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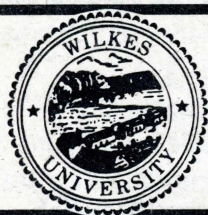
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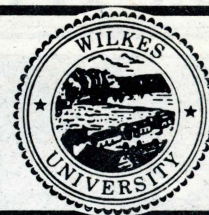
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Joint bookstore in the planning stages

By **ERIC FREELAND**
Beacon Staff Writer

Imagine buying your books, relaxing in a coffeehouse, and chatting with friends in an internet cafe. These are the proposed plans that Leadership Wilkes-Barre has in store for Wilkes University and Kings College.

In an effort to revitalize the downtown, Leadership Wilkes-Barre, a local civic group, has approached both Wilkes University and Kings College to work together and build a joint-

campus bookstore. The project is not only to enhance "Center City", but also to make Wilkes-Barre a true college town.

The proposed site for the store is on Market Street near the Hotel Sterling.

According to the project's planners, the location is in the middle of both college campuses. However, some Wilkes students disagree.

"Sure it's close to the students who live on the North end of campus, but what about those who live in Barre and Doane Hall," says Lee Meyers. "It is almost a

four block walk."

Wilkes University Vice President for Business Affairs, Paul O'Hop, recognizes the problem and says that the University will look into all aspects of the project before committing to it.

"Right now we are in the pre-planning stages. Before Wilkes moves forward on the project, several things must be considered," O'Hop says.

There are three aspects that Wilkes needs to look into before it gives the go ahead to build. First, the students must want the new bookstore and entertainment complex. Second, Follet, the University's

bookstore, must be willing to commit to such a project. Third, the city must be willing to give support to make the new bookstore a success.

Overall, Wilkes students support the project. Many see it as an enhancement for student life on campus and will provide better shopping opportunities.

"If books are cheaper, I am all for it," says Brian Grimko.

"I think it is a good idea if it joins the two campuses,"

Kalen Churcher, says. "It will be a good place to relax and hang out."

Similar to the way students feel, O'Hop feels that the project is a great way for Wilkes and Kings to be active in the revitalization of "Center City".

O'Hop says, "The success of the downtown will coordinate directly with the University's success."

Construction disturbs classes

By **ERIC FREELAND**
Beacon Staff Writer

Noisy jack-hammers, piercing drills, and loud hammers pounding against the wall. If you have class in Stark Learning Center these are the sounds you will hear as you concentrate on your class's lecture.

The construction started in November with the removal of many of the walls on the first, second, and third floors. If you were to walk in those areas today, you would not recognize them. The old computer lab is gutted and the television studio on the

second floor is an interactive computer lab.

According to Wilkes University Vice President for Business Affairs, Paul O'Hop, the project is part of the School of Pharmacy expansion program. The construction work being done now must be completed by August 1996 in order for the new labs to be operational for the Fall Semester.

However, for students who have classes in the building, the construction is disturbing. Students find it annoying to hear the loud noises of construction.

According to junior, Dave Reel, "When they were dumping debris out the

garbage shoot on the third floor it was very noisy."

In SLC room 7, the room just below the old computer lab, students report that the noise makes it hard to hear what the professor is saying, and they sometimes have to wait minutes to continue the class discussion.

With this in mind, O'Hop says that the construction in Stark is on the fast track due to time constraints, and the noisy part of it is almost over. Once completed, the new additions to Stark will make the University and its academic programs better.

Too little, too late

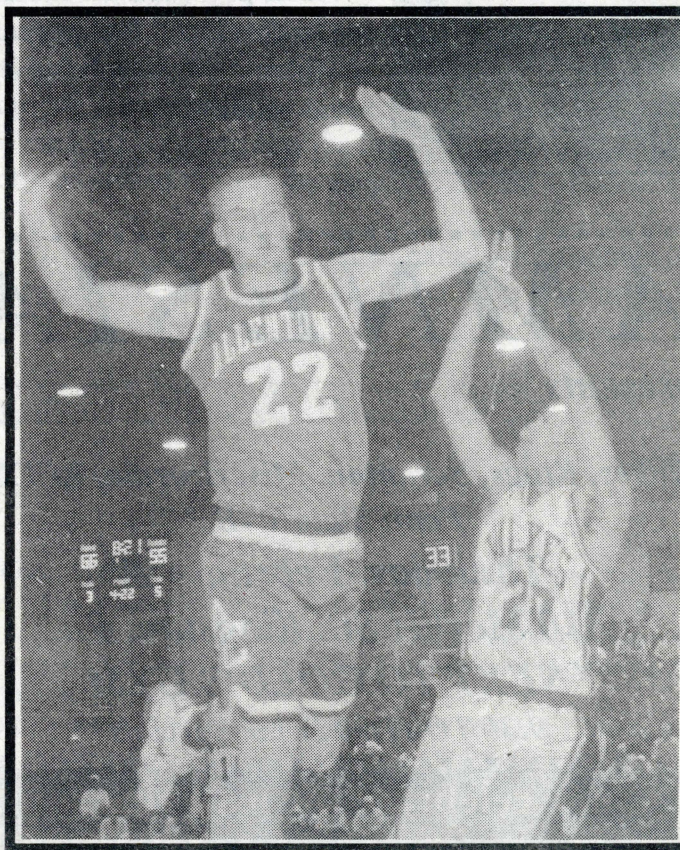
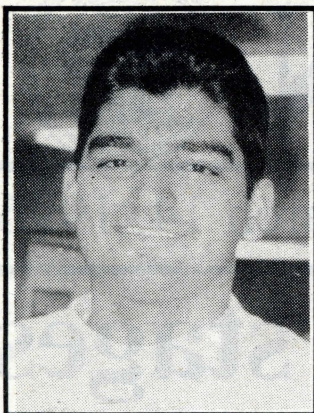


Photo by Meghan LaVigna
Allentown's Matt Kale attempts to block the shot of Wilkes' Chris Parker during the first round of the NCAA Division III Men's Basketball Tournament.



Who's Who?

Due to a lack of space in the last few issues, we decided to run a whole page of Who's Who this week. Other students will be featured in upcoming editions of *The Beacon*.



Ali E. Qureshi

Herndon, Virginia

Environmental Engineering Major

"My experience at Wilkes has been rewarding because it has enabled me to enjoy different aspects of college life."



Tara L. Kurland

Hazleton Pennsylvania

Psychology Major/ Dance and English Minor

"My experience at Wilkes University has given me a real sense of who I am and what I am capable of. Take advantage of every opportunity and never stop growing."

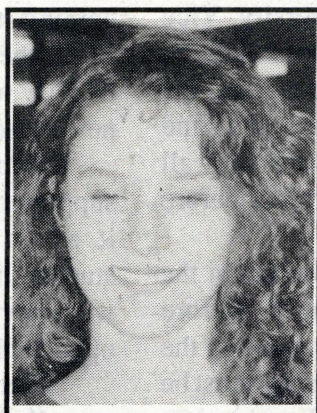
Jenna Porpiglia

Jeffersonville, Pennsylvania

Elementary Education Major/

Organizational Communications Minor

"Wilkes gave me the opportunity to find my personal and professional goals. The experiences and friendships I've made, have made me the person I am today."

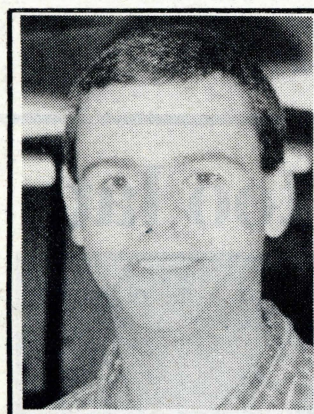


William D. Smith III

Hawley, Pennsylvania

Biology Major/ Chemistry Minor

"The knowledge, the research experience, and close faculty interactions that I have acquired at Wilkes have provided me with a strong foundation for further academia and self-reliance."

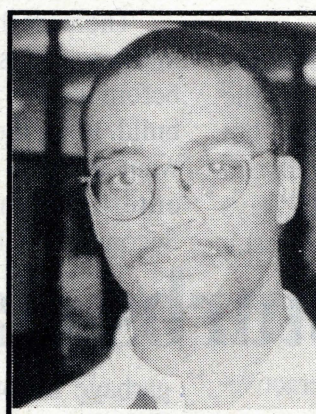


Andrew F. Carter

Altoona, Pennsylvania

Environmental Engineering Major

"Wilkes provided an excellent place for me to develop. I feel prepared and confident as I search for a job in the 'real world'."



Christopher L. Zacharias

Sewickley, Pennsylvania

Communications Major

"Although Wilkes has been a social struggle throughout, academically it has helped me greatly."

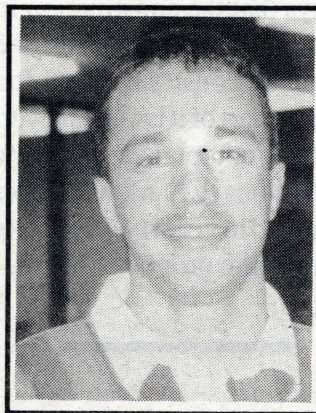


Tony S. Reed

Hughesville, Pennsylvania

Biology Major

"I leave Wilkes knowing I have received the most well rounded education possible, not just in academics, but also in the logistics of life."



Joseph M. Nattress

Collingdale, Pennsylvania

Environmental Engineering Major

"My professors and colleagues at Wilkes have prepared me for a career in environmental engineering. They have also helped me become a more well-rounded person."

AMNESIA

presents COLLEGE NIGHT

Wilkes, Kings, Scranton, Misericordia, LCCC,
Penn State W-B

Thursday, February 29

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South of the border, not all it's cracked up to be

Cold strawberry daiquiris at the wet bar, staring at John Claude (the hottest Frenchman alive) and five days of 8 am to 5 pm sunshine, who could ask for a better spring break?

With its green grass, crystal blue waters and colorful flowering trees along the coastline, at face value, Cancun is truly a beautiful place. And while this may sound like heaven for those of you confined to the cold snow, let me say that my praising Mexico stops here.

From the daily served guacamole to the XX Dos Equis beer, spring break '96 in Cancun, Mexico was one eye-opening experience I'll never forget.

Maybe I was not prepared for the full-fledge tourism Cancun had to offer. Mexican shop owners groping at any person who walked by their store. Waiters of all ages, pulling and touching in places, which they could only get away with during the spring break week. Children 12 years and older waiting for you outside the clubs at 2 am, begging you to buy their hand-made yarn bracelets. Not to mention the number of children in the shops, showing off the different bowls they have to smoke marijuana.

Imagine having to be dressed and ready for the evening almost two hours before the opening of a club, just so you could get your foot in the door. Then you pay the all-you-can-eat-and-drink "special spring break" price and arrive at the beginning of the line only to find out that the "special" hour is up, meaning you can only receive one more place full of food and few more beers, if you're lucky.

While I'd like to report that the rest of the week went more smoothly, let me say that it's a miracle that we even made it home. Upon returning to the U.S., thirtysome Wilkes students, including myself and over a hundred remaining spring breakers from all over the country were left tired, penniless and irate at the Mexican airport. For some unknown reason, Flight 420 had taken an "accidental trip" to Savannah, Georgia instead of Cancun, Mexico. And the worst part was that our friendly "Take a Break" tour guides were nowhere in sight with a 1-800 number that ironically was disconnected. How's that for a recount of the week?

Though there were many exciting memories I would rather not mention in my editorial, for the sake that tomorrow you would may look at me in a different light, I have to say that overall, my experience in Mexico is not one that I found 100% enjoyable.

I don't know what a trip to Italy or Jamaica would be like for spring break, but what I do know is that Mexico is not the dream place I would like to spend any future trips. And if you decide otherwise, make sure whatever you do, "don't buy the gold card."

Photographs for administration, faculty and staff of Wilkes University
Thursday, March 21
9 am to 4 pm
Annette Evans Faculty and Alumni House

Letters to the editor —

To the Editor:

With the close of the greatest men's basketball season in our history, I want to thank everyone within the Wilkes community for their support of this fine group of student athletes. The students, faculty, staff and administration turned out in large numbers during the season, the MAC playoffs and the NCAA Tournament.

The cavalcade of Martz buses and individual cars traveling to Lancaster and honking in support was itself a heartwarming part of the experience. The more than 1000 fans in the Franklin and Marshall gymnasium Saturday night were a great tribute to the Wilkes "Dream Team" of 1995-96. This wonderful display of "Town and Gown" solidarity was a tangible expression of Wilkes-Barre as a college town. Whether we were students, faculty, staff, Trustees, alumni, families of the players or citizens of the Greater Wilkes-Barre community, we were together as one in cheering for this group of young men reaching for a national championship. Their successful record of 28 wins, two losses, even with their defeat to F & M in the Elite Eight contest enhanced our pride as a University and strengthened our place in the Wyoming Valley community.

We thank the members of this team for this gift and for a memorable basketball season. I thank all of you for your interest and sincerely hope we can build on this momentum.

Sincerely,
 Christopher N. Breiseth
 President, Wilkes University

To the Editor:

While visiting the Wilkes University Shoppe recently to purchase tickets to the NCAA basketball playoffs, I picked up the February 22, 1996 copy of *The Beacon*.

As a 1977 graduate of Wilkes College and former reporter, advertising manager and business manager of *The Beacon*, I was very disappointed to read a column entitled "The day the Valley stood still" by Michael Butchko. Mr. Butchko's whining and derogatory comments about King's College were uncalled for.

King's College was chosen as the sight for President Clinton's visit for a variety of reasons, I'm sure, none of which had anything to do with Wilkes not being able to handle an event of such magnitude. Perhaps Mr. Butchko should have been happy with the fact that he had the opportunity to get inside the King's gym to hear the President speak and with the fact that Dr. Christopher Breiseth was invited to sit at the table during the President's town meeting.

Mr. Butchko's column read like that of a whiny first grader, rather than sounding like the words of a college student studying in the field of journalism. His column certainly did not speak well of either Wilkes University or of *The Beacon*.

Sincerely,
 Dotty Martin
 Editor and Publisher of *Westside Weekly*

Mr. Butchko responds:

In the words of a truly great Editor-in-Chief, Ben Bradlee, formerly of the *Washington Post*, "I stand by my story." Over 1,000 people were turned away from President Clinton's open forum at King's College, even though they had tickets. King's should have considered the amount of tickets they were distributing, as compared to the capacity of the gymnasium. Had I been shut out of the event, then I would have used "whining and derogatory comments."

I was "happy" (sic), nay honored to see the President of the United States address my friends and neighbors. But frankly, I'm tired of anyone calling our first-rate university "Wilkes College." If someone referred to Clinton's school as "Oxford College," he would correct the person, regardless of the source. He should have thought before he spoke, or at least **checked his facts, which are not subjective.**

Finally, the "whiny first grader" remark is a personal attack, best left to tabloid journalism, and therefore I will not respond. As for her assumption that I am "studying in the field of journalism," I am, rather, a Political Science major with a triple minor in Psychology, History, and Communications (specifically Rhetoric). Wilkes is a University where interdisciplinary involvement is now the norm, and that should speak well of Wilkes University and *The Beacon*.

Letters to the editor guidelines:

Letters should include your name and phone number. They should be no longer than 250 words and must be signed in order to be printed. Letters will be printed in the order they are received, and must be submitted by 5 pm on the Tuesday prior to publication.

New Policy:

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

Idle Chatter

with Michael Butchko

"We hear you're leavin', that's o.k.; I thought our little wild time had just begun."

There's a reason why this column is mentioned on the sports pages this week. There's a reason why Steely Dan is crooning "Rikki Don't Lose That Number" in the background. There's a reason why the only mental picture available to this columnist is a dimmed Henry Gymnasium, with a lone basketball sitting peacefully on the floor, at either foul line.

As you already know, the men's basketball team played their last game this season, losing to Franklin & Marshall in the Great Eight of the NCAA Division III Men's Basketball Championships. Four members of this year's squad have played their last Wilkes game, never to wear the Colonel Blue again.

As a senior, I can almost understand how Matt LaBuda, Chris Parker, Dave Macedo, and Jason Turner feel. As a WCLH broadcaster and Beacon Sports Editor, I have covered a great many games in my four years here at the university. It seems like only yesterday that this "little wild time" started. And as the players walked off the floor on Saturday, it was extremely difficult to watch.

But this year has provided so many great moments. The two victories over Lycoming, MAC regular season and postseason championships, and a preseason number one in two national publications all brought Wilkes University to the front of the Division III college basketball class.

Some people may feel disappointed because this team did not reach the Final Four. But when you play a team shooting 65 percent from the floor all game, well, even the Chicago Bulls would have trouble pulling out a win. It was the Diplomats' night, and the Colonels couldn't have used any legal means to stop them. I know I considered the illegal ones, because it was painful to watch.

More than pain, the night was almost unfair. With the score 28-27, and both teams shooting the lights out, I remarked on the air to my partner, Mike Noone, "Somebody's going to go cold." Why couldn't it have been F&M?

Now that the sadness is retreating, I hope everyone remembers the sights and sounds of the past two years, many of which will never be seen again. Such as Matt LaBuda shooting the final free throw before the announcement of the starting lineup. Or Dave Macedo guarding the other team's best player, and shutting him down like only "The Glove" could. Or Jason Turner setting up in the low post, contemplating which of his many moves he would use on the defender to get the hoop and the foul. Or Chris Parker grabbing a rebound, dribbling in the open court (while going behind-the-back once or twice), and then stopping at the top of the key. "Parker for three...let it rain!"

To the seniors, then, a fond farewell. You have brought this university a great deal of happiness and positive energy in the past four years. At a school where apathy reigns, much like LaBuda's three-pointers, only this team could fill a gym over Spring Break, and make it rock like never before. Throughout your careers, you were gracious in victory and professional in defeat. This season, you had many miraculous comebacks, playing with the heart of a champion. You finish as a 28-2 team this year, with 89 wins in the past four years. The school will never forget you, and we have been lucky to be associated with you.

Congratulations Dave, Matt, Chris, and Jason; and thanks for all the great moments.

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

Upcoming Campus Events for March 14 - March 21

Thursday, March 14

- Rosen Lecture, featuring Judge Leon Higginbotham 7:30 pm, CPA

Friday, March 15

- End of 8th week of classes
- Rainbow Kids Day 2:30-3:30 pm

Saturday, March 16

DAY FOR RESTING

Sunday, March 17

- Sordani Gallery presents Robert Schultz: Figure Drawings 1980-95 through April 21

Monday, March 18

- Christian scripture study 4 pm, SUB basement
- Senior registration
- F-L 8:30 am- noon
- M-R noon 4:30 pm

Tuesday, March 19

- OCC meeting 11 am, SLC 380
- Annicola meeting noon, Hollenback
- Nominations for S.G. reps and class officers
- CC meeting 11:45 am, SLC 204
- Senior 8:30 am- noon
- A-E noon- 4:30 pm

Wednesday, March 20

- SG meeting- 6:30 pm
- Campus Interfaith Talk it Out, 5 pm, SUB basement
- Junior registration
- F-L 8:30 am- noon
- M-R noon- 4:30 pm

Thursday, March 21

- IRCH meeting 11 am, SLC 1
- Dean of students meeting with May graduates 11:15 am, CPA
- Junior registration
- S-Z 8:30 am- noon
- A-E noon- 4:30 pm

Legacies: Lessons Learned

Wilkes University's Faculty Women's Caucus Celebrates Women's History Month

Monday, March 18

- COB 106, 8-9 am
- Professor Jennifer Turney, "Gender Perceptions and Performance in Math and Science"
- Dr. Paula Gabbert, "Women and the World Wide Web"
- 12-1 pm
- Panel: Undergraduate Social Research in Women's Issues
- Ann Marie Grumlis and Maria Girvan "Effects of Levels of Familiarity on Same-Sex Competition"
- Heather Williams, "An Exploration of Carol Scheffeld's Theory of Sexual Terrorism"
- Theresa Havel "Divorce and Coping Strategies"
- 5-6 pm
- Professor Sharon Bowar, "Sources of Inspiration for Four Years of Art Work: A Slide Presentation"

Tuesday, March 19

- COB 106, 8-9:15 am
- Dr. Patricia Heaman and Mary Beth Jenkins, "Nineteenth Century Women Novelists"
- Dr. Nancy McKinley, "Readings by a Twentieth Century Novelist from her work, Travels with a Nuclear Whore"
- 8-9 am
- SLC 216
- Dr. Milica Barjaktarovic, "MultiMedia Demonstration of the Internet and the World Wide Web"
- 12-1 pm
- Panel of Undergraduate Research on Gender and Professional Roles
- Kathleen Schmucker, "Ambassador Madeleine Albright's Foreign Policy Rhetoric"
- Carol McCulloch, "Lookism in Employment: Is it Ethically Right?"
- 4-5 pm
- Dr. Deborah Carey, "The Effects of Aging on Polymeric Films"

Wednesday, March 20

- COB 106, 8-9 am
- Professors Bridgette Zielinski and Deborah Zbegner, "No Way Baby! Group Simulation of a Junior High School Program for Facilitating Parenthood Responsibilities"
- 12-1 pm
- Dr. Leona Castor, "Hardiness in Elderly Women-A discussion of traits which may help women remain healthy as they age"
- 4-5:30 pm
- Dr. Ann Kolanowski, "The Relation of Premorbid Personality to Behavior in Dementia: A Pilot Study"
- Dr. Peggy Slusser, "How to Obtain Factual Information from Pre-School or Young School-Aged Children, A Multi-Media Presentation"

Thursday, March 21

- COB 106, 8-9 am
- Dr. Jane Elmes-Crahall, "An Oral Interpretation of the Original 1863 Text of Anna Dickinson's Campaign Speech on Slavery as delivered in Wilkes-Barre, Pa."
- 12-1 pm
- Dr. Diane Polachek and Professor Dana Alexander Nolf, "'WOW!' Women at Work, The Building Blocks of Children's Television"
- 4-5:30 pm
- An all female cast staged performance of "Group S.O.S." An original play by Dr. Bonnie C. Bedford

Thursday, March 28

- COB 107, 7 pm
- "From Danger to Dignity: The Fight for Safe Abortion" A documentary by award-winning film maker Dorothy Fadiman with personal introduction by Rabbi James Micheals with discussion to follow

HOROSCOPES

Aries (March 20- April 19)

It's time to make your move for the promotion you've had your eye on. Beware of others dumping their responsibilities on you. Don't let them. Take charge.

Taurus (April 20- May 20)

Sometimes it may seem like everybody is picking on you: friends and enemies alike. Be tough, but remember that constructive criticism can be helpful. It's not easy but keep smiling.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

Just when you thought things were straightening out, you're pitched a curve ball.

Remember to maintain the boundaries you set for yourself. Above all, enjoy yourself and those around you.

Cancer (June 21- July 22)

It's time to start thinking about what you're going to do for employment this summer. Even though you need money, don't over extend yourself. There are only so many hours in a day.

Leo (July 23- August 22)

Perseverance is one of your greatest virtues. You'd be surprised who has been watching you adjust through all the ups and downs. They may be the one to rescue you from this roller coaster.

Virgo (August 23-September 22) Your sense of humor can sometimes cause more damage than good. Don't hide behind a couple of jokes, confront your fears and worries and healing will finally begin.

Libra (September 23-

October 22) Someone close to you may be suffering right now, questioning everything in their life. Don't fall with them. Their problems have nothing to do with you. Don't allow this to chip away at your self-esteem.

Scorpio (October 23-

November 21) Determination is your middle name. Anyone who is in your way will be struck with fear. Now that you've made that big accomplishment make a new list of goals.

Sagittarius (November 22-

December 21) Don't worry about family spats that have erupted recently. That's what family is for. Soon enough you'll regain a deep appreciation for parents and siblings.

Capricorn (December 22-

January 20) That special someone you've had your eye on is exactly what your heart needs. Surprise them with flowers and honesty and things will work out. Love is in the air.

Aquarius (January 21-

February 18) Treat yourself to something special. Try a new fragrance or outfit. Spend the day away with a good friend. It's time to enjoy yourself. It's well deserved.

Pisces (February 19-

March 19) It's okay to let others help you. Stop pushing away those who care. You are no super hero. Accept that you have weaknesses like everyone else.

Consider This...

"It is impossible to live pleasantly without living wisely, well, and justly, and impossible to live wisely, well, and justly without living pleasantly."

•Epicurus

"If he is to be ultimately at peace with himself, what a man can be, he must be."

•Abraham Harold Maslow

"Intellectual passion drives out sensuality."

•Leonardo da Vinci

"The most beautiful thing we can experience is the mysterious. It is the source of all true art and science."

•Albert Einstein

"Error is a hardy plant: it flourishes in every soil."

•Martin Farquhar Tupper

"What the superior man seeks is in himself. What the mean man seeks is in others."

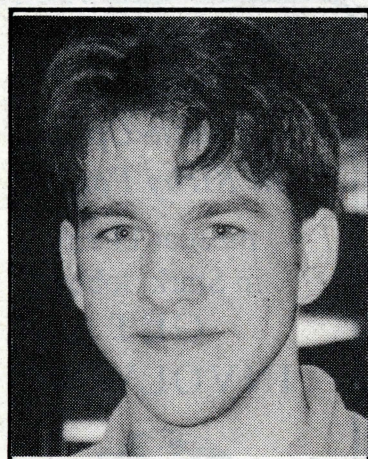
•Confucius

"I both love and not love, I am both mad and not mad."

•Anacreon

Roving Reporter with Michelle Tufaro

"How do you feel about the new phone registration process?"



"What phone registration process?"

Leo DeMorat



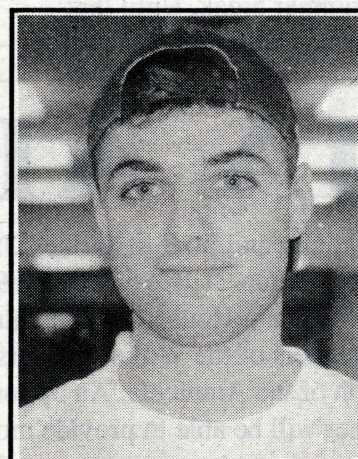
"Never really thought about it."

J.J. Shandra



"Very convenient."

Marisa Nebesky



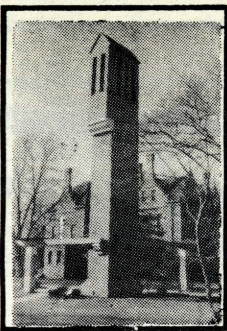
"It's the most beautiful thing I have ever seen. I will use it every day..."

Jeff Compton



"I think it is excellent; it gives students the opportunity to look ahead."

Preeti Shaw



Color-blind Love

This story was told to me by a Wilkes Junior in hopes that misconceptions about interracial dating will someday be eliminated.

By REGINA FRAPPOLLI
Beacon Editor-in-Chief

I met Jake through a mutual friend at a Friday night keg party my sophomore year. I mentioned that I liked his beaded necklace and before I knew it, the necklace was clasped around my neck instead of his.

I didn't realize at the time that I may have been heading straight for the biggest turning point of my life. He brought a smile to my face. And for the first time in my life, I genuinely enjoyed a relationship. It didn't matter to me that he was black. I was happy and that was all that mattered.

Throughout the remaining weeks, we discovered we both enjoyed reading Calvin and Hobbes cartoon books, late night McDonald's runs, and the movie "The Crow". Before long, his dirty clothes ended up in my laundry basket and my social life began to revolve around his comings and goings.

Jake and I started dating in mid-September. By the end of October, the relationship began to heat up. Not so much physically, due

to the fact that I still considered myself one of those Catholic, no-nonsense girls, but emotionally, the relationship was moving faster.

After only a month and a half, I felt the first signs of love. We wanted to spend every waking moment with one another. From eating meals to studying at the library. We couldn't get enough of each other's company.

Even my roommates noticed the change in me. I remember Sue commenting, "I hardly see you anymore. Is Jake going home anytime soon?"

Despite the rarity I spent at our house, my friends were really cool about the whole black-white issue, even though all their boyfriends were straight-up J. Crew white boys. They seemed to like Jake and if they didn't they never showed it or told me to my face. I didn't really care how they felt. They weren't dating him, I was.

The semester seemed to end more quickly that year and it was time for my parents to pick me up for summer break. Until that time, I hadn't given much

thought to public opinion.

On occasion I noticed a few rude stares and turned up noses, but I merely scoffed at their ignorance. It wasn't second thought.

Throughout the semester my mom, step-father and sister came to visit me a few times and though I introduced Jake to them, I made him sound more like my friend than anything else. I eventually told my mom the truth one evening over a long-distance telephone conversation and from her reaction, I knew this wouldn't be an easy time for me. She cried and merely said, "How could you do that?" She eventually stopped asking about Jake altogether. I think she was trying to convince herself this wasn't happening.

My divorced parents, both come from a small Pennsylvania town. Since they never seemed prejudiced, I thought my relationship with an African-American would not be a problem. My biological father took the situation very well the first time I told him, but every other time we talked he would refer to Jake only as my "black boyfriend." I took that as a hint of sarcasm on

my father's part.

The relationship began to turn sour when summer began. After picking me up from school, reality must have hit my mom like a truck. Upon arriving home, my grandmother confronted me for the first time about the "situation." "It's about your boyfriend," she said. "What are you doing? C'mon dear, you could do better than that. Who's going to want you after a black man anyway?"

Those words hit me like ice. Even today, I feel as though I don't belong in my family's world. Two months after my grandmother's outburst, Jake and I decided to split up. I would like to say it's because we began to want different things out of life. He wanted freedom in college, I wanted something to hold on to. But...

I've never regretted dating Jake or the many things we shared in that one year together. At least I can look at him now and know he had a positive affect on my life. Whereas when I look at my family, I can still feel the bitterness of their words and actions. That feeling will never go away.

Career Seminar for History Majors

March 21

11am-1pm

Marts Center

Room 203

Wilkes

Alumni in

various fields

of work discuss

career

opportunities

for a history

major

****MANDATORY****

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History Club

members

All history

majors are

strongly advised

to attend this

informative

meeting!

Environmental Club

Clean-Up
in Kirby Park

meet at 11 am
in Stark lobby

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Williams keys a miraculous comeback...

By **MICHAEL BUTCHKO**
Beacon Sports Editor

There are times when sports accomplishments transcend the basketball court. Like the time when Michael Jordan hit for 63 points against the Boston Celtics. Or when Larry Bird scored 52 points against the Atlanta Hawks, and, in the words of former Celtic Quinn Buckner, "He was so hot, the Hawks were giving each other high fives."

Wilkes University was the site of an amazing accomplishment during the NCAA Division III Men's Basketball Tournament. For fans of Wilkes athletics, Saturday, March 2, 1996, will forever be remembered as the night Jay Williams caught fire.

The Cabrini College Cavaliers had run with the Colonels all night, and with 1:41 remaining in the game, they held a 77-68 lead. Six seconds later, sophomore guard Jay Williams was fouled. He made both free throws, to cut the lead to seven.

The strategy used by Wilkes

was fouling Cabrini's Far'd Nasir intentionally and hoping for a miss. Nasir made one of two free throws, and Wilkes trailed by eight with under a minute left to play.

Williams dribbled down the

with 33 seconds left. Cabrini's lead was now cut to three.

After Nasir again only made one of two foul shots, Williams used a Clancy screen to bury another "three." The lead was one, with 16 seconds left.

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floor and, using a Matt LaBuda screen, nailed a three-pointer to cut the lead to five. Wilkes called time-out with 44 seconds remaining.

As the Colonels headed toward the bench, Williams grabbed junior Dave Clancy and remarked, "It's not over yet. It's not over." A legend was about to be born.

Cabrini's Nasir was fouled immediately and hit one of two foul shots. Wilkes trailed by six, until Williams hit another three off a Chris Parker screen

Nasir was fouled again, but this time he connected on both free throws to give the Cavaliers a three point lead. Jay Williams then his fourth three-pointer of the last 1:30, this one set up by a Matt LaBuda screen at the top of the key. The game was tied at 82, and went into overtime. The Marts Center crowd was in a frenzy.

In overtime, Williams scored six of the Colonels' 14 points. Dave Clancy also played a large factor in the game, finishing with 14 points. Clancy

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played the last 9:10 of the game, including the five minute overtime, because senior Jason Turner had fouled out.

Senior Chris Parker scored the final four points in overtime at the foul line, pumping his fist as the Colonels put the game away. Parker finished with 24 points, as Wilkes pulled out an improbable 96-91 victory.

After the game, it has been said, head coach Jerry Rickrode asked assistant coach Matt McCaffrey how Wilkes won

the game. He was told, "About two years ago, you convinced a little red-headed kid from Bishop Hoban to come here."

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...and appears on the "Feel Good Edition"

By **MICHAEL BUTCHKO**
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Faithful Wilkes viewers of ESPN's *SportsCenter* received a pleasant surprise on Monday, during Wilkes University's Spring Break.

At ten minutes before the top of the hour, *SportsCenter* ran video of the Colonel comeback to defeat Cabrini College. The video footage was provided to ESPN by WNEP-TV.

About ten minutes before the 30-second story

ran, *SportsCenter* anchor Brett Haber remarked, "See what Jay Williams and Reggie Miller have in common." Miller is a shooting guard for the NBA's Indiana Pacers. He also exploded for a burst of points in a short period of time to defeat the New York Knicks in last year's playoffs.

Haber's "tag team partner" for the show, cult figure Craig Kilborn, provided the commentary for the footage. Kilborn is famous for eccentric 70's references, as well as referring to any *SportsCenter* he anchors as the "Feel Good

Edition."

Kilborn began the story as follows:

"Division III hoops on Saturday, Wilkes University

Wilkes on TV

trails by eight points with 45 seconds left in the playoff game with Cabrini College when guard Jay Williams of

Wilkes; Caution: Flammable! He had three three-pointers, and in the closing seconds Williams makes a fourth 'three' in 45 seconds to send it into overtime."

Kilborn frequently refers to players as "flammable," meaning that they are capable of excellent shooting performances.

While the footage of Williams' final regulation three-pointer was playing, Kilborn remarked, "You gotta get a hand in his face. He's flammay right now."

The footage also had Jay's overtime performance. "He continued the hot hand in overtime. Jay Williams, the strip, motors, goes opposite leg, but that's OK. He scored 14 straight, finished with 26. Wilkes wins in overtime to improve to 27-1."

Kilborn's opposite leg remark referred to Jay elevating for a lay-up off the "wrong" foot. The final shot of the video showed the Wilkes players charging the floor at the end of regulation to congratulate Williams.

Wilkes' championship run ends in Lancaster

Colonels edge Bengals

By MICHAEL BUTCHKO
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In the NCAA Division III Men's Basketball Tournament, the "Round of Sixteen" games are held on the home court of the region's highest remaining seed. In the Middle Atlantic Region, the top remaining seed was the Diplomats of Franklin & Marshall College.

With the Mayser Center in Lancaster as the setting, the Wilkes Colonels battled the Buffalo State Bengals last Friday night for the right to advance to the round of eight. The Bengals slowed the pace of the game, forcing Wilkes to adjust.

As they had all year, the Colonels adjusted well.

Despite trailing by as many as seven points in the second half, the Colonels made their shots when necessary, and pulled out a 64-59 win.

Wilkes trailed by three at halftime, 29-26. The second half, however, was more to Wilkes' liking. "In the second half, we did a better job on the boards, and we had the pace going our way," said head coach Jerry Rickrode.

With Wilkes trailing at the 14-minute mark, Jason Turner drew an offensive foul which shifted

momentum to the Colonel side. Turner hit the floor hard, but was able to remain in the game. "I've taken charges before, and I'm not afraid to take them," Turner said at the post-game press conference.

The Colonels trimmed the Bengal lead, and earned a tie score of 54 at the four-minute mark. Wilkes was unable to take the lead until 1:57 remained in the game, when senior guard Chris Parker nailed a long three-pointer. The Colonels led 60-59, and the Bengals would not score again.

Wilkes played extremely well in the second half, executing the fundamentals of basketball. "We had big rebounds, three by [senior guard Dave] Macedo in the second half. Jason Turner also took two charges, and Dave Clancy did a good job of boxing out," commented Rickrode.

Senior Chris Parker led the Colonels in scoring with 19 points. Matt LaBuda hit for 16 points in the second half, giving him 18 for the game. Jason Tuner also chipped in nine points.

Buffalo State was paced by Dwayne Jackson, who scored 19 points. Jackson was open along the baseline all game once the Bengals broke the Colonel press. Hans Koppenhoefer added 17 for the Bengals, who finish at 22-8.

With the win, Wilkes improved to 28-1, and advanced to play Franklin & Marshall, a 74-58 winner over RPI.

F&M defeats Wilkes

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After the Colonel win over Buffalo State, Wilkes senior guard Chris Parker was asked about the next day's game, and the possibility of playing Franklin & Marshall College.

"We [Wilkes] felt we were cheated by not being the number one seed [in the region]," Parker said. "Tomorrow will be the showdown. Win or lose, we will know if we are better."

Or at least who was better for forty minutes one night.

After a close contest during the first 15 minutes, the Diplomats of F&M College rolled over Wilkes University, 107-70. The Diplomats shot an astounding 63 percent from the field for the game, making 35 of the 56 shots they attempted.

For the Colonels, it was a crushing end to a season which many hoped would reach the Final Four in Virginia. But F&M simply made shots when Wilkes did not.

With 8:33 left in the first half, Wilkes took a 29-28 lead on a Dave Clancy jumper. But the Colonels would go almost five minutes without scoring, while the Diplomats put 14 points on the board. At the half, F&M had a 46-32 lead.

In the second half, F&M continued their hot shooting, extending their lead to 20 points. Coach Jerry Rickrode ended the game with his four seniors on the floor: Dave Macedo, Matt LaBuda, Jason Turner, and Chris Parker. The four seniors had 61 of the 70 Colonel points.

For the Diplomats, Jeremiah Henry led with 28 points. Chris Loftus had 21, Mike Mehaffey had 18, and Darren Sanborn added 12. The Diplomats (29-1) will play Hope College of Michigan (26-4) in the NCAA Division III Final Four, this Friday in Salem, Virginia. The other semifinal pits Rowan College of New Jersey (26-4) against Illinois Wesleyan (27-2).

Leading the Colonels in scoring was Matt LaBuda, who had 21. Chris Parker had 19, and Jason Turner, 16. The Colonels shot 39 percent from the floor.

Coach Rickrode summed up the overwhelming loss. "We have to give them credit. We didn't execute defensively. They are very deserving of the rank, and they were a better team tonight."

Rickrode also paid homage to the four seniors. "You have had a hell of a career, with 89 wins in four years. Don't let this loss affect that."

Wilkes finishes the season at 28-2, the best record in school history.

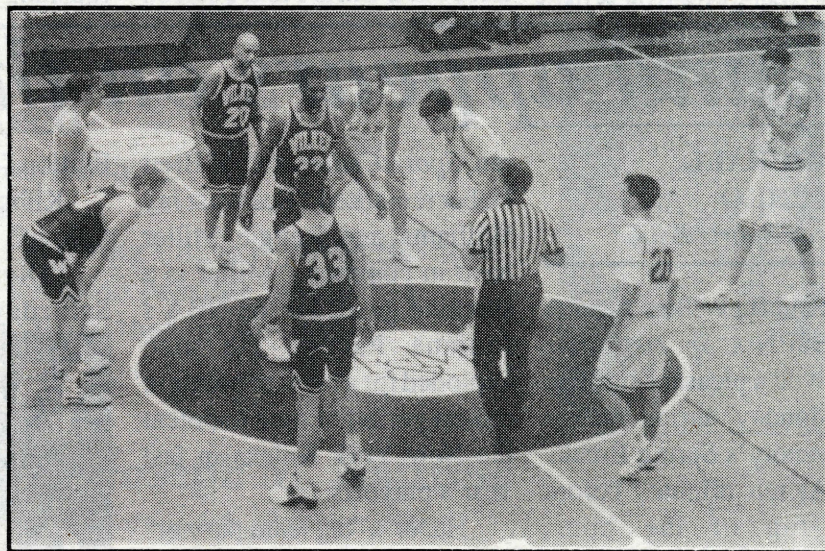
Four seniors and the coach



After the Buffalo State victory, the Wilkes team reflects on the game. From left to right: Jason Turner, Matt LaBuda, coach Jerry Rickrode, Chris Parker, and Dave Macedo.

photo by Michael Noone

The calm before the storm



Seniors Jason Turner (32, center), Chris Parker (20), Matt LaBuda (33), and Dave Macedo (10) prepare for the tip against F&M.

photo by Michael Butchko

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