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Networking

Uniting the campus through computer networks

By **ALLYSON HANNIGAN**
News Writer

Wilkes University is in the process of switching to a new computer system in order to network the entire university.

Wilkes has purchased the new system from the Systems and Computer Technology (SCT) Corporation.

The system purchased is the Banner Series which uses the ORACLE Relational Data Base Management System (RDBMS).

The former system was composed of five different systems which could not be accessed one to another.

This new system will eliminate all the double and triple work that had to be done manually in the past.

The five modules set up are the Alumni Development, which went up first; the Human Resource system that went up last February; the Finance system that went up on June 1st;

and the Student and Financial Aid systems are expected to get on line in the next year.

The Banner System, once all set up and after the glitches are fixed, will make it much easier to retrieve massive amounts of information, it will be more convenient, and user friendly.

The university would like to get to the point where Wilkes will run on a one card system. The students' ID cards would be their dorm key, charge card for the bookstore, meal card, library card, etc.

Also, every room would be lined for computers.

The computer system will allow students to get E-mail, be available to talk to advisers and work on computer programs.

The administration, faculty and students would be able to connect on the same system.

Security issues are also being looked into with the computer system so that confidential information won't get into

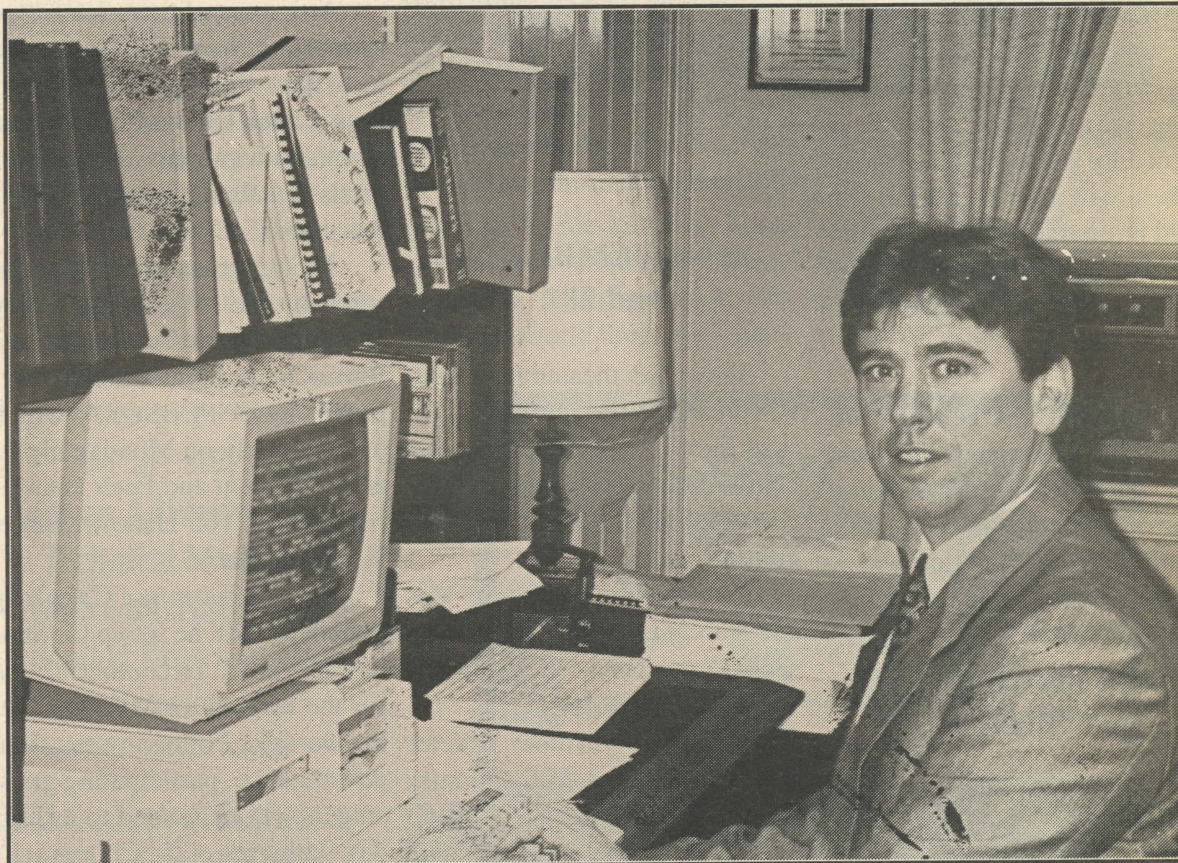


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Pictured above is Kevin McHale, director of Financial Management, with the new network

the wrong hands.

Every part of the university is involved with this new system.

Everyone that it affects had a vote on what system to choose along with helping with the transition.

Student Affairs and Student Government will get more involved as soon as the student system is hooked up.

Nursing students hold health fair



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photo by Jen Barkas



photo by Jen Stackhouse

Colonels do it again!!!

see Colonels p.12

WHAT'S GOING ON...

NOVEMBER 19

The Office of Volunteer Services and Campus Interfaith is hosting a **Hunger Banquet** on November 19 at 6 p.m. in Rumors. Guests at the banquet will be randomly divided into three groups, with 15 percent getting a gourmet meal, 25 percent getting rice and beans, and 60 percent only getting rice and water. There will also be a short film and presentation on world hunger during the banquet. Reservations will be accepted until November 17.

Looking for **free entertainment** for this night? Then why not see a movie? **"Sneakers"** starring Robert Redford, along with a all-star cast will be playing in SLC 101 at 8 p.m.

NOVEMBER 17 to DECEMBER 15

Help give a young girl or boy a wonderful Christmas. Buy a Christmas present for someone in need. Campus Interfaith will once again be sponsoring **"the Giving Tree"**. A tree will be set up **this week in the lobby of Stark Learning Center**. The ornaments on the tree will be tags for presents for children. Take a tag, buy a present, wrap it and place the tag on the gift. then, either deliver the gift back to the tree or to the campus Interfaith Office on the third floor of Conyngham before December 15. You will help make a child very happy. For more information, please contact Mary Hession at ext. 5904.

DON'T FORGET

The Manuscript Society is seeking submissions for their annual writing contest. The categories are fiction, drama, and

you'd better hurry. The contest is open to all Wilkes students, faculty, and staff.

NOVEMBER 21

Looking for something to do this Sunday evening? Why not see a classic movie **"Stalog 17"**. This classic movie was made in 1953. It will be shown in the CPA at 8 p.m.

NOVEMBER 27 and 28

Showcase theater of Exeter will present the delightful, whimsical fairy tale for young people **"Nobody Loves A Dragon"** for two weekend following Thanksgiving.

The musical by David Vos and Robert Gerlach will be presented **"arena style"** at Showcase Theater located at 54 Tunkhannock Avenue, Exeter (next to the Fox Hill Country Club).

Performances are scheduled for November 27 and 28, plus December 3, 4 and 5. Saturday shows are at 12:30 p.m. and Sunday 12:30 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. An evening show is set for Friday, December 3 at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$4.00 each and are available at the door, however advanced reservations are encouraged by writing to Showcase Theater, P.O. Box 1635, Kingston, Pa, 18704 or by calling 654-2555.

UPCOMING EVENTS

The Office of Volunteer Services would like to announce that the next the **Physics Club** will be sponsoring the **REACH** event next month. A **Xmas party** will be held on Saturday, December 4 in Rumors. set up will begin at noon. The kids will arrive 1:00 p.m. and leave at 4:00 p.m.

The Physics Club would like

art. A \$25 prize will be awarded to the best entry for each category. The deadline for all entries is November 19, so

to invite all clubs to help with this event. They are hoping that this will be a campus wide program that will bring much joy to the children of REACH. Volunteers will be asked to bring one small gift that will be given to a child. Any club that wishes to donate towards the expenses of the event should contact Matthew Cackowski at ext. 4822 or Wayne McDonnell at ext. 2921. For more information contact Amy Mazur at 831-5904.

Any men who are interested in four-part harmony are invited to be part of a special **"Christmas Carol Chorus"** scheduled to entertain patients at local hospitals and nursing homes in mid-December.

The program is being sponsored by the **"Wyoming Valley Harmony Chorus"** of the Wilkes-Barre Chapter, Barbershop Singing Society (SPEBSQSA) which meets weekly on Monday nights at St. Clement and Peter Episcopal Church, 165 Hanover Street in Wilkes-Barre.

A **"Christmas Caroling Schedule"** will be set up for Sunday afternoon, December 12 and for the evening of Monday, December 13. Following the final performance, participating guest singers will be treated to a Holiday Gathering of the Chorus at its rehearsal site.

Area men interested in the **"Christmas Carol Chorus"** may acquire additional information of the Wilkes-Barre SPEBSQSA Chapter and/or call Project Chairman Zdancewicz; Membership Vice-President Lou Volpetti 655-4769 or project advisor Bob Kressly 735-8584.

NEW CLASS

Education 198: Community Service, a Wilkes tradition, is a three credit writing Intensive Course that involves Wilkes students in the community by tutoring basic math and/or reading skills to children, adolescents, ESL students or adults for credit.

Volunteering for approximately six hours per week, tutors experience the benefits of community involvement while participating instructional strate-

gies, gaining teaching experience and improving interpersonal skills. For more information about registering for Education 198, contact Lynn Baynum at 831-4687.

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Allan P. Kirby Center dedicated

Wilkes University trustees, officers, faculty and students gathered for the dedication of the Allan P. Kirby Center for Free Enterprise and Entrepreneurship on Tuesday.

During the ceremony, Arlen Lessin of New York City was introduced as the recently appointed Allan P. Kirby, Jr. Distinguished Professor for Free Enterprise and Entrepreneurship.

As the Kirby Distinguished Professor, Lessin will be housed in the Allan P. Kirby Center for Free Enterprise and Entrepreneurship, located at 65 South Street, Wilkes-Barre. The building was purchased and renovated with funds provided by Allan P. Kirby, Jr. and dedicated to the memory of his late father.

The senior Kirby passed away in 1973 after a long-time commitment to improving the quality of life in the Wyoming Valley.

"By establishing this Center and hiring Distinguished Professor Lessin, Mr. Kirby continues the family tradition of entrepreneurship.

Both Allan P. Kirby, Jr. and his father personify the entrepreneurial spirit which will be the foundation for both of these bold initiatives. Wilkes University is proud to be part of this tradition, by keeping it alive for the benefit of our students and the community," said Christopher Breiseth, president of Wilkes.

Founder of Arcata Communications (NYSE), Lessin led the first major American private company to compete with AT&T. He also established Smart Card International, Inc., the first company to introduce smart cards and videotext to the United States. In addition, he developed Lessin Technology Group, Inc., and Communications Consulting Corporation, both dedicated to strategic telecommunications/technology consulting.

He has been a strategic business partner/marketing consultant to AT&T, NYNEX, Southwestern Bell, RCA, VISA, Pitney Bowes, Thomas Cook (U.K.), and Texas Instruments. Lessin has also advised telecommunications administrators in the United States.

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Nursing

By CARA SMIGIEL
Special to Beacon

On Tuesday, November 16, the Wilkes University junior class of nursing students conducted a health fair in the Stark Lobby from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m..

The fair addressed two top health concerns of the 1990's — sexually transmitted diseases (STD's) and cancer.

Students and faculty who stopped at the table had their questions answered on a one-to-one basis and were also provided with literature regarding the most prevalent STD's and the most common cancers.

Pins, nicotineless chew and condoms were distributed.

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Two nursing students ready and willing to answer your questions about STD's and cancer.

provided by the American Lung Association of Hazelton, simulated a healthy lung, an emphysematic lung and a cancerous lung. Also, "safe sex" lessons were given through the use of various literature sources and videos.

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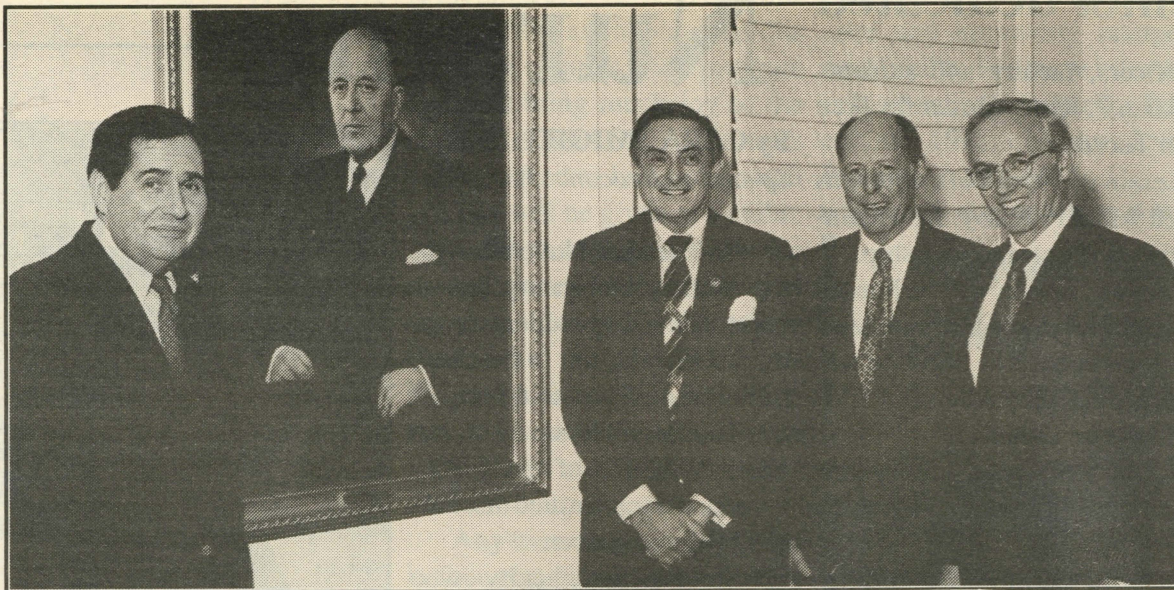
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States, France, Germany, Austria, Sweden, Finland, Spain, Japan, Korea, and Singapore.

Lessin attended the University of California-Berkeley and Harvard College, and Columbia University and the University of California-Los Angeles on the undergraduate and graduate levels.

He received certificates in Business, Senior Management, Innovating, and Negotiating Skills from Harvard University, Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Tufts University in the their Executive/Management Programs.



From left, Eugene Roth, Esq., chairman of the Wilkes University Board of Trustees, is shown with Arlen Lessin, the recently appointed Director of the Allan P. Kirby Center for Entrepreneurship and Free Enterprise; Allan P. Kirby, Jr.; and Wilkes University President Dr. Christopher N. Breiseth during the dedication ceremony on Tuesday.

COMMENTARY

Another semester is close to an end and soon another year will be upon us. Along with the new year comes our New Year's Resolutions. I've got an idea for one of Wilkes' resolutions.

Luzerne County Community College has decided to go smoke-free.

Just think if we did that here—no more wandering through a cloud of smoke in the Stark Lobby...no more going into the bathroom and coming out with the latest fragrance on (o'de cigarette).

With a new look coming to Wilkes, shouldn't we take a new attitude too—a smoke-free campus in 1994. Wishful thinking, but it's a nice, pleasant smelling idea—cough, cough.

—Jen Barkas

Adult Learner News

Credit for life experience

By GINAM. TAGNANI
News Editor

Judy worked at the bank for seven years.

She got the job right out of high school and never saw a need to go to college.

She was content.

In seven years, however, Judy was passed over for promotion three times. Now she's tired of it.

She wants to go to college and get her degree so that her boss will consider her for a promotion.

But, does she really need the basics in Banking and Finance to get the degree? After all, she knows the banking system from her seven years of work experience.

Shouldn't her experience count for something?

Experiential Learning, commonly called, "credit for life experi-

ence," is one of her options.

According to the Policy for Experiential Learning adopted by the Academic Standards Committee at Wilkes in the mid 1980's, credit for life experience may be granted for documented college-level learning that a student acquires through non-collegiate experiences.

This credit is not awarded for the experiences, but rather for the learning derived from them.

Experiential Learning is listed as the last option under the heading of Advanced Placement Credit Opportunities in the 1993-1994 Wilkes University Bulletin. It is a way to get credit for experience, but it is most definitely not the only way.

Students will not be permitted to petition for Experiential Learning until they have demonstrated competence through departmental challenge exams, CLEP subject exams, credit for military experience, RN validation of prior learning and advanced placement exams.

They must also have completed at least nine credits of

college course work, earned a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.0, and completed no more than 75 credits toward a bachelor's degree.

Dr. Jack Meyers, Registrar at Wilkes, and previous director of Evening, Summer and Weekend programs, asked the question, "How do you measure academic knowledge of an experience?"

With Experiential Learning, the student cannot receive credit for the practical aspects of the experience, but rather the academic value.

If all else fails, and the student petitions for credits for life experience, it would be up to the academic department where the course is taught to grant those credits by whatever method they see fit.

Dr. Thomas Baldino, chairperson of Political Science, had a student a few years ago who was a public official and very involved in the political system.

She wanted to receive academic credit for her experience.

Baldino and the registrar decided that the best way for this

student to gain the credits she wanted was to challenge individual courses by exam.

According to Baldino, the registrar was very reluctant to give credit for life experience.

Meyers agreed, "A student should try absolutely everything else first, and then when he hits a brick wall consider credit for life experience."

Henry Steuben, the present director of Evening, Summer and Weekend programs, said that the department chairs are responsible for the process of granting credit for life experience.

"It becomes a difficult situation for both the student and faculty," added Steuben.

The option commonly preferred by both faculty and registrar is the challenge exam.

This process requires that the student wishing to challenge a certain course apply to the appropriate department chairperson for permission to take the exam.

The chairperson will then either approve or disapprove the student's request on a judge-

ment that the student has adequate background in the specific academic area.

If approved, the student would be required to pay \$27 per credit to the Financial Management Office and take the receipt to the department for proof of the non-refundable payment.

If not approved the student can appeal to the appropriate academic dean.

Meyers believes that it is difficult for the faculty to say ... the student knows everything I teach in class ... because what does that then say about the learning that goes on in the classrooms?

The students who petition for Experiential Learning credit are usually non-traditional students.

Meyers said, "Students have to remember why they're here. And, in reality, especially with non-traditional students, that's to learn not just to get a degree."

This is a weekly news feature in The Beacon with articles pertinent to the adult learner and non-traditional student. If you have any story ideas for this feature please contact Gina M. Tagnani, News Editor, c/o The Beacon at 831-2962

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FORUM

EDITORIAL

As we watched Al Smith, our technical manager, bolt and lock down our equipment to the desks, we realized that it was a sad day for The Beacon. It is a shame when a lock on the door isn't enough to keep things from sprouting legs and walking away.

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Last week, a letter about senior graduation was inserted into Beacon issues in the SLC Lobby. The Beacon was not responsible for writing or placing these letters in the paper. And while we feel that every student should have a voice, we also believe that there is a fair way to express your views. To the party that is responsible, we respect your opinion, but feel that a letter to the editor would have been more appropriate. Your action is considered illegal and could result in charges.

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There is only one more issue left for the semester after this week. It is amazing how time is flying by. There will be no issue next week because of break. Our last issue will be on December 2.

We here at the Beacon would like to wish you all a happy and safe Thanksgiving.

While you're all out stuffing your faces with turkey and stuffing with all of the trimmings, think about the message below. If you can't do it for yourself, do it for your loved ones.

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THE THIRD THURSDAY OF NOVEMBER.



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S.G. NEWS

* Awarded \$125 to the Engineering Club for their bridge building contest

* Heard constitution requests or revisions from the Inter-Residence Hall Council and the proposed Film Club

* Rejected a motion to sponsor "Live!," an alternative band, in conjunction with the Programming Board for the Spring semester

REMINDER: There will be no meeting next Wednesday due to Thanksgiving Break. The next SG meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 1 on the second floor of the Marts Center. The general board meeting begins at 6:30 p.m. Come voice your concerns about what's happening at Wilkes University.

IDLE CHATTER

By MICHAEL BUTCHKO

Columnist

If you can believe it, 1993 is almost gone. As usual, time sprints past without us, or at least me, knowing about it. Around this time of year, everyone puts out their Year in Review or nominates their Man of the Year.

Yes, it's a time for reflection. And since we have only two *Beacon* issues remaining for this year, now is as good a time as any to look back on the year that was.

Any consistent reader of the chatter knows that the writer of this column is a huge sports fan. Although personal biases occasionally get in the way, the sporting opinions in this column have been on the proverbial even keel. In the world of sports this past year, many stories come to mind. On a local level, the success here at Wilkes created an overall feeling of school support, something this campus truly needs. And on a national level, many other sports stories fight for center stage. Jordan's retirement takes the cake, but for this fan, the defining moment in sports for 1993 came earlier in the year.

On an August evening when the Mets were getting destroyed, baseball was supposed to be the only story on the sports page. But when one of the Mets broadcasters announced a tragic death in the basketball world, this fan felt his heart in his throat. Reggie Lewis, forward and captain of the Boston Celtics, was dead of heart failure.

The scientific nuances of the Lewis story are many, but they are not the issue. Yes, Reggie collapsed during the playoffs in April, and yes, doctors disagreed over whether or not he would play again. But none of those doctors can bring him back.

The beauty of sports is that it is semi-isolated from every other part of society. These men and women have astronomical salaries, but fans don't mind because no matter what Charles Barkley says, these players are heroes. But when death invades sport, and strikes down these seemingly invincible athletes, it is a reality check of epic proportions.

And this year death was a glut: Chris Street, University of Iowa; Drazen Petrovic, New Jersey Nets; Don Drysdale and Roy Campanella, two former Dodgers; Steve Olin and Tim Crews, two young pitchers for the Cleveland Indians; Alan Kulwicki and Davey Allison of auto racing fame; and Reggie Lewis.

When Drazen died earlier this summer, I heard callers to an all-sports radio station in New York City weeping for this man they barely knew. It was as if they had lost a family member, and they aired their grief. Although this fan sympathized, I never knew what they felt until Reggie was gone.

To all the above names mentioned, and to those I unintentionally neglected who passed away this year, the fans thank you for all of the memories you have given us. You have welcomed us in to watch you perform your talent, and we are forever grateful to you for putting it on display. And we will miss your ability to brighten our days with a fadeaway jumper, a backwards victory lap, or a fastball right on the outside corner for a called strike three. But we will cherish these memories forever.

That's all for now. Have a good Thanksgiving, and we'll chat again next issue.

This Week in History

Compiled by The Wilkes University History Club

November 19, 1969:

Apollo XII- Second United States mission to the moon is launched from Cape Kennedy

November 21, 1789:

North Carolina becomes the twelfth state to ratify the Constitution

November 22, 1963:

President JFK assassinated in Dallas

November 23, 1784:

Zachary Taylor (16th President of the US) was born

"Get off your soap box"

By SEYMOUR BUTZ

John Stuart Mill's principle of utility can be summarized by saying the greatest good for the greatest number. Or in other words, what the majority deems worthy. If objects are to be valued based on their usefulness, then will someone please explain to me what soap grand scheme

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of knowledge and wisdom, who will shine the light of her intellect on my situation. Or I'll just settle for Amanda.

If I know Amanda (and it isn't that difficult), she would respond by lashing out at men for watching sports. What do sports add to our lives, she would ask. Soap operas provide the same opportunity for women as sports do for men: a release to a world which is totally unlike the real world. Sure, they do. Any comparison of athletic contests to afternoon pornography will from this point forward be stricken from the record.

What the attraction is, I'm not sure. I do know that should you make the mistake of calling Amanda during *General Hospital*, you will be chastised something fierce. The world seems to stop between 3 and 4 p.m. every day, when these ridiculous characters in this phony hospital slobber all over each other and engage in semi-incestuous relationships.

In order to properly prepare for this column, I asked a friend of mine to analyze the recent life of one characters on NBC's *Another World*. To wit:

A certain character named Vicki was impregnated by her first husband and they had a child, although paternity tests were inconclusive as to the father of the baby. After divorcing her first husband, she began dating a police officer (detective), but then axed him for his brother, the U.S. Senator. They were married, but it didn't last, even though he tried to force her to stay with him by kidnapping her and taking her to Switzerland after he shot her when she was up in Canada looking for the detective she used to date who was chasing this guy...

I know what you're thinking: Real plausible.

Soap operas seemed to reach their zenith in the mid-1980s, and have since then taken a nosedive. Kind of like Amanda's sex life. With *Dallas*, *Knots Landing*, and *Dynasty*, soaps were among the most popular shows on television. But this was the 1980s, the period when greed was good and excess was the norm. Ridiculously far-fetched stories of money and sex were appealing to lonely housewives who longed for the good old days when men actually looked at them.

What Amanda and other women her age who partake in soap operas must realize is that reality should be exciting and as fun as you can make it. They should not lament the lack of fun in their own lives while watching these fantasies and wishing that were them. Incidentally, I might point out that Amanda herself needs to realize that such an attractive woman as herself should be pleased with her situation, not longing to be head nurse on some ridiculous hospital soap. Take it for what it's worth, Amanda, because that's what he said.

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So I turn to that pun intended)

By AMANDA HUGINKIS

Luke and Laura are back. But why?

And just who is the father of Vicki's baby?

Curtis Brown, who is really Curtis Reed, is finally dead. Now who killed him?

Will Victoria Newman marry her brother?

Will Holden recover from amnesia and find love with Lily?

And when will Erica Kane finally win a Daytime Emmy?

Everyday, thousands of females all over the world tune in to find out the answers to these and other earth shattering questions on the soaps.

This in itself is not surprising.

For centuries, soap

been a mecca in the

community. As

said, soap operas

to women what

is to men. But

also much,

more.

SHE SAID

provide women with a chance to escape, to remove themselves from the crazy world we live in and escape to a place where all the endings are happy (well, eventually). Where everyone ends up with Mr. Perfect, even if it does take eight marriages to get it right.

Sadly enough though, these television shows have often served as a substitute for the romanticism women seek and don't get from men. Day after day women can tune in to sensitive men with sexy names like Holden and Max who live to please their women. Now where are you going to find that in the real world? Certainly not within a fifty mile radius of the Wilkes campus.

Like I said, this in itself is not surprising. What is surprising, however, is the growing number of closet males who watch soap operas, some more faithfully and intently than their female counterparts. That's right, the growing number of males are tuning in daily to watch the escapades of Ava on *Loving* or the tantrums of Tina on *One Life to Live*.

Could this mean that men have finally seen the light? That our male counterparts are finally realizing that a little romance goes a long way. And perhaps, more importantly, that the way to a woman's heart is to look and act like Bo on *Days of Our Lives*. It seems that at least some men have begun, albeit secretly, to take another look at the soaps and realize that there truly is some cleansing power (no pun intended) associated with these television dramas. And even if it's just to realize that relationships can get really complicated, then men are making progress in the right direction.

But for right now, what she says is, don't bother me, my soap's on.

Organized Anarchy

By JOSEPH RAE
Columnist

A funny thing happened on the way to Trenton this year. It's distressing as a student of the American Political system to see the way the New Jersey governor race has turned out.

Governor-Elect Christine Todd Whitman, who defeated

Jim Florio with only 27,000 votes, now has to defend herself against charges that her campaign paid ministers and campaign workers in predominantly black areas to suppress voting.

Had these changes emanated from the Democrats, they probably would have been ignored.

However these charges came

from Ed Rollins, the Whitman campaign manager.

When Rollins bragged that the Republican State Committee had given "walking around money" to ministers and poll workers in predominantly black areas, he broke the "code of silence" of campaign managers.

However, the allegations present a more serious problem to the future of the citizens of

New Jersey. Can Whitman, even

if she is cleared of any wrongdoing, effectively govern New

Jersey for the next few years? In all likelihood, the answer is no.

However, the main thrust of the problem lies on the resolution: should a new election be held? In a new election, the current governor Jim Florio would most likely win.

But could he govern effectively for the next four years? Given the current makeup of

the New Jersey Assembly and bitter partisan rivalries, Florio would, in all likelihood, not do much better than Whitman. Unfortunately, the only person that emerged from this is public cynicism toward government. Whatever the outcome in the courts may be, it's clear that this election represented one giant leap backward for both the Republican Party and citizens in general.

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Wilkes AIDS Awareness Week features NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt

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The NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt is coming to Wilkes University Tuesday, November 30th through Thursday, December 2nd, as part of a series of events for AIDS Awareness Week which includes World AIDS Day on December 1st.

"Remembering the Past to Guide the Future," has been chosen as the title of the week-long observance. Wilkes is spearheading the community-wide effort to further AIDS education and awareness in

Northeastern Pennsylvania. This effort will include more than 600 three-foot by six-foot panels of The NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt on display in the Arnaud C. Marts Sports and Conference Center. Each panel commemorates the life of someone who has died of AIDS. Panels are made by friends, family members and lovers, and include a wide variety of materials. The panels are just a portion of the 24,000 panels that make up the entire AIDS Memorial Quilt. It should be understood that the Quilt is just one part of a week-long AIDS education and awareness experience on the Wilkes University campus during the week.

The Quilt began in San Francisco as one person's protest to the AIDS epidemic. Propelled by the death and tragedy that confronted so many around

the world, a man named Cleve Jones searched for a way to make people understand the overwhelming loss and frustration affecting him and so many of his friends.

In June of 1987, Jones spray-painted his friend's name, Marvin Feldman, onto a piece of cloth approximately the size of a grave. Friends, acquaintances and strangers joined the effort by making panels of their own. Soon, thousands of people across the United States and around the world were adding names and expressing their emotions by creating hand-made memorials for the loved ones they had lost to AIDS.

Today the Quilt continues as a powerful, visible symbol of the worldwide epidemic. It includes panels from all 50 states and 29 foreign countries.

The NAMES Project Foundation displays portions of the Quilt worldwide to encourage visitors to better understand and respond to the AIDS epidemic, to provide a positive means of expression for those grieving the death of a loved one, and to raise funds for people living with HIV and AIDS.

Jeanne White, whose son Ryan died of AIDS, will open Awareness Week with her message of prevention and hope for living with AIDS on Monday, November 29th at 7:00 PM in the Dorothy Dickson Darte Center for the Performing Arts.

Ms. White remains deeply involved with AIDS education and the battle for increased research. She still looks at her role from a mother's perspective, "some people just see me as Ryan White's mother, and

that's fine with me. If people refer to me that way for the rest of my life, I'll be tickled to death. I was so proud of that kid, and he knew how much he was loved."

The committee planning the Quilt display and the concurrent education and awareness events include students, faculty, administration from Wilkes University as well as leaders of local social service agencies and area high school teachers.

Plans call for student poster presentations, lectures by faculty and representatives of local agencies, panel discussions, and guest lecturers. Topics for the presentations will include the biology of the virus, transmission and prevention of AIDS, testing for the virus, legal issues, the importance of self-esteem, and the effect of drugs and alcohol on sound de-

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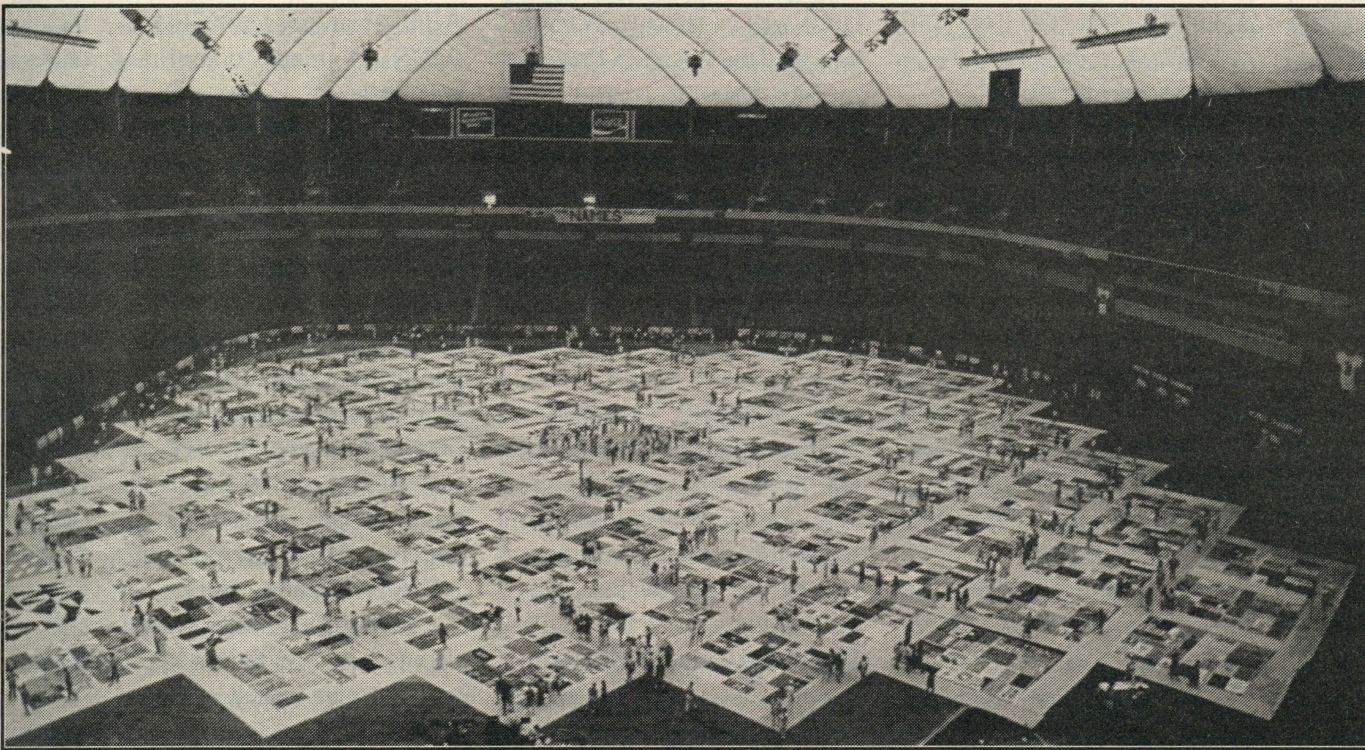
It is the hope of the committee organizing this week-long event that, with the proper information, the individuals leaving the educational programs will gain more understanding regarding the facts about AIDS and as a result of their attendance be better equipped to avoid the disease. Individuals who are infected or know someone who is infected will be better able to handle the emotional aspects as they link up with resource personnel from local agencies and learn that

support is available to them. Knowing the facts will also help them understand the situation and deal with it more effectively.

Any money raised from the Quilt display will be distributed equally to The Wyoming Valley AIDS Council and Wyoming Valley Drug and Alcohol Services Inc.

QUILT DISPLAY HOURS:

Tuesday, November 30th:
Display 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.
Wednesday, December 1st:
Display 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.
Thursday, December 2nd:
Display 9 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.
Closing ceremonies:
6:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.



A section of the AIDS Quilt displayed in the Minneapolis Metrodome.

Photo from Public Relations

Bringing AIDS out of the shadows

By JODI NAMMAR
Special to the Beacon

The room was dimly lit, except for a few scattered beams of light that passed through the cracks of the drawn shade. The strange illumination of the room made him appear more a shadow than a real person. He sat at a distance from me, his hand covering his face. Still in the shadows, he asked that his identity not be revealed in this story. He hesitated at first, but then spoke freely and eagerly to an "outsider" about how AIDS has affected his life.

"As of September 28, 1993, 94 have died and five or six more are expected to go at any time," he stated in a matter-of-fact tone.

Imagine having a single disease virtually destroy the world as you know it. Over a ten year period, imagine having almost 100 people you know die. For one long-time member of this community, this is not something imaginary. It's something he has to face. AIDS is destroying life as the 60 year-old resident of the Wyoming Valley has known it.

One by one, those dear to him have died. He does not have AIDS because, as he explained candidly, he has been "primarily asexual."

For those who have died, as well as those who have lost

someone to the disease, the NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt was created. The Quilt contains over 23,000 panels, each commemorating the life of someone who has died of AIDS.

Panels have been made by friends, family members and lovers and include a wide variety of materials from favorite T-shirts to teddy bears. Each panel in the Quilt is a heartfelt message to a society struggling to comprehend AIDS, to bring AIDS out of the shadows.

The Quilt began in San Francisco in 1987, as one person's protest against the AIDS epidemic. Cleve Jones spray-painted the name of his friend, Marvin Feldman, onto a piece of fabric approximately the size of a grave. It wasn't long before Jones' idea spawned the creation of thousands of hand-made memorials made by people for the loved ones lost to AIDS.

Since then, the Quilt has become an international memorial that has taken on personal importance for many people. A 15 year-old New York girl, who lost her father to AIDS, designed a panel with a clear message for her father, "I wish he was still here with me. I think he will be happy to know that his is always on my mind." To the local resident who has lost 94 friends and loved ones to AIDS, the Quilt means some-

thing far more painful.

How has losing so many people to AIDS affected him? "Severely. You eventually get to the point where you try to put it out of your mind," he answered. To combat the detrimental effects however, he helped design two panels for the AIDS Quilt dedicated to one of his older, closest friends.

When he heard that the Quilt was coming to Wilkes he called the NAMES Project in San Francisco and requested that four specific panels be sent as part of the display. Two of the four panels are the ones he helped design.

In spite of his emotional link to the Quilt, he will not be attending the display. "I just want to know they're here, that's enough." To him, the Quilt is a painful reminder of all those he has loved and lost. He can't bring himself to actually go and see the panels. He can't watch the video that accompanies the Quilt. But just knowing that the tributes he helped create are there, commemorating one life and potentially saving another, is reason enough for him to bring the panels here.

"If bringing the Quilt to Wilkes University saves one life, then it's worth it," was his final statement.

Through an Interfaith Prayer Service, the community will join their prayers and thoughts together as they center on the scope of AIDS on December 5. The Wyoming Valley Council of Churches, the American Red Cross, the Wyoming Valley AIDS Council and St. Stephen's Church have prepared an Interfaith Prayer Service and a Candlelight Vigil Walk to Public Square to show their support and hope for the individuals affected by AIDS.

to take some time out of our busy lives to focus in on the lives that are affected by AIDS the families and friends who have been touched.

Students, faculty, administration, staff, the University Chorus with soloist Heather Petruzelli and the University Chamber Singers will lead us in the gathering. All members of the community and campus are invited to participate in this gathering.

Journey of light

WILKES-BARRE— On December 1, 1993 the community of Wilkes University will gather at 9:45 p.m. at the Clock Tower at the center of campus for a reflection on World AIDS Day.

The gathering at the Clock Tower will reflect on AIDS through music, readings, remarks, meditations, silence and candlelight showing the journey that our world is on in light of AIDS. It is important

The club behind the Quilt

By KRISTY HALLAM
Special to the Beacon

The Student AIDS Awareness committee began as a result of World AIDS Day which was held on campus last December. Due to the students' overwhelming response to the day, their thirst for knowledge, and their desire to increase AIDS awareness, the Student AIDS Awareness committee was born.

Wilkes students recognized the incredible impact this disease has on our age group and the importance of educating the community as well as ourselves. Since our beginning last January, hundreds of people have volunteered their time in countless forms. The outstanding effort by both the community and the students has been the catalyst for the success of Wilkes' World AIDS Awareness Week.

The student committee has taken every precaution to ensure that they reach out to all

the diversified members of the community and campus. We, as a committee, assent to the fact that HIV/AIDS is a universal epidemic that will in some way, shape or form touch everyone. The committee firmly believes that it would be a grave mistake not to include as many individuals as possible. AIDS is an enigma that can't and won't be ignored.

The only form of protection we have is to arm ourselves with as much knowledge as possible. It is our hope that we will educate just one person who will pass that information on to someone else. Our potential to touch innumerable lives is breathtaking. In conjunction with the community, the Student AIDS Awareness Committee looks forward to continuing to educate and increase AIDS awareness.

Facts about AIDS in PA

The Data below was provided by the Wilkes-Barre Branch of the Pennsylvania Department of Health, for the month of September 1993.

*From 1981 to September 1, 1993, there were 9,302 cases of AIDS reported in Pennsylvania. Of those infected, 60% are now dead.

*From 1981 to September 1, 1993 there were 95 reported cases in Luzerne County. Of the 95 AIDS cases reported in Luzerne County, 60 are now dead.

*Of all people infected with AIDS in Pennsylvania, 88% are male and 12% are female, although the rate of infection among women is rising.

*AIDS is most common in Pennsylvania among 30-39 year olds, with 4,139 cases

reported.

*Within the last twelve years, 119 cases of AIDS were reported for Pennsylvanians between the ages of birth to 12 years of age.

*Transmission occurs most frequently among male homosexuals and IV drug users.

*By 1992, AIDS became the fifth leading cause of death of people ages 2 to 44 in Pennsylvania.

*In Pennsylvania, AIDS is common among blacks than in whites or Hispanics.

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Wilkes AIDS Awareness highlighted events of week

Display of the NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt. On November 30-December 2, the Committee will display, in the Marts Center Gymnasium, 648 panels of the NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt, a powerful and moving testimony that clearly speaks to the personal side of the disease. Visitors will learn the history of the Quilt and have an opportunity to experience the impact of this international patchwork of individual memorials to the many who have died of AIDS.

-Guest Lecture by Mrs. Jeanne White- On Monday, November 29, at 7 p.m. Mrs. Jeanne White will share her personal story of tragedy and hope. Her son, Ryan, infected with the HIV through a blood transfusion, was instrumental in educating school systems about the truths of HIV transmission before his death. His efforts culminated a mandate that allows HIV students to attend school with other children. Mrs. White will complete her lecture with a reception and a book signing in the CPA lobby at 8:30 p.m.

-Guest Lecture By Attorney Catherine Hanssens- Attorney Hanssens of the Philadelphia Law Project will offer a lecture concerning the legal, ethical, and social issues of the

AIDS epidemic, as it relates to women and children. Her lecture will be held on Tuesday evening 7 p.m. in Marts 214.

-Panel Discussion- Selected experts from the State Department of Health and area hospitals as well as individuals who are HIV positive will take part in a panel discussion scheduled for Wednesday evening, 7 p.m. in SLC 101. The latest information regarding HIV and AIDS, especially as it relates to the Wyoming Valley, will be discussed at this time. Questions from the audience will be most welcome.

-Student and Community Information Expo- The Stark Learning Center Lobby will be transformed into an AIDS awareness information center as several campus organizations (clubs, classes, individuals and community organizations display educational posters and distribute relevant literature. The Expo will be open 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Tuesday November 30-Thursday, December 2.

Lectures and Discussions- Seventeen lecturers on a variety of topics related to HIV and AIDS (to be delivered by Wilkes faculty and several representatives from area agencies) have been scheduled for Tuesday, November 30-Thursday, December 2 in the Center for

the Performing Arts Lobby.

-Discussion Groups- Area High school students will be invited to attend Wilkes AIDS Awareness Week. Their tour will include (1) a viewing of the NAMES Quilt display, (2) a formal lecture, and (3) an informal discussion led by trained facilitators. The discussion groups are designed for the students to relate their concerns in an open, educational setting.

-A Day Without Art- The Sordani Art Gallery will close its doors on Wednesday, December 1, in observance of World AIDS Awareness Day.

-Library Display- The Wilkes E.S. Farley Library will maintain a special section devoted to AIDS related literature during Wilkes AIDS Awareness Week.

-Readers Theater Production- Members of the Manuscript Society and Cue N' Curtain will present readings from plays about AIDS and HIV. Selections are from a collection called *The Way We Live Now* and include plays such as *The Normal Heart*, *Angels In America*, *As Is* and more. The readers Theater Production will be held Thursday December 2, 8 p.m. in the CPA Lobby.

Women and AIDS lecture

WILKES-BARRE— The Women's Community Learning Coalition of Northeastern Pennsylvania, based at Wilkes University, will host a lecture, "Women and AIDS: A survey of legal, ethical, and social issues," on Tuesday, November 30 at 7 p.m. in Room 214 of the Armand C. Marts Center.

Speaker Catherine Hanssens will specifically ad-

dress various ethical and social issues relating to the impact of AIDS on women. Hanssens has considerable experience in the area of women's rights, particularly as they are impacted by the AIDS crisis.

Recent reports list women as the fastest growing segment of the population with AIDS and surveys in New York and New Jersey list AIDS as the

leading cause of death in women of color. It is estimated that over 45,000 children will become AIDS orphans by the year 1995. The AIDS crisis is severe. The AIDS crisis affects women as individuals, mothers, friends and citizens of our society. Come hear Hanssens and learn about the various political, social and legal ramifications of AIDS.

There is something you can do to help

Quilt Display Volunteers are needed at the Quilt Display as:

1) Quilt Monitors- Volunteers will stand at the corners of the panels and protect the display from any damage. Volunteers must wear white clothing and shoes.

2) Readers- Volunteers will read the names of people who have died from AIDS for an interval of five minutes.

3) Volunteers are needed for panel check-in, NAMES Project merchandise sales, media check-in, greeting visitors and distribution of programs.

Jeanne White Lecture- Volunteers are needed to greet visitors and distribute programs.

Student and Community Information Expo- Student groups (classes, clubs, etc.) are asked to develop a poster session regarding a specific issue related to HIV and/or AIDS. Many faculty are more than willing to help with this

effort.

Discussion Groups- Volunteers are needed to serve as peer counselors for these discussions with high school counsellors. Volunteers must attend a training session sponsored by the Wyoming Valley AIDS Council in order to serve in this capacity.

Signature Squares- Individuals can prepare a 12" by 12" panel that expresses their feelings and experience with HIV and AIDS. These panels will be sewn onto the Signature Square to commemorate the display the NAMES Quilt at Wilkes University.

Preparing a Panel- Anyone can assist in the preparation of a 3' by 6' panel remembering a loved one, friend or companion that has died of AIDS. Each panel will be displayed with the other 648 panels and eventually become incorporated into the NAMES Quilt.

Volunteers are vital

By LANCE COSTELLO
Special to the Beacon

After over a year of preparation and \$18,000 of donations, the Quilt will soon be arriving at Wilkes.

More help is still needed for this project. So far approximately 400 to 450 people have volunteered their time. However, 200 volunteers are still needed.

Many jobs are still open including volunteer support, quilt monitors, and emotional support. So, if you haven't volunteered yet, you can today by signing up at the health services or by leaving your name at the hotline number (831-4731).

Diane O'Brien, coordinator of volunteers for AIDS week said, "It is an incredible honor that Wilkes is getting the Quilt and I hope that everyone takes part in this in some way. People should take advantage of it because it is so close." All donations will stay within the community, the benefactors being the Wyoming Valley AIDS Council, and the Wyoming Valley Drug and Alcohol Services. As Diane O'Brien said, "Give some thought and volunteer some time."

Wilkes AIDS Awareness Week 1993

lectures and discussions in CPA Lobby

Each of the following half-hour lectures will be followed by a fifteen-minute question and answer period.

Tuesday November 30

9:00 a.m. "Intimacy of Relationships", presented by Dr. Holiday Adair, Psychology Department, Wilkes University.

10:15 a.m. "AIDS and Alcohol-Where's The Connection?", presented by Mrs. Anne Holmes Penn State, Wilkes-Barre.

11:30 a.m. "Natural History of HIV", presented by Dr. Ken Pidcock, Biology Department, Wilkes University.

1:00 p.m. "Laws Against Discrimination", presented by Dr. Anthony Liuzzo- Business

Administration and Economics Dept., Wilkes University.

2:00 p.m. "From Lies to AIDS: Women and Heterosexual Transmission", presented by Mrs. Deobrah Phillips, Nursing Department, Wilkes University.

3:00 p.m. "The Ethics Of Mandatory HIV Testing", presented by Dr. Linda Paul, Philosophy Department, Wilkes University.

4:00 p.m. "AIDS and Evolution of HIV", presented by Dr. Ken Pidcock, Biology Department, Wilkes University.

Wednesday December 1

9:00 a.m. "AIDS: The Local Scene", presented by the Wyoming Valley, AIDS Council.

10:15 a.m. "AIDS Education: Facts and Fiction", presented by Dr. Dan Kopen, Cardiovascular Surgeon, Nesh Medical Arts.

11:30 p.m. "The Neuropsychology of AIDS", presented by Dr. Bob Bohlander, Psychology Department, Wilkes University.

1:00 p.m. "Ethics in Research", presented by Dr. Lester Turcozi, Biology Department, Wilkes University.

2:00 p.m. "The Workplace and AIDS", presented by the MBA Student Association

3:00 p.m. "AIDS Education in our Schools", presented by Dr. Diane Polacheck, Education Department, Wilkes University.

4:00 p.m. "AIDS and Evolution of HIV", presented by Dr. Ken Pidcock, Biology Department, Wilkes University.

Thursday December 2

9:00 a.m. "Diffusing the Fear", presented by Ms. Bryan-Smith, Geisinger Medical Center, Danville, Pa.

10:15 a.m. "The Disease Processes in AIDS Infection",

presented by Dr. Valerie Kuhn, Biology Department, Wilkes University.

11:30 a.m. "Understanding Feelings of the person with AIDS", presented by Dr. L. Castor, Nursing Department, Wilkes University.

1:00 p.m. "STD's and HIV: Are You at Risk?", presented by Dr. Lazonis from the Wyoming Valley Family Practice.

2:00 p.m. "Psychosocial Aspects of AIDS", presented by Sr. Jane O'Donnell, Mary Consultation Center.

3:00 p.m. "AIDS: Focus on Prevention", presented by Dr. Bernard Healey, Pa. Department of Health, Kingston, Pa.

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FEATURES

NAFTA debate hits home

By LYNNMARIE ROSENCRANCE

Features Editor

On Monday afternoon, a debate on the North American Free Trade Agreement, NAFTA, was held on campus. The event was monitored by Gary Giamartino, Dean of the School of Business, Society and Public Policy. The panelists were the Honorable George Lemieux, Consul of Canada, Canadian Government Trade Office; Mr. Wendell Young III, President-CEO, United Food and Commercial Workers Union; Mr. John Dankosky, Executive Director of the Pennsylvania Business Roundtable; Dr. Dale Bruns, Professor and Chairperson of the GeoEnvironment Sciences and Engineering Department at Wilkes and the Honorable Alma Patricia Soria Ayuso, Consul General of Mexico, Consulate of Mexico.

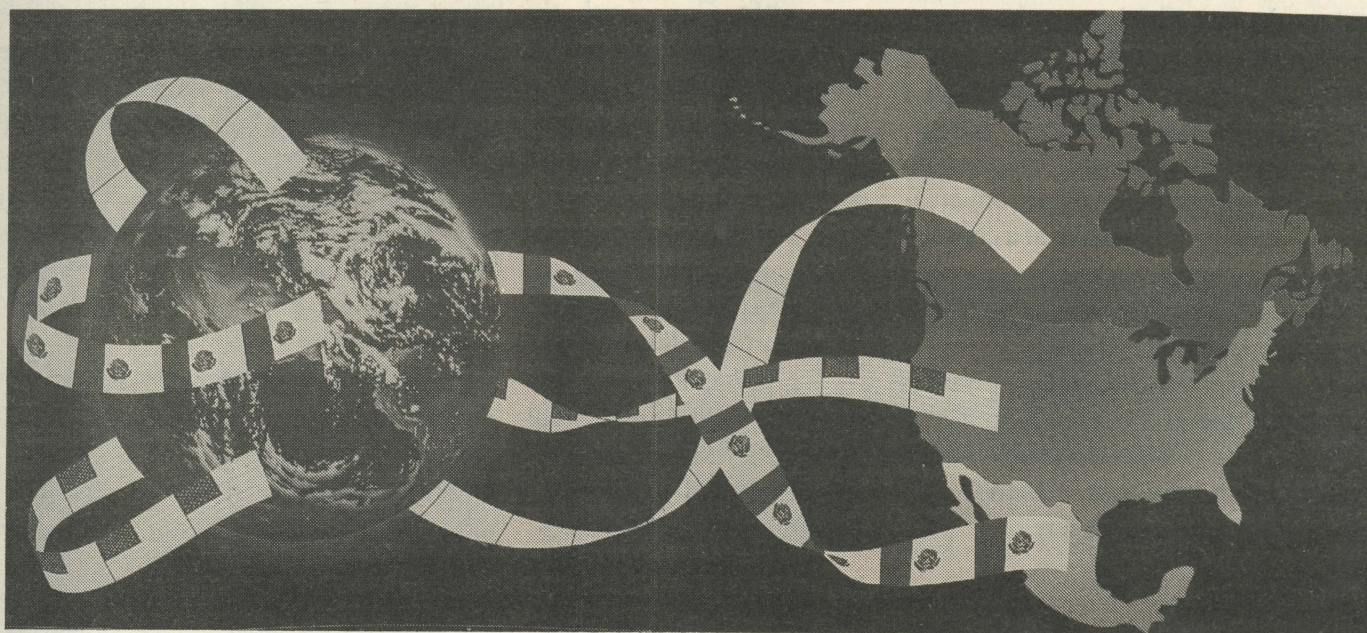
ergy, natural resources, etc.] are addressed, but, Canada will not do it uniquely with NAFTA." In other words, Canada wants NAFTA, but if it does not pass, Canada will use an alternate route to get a free trade agreement.

Young, the Union representative, stated "the key is that we are speaking about it." He believes NAFTA will be extremely detrimental to American workers and middle class America will cease to exist if NAFTA is passed. He expressed deep concern for American jobs and referred to *The New York Times* editorial in the Sunday, November 14, 1993, issue which talked of splitting America in half. (The theory is if you split America in half and regulate the top half, but not the lower half, the big business will go to the bottom half which has no

liked it or not, we are in a global economy.

He talked of the prosperity America had after World War II, how no one could stop us. Then he explained why; because the rest of the world was in ruins and desperately trying to rebuild. But now the rest of the world has caught up with us and now we have to do something to stay in the race. "We [America] cannot go back to that [being the leader], not in our lifetime," Dankosky said, "This is a time of change. We are in a global economy."

Bruns, of Wilkes University, was next at bat. Bruns spoke on an issue dear to him, the environment. He said this is the first international trade agreement that is dealing with the environment. He fears the United States and Canada will lower their standards to compete



Each panelist spoke on NAFTA and how it would either positively or negatively affect their areas of interest.

Lemieux, representing Canada, pointed out that trade is crucial for Canada. He threw out statistics such as one-third of all jobs in Canada are directly dependant on trade, 25% of all wealth in Canada is directly dependant on trade and up to 40% of all Canada's domestic manufacturing is exported. He also stated that 10 million Canadian consumers buy more American products than the whole population of Japan and that NAFTA would bring access to 360 million consumers.

However, Lemieux also said, "The Canadian government would like to ensure better access to the consumers preferably with NAFTA if the concerns at hand [domestic concerns such as culture, education, water, health, environment, en-

regulations. Commonly referred to as the "suck-ing sound" thanks to Ross Perot.)

He spoke of Mexico's labor unions, two in particular: those "in bed with the government which don't look out for the workers and those that are "in jail", the unions that look out for their workers and are penalized because they do. Young also stated that the unions are for better trade but not at the expense of workers, human values or the environment.

Dankosky, of the Business Roundtable, explained why NAFTA was so important to both the United States as a nation, and Pennsylvania individually. He explained that NAFTA should not be thought of as liberal or conservative, or Democratic or Republican, but as an economic issue. He used a shock factor in delivering his speech, telling the audience that whether they

with Mexico's prices. He warned, "if NAFTA is passed without the side agreements, America's and Canada's environmental standards might be lowered, because although Mexico has rigorous standards, their enforcement of those standards is lax."

Bruns also fears that American and Canadian companies will relocate to Mexico to take advantage of the lax environmental standards. He feels that NAFTA, if it is passes, will set global environment benchmarks. However, Bruns also believes that the environment won't have much of a future if future agreements if NAFTA fails.

He concluded, "I would support NAFTA if the side agreements are enacted."

Ayuso, of the Mexico Consul, spoke of
see NAFTA pg. 8

John Bauers lectures on authorship

By INNA KASPLER
Features Writer

A visit with John Bauers could transform any student into a writer.

John Bauers, author of novels such as *The Colony*, *Helene*, and *The Land of Nyx*, told Wilkes students who attended his lecture at Kirby Hall on Monday that they all could be writers if they follow this simple recipe.

"If you want to be a writer, you've got to read!" he said.

Bauers started reading at an early age because his parents encouraged reading. "Instead of getting the latest car, we had the latest edition of the *Encyclopedia Britannica*," Bauers' exposure to books at an early stage in life encouraged him to write. In fact, according to Vice President of Academic Affairs J. Michael Lennon, Bauers, who is a personal friend of Lennon's, writes very well.

"You're never put off by his writing," Lennon says. "He gives the illusion that you're talking over a cup of coffee. This is a very complicated and difficult technique to develop."

Lennon gave students an insightful introduction of

Bauers, and relayed the author's adventure in a writing colony in Illinois, which inspired Bauers to write his highly acclaimed novel, *The Colony*. However, the author's personal address was much more telling.

Bauer's warmed the audience with his Southern drawl that can be traced back to his childhood in Tennessee. He then went on to dispell popular myths about writers.

"Writers move about society like Typhoid Mary. They keep a low profile in order to learn," he confessed.

Contradictory to public opinion, all authors who are published do not become wealthy public figures like John Grisham, author of *The Firm*. In fact, Grisham is the exception to the rule.

"Most people don't know you or what you've written," Bauers said. He gave an example of a typical conversation he might have at a cocktail or literary party.

"What do you do?" asks the stranger.

"I'm a writer," Bauers responds.

"What is your name and what have you written?" continues the stranger.

"I wrote *The Colony*," Bauers replies.

"*The Colony*?" asks the stranger. "Oh, I've read about it."

Bauers admits that writers are terrified of not being read by anyone beside relatives and close friends.

Writing is much more than getting a following according to Bauers. "It is a search for truth. The truth of one's vision. Your goal shouldn't be to finish and move to a penthouse in New York."

Bauers said that there is definitely a difference between how men and women are portrayed in fiction, which is representative of real life. "Men are much more romantic than women," he says.

"In *Gone with the Wind*, Scarlet was always the practical one taking care of the business and the plantation. Rhett Butler was the emotional romantic."

Whether romantic or reasonable, Bauers closed with a very important word of advice for Wilkes students.

"As college students it is important to be perceptive to your ideas," he said. He also encouraged students to write and get published.

NAFTA

the special relationship between the United States and Mexico. She stated the the U.S., as a primary commercial partner, exercises the greatest difference over a Mexican's daily life. She also stated that Mexico is the third largest commercial partner to the U.S. next to Canada and Japan and is predicted to surpass Japan next year. She also said that per capita, no other country purchases more than Mexico. Per capita, Mexico purchases \$500, whereas Europe purchases \$350 and Japan \$300.

Ayruso also spoke of the 800,00 American jobs that will be sustained with the \$50 billion in goods and services exported from Mexico. Mexico is looking at a 300% increase of imports into their country, equaling \$742 million in goods and services and 250,000 American jobs generated by sales to their country.

Ayruso quoted Mexico's president, Carlos Salinas de Gortari, saying, "we'd rather export goods than people, we want our people to stay in Mexico." Mexico hopes that the number of illegal immigrants will decrease as a result of a better standard of living for Mexicans with NAFTA.

How will NAFTA really affect us? That is still to be seen. All of the above are speculations, calculations and expectations. I have just now heard the vote from the House of Representatives; NAFTA passed in the House with 234 in favor and 200 opposed. So, sit back, relax, and enjoy the ride ladies and gentlemen. You have entered the global economy.

There will be no
Beacon next week due
to Thanksgiving but
look for the Beacon
on Dec. 2

Wilkes Wind will blow you away

WILKES-BARRE—The Wilkes University Wind Ensemble, under the direction of Dr. Jerome Campbell, associate professor of music, will perform a concert of musical masterpieces on Tuesday, November 23 at 8 p.m. in the Dorothy Dickson Darte Center for the Performing Arts.

The 60 member ensemble is comprised of University students and faculty, as well as members of the Wyoming Val-

ley community. This particular program features several favorites from the repertoire as well as a few timely pieces written within the past few decades.

The ensemble will present George Gershwin's "Rhapsody in Blue" with a solo performance by junior piano performance student, Ronald Stabinsky. A featured soloist with many regional orchestras, Stabinsky recently returned from a series of performances in Europe. He has

won many state and regional competitions for young artists.

Dr. Dennis Hupchick, Eastern European scholar and assistant professor of history at Wilkes, will introduce Karel Husa's "Music For Prague 1968." As a Pulitzer Prize winning composer, Husa was commissioned by the Ithaca College Concert Band to compose this work and created it in the summer and fall of 1968 for the capital city of Czechoslovakia.

Work by American composer Edward Madden entitled "Touchstones" is an essay for band and narrator based on the words and visions of the late president John F. Kennedy. Its narrated by Wilkes University student Corby Swan.

Other works by Charles Ives, Richard Wagner, Carl Maria von Weber, and Moussorgsky will also be included in the program.

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Wilkes Chorus to perform Nov 19

WILKES-BARRE—The Wilkes University Chorus and the University Chamber Singers will perform on Friday evening, November 19, at 8 p.m. in the First Presbyterian Church, Northhampton and Franklin Streets in Wilkes-Barre. The two ensembles will be conducted by Dr. Alan Baker, assistant professor of music at Wilkes.

In recognition of the upcoming campus activities for AIDS Awareness Week and the display of the the Names Project Quilt, the program will focus on songs of love, loss, and remembrance.

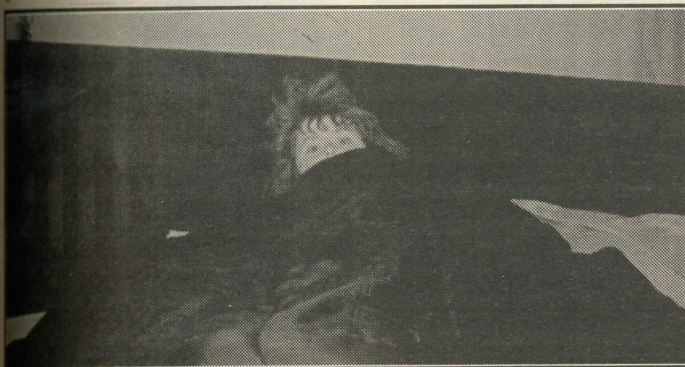
The student-founded en-

semble Consortium Antiquum, a small chorale under the direction of Wilkes senior Frank Hydash, will join the choruses.

The concert is free and is open to the public. For further information call 831-4428. Portions of this program will be repeated at "A Journey of Light," a gathering on December 1 at 9:45 p.m. at the Bell Tower on the Wilkes University campus, and also during the Community Prayer Vigil scheduled for December 5 at 5:30 p.m. in St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Wilkes-Barre.



Pictured above: Joe Pavlico and Karen Munroe. Janeen Kaputka pictured below. photos by Tim Williams



Top 10 Least Eaten Foods for Thanksgiving

By BRAD HAYS

Co-Copy Editor

10. Barney Pie
9. 20-year old cranberryloaf
8. Baked Opposum (For everybody except the locals)
7. Krevorkian Mashed Potatoes
6. Bob Dole's Pineapple Rings
5. Mr. Bob Packwood's Cherry Pie
4. Buttafuoco's Candied yams
3. Lorena Bobbit's Turkey with a surprise inside
2. Michael Jackson's disappearing turkey
1. Wilkes cafeteria food (Gee, what a surprise!! Like I'm sure no one saw that one coming)

Students sleep-out for the homeless

By TIM WILLIAMS

Features Writer

As part of the "Into The Streets" week, November 1-6, people from across the Wyoming Valley were given the opportunity to experience what being homeless is like. The Circle K Club Of Luzerne County Community College (L.C.C.C.) sponsored a tent City Sleepout in Kirby Park on Saturday night. Donations of food, personal items, and money will be used to support VISION (Volunteers In Our Streets In Our Neighborhoods), a non-profit organization seeking to provide the area homeless with a place to stay and eat, and opportunities to better their situation.

As the final project of "Into The Streets", several people decided to brave the cold temperatures and snow forecast on November 6 to sleep outside. Although around 150 people did show up to support the cause, only a handful stayed all night. The students originally planned to sleep under a pavillion, but plans changed when the temperature dropped below freezing.

L.C.C.C. Circle K President Joe Pavlico said, "The concrete will just suck the heat right out of you...The purpose of this is to raise awareness, not make people sick."

So instead, the group slept on the ground under a bandshell which was used to entertain people during the early part of the evening.

Dennison Hall is also one of about twenty VISION host sites in the area, and was utilized during this week for the homeless. Before being allowed to enter a site, the people are given breathalyzer tests and are searched for drugs. The goal of the program is to work with the people so they can find a job. In fact, if the participants are not actively looking for a job, they are not allowed to remain at the shelter.

One person at the Sleepout quipped, "If you stay here, where will the homeless people sleep?" Although the point was made in jest, it does raise a valid point. Homelessness is becoming an increasing problem in world society, and because community programs like VISION exist, we know it is not only an issue in the bigger cities.

Some attribute the homeless situation to abuses of the social services, but that is not always the case. Divorce is sometimes a factor, especially in households where income is brought in by only one member. Relatively lacking in skills, a new divorcee may find it difficult to find an employer who will hire him or her. In other cases, single mothers cannot pay their bills and support their children. As a result, they are often evicted, leaving them homeless. Circumstance is the enemy more often than not.

Perhaps it is people with VISION that are needed to help end this problem.

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SPORTS

Wrestlers look to give Reese 500th victory

WILKES-BARRE — The drive for 500 wins begins on Saturday for Wilkes University wrestling coach John Reese. The Colonels will open their 1993-94 season by hosting the Wilkes Duals, a five team, round-robin event beginning at 11:00 a.m. in the Marts Center. Along With Wilkes, the Duals will feature teams from Seton Hall, Coppin State, Carson-Newman, and Central Connecticut State.

Starting his 41 season at the helm of the Colonels wrestling program, Reese enters the year just nine wins short of the magical 500 mark. He would become only the second coach in wrestling history to top 500 wins, joining the retired Dale Thomas of Oregon State who has 636 wins.

To get 500 wins, Reese will go with a roster that is small in numbers, but big in talent.

Among those returning are 134 pounder John Klessinger

who was 14-13 as a freshman last year; 142 pounder Barry Van Scoten who was 15-9 last year, and 150 pounder Mike Evans, who was 22-4 and finished sixth at the EIWA championships.

Also returning are John Stout at 158 pounds who was 5-6 in limited action; Ray Monzon who was 5-11 at 167 pounds last year; Aaron Wurster who was 10-8 wrestling at 190 pounds; and heavyweight Heath Fleisher who was 23-9 as a freshman,

including a school record of 12 pins. Fleisher also finished sixth at the EIWA championships.

"The numbers we have are small, but the kids are working hard each and every day in practice and that's all I can ask of them," said Reese. "With the tough schedule we face, it is going to be important for us to stay healthy. I won't have the luxury of being able to go deep into the roster for backups."

Among those already to Colonels because of injury was 177 pounders, Dave Habowski and George Gurdock. Habowski had to have knee surgery and will be lost for the year while Gurdock is getting over a shoulder injury and looks to be back in the second semester.

Following the Wilkes Duals, the Colonels will be home with the U.S. Naval Academy on Friday, December 3 at 7:30 p.m.

Wilkes Crew competes in regatta

By **STEVE RAWHEISER**
Sports Writer

Wilkes Crew traveled to Fairfax, VA. recently for the Head of the Occoquan Regatta. The race was an all-day event, going from nine in the morning to four in the afternoon.

There were 392 teams from all over the country, as well as teams from Canada, at the event. Wilkes Crew raced in two events, the Woman's Eight and the Men's Quad.

For the first time in Wilkes history, the crew team entered a Woman's Eight in competition. Coxswained by Noelle Puza, the Women's Eight took on a 3.2 mile course.

Before starting the course the crew had to first row 3.2 miles up river to the starting point. Once under way, the girls rowed hard on a tough course against some very stiff competition. Once the heat was over, Wilkes Crew



Wilkes crew team at Occoquan Regatta.

photo courtesy Steve Rawheiser

had beaten the squad from William and Mary College.

In the men's race, Wilkes competed in the Quad in a very tight race. In this particular heat, the crew team was not only up against the country's best college rowers, but also the top national rowers as well.

The race got very exciting when a top national team from Baltimore started to gain on Wilkes. Wilkes had a 20 second head start on the team, but the Baltimore rowers closed it to a three or four second difference, just a half

mile into the race.

The Colonel's determination then took over, and for the next two miles, Wilkes was in an all-out war. The Colonel rowers would gain enough momentum to recapture their original 20 second lead and finish the regatta in amazing spirit.

This regatta was the last one for Wilkes this semester, but the Crew team is planning to attend many more regattas this year, in the Wilkes-Barre area, as well as around the nation.

Colonel of the Week

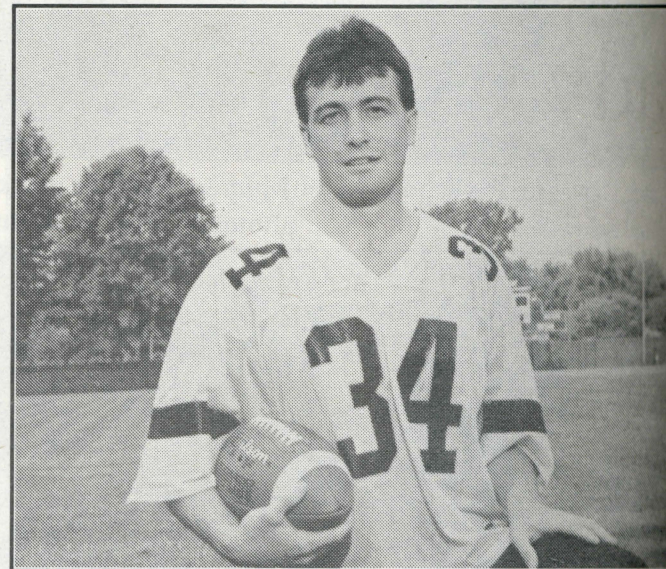


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This week's "Colonel of the Week" is football player Jason Smith. Smith scored three touchdowns and rushed for 116 yards on 29 carries in Saturday's game with King's. He also became Wilkes' all-time leading rusher with 2,965 yards in his career. Smith also became the school's first rusher to go over 1,000 yards in a season.

Good Luck Colonels!!!

Colo

WILKES-BARRE Jerry Rickrode was coach of the Wilkes team, his first year start building a victory. While some would take several to accomplish Rickrode proved wrong by going winning 16 games. Wilkes a spot in the Atlantic Conference the first time in eight years. Among the big team were champions both the Gettysburg Laurel Line Tournament the Laurel Line Wilkes one of just two teams the University of South Carolina 1992-93 winning 70-0 Long Center.

Lady

WILKES-BARRE ing off their most season in school history 1993-94 Lady Colonels Karen Haag will lead the high standard that was established during season of a year.

To do so, will require work, especially with of two key members year's team.

Gone from the team won 18 games and captured Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) Soccer vision championship Chinchar and Stacey.

Chinchar left due to an injury while Boyer, a senior, sat out for the season back injury. Last year came into her own averaging 14.4 points a game while the team in minutes. Overcoming the loss of half the offensive out a big task for Coach

Colonels return strong nucleus for 1993-94

WILKES-BARRE—When Rickrode was named head coach of the Wilkes basketball team, his first priority was to build a winning tradition. While some people said it would take several years at best to accomplish that goal, Rickrode proved the skeptics wrong by going out and winning 16 games and earning Wilkes a spot in the Middle Atlantic Conference playoffs for the first time in eight years.

Among the big wins for the team were championships at the Gettysburg and the Laurel Line Tournaments. In the Laurel Line Wilkes became one of just two teams to defeat the University of Scranton in 1992-93 winning 71-66 at the Long Center.

As Rickrode prepares for his second season, he is hoping to go beyond the first round of the Middle Atlantic Conference playoffs. The fact that the Colonels have lost only one player to graduation and have added a talented freshmen class gives Rickrode lots of optimism heading into the new year.

Gone is four year starter Joe Natale, who averaged 9.6 points and 9.0 rebounds a game, but left is a hungry group of players.

"It was a good start for both me and the program," said Rickrode. "The players started to develop some confidence in themselves and it showed in how well they played. This year should just be a fun season with a strong group of players

coming back and a talented freshmen class recruiting class ready to step in."

Leading the returning members of the team are seniors Jay Turman, 6'2" guard; Chris Patackis, a 6'5" forward; Phil Marko, a 6'6" forward; Matt McCaffrey, a 6'3" forward, and John Harlan, a 6'3" guard.

In addition, Chris Parker, a 6'0" guard; Matt LaBuda, a 6'4" guard; Dave Macedo, a 6'2" guard, and Jason Kerr, a 5'8" guard also return for the Colonels.

Turman, in his first year at Wilkes, averaged 11.8 points, 3.2 assists, and 2.1 rebounds a game. Patackis, who came into his own last year, was third in scoring with 9.2

points and second in rebounds with 5.8 per game. Harlan averaged 7.8 points per game, 3.6 rebounds, and led the team with 24 three point field goals. From his four spot Marko tossed in 5.5 points and 4.2 rebounds a game while McCaffrey was the emotional leader of the team and averaged 1.6 points and 1.5 rebounds a game in limited action.

Among the underclassmen, Parker, who played in the second half of the year, averaged 7.6 points and 2.8 rebounds a game. LaBuda, a super sub last year, averaged 5.7 points and 2.5 rebounds a game. Macedo, a point guard, averaged 2.4 points and 1.6 rebounds while Kerr, a backup point guard, saw limited action and

averaged 2.0 points a game.

Among the newcomers for Wilkes are Nikia Tillman, a 5'8" guard; Eric Davis, a 6'4" leaper, Scott Fleming, a 6'2" shooting guard, Dave Clancy, a 6'5" forward; and Tim Burlew, a 6'7" center.

"This is a great recruiting class," said Rickrode. "There is lots of talent in that group that will only get better as they mature and learn the collegiate game."

Wilkes will open its 1993-94 season on the road at the Stony Brook (NY) Tournament this weekend. The Colonels will make their home debut on Monday, November 29, when they host MAC Commonwealth League for Messiah College.

Lady Colonels look to build on last season

WILKES-BARRE—Coming off their most successful season in school history, the 1993-94 Lady Colonels of coach Karen Haag will look to maintain the high standard of play that was established in that winning season of a year ago.

To do so, will require some work, especially with the loss of two key members of last year's team.

Gone from the team which won 18 games and captured the Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) Southern Division championship are Missie Chinchar and Stacey Boyer.

Chinchar left due to graduation while Boyer, a senior, will sit out for the season due to a back injury. Last year Boyer came into her own and averaged 14.4 points and 6.9 rebounds a game while leading the team in minutes played. Overcoming the loss of nearly half the offensive output will be a big task for Coach Haag and

her staff.

"We need to grow as a team and overcome the loss of two key players," said the third year coach. "I'm very confident that this team will be just as exciting as last year's team."

While Chinchar and Boyer are gone, the cupboard is not bare for the Lady Colonels. A lot of talent still remains in the likes of senior Colleen McGarry, sophomores Lee Ann Azarewicz, Jamie Land, Michelle Shaffer, and Kristin McNally.

McGarry, the lone senior on the squad, came back last year after sitting out one season and was tied for third on the team with 10.2 points per game. McGarry also averaged 5.2 rebounds per game. A three point threat, McGarry was second on the team in three point field goals with 24, including a game winner against Moravian in overtime.

Azarewicz, one of the most

physical players in the Middle Atlantic Conference, also averaged 10.2 points per game, had 7.2 rebounds a game and garnered a team-high 28 three pointers while coming off the bench. A probable starter for the Lady Colonels, Azarewicz's numbers are sure to increase with more minutes.

Land, a point guard, stepped in last year and handled the ball for Wilkes with the poise of three year veteran. The sophomore averaged 6.2 points and 1.6 assists for Wilkes in '92-'93.

Shaffer, a starter last year at the two guard spot, averaged 6.0 points and 3.1 rebounds a game while McNally came off the bench and provided key minutes as a backup point guard.

Others who return for the Lady Colonels from last year's team include Tammy Palmer, Amy Kuzmik and

Sarah Vandermark.

"We have a strong nucleus of players back, but it will take some time for the new players to get adjusted to the system," Haag commented. "Through the early part of preseason all the players are working extremely hard."

With a solid nucleus of players returning, Haag went out and recruited a group of student/athletes who could step in and compliment the returning players.

Among the newcomers for the Lady Colonels are Toni Ann Capozzollo, a 5'10" forward from Pius X High School in Bangor, PA; Lorie Heft, a 5'10" forward from NE Bradford HS in Le Raysville, PA; Katrazyna Maziarz, a 6'2" center from Susquehanna, PA; Christy Palilonis, a 5'10" forward from Windsor HS, Windsor, PA; Shelly Vagnarelli, a 5'5" guard from Valley View HS in Archbald,

PA; and Amy Webb, a 5'4" guard from Tenant HS, Warminster, PA.

In addition, several new players, already at Wilkes, will be suiting up for the 1993-94 season including Karen Beling and Kim Kaskel.

Wilkes will open its 1993-94 season on the road Saturday and Sunday in the Hartwick College Tournament. The Lady Colonels will debut at home on Tuesday, November 23 against Baptist Bible College.

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SPORTS

Colonels to host NCAA Playoff Game after defeating Monarch's 41-14 Saturday

By **DAVID McCABE**
Sports Editor

The Wilkes University football team finished up the regular season with a perfect 10-0 record after beating cross-town rival King's College Saturday afternoon.

The Colonels also locked up the number two seed in the NCAA Division III South which will give the Colonels an opening round home game in the NCAA playoffs.

Wilkes opened up the scoring against King's in the first quarter when Jason Smith carried for a one yard touchdown run to make it 6-0 Wilkes.

Minutes later the Colonels would go up 14-0 when quarterback Boo Perry connected with Ryan Alston for a 60 yard

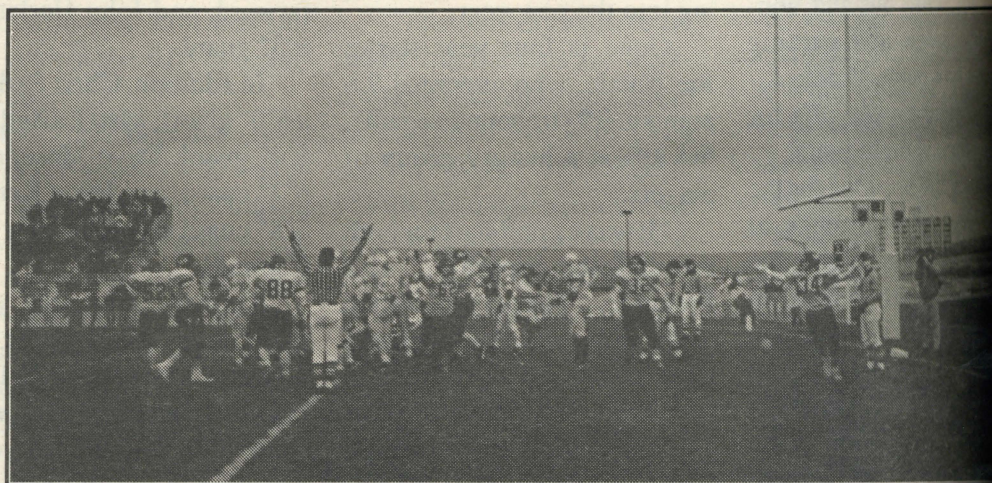
touchdown pass.

Smith started the second quarter with another one yard touchdown, capping off a nine play, 36 yard drive. Kicker Joel O'Donnell's kick was good for a 21-0 lead.

Following a Monarch punt, Arkenney Wade would take a handoff and scamper down the sidelines for a 97 yard touchdown run. The PAT was good, making it 28-0 going into half-time.

The Colonels would score two more times in the third quarter. Smith scored his third touchdown of the game on a three yard run, and Larry Yudiski tallied the first touchdown of his career on a one yard run.

King's would score two late touchdowns, giving the Colo-



Jason Smith celebrates after scoring a touchdown.

photo by Jen Stackhouse

nels the 41-14 victory.

Offensively for the Colonels, Smith rushed for 116 yards and three touchdowns on 29 carries, while Wade finished with 107 yards and a score on just eight carries.

Perry also had a good game, completing 16 of 25 for 235 yards and one touchdown.

On the receiving end, Steve Endres had nine receptions for 105 yards, while Alston caught five for 92 yards and

one touchdown.

The defense this week was led by Lou Atkinson. Atkinson finished with a team high nine tackles and a fumble recovery.

Also putting in strong performances for the defense was Greg Yankow and Mike Modla, who each recorded seven tackles. Mike McCas also added six tackles of his own.

This Saturday, the Colonels will make their first ever NCAA playoff appearance when they host Frostburg State at Ralston Field. Kick-off is set for 12 noon.

Frostburg comes in too the game with an overall 9-1 record.

Head coach Joe DeMasi stated, "Frostburg has a high powered offense that can score points in a hurry. We will need to work hard to contain them..., overall it should be an outstanding game.

Tickets are available at the University bookstore. Cost is \$3.00 for students, and \$5 for adults.

Up & Coming Events

Saturday, November 20

NCAA Division III South Playoffs for Football

Frostburg State vs Wilkes at Ralston Field, Noon

Men's basketball at Stony Brook Tourney with St. Joe's and Roser Williams Championship on Sunday

Women's basketball at Hartwick Tourney with Keuka College and Plymouth State Championship on Sunday

Wrestling at home for Wilkes Duals

Broken Records

In Saturday's 41-14 victory over King's College, several Wilkes football players passed milestones on some of the Wilkes all-time lists.

-single season total yards passing, Boo Perry, 2,257; previous mark, Carl DeLuca, 2,220 set in 1987

-career rushing yards, Jason Smith, 2,955; previous mark, Ted Yeager, 2,869 set in 1968-1971

-single season rushing yards, Jason Smith, 1,004; previous mark, Jason Smith, 993 set in 1992

-single season receiving yards, Steve Endres, 932; previous mark, Joe Skvarla, 932 set in 1968

-single season receptions, Steve Endres, 66; previous mark, Tony DiGrazia, 65 set in 1986.

-longest touchdown run, Arkenney Wade, 97 yards

-most wins in a season, 1993 Colonels with 10; previous mark is eight in 1966, 1967, and 1968

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AID

The Project Memo was at Wilkes from Tuesday, 10, until Thursday 20, as part of events for AIDS Awareness Week which was Wednesday 1.

Monday night White, whose son died of AIDS, kept the weeks even message of prevention p.m. in the Dickson Darte Center the Performing Arts On Tuesday