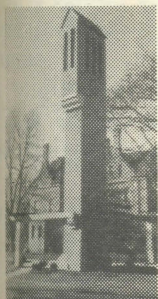


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Casey slashes education funds

By ANDREA SILVI
Beacon Editor-in-Chief

Governor Robert Casey dropped a bombshell on higher education yesterday afternoon as he unveiled a \$27.1-billion state budget that included shockingly dramatic cuts in education and human services.

The proposal would cut 3.5 percent from higher education statewide. Pennsylvania's 14

state-owned universities, including Penn State, the University of Pittsburgh, and Temple, would receive only \$359.8 million in state aid. Funding for private state-aided colleges and universities, like Wilkes, would be eliminated, saving \$76 million dollars in the first year.

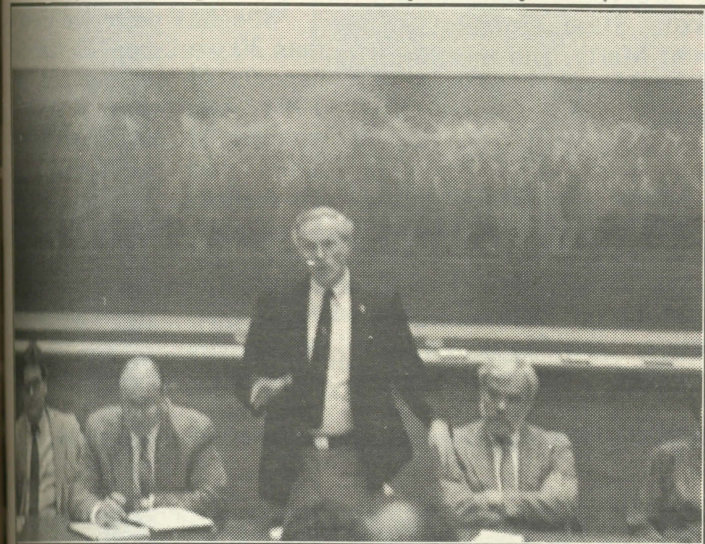
Casey justified these drastic cuts by claiming that the state cannot afford to be overwhelmed by deficits.

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Breiseth heads open forum

By CHRISTINE CARDELLO
Beacon Advertising Editor

Approximately 50 members of Wilkes University staff, faculty and students attended an open forum hosted by University President Christopher Breiseth and a panel of his administrators on February 4, in SLC 101. The forum was designed to answer any questions and concerns that may have arisen from the president's "State of the University" address given on Thursday, January 27.



Listen up! - President Breiseth addresses public

Members of the panel included Dr. Harold Cox, Chairman of the Faculty Affairs Council; Dr. Wagiha Taylor, President of the Faculty Association; Dr. Michael Lennon, Vice-President of Academic Development; Paul O'Hop, Vice-President of Business and Auxiliary Affairs; Dr. Robert Heaman, Executive Assistant to the President; Thomas Hadzor, Vice-President of Development and Kenneth Broadt, Member of the Faculty Affairs Council Budget Subcommittee.

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Mixed emotions stir over club

By BONNEE BREESE
Beacon Managing Editor

"We can't be so ignorant to turn our back, we cannot separate our campus like that, at least they'll have each other," said Jennifer Meyers, representative of Student Government.

"Once they are a member of this club, they are in it for life, 25 years down the road they will be remembered at class reunions as being gay or lesbian," said John Comberford, SG treasurer.

"Hopefully, 25 years from now there won't be people like that," said SG President, Tom Wittman.

These were some of the mixed emotions that filled the room before the vote to activate the new Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Association (LBGA), at the SG meeting last night.

By a majority vote of 14

favor and 9 against, Wilkes University now has a new club within its community.

Every SG representative that was present had something to say about the issue.

Most SG representatives thought that by LBGA not being given the opportunity to become a recognized club on the campus, that SG would be seen as a discriminatory student government organization.

Gail Humphrey, SG representative said, "It's the 90's people, in the 60's homosexuals had to fight for their rights."

"Why should we, a SG body in the 90's, make a choice for someone else's sexual preference," Humphrey added.

Humphrey's statement summed up the discussion that

was put on the floor before the ratification of the vote.

All members were asked to vote because the club, its title, and its purpose were too important not to vote on.

In other SG news, the Student Community Service regards to volunteer services in the area.

SCSC will be back next week for a vote on their council and constitution.

The electronic billboard in the SLC lobby is working today. Until a system for announcements is developed, clubs are asked to contact Mike Nolfie, director of student activities.

An open forum is being held on Tuesday, February 11 at 9:30 a.m. in SLC 101. Students are asked to attend and speak out about issues within the campus

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Wilkes Today underway

By MISSY MARGIS
Beacon News Editor

Every Wilkes student, alumnus, employee and vendor is part of the new Wilkes Today campaign. The role they play is that of salesperson of Wilkes University.

This new campaign isn't about fund-raising, but rather enrollment raising.

After Wilkes experienced a decrease in enrollment this year, Wilkes Trustee Cliff Melberger came up with the concept for Wilkes Today.

"Wilkes Tomorrow gave us the money for endowment, for building and for the future," Melberger said. "Wilkes Today is to recruit

students so we thrive today."

Wilkes Today is a sponsorship program which every one who has a tie to the university is to sponsor at least one student. The student is encouraged to fill out an application and visit the school's admissions office. After applying, the sponsor is kept informed about the student's application.

Class presidents, resident's assistants, and other campus leaders met recently to kick-off the campaign on campus.

Students were assigned to various regions, mostly their hometowns. When they are in their region they are to encourage at minimum one student to at least apply to Wilkes.

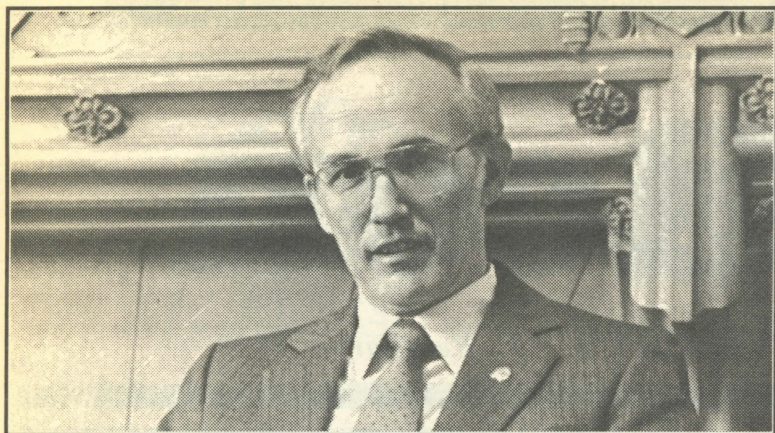
Junior class president Gene Consylea feels this is a good idea.

"The meetings we have had generated a lot of interest within the student body. Students seemed anxious to sell their school."

According to Emory Guffrovich, Dean of Admissions, this idea has always existed at Wilkes but now it is being fully developed.

"The best people to promote a university are the satisfied students and alumni."

Guffrovich added that some schools, Penn State for example, use this type of recruiting.



Dr. Christopher N. Breiseth

Budget, Cont. from p. 1

"Pennsylvania can no longer afford automatic boxcar increases in education or human services no matter how compelling the case may be," Casey said.

What do these cutbacks mean to a small, private university like Wilkes? It means that we're all going to

have to pull together to ensure that these cuts will not have

and adverse affect on the university.

According to Wilkes President Dr. Christopher Breiseth, the most important factor is the spirit of community which has continued to pervade Wilkes throughout the school year.

"We're all facing budget problems," Breiseth stated, "and my concern is for all

Although Governor Casey believes his budget proposal was done with "sensitivity, compassion, and common sense," it is definite that higher education will be facing some tough times in the future.

sectors of education. We're going to have to work together to make sure that these cuts do not adversely affect the quality of education."

Student Government

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community that either they like or don't like.

Winter weekend registration forms will be accepted directly after the forum in the SLC lobby from 11:00 a.m. to noon, only. The first 32 teams to turn in forms will participate.

There will be a Winter Weekend captains meeting on Thursday, February 13, time and place of the meeting will be announced at a later time.

The SG constitution was brought forth for changes to be made. By a majority vote the changes were activated by the SG body. Copies of the new constitution will be available in the SG office all week.

Students' works on display at expo

By CHRISTINA CLINE
Beacon Staff Writer

The Wilkes University department of engineering will hold their annual "Engineering Expo" on February 21 from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The school of Science and Engineering in conjunction with National Engineers Week (February 17 to 21), will hold this expo for the recruitment of potential students from area high schools.

"The program has been very successful in the past four years. We've had up to 300 students visit the department," said Dr. Perwez Kalim, Chair of the Engineering Expo.

The engineering shows presented in the University labs will be: Robotics, CAD,

Metallography, Ceramics, Photolithography Process, Microelectronic devices, Electron Microscopy, Thin and Thick film processing and video shows.

"All the displays have been worked on by our engineering students," said Kalim.

According to Kalim, without the students' enthusiasm and help the event would not be as successful as it has been in the past.

Schools from Allentown, New Jersey, Stroudsburg as well as schools in the Scranton/Wilkes-Barre area will attend the Expo that day.

A luncheon from 1 to 2 p.m. will be provided by Wilkes in Pickering Hall. Guided tours of the department will also take place throughout the day.

Nursing department to hold conference

The Wilkes University Nursing Department will host a conference focusing on "Differentiated Practice" on Friday, February 14, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Marts Center. Nursing educators and executives are invited to attend with a registration fee of \$10.

JoEllen Koerner and Sandra Bunkers will serve as speakers for the conference lead participants in discussions concerning differentiated practice in the clinical area.

Koerner is currently the Vice President for Patient services at Sioux Valley Hospital in south Dakota and a Doctoral student at the Fielding Institute. She also holds a certificate from the University of Pennsylvania and degrees from south Dakota State University, Mount Marty, and the Sioux Valley Hospital school of Nursing.

Author of several articles including "Integrating differentiated Practice Into Shared Governance," and "Building on Differentiated practice: the Sioux Valley Hospital Experience,"

Koerner has received numerous awards and grants for her service, including the Distinguished Lectureship Award from the Sigma Theta Tau, International.

Sandra Bunkers is currently an Assistant Professor of Nursing at Augustana College in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. She attended the Gestalt Institute of the Twin Cities in Minneapolis, Minnesota for a post-graduate training program. In addition to holding a master's degree from South Dakota State University and a bachelor's degree from Augustana College, both in nursing. Ms. Bunkers also attended the Presentation School of Nursing in Sioux Falls.

She has presented more than 30 workshops on various aspects of nursing and, in 1991, established a private practice, Health Connections. She has authored or co-authored articles which have appeared in "Nursing Administration Quarterly," "Clinical Nurse Specialist," "Journal of Nursing Administration," and "Journal of Nursing Education."

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By JEAN NE
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The Chem recently received a donation from Stanley Stavin is the 1990 Otto Haas Technical Excellence Award. The award was given to Rohm & Haas Philadelphia company for its agriculture. Technical Excellence Award for unique technical success of product & Haas.

"This is the presented an employee who best work," c Owen Faut, C Chemistry Department Dr. Stavin

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By ROBYN AL
Beacon Staff Writer

Communications business student opportunity to sponsor and internships annual career fair sponsored by the Association of Communicators.

The fair will be held on February 11 from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

"IABC would like to provide students a number of opportunities to participate in a helpful step to said Christine president of Wilkes of IABC.

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Alumnus makes donation to Chemistry Department

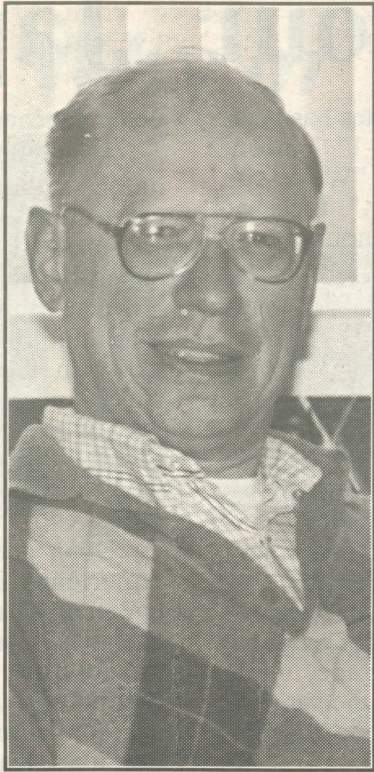
By JEAN NEPA
Beacon Copy Editor

The Chemistry Department recently received a \$5,000 donation from alumni, Dr. Stanley Stavinsky. Stavinsky is the 1990 recipient of the Otto Haas Award for Technical Excellence.

The award is given by the Rohm & Haas Company of Philadelphia, a chemical company specializing in agriculture. The award for Technical Excellence honors unique technical contributions significant in the overall success of programs at Rohm & Haas.

"This is the highest award presented annually to the employee who has done the best work," commented Dr. Owen Faut, Chairman of the Chemistry Department.

Dr. Stavinsky developed



Dr. Owen Faut

state of the art equipment used to measure the amount of pesticides in foods and the environment, according to Faut. His methods will be used by the EPA and FDA.

"Some of the money will be used to purchase small equipment, but we want to allow interest to gather on the rest of the money so major pieces can eventually be purchased," said Faut.

Upon receiving this award, Stavinsky was given the opportunity to donate the money to the school of his choice. He is the first alumni to make a donation of this department.

"Stan is one of a large number of outstanding Wilkes graduates, added Faut. "This goes to show that our students do well and can excel in their careers."

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Due to the present recession, many people are concerned about the future of the university, budget cuts and job positions.

are made "every position and line will be looked at carefully and everyone involved will be considered."

Dr. Cox tried to alleviate any concerns by saying that "all higher education institutions are having financial difficulties and in order to overcome the problem we must try different directions and gain new understandings of each other."

The administration is trying to prepare a preliminary budget and come to a consensus on such issues as tuition increases, salaries and job positions. Breiseth pointed out that the university is trying to keep tuition at an affordable level so that enrollment is not inhibited. Early decisions indicate that the budget will provide level one funding in all areas with no level two or special requests being considered.

Faculty positions may be absorbed as people enter retirement and positions may be redefined rather than hiring new faculty that the university may not need.

Breiseth believes that "if the university focuses its objectives and holds their own they will become identified as a higher quality education institution in as little as five years."

Dr. Lennon assured the faculty that if these decisions

Tenure will not be affected because that would be unfair to faculty members.

"It is something that staff members have worked long and hard to accomplish," Lennon said.

Another concern that was voiced was campus leadership. Dr. Heaman suggested that individuals who weren't in academic roles felt that they were left out of leadership considerations. He reminded everyone that "leadership was not vertical or hierarchical, but horizontal. Everyone should be made to feel important to the institutions."

The university will be looking toward alumni to make strong contributions toward its financial stability. Hadzor suggested that alumni have been ignored in the past and it is important to concentrate on them for the future of the university.

"We have only reached 64 percent of our \$800,000 goal for the annual fund this year. We set the goals based on potential of giving, not expectations. The recession may have a lot to do with this problem," said Hadzor.

The next President's meeting is on February 17, at his house, where he will meet with student leaders.

IABC Career Fair set

By ROBYN ADELSON
Beacon Staff Writer

Communication and business students will have an opportunity to search for jobs and internships at the third annual career fair, which is sponsored by the International Association of Business Communicators.

The fair will be held in Rumors on February 14, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

"IABC would like to offer students as many opportunities to get jobs as possible and the career fair is a helpful step towards that," said Christine Cardello, president of Wilkes' chapter of IABC.

Organizations attending the fair include Wilkes-Barre General Hospital, First Valley Bank of Lehigh Valley, The Citizen's Voice, WVIA radio,



Christine Cardello

NEPA Advertising Club, and WDNH.

Juniors seeking valuable internship experience are

encouraged to attend.

"Don't wait until your a senior to start looking. Internship positions fill up fast and the fair will supply an opportunity to get one," said Jane Elmes-Crahall, IABC advisor.

Graduating seniors interested in securing a job interview are advised to bring copies of their resumes and some writing samples as well.

In addition to the career fair, IABC is having an open forum for seniors from 11:30 to 12:30 p.m. in Rumors. Mike Jupina, director of the Lehigh Valley Bank and former Wilkes graduate, will give advice on how to get a career started.

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Start brushing up on your Japanese

"I have long thought that they (Americans) lack a work ethic to live by the sweat of their brow."

"American workers are too preoccupied on Fridays with the coming weekend and cannot throw themselves wholly into their work Mondays as they played too hard Saturdays and Sundays."

"...about thirty percent of the workers cannot read."

EDITORIAL

These are just a few of the stiff accusations which Japanese Prime Minister Kiichi Miyazawa has been hurling in the face of American workers in the past few weeks. Miyazawa's comments may be harsh, but consider the work ethic of the American people, especially that of college students, and you'll begin to realize that much of what he's saying isn't far from the truth.

Reports from across the nation recounted the anger and outrage Americans felt at being characterized as lazy and illiterate. Well, it's about time!!! How long have we been behind in the "Trade Wars?" How long has there been a gap the size of the Grand Canyon between the intelligence levels of Japanese students and American students? And we're just realizing now that we have to do something about it? Well, if we're not careful, we may soon also realize that we woke up just a little too late.

For years now, the United States has been wearing the "We're Number 1" button. "We've won the Cold War." "We're the world's one and only superpower." It seems to me that this eagerness to announce our "victory" to the world can only mean one thing: we're not sure of this "superpowerness" ourselves. It is the true victor who doesn't have to keep reminding everyone that he's number one.

Although our perception of Japanese culture is often one of "all work and no play," it is alarmingly obvious that Japan has excelled not only in manufacturing and productivity, but also in academics. A Japanese student would be horrified to receive a failing grade in a class and would work ten times as hard to improve his grade, while many American students feel that the sure fire cure for an "F" is a six pack of Coor's Light.

Another alarming contrast is evident in the language barrier which exists between the US and Japan. All Japanese students are required to learn English as part of their curriculum, but how many college students can speak any Japanese beyond "Toyota" and "Sony?" Is it now so "terrible" to say that the Japanese are

better educated than us?

The comment which really drives the point home is the one concerning the "weekend party ethic" we seem to have developed. It's true that all of the uninhibited partying we engage in throughout the weekend seems to leave us quite incapacitated come Monday morning. Just think of how many students you can count in your Monday morning classes with weekend hangovers. How can we "wholly throw ourselves into our work" on Monday when we can't even make it from the bed to the shower?

Don't get me wrong, I'm not saying that Americans are doomed and that we will eventually have to succumb to the leadership of Japan. As a matter of fact, it's just quite the opposite. The United States has all of the technology and potential to surpass the accomplishments of the Japanese, but we, the future leaders of this nation, must learn to use it. Otherwise, you might just be reading this editorial in Japanese in a few years.

Editor's note: We're still waiting to hear from you! Please address all comments, suggestions, and questions to "Beacon Editor," Hollenback Hall, 2nd floor.

Join in celebrating 'Black History Month'

The month of February is a special month for all African Americans. It has been designated as Black History Month.

Many of you may not know this fact.

Let me tell you a short story.

In history, we learned that there were people originating from Africa who were forcefully taken from their motherland to a new nation. This nation was soon to be America. These African people became the property of the European Americans, who had already been in the new nation for some time.



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Both nationalities spoke different languages, therefore, they did not understand the cultural identities of one another.

The African people were treated cruelly by the European Americans, as well as having to deal with being called harsh names. One of the first names used was "Savages."

That name didn't seem to fit the so-called character of the Africans, so the name was changed to "Niggers."

This name according to European Americans suited the African people just fine.

At this point in history "Nigger" meant stupid and ignorant. Yes, and Africans were just that, not having been given the opportunity of an American education. "Nigger" seemed to work.

Years passed, slavery was abolished, and Africans began to learn to read and write the language of the European Americans.

Africans now knew that the name "Nigger" was not an appropriate title for them as a people.

So the next term, "Colored," was tagged on the Africans as a whole. This term lasted for many, many years, up until the 60's as a matter of fact.

Many European Americans thought that was a "nice" name to say.

Africans always realized that they were not "colored," like a cartoon character in a comic book. But, "colored" was certainly better than "nigger."

Again began the search for a better label.

"Negro." Just right. After all, said some highly sophisticated and educated person, the definition distinctly describes the African people's physical features.

During the 60's, with the Civil Rights Movement, Martin Luther King's "I Have A

Dream" speech, the Olympics, Malcolm X, Angela Davis, and many others, Africans found themselves being referred to as "Black" instead of "Negro."

That was okay. It didn't hurt anyone and wasn't used derogatorily. Africans had found a place of their own and felt that they were a part of this rising nation.

"Black" was a name we could live with.

In the year 1991, Africans have found a new label, or should I say someone found it for us. One that enables us to recapture our heritage, culture, history, and future.

Ta-dah! "Blacks" are now "African-Americans."

Is this a positive step for Africans as a people? Some might think so.

But, isn't it time for "blacks" to make some real gains other than just fancy name changes?

Still and all, celebrate the dreams of African-Americans nationwide.

Let us, together, no matter what our identity, celebrate Black History Month.

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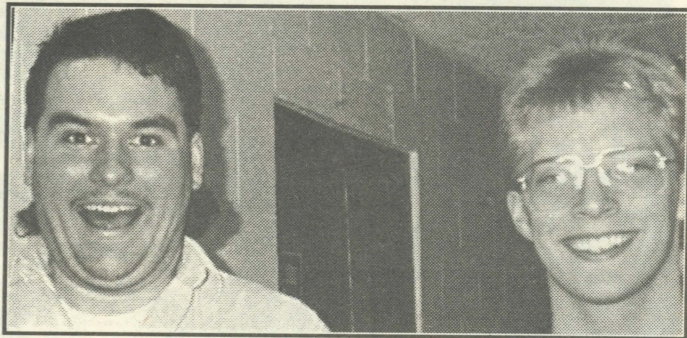
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Do you think Mike Tyson will be found guilty of rape? Why or why not?



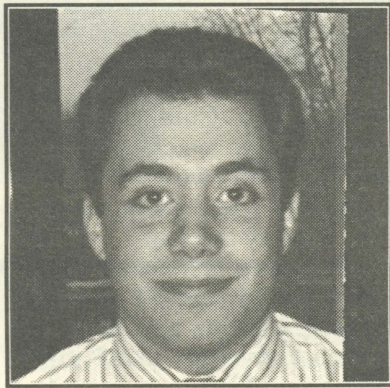
Karyn Abramson
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Yes, because he's been caught with his hands behind his back many other times.



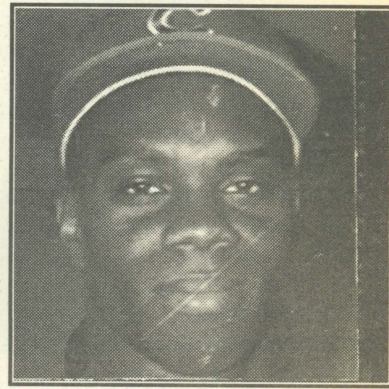
Derek Buffington and Neil Rogers
Sophomores

No, because she just wants money.



Bill Terrell
Senior

Yes, because due to the evidence against him I feel that there is no reasonable doubt to find him innocent.



Paul Stuart
Senior

No, because if Kennedy can be found not guilty, then why can't Tyson?

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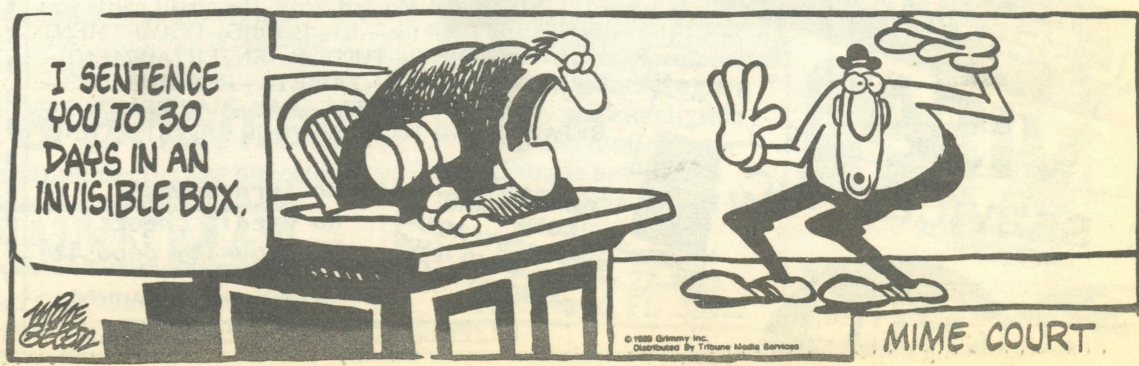
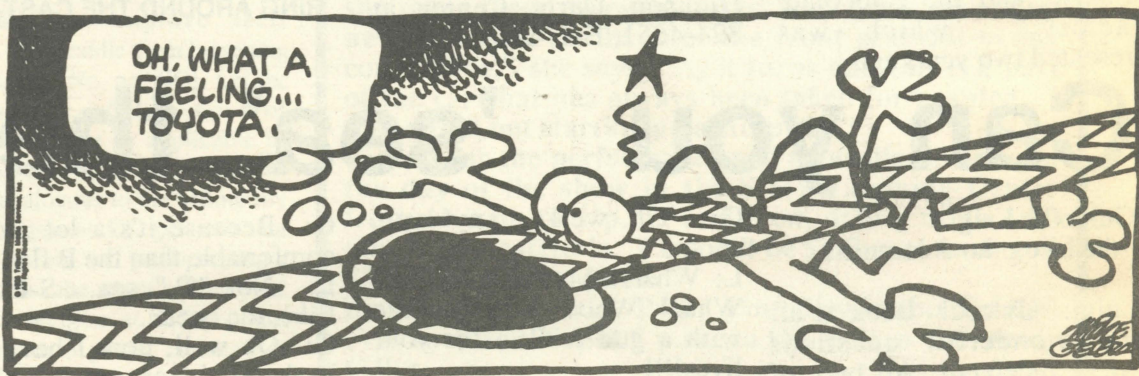
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FEATURES

Kids will be kids: Really Rosie

BY DANETTE SEVRIN
Beacon Staff Writer

There is an old saying that "if you are to have fun and enjoy life, see things through the eyes of a child."

Members of the Wilkes University community will have the perfect opportunity to enjoy themselves when "Really Rosie," a fantasy-filled children's musical by Maurice Sendak, will be presented at the Dorothy Dickson Darte Center at 7:00p p.m., Friday and Saturday, February 14-15.

Sendak will be remembered for the children's story "Where the Wild Things Are."

Really Rosie is being directed and choreographed by Gail P. Stone, a senior theatre major from Syracuse, N.Y.

Stone is known for her successful production of "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory," which was presented two years ago.

Eight-year-old Rosie is the key figure in the current play. It is through her vivid imagination that she can transport herself and her friends, out of the haunting streets of Brooklyn and into a fantasy of true happiness.

It is on a hot summer July day that Rosie and her pals, Pierre, Kathy, Alligator, Johnny, and Chicken Soup created truly wacky jungle scenes, Hollywood picture shows and scary ghost stories to pass away the day.

Tickets for the performances are \$2 for the general public, and \$1 for Wilkes University and Kings College students.

There also will be matinee shows for schools and childcare programs, which are scheduled Wednesday, February 12th through Friday, February 14th.

For further information, please contact the Dorothy Dickson Darte Center at 824-4651, Ext. 4540.



RING AROUND THE CAST—"Really Rosie" to debut in area

Can you 'sea' the answer?

Guido & Luigi
--the incognito columnists

Luigi: Gweed! Look at all the wonderful questions we've received! All two of them.

Guido: I guess that means that our campus soul mates are a lot less confused than we thought they were.

L: That just means they're less confused than we are.

G: Oh well, anyway... shoot.

L: What?! My God! Where? What? Who? You trust me with a gun?! Run for your lives!!!!

G: I meant, what's the first question?

L: Well, why didn't you just say that? You really know how to confuse a person.

G: The question.

L: "Why do fish live in the sea?"

G: Because it's a lot more comfortable than the B flat.

L: Not "C," sea. S-E-A. Like, the ocean.

G: Oh well, now I have to look at it seriously, this requires thought.

L: I can see the smoke.

G: Is that "s-e-a" or "s-e-e"?

L: I think you're avoiding the question.

G: Fish live in the sea because it is the most

esthetically beautiful and profound place to inhabit, and traditionally associated with literary images of life, death, love, and the ongoing presence of man. The sea also has a certain mystique about it, being that man knows more about the moon than about his own ocean, and I for one, would not like a sperm whale bedding down in my backyard.

L: Are you finished?

G: No, I've just gotten started. Next question.

L: Can you please explain something to me?

G: What?

L: All those big words you just used.

G: Well-- are you picking on my answer?

L: Definitely yes.

G: But--what's wrong with See Whales, p.8

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Ah so, the trade war rages

Staff of the Beacon:

My daughter brings your paper home every week, we save it and send them to a relative out of town.

I enjoy reading the paper myself but the week of January 30 "TBL rings in the new year" I was a little disturbed by The Bottom Line. I really have to give credit to the lad that answers the questions. Some of the questions that came in were that of sick children. The college students are our future leaders. Well, some should be back in pre-school.

They act as if they use Right hand under their left arm. Hats off to you, Mr. Norton, but throw these sick letters in your trash. — Faithful Reader

I couldn't agree more. That particular batch of questions strikes me as one that was concocted while under the influence of more than cookies, if you catch my meaning. I'm hoping to get some intelligent letters this semester. You may recall we had an interesting and highly contested debate concerning a certain piece Massachusetts real estate during the Fall 1991 semester. I hope to get that type of controversy going again.

In any event, I have to work with the resources I have. However, I refuse to allow a repeat of last week. Not in my column. No sooner eat glass.

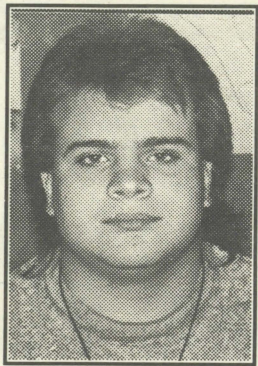
I make no claims as to the kind of deodorant they use.

Be that as it may, thank you for your letter. I'd like to mention that you don't have to be a Wilkes student to send a note to TBL, whether you have comments or questions for me to answer. Forward to what (hopefully) will be a more enjoyable edition of The Bottom Line.

"Japan's cars sell because they aren't as big as a tank and you don't have to stop for gas every twenty minutes." — Japanese car dealer

Since the Japan trade controversy seems to be a likely candidate for generating some heat, we'll have a go at it this week.

Unless you've been living in a cave for the past month or so, you've undoubtedly heard the comments Japan's officials have been making about the American work force. These comments are generally directed toward the manufacturing sector. And, not unexpectedly, the workers were a bit miffed with Japan after this. The workers claim that Japan is either misinformed or lying about them. They're not. Submitted for approval:



THE BOTTOM LINE

Jarrod Norton

Japan says that 30% of American workers are illiterate.

They're right.

Japan says that certain Americans don't take bankruptcy seriously. They say we think "Now we don't have to pay anything back."

They're right.

Japan says that the average intelligence of Americans is lower than that of Japan.

They're right.

Japan says that American products are inferior.

They're right.

Japan thinks they're going to win the trade war.

They're right.

Japan is not lying. They have all the facts to back them up. You can get these facts from our own government. Japan's literacy rate is (the last time I checked) around 99%. Ask any English teacher if the United States' literacy rate is anything above 80% and they'll probably laugh at you. The US has been scoring consistently lower than most other countries in math and science as well, and it's getting worse, not better.

Japan has an entirely different "work ethic" than we do. Japan views professional failure as worse than personal failure. Bankruptcy can drive a Japanese person to suicide. Failing a course can drive a Japanese teenager to suicide. This

is why Japan's national average IQ is over 110. They're improving the breed.

Cold, cold.

Yes, I know it's cold. But I never promised this would be pretty. If we are going to defeat Japan in the trade war we are going to have to play hard, get dirty, and become really good at the game, yesterday.

Our products don't compete because they don't have to. This applies to most segments of manufacturing, but I'll focus on the auto industry because it seems to be enjoying quite a bit of popular attention. When our cars are being outsold and outperformed by imports, we don't force US companies to improve their product. We coddle them by setting trade quotas. No, no, NO! Let the car companies suffer. Survival of the fittest is just as applicable to economics as it is to evolution. This is analogous to me selling my TBL Widgets at \$30 per unit that last for 2 years, and you operating a stand across the street selling your Teriyaki Widgets at \$15 per unit that last for 5 years. Instead of forcing me to improve my widgets, the government says you can only sell 20 widgets a week. So why don't I make worse widgets and sell them for \$50? Or \$100? Or \$250? What's to stop me? Why should I improve my widgets?

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TOTALLY PAULA — Paula Poundstone rolls into campus February 8

Saturday Night Live star Paula Poundstone will make a stop along her comic path at Wilkes University's C.P.A. this Friday, February 8, 1992, at 8 p.m.

Poundstone, a comic veteran, has been doing stand-up for twelve years. Along the way she has appeared on such television shows as Not Necessarily the News and Evening at the Improv. She also received the American Comedy Award for Best Female Stand-up in 1989.

Poundstone's comic routine covers a wide range of topics, from airplane travel, to driving, to convenience stores. What's wonderful about Poundstone is that she takes these everyday topics and finds something new. "I took the back of the front seat out of my convertible," she says. "As it turns out, this is a part of the car that has always been taken for granted. I found that out starting up a steep hill."

Tickets for the performance will be available up until the day of the show in the Stark Learning Center from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., and from 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. in the cafeteria. Cost will be \$4 for students and \$8 for the general public.

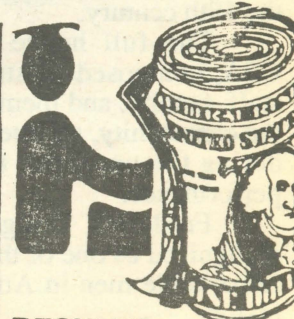
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Wilkes grad displays work

By LOUIS CUOMO
Beacon Staff Writer

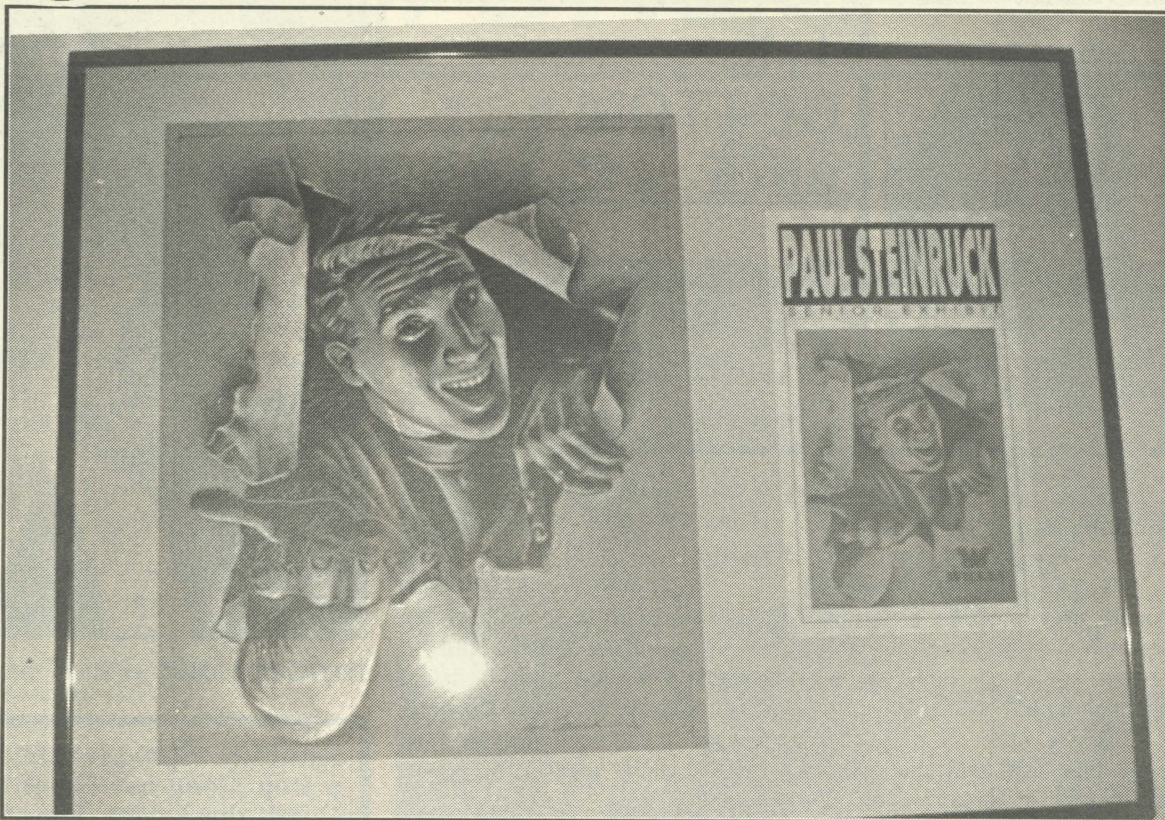
Paul Steinruch, a recent Wilkes University graduate, is currently displaying his artwork at Bradford Hall. The exhibit includes photographs, graphics, and pencil illustrations.

Most of the exhibit is done by pencil. These drawings often take over six hours to make. But with just one look at the drawings you'd think he took much more time than that. The exhibit as whole took well over a year to create and arrange.

Paul has been drawing since he was sixteen years old. His most inspirational artist is Norman Rockwell, an illustrator like himself.

During Paul's years at Wilkes, he learned about different drawing techniques, as well as how to teach others to do the same.

Now that Paul has graduated, he will be teaching children from kindergarten to eighth grade how to draw. He also plans to make some extra earnings by selling his artwork. Some Paul's available pieces can be seen at the Bedford Hall exhibit.



MIRROR IMAGE—Self-portrait featured at art expo

A snowball's chance

By JEAN NEPA
Beacon Copy Editor

Let it snow.

The Snowball Gala Dinner Dance is this coming Friday and despite the rumors of slow ticket sales, over 125 tickets have been sold.

"We weren't expecting it to go as well as

Homecoming," said Becky Steinberger, one of the coordinators of the dance.

"That's the most successful dance of the year."

Traditionally, this has been the Valentine's Day Dance but the name was changed so that student's without dates would not feel uncomfortable going alone, according to Steinberger.

The dance will be Friday, February 7th at Genetti's. Cocktails are at 6:30 p.m. with a buffet style dinner and dancing to follow. Music will be provided by D.J., "Stereo Optics".

Tickets are \$10 per person and \$15 per couple and will be on sale in Stark Lobby and outside the cafeteria through Friday.

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The moral of the story is that we should not listen to Lee Iacocca when he whines about antipollution legislation (or anything else) costing his company money. THAT'S HIS PROBLEM. If we were smart consumers, he'd just have to find a way to deal with the problem, instead of depending on you and I, gentle reader, to bail him out with our hard-earned dollars.

I'd like to thank Japan for giving us a good swift kick in our complacency. Since World War II, Japan has become the perfect producer: smart, sneaky, and dedicated; while the US has become the perfect consumer: foolish, rich, and content. Being content is our worst enemy. We haven't lost yet.

The US may yet pull out a victory in the Trade War. But we'd better move fast. Thanks to Japan, there's nowhere to hide anymore.

I, for one, do not intend to learn to type in Japanese.

Frederick Douglass

By BONNEE BREESE
Beacon Managing Editor

Most of us have read about him in our history books or have done special reports on the man.

At first sight Fred Morsel, who staged an one-man oratory of the trials, tribulations and triumphs of Frederick Douglass, looked as if he stepped directly out of the 19th century.

The full house of the CPA, composed of students, staff, faculty, and members of the community, sat attentively during the two-hour, two act performance.

Frederick Douglass is recognized as one of the most remarkable men in American history.

Douglass, a black slave who escaped from bondage in the late 1830's, went on to

achieve prominence as an antislavery and human rights advocate.

"Presenting Mr. Douglass" is a gripping portrayal of the trials and victories of a true patriot who overcame adversity and made the American dream his own.

Wilkes University in cooperation with College Misericordia, King's College, Luzerne County Community College, Penn State University Wilkes-Barre Campus, and Penn State Worthington-Scranton Campus presented the last Thursday night's performance.

It was a brilliantly done rendition of Douglass. Everyone in attendance felt that Morsel puts his heart and soul in his performance.

Whales, ct'd from p. 7
it? I mean, you wouldn't find a sperm whale bedding down in your backyard either! You wouldn't find your car. You just think of think of what would to the laundry...

L: FINE. Read the question.

G: "What does 'swim' mean?"

L: Sperm whales in mating. G: You picked on me for an answer?

L: We also got a vote that name be put first in column title.

G: One vote does not make a majority.

L: It does if it's the only one. G: I demand a recount.

L: Stay tuned my people. G: Oh no, Luigi has control of the keyboard. What's happen now? What are you doing?

L: I have a question. G: Oh, is that all?

L: Yes. G: Shoot.

L: DON'T SAY THAT! G: Sorry.

L: Why are men not wearing clothes?

G: WHAT?!?!?!? L: I notice that there are men on this campus walking around with only half pants on. It's January!

G: Weege, I think we should let our readers answer one. Readers, speak! Why are you wearing clothes?

P.S. Stay tuned next week for the G&L Valentine special. Write in your messages to your sweetheart.

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Campus announcements

° Education Club

There will be a meeting of the Education Club on Thursday, February 13th at 11 a.m. in Sturdevant Hall.

° Global Ocean

The Concert and Lecture Series will present "Threat to the Global Ocean," a lecture by Peter Burtchell, the newest member of the Cousteau Society, on Thursday, February 27 at 8 p.m. in the Dorothy Dickson Darte Center. Admission is free and the public is invited.

° Lost

If anyone has found the following items or knows of anyone in possession of them, please contact the Security Desk in Stark Lobby.

These items were removed from a locker on the 3rd floor of Stark Learning Center this past Monday sometime after 2:30 p.m. A reward is being offered for any or all of the items returned. The items are as follows:

- ° Four textbooks (PHL 101, PSY 215, HST 102, and PSY 245)
- ° A three-subject notebook
- ° A softback Study Skills guide (which belongs to Dr. Adair)

° A Startup Disk for the MacLab
Your anonymity will be guaranteed.

° Blood Drive

Wilkes will sponsor its second annual blood drive of the school year on Thursday, February 20th, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Lower Level of the Marts Center.

Prizes will be awarded to a number of students, staff, and faculty who take the time to donate. Domino's will provide pizza to be served all day long.

Prizes include:

- Lunch for two in *Legends* restaurant, Genetti's Hotel
- Two sets of tickets for two to see *Barnum* at the Kirby Center on March 5th.
- Gift Certificate for two dinners at Vic Mar's
- Stroud's Gift Certificate for \$20
- Gift Certificate for one pound of candy from Gertrude Hawk's
- 45 Gift Certificates from Blockbuster Video: Rent one and get one rental free
- A fresh flower arrangement from Washington Florist

Anyone who donates at all three blood drives sponsored by Wilkes will be eligible for a special drawing in May for a \$200 Savings Bond donated by Hanover Bank.

° For Sale

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

° Tax Assistance Program

Wilkes students are again offering free income tax assistance as part of the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program. The help is available on the following Saturdays from 10-2 p.m. in Marts room 213 on February 8, 15, and 29, and on March 7, 14, 21, and 28, and April 4.

For more information contact the accounting department at extension 4708.

° Children's Musical

"Really Rosie," a fantasy-filled children's musical by Maurice Sendak, author of *Where the Wild Things Are*, will dazzle children of all ages at the Dorothy Dickson Darte Center on Friday, February 14th and Saturday, February 15th at 7 p.m. All tickets are general admission and priced at \$2. Discount student tickets are available for \$1. Matinee performances for schools and day care facilities are scheduled for Wednesday, February 12th through Friday, February 14th. For more information, call extension 4540.

° Engineering Expo

The Department of Engineering has scheduled their annual expo for Tuesday, February 21st from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Stark Learning Center. Students from area school districts are invited to attend this day of exhibits, displays, and lectures. For further information contact extension 4827.

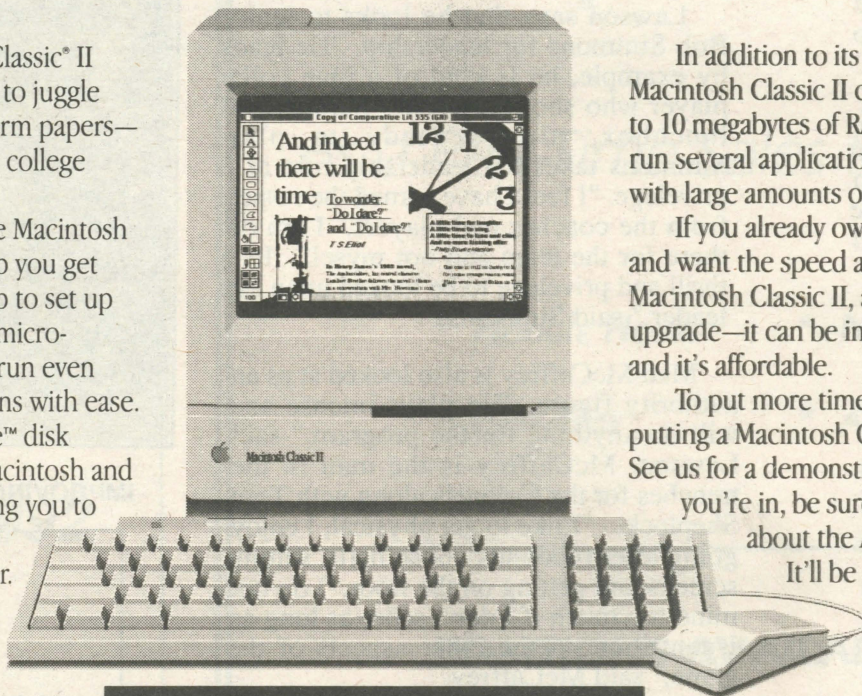
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Bright Future for Baby Colonels



From
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J. R.
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Working towards improvement, that is the goal of Wilkes Mens Basketball junior varsity coach, Eric Lawson.

Lawson, a 1991 graduate of Wilkes decided to return to his alma mater for a few reasons. Lawson was a part of Colonel basketball for four years, and he feels that his experience and insight could be beneficial to some of the younger players. "These are a great bunch of kids to be around and to work with," said Lawson. He hopes to interweave his experience as a player, a coach and a communicator into his ultimate goal. Which is one day to become a head coach.

A junior varsity program in any sport does not receive the same recognition as its varsity counterparts. However, the J.V. participants work as hard if not harder in some cases to achieve playing time on the varsity level.

"That the purpose of a J.V. program is for the young kids to learn the system, get quality playing time in competitive situations, prepare for the varsity level and to have fun," said Lawson.

Lawson and his Baby Colonels have been quite competitive despite an overall 1-5 record. On the junior varsity level, records are not looked upon with that great of emphasis. The main purpose is to evaluate that talent and keep the competitive juices flowing.

Despite the misleading record, the Colonels have put forth a great showing on the hardwood.

A short-handed squad opened the season against Penn State-Hazleton. The locals dropped a 111-100 decision. Tom Sheplock led the way with 27 points; while James Wright finished right behind him with 21.

The next test for Wilkes was the Keystone Junior College Invitational Tournament. Wilkes took on Broome Community College in semi-final action

and took the sting out of the Hornets with a 83-82 victory. Wright netted 23, Sheplock added 13 and Bob Simmons chipped in with 12.

The Colonels moved into the championship game against host Keystone. The Colonels nearly pulled off the upset against a nationally ranked Giant team, only to end up on the short end of a 88-86 score. Wright led the way with 30, Matt McCaffrey threw down 28 while Ed Ciarimboli chipped in with 10.

The next contest for Wilkes was against the Baptist Bible Alumni team. The Colonels and Crusaders battled to a 111-111 regulation tie before heading into overtime. The Colonels ended up on the short end of a 124-117 score. Wright led the way with 26, Matt Labuda added 24 and Dan Williams and Ciarimboli each had 14.

Wilkes got another shot at Keystone this time at the Marts Center. The Colonels ended up on the short end of a 96-83 decision. Wright again led the way with 22 while McCaffrey came in with 15.

"The biggest bright spot is that we are balanced. Every night 3 or 4 different guys step forward to contribute," said Lawson.

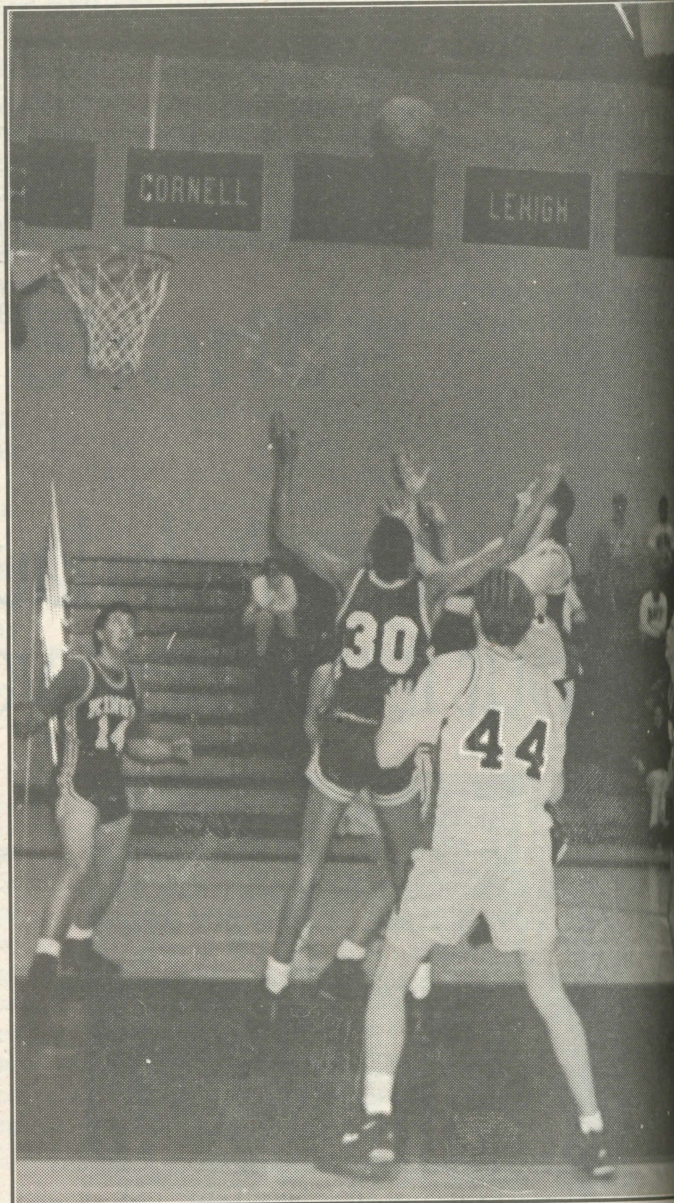
Lawson says that he looks to junior Bob Simmons for leadership. "He leads by example, he is kind of a blue collar player who shows up with hardhat and lunchbox, always ready to play. Simmons takes his leadership role as a privilege. "I feel I have earned the respect from the coaches and players. I am out there for the team and not myself. Its a thrill and privilege to be looked upon as a leader," said Simmons.

Matt McCaffrey is also looked at as an authority figure. "He plays intense and will do anything for the program," said Lawson. McCaffrey is the man in the trenches for the Colonels along with Tom Sheplock. "I like to get physical, I enjoy going after rebounds, loose balls, setting screens and getting on the floor. I do not mind too much if I don't score as long as I contribute in the other aspects of the game," said McCaffrey.

He also went on to say that, "James Wright is a very talented athlete who has the potential to be a good all around player if he sticks with it." Wright hopes to succeed both on and off the court. "I want to get a good education, play basketball, and have fun. I have to keep working hard, but I also want to enjoy it too," said Wright.

Lawson summed it up by saying, "that if the kids work as individuals and play together as a unit and play hard every night they will be a very competitive team."

A positive attitude is a major factor in success. The Baby Colonels have that positive attitude in anticipation of things to come. For they hope to share the "junior" image and become prominent contributors to a successful varsity program.



IMPROVING --- Things looking up for Baby Colonels.

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Seniors lead way for Lady Colonels

BOB SIMMONS

Assistant Sports Editor

Denise Carson, Deb Erdner, Mary Scicchitano and Krista Zoka. What do these four girls have in common? If you said they are the four senior members of the Lady Colonels basketball team you are correct.

Denise Carson, a graduate of Williamsport High School, has played for the Lady Colonels for four years. Carson is a 5'5" who is averaging 11.7 points per game and is shooting 35.5% from the field and 35.5% from the 3 point line.

"Solid as a rock," said Coach Karen Haag, Lady Colonels basketball coach, of Carson. "You can always count on Denise never gives anything but her very best," added

Carson feels honored to have been able to play college basketball and start for four years. Carson feels she leads by not by voice. "We have players and coaches who do the same in different situations, I just go out and play," said

The thing Carson says she'll miss the most after her basketball career is the friendships she has made over the years. Next off the bench is 6'0", center/forward, Deb Erdner. Erdner is a graduate of Ocean City High School in New Jersey. Erdner played her freshmen year then sat out the next two years. When she is back she is averaging 8.6 points per game and rebounds.

Deb is a fighter with so much intensity and a great attitude and personality," said Haag. Haag also stated that she hopes Erdner would come back for one more season since she has a great eligibility left.

Erdner feels like she has gotten another chance to play basketball and feels real great about it. "I feel I hustle every day whether it be at practice or in a game and I think it rubs off on the other players," said Erdner.

"The thing I'm going to miss the most about playing is Missie Chinchar. Missie is definitely the best player I have ever played with," said Erdner.

Running the offense for the Lady Colonels is 5'3" guard, Mary Scicchitano. Scicchitano is a graduate of Mt. Carmel High School and a transfer from Susquehanna University. Scicchitano is averaging 8.3 points per game and is leading the team in assists with 3.5 a contest and 46.2% shooting from the field.

"Mary has shown moments of brilliance at the point for us this season and takes the role of our floor leader when she's on the court. Down the stretch we'll need this from her," said Haag.

"Basketball provides me with a way to meet people and puts me in situations that the classroom can not provide," said Scicchitano.

Scicchitano feels that every one fills a spot when it comes to leadership on the Lady Colonels. Her's is the vocal leadership of the game.

"Basketball provides me with an outlet, an escape from my studies. This is what I'll miss the most about playing," said Scicchitano.

Last but certainly not least is 6'2" center Krista Zoka, who was named to the Times Leader newspaper regional all-star team in 1990-91. Zoka is a graduate of Bishop Hoban High School where she played for three seasons. Zoka is 4th in the Middle Atlantic Conference (MAC) in rebounding with 10.1 a game and is averaging 11.2 points per game. "Zoka is a dominant force in the MAC and she always gives her very best," said Haag.

Zoka feels that playing college basketball for four years was the best experience of her life so far. "It's like a family, someone is always there for you," said Zoka. Zoka says she tries to be up for every game. "It only takes one player to bring the rest of the team down," said Zoka.

The one thing Zoka says she'll miss the most after her career is the game itself.

All four girls agreed upon the same thing about their coach, "she's the best coach we ever had."

Coach Haag shows the same feelings for the girls. "I am very fortunate to have them on my team. They are talented and coachable. They're great. I love them all. I'm going to miss them."



"Of course you can ask Him for a grand slam, but not for Eddie to break his pitching arm."

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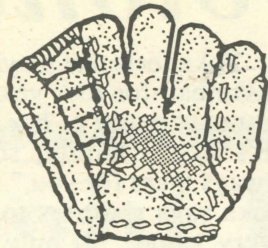
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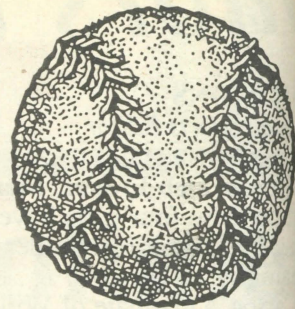
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Sports



Defense key to Colonel turnaround

By J.R. RUPP
Beacon Sports Editor

Defense is the key to victory, and according to head men's basketball coach Ron Rainey, defense has been bringing the victories back to Wilkes Basketball.

The Colonels have improved to 6-12 overall (2-5 MAC) with wins over Delaware Valley and Drew, while losing to King's College.

"We have started playing better on the defensive end and that has helped our offensive game," said Rainey.

Wilkes and King's squared off for the second time this season, last Wednesday night at the Scanlon Gymnasium. The "backyard battle" saw the Colonels end up on the short end of a 80-64 score.

The Colonels and Monarchs battled in a tough first half that saw King's holding onto a slim one-point lead, 29-28. However, the Monarchs came out blazing in the second half outscoring Wilkes 51-36, enroute to a 80-64 win.

Freshman Matt Labuda led the scoring punch for Wilkes with 15, Jeff Patackis was the only other Colonel in double figures as he netted 11. Corby Swan led the way on the boards with seven rebounds, and Phil Marko pulled down six boards.

The Colonels returned to action last Saturday night at the Marts Center against Delaware Valley.

The home court was certainly sweet for Wilkes as they upended the Aggies 84-71.

The Colonels and Aggies battled to a 37-37 halftime tie before the locals took control.

Wilkes went on a tear as they shot over 53% from the field in the second half to close out the win.

Phil Marko led the way with 22 points and eight boards, Joe Natale added 18 points and John Harlan chipped in with 11.

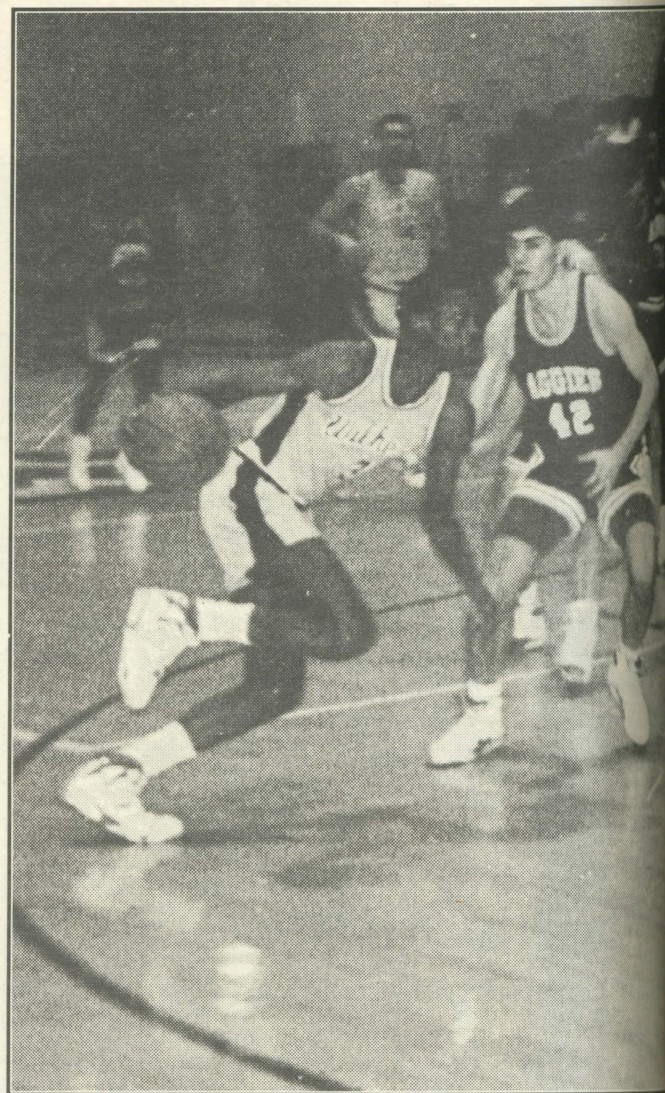
This past Monday the Colonels traveled to Drew and came away with the win, 80-76.

Harlan led the way for the Colonels with 24, Natale had 14, and Jeff Gregory added 12.

Coach Rainey hopes that his Colonels can keep this winning way. "For the rest of the year we hope to maintain this style of play," said Rainey.

Rainey also went on to say that the remainder of this year will also be a preview for next season. "We will be looking at the younger players to see who could takeover and provide leadership. Other teams will be losing people and we should be strong and competitive," added Rainey.

The Colonels are on the road tonight at Susquehanna, tip-off is set for 8:00 p.m. Wilkes returns to their home hardwood Saturday for a 8:00 p.m. against Lycoming. Monday, Messiah will pay a visit to the Marts Center, and Wednesday Wilkes will travel to the John Long Center in Scranton for a 8:00 p.m. encounter with the undefeated, nationally ranked University of Scranton Royals.



LAY UP! --- Corby Swan drives to the hoop in recent action.

Injury Problems Continue on Ma

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The Wilkes University Wrestling team has been on a roller coaster ride all season, but it seems their ride is coming to an end.

Numerous injuries have become the controlling force for the bulk of this year's record.

To date this year's squad stands at 9-6 after a tough tri-match against Rutgers and Army this past Saturday.

Wilkes upset the Scarlet Knights of Rutgers who came into the match with an impressive 13-2 record. Six Colonels recorded wins for

the squad which resulted in a 22-15 win.

This win was just what the grapplers needed and head coach John Reese believes that this is a step in the right direction. "We wrestled better on Saturday than we have since we returned from break," said Reese. "All we need now is to stay healthy and together."

There were several positive individual performances for Wilkes, which also contributed to the win.

The return of Anthony Guidi (167 lb.), who has been sidelined with injuries since

December, was a key to Saturday's successful match. With Guidi's win against Rutgers, his overall record climbs to 5-0-1 on the season.

Another much needed plus came from sophomore John Stout (150 lb.), who got a pin against the Knights. Stout was one of the latest to come off the casualty list.

The third team in the tri-match presented a more difficult task for Wilkes. Army came into the match ranked 22nd in the country, and they showed that they were worthy of their ranking.

Once again there were vacancies that had to be filled

due to injury and Army capitalized on a solid performance, 33-5.

Ray Markulics (126 lb.) was the only winner for the Colonels, but sophomore Matt Evans (142 lb.) managed a win in his match.

Injuries have frustrated the years squad, but Saturday matches show that they are overcoming these adversities. It's only a matter of time before we see a solid, healthy Wilkes Wrestling team.

The Colonels face Franklin and Marshall Saturday at the Marts Center beginning at 8 p.m.

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