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## Tuition increase lowest in five years

Tuition and room and board will be increased for the 1992-93 academic year by 6%. This is the smallest increase since 1987.

The Wilkes Board of Trustees recently passed the preliminary 1992-93 budget which sets tuition at \$9,500 and room and board at \$4,500. Total expenses for students who live on campus will be \$14,000 for the year.

"While carefully watching expenses, we continue to invest resources where they

are most needed to strengthen the University as it works to achieve the mission of providing our students with an outstanding education," said Breiseth in a letter mailed to students and parents.

"We are acutely aware of the difficult economic times facing the University, our students, and parents," said Breiseth. "We are also mindful of sacrifices made by those who attend Wilkes, and every effort is made to keep costs down."

The Trustees also approved increasing the amount of financial aid available to university students from \$3,200,000 to \$4,200,000. This figure represents 13.5% of the University's 1992-93 budget.

The \$9,500 tuition represents the "sticker" or full price, but seventy-five percent of Wilkes students receive financial aid. Some students earn full scholarships; many others earn partial scholarships

which help them meet their University expenses.

As a private comprehensive university, Wilkes is 75% dependent on the income from tuition and fees for its operating budget.

At many other schools students taking more than 15 credits pay an additional charge. Students at Wilkes may take as many as 18

credits and pay the same tuition amount.

The tuition at Wilkes remains below the private

college and university average for the nation and the state of Pennsylvania. In fact, among the private colleges and universities in Northeastern Pennsylvania, the total percentage tuition increases at Wilkes have been the smallest over the last five years.

Last year, Tuition and room and board was increased by nearly 10% for the 1991-92 school year.

"Wilkes will continue this effort to keep costs down and remain sensitive to the circumstances of our students and parents," Breiseth added.

## IABC to hold voter registration

By MARY JO BABIOWSKI  
Beacon Staff Writer

Are you registered to vote?

Fifteen students were asked this question and the response was eight "yes", six "no", and one "I don't know."

Whatever your excuse was for not being registered to vote, "I did not have the opportunity", is no longer valid. On Tuesday, March 24, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., in Stark Lobby, the League of Women Voters and IABC will co-host the second on-campus voter registration.

If you plan on voting in the closed presidential primary on April 28, you must be registered before March 30.

If you are not registered, have changed your address, or have not voted in Pennsylvania within the last two years you should register to vote.

The registration form takes less than three minutes

to complete. This registration is for Luzerne County, but if you live in a different Pennsylvania county the form can be mailed to your county

Dr. Jane Elmes-Crahall, Assistant Professor of Communications and IABC Advisor, feels that the registration will be a success because "the presidential primary peaks interest."

According to

Elmes-Crahall, it is important to vote because "if people don't vote then they can't make a difference."

The first IABC Voter Registration was held in the fall and was considered to be a success with fifty people registered.

Statistics show that the 18-24 age group has the second lowest voter participation.



Dr. Jane Elmes-Crahall, IABC Advisor

## Sophomore Float Fiasco

By CHRIS CARDELLO

Advertising Editor

"To cope and adjust." These were the words to live by for the sophomore class this St. Patrick's Day.

The class, headed by president, Joann Deluca, was the first from Wilkes to be a part of the annual Wilkes-Barre City St. Patrick's Day Parade.

According to Deluca, "Every class was given the opportunity to be a part of the parade, but the sophomore's were the only class to volunteer."

The "Luck of the Irish" unfortunately was not with them. The class originally started building their float at Ralston Field because Wilkes could not accommodate such a large structure. However, while painting the float, the students accidentally spilled paint on the field and were then asked to move.

"We were stuck without a place to go and there was only a few days until the parade," said Deluca.

Valley Rent-All came to the rescue and allowed the the students to store the float in a U-Haul on their grounds. The students had to combat freezing temperatures, using only a kerosene heater for warmth. Often it was very hard for students to get transportation to and from the Rent-All.

When the float was finished, they still weren't in the clear. The day of the parade, the students had to rebuild half of the float as high winds destroyed primary parts. They were working up until the last minutes to get everything back together.

"I never had such a terrible time trying to get something accomplished. It seemed as if something was trying to prevent us from entering the parade," said Deluca.

Other students who were involved in the project were Karen Abramson, secretary; Wendy Maguschak, co-chairman and class representative; Karen Pastula, vice-president; Gail Humphrey, class representative; Randi Smolin and Liz Moreno.



# Wilkes graduate receives honor

Thuong D. Huyn, Wilkes graduate, was one of five non-traditional students honored at the 1992 Outstanding Adult Learners ceremony held Wednesday night, in Rumours at the Marts Center.

Huyn graduated cum laude from Wilkes, in January, with a Bachelor of Science in Accounting.

After spending over five years in a North Vietnamese reeducation camp following the Vietnam War, Huyn escaped by boat to Singapore and came to the United States in 1986 with his wife and three sons. Huyn's eldest son, Viet, is currently attending Wilkes.

A tutor at the Wilkes Learning Center, Huyn also assisted elderly and disadvantaged people through the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program while studying at Wilkes. In 1989, he received the Wilkes Academic Achievement Award.

Sponsored by the Luzerne County Council on Adult Higher Education, one student is chosen from each school to be honored for their academic and personal achievements. The member schools include: College Misericordia, King's College, Luzerne County Community College, Penn State Wilkes-Barre, and Wilkes University.



Thuong D. Huyn

# Comm Club announces officers

The Communications Club, an inter-concentration organization for all Communication Department majors and minors, announces its officers for 1992-1993.

The officers include: Dave McCabe, President; Amy Vaughn, Vice-President; Lynn Krutz, Secretary; Jeff Walsh, Treasurer; and Al Mueller, Newsletter Editor.

The Communication Club will hold its Spring Social on April 29, from 6-11 p.m., in Rumours. All Department of Communication majors and minors are encouraged to attend this potluck dinner and awards ceremony.

For more information about the Communication Club or the Spring Social, contact Professor Beck at extension 4161.

# Call to duty

## ■ ROTC students to help homeless

By PATTY PUERLING  
Beacon Staff Writer

Wilkes Air Force ROTC students are participating in a Homeless Sleep-Out on Saturday, March 28 to benefit the St. Vincent de Paul Soup Kitchen and to raise public awareness about homelessness.

Approximately 30 or more cadets and students will be sleeping on the lawn underneath the Bell Tower without food or shelter. This is an effort to show support for the increased awareness of the homeless problem in Luzerne County and the nation.

"We're soliciting area businesses and individuals to support us in our efforts by sponsoring a student," said Cadet Tim Cerniglia, a senior physics major.

Students need sponsors to donate money based on the number of hours they sleep

out or by a flat rate.

Most people are not aware of the growing problems of homelessness. According to Vincent Kabacinski, the executive director of V.I.S.I.O.N. (Volunteers In Service In Our Neighborhoods), the shelter took in 947 people to sleep over night in 1991 alone. This figure is 11% higher than the previous year.

In addition to providing shelter for the homeless, V.I.S.I.O.N. has served over 17,000 meals during the past year.

Homelessness is a year-long problem, according to Kabacinski. In June of last year they housed 817 people and served 1,400.

"There has been a lot of press about groups taking money for the homeless and using it for something else. We are going to prove them wrong by showing that we do care and that we can make a difference," said Cerniglia.

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# Star Trek course to be offered

The Division of Graduate Affairs & Continuing Education is offering a science fiction course entitled "Star Trek: Human Images in The Mirror of Science Fiction" taught by Dr. Michael Incitti, Assistant Professor of Communications here at Wilkes.

This course will be held on Mondays and Wednesdays, April 6, 8, 13, 15, and 20 from 7-9 p.m. at the WVIA Studio, Old Boston Road, Pittston.

For further information about this course call extension 4466.

The following scholarship applications are available upon request at the Financial Aid Office, located in Sturdevant Hall on the second floor. Students wishing to apply can receive applications Mondays through Fridays:

## Pennsylvania Federation of Democratic Women, Inc. Scholarship

The Pennsylvania Federation of Democratic Women, Inc. are offering three scholarships of \$1,000 each. Candidates must be Pennsylvania women students in the Junior class of an accredited college or university; must be interested in making a career in politics or government or must be preparing to teach government, economics, history or an allied field; and must possess a Democratic family background or be an active participant in the Democratic Party. Application deadline is April 1, 1992.

## Berwick Business and Professional Women's Club Scholarship

The Berwick BPW awards a \$200 scholarship annually to a mature woman to help support her quest for an education. To be considered the candidate must be a woman, aged 25 years or older, residing in the Greater Berwick Area, and enrolled in a formalized program of study. This award is renewable up to four years providing the recipient takes at least two courses in a calendar year and maintains at least a B average. The award is made yearly in September. Any woman who meets the above criteria and wishes to be considered for this award should complete an application which is available from Chairperson, Scholarship Committee, Berwick Business and Professional Women's Club, RR 3, Box 3050, Berwick, PA 18603. Application deadline is March 31, 1992.

## Westside Kingston Business & Professional Women's Club Scholarship

The Westside Kingston BPW is seeking candidates for its annual scholarship. The recipient of this \$300 scholarship must be resident of the west side area of Wyoming Valley, be in their junior year of college, be enrolled in a business or professional program, have a minimum GPA of 3.0, show financial need and be an active participant in school related and/or community projects. Application deadline is March 31, 1992.



# FORUM

## Where does all of our money go?

—'Greed is good'

It seems as though the Wilkes administrators who dictate the increase in tuition each year have adopted this memorable line from Oliver Stone's film *Wall Street* as their motto.

Believe it or not, tuition is going to increase by another six percent for the 1992-93 academic year. This announcement doesn't come as much of a surprise to us "seasoned veterans" of Wilkes. Tuition has been increased every year since we've been here.

### EDITORIAL

Yes, we've been told time and time again that when all of the other institutions across the state were raising tuition by ten percent last year, Wilkes was able to keep its increase down to nine percent. Well, we all have Wilkes administrators to thank for the fact that we were all able to buy an extra notebook last year with that whopping one percent we saved.

Tuition increases have definitely become old news here at Wilkes, but then again, you begin to stop and wonder where the extra money generated from these tuition hikes is going.

It's almost a given that as tuition increases, departmental and organizational budgets decrease. Also, staff members from various departmental and administrative offices continue to be laid off since last

fall, and we certainly aren't experiencing an increase in faculty. Where does all of our money go?

Remember all of the construction last semester which took up parking spaces, tore up shrubbery, and forged huge holes in the grounds around campus? Well, just consider how much money all of that work probably cost, and then ask where our tuition went. Yes, these "renovations" did modernize our communications through the installation of fiber optic cables, but there are better ways to spend our tuition money.

How about more books for the library, better lighting around campus, more security personnel, or even more parking spaces? If Wilkes is going to continue to raise tuition every year, at least the money could be used wisely and efficiently.

Let's consider yet another aspect of the tuition problem. If tuition continues to increase each year, what will the costs be like when our children want to go to college? Well, if recent legislative proposals in our state capital go through, private institutions like Wilkes could be facing a major decrease in enrollment in the future.

A proposal under consideration in Harrisburg, the Tuition Account Program, would allow parents to pay into the state account to buy tuition credits at today's prices at community colleges and the 14 state-owned universities. Think about it, if parents could send their children to a state college whose tuition they could start paying into now, why would they even think about enrolling them in a outrageously higher-priced private university like Wilkes?

Just as Gordon Gekko experienced the repercussions of his actions at the end of *Wall Street* when the SEC came to arrest him, Wilkes may also soon find out that greed can only lead to ruin.

## Our First Lady: In Focus

By BONNEE BREESE  
Beacon Co-Editor

As the saying goes, behind every good man, stands a good woman. Well, here at Wilkes we are fortunate to have a first lady that stands beside her good man. The woman that is in focus is Jane Morhouse Breiseth, the illustrious wife of our university's president.

Born in upstate New York, and a graduate of Cornell University, with a bachelor's and master's degree, Mrs. Breiseth adds a great deal to the campus which many students don't even realize.

Mrs. Breiseth married our president in 1964, which she fondly remembers the next morning as being a beautiful and unforgettable day. "The sun glistened on the tree branches that were covered with ice and snow," Breiseth said.

She explained that women bring into a marriage their individual background that developed during their young years.

"This has had a tremendous impact on who I am and who I've been since marriage," Breiseth added.

Mrs. Breiseth has worked intermittently since she was 15-years-old. Working mainly on a part-time basis, she feels that women sometimes suffer dearly from the inequity's from working in a part-time capacity.

"Women gain little benefits from working part-time, as far as insurance, health, and retirement in many places," Breiseth said.

Since her husband has been at Wilkes, Mrs. Breiseth has not worked. Yet she explained that she although she does not work for money there are many benefits that come with being a first lady.

"Many people think I live a leisurely life, getting up in the morning, trying to figure out what I'm going to do with the rest of my day," Breiseth said.

"This is far from the truth," she added.

Mrs. Breiseth stays very busy, and has been for the past seven and a half years since President Breiseth accepted the job at Wilkes.

"We receive many invitations from people and organizations, this allows me to have an active role in some activities at Wilkes, as well as in the community. But, I would like to be able to attend some of the women's sports events, and to participate in the local League of Women Voter's and be more active in my youngest daughter's school," Breiseth said.

Mrs. Breiseth has made many contributions to the lives of other women and she continues to contribute to women's lives with her gracious and warm glow that radiates upon meeting her.

"I grew up looking at women in supportive wife roles, which is one side of the swing of a pendulum," Breiseth said.

"Although, I have seen women in career roles as well. Women young and old should look around them at women peers, young women and older women, up to age 110, if possible, all add something to your life," Breiseth said.

"This gives women the substance needed to get through their lives, the older you get, the more you begin to realize how much age and gender are factors that determine your life, guiding you in ways that you can't forget," Breiseth added.

"When women realize that they are responding to these factors in their life (age and gender), it will be the other women that they have

seen that will guide you in making choices," Breiseth said.

"Older women, I feel are fortunate and typical of our society, they just don't get to a stage and stay there, they have many more choices than most," Breiseth said.

History leads us to believe that women have just been in supportive roles, yet there is evidence that we have been active within society and in careers, for quite some time.

Mrs. Breiseth added, "Women who are happiest in their lives, continually make changes and adjust to those opportunities. These women will be called upon to fill many notches that will benefit the lives of others."

This is a strong statement and nothing further shall be said. Wilkes University prospers from the elegantly refined attitude that is embedded in our first lady, Jane Morhouse Breiseth.

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# FEATURES

## Roll over Beethoven... Scott's here!

By DAN CHISARICK  
Beacon Staff Writer

Last Saturday, those who weren't in Rumours missed a truly inspiring performance. Robert Scott, renowned classical guitarist, entertained the audience with both his musical talent and sharp wit.

Scott's mesmerizing fluid motions over the guitar strings were something to watch in and of themselves. They gave rise to rich, bold sounds which were a pleasure to listen to.

A casual observer would be moved to say that Scott gave a flawless performance, although the guitarist openly insisted otherwise. One can only wonder what he would have considered "flawless!"

Between songs, Scott paused to tune his instrument, and occasionally told the audience a story which related either to the song he would perform next, or a personal experience, or even

little-known music terminology.

Of the references he made, a particularly interesting one concerned musical appreciation and the considerations a performer needs to make for his audience.

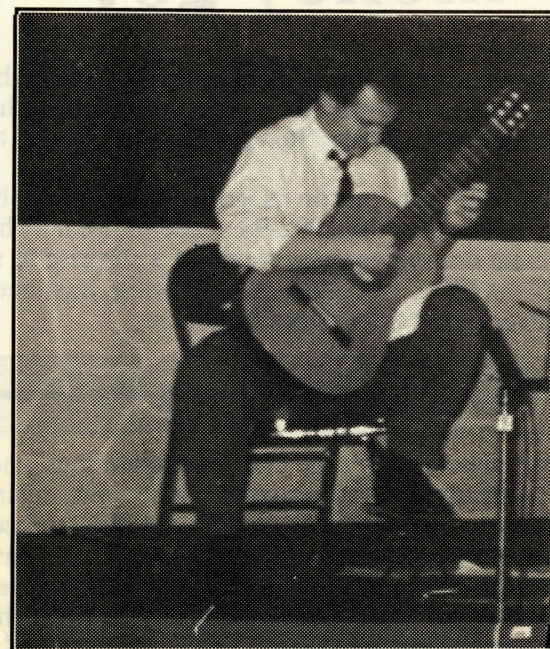
Scott proposed that twentieth century music is perhaps the most difficult on the audience. The composer lives with the song...it is his creation. The performer learns the song, and spends considerable time with it as well. The audience, however, only gets one shot at it.

Hence, the audience may not be as appreciative or receptive to the work as would the composer or performer. This only makes choosing contemporary selections an even more difficult task. However, judging from the audience's response, no one had any difficulty enjoying the evening.

Overall, Scott is an excellent performer. He seemed to become lost in his work. Perhaps forgetting where he was, becoming one with the notes he played, he recreated the original passion and emotion of each piece.

Scott has been playing the guitar for eighteen years, since he was 5, and it is not difficult to imagine an individual with his energy and enthusiasm making his mark in musical history.

Hopefully, the Wilkes Programming Board will ask him to return sometime soon, because those who missed his performance missed a truly memorable evening.



CLASSIC — Robert Scott stays in tune

Don't miss  
Coffee House singer  
KIRK EDWARDS in  
Rumours, Saturday,  
April 25, 8:00 PM

## Rogers to appear at Chicory House

America's favorite folk singer, Sally Rogers, will appear at the Chicory House in Wilkes-Barre, Friday evening, March 27.

Familiar to many from her appearances on public radio's "A Prairie Home Companion" and "Mountain Stage," Rogers is equally at home headlining a festival as she is in an elementary school, entertaining and teaching children about the environment and peace. Labeled a "casual wizard of the craft of coffeehouse entertaining," she treats her audience like old friends, weaving together stories of her life and travels, motherhood and marriage, with songs old and new that can be joyous or melancholy, whimsical or romantic, often tinged with moral outrage over issues of war and peace and environmental concern.

Rogers has released nine albums, most of them on the Flying Fish label. Her second album, "In the Circle of the Sun," won a Best Folk Album

of the Year award from the National Association of Independent Record Distributors (NAIRD). She has recorded two albums with popular folk singer Claudia Schmidt, the first of which, "Closing the Distance," was voted by an association of public radio stations throughout the country as one of the ten most popular

albums of the year. She has also made a duo recording with her husband Howie Bursen, entitled "When Howie Met Sally." In 1988 Sally reached a new audience with her first children's recording, "Peace by Peace." One of the first albums to introduce children to the concept of peace on a day-to-day basis. Her second

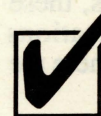
children's album, "Piggyback Planet: Songs for a Whole Earth," (on Round River Records), has an environmental theme and

Critic Scott Alarik of the *Boston Globe* describes Roger's voice as "Full of quiet control, natural as the spoken voice."

Originally from a small town near Traverse City, Michigan, Rogers lives on a farm in northeastern Connecticut with her husband, musician Howie Bursen and their adopted daughter. She has been touring extensively since 1979, appearing at schools and universities, festivals and coffeehouses throughout the country, often accompanied by her husband.

The non-profit Chicory House is Northeastern Pennsylvania's only venue dedicated to presenting folk music. It holds its coffeehouse concerts in the Community Room of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, South Franklin Street across from Boscov's, in downtown Wilkes-Barre. Sally Rogers' concert will begin at 8:00 pm. Doors will open at 7:30.

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## The Bottom Line

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### POLITICS AND BEER — A DYNAMITE MIX

The political situation, as usual, is escalating. Mr. Gaseous Plant, Mister Un-Charisma himself, is falling behind in the primaries, but he's vowed not to drop out until the convention, or when they slam him into the ground completely, whichever comes first. Clinton is looking smug in his generic way, and Jerry Brown, the cool dude from California, is fading into the shadows. Buchanan, mercifully, is out of the picture for the most part. George Bush continues to do the prudent thing at critical junctures. Dave Duke, effervescent crock of charm that he is, is pulling down his 3% of the vote. Considering the current choices, maybe I should run. Vote me for President, nevermind that I'm not 35. We'd cause a national brouhaha as the electoral college wouldn't have anyone to vote for. At this point, the Democrats are spending so much time and effort bickering at each other that Zippy the Chimp, running on an independent ticket, could probably beat them. Anyone for Randee of the Redwoods? Spuds Mackenzie? Once, the Georgian electors tried to vote for a dead guy. Georgia is used to voting for stiff, apparently.

Interestingly enough, this particular column covers the occasion of one of our more humdrum holidays: March 17. One simply has to wonder what the aforementioned presidential candidates were doing on Tuesday. The mind reels. Bush was probably sipping the bubbly with Babs. Tsongas, health nut that he is, probably went for one of his famous photo opportunity swims. Maybe they dyed the water green. Clinton was probably toasting his victory with some of the ol' green stuff (both cash and booze.) Buchanan was probably crying in his beer. You can draw your own conclusions about Duke. Another interesting point is that I keep typing Duck instead of Duke. Hmm... David Duke... Donald Duck... interesting parallelism.

In the words of a correspondent of mine, "Only a society as alcohol-dependent as ours would have a holiday that is celebrated by getting drunk." All too true, I'm afraid. We don't even have the day off — so why bother? In truth, as another acquaintance of mine observed, we should get March 18 off, for reasons which I'm sure a moment's thought will make clear. The local media was overflowing with pictures of people imbibing green alcoholic substances, whipping the public into a St. Patrick's Day Frenzy. Keychains were purchased, beverages were drunk (as were the participants), and green was worn. It gave the appearance that the Wilkes-Barre area was playing host to a convention of Lawn Doctor customer service representatives.

It could be argued that it's a day dedicated to the Irish culture. This could very well be, but why is it that there isn't a day for every country? National Belgium Day, National Luxembourg Day, National Fiji Day, oh, but the possibilities are just endless. Anyone who has had the good (?) fortune to have seen a "Bridget" calendar, sold in those "Things You Didn't Know Existed, and Really Would Rather Not" catalogs, has seen such holidays as "Sniff a Salami Day." At the rate we're going with pointless holidays, we might as well have that too.

### THE POWER OF THE PRESS PREVAILS!

I don't believe it. No sooner did the print hit the page than the perverse water fountain outside of SLC 160 was fixed! The keyboard is mightier than the water fountain. This only goes to show you that we can't knuckle under to the machines. The human spirit triumphs again.

### DID YOU EVER NOTICE?

Mountain Dew looks remarkably like antifreeze.

Write in with your questions about Life, the Universe, and Everything: TBL, c/o The Beacon, 2nd floor Hollenback Hall.

## At the movies...

By BRIAN MALINA  
Beacon Feature Editor

A dog, a butler, and a few Americans combine to produce a series of strange twists of fate which create *Once Upon A Crime*.

The story begins in the classic European setting of Rome. Here, two Americans, Phoebe and Julian, meet and begin a bizarre quest of greed which eventually leads them across the border into Monte Carlo. Here the pair becomes engulfed in an off the wall murder mystery.

Along the way the two encounter a series of characters including a rich gambling man (John Candy), a gigolo, and a typical American couple from Newark, New Jersey, (Jim Belushi and Cybil Shepherd), who also by a series of strange circumstances become suspects in the murder case.

Confused? Well don't worry, the plot is strung together very well and a single viewing of the movie is more than enough to straighten out any disillusion. However, the plot is not so simple as to give away the actual assailant. In fact the end has quite a nice twist which allows everything to turn out as it should in any good comedy.

"Once Upon A Crime" is by no means a ground-breaking movie, nor will it be named a classic or be garnished with any academy awards. What it will do however, is provide the viewer with an hour and a half of laughter and entertainment. And isn't that what it's all about?

By JEAN NEPA  
Beacon Copy Editor

*Wayne's World*, the movie redition of Saturday Night Live's famous skit, is currently on the box office charts. However, the film falls short of the high praise.

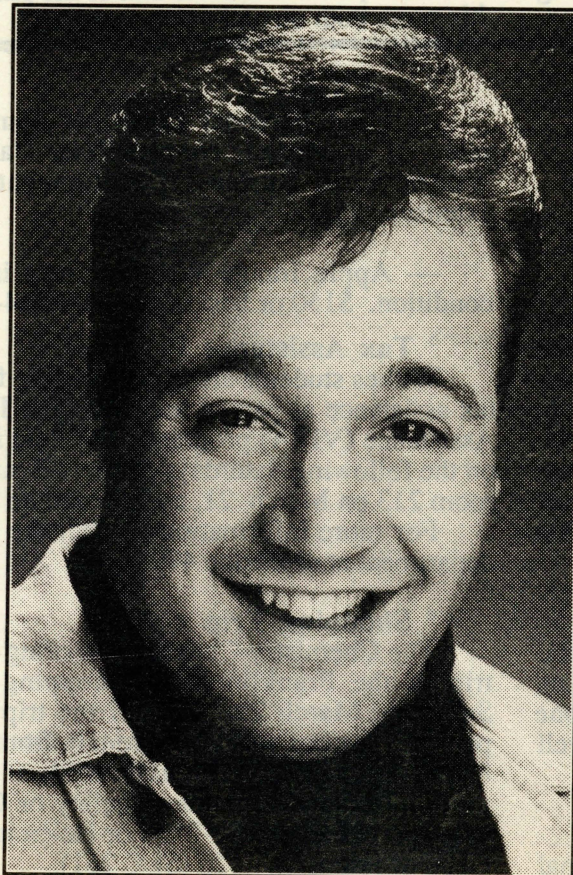
Wayne and Garth's success on the late night comedy show prompted the idea for a motion picture. Although the characters (Michael Myers and Dana Carvey) follow through with their outrageously comic behavior, the weak plot destroys their effort.

The movie begins with Wayne and Garth performing their weekly public-access television show, which is filmed in Wayne's basement. Through the course of the film the boys sell their show to a "big time" producer and encounter numerous adversities which, in the end, are overcome.

There are a few scenes which warrant serious laughter, most of which involve Wayne's psychotic ex-girlfriend. Another funny moment was Wayne and Garth's rendition of "*Bohemian Rhapsody*." The film was full of sarcastic comments which caught the audience off guard and evoked some laughter but overall, the humor was not what one would expect from *Wayne's World*.

Despite the negative tone of this review, the movie is not all bad. The problem is that fans of *Saturday Night Live* expect a lot from these characters and unfortunately, this film did not deliver. Another problem was the fact that the funniest scenes were used to advertise the movie on television; this was the major downfall.

This movie is not worth the \$6 one must pay. However, it's worth renting on home video, if only for the value of Myers and Carvey's talent. So *Saturday Night Live* fans, stay at home and wait for your favorite characters in their original setting.



Comedians Kevin James and Adam Ferrara will perform on Saturday, March 21 at 8 p.m. in Rumours. The comedy team of Ferrara and James has appeared on MTV's half-hour comedy hour as well as Showtime's Comedy Club Night.



# SPORTS

## Saying good - bye to a good friend

### COMMENTARY

Bob Simmons

Saying good-bye to a close friend is a hard thing to do. It is even harder when that someone touched your life and so many other lives in so many ways.

One such person is Coach Ron Rainey. Coach Rainey announced his "resignation" Friday as men's basketball coach, effective immediately.

After announcing his resignation to the administration, Coach Rainey called his players together to tell them what took place just a little while ago.

The teary-eyed Rainey read to his players the letter he submitted to the administration. "I feel that I have taken the program as far as my abilities and resources allowed. I wish all you guys the best in the future."

After that statement Coach Rainey went around the room, shook his players hands and then left.

After the meeting, a few players went to Coach's office to wish him the best. I was among that group.

Corby Swann, sophomore, was the first to see coach after the meeting.

"Coach Rainey taught me a lot, not only about things on the court, but off the court as well. He taught me to respect people; things that will help me later in life and make me a better person. I'll miss him a lot," said Swann.

Another player to go see Coach was junior, Rick Butler.

"He is going to be missed around here. He really cared for his players. Coach wasn't only concerned with the performances on the court, but also off the court," said Butler.

Finally I went in to see Coach and talk to him about what had happened.

We both sat in the office for a while and just looked at each other. Then I asked him why it happened and if there was anything that could be done to reverse the decision.

Coach's answer was simply that maybe someone else could take us to the next level and that there was probably nothing we could do about the resignation.

Coach Rainey is a good friend of mine and has done a lot for me in the past. He treated me with respect, was concerned with how I was doing in my classes and always offered his help.

His door was always open to his players if they needed to talk. It wasn't just for basketball, but for school, family, or just to throw the ball around.

The players and the university are not just losing a coach. They are losing a good friend and a person who cared for the kids.

This point of view is that of his players and of his peers both on and off the campus.

Former Head Coach for the Colonels, Jim Atherton, who is now at Luzerne County Community College, said, "both times Ron was at Wilkes he represented the university in a professional manner."

"It shows that the school has high respect for you when you go around the second time. It's a nice compliment," added Coach Atherton.

People need to realize that basketball is a big part of the education process. Through basketball a person can learn many things other than scoring, jumping, or shooting.

This is one thing that both Coach Atherton and Coach Rainey believe in.

One last point Coach Atherton made was, "coaching is a great responsibility and there is more to it than wins and losses. The 'W's' will take care of themselves. It is important to instill in your players other priorities."

Coach Rainey, you have nothing to worry about. You have accomplished this and we appreciate it very much.

Another person close to Coach Rainey who wants to wish him well is Assistant Coach Tim Grazio.

"I want to wish him all the best of luck in his future and thank him for what he has done for me this season," said Grazio.

Finally, Head Wrestling Coach John Reese said, "I hate to see him go. He is a fine coach and a good friend. I appreciate what he has done for the school and the program. I hope he will be happy and successful in his future."

Once again Coach, thank you for everything you have done for us. We will miss you.

As a coach, I'll miss you a lot and as a friend, I'll remember you for life.

## Campus announcements

### ° Campus Employment

All students interested in campus employment for next year (June 92 to May 93) must register with the student employment office during April. Jobs are not guaranteed unless requirements are met. In order to work on campus, students must fill out the PHEAA and Wilkes Aid applications. Do not start working without a referral form from the campus employment office. Jobs are referred on a first come first serve basis.

### ° Wrestling Club

There will be an important meeting of the Wrestling Club on Wednesday, March 25 at 4 p.m. in the Wrestling Room of the gym. Anyone interested in trying out for next year's team as well as all current team members should attend.

### ° Amnesty International

The Wilkes Chapter of Amnesty International meets the 2nd and 4th Thursday of every month at 11:00 a.m. in Room 209 of Stark.

All interested students, faculty, and staff are invited to attend.

### ° For Sale

— Used Personal Computer equipment for sale. If interested, contact Peter Bailey in the Wilkes Small Business Development Center at extension 4339.

— Apple Image Writer printer in excellent condition. \$150 or best offer. Call 824-8470.

### ° Tax Assistance Program

Wilkes students are again offering free income tax assistance as part of the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program. The help is available on the following Saturdays from 10-2 p.m. in Marts room 213 on March 21, and 28, and on April 4.

For more information contact the accounting department at extension 4708.

### ° Shopping Trip

The Chemistry Club is sponsoring a shopping trip to the Franklin Mills Shopping Outlet on Saturday, March 21. Cost of the trip is \$17 per person. The bus will leave from in front of Stark at 8 a.m. and will leave Franklin Mills at 4 p.m. For more information, contact Shelley or Charlotte at extension 2036 or 829-9736 or Helen in the Chem. Dept. at extension 4620 (SLC 261).

### ° Theater Performance

The Wilkes Theater, under the direction of faculty member, Dr. Michael O'Neill, will present

Stephen Sondheim's "Into the Woods," the popular family musical, at the Darte Center from March 20 through March 29. The production will run Friday, March 20 and Saturday, March 21 beginning at 8 p.m.; Sunday, March 22 at 2 p.m.; and again on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, March 26-28 at 8 p.m.; and Sunday, March 29 at 2 p.m. This will be the first local production of the family musical in Northeastern Pennsylvania. "Into the Woods" premiered on Broadway in 1987 and won several Tony Awards.

### Just a reminder...

All announcements must be received by 6 p.m. each Tuesday in order to appear in Thursday's issue.

## In Memoriam

The Beacon staff wishes to express its sympathy concerning the death of Mr. Joseph Kwak, husband of Wilkes' night nurse Betty Kwak.

Students wishing to attend the funeral service will meet in the Health Services Office on Friday morning at 8:30 a.m.



# Men's Volleyball Club becomes new addition

By HEATHER WYMAN  
Beacon Staff Writer

For the past several years, Wilkes University students have enjoyed watching the women's varsity volleyball team play against rival college teams, but now that's all changing.

For the first time in the history of Wilkes, the men are getting a taste of volleyball action by establishing a volleyball club. This non-varsity club will travel to other colleges and play in tournaments this spring.

The establishment of a club was the idea of Paul Kownacki, a junior at Wilkes, who has shown interest in a possible volleyball club. Unfortunately, not only do the players need to have an interest in the sport, they also need to have insurance and money, two things that almost prevented them from becoming a club.

The men's Volleyball Club plans to sponsor fundraisers to support the team. Volleyball shirts will be sold as well as bake sales run by the players.

"After much perseverance and dedication from the students, the volleyball club has set up a schedule with 11 collegiate teams," said Douglas Meade, treasurer of the club.

The club will be traveling to such colleges as: Drew, Johns Hopkins, King's, Albright, Gettysburg, and Dickinson.

"It's exciting because even though we're still only a club and not a varsity team, we will play some of the same schools that the girl's team plays. This makes me very optimistic about the possibility of our club evolving into a team," said Meade.

The men's volleyball players include: Jim Carns, Chris Czerpak, Mick Dungan, Paul Kownacki, Brian Flynn, Doug Meade, Omar Nejeib, Eric Nelson, Ollie Remick, Doug Shaw, Al Smith, Greg Steuben, David

Unzicker, and Myron Pitcavage. Dr. Roger Maxwell, who is a physics professor at Wilkes, is also an active member. He serves as an advocate for the club to be recognized by the school.

"He is also our moral supporter who shows up with good team spirit," stated Kownacki.

The men's volleyball club is the university's new addition to the sports department. The club will become a team if players continue to show interest and support for two years.

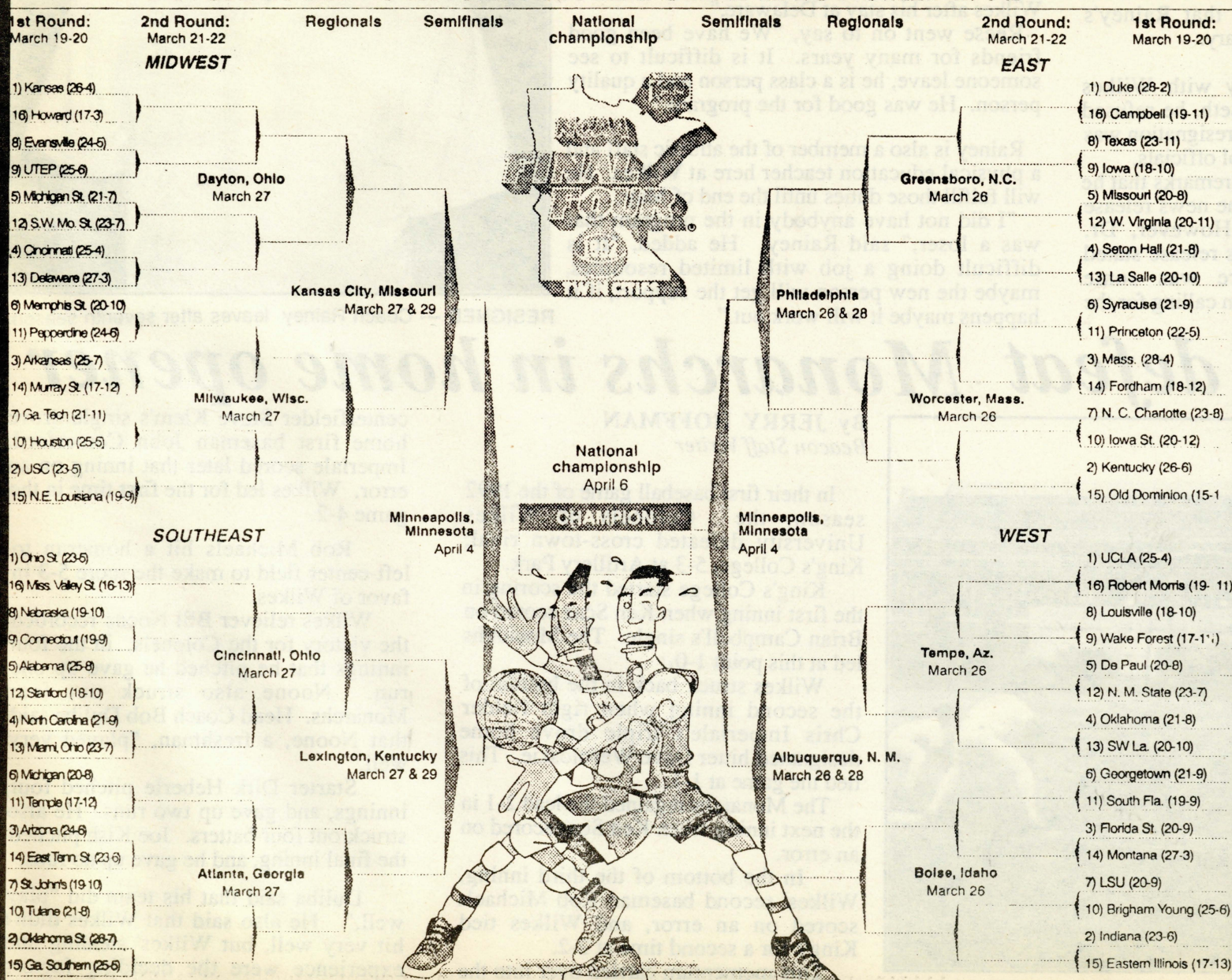
"We all have team spirit and we are all excited. The tough times have all been worth it," said Meade.

° Anyone interested in running cross country next year, please meet in the Marts Center on Tuesday, March 24 at 11 a.m. If you can't make it, please get in touch with coach Tom McGuire at extension 4777.

° The men's volleyball club will take on Widener this Sunday at 3 p.m. in the Marts Center.

° Intramural Wrestling Tournament sign-ups are due this Friday, March 20 at 5 p.m. This event is open to both men and women.

## NCAA MEN'S BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP 1992



## MARCH MADNESS RETURNS

The invitations are out, so get your party clothes out and put on your dancing shoes, because the "Big Dance" is back in town.

It is also time for the "Beacon's NCAA Bonanza."

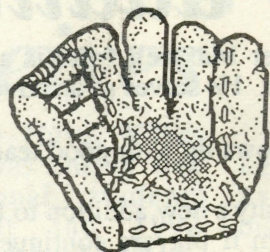
Top prize this year is a \$20 gift certificate to the Gallery of Sound.

The rules are simple. Just fill out the NCAA grid and list the winners of every game right up to the championship game. When you have completed the grid drop it off at the security desk in Stark Lobby by noon on Friday. (Hint: the tourney starts on Thursday)

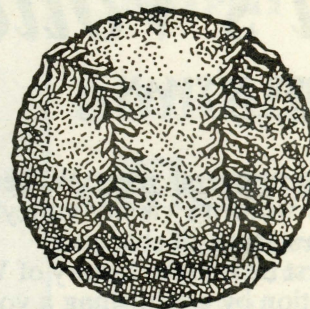
Members of the Beacon Staff and their families are not eligible.

Good Luck and happy guessing.





# Sports



## Coach Rainey announces his resignation

By J.R. RUPP  
Beacon Sports Editor

Wilkes University men's basketball coach Ron Rainey announced last Friday that he is resigning his post as men's basketball coach effective immediately.

Rainey has just finished his seventh consecutive year at Wilkes and his thirteenth overall.

In the 13 combined years at Wilkes, Rainey's teams have compiled an overall mark of 135-168.

"I feel that I have taken the program as far as my abilities and resources allowed. I wish my players and the program all the best in the future, as I pursue other interests in the field of administration, coaching, and education," Rainey said.

"When something like this happens to you, you hope the person coming in will have what it takes to turn it around," he added.

However, there is some speculation from sources close to the situation that Rainey's resignation was not totally voluntary.

In an interview on Tuesday with Wilkes President, Dr. Christopher Breiseth, he refused to comment on whether Rainey's resignation was by choice or influence from school officials.

Dr. Breiseth said that the only remarks that he had to make were included in the news release about Rainey's resignation. However, Dr. Breiseth's comments in the news release stated nothing about whether there was some administrative pressure involved in calling for the removal of Rainey.

Rainey first came to Wilkes in 1965 from Chester (Pa.) High School. He guided the Colonels to a 60-75 mark before his departure in 1971.

After leaving Wilkes in 1971 Rainey took a position as an assistant coach at the University of Delaware.

In 1976 he took over as head coach for the Blue Hens. In nine seasons as the head mentor he guided his team to a 79-131 record. In 1985 he was named East Coast Conference Coach of the Year after leading his team to the E.C.C. playoffs.

Rainey returned to Wilkes after the 1985 season where he compiled a record of 75-93.

Wilkes Athletic Director, John Reese, and long time friend of Rainey, had this to say, "I have known Ron a long time. I first hired him when he came from Chester then he went off to Delaware. I called him and he came back to Wilkes after his stay at Delaware."

Reese went on to say, "We have been good friends for many years. It is difficult to see someone leave, he is a class person and a quality person. He was good for the program."

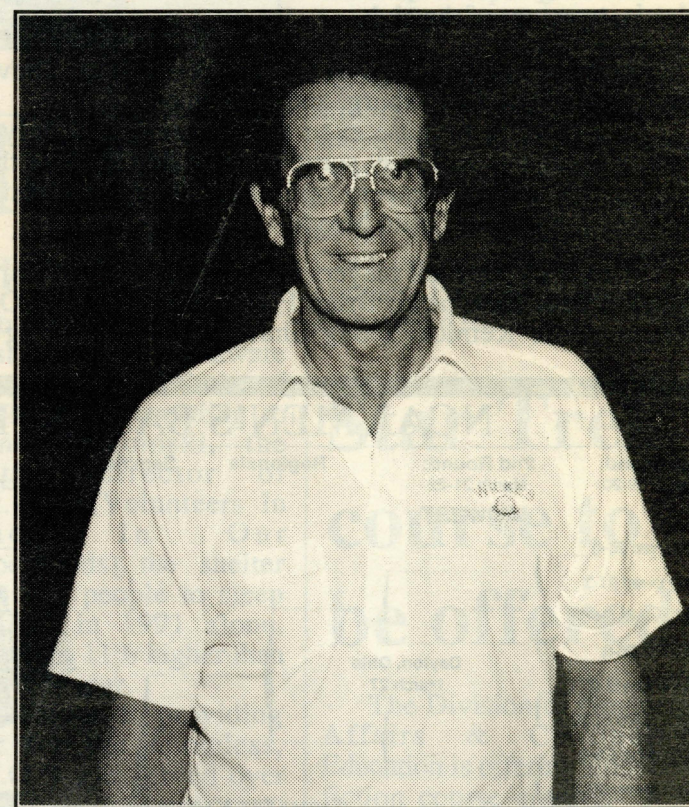
Rainey is also a member of the athletic staff and a physical education teacher here at Wilkes. He will fulfill those duties until the end of May.

"I did not have anybody in the program that was a loser," said Rainey. He added, "It is difficult doing a job with limited resources, maybe the new person will get the support, if it happens maybe it will work out."

The University has begun a national search for a new basketball coach.

A committee will be formed to accept applications and conduct interviews.

Coach Reese added that current team members will have a chance to interview the new candidates.



RESIGNED --- Coach Rainey leaves after seventh season

## Colonels defeat Monarchs in home opener

By JERRY HOFFMAN  
Beacon Staff Writer

In their first baseball game of the 1992 season, the Colonels of Wilkes University defeated cross-town rival, King's College, 5-3 at Artillery Park.

King's College started the scoring in the first inning when Ken Scasz scored on Brian Campbell's single. The Monarchs led at this point 1-0.

Wilkes struck back in the bottom of the second inning when right fielder Chris Imperiale's triple drove home designated hitter Dave Wesoloskie. This tied the game at 1-1.

The Monarchs regained the lead 2-1 in the next inning when Ken Scasz scored on an error.

In the bottom of the third inning, Wilkes' second baseman Rob Michaels scored on an error, and Wilkes tied King's for a second time at 2-2.

This momentum carried over into the bottom of the fourth inning when

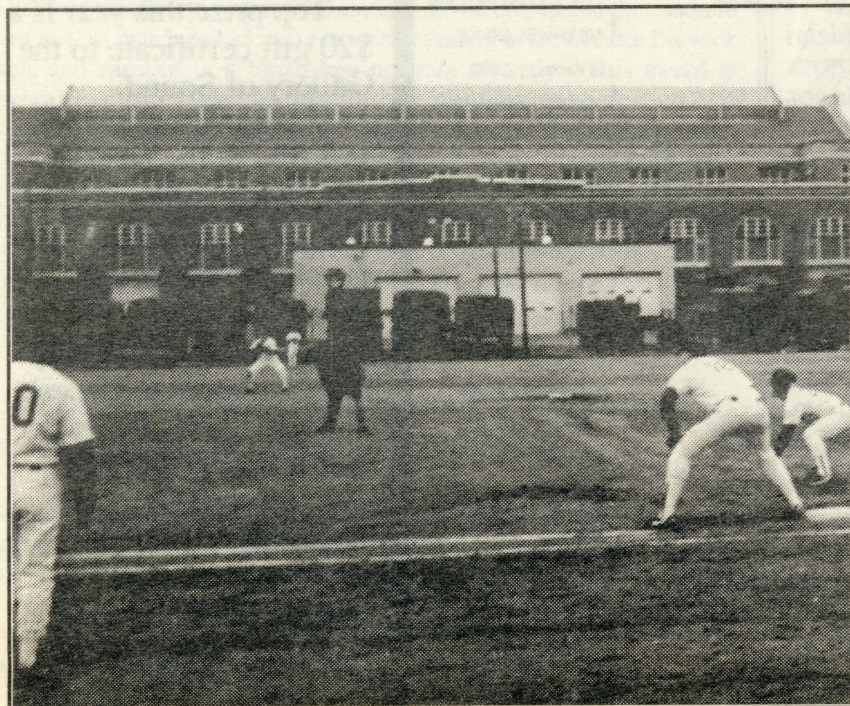
centerfielder Steve Klem's single drove home first baseman John Comerford. Imperiale scored later that inning on an error. Wilkes led for the first time in the game 4-2.

Rob Michaels hit a homerun to left-center field to make the score 5-3 in favor of Wilkes.

Wilkes reliever Bill Noone recorded the victory for the Colonels; in the four innings that he pitched he gave up one run. Noone also struck out four Monarchs. Head Coach Bob Duliba said that Noone, a freshman, "played very well."

Starter Dirk Heberle pitched four innings, and gave up two runs. He also struck out four batters. Joe Kish pitched the final inning, and he gave up no runs.

Duliba said that his team did "play well." He also said that Wilkes didn't hit very well, but Wilkes' stealing and experience were the deciding factors against King's.



ROUNDING FIRST --- Lou Salterelli gets in scoring position for Wilkes