed around youngsters. Ironically, just a few days after the incident, the *New York Times* ran an article condemning Megan's law, and its application to offenders found guilty before the law was passed. Maybe Megan's law wouldn't have prevented such an incident. But, who knows how many such incidents it has prevented in the U.S.?

Furthermore, the outpouring of sympathy from around the world has been tremendous. But instead of constructing a mile long chain of flowers, why not pool the resources of these concerned humanitarians to employ a qualified therapist or two for the mourning school children, their teachers and parents. Flowers will die, whereas the benefits of therapy would last much longer.

Tale 5: The Chatter sports season. This year is especially bleak, with Villanova bowing out of the NCAA Basketball Tournament in the second round. Other Chatter faves who continue to struggle include the Celtics, who should just get out, and the New York Rangers, who are slumping at the worst possible time. To add insult to injury, the one bright spot amongst my teams, the New York Mets, have lost one of their young pitchers for the next two weeks, possibly more. Unfortunately, this tale doesn't get better.

Tale 6: Movie Recommendation. The Chatter suggests *Dead Man Walking*, which won't change your opinion about the death penalty, but will change your opinion about Sean Penn. Susan Sarandon is deliciously ironic as a nun, especially if you've ever seen *Bull Durham*. The documentary style is effective, and the characters are compelling.

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

Upcoming Campus Events for March 21 - March 28

Thursday, March 21

- IRHC mtng., 11 am, SLC 1
- Dean of students meeting with May graduates, 11:15 am, CPA
- B-ball- Lebanon Valley, 3 pm (H)
- Tennis- Lebanon Valley, 3 pm (H)
- JUNIOR REGISTRATION
- S-Z 8:30 am-Noon
- A-E Noon-4:30 pm

Friday, March 22

- "The Magic Flute," 8 pm, DDD

Saturday, March 23

- B-ball- King's DH 1 pm (H)
- Tennis- King's, 1 pm (H)
- Bowl for Kids Sake, 10 am-5 pm, Stanton Lanes
- SHARE- St. Mary's Church

Sunday, March 24

- B-ball- Beaver, 1 pm (A)
- "The Magic Flute," 2 pm, DDD\
- MSC mtng., "Pot Luck Dinner, 5:30 pm, SUB basement

Monday, March 25

- Christian Scripture Study, 4 pm, SUB
- Programming Board presents "Blizzard of Bucks Game Show," 7 pm
- SOPHOMORE/FRESHMAN REGISTRATION
- F-L 8:30 am-4:30 pm

Tuesday, March 26

- CC mtng., 11:45 am, SLC 204
- B-ball- Misericordia, 3 pm (H)
- SOPHOMORE/FRESHMAN REGISTRATION
- M-R 8:30 am-4:30 pm

Wednesday, March 27

- SG mtng., 6:30 pm
- Campus Interfaith Talk it Out, 5 pm, SUB basement
- SOPHOMORE/FRESHMAN REGISTRATION
- S-Z 8:30 am-4:30 pm

Thursday, March 28

- S-ball- Misericordia, 3 pm (A)
- SOPHOMORE/FRESHMAN REGISTRATION
- A-E 8:30 am-4:30 pm

The Beacon is looking for new editorial staff members for the '96-'97 year

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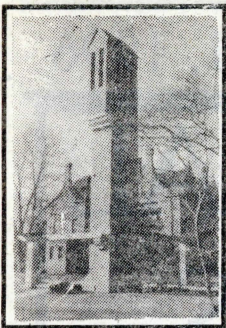
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Across Campus

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Opera is not what it seems

By JEN ADAMS
Special to the Beacon

Love, death, seduction, temptation, separated parents fighting over their daughter. Sounds like this could be a soap opera, right? Well, half-right, try a comic opera.

Operas aren't just people in Viking attire singing loud, boring music in some weird language. Some operas, like Mozart's *The Magic Flute*, are like Broadway shows.

The Magic Flute is a type of opera known as Singspiel. A Singspiel style opera is one in which there is spoken dialogue between some scenes.

The Magic Flute is a

comic opera. Pamina is a beautiful girl taken away from her mother, the Queen of the Night, by her father, Sarastro. Tamino, a prince, is sent with Papageno, a man who catches birds for the Queen, to rescue Pamina from Sarastro. Tamino has fallen in love with Pamina before meeting her and the Queen promises to let Tamino marry Pamina if he rescues her. However, the Queen has promised a moor that he can marry Pamina.

Tamino and Papageno end up at Sarastro's temple and have to go through three trials to get Pamina. In the temple, the Queen has found Pamina and told her to kill Sarastro. Papageno finds that there is a Papagena for him.

In one of the trials, Papageno and Tamino are tempted to speak or they will fail their trials. Tamino and Papageno guided by three spirits through the Temple. You'll have to see the test of the opera to find out what happens.

Prince Tamino is being played by Thomas Heany, a guest singer who performed the role last season with Opera North, in Indianapolis, Indiana, a professional opera company. The good princess Pamina is being performed by freshman Corinna Sowers. The favorite comic character, Papageno, will be sung by junior Davis Jenkins and his love, Papagena, will be performed by senior Angela Dymond. The evil forces: the

favorite Queen of the Night, junior Deborah Lydon, the three lady attendants of the Queen of the Night sophomore, Diane Arale, freshman Samantha Harris and sophomore Jennifer Oreland. The evil henchmen Monestatos will be performed by freshman Matthew Sumski.

The forces of good include Zarastro, performed by Pat Mircinko, III, the three spirits, freshmen Jill Unice, Jessica Kelly, and Tiffany McAnally. The priest will be performed by Dan Heflin. His attendants are freshman Richard Dixon and senior Paul Janeski.

Stage direction is by Wilkes music faculty member, Eileen

Haslich; and music direction is by Alan Baker, also a member of the Wilkes music faculty. Junior music major Ryan Kofron will provide piano accompaniment; and senior theatre major Andrew Glickman will handle technical direction and design.

The performances will be held in the Dalling theater in DDD on Friday, March 22 at 8:00 and Sunday, March 24 at 2:00. Tickets are free with Wilkes Student/ Faculty ID's.

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Americans celebrate chocolate this week

By BERNARD SEEMAN
Special to the Beacon

It's time to exercise your taste-buds, especially if you're a chocolate lover. This week, March 19th to 25th is American Chocolate Week.

People have devoured chocolate since 200 B.C. Chocolate comes from cacao beans or as scientists like to call them "Theobroma Cacao", which means "food of the gods."

In 1519, Hernando Cortez noticed that cacao beans were considered priceless treasures by the Aztecs. Cortez also tasted "Cacahuatt", a chocolate drink enjoyed by the last Aztec emperor, Montezuma II. Cortez brought the cacao beans and recipe for "Cacahuatt" back to Spain where the chocolate drink was enjoyed only by the nobility.

Eventually the secret was revealed and by the mid-1600's everyone craved this chocolate deink. By the late 1700's chocolate houses were as common as coffee houses in England.

In 1765 the New World's first chocolate factory opened in the Massachusetts Bay Colony. Sixty years later a cocoa press that allowed people to make chocolate candy by mixing cocoa butter with finely ground sugar was invented by a Dutch chemist named Conrad Van Houten.

Milk chocolate was invented in 1876 when Swiss candy-maker, Daniel Peter added condensed milk to chocolate liquor. The Swiss were also responsible for giving chocolate a smoother texture.

Perhaps the best contributor to the chocolate industry known by people

today as Milton Hershey. In 1894 Hershey established the Hershey Chocolate Company which manufactured Hershey's cacao, Hershey's baking chocolate, and Hershey's sweet chocolate.

Hershey was a great entrepreneur who "measured success, not in dollars, but in terms of a good product to pass on to the public, and still more in the usefulness of those dollars for the benefit of his fellow men." Hershey is known as the "Henry Ford" of chocolate because he mass produced a quality chocolate bar at an affordable price.

Hershey played a large role in the development of chocolate. But although chocolate is America's favorite flavor it often receives a bad rap because of the belief that "anything that tastes good must be bad for you."

The truth is chocolate is not high in saturated fat, the fat that raises blood and cholesterol levels; chocolate actually has a neutral effect on blood cholesterol levels. An eight ounce glass of milk contains a cholesterol level almost four times more than 1.55 ounce Hershey's milk chocolate bar. It has not been proven scientifically that chocolate causes tooth decay or hyperactivity in children.

Wilkes University student Mike Sobolewski doesn't consider himself a

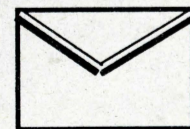
"chocolate lover" but when he needs a "chocolate fix" he reaches for a Nutrageous candy bar.

Wilkes University bookstore employee Estelle Broadhead isn't addicted to chocolate either, but she estimates that the bookstore sells about two dozen candy bars a week. Snickers are the most popular.

Be sure to celebrate this tasty part of American culture this week by giving in to this sweet temptation.

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Aries (March 20-April 19)

Push your way through this week. It may seem like there are many obstacles in your way, but a friend will be there to help out. Tell your mate how important they are.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) Say what's on your mind- you'll get away with it. Your future is about to become clear. Opportunities will come from all directions. Consider your options wisely.

Gemini (May 21-June 20) You can let go of pain from the past without giving up all of the good memories. Make the most of the time you have to yourself. Be careful of breaking innocent hearts. They may not understand you.

Cancer (June 21-July 22) Don't be afraid to take risks and make mistakes. It's the only way you'll ever learn. Your fears about a bad experience will soon make a surprising turnaround.

Leo (July 23-August 22) You are too easy on everyone else. Stand up for yourself. Learn to make yourself happy first. Don't let a lover continue to get away with the same old games.

Virgo (August 23-September 22) You are probably unsure about the relationship you are in. Don't be stubborn. If you have questions, come right out and ask. Things won't clear up until you do.

Libra (September 23-October 22) Love will find you, but only if your heart is willing to love them back. Everyone has been burned before, but if you keep it at a slow pace this one could be forever.

Scorpio (October 23-November 21) Important news is on the way to you. Fear not, it's exactly what you've expected. Take some time for the arts, pick up a classic or stop by a gallery.

Sagittarius (November 22-

December 21) This surge of vitality doesn't have to be temporary. Make it last by adopting a new diet and exercise plan. A healthy glow can be the best remedy.

Capricorn (December 22-January 20) Temptation surrounds you, but same old fun and going over the edge are very different. Be safe and care for yourself.

Aquarius (January 21-February 18) Now is not the time to spend large amounts of money. You never know what kind of expenses are hiding around the corner. Be prepared for once.

Pisces (February 19-March 19) Being honest with yourself and those around you is sometimes difficult, but it is truly necessary. Be open about what happened and increase your number of allies.

CULTURAL EVENTS...

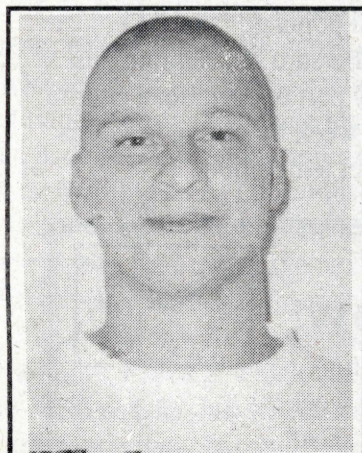
• The Sordoni At Gallery will present "Robert Schultz: Drawings 1980 -1995" from March 17 to April 21.

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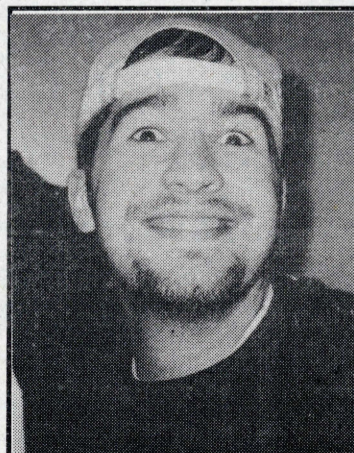
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"No, it does not matter because the power is in the people."
Bob Chmiel



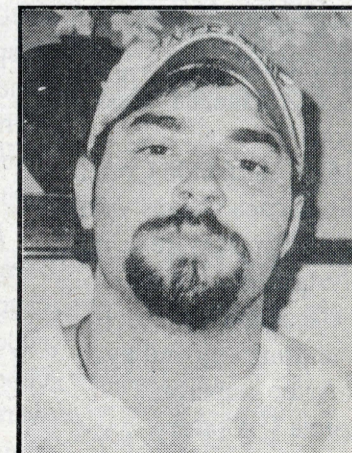
"Yes, Amy Webb."
Steph Hastings



"Rep. (D) Barney Frank, Mass."
Tony Rymer



"Yes, Dole."
Lisa Kelly



"Gerry Bairtz."
Geoffrey Little

Experience not a problem

Softball team looks to contend in the Middle Atlantic Conference

By **MICHAEL NOONE**
Beacon Sportswriter

The Wilkes University softball team enters the 1996 season with a great deal of experience and optimism. The Lady Colonels are returning nine letter winners and an entire pitching staff from a team that made the Middle Atlantic Conference playoffs last season.

Catcher Steph Hastings returns for her senior season at Wilkes. Hastings, a two time MAC Freedom League All-Star, hit .274 a year ago with 10 RBI. Two seasons ago, Hastings hit .377 for the Lady Colonels, and is widely considered one of the top defensive players in the MAC.

The Lady Colonels also return infielders Christy Palilonis and Kristen Strack for the 1996 season. Palilonis, a junior, started at third base for Wilkes last season and hit .306.

Strack, a sophomore second baseman, had a remarkable freshman season hitting .354 for the Lady Colonels.

The Wilkes outfielders also have the benefit of experience. Kristen Cookus returns for her sophomore season after hitting .333 last year with nine stolen bases. Junior Amy Webb will see time in the outfield this season after hitting .310 in a reserve role last year. Shannon O'Neill, a sophomore from Lansdale, Pennsylvania, will round out the Wilkes outfield.

Second-year coach Kevin Vrabel has talent and depth at first base and in the pitching rotation. Senior Tricia Kirk returns after posting a record of 6-2 last season with a 3.38 ERA. Kirk is 17-12 for their career at Wilkes and has led the team in wins each of the two seasons. Junior Amy Rosengrant was just 3-3 a year ago, but posted a team-best 1.01 ERA. Rosengrant allowed only seven earned runs all season. When

not pitching, Rosengrant will play first base for the Lady Colonels. Rosengrant hit .237 last season and was third on the team with 13 RBI. Sophomore Carrie Wilkes will also split time between pitching and first base. Wilkes was 4-3 last season with a 2.50 ERA while batting .250 for the Lady Colonels.

The Lady Colonels did suffer a major loss during the off-season when infielder Kellie Cookus transferred to Division 1 Rhode Island. Last season Cookus led Wilkes with a .427 average, two runs scored, and 13 stolen bases on her way to being named an MAC All-Star.

"We return a solid group of players who I believe will blend very well with our newcomers," said coach Vrabel. "And with such strong pitching staff returning I think we can do a very good job in the Middle Atlantic Conference and once again challenge for a playoff spot."

Wilkes opened the season

in South Carolina with a 2-2 record, beating Allentown twice, 18-7, and 4-0. The two losses to Alvernia, 6-1 and 6-3. The Lady Colonels will play

their next game in the Bloomsburg tournament this weekend, March 23 and 24 at Bloomsburg.

Upcoming Softball Schedule

March 28 at Misericordia 3 pm

March 30 Moravian
@ Home 1 pm

April 1 at Albright 3 pm

April 3 King's at Home 3 pm

April 9 Delaware Valley @
Home 3 pm

April 10 Wilmington @ Home
3 pm

April 13 at Scranton 1 pm

April 16 at Drew 3 pm

"Beacon Sports Quote of the Week"

Darvin Ham,
of Texas Tech, on his
reaction to a backboard
shattering dunk:
*"I didn't know what to do.
I felt like flexing."*

Basketball Celebration Day

Tuesday, March 26
in the Darte Center
at 12:15 pm
Come and say
"Thank You" for the
Championship Season

Crossing the plate (often!)

Baseball team wins first four contests in impressive fashion —

By **MICHAEL BUTCHKO**
Beacon Sports Editor

Wilkes University 79, opponents 29.

Although this looks like a lopsided football or basketball score, it is, in fact, the total number of runs the Wilkes baseball team has scored and given up in the first four games.

The 29 runs by the opposition is misleading as well. Marywood scored 17 against Wilkes this past Saturday. Minus the Pacer outburst, Wilkes has surrendered 12 runs in three games, while putting 58 runs on the scoreboard.

The preseason skinny was that the Colonels were weak on the mound, but experienced elsewhere. First-year coach Joe

the fifth en route to a 20-4 win. Third baseman Mark Grzebin was three-for-four, with two doubles and three RBI. Centerfielder Randy Yerger scored three runs, and first baseman Augie Mitschke hit a three-run homer and drove in six runs. Mitschke is also an All-America punter on the football team. Pitcher Brian Kaschak earned the victory.

In the second game, the Colonels faced a tougher College Misericordia squad. On the strength of a six-run first inning, Wilkes defeated the Cougars, 9-0. Ryan Flynn hit a solo home run, and Mark Grzebin hit a two-run triple to power the Colonel offense.

Pitcher Grant Yoder spun a neat five-hit shutout, striking out four while walking two.

Will Wronko was three-for-five with five RBI, hitting a double, triple, and a home run. Ryan Flynn was three-for-six, with a homer and four RBI.

The Colonels extended their win streak to four games on Monday with a 29-8 win over Marywood. Although the Colonels battled the Pacers in back-to-back games, they had less trouble disposing of Marywood on this occasion.

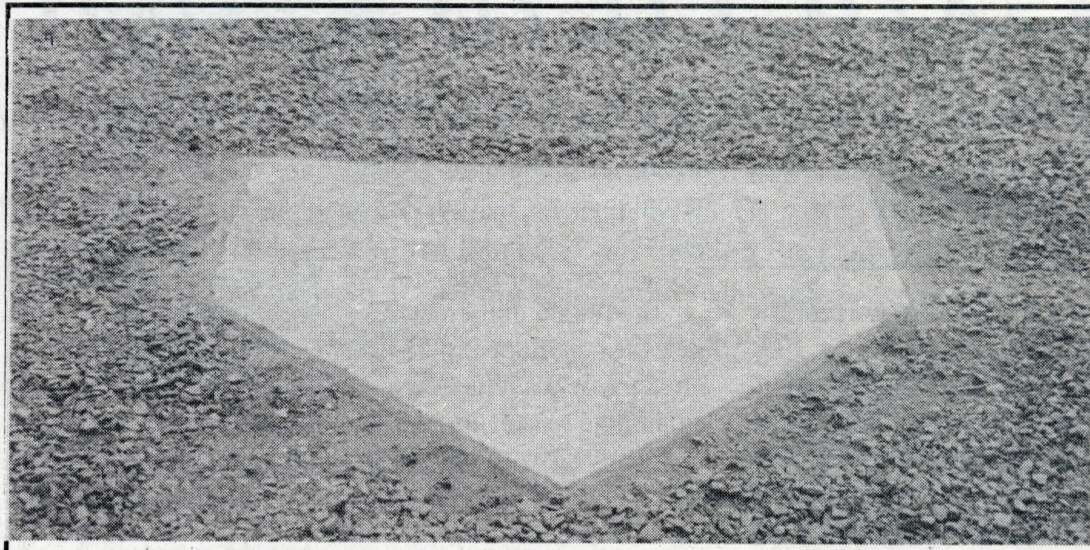
Augie Mitschke was three-for-four, with a grand slam home run and three runs scored. Jim Domzalski had a three-run triple and a two-run double, giving him five RBI on the day. Mike Evans was three-for-three, with a homer, three runs scored, and two RBI. Brian Kaschak added two doubles, while Randy Yerger had three RBI.

Paul Ricko pitched six innings, walking six and striking out six for the win.

The Colonels will next see action against the Flying Dutchmen of Lebanon Valley College at Artillery Park on Thursday, March 21.

Wilkes then plays a Saturday doubleheader against MAC Freedom League rival King's College. Start time for the first game is 1 pm at Artillery Park.

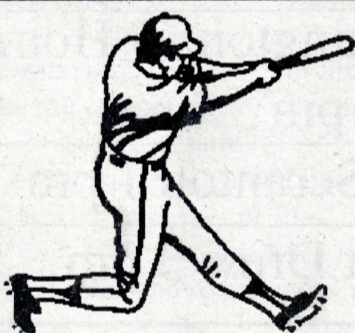
Feeling "stepped on" lately?



Home plate at Artillery Park has been walked on a great deal in the first four games this year. Wilkes has scored 79 runs and given up 29 runs, but has managed to win all four games.

photo by Meghan LaVigna

Wilkes University



Colonel Baseball

Folek had key offensive and defensive returnees, including shortstop Jim Domzalski (6 home runs and 23 runs batted in last year), and catcher Ryan Flynn.

On the mound, Wilkes returned key pitchers Grant Yoder and Brian Kaschak.

With no Florida trip this season, the team began their campaign at Artillery Park. This past Saturday, the Colonels hosted a triple-header, with College Misericordia and Cazenovia College.

In the game against Cazenovia College, Wilkes scored 10 runs in the bottom of

The next day, Wilkes found themselves in an offensive dogfight against Marywood College. Marywood jumped out to a 10-0 lead after two and one-half innings, but Wilkes responded with six runs in the bottom of the third. Wilkes then went on to score runs in six consecutive innings.

Shortstop Jim Domzalski keyed a six-run eighth with a two-run single, helping Wilkes to a 21-17 win. Curt Kroesen pitched the ninth for the save, along with hitting two solo home runs in the fourth and sixth innings. Dave Kerestes was the winning Colonel pitcher.

Upcoming Baseball Schedule

March 21 Lebanon Valley @
Home 3 pm

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(DH) 1 pm

March 24 at Beaver College
(DH) 1 pm

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Home 3 pm

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(DH) 1 pm

April 1 at Moravian 3 pm

April 2 at Marywood 3 pm



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