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# Meningitis hits area

## King's student sent for treatment

By JILL STANKOSKI  
Beacon Staff Writer

Since the early 1990's, there has been an increase in meningitis outbreaks in the United States. In fact, the number of cases has nearly doubled among young adults (15-24 years of age) according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

There are two types of meningitis: viral and bacterial. Viral meningitis, which does not have a vaccine, is the more common form of the disease. This form of meningitis is not as serious as bacterial. People who contract this type of meningitis usually get better with minimal treatment.

Meningococcal disease is a rare but fatal bacterial infection. Bacterial meningitis is easily spread and can cause outbreaks in a specific area, such as a college campus. Infection can cause serious illness, long-lasting effects on the nervous system, and possibly death within 24-48 hours of contraction.

College students are at greater risk for contracting bacterial meningitis because of activities that are part of college life. Activities that put someone at risk are smoking, being around someone who smokes, going out to bars and parties, and living in a dormitory.

Students are at risk because the infection is easily spread through direct contact and oral secretions. Contact such as coughing, sneezing, sharing of utensils (cups and cigarettes), and kissing can also pose a risk.

Off-campus and commuter students are also at risk because of close contact and other college activities.

In fact, the American College Health Association (ACHA) recommends that students consider a meningitis vaccination to reduce their risk for potentially contracting this fatal meningococcal disease.

It is estimated that 125 to 175 cases of meningitis occur on college campuses and 15 to 20 students die each year as a result. Pre-exposure vaccinations strengthen the immune system and will reduce a student's risk for disease.

Development of immunity post-vaccination requires seven to 10 days and the vaccine has shown to be 87% effective and is very safe. The duration of the meningitis vaccine is approximately three to five years.

Symptoms of meningitis are similar to that of the flu. They may include severe headache, fever, stiff neck, nausea, vomiting, and sensitivity to light. This disease is nothing to take lightly because it progresses rapidly, often in as little as 12 hours before these symptoms occur. Students are urged to seek medical treatment immediately if they are experiencing two or more of these symptoms.

Recently, meningitis hit the campus of Wilkes University. Several students received treatment at General and Nesbitt Hospitals. They were treated with an antibiotic called Cipro and released. These students were in close contact with a King's College student who is being treated with bacterial meningitis.

Junior Jenna Miller said, "I was initially surprised that it affected this campus, but I am happy to see that everyone is taking this seriously."

Freshman Nicole Ripper expressed her opinion about the outbreak by saying, "When I first heard about the outbreak, I was nervous because I didn't have the vaccination for meningitis. But then I found out how much it was at Wilkes, so

now I have to wait a week until I go home to get the shot."

"I was glad that the University was notifying the students about this outbreak, and I hope they continue to update us," commented junior Melissa Petras. Petras was relieved that the University was taking actions against the outbreak.

Vishal Patel, first year pharmacy student, said, "There was a meningitis outbreak in my former school, and it's not something that should be taken lightly. I think all students should get vaccinated."

Diane O'Brien, R.N. of the Health Services Clinic at Wilkes University offers her advice on how not to contract this disease. "First, get the vaccine. Second, do not share cups and other utensils. And thirdly, at every available opportunity wash your hands."

If you have any further concerns or questions regarding meningitis, please feel free to contact the Health Services Clinic located in Evans Hall. You can also e-mail any questions to [obrien@wilkes.edu](mailto:obrien@wilkes.edu).

The vaccine is available at the Health Services Clinic for \$90.



Photo by Joe Porto

## Wilkes' Powder Puffs defeat Marywood 14-6

Congratulations to the Lady Colonels who represented the Business & Accounting Club against Marywood's Lady Pacers on Sunday at Ralston Field.

In a close, hard-fought game, the Lady Colonels prevailed, 14-6. Brooke Shreaves and Larissa Giza scored touchdowns; Danielle McDonald scored a 2-point conversion after touchdown. Everyone did a terrific job. Other team members included Jada Kozick, Andrea

Smigiel, Kim Vance, Nancy Stover, Kerianne Geist (team captain), Michelle Nallon, Jessica Morales, Kyla Campbell, Megan Filipone, Elizabeth O'Neill and Allyson Joralemon.

Thanks to all the supporters who came out to cheer the team.

Anyone interested in being included on the roster in the future should contact "Coach" Dr. Grandzol, Club Advisor, at x4718 or via e-mail at [grandzol@wilkes.edu](mailto:grandzol@wilkes.edu).

# Women's head basketball coach stricken with cancer

By DAVID DIMARTINO  
Beacon Staff Writer

Coaches vs. Cancer has taken on a whole new meaning for the Wilkes University Lady Colonels. On Friday, December 3, Wilkes head coach Karen Haag announced to her team that she had developed breast cancer.

Due to her absence, first year

assistant coach, Ann Donnelly, has taken over the team and Sports Information Director, John Seitzinger, has stepped in as assistant coach.

The Lady Colonels have been participating in *The Coaches vs. Cancer Ikon 3 Point Attack* for the last three seasons. And now every three pointer made by the Colonels will not only help every cancer sufferer but their coach and friend.

The Lady Colonels have lost

two straight heading into last night's game versus King's, and the team will not use coach Haag's illness as an excuse. One might wonder how much it is affecting the team.

"She's definitely in our thoughts and it's hard without her on the sidelines and at practice," said senior

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# Shop online, support Wilkes

Even with Black Friday here and gone, yet holiday shopping remains lurking—here is more information about a fun way to shop online and benefit Wilkes all at the same time. You can support Wilkes University just by shopping online at either [www.shop2give.com](http://www.shop2give.com) or [www.igive.com](http://www.igive.com) for brand-name merchandise from over 100 well-known merchants.

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## Coach

captain, Katie Watkins. "We are doing what we can to play even harder for her."

Interim coach Donnelly had this to say of the efforts by the Lady Colonels. "I give the team great respect every time they take the court knowing what Karen is going through."

"This is a life experience for every kid on this team and they will be stronger people when this is all over with," said Donnelly.

As for coach Haag, Donnelly added, "She has been very optimistic, very strong and up front with what's been going on."

Then with a shake of her head and a smile coach Donnelly responded, "Even on a hospital bed, her priorities will not change. Her first priority is this team."

From everyone at *The Beacon* and from this sports writer in particular, Coach Haag, our thoughts are with you.

## Wilkes students recognized at music convention in NY

By LEIGH ANN HAMILTON  
Special to *The Beacon*

Two Wilkes University students recently represented WCLH-FM at one of the music industry's biggest conventions. The College Music Journal Music Marathon was held in New York City on September 15, 1999. For four days, New York was host to thousands of music industry representatives and over 1,000 bands and artists.

People attending represented every aspect of the music industry including major record labels, promotion companies, internet music companies and college radio stations. The Wilkes students who attended were senior Kevin Keegan, the current Music Director at WCLH-FM 90.7 and Bethany Stefanec, junior, Station Manager.

Along with hanging out with record label representatives, Keegan had the opportunity to meet some amazing bands and artists. One in particular that he noted was famed rap pioneer Ice-T. "Ice was the keynote speaker of the CMJ convention. He spoke to a packed ballroom of people, but only a handful of people had the chance to speak with him afterwards. I was just lucky enough to get a chance to speak with him and snap a quick picture, definitely a highlight in my book," remarked Keegan.

"What was so great about this convention was that it showed how you can use college radio as a springboard to get in the bigger picture of things," Stefanec said. "The music industry is so vast. Getting involved in college radio is your first step. I can see myself going into the music industry. I would like to be a publicist for a band or work for a record label," she added. Stefanec and Keegan have both contributed a great deal to WCLH during their years at Wilkes. Now both are using experiences like the CMJ Convention to

build their careers.

While Keegan and Stefanec were personally influenced by the CMJ Convention, they also brought back ideas to benefit the college radio station as a whole. According to Stefanec, results are beginning to show already.

"We were sent by Wilkes University so we would get better training in how to run the station more efficiently. I had a chance to meet some incredible people, including Wynona Ryder. I was really inspired not only by the professionals but in hearing what the other students are doing with stations across the country. It was a common bond, a melding of ideas," said Stefanec.

"What college music aims to do is provide an opportunity for bands that aren't breaking into it, just because they don't conform to the commercial mold," explained Stefanec. "I grew up listening to WCLH-FM 90.7. I hated commercial radio. Recently, WCLH has been dormant on campus. Just being at the convention inspired me enough to make sure that we regain prominence. We have a mission, we have a job to do," said Stefanec.

That new mission is slowly breaking forth. "Not only do we have a new studio and executive staff this year," Keegan commented, "but we have a new General Manager, Professor Mark Stine. Dr. Tom Baldino got the ball rolling this summer for us and Professor Stine has kept it rolling. Another person who deserves recognition for the new studio is our engineer, Bob Reite, who single handedly installed all the new equipment. WCLH is definitely going into the new millennium with positive vibes and strides and that says a lot about Wilkes University as a whole. As for me, this is where I got started, and WCLH and Wilkes will always be a big part of me. I'm glad to see them both progressing with such large positive strides," added Keegan.



# The Beacon loses one of its own

Last weekend marked the departure of a long-time member of *The Beacon* staff. Senior Scott Veith took his leave of the school newspaper when he moved to North Carolina, where he will finish his college education.

Scott most recently left the position of Circulation Manager after stepping down as the Editor-in-Chief. Scott served as *The Beacon's* top guy last spring and was also the Sports Editor the previous two semesters.

Veith was thrust into the hustle and bustle of the newspaper when a vacancy was left mid-semester and he was an integral part of the paper for four semesters.

Scott will be doing independent research on campus throughout the spring semester and will also be doing an internship in Charlotte, North Carolina.

*The Beacon* wishes Scotty Veith the best of luck in the future and thanks him for the countless hours put in as a section editor and as Editor-in-Chief.

On a personal note, I first met Scott during my freshman year, when we both applied for the Sports Editor job. Since the semester was already underway and he had been handling most of the duties already, I lost out on my chance to join the staff. I never really had kind feelings towards Mr. Veith because I felt cheated.

Little did I know that I would be spending a lot more time than I expected with Scott. Needless to say, I got to know Scotty a little better and retracted my initial feelings towards him.

Since then, I have worked with Scott at the local daily newspaper, worked against him when he went to the competing daily newspaper, worked under him as the Sports Editor when he was Editor-in-Chief, and traded places when he left the top spot and I took over. We've gone through some rocky times, but it's been a good ride and it's a shame to see such a hard-worker leave, but I can only wish Scott the best as he continues his media career.



**Corey Yanoshak**

*The Beacon* would like to apologize for the delay in the last two issues. There were circumstances beyond our control in the distribution of our paper and we sincerely apologize for your paper not being here on time.

We realize that you, the students, expect your paper to be here on Thursday afternoons and look forward to reading it at that time each week. We also understand that when it is not here, you may not get another chance to read it and may also miss out on the articles and features in that week's issue.

There is no one really to blame for this as the whole process can get delayed by a single detail out of place, so we ask for your understanding and patience in this matter and hope that you continue to look forward to each week's issue.

We in turn, will try to correct this problem and continue to put out the best paper we possibly can and keep it interesting for you, the students.

Thank you for your understanding and patience.

The semester is winding down and finals week starts in just a few days. The last couple of weeks have surely been hectic for everyone. It will definitely be a relief when the year is over and the students get a break.

But before you get ready to go home, be sure to pick up your final copy of *The Beacon*. The final issue of the year will be printed on December 16 and will include a special section. This special section will focus on

alumni and will include a variety of articles and columns on Wilkes University alumni. Maybe you know someone who graduated from Wilkes, or maybe you just know the name, but either way, it's sure to be an exciting issue and I hope everyone checks it out.

And if you do know an alumni or alumnus, feel free to send an article or a profile of that person to be included in that week's *Beacon*. The deadline for these articles is Friday, December 10, by 2 PM and can be e-mailed or dropped off at our office.

Also in the final issue will be my final editorial as a Managing Editor. I hope I've intrigued some people and at least sparked some interest or controversy. It's been fun, but it unfortunately will soon come to an end and a new editor will take over.

**Corey Yanoshak is the Managing Editor of *The Beacon*. The opinions expressed in his column are those of his own and not *The Beacon*.**

## R o v i n g

with Claire Cole

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*What is your favorite thing about the Holidays?*



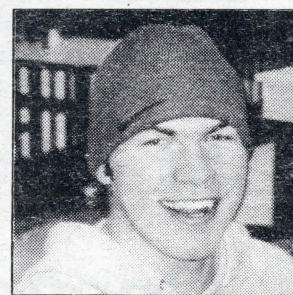
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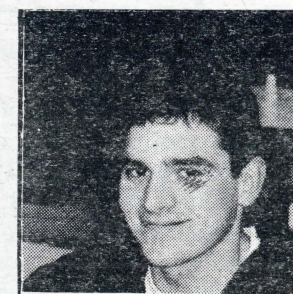
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"Seeing my family."



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"Food and not having school."



**-Jamie Connell**  
"Relaxing and kissing all the girls under the mistletoe."



**-Carla Stoeffler**  
"Sharing the Christmas spirit with family and loved ones."



**-Jess Walker**  
"Trees and cookies."



**-Holly Shiber**  
"Snow."



**-Danny McDonald**  
"Santa Claus welcome mats."



**-Chioma Ngumez**  
"Food."



# Satirical Interludes: The Second Coming

by Marc Eakin

Since my last column, I have learned that a greenhouse is being constructed on the Greenway where the sundial used to be. While I think a new greenhouse is a great idea and much needed on campus, I wish someone could have had some foresight and not wasted the time and money installing the sundial at the same location. I also find myself wondering why someone didn't do some research on the automatic doors installed in the new Student Union.

Since the opening of the SU, there has been a steady stream of repairmen trying to fix those doors with little apparent success. Then there was the actual stream gushing from the ceiling in the bookstore. These problems, among others of which I am unaware, have been occurring since the building opened. What's going to happen to this quality building as time passes?

I'm going to discuss an up-and-coming social problem this week instead of Wilkes' problems. The topic will be road rage. I have wanted to write my views on this topic for months, but there's usually a Wilkes topic which I feel is more important to write about.

Anyway, my name is Marc Eakin and I suffer from road rage. I have had road rage

since I received my driver's license seven years ago. I don't feel that I have any control over my road rage, and fear what I may do under its influences. Aside from installing a few SCUD Missiles to my car, I don't know how to control or ease my road rage. Can anyone relate?

Perhaps it would be therapeutic to list the stimuli which seem to elicit my road rage.

1. People driving below the speed limit.
2. People that don't use turn signals.
3. People that ride their brakes.
4. People that brake through green lights.
5. People that stop at yield signs.
6. People that go below the speed limit in the passing lane.
7. People that pull out in front of me.
8. People that pull out in front of me and drive below the speed limit.
9. People that don't know how to merge.
10. People that can't drive in rain, snow, or sleet, but try to anyway.

Yes, this is my short list! *The Beacon* isn't big enough to list all the little things stupid people do while operating motor vehicles. Do these complaints sound familiar to anyone?

Has anyone else noticed who the major offenders are? My observation is that the major offenders are elderly people — blue hairs.

In response to road rage, legislators and police officials have begun punishing "aggressive drivers" and those that suffer from road rage. As a psychology major, I have studied behaviorism, and I have applied behavioral theories in my current job working with people with psychiatric disorders. This leads to my question for police and legislators. Why are you punishing the consequences (road rage) rather than the causes (bad drivers and the elderly) of this rising social problem? It seems logical, to me at least, to prevent road rage by eliminating the cause of the problem, instead of only punishing the result. The easiest solutions, in my opinion, are to reject all driver's licenses of people over 70 years of age and require mandatory driving assessments for people over the age of 70 years. An even simpler solution would be for police to begin citing bad drivers for their crimes against society!

I could go on and on with this topic, but again, *The Beacon* is only so big. As always, feel free to e-mail me at [eakinmr@wilkes.edu](mailto:eakinmr@wilkes.edu) with any comments, criticisms, and/or road rage experiences!

# An American Abroad

## Holidays in the Tropics

with Lisa Ruggiero

The Dominican Republic is one of the few Latin American countries to have adopted Halloween, a very American holiday. Here there are many parties on October 31, but the traditional celebrations are held on November 2. Many Dominicans, especially those from predominately black neighborhoods, go to the cemetery to light candles and pray that the souls of dead loved ones do not return to walk the earth. This is an African tradition that was modified by slaves in order to hide the practice of their religion when they were brought to the island. The majority of Dominicans, however, simply like to dress up and go to parties or the club.

Christmas is one of the most exciting holidays celebrated in the Dominican Republic, mainly because the majority of the island is Catholic. Most people here are devoutly religious and advertise this with everything from T-shirts to bumper stickers.

People here began celebrating and preparing for December 25 only in the second week of November. Lights are being strung up and stores are selling tons of artificial trees. Thousands of people are returning from living abroad to spend the holiday and pass the New Year with their families. A few intend to travel abroad, but nearly everyone agrees it is just not the same. Dominicans are highly nationalistic and very family-orientated, so they try to spend every bit of time they can at home.

Besides, there is just something special about Christmas in the tropics where you can spend the day on the beach instead of shoveling snow and the largest avenue in the capital is shut down so everyone can sing, dance, and drink next to the sea.

## National Pastime?

Americans have long thought of baseball as "their" sport, but the United States is definitely not the only player anymore. Baseball has been the national pastime of the Dominican Republic since the last occupation of the U.S. Marines in the early 1900's and it continues to grow in popularity.

All baseball fans, here and in the U.S., know the name Sammy Sosa, but there are many more Dominicans who play for American teams. Pedro Martinez, Moises Alou, Manny Ramirez, David Ortiz, and Alex Rodriguez are just a few.

What many fans do not know is that there are several Americans playing on Dominican teams during the winter season as well. American teams send players that they think have potential but need more experience to the Dominican during the winter months, all expenses paid. By the time they return to the U.S.,

they only have three weeks off before spring training, which means they are still in shape and can have a much better season. Mark Little, Carlos Perez, Paul Fletcher, Ryan Handcock, Jose Rijo, and Bubba Carpenter are just some of the numerous "gringos" here.

The two umpires in the national stadium, Estadio Quisqueya, are also American.

There are five teams in the Professional League: las Estrellas, los Escogidos, Licey, las Aguilas, and los Pollos. Each team is equivalent to an American team in its organization and games are played with the same set of rules.

A major difference between American baseball and Dominican baseball is the crowd. The fans here are very vocal in their support of teams. In any game, everyone goes to the stadium dressed in their team's colors and sits together with other fans of that team. Most people have flags to wave and hats to wear, and a few dedicated fans can be heard with drums, pots, whistles, and horns. Any play that pleases the crowd will elicit a banging of seats and railings, stomping of feet, clapping, screaming, and dancing. Unlike in the U.S., where it is considered improper to make noise while someone is at bat, the announcers will blast all types of music and chants to rile the crowd.

The home teams (los Escogidos and Licey) each have their own cheerleading squad to assist in the revelry. The squads are composed of about five girls whose job is to dance and help rouse the fans.

Essentially, anyone that goes to a Dominican baseball game enjoys the crowd as much as the game itself.

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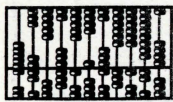
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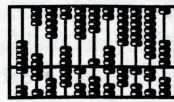
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## TECHNOLOGY BYTES

With Brian Trosko



As of the time I write this, NASA has lost another one. The Mars Polar Lander was supposed to land safely early Friday afternoon. We haven't heard from it yet. It was also supposed to separate two miniprobes shortly before landing, probes that would impact the Martian soil at 400 mph and radio data back to the orbiting Global Surveyor. NASA's trying to sound optimistic, but the fact that nobody has heard from any one of three independent radio transmitters is a pretty clear indication that something bad happened to the spacecraft on its way down.

Instead of recreating its successes of the 1970's with big, hyperexpensive probes, NASA has instead chosen to adopt a "better, faster, cheaper" philosophy and send a veritable armada of tiny, cheap probes into the darkness of space.

Except that it's a mistake. NASA has recited the BFC mantra so much that it has lulled itself into an almost bovine state of complacency. And in so doing, it has run right up against a fundamental law of engineering: When it comes to better, faster, or cheaper, you can only have any two of the three.

NASA's older way of doing things, which I suppose they could call "worse, slower, more expensive," produced an incalculable wealth of information. The Viking probes to Mars both worked. The Voyager probes, launched in the early 70's, are still functional, having long passed their design lifetimes. Despite a primary antenna failure, Galileo is currently exploring the moons of Jupiter. It has successfully made two close passes of Io, surviving days of exposure to radiation that would kill an unprotected human in a matter of minutes. Cassini is the last of the expensive megaprobes, and it's in a perfect state of health en route to Saturn.

The cheaper, faster, better way, on the other hand, mainly seems to produce dead spacecraft. The Mars Observer was lost when its engines misfired, sending it spinning off into space instead of into a proper orbit. So we built a replacement, the Mars Global Surveyor. Fortunately, that one worked. Mars Pathfinder also worked, even spec-

tacularly so, but it was mainly a technology demonstrator, and not a full-fledged research item. Then NASA and Lockheed-Martin got a bit confused between metric and English units, and the Mars Climate Orbiter either burned up or just smacked into the planet at 15,000 mph.

And now the Polar Lander is apparently lost. And there's at least some idea why. Back in early November, it was reported that there was a potential problem with the pyrotechnics on the Polar Lander. These are small explosive charges that separate the lander from its protective aeroshell during descent, allowing the descent engine to fire properly. They also deploy the parachutes to help slow the descent. Apparently, these charges were installed without heaters, which might have been a problem because they were not rated to fire at temperatures below 4 degrees Centigrade. NASA also discovered that cold temperatures could also affect the performance of the descent engine itself.

It's one thing to lose a two-hundred million dollar probe because one office is working in feet and pounds and the other office is working in Newtons and meters. True, it's the kind of mistake freshmen physics students shouldn't even make, but at least it's an honest mistake. It's another thing to knowingly install pyro charges that aren't certified below four degrees Celsius on a vehicle that's supposed to travel through space, and then neglect to install heaters. Another thing to find out only 3 weeks before your probe is supposed to land that its descent engine could be negatively affected by cold temperatures. That's just pigheadedness.

Of course, we don't know that the Polar Lander is dead yet. But it's not known to be dead, so I'm prepared to eat my words on this one. But I've bet a buddy of mine at NASA a case of Sam Adams that we're not going to hear from it again.

Better. Faster. Cheaper. Any two of the three, but not all of them. It's pretty clear which two NASA has chosen. Trouble is, those are the two choices which produce precisely diddly in terms of result.



## Madame Brandi Sees

**Virgo (August 23 - September 22)** Many obstacles will be in your path. Keep your eyes peeled and don't trip over your own feet.

**Libra (September 23 - October 23)** Life has been throwing you curves lately. At first they catch you by surprise, but your ability to cope kicks in just in time.

**Scorpio (October 24 - November 21)** Your recent challenger has stepped up to the next level. Be sure to stay out of a fight because of this unfair advantage.

**Sagittarius (November 22 - December 21)** You will find beauty in something that others have shunned. You have the chance to give it new life.

**Capricorn (December 22 - January 19)** Don't let the opportunity to let your feelings be known pass you by. Others will poke fun, but only because they lack the nerve.

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# Spend time with yourself

By **DONNA BUTTON R.N.-C**  
Special to The Beacon

Loneliness. Individuals often have a fear about spending time alone. A person's initial reaction might be that they are not complete or happy unless they are in a relationship, or in the company of others. Sometimes they manifest feel-

ings of boredom, fright and insecurity, that we sustain inappropriate relationships just to have companionship. That person then has a negative effect on others.

Spending time alone allows them to really understand and know themselves better. Time spent without company can be utilized by per-

sonal reflections, making new personal goals, and creating image makeovers. Recognizing that the only person we can truly count on for happiness and contentment is within ourselves. Remember if an individual possesses feelings of boredom, others may find them just as boring.

## The Main Event With Crazy Bob



I guess this means *The Beacon's* out. How do you like them apples? This is Crazy Bob and it is my civic duty to deliver to you, my beloved cats and dogs, this week's pro wrestling news.

Large half-naked men beat the snot out of each other. Many wrestlers won by pinfall: some due to outside interference. This interference angered some of the other wrestlers as feuds erupted. Surprisingly, some of these feuds plan to be settled at what the experts call a "pay per view." On the cable networks, two large companies battled in a ratings war on Monday night. RAW beat Nitro.

In case you happen to not be the one homeless guy in Kirby Park that received a copy of *The Beacon* last week, here's the skinny. Last week I mentioned a couple of fun facts for the kids to play with. Former USWF Light Heavyweight (don't ask me what a light heavyweight is) Champion H.C. Loc just recently signed with ECW. Good luck to H.C. Loc with his new job.

Just a few short notes: The orange thing on RAW has to do with Taz; Sean Stasiak has been suspended; and Madame Brandi is Porto.

Mick Foley's book has reached number one on the New York Times Best Seller list. This of course happened in spite of the fact that critics refused to read or review a book that was written by a wrestler. Why do I always feel like I'm part of some crusade where I have to defend wrestling? And how come every time something happens on RAW that you don't like you come up to me and tell me how we should change it? Who is "we?" Do I look like I write for the show or something? I think I'll just pull out my cell-phone and call Vince McMahon right now.

CB: Hey, Uncle Vinnie, this is Crazy Bob. How's it hanging?

VM: (loud hearty laugh) Hello there Crazy Bob. I'm glad you called. Say, what do you think about The Rock winning the title tonight?

CB: Are you crazy? Vinnie baby, the guy has no charisma. Give it to that Big Snow fellow; he's a fiery young chap. While you're at it, ram Austin with the car a few times for good measure.

VM: Can do, Crazy bob, can do. Say, why all the changes?

CB: Well, Vinnie Mac, Joe Sixpack doesn't like it, so I guess our hands are tied.

VM: Joe Sixpack? Oh no!

CB: I'm afraid so. Are we still on for Home Jeopardy?

VM: I've got the Ruffles!

CB: Magnificent.

I like Al Snow's new attitude. But with the Hardcore Legend aside, Snow has always been one of the most underrated "WWF superstars." He's always had the tools but he has one nagging problem: jokes and gimmicks that nobody gets. Maybe five percent of the audience can actually tell you where Head came from and why he has it. The Job Squad lines are only funny to internet geeks. With Austin on the shelf there's another premier spot open and Al can grab it if he broadens his horizons.

Don't drink and drive.



## The Beacon Bar & Restaraunt Tour With Mel Moyer & Jeff Ward

### Rodano's

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For the last Bar and Restaurant Tour stop of the semester we decided to go to a place that anyone could head to during exam week. Hence we took a brisk walk through the chilly December air down to Rodano's, near King's College. Rodano's is a typical college hangout, which Wilkes really doesn't have. Anyone can go there for a pizza and a soda, and if you are over 21, a beer or two. Not a bad place to blow off steam and watch a football game when exam stress reaches its peak.

### Food:

Rodano's doesn't have the best pizza in town, but it is far from the worst. Besides, it's cheap. If pizza isn't your favorite, they also have a reasonable menu to choose things from. The wings aren't bad at all, and the guy next to us was heartily enjoying his cheesesteak.

### Drinks:

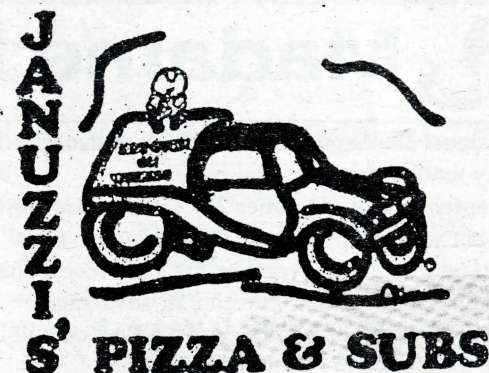
We'll be the first to admit this isn't much of a bar. But if all you want is a typical pie and beer, it's the best place to head. Rodano's has a decent choice of beer, from the really cheap to the stuff worth drinking. Underagers beware: high schoolers hang out here, but the number of signs proclaiming "We Card" with a picture of handcuffs on it was pretty high. They do, however, have a bar in the back called "Mother Tucker's" which serves alcohol at a reasonable price along with the music of a local band in the background.

### Games and stuff:

Rodano's used to have pool tables underneath all the televisions mounted in the drop down ceiling, but they got rid of them. It is still a really cool place though, and they still have video games if that's your thing. The place has a cool setting with two different levels, one looking over the other. The top level is lined in booths and the lower level has tables. All of the walls are rough wood paneled and the place is seasonally decorated to make it cozy. Overall, if Wilkes cannot provide a nice hangout like Rodano's, we might as well just use the King's one.

### Directions:

Walk down Main Street towards the Square and it is past the King's College girl's dorm. It is about a block past the dorm on the right.



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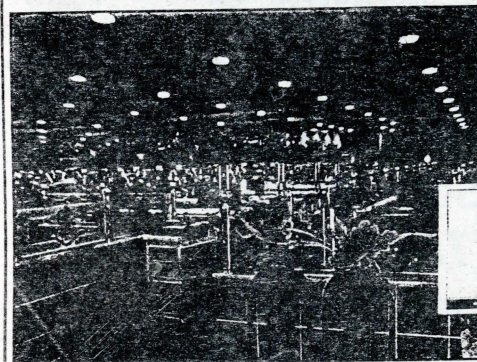
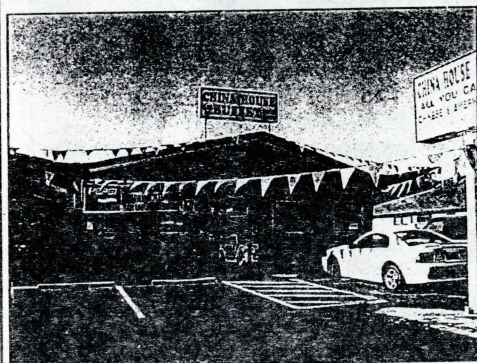
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# Lady Colonels finish with tough week

By DAVE DIMARTINO  
Beacon Staff Writer

If someone were to look up the term "tough week" in the dictionary, they probably wouldn't find it but if it were in there, next to it would sit a picture of the Lady Colonel basketball team.

The Lady Colonels have suffered three straight losses by a total of 89 points in a week long stretch, including a 92-40 loss at Scranton to the nationally ranked Lady Royals. On top of all this sits Friday, December 3, when head coach Karen Haag announced to her squad that she has

developed breast cancer.

The Lady Colonel 3-1 record has been evaporated to a 3-4 struggle and a 1-2 mark within the Freedom League.

The week started on with a long

bus trip on Thursday, December 2 to Ithaca College to take on the Lady Bombers. Wilkes put forth a lackluster performance dropping a 61-49

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# Colonels home winning streak down the drain

By MATT REITNOUR  
Beacon Staff Writer

The Philadelphia 76ers are trying it. So are the Michigan State Spartans. Now add the Wilkes University Colonels to that list.

But this list is one no one wants to be on. All three of these teams are currently playing without their best player as guards. Allen Iverson, Mateen Cleaves and now Wilkes' Dave Jannuzzi have been sidelined with injuries, forcing their teams to overcome losing their leading scorer.

On Wednesday night the Colonels dropped their first home game since 1997 and their first MAC Freedom League game since a loss to Scranton in 1995 by losing to King's College 71-60. The loss drops the Colonels to 5-1 overall, 2-1 in the MAC Freedom League.

Corey Dickerson dropped in 31 points to lead all scorers in the win. King's freshman Kasim Hallomen was good for 14 tallies. John Boylan's 18 points lead the Colonel and Chad Fabian added 17 points in the losing effort.

Wilkes played lathargically throughout the night and finished with 22 turnovers. The Monarch defense was able to shut down the Wilkes offense and hold the Blue and Gold to just 40.7 percent shooting from the field.

King's jumped out to a 36-25 halftime lead thanks to Dickerson's

16 half-time points. Hallomen added nine points in the opening half.

King's had a total three players in double figures with Dennis Hobbs' 10 points and seven boards. Emmet Donnelly had five helpers for the Monarchs in their win.

Sophomores Greg Barrouk and Ron McIntyre pulled down eight boards apiece. Boylan added three assists to his point total.

Jannuzzi was sidelined last Thursday when he was told he injured tendons in his right foot and would be out

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**-John Boylan**

four to six weeks. Since then Jerry Rickrode's squad has won two MAC Freedom League games, including a 67-62 come-from-behind win on Saturday over Scranton.

The man replacing Jannuzzi is sophomore guard John Boylan. Boylan was hot Saturday as he scored 12 points and added three assists in his first ever college start. Boylan said he was excited to get his chance in the

starting line-up and that the team had to overcome losing Jannuzzi.

"We have to play as a team," Boylan said. "It's not much different, we just try and run the plays and play good defense."

The Colonels had their hands full on Saturday in the sold-out Long Center against their rivals from the north. Wilkes actually trailed at the half 29-26, but outscored the Royals 41-33 in the second half. Leading the way for the Colonels was senior guard Chad Fabian. Fabian's game high 20 points was good enough to place him on the D3hoops.com "Team of the Week." Sophomore Ron McIntyre added 10 points and pulled down six boards in the winning effort to see the Colonels. For Boylan, the game was a chance to show he could play.

"I didn't even know Dave was really hurt until I saw him on crutches at half-time (against Delaware Valley)," he said. "Dave just told me to play like I did all summer; he has a great deal of confidence in me on the floor."

Wilkes will travel south this weekend to take on Marymount, VA. on Friday at 7 PM. and perennial national power Goucher on Saturday in Washington D.C. Wilkes will host Savannah A&D next Wednesday night in the Marts Center at 8 PM. It will be the final game of the semester for the Colonels. Savannah A&D from Georgia is coached by former New York Knicks star Cazzie Russell.



Photo by Erika Baltrusaitis

**The Colonels saw the end of their 33-game winning streak last night against King's.**

Prior to the semester the Colonels will host a holiday tournament with Maine-Farmington, College Misericordia and national power William Paterson who made the Final Four last season. In January of 2000 the Colonels will travel to their fierce Freedom League rival Lycoming and will also host FDU-Madison the weekend before the semester begins.

Wilkes dropped to fourth in the D3hoops.com poll in the latest Top 25. Possible future foe William Patterson moved to third.

## Colonels finish third at invitational

Seniors John Conte and Duane Ritter won individual titles to help lead the Wilkes University wrestling team to a third-place finish at the York Invitational on Saturday.

The Colonels finished with 56 points to earn their third-place finish in the eight team event. The College of New Jersey registered 81 points to win the team crown, while fellow Middle Atlantic Conference member Delaware Valley College had 59.5 points to finish second.

Conte, wrestling at 133 pounds, opened with an 18-3 win over Southern Maine's Pat Caruana. He then posted a 12-2 victory over Montclair State's Jess Manzo to advance to the final. In the title bout he pinned TCNJ's Mike Zechman at the 4:07 mark of the second period. The three wins improve his record this season to 11-0.

Ritter started his day with a 13-0 shutout win over TCNJ's Nick Pappa. In the semi-final round he earned a 3-0 win over Delaware Valley's Jason Stever. In the final, Ritter worked his way to a 4-2 win over Southern Maine's Jeremy Callazo. Ritter remained unbeaten this season with a 6-0 mark.

The Colonels had four other wrestlers earn top-four finishes. Sophomore Jason Hills finished third at 141 pounds, freshman Gary Mensinger finished third at 197 pounds, and junior Matt Zurn posted a third-place finish in the heavy-weight field. Sophomore Scott Henshaw posted a fourth-place finish at 149 pounds.

## Tough Week

decision.

The Lady Colonels were the superior team on paper but they came out flat and fell to a team that suited up only nine players.

The high scorer for Wilkes was junior Robin Mendygral with 14 points. The Lady Colonels' leading scorer and captain, senior Katie Watkins (with an average of 14.2 points per game heading into the contest) was held to only nine points with two of 15 from the field. The Lady Colonels as a team shot a mere 18-60, which is at a 30% clip.

Ithaca was lead by center Shari Wilkins, who poured in a game high 15 points while adding 11 rebounds. Ithaca upped its mark to 3-1 on the year.

This was the head coaching debut of Wilkes' assistant coach Ann Donnelly, stepping in for coach Haag, while Sports Information Director, John Seitzinger, filled in as assistant. Seitzinger coached for 10 seasons of women's basketball at Marywood University as both a head coach and assistant.

The next day during practice coach Haag addressed the team and

reported that she had breast cancer. From that point, this snowball of a week picked up speed and kept rolling downhill.

On Saturday, the Lady Colonels walked into the John Long Center with aspirations of playing the role of David slaying Goliath. No such dream would be fulfilled as they started off slow and got blown out by the number 11 team in the nation.

The game was never close as the Lady Royals sported a 48-17 halftime lead.

The Colonels were lead by Watkins, who tallied 13 points, while Mendygral added 10 points and seven boards. The Royals got a team and season high 26 points by senior Kelly Halpin, who also recorded five rebounds, five assists, and four steals.

Scranton lifted its record to 4-1, 2-0 in league play. Wilkes committed 30 turnovers in the game and has tallied up 149 heading into a cross-town match-up with King's College.

The Lady Colonels played inspired basketball for the first 15 minutes of the contest with coach Haag in attendance, the King's lived up to their billing (ranked 20th in the na-



Photo by Corey Yanoshak

**Lauren Elwood defends her post in a past game against Delaware Valley College.**

tion) and put it on the Lady Colonels. The Lady Monarchs went into the half with a ten point lead and went on to win by 25.

The Colonels were lead by Watkins who had a game high 19 points. Senior Jill Ronkowski chipped in with 11. For the Monarchs freshman Nikki Kingston had five players in double digits with 17. Pre-season All-American senior Joanne

Polohoski was held to just 12 points; she averages 23.4 a game. The Monarchs now stand at 6-0, 3-0 in the Freedom League.

Sooner or later a fore-mentioned snowball must run into a tree and come to an end. Hopefully that tree can be this weekend at the Lady Colonel Invitational. The Lady Colonels host the first game on Saturday against Beaver College at 1 PM.