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# THE BEACON

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## Senior class takes Manhattan

By **CHRISTINE  
TONDRICK**  
*Special to the Beacon*

A night cruise around  
Manhattan is the featured  
event for the second day  
of senior week.

On Tuesday, May 12,  
seniors, faculty, alumni  
and invited guests will  
head to New York City for  
dinner and a cruise around  
the city skyline.

"We wanted to add  
more exciting events to  
senior week," said

Michael Beachem, Senior  
Class President, "This will  
be a memorable trip."

Tickets will be sold  
every Tuesday and  
Thursday from February

24 until March 24  
in Stark Lobby  
from 11:00 a.m. to  
1:00 p.m. and in the  
Cafe from 4:30  
p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$45  
which includes  
round trip bus  
transportation from  
campus to New  
York City, the two-  
hour cruise and one  
drink ticket  
compliments of the  
Senior Class.

The bus will depart at 2  
p.m. and arrive in New  
York City at approximately  
5 p.m. for dinner.

The cruise will leave  
from Chelsea Piers at 12:30

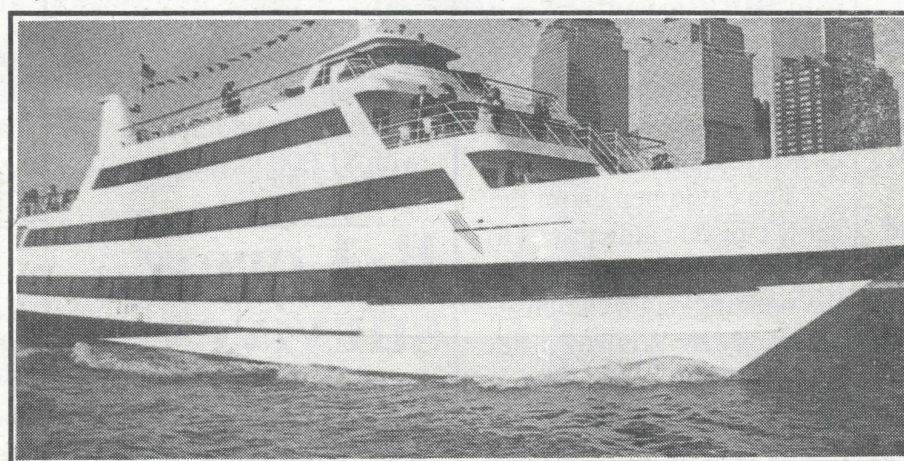


Photo courtesy Spirit Cruises

The senior class is sponsoring a cruise around Manhattan.

a.m. and dock at 2:30 a.m.

The number of  
passengers on the cruise is  
limited to 141.

Seniors are allowed to  
invite guests, including

those students who are  
under 21 years of age.

However, seniors are  
responsible for these guests.

The senior class will  
also be selling toothpick

holders (2 ounce  
glasses) at the same  
time and locations as  
the Manhattan cruise  
tickets.

Prices for the glasses  
are \$5 each or two for  
\$9.

For more  
information regarding  
the cruise contact  
Beachem by phone at  
408-5038 or by e-mail  
at

beachemt@wilkes1.wilkes.edu.

Interested seniors  
can also contact Jennie  
Bullock, Assistant  
Director of Alumni  
Services at 408-4130.

## Wilkes Weekender Program at work

By **SARAH KARLAVAGE**  
*Beacon Staff Writer*

Wilkes University is  
widely known for its  
undergraduate programs,  
but more people are  
recognizing the university's  
graduate programs.

Wilkes' graduate  
program is committed to  
academic research and the  
development of the  
Wyoming Area.

According to Dr. John  
Myers, Registrar, many  
graduate students at Wilkes  
are "place bound."

Myers further explained  
that many professionals  
wanting and working in the  
Wyoming Valley would  
like to continue their  
education.

Graduate student Maria

Johnson LaWalt is earning  
her master's degree in  
business administration.  
LaWalt works full time for  
*Sallie Mae*, located in  
Wilkes-Barre.

According to LaWalt,  
one of the benefits of going  
to graduate school at  
Wilkes is the flexibility.

The Weekender  
program is designed  
primarily for non-  
traditional students enrolled  
in upper level  
undergraduate and graduate  
programs.

"The Weekender  
program gives me  
flexibility," said LaWalt.  
"Classes are not during the  
work week."

The program covers a  
semester of class work in 5  
weekends.

Enrollment in the  
graduate studies program  
has increased in recent  
years. In the fall of 1996,  
there were 587 students  
enrolled in the program. In  
the fall of 1997, the  
enrollment increased to 924  
students.

The graduate degree  
programs at Wilkes include  
master of business  
administration, health  
administration, science,  
science in education (with a  
variety of concentrations),  
master of science in  
educational leadership,  
physics and engineering.

Dr. Joseph Bellucci,  
Director of the Wilkes  
Regional Computer  
Resource Center, says there  
are two reasons for the  
increased enrollment,

especially in the area of  
education.

"The price is right for  
teachers," said Bellucci.  
"And the course is taught in  
convenient locations."

In addition to the  
Weekender program,  
students in the masters of  
science in education  
program can go to an off-  
campus site.

Many graduate students  
take what they have learned  
from Wilkes and apply it to  
their careers.

Giving graduate students  
who are also teachers hands-  
on experience with  
computers enables them to  
apply it to their schools'  
curriculum.

According to LaWalt,  
classes such as statistics and  
decision science have

helped her solve work-  
related problems.

Another benefit of the  
graduate studies program  
is that many employers are  
willing to pay for a  
master's degree.

LaWalt's employer,  
*Sallie Mae* pays for up to  
80% of employees tuition  
based on grades and time  
spent with the company.

Dr. James Rodechko,  
acting Vice President of  
Academic Affairs and  
Dean of Graduate Studies  
said, "The graduate  
program is growing, it  
offers a lot of  
opportunities to Wilkes  
undergraduates and  
students from other  
institutions."

Mizele "Jacky" Nkoba

See **GRADUATE** page 2





## Around the world . . .

### Markets continue to rise

**NEW YORK (AP)**--The stock market is breaking records yet again. The DOW Jones Industrial average gained 52 and one-half points for a sixth straight record close and gainers led decliners by 4-3. The S & P 500 index was up nine points and the NASDAQ Composite Index rose 12.



cattle to be included in cattle feed.

That practice has been blamed for spreading mad cow disease in Britain.

The cattlemen claim the show caused cattle prices to plummet. Wednesday was the opening day of defense testimony by Winfrey's side.

### Oprah's staff denies wrongdoing

**AMARILLO, TEXAS (AP)**--Oprah Winfrey's Executive Producer said there was nothing false about a show that discussed "mad cow" disease.

In Wednesday's testimony, Dianne Hudson flatly denied that the show's staff intended to hurt Texas cattlemen.

Hudson also said the show didn't address the beef industry as a whole, only those sectors that were allowing processed

### Clinton defense fund formed

**WASHINGTON (AP)**--President Clinton's backers have launched a new legal defense fund to help him pay bills that now top \$3 million.

Clinton's first fund shut down in December following a sharp drop-off in contributions. Officials attributed that to the democratic fund-raising scandal.

Now, Clinton faces allegations of sex and cover-up. Former Arkansas Senator, David Pryor, who is sponsoring the new trust

said the President's legal bills will likely grow.

Pryor said if people don't help the President and First Lady, they will leave the White House "impoverished."

Unlike the earlier fund, the new fund will be able to solicit donations. It also will have a limit of \$10,000 on annual contributions compared with \$1,000 in the first fund.

### B-1 crew survives crash

**MARION, KENTUCKY (AP)**--State police said all four crew members of a B-1 bomber that crashed in Kentucky have survived.

The Air Force bomber crashed in a rural section of western Kentucky on Wednesday.

It was based at Dyess Air Force base in Texas. Kentucky state police said the crew members have been found alive but there's no word yet on their conditions.

Witnesses said the craft burst into a ball of fire, sending debris raining down. One man who lives near the crash site said he saw "a big mushroom fireball come up."

### Need help "write" away?

By **MICHAEL BLAIR**  
*Beacon Staff Writer*

Does the thought of writing that sociology research paper have you scared senseless? Are you completely stressed over your English term paper?

If so, you're in luck because the Wilkes University writing center can help.

Located in the Classroom Office Building (COB) 015, the writing center offers help to students who need assistance writing papers.

According to Dr. Rebecca Borah, the Director of the writing center, students need to come to the writing center prepared.

Borah encourages students to bring "an open attitude and willingness to work with the writing."

"We are not here for a band-aid cover-up job," said Borah.

The writing center doesn't "fix" papers two days before they are due.

Its purpose is to help students spot errors, identify problems and come up with solutions.

If you are struggling

with a paper, you can call and make an appointment to see a peer tutor.

You can visit your tutor on a regular basis or you can just stop by for a one-time appointment.

Borah claims that most students make an appointment to see a tutor once a week for about an hour.

"Students learn to better their oral and written communication skills through editing one-on-one with knowledgeable tutors," said Heather Bonner a senior who tutors at the center.

The writing center is funded by Wilkes University and sponsored by the English department.

The writing center is free to students. The tutors working at the center through the work study program do get paid.

The center is open Monday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Friday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Tuesday through Thursday from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

If you would like more information about the writing center, contact Dr. Borah at 408-4536.

### Graduate

is one student who came to Wilkes from another institution. He received his undergraduate degree in economics at Lycoming College.

Nkoba is currently a graduate student in the international business program earning a master's degree in business administration.

Nkoba feels one of the most beneficial aspects of Wilkes University's graduate studies is its supportive faculty.

Nkoba, like most students, expects to be in graduate school for 2 years before earning his master's degree.

"I am happy to be here even though it is only my

second semester at Wilkes," Nkoba said.

Myers claims that the Wilkes University graduate program "tends to keep the faculty active in their disciplines and challenges the professors to be on their toes."

For more information contact the Registrar's office at 408-4850.

### Security Corner

If you would like any information on security policies or issues, visit the security homepage at:

<http://wilkes1.wilkes.edu/~security/>

The web page is updated weekly and all security bulletins and alerts are available.

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# Mapping eastern Europe

By PAULA GENTILMAN

Special to the Beacon

*Choice Magazine* has  
labeled "A Concise  
Historical Atlas of Eastern  
Europe" an outstanding  
Academic Book of 1997.

This book was co-  
authored by two Wilkes  
University professors, Dr.  
Dennis P. Hupchick and  
Dr. Harold E. Cox.

Hupchick is an  
associate professor of  
eastern European, Russian  
and world history.

Previously, he  
published three books and  
edited two others.

Cox is a professor and  
chair of the history  
department. He is a  
former editor of  
*Pennsylvania History* and  
since the early 1950's he  
created historical maps for  
various publications.

The book idea arose  
from a conversation  
between the two  
professors. They were  
discussing the lack of  
classroom maps available

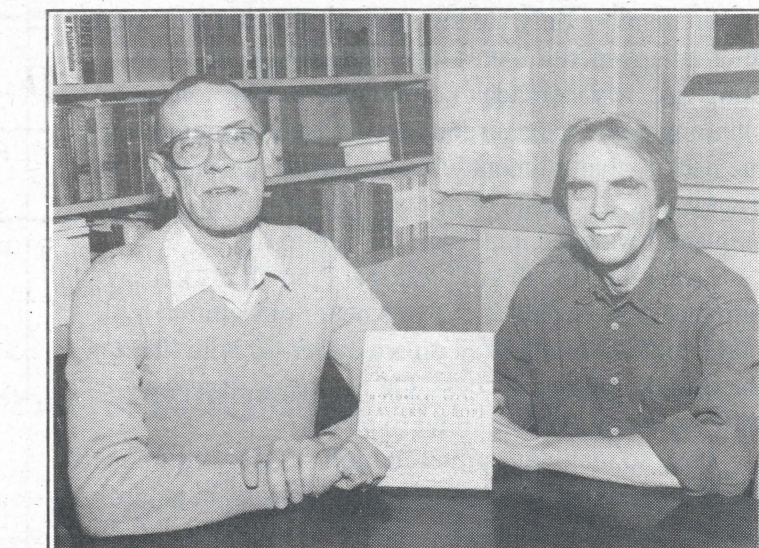


Photo courtesy University Relations

Cox and Hupchick publish geographic reference book.

for use by instructors  
introductory courses in  
eastern European history.

Hupchick and Cox  
created the maps to help  
students understand the  
innate political, ethnic and  
cultural diversity of Eastern  
Europe.

The professors created 50  
maps to illustrate key  
moments in eastern  
European history from the  
middle ages to the present.

They wanted to present

them in an immediate and  
comprehensive way.

Teachers, professors  
and students will use this  
atlas as a reference source  
and general readers can  
benefit from the  
information provided.

"A Concise Historical  
Atlas of Eastern Europe"  
is published by St. Martins  
Press and can be  
purchased at the Wilkes  
University bookstore.

# Focusing on public health

**WILKES-BARRE--**The  
Pennsylvania  
Environmental Council  
will host a forum on "The  
Re-use of Industrial Sites:  
Problems and Solutions"  
on Wednesday, February  
15, 1998, from 8 a.m. to 4  
p.m. at the Lackawanna  
Station Hotel, in Scranton,  
Pennsylvania.

The purpose of the  
forum is to inform  
community leaders about  
the benefits of re-using  
industrial sites including a  
knowledge of legislation,  
programs, resources and  
case studies.

The forum will also  
update the audience on the  
potential for industrial site  
re-development in  
northeast Pennsylvania.

In 1995, Governor Tom  
Ridge signed the Land  
Recycling and  
Environmental Remediation  
Standards Act (1995) which  
provides incentives to  
promote the voluntary clean-  
up and re-development of  
contaminated former  
industrial sites.

Clean-ups will be based  
on the actual risk that  
contamination on a site may  
pose to public health and the  
environment and will follow  
uniform clean-up standards.

Abandoned industrial  
sites, also known as  
"brownfields" often need  
remediation of  
environmental contamination  
before they can be returned  
to productive use.

Recycling these sites for

industrial, commercial, or  
residential use provides  
many community benefits.

Some benefits are  
reduced health hazards  
from pollutants, reduced  
development pressure on  
farms and forests,  
revitalization of downtown  
areas and reduced  
infrastructure costs.

Barriers to their re-use  
include uncertainty about  
the hazards and  
environmental cleanup  
cost, lack of incentives and  
lack of efforts to market  
properties.

The forum will feature  
information about the legal  
and regulatory aspects of  
land recycling and  
discussion of the  
opportunities and benefits

presented by the  
brownfields legislation.

The participants will  
learn about the mechanisms  
by which industrial sites can  
be re-used for economic  
development including  
testing, reporting,  
remediation, inspection and  
documentation.

Denise K. Chamberlain,  
Deputy Secretary for Air,  
Recycling and Radiation  
Protection, for the  
Pennsylvania Department of  
Environmental Protection,  
will be the keynote speaker.

The title of her speech  
will be "The Evolution of  
Pennsylvania's Land  
Recycling Program:  
Yesterday, Today and  
Tomorrow."

Chamberlain is an

attorney with over 12 years  
of practice.

She advised Governor  
Tom Ridge as Chairman of  
the Council of Great Lake  
Governors and was one of  
six private professionals  
selected to develop the  
Council's national and  
regional initiatives.

She is also the  
Chairwoman of the  
American Bar  
Association's  
Environmental Aspects of  
Lender Liability  
Committee.

For more information  
and/or reservations, contact  
Russ Johnson at the  
Pennsylvania  
Environmental Council at  
717-408-4997.

**Winter Weekend**

**Thursday, February 19: The Winter Weekend Jam! The dance is from 8:30 p.m. -11:30 p.m. in Rumours.**

**Friday, February 20: Spirit Contest in the Marts Center. The doors open at 9 p.m. for the spirit, banner and costume contests. The volleyball tournament begins at 10 p.m.**

**Saturday, February 21: The Saturday Games take place on the Greenway. Lunch begins at 11 a.m. and the games begin at 12 p.m.**

**If you would like more information about any of the events contact the following:**

**Dance: Lisa at 408-5872**  
**Spirit: Angie at 408-5831**  
**Volleyball: Jason at 408-5124**  
**Saturday: Mike at 408-5032 or Jeff at 408-5205**  
**Judges: Rich at 408-5057 or Matt at 408-5897**



## Letters to the Editor

### Letters to the Editor guidelines:

Letters should include your name and phone number. They should be no longer than 250 words and must be signed in order to be printed. Letters will be printed in the order they are received and must be submitted by 4:30 p.m. on the Monday prior to publication.

Dear Editor:

Over my four years here at Wilkes I have seen many great gains here on campus. There has been so much progress forward in facilities offered and services rendered to the students of Wilkes University. Looking back on the progress that the Wilkes community has made, I think of the construction of the classroom/office building, the remodeling of Stark Learning Center and the positive steps that have been taken in upgrading the technology offered on campus to bring us into the 21st century. With all of these gains that we have made together, the one constant problem for the Wilkes students and staff members has been parking.

It was brought to my attention that at the end of this semester there will be a restructuring of the parking offered on campus due to the loss of Park and Lock South. Once again the student body of Wilkes is not being taken into consideration when a problem occurs that affects everyone in the Wilkes community. The aforementioned successful endeavors were put forward with the student body in mind. From the preliminary reports, I have heard about the proposed parking plan and it does not take the tuition paying student body of Wilkes into consideration.

For those of you who are unfamiliar with the plan, it calls for a reduction of on campus student parking and awarding those places to the staff and faculty who lost their spots due to the privatization of Park and Lock South. This would force the students who are unfortunate enough not to have one of the few remaining student spaces on campus to park their vehicles at Ralston field and take a shuttle bus to and fro. This bus would only run from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. I contend that college students do a majority of their traveling after 7 p.m. On the other hand, professors are only here between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. on a normal day.

Similar to the tuition increase of 1997, this will not be advertised by the administration until there is little time for the student body to react. So let's all take the opportunity to remind the administration to focus on what should be their main concern: THE STUDENTS.

Humbly,  
J.J. Fadden '98

## Healing the wounds

I remember only having soup for the first two weeks after it happened. I didn't have the courage to try anything else. My stomach couldn't take it. The constant churning made me nauseous. Every free moment brought me back to that moment when he turned his back on me. That was it. Six years of my life devoted to this relationship and I watched it all crumble before me.

I tried the "tough girl" routine. I put all my energy into making it seem as if I was better off without him, that I could hold my head up and move on with life. On the outside, I was a success. On the inside, it was a different story. I was falling to pieces.

I had so many questions and felt so many emotions at once. I wanted to be angry. I wanted to scream at him. At times I wanted to accept the blame myself. After all of that time, our relationship became my life. I was completely absorbed in all of its ups and downs. Then, it suddenly disappeared. Our time together died.

Turning to my friends eased the pain temporarily. After all, how could I expect them to understand exactly how I felt? I felt all alone, as if no one else had ever been in my situation. They all had lives of their own. I didn't want to rain on everyone's parade, things were dismal enough for me as it was.

Upon reading this week's article about the bereavement group on campus, I wish I had known about it then. I wasn't crazy to feel like someone had died. It was okay to act like a piece of me was missing. I wasn't wrong to grieve.

Each of us has had a major loss in our lives. These losses can range from a breakup to the death of a pet to moving away from home. Too often we try to handle all the attached emotions on our own. While time does help heal the wounds, this method is not easy. Instead we should take advantage of this group and seek comfort in discussing feeling with others who truly understand.

### Editor's note:

In the feature on "Bedford" on page 8 of the February 12, 1998 issue, the title of band's most latest album was spelled incorrectly. The name of the album is *Pleasant Delay*. Apologies are extended to the band members.

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Mike Barrouk  
"When your feeling effects, then going the Wilkes/Scranto game at 8 p.m."

## SENIORS...

Were you too busy to have your photograph taken last week? Would you still like to be in the yearbook? If so, please contact Michael Beachem at extension 5038 or the Amnicola office at extension 2955.



## The Beacon calling ...



Gina Z. Morrison is originally from Hazleton, PA. She now resides in Forty Fort, PA. She received her bachelor's degree in secondary education and communications from Kutztown University. Morrison received her master's degree in counseling from Marywood University. She has served as the Coordinator of Multicultural Affairs since 1996 and is the advisor to the Multicultural Student Coalition.

### How do you feel students of different cultures are received at Wilkes?

"A lot of people on campus go out of their way to include students of different cultures. We're trying to improve in the area of inclusion."

### What is the best part of your position as Coordinator of Multicultural Affairs?

"It goes without saying that the students are my favorite part. I enjoy the freedom the administration gives me to meet the needs of and serve the students."

### What role does the Multicultural Student Coalition play on campus?

"The MSC is a model for all groups. Multiculturalism is important for everyone. It is important to accept multiculturalism in order to prepare for life in the 21st century. These students (MSC members) really embrace multiculturalism."

The Beacon is looking for writers and photographers.

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## Steel Cage Match: The Niefs vs. the world

We were thinking about what we had to write and we just happened to turn on the TV. Then it hit us... SPRINGER. We hit channel thirteen and we heard beeping for about a minute. BEEP this, BEEP you, BEEP BEEP BEEP. You have to love it.

As a rule of thumb, neither of us watches talk shows or any of the crap that usually runs in the daytime. This show is different though. It doesn't even try to act like it has any dignity; it just showcases a truckload of the most screwed up people and situations that anyone could imagine. Before too long, we were watching it whenever we got the chance.

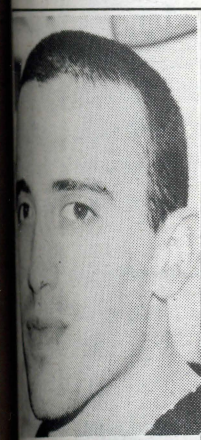
Everyone has seen at least one or two unforgettable episodes of Springer. Some of the more memorable episodes include "Klanfrontation", "I Have too Many Lovers," and "I have a Secret." Then there is our personal favorite; "I cut off my own Manhood." We think that is definitely the best one. We are pretty sure we will never forget the day that man claimed he was being pursued by a homosexual so he cut off his own penis with hedge clippers. That entire episode can be summed up in two words, "AAAAAAUGH" followed up by "AAAAAAUGH." Just writing about it sends a chill up our spine. This show was made for "Talk Soup."

Recently a tape was released called "Jerry Springer" Too Hot for TV." We can not wait to get our hands on this tape. The tape (obviously) is a collection of a lot of the stuff that couldn't be shown on TV. So basically it is like buying a video just to hear a bunch of white trash swear on national television. In addition, the strippers will be able to show their wares to a larger audience than the studio. Who would not want to watch that? Supposedly it is the best selling video cassette in the U.S., we don't doubt it.

A little side note to watching television: it really is a shame that Seinfeld is leaving his show. That is currently one of the funniest shows and has lasted a long time. We can't recall an episode that we didn't like. When it first started out, we weren't big fans, but as we got to watch it, it really grew on us. The small things in the show really add up. The cast is outstanding. Jason Alexander as George, Julia Louise Dryfus as Elaine and of course Michael Richards as Kramer. It's a shame that the show couldn't go on. Seinfeld has always been one of those things that everyone could talk about on Fridays. We know that we will be watching repeats of it for years. If you want to email us our address is [niedma@wilkes1.wilkes.edu](mailto:niedma@wilkes1.wilkes.edu) and [neidmb@wilkes1.wilkes.edu](mailto:neidmb@wilkes1.wilkes.edu). If you really want to get us to listen to you, talk to us. You can't miss us.

## Roving Reporter by J.J. Fadden

### "What is the best part of Winter Weekend?"



Mike Barrouk

"When your feeling the effects, then going to the Wilkes/Scranton game at 8 p.m."



Damon Heller

"Beating Scranton and cutting down the nets."



Layne Rarig

"I am not going to be here, I'm going to Philadelphia."



Jill Wilson

"Beating Scranton."



Joanna Gaydos

"I don't know but I am hoping to find out."



Sarah Kraus

"Being legal this year."



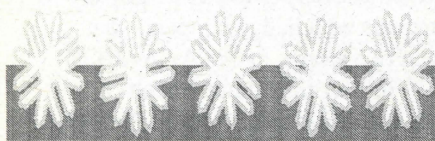
**DAY BY****DAY**

A student's guide to  
Wilkes University  
Activities

Sunday, Feb. 22

•Washington's Birthday

•Wrestling at Old Dominion with Howard/  
Norwich State (Away)



W I N T E R

Thursday, Feb. 19

•Employment Fair at University of Scranton  
1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

•IRHC meeting, basement of SUB 11 a.m.

•11 a.m. "Zaire", a talk by Mizele  
"Jacky" Nkoba, COB 107

•Programming Board General Meeting,  
11:30 a.m., Marts 214

•Manuscript Meeting, 12 p.m., 3rd floor,  
Chase Hall

•Scripture Study, 6:15 p.m., Alumni House

Monday, Feb. 23

•Student Community Service Council  
Meeting, 3rd floor, Chase Hall



Friday, Feb. 20

•Winter Weekend festivities begin at  
9 p.m., Marts Center



Tuesday, Feb. 24

•Shrove Tuesday/Mardis Gras

•Beacon staff writer meeting, 11:30 a.m.

•Amnicola Meeting 11:15 a.m., 3rd floor  
Chase Hall

•Commuter Council Meeting, 12:15 p.m.,  
SUB Basement

•Circle K Meeting, 5:30 p.m., Alumni House

Saturday, Feb. 21

•Winter Weekend continues, lunch on  
the Greenway, 11 a.m.

•Women's Basketball vs. Scranton, 6 p.m.  
(Home)

•Men's Basketball vs. Scranton, 8 p.m.  
(Home)

Wednesday, Feb. 25

•Ash Wednesday

•Campus Interfaith Talk-It-Out, 5 p.m.,  
Alumni House

•Student Government Meeting, 6:30 p.m.,  
Marts Center

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## Professor proves portfolios profitable

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er is soaring to new

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Dr. Doug Lynch, a gradu-

of the University of

Massachusetts Amhurst, was

recently appointed to the

Pennsylvania State Portfolio

Assessment Committee in

November 1997.

The goal is to provide

sessions to kindergarten

through twelfth grade educa-

tional institutions how to

effectively use portfolio

assessment to improve stu-

dent learning, also to advise

Pennsylvania Department

of Education (PDE) and the

State Board of Education

regarding the use of portfolios to assess student learning in the state of Pennsylvania," said Lynch.

So what exactly is a portfolio?

The definition could be described as a purposeful, meaningful, collection of student work. This collection tells a story about a student's developmental growth, achievements and progress over time.

The PA State Portfolio Assessment Committee is located near Harrisburg. Dr. Lynch is one of the 20 members who takes the responsibility as a consultant.

"Some of the courses here at Wilkes University use portfolios. Classes like art and photography are usually the main ones," said Lynch.



Photo by J.J. Fadden

Lynch appointed to assessment committee

A portfolio is also a living collection, evolving over time, but always reflecting a student's current efforts.

Lynch said, "It is an opportunity for the students to own something that they have

learned in a particular course."

Beth Weir, a freshman at Wilkes, had this to say about portfolios, "I had a chance to use one in an English class one time. It helped me to see

how I progressed as a writer, I would definitely recommend keeping a portfolio in a couple of the classes."

"I feel this will be very beneficial to both present and future students, because he plays an important role in the way we develop as teachers. It shows he is very knowledgeable in his field which also proves to be significant," said sophomore, Nicole DeLPriore.

One goal of Lynch's may be helpful in the learning process. "I hope to become more educated on the effective ways of using portfolios to improve learning," said Lynch.

This goal is obviously not a horrible one and hopefully it happens to assist students and their need in education.

## Weight loss leads to life lost

KES-BARRE--Do you

your friends exercise

compulsively and count

calories in an effort to lose

weight and be extremely

thin? Does your roommate

go to the bathroom to throw

up a big meal? Is your

friend always dieting and

talking about the food she

eats? Once you start eating,

do you find that you are

unable to stop?

These behaviors are all

signs that you or your friend

may have an eating disorder.

These illnesses get out

of hand, learn how to get

help.

Wilkes University, in

cooperation with Wyoming

Health Care System,

invites hundreds of colleges

from the country in the

National Eating

Disorders Screening Program

(NEDSP) during Eating

Disorders Awareness Week,

February 23 through 28.

Wilkes University will hold the free program on Thursday, February 26, at Wilkes University Marts Center Room 213 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. All screenings are free and anonymous.

NEDSP is a public outreach effort designed to educate students about the serious consequences of eating disorders and direct those in need toward treatment. The program provides students with the opportunity to hear an educational presentation on eating disorders, complete a screening questionnaire and meet one-on-one with a health care professional.

Those who show symptoms of eating disorders will be encouraged to make an appointment for a full

evaluation.

"Each year we see students with advanced eating disorders brought into the health center only after they

"For those who develop an eating disorder an eating disorder, this can be the beginning of a downward spiral which can have tragic medical and emotional consequences."

Pat Santucci

have passed out while trying to jog. Even then, lying in a hospital bed with a weak heartbeat and almost no blood pressure, it often takes days for the students to admit they have been eating practically nothing and exercising

compulsively," said Kathy Hotelling, Ph.D., Past President of the Association of University and College Counseling Center Disorders.

In order to reach as many students as possible, athletic departments, sororities and other collegiate organizations will be encouraging members to go to the screenings as a team or group activity. Students are also encouraged to bring a friend if they are concerned about his or her eating behavior.

In addition to depression and substance abuse disorders, victims of eating disorders can also develop heart problems, osteoporosis and reproductive difficulties. Left unchecked, eating disorders can kill.

"Many individuals who

are vulnerable to developing an eating disorder may start with a diet simply to improve self esteem become more "healthy" or change their weight or body shape," said Pat Santucci, M.D., Medical Director of Linden Oaks Hospital and a member of the NEDSP Scientific Advisor Board.

"As dieting progresses, however, malnutrition and changes in brain chemistry occur. Individuals may become increasingly more obsessed with weight loss and less able to eat normally. For those who develop an eating disorder, this can be the beginning of a downward spiral which can have tragic medical and emotional consequences."

For more information about the screening call Mark Sowcik at the Counseling Center at 408-4732.



## Students spend time in the slammer

By **JEFF REICHL AND DONNA TALARICO**

*Beacon Staff Writers*

Did you know that a few of your fellow Wilkes University students recently spent some time in the slammer?

They were not sentenced to do time. They were there as part of an educational leadership program sponsored by Intercollegiate Leadership Wilkes-Barre.

Intercollegiate Leadership Wilkes-Barre is a program sponsored by Leadership Wilkes-Barre and four area colleges, including Wilkes University.

A small group of students are selected from a pool of applicants at each school to participate in the annual program. Students from Wilkes participating in this program were Jeff Moisey, Mike Rosh, Jason Nocella, Amy Jancouskas, Donna Talarico, Michael Figueiedo, Lucia R. Neiro and Jennifer Parrish.

The objectives of the program were to help students to enhance their leadership skills, provide a forum for student leaders to meet community leaders and discuss pertinent to the region's future. The program also aims to encourage interaction between peers from other colleges.

"The program allows college students to get to know the Wilkes-Barre area and get exposed to resources here and what they have to offer," Brauer said. "Then the student can take what they learned back to their campuses and expose other students to these resources."

The group's trip to Chase Prison allowed the students to get a feel for what a maximum security prison is really like. One of the tour's major stops was

the library which contained a complete collection of law books, periodicals and access to other inter-library loans.

The tour lead the students to classrooms where inmates can try and obtain a G.E.D. and use the gym facilities. The gym included a weight lifting area and a track.

To feed 1700 inmates it takes a lot of food. How does 440 pounds of spaghetti sound? All meals are prepared by 70 inmates. Everyone in the facility from the guards to the inmates eat the same food.

Following the tour, students were taken to meet and question two inmates, both convicted of homicide.

"It was very powerful," said Brauer, "I never sat in a room with two people convicted of homicide and hear their stories, especially of the one who killed his wife."

Following the prison visit, the program met at PSU Wilkes-Barre to have a panel discussion with professionals in the law system. The panel included Frank Castellano, Assistant District Attorney in Lackawanna County, Pat Rushton, Lieutenant with the Wilkes-Barre Police Department, Dan Pilléts, First Assistant D.A. in Luzerne County. These gentlemen gave the crowd an overview of their roles in the justice system and personal views of what works and what doesn't as far sentencing goes.

"I saw what our tax dollars pay for," senior Mike Rosh said, "The visit made me realize how much more of an active interest I should take in local and politics."

Others on the tour learned that mistakes made can change your life.

"All it takes is one bad choice and the rest of your life is gone," senior Jeff Moisey said.

## Does math really count?

By **DAVID DIMARTINO**  
*Beacon Copy Editor*

Math *does* count according to the Luzerne County and Northeast Chapters of the Pennsylvania Professional Engineering Society and Wilkes University, who sponsored the 1998 MATHCOUNTS competition.

The game was held in Stark Learning Center (SLC) room 101, on February 14, from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. It was won by the seventh and eighth grade students from Wyoming Seminary Lower School.

The event was open to all seventh and eighth grade students in the United States. The 130 students who were invited to SLC on Saturday were from seventeen school districts. Some of the schools included, Dallas Middle School, Hazleton Junior High School, Wyoming Seminary Lower School and Wyoming Valley West Middle School.

The competition is built

on many different components. The first round consists of two written individual tests. The next round is a team test where the students submit one set of answers to the questions assigned.

"It's phenomenal with what they can do, they are ringing in answers before the question is even finished being read."

Lori Perch

The final round is a "Jeopardy" like game where the participants get seeded by the points they earned in the previous events. The top four competitors from the individual segments move on to the state competition as well as the top team.

MATHCOUNTS is a nationwide competition developed to alleviate the problem of declining math skills among seventh and eighth grade students.

Wilkes University did more than sponsor the event.

They also had two students who helped out in some menial tasks. Seniors Lori Perch and Shawn Falchetti were on hand to help out with some small tasks, such as registration.

Perch took place in the MATHCOUNTS competition and finished first place in Luzerne County and went on to compete in the states when she was a younger.

"The kids are really impressive with answering questions," said Perch. "It's

phenomenal with what they can do, they are ringing in answers before the question is even finished being read."

Perch also believes that MATHCOUNTS benefited her even though she was only a spectator this time around.

"I enjoy seeing the kids competing and having a good time," said Perch.

This was a great way for Wilkes University to reach out to younger kids and get involved in the areas prime events.

## Learning to live with a loss

By **ELIZABETH PISANO**  
*Beacon Staff Writer*

The loss of a family member, friend, relationship or even being away from home, are very difficult things to cope with. In order to help students through hard times, Wilkes University offers a place for them to go to help release these emotions.

The Bereavement Support Group is sponsored by Campus Interfaith, Mary Hession, Director of Campus Interfaith and student facilitator Melanie Bell help to run the meetings.

Bell, a senior at Wilkes, started the group about a year ago because she had the tragic experience of losing a parent. When Bell was in

high school, there were no groups around that were available for teenagers and young adults. Due to her life experience, Bell is able to understand what others are going through.

This semester the group has not met. Hession said, "no one came forward and presented the need for us to meet this semester."

The group does not meet on a regular basis. Someone must present a need to call the group together, such as the death of a family member or friend, the breakup of a relationship or just the unfamiliarity of being away from home. The privacy and confidentiality of this group is stressed.

Usually there are any-

where from three to ten people in the group when it does meet. The importance of meeting together in a group is tremendous.

It allows for students who are going through similar experiences to get together and talk about their feelings and their grieving process throughout delicate situations.

It is important to know that if anyone needs support through any situation, they should go to the or call Campus Interfaith at ext. 5904.

This group offers support so students will get through their troublesome experience with ease. Support will be given no matter what the situation may be.



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## Critic's Corner

### with Dan Lavelle

#### "Sphere"

Hello fellow movie viewers.

Tell me something, have you ever heard of Michael Creighton? I'm sure you have, he's a writer. Some of Creighton's work includes books sold for screenplays. "Jurassic Park," "Congo" and "The World." are some of his better known. He also wrote the screenplays "Twister" and "Runaway." Along with books and movies, Creighton is a big time story teller. Today there is a new Creighton film out "Sphere." Although I wish I would have had a chance to read the script to seeing the film, I must say it intrigued me.

"Sphere," an alien spacecraft is discovered in the Pacific Ocean. A government agency chose four scientists to investigate this ship. Although, this ship seemed to be over three hundred years old and was from America. As if this wasn't weird enough, the ship was carrying a mysterious sphere. The only person that can explain what is going on is a character in the lab's computer system.

The cast is two time Oscar winner Dustin Hoffman, playing Dr. Norman Goodman. I particularly liked the way he plays with Jerry. He shows great display of terror when he is in these situations. Hoffman is a great actor, he is always able to give a performance no matter what role he is playing. "Sphere" is no exception.

Then there is one of my personal favorite actors, Samuel L. Jackson, playing mathematician Harry Adams. Jackson's character has a mood change halfway through the film. In the beginning, Jackson portrays a nervous character; however after he looks into the "sphere", he gains a happy go lucky attitude" which follows him no matter what happens throughout the rest of the film.

One actor that grabbed my attention was Liev Schreiber, who plays astrophysicist Ted Fielding. I've seen this actor in other film such as "Twelve Monkeys" and "Scream 2." Although he only holds a small part in the film, he does an excellent job. Schreiber has had minor roles in other films lately. I have my eye on this guy to get a major role in a movie soon.

Sharon Stone is also a member of this cast, playing the role of a marine-biologist. She joins the group in search of possible for the sphere of life. I must say this role is one of her better roles in the past few years. I guess her high I.Q. is finally coming through with better scripts.

Another interesting aspect of this film includes the underwater work and all the special affects involved, particularly the scene where the sphere is found. The flow to the story line was good. I liked the casting and the acting was well done. I give this movie three and a half stars. I think "Sphere" will be one of 1998's best sci-fi films. But it's still early to say for sure. It's only February.

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## ALIGNING THE PLANETS WITH MADAME ZELDA

**Pisces (February 19-March 20)** It seems lately you do not even have enough time to sleep. Well, it will catch up with you soon so set aside some time and take a well deserved nap.

**Aries (March 21-April 19)** Study. Study. Study. That's all you ever do! Look forward to a test-free, study-free week. Make the best of it!

**Taurus (April 20-May 20)** You will regret not getting a head start on some papers when they're all due at the same time and you have to rush. Get them started now so you can do well.

**Gemini (May 21-June 21)** You got your paycheck and now it is almost gone. Save what you have left and budget the next one!

**Cancer (June 22-July 22)** It was an uneventful Valentine's Day for you. Don't worry, this weekend will seem like a belated Valentine's Day for you. Be safe and have fun!

**Leo (July 22-August 22)** The gloomy weather has been bringing you down. Do something you enjoy to keep yourself in a good mood. The clouds will soon pass.

**Virgo (August 23-September 22)** Undecided about Winter Weekend plans? Do it, you need to go out and have fun with some friends. Enjoy yourself, you owe yourself a good time.

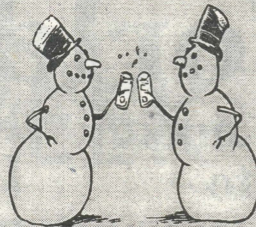
**Libra (September 23-October 23)** Spring break is coming and you're not sure whether you want to go home, visit friends or go have fun in the sun. Make up your mind soon or you'll be somewhere you don't want to be.

**Scorpio (October 24-November 21)** You're an Olympic addict. You're watching to see who is going to get the gold when you should be doing work. Turn it off, the good stuff you miss they will replay.

**Sagittarius (November 22-December 21)** Counting down the days until Spring Break? Well, there are only a few left. Keep yourself busy and they will fly.

**Capricorn (December 22-January 19)** A test you think you did poorly on will surprise you! Study harder next time so you're sure you aced it.

**Aquarius (January 20-February 18)** You have been thinking of visiting a friend this weekend but you are not sure because you have so much work to do. A weekend away will be good for you, get as much done as you can and go!



**The Beacon wishes all participants  
in this year's Winter Weekend  
a safe and enjoyable time.  
Good luck to all the teams.**



## That's Entertainment

### The dollar "Titanic"

**BERLIN (AP)**--Call this one the dollar 98 "Titanic." A long-lost silent film made about the Titanic two months after it sank in 1912, has been found in Berlin. "Night and Ice" is one half-hour long and has none of the special effects that have made James Cameron's version such a hit. A model ship was used for "Titanic."

A German newspaper said the scene where the ship hits the iceberg looks like a toy ramming "a couple of ice cubes." The sinking was filmed by tipping the set by hand with ropes and pulleys.

### Sharon Stone weds

**LOS ANGELES (AP)**--An interview Sharon Stone did before she was married gives a hint as to why she denied she was going to tie the knot right

up until it happened on Valentine's Day.

Stone told *Los Angeles Magazine* that she and Phil Bronstein have a deal not to talk about their relationship.

Stone said, "The world gets plenty of me...a little more than it needs to."

Stone's girlfriend Mimi Craven doesn't mind talking though, she says Bronstein is a "man's man" who's "12 feet tall and bulletproof." Craven said, "This is the most well-rounded relationship Stone has ever had."

### Seven sweaters in thirty years

**PASADENA (AP)**--It seems like he has a million of them but Mr. Rogers said he only has "six or seven" sweaters in his closet. Over the years, he's had a bunch.

Rogers is celebrating his

30th year with PBS this week. Believe it or not, Mr. Rogers does get angry from time to time.

Rogers said it makes him mad to see "people demean other people." He said, "that really bothers" him.

## Today's Birthdays

Singer **Smokey Robinson** is 58.

Singer **Lou Christie** is 55. Actor **Michael Badar**, "All My Children," is 53.

Guitarist **Tony Iommi**, "Black Sabbath," is 50.

Actor **Jeff Daniels** is 43. Talk Show Host **Lorraine Crook** is 41.

Singer **Seal** is 35.

Actress **Justine Bateman** is 32.





# Sports

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## Wilkes snatches Freedom League Title

**ROBERT MORCOM, JR.**  
*Beacon Staff Writer*

Going into Monday night's match-up, Wilkes seniors Matt Conway, Mike Barrouk and Jay Williams had never lost to Lycoming. Thanks to a win that night, they never will.

Wilkes beat Lycoming 93-86 and in the process eliminated the Warriors from the MAC Playoffs.

Wilkes came out strong as Jason Sheakoski scored the first eight points of the game for the Colonels on lay-ups.

The game was tight throughout but Wilkes had a convincing eight-point lead through most of the first half.

However, Lycoming fought back behind the efforts of their All-American candidate Andy Rutherford and cut the lead to four at the half.

In the second half, Wilkes came out of the locker room on fire and built a quick 13-point lead. Sophomore Dave Jannuzzi hit a series of shots including a three-pointer off a missed dunk by Brian Gryboski. Artie Gotzmer

then came off the bench and excited the Colonel fans with a dunk over Kevin McFarland, plus a foul. The Colonels then sealed the game down the stretch by hitting 8 of 10 free throws.

Jannuzzi ended up with 22 points and nine assists while Williams threw in 15. Junior Scott Cleveland tallied nine points and five boards. The Colonels shot an outstanding 63.5 percent from the field for the game.

The Warriors were lead by Tobias Gray who scored 22

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Photo by J.J. Fadden

Dave Jannuzzi hits from three against Drew.

## —The Wide World of Sports—

### Steelers pay top dollar for Steed

**PITTSBURGH, PA (AP) --** The Pittsburgh Steelers today signed Joel Steed for more than any other Steeler player: 17 million dollars in four years.

The value of the contract reflects Steed's value to the Steeler's defense. Steed makes it possible for other defenders to reach the opposing quarterback. He does it by occupying the attention of two opposing blockers.

Steelers Defensive Coordinator, Jim Hasleett, said he is "probably the best nose guard in the NFL."

### Graf makes comeback

**HANOVER, GERMANY (AP) --** Steffi Graf has made a successful singles comeback from knee surgery at a tournament in Hanover, Germany.

Playing her first singles match in eight and a half months, Graf beat Andrea Glass 6-4, 6-2 in second round action.

### Michigan State b-ball players arrested on alcohol related charges

**EAST LANSING, MI (AP) --** Police say two Michigan State basketball players have been arrested on alcohol-related charges after last night's victory over Michigan.

Point guard Mateen Cleaves and forward Andre Hutson were arrested and released this afternoon on personal recognizance bonds.

Cleaves, who is 20, was charged with being a minor in possession of alcohol, refusing a breath test and a seat belt violation.

The arrests took place in East Lansing after Michigan State defeated Michigan 80-75.

Cleaves scored 14 points and had seven assists.

Cleaves leads 14th ranked Michigan State in scoring, assists and steals.

### Celtics make trades to obtain Toronto's Anderson

**TORONTO, CANADA (AP) --** The Boston Celtics have traded top draft pick Chauncey Billups, guard Dee Brown and two other players to the Toronto Raptors for Kenny Anderson and two other players.

Celtics coach Rick Pitino says Anderson fits into the Celtics style of play.

He said the deal will also free up money under the salary cap.

Anderson was traded from Portland to Toronto earlier this week but refused to show up.

Toronto also gets reserve forwards Roy Rogers and John Thomas.

The Raptors also gave up forward Popeye Jones, who is out with a hand injury, and backup center Zan Tabak.

### Risen and Lewis join nominees for Hall of Fame

**SPRINGFIELD, MA (AP) --** Arnie Risen and Grady Lewis are the latest nominees for the Basketball Hall of Fame.

Risen was a three-time NBA All-Star center who helped Rochester win a title in 1951. He also won a championship as a member of the Boston Celtics in 1957.

Lewis is a former Senior Vice President of Converse who invented the canvas sneaker. The former Oklahoma star was a three-time AAU All-Star.

They will join 13 other nominees including Larry Bird. The inductees will be announced on June 29.

### Witty speeds toward second gold medal

**NAGANO, JAPAN (AP) --** Chris Witty goes for her second medal of the games in women's speedskating.

Witty captured the bronze

medal in the 15 hundred meters on Monday. She's the world record holder in the women's 1,000 meter which is scheduled for day 13.

### Women's figure skating hot ticket: U.S. Women 1 & 2

**NAGANO, JAPAN (AP) --** U.S. champion Michelle Kwan leads the women's figure skating competition at the Olympics after the short program.

She built her lead on a straight string of 5.9s for presentation. Fellow American Tara Lipinski is second and Russian Maria Butyrskaya is third.

In fourth place is China's Chen Lu, who was the bronze medalist at Lillehammer four years ago. 1996 World bronze medalist Irina Slutskaya of Russia is fifth, and France's Surya Bonaly, the fourth-place finisher in Lillehammer, is sixth in Nagano.

American Nicole Bobas fell during her routine and ranked 17th among the 28 skaters.

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points and pulled down 10 rebounds. Geoff Boblick added 17 points while McFarland had 15. Andy Rutherford ended up with just 13 points.

Wilkes University clinched the school's fourth straight MAC Freedom League title with an 89-67 win over Delaware Valley on Wednesday night. Junior Gryboski led the Colonels with 24 points, while teammates Barrouk added 23 points himself.

Wilkes heads into their final regular season game on Saturday night versus Scranton with a record of 19-3 overall, 11-2 in the MAC Freedom.

Jannuzzi had 20 points in the win, which was the



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Senior Mike Barrouk shoots a free throw against Drew University.

second of the season over Delaware Valley.

Jannuzzi is coming off a big week, which saw him named to the ECAC Honor Roll. Williams added 10 points and floor leadership, while Cleveland, Gotzmer

and Chad Fabian came off the bench.

Wilkes hosts Scranton at 8 p.m. on Saturday in the Henry Gymnasium. Scranton beat Wilkes on January 24 to hand the Colonels their first loss of the year.

## That's what I say with SCOTT VEITH



**NO HYPE!** I did not hear one shred of enthusiasm about this year's Winter Olympics before the games, and I haven't heard a word about the games, excluding the heroics of the USA Women's Ice Hockey Team, during the games. The Americans have won gold medals in four different skiing events and two medals in doubles luge. This was the first year that an American duo has ever medaled in the luge and they have received no respect.

I challenge anyone on campus to name at least three of those four luge medalists on the American team. I can't even do it! In fact, I can't even name one of the luge medalists.

The media needs to stop worrying about the 15 year old girls who skate around in their finest tutus and are judged by pride-happy judges who have no dignity and they should start concentrating on the real athletes.

Athletes should not be judged. Therefore, I don't believe that figure skating, cheerleading, gymnastics, freestyle skateboarding or any other sport where judge's scores are counted upon to determine champions are sports.

Sports such as baseball, soccer, tennis, football and basketball have defined rules as to how a team or individual can win a particular game or match. In most cases, the team or individual who scores the most points or has the fastest time wins.

This is simply not the case in those *other* sports. No figure skater can ever say that he or she is the best skater in the world because someone like me can disagree, whereas a sprinter can say he is the fastest 100 meter sprinter in the world if he won the most recent 100 meter race in an all-encompassing world competition.

This is not to say that gymnasts and skateboarders are not athletes but their competition is not a sport. I don't know a damn thing about art but these games are more of an art form than a sport.

And what's wrong with the luge? It probably takes more athletic ability to be a figure skater than to be a luger, but Tara Lapinski is no more of an athlete than those four no name guys who won medals in doubles luge. Maybe the media just thinks that the word luger sounds too much like loser and they don't want to be involved. Little do those sports writers and sports casters know, most of them are losers and wish they could just make their way down a luge course once without crashing or becoming violently ill.

Maybe the media is too wrapped up in tradition that they are afraid to broaden their horizons to cover America's finest athletes. Of course, it's nice to see a little of each event covered on television but two hours of figure skating every night is ridiculous. Can anyone remember the last time a curling match was nationally televised on a major network in its entirety? I'll give you a hint...NEVER!

Some of that traditionalism is concentrated on Americanism. I am a tried and true fan of every American team involved in any international competition but I'd much rather see the best speed skater in the world than the best speed skater in Pennsylvania or North Dakota who is actually the 50th fastest skater in the world.

Call me crazy but the Winter Olympics have lost their flair.

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# Coach Haag talks winning: *on the court & off*

By DAVID DIMARTINO  
Beacon Copy Editor

The coaching career of Karen Haag has spanned over many different places. It has encompassed 14 years of her life including nine as a full time coach.

Seven years ago, her long voyage took a stop in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania where she is currently the coach of the Lady Colonels of Wilkes University.

Currently, the Lady Colonels are 9-12 overall and 5-7 in the Middle Atlantic Conference.

Their record is disappointing but it does not show the job Coach Haag and her team have done on and off the court.

This is a young team that is solidified by its three seniors, each of whom are a big piece in the puzzle that make-up the Lady Colonels.

"Becky (Baker) is very talented and fast, she brings so much to our team," said Coach Haag about this weeks MAC Freedom League Player of the Week.

Baker is the teams go-to Colonel in the paint. Baker is

pouring in a team high 14.3 points per game. While also leading the team in rebounds with a total of 201. This comes to an average of 9.6 rebounds a game.

She needs only 23 more rebounds in her final two games in order to break the all-time school record in rebounds. She also has 32 blocked shots this season.

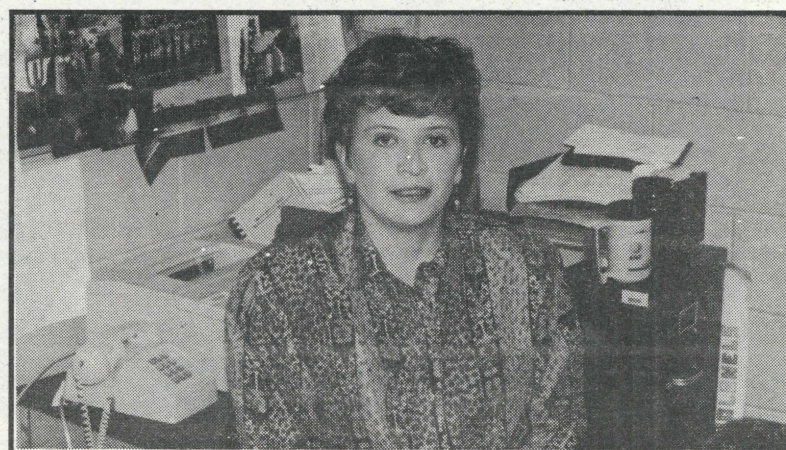
The co-captains are seniors Steph Huber, who has one more year of eligibility and Kristen Cookus. Cookus is scoring 6.6 points per game. While having 34 steals on the season.

"She's our spark plug," said Coach Haag, "She adds heart and spirit."

It seems that all of the fans enjoy her energy and her enthusiasm.

"Cookus might take some of the most unorthodox shots of the year but it makes her a joy to watch," said Jason Evans who broadcasts all of the womens and mens games on 90.7 WCLH, the campus radio station.

"She is really the heart of the team," said Coach Haag referring to senior co-captain



Coach Karen Haag is in her seventh year leading the Lady Colonels.

Photo by J.J. Fadden

Steph Huber. "You couldn't ask more from a captain... she never gets down."

Huber is adding 3.0 points per game while having 10 blocked shots this season. She is looked to contribute big things next season as the team leader.

The point guard position has been a combination of a good handler and great defense. Early season starter sophomore Angela Collins adds tremendous defense with 34 steals on the year.

Freshman Robyn Mendenhall who has taken over the starting spot in the last couple of games handles pressure extremely well and adds great confidence.

Although the Lady Colonels are struggling record wise, it is upsetting to the team when they get little support crowd wise.

"I'm disappointed when I see the campus community showing up as we are leaving," said Coach Haag. "Although we do have a regular support of family and faculty."

The teams record or the fact that they are no longer in the playoff hunt may contribute to the low attendance but that is still no excuse especially when the girls are working hard night in and night out.

The team is also making some noise in the community. They are taking part in the Coaches vs. Cancer program.

Everytime a Lady Colonel hits a three pointer, Coach Karen Haag contributes a donation to The American Cancer Society. So far, The Lady Colonels have raised over \$4000 this season.

Next season, the Colonels are looking for some of their young players to contribute such as center Shannon Smith who has played in 20 games this season, guard Stephanie Eddy and center Shana Young.

Young was sidelined all season with ankle and knee injuries. Next season will be the first time that Coach Haag will let the team vote for the captains.

Coach Haag was given a scenario; ten seconds left, score, who do you want to take the final shot?

Coach Haag looked toward the ceiling and responded smiling, "I feel comfortable with Jill, Tracy or Katie."

Jill Ronkowski, Tracy Zaykowski and Katie Watkins all had great years for the Lady Colonels and they are all returning starters for next years team. This could be a lethal combination.

## Lady Colonels destroy Del Val

By MATT REITNOUR  
Beacon Copy Editor

The Wilkes University Lady Colonels scored a season high 94 points as a team in a 94-55 win over Delaware Valley College in Doylestown, Pennsylvania on Wednesday night.

Sophomore guard Jill Ronkowski led all scorers with 19 points in the winning cause, upping Wilkes' record to 10-12 overall, 6-7 in the Middle Atlantic Conference (MAC) Freedom League.

The Gold and Blue once again got a good effort from senior center Rebecca Baker who had 18 points and 11 boards in the

winning cause. Baker is now just 12 rebounds shy of the all-time school record which is held by Kim Smith (1980-84). Fellow senior Steph Huber had 16 points; a season high for her.

Wilkes jumped out to a 45-28 halftime lead. Junior Tracy Zaykowski had 14 points in a reserve role.

The win allowed Wilkes to sweep the Aggies in their season series. The Lady Colonels beat Delaware Valley 68-45 on January 21.

Baker still leads the team with a 14.5 points per game average. Sophomore Katie Watkins has 12.1

points per game, placing her second on the team.

Wilkes will rap up their 1997-1998 season on Saturday evening with a MAC Freedom League battle with the Scranton Lady Royals.

Tip-off is set 6 p.m. in the Henry Gymnasium inside the Marts Center.

This season ends the Lady Colonels streak of three straight seasons of earning the MAC playoffs.

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Steven P. Roth, Esq., president of the S. Strauss Lodge No. B'nai B'rith has

announced that he has selected Dr. Christopher Breise

president of Wilkes University, as its recipient of the 54th Annual Community Service Award.

The award will be presented at the Local Annual Lincoln Day Dinner to be held on March 8, at the Ram Plaza Hotel in Wilkes-Barre.

The Community Development

By LISA RUGGIERO  
Beacon Staff Writer

Most students won't not consider Wilkes University a campus with racial problems.

According to Scott Bodfish, director of institutional research, are 155 minority students on campus. Total enrollment here is 2,800 students. Therefore, minorities only constitute 5.5 percent of Wilkes students. In comparison, 12 percent of the U.S. is composed of minorities.

However, the minority population at Wilkes has been on the rise. By the year 2050 minorities will compose 50% of the U.S. population.

Wilkes does not recruit minorities differently,