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English Department restructures courses

By CHRISTINE TONDRICK
Beacon Staff Writer

Beginning next semester, English Composition 101 and 102 will be restructured into one four credit class. Traditionally, the classes were offered as two separate classes worth three credits each.

According to Dr. Patricia Heaman, Chair of the English Department, the concept of one four credit class originated from researching the writing curriculum of English Departments in schools across the country, and from the different writing perspectives new faculty have brought to Wilkes.

"The entire English Department worked on the design of a new writing course for freshmen and this is our best thinking yet. We can't wait to see how it

works out," said Heaman.

Although the logistics of the class are still being worked out with the Registrar's office, Heaman said that the class will be designed to meet two to three times per week, with one hour design-

tions, the most important part of the composition classes was the individual attention and the introduction of technology in writing," said Heaman.

"The extra hour allows for more freedom and flexibility in the classroom," said Dr. Don Vescio, Assistant Professor of English and Director of the Writing Center.

Vescio feels the extra hour will allow both the professors and the students more flexibility and freedom during class time.

"The restructuring of the composition class allows us the most effective way to provide

students a more detailed and explorative method of writing and communication than we had before," said Vescio.

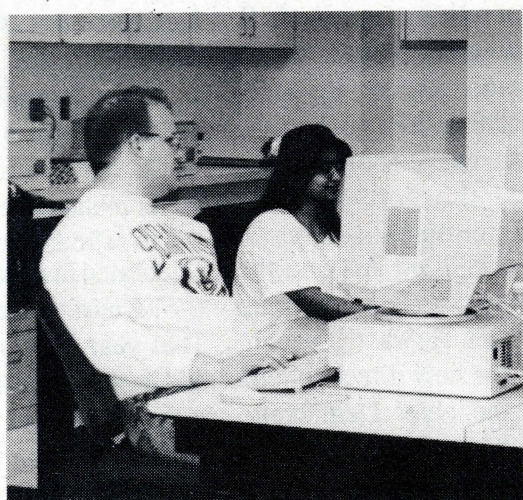
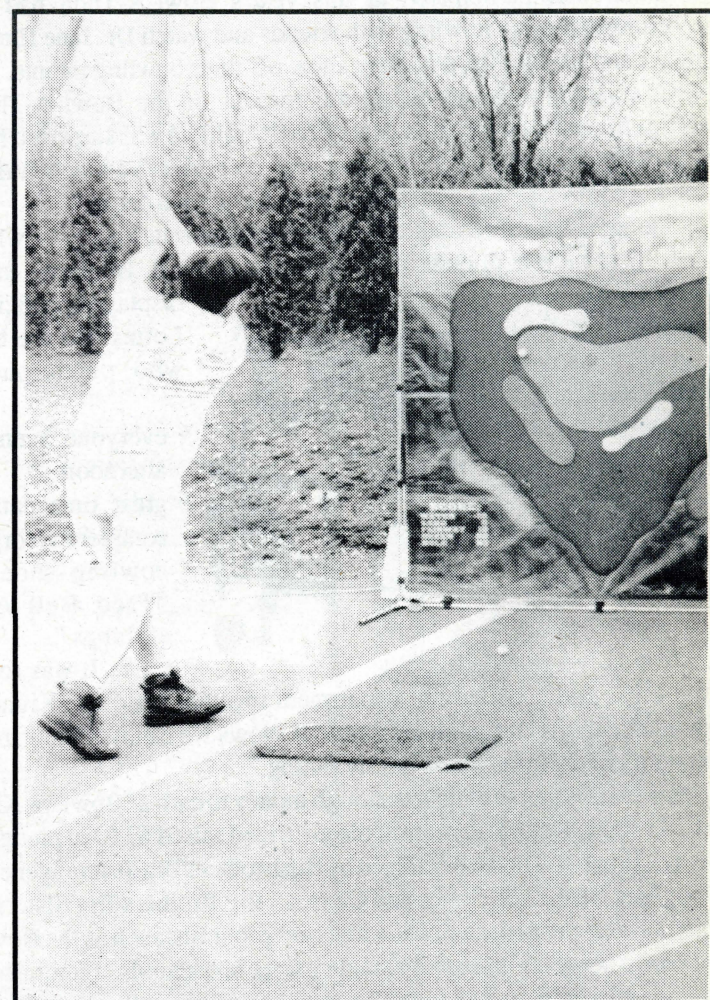


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Writing center tutors are looking forward to working with students. nated for time in the writing lab, and for individual conferences with the instructor.

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Wilkes swings into spring with Block Party 1997... See page 5 for highlights.

Wilkes students visit Washington

By JESSICA BIERBOWER
Beacon Staff Writer

Thirty-five Wilkes University students and faculty members toured our nation's capital Wednesday, April 16 to get a taste of their country's government at work.

Sponsored by the Wilkes University Political Science Club, the group met with Congressman Paul Kanjorski before touring the capital.

"Congressman Kanjorski was very open with students

and was impressed by their interest in their state and possible internships in Washington D.C.," stated Dr. Patricia Siplon, coordinator of the trip.

Students agreed that the trip was beneficial.

"Congressman Kanjorski was very interesting," said Jill Roth. "He is interested in the students' views on the economic standings in Pennsylvania. He talked about bringing new industries and

technology to Pennsylvania from overseas, and about different changes he would like done within Pennsylvania."

Students also met with William Raub, a Wilkes alumnus who works in the Department of Health and Sciences. Raub is the science advisor to the Secretary of Science.

"I think that the students were interested in meeting with a Wilkes student who was able to achieve a goal of working

with our nations capital," said Dr. Thomas Baldino. "Raub also got some of the students interested in possible apprenticeships."

Students were scheduled to meet with Senator Arlen Specter, but due to conflicting schedules they did not. For the remainder of the day, students were able to tour the capital and go to the Smithsonian Institute Museums.

"There was just so much to see and not enough time to see

it all," stated Gretchen Schlagnhauer.

"Overall, I am pleased with the way the day went," said Dr. Patricia Siplon. "And, the students have expressed their interest in going again and maybe making it an annual event. I would like to thank Student Government for helping make this trip happen."



Sponsors, please don't forget

By KERRI GOSLING
Beacon Staff Writer

On Saturday, March 22, 60 students from Wilkes University bowled for "Kids' Sake" taking up six lanes at the Stanton Lanes Bowling Alley. About thirty-one students from the Wilkes International Association of Business Communicators chapter (IABC) and 29 students from Dr. Jane Elmes-Crahall's principles of communications class raised between \$900 and \$1000.

Those who participated in this year's Bowl-A-Thon had the opportunity to enjoy bowling with friends and watch Dr. Jane Elmes-Crahall and Dr. Bradford Kinney show off their bowling talents.

Commenting on the successful turnout of the Bowl-A-Thon, Melissa Matuszkiewicz, president of IABC said, "I was surprised how the turnout was as compared to last year. It's great to watch Wilkes students come together and raise money for a good cause."

Along with free food came the opportunity to watch peers' bowling talents that were both quite ridiculous and comical. However, there were those who displayed proficient bowling skills. Erin Loftus had the best score of 177 of those from Wilkes.

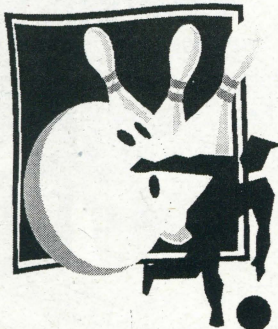
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"I think everyone had a great time. It was for a good cause and it pulled the department together," said Dr. Kinney, Communications Department Chair. "It shows we can work toward a common goal. It was like a family outing."

Quite a few students raised enough money to earn a "Bowl for Kids Sake" T-shirt. Keith Pacyna and his girlfriend raised \$340 in pledges.

The Bowl-A-Thon is organized by Big Brothers/Big Sisters agencies throughout the United States and Canada. Big Brothers/Big Sisters is a private, non-profit organization that runs programs such as the Bowl-A-Thon to serve children from single parent households. Fundraisers such as this help to enhance the quality and quantity of services provided to the community.

For those who still haven't paid the people they sponsored, please get to it. These kids need your contribution, even if it's only a few dollars. All donations are due to the "Bowl for Kids" Sake office by May 1.



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Senator Simon scheduled to speak

WILKES-BARRE—Former Senator Paul Simon, professor and director of the Public Policy Institute at Southern Illinois University will be the guest speaker for the 16th annual Max Rosenn Lecture. The lecture will be held at Wilkes University on Sunday, April 27, at 8 p.m., in the Dorothy Dickson Darte Center for the Performing Arts located at the corner of South and River Streets in Wilkes-Barre. The title of Simon's lecture is "Public Trust: Where Do We Go."

"We were delighted to learn that Senator Simon has accepted our invitation," said Dr. Christopher N. Breiseth, president of Wilkes University.

Senator Simon joined SIU's faculty in 1997, just weeks after retiring from the U.S. Senate. Prior to leaving the Senate, Simon ranked as Illinois' senior senator. He wrote education and job training laws such as the National Literacy Act, the School-to-Work Opportunities Act, the Job Training Partnership Act amendments, several provisions of the Goals 2000 Act and the 1994 reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act. He was the leading Senate champion of the new direct college loan program, and the chief Democratic sponsor of the balanced budget amendment.

Senator Simon spearheaded a drive to curb television violence, which led to the first joint standards on violence by broadcast networks, the Parental Advisory System and the new independent monitoring program launched by the broadcast and cable networks in 1994.

He was elected to the Illinois House in 1954 and to the Illinois Senate in 1962. While in office he won the Independent

Voters of Illinois' "Best Legislator Award." In addition, he was chief sponsor of the state's Open Meeting Law and of legislation creating the Illinois Arts Council.

In 1968, he was elected lieutenant governor and was the first in Illinois history to be elected to the post with a governor of another party. Simon was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives in 1974 and served Illinois' 22nd and 24th Congressional Districts for 10 years. During his service in the House, Simon played a leading role in drafting and enacting major legislation in a wide range of issue areas including education, disability policy and foreign affairs. He was chief sponsor of the Missing Children Act and of subsequent legislation that established the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children.

As a journalist for a Washington D.C. newspaper for 45 years and an author of 16 books (two with coauthors), Senator Simon holds 39 honorary degrees.

In 1980, the Honorable Max Rosenn celebrated his 10th anniversary as Judge of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit. That year, in recognition of the anniversary and in appreciation for his many contributions to the field of law, to the United States Judiciary system and to the quality of life in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Rosenn's family, former law clerks and other friends initiated "The Max Rosenn Lecture Series in Law and Humanities," at Wilkes University. Each year the series brings speakers of international reputation to the Wyoming Valley.

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Good-bye Wilkes

Time to hit the road

"I shall pass this way but once; any good, therefore, that I can for any kindness that I can show to any human being, let me do now. Let me not defer nor neglect it, for I shall not pass this way again." — Anonymous

Four years ago, I passed this way without a clue as to which way I'd take. Now, once again I stand at the crossroads, wondering the same thing — where do I go from here? The only difference is that at this point in my life, I hold my head a little higher, my smile's a little brighter and I have so much more to look forward to. Looking back over the past few years of my life at Wilkes, so many faces flash through my mind and memories I'll forever hold dear. Late nights at *The Beacon*, bushdiving at 2 a.m., playing "I never" until my sides ached from laughing — the list is endless. For those of you included in those memories, thank you for some of the best years of my life.

The last few nights, my best friends and I have relived close to every experience we've had at Wilkes over the past few years. I can't tell you enough how quickly the time has flown by. Freshman year, a smartass girl from Jersey walked onto the Wilkes campus, thinking she knew it all. Little did I know then that these next four years would be some of the most trying times of my life. Breakups, makeups, failings, succeedings, puking, crying, laughing and loving — to put it bluntly — a life equivalent to an emotional roller coaster ride. But as my best friend says, "it's all good...it's college."

Now the time has come, ladies and gents, to take the good with the bad and move forward. Leave yesterday in the past. It's only what we do from here that makes the difference.

A big thank you goes out:

To the cafe...for making me miss mom's cooking even more and to McDonald's for making sure there was never a night I went to bed hungry. I love double cheeseburger's.

To The Station...for giving me enough alcohol to laugh just a little bit harder.

To the City of Wilkes-Barre...for the hundreds of parking tickets.

To the University...for holding off on the tuition hike until I graduated.

To The "Freakin" *Beacon* staff...no one ever said life would be easy. Never forget all the laughs. You made Wednesday night's worth missing Murray's and to Dana Nolfie, for giving me the chance to do it on my own.

To the Communications Department...though communicating always came easy for me, you provided the learning experience. It was worth the hard work.

To Diane O'Brien, my mentor and my friend...thank you for helping me find "me." I wish you only the best in life. Know that I will forever be grateful for all your support.

To my buddy Tal...for being so ridiculous, I couldn't help but laugh.

For those of us in the "open friendship"...we should've had more sleepovers. Though we're heading in different directions, I can't forget "Spearsy, TIG and the Chubb."

To the girl's at 31 Academy and our adopted roommate...I can't imagine college without you. Male-bashing, binging, and fighting the way—keep "Hanging Tough." NKOTB forever!

To Hernando Cortes...we should've listened to Christine in the first place. You broke down the four walls. It's only sunny skies from here.

To one of the "coolest cats on campus"...we may be nutcases but we're going to heaven. Fresh face forever.

And to all those forces who've tried to pull me down...take a nice long look — I'm still standing.

Good luck to all of you in whichever road you take. As Robert Frost once said, "I have chosen the road less travelled...and it has made all the difference."

Good-bye Wilkes University!

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Sincerely,

Michael Beachem

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Act soon because the yearbooks are going fast! All students are charged for the yearbook in their student activity fee so it is important that every student picks up their copy.

Questions, please contact Michael Beachem at 831-5043.

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ROTC's DET. turns 25

DEIDRE GURRY
Special to the Beacon

Although the cadets of Air Force ROTC at Wilkes University are small in numbers, they are big in accomplishments. On March 22, they held their second annual Aerospace Ball to celebrate another year of success.

Held at the Woodlands, the Aerospace Ball was also held to celebrate the anniversary of the Detachment here at Wilkes. DET. 752, which hosts numerous schools around the area for the Air Force ROTC program uses the ball part of its military training. The ball is completely organized by the cadets. The evening began with a social hour which was followed by dinner. The speaker, Lieutenant General Richard T. Swope, addressed the cadets from an angle.

"I was very impressed with the speaker," said Capt. David Palmer, "Instead of speaking about his life, he addressed each cadet and his or her possible future in the Air Force." David Palmer, the Detachment's Recruiting Officer, when about the ball.

After dinner and the speaker's address, the night ended with dancing. Music provided by the Wilkes University jazz band.

All in all, the 125 guests who attended, including President Breiseth, Dr. Randy Harmon, director of financial aid at King's, Lt. Col. Lisa Helbo, Commander of CAP Sqd. 207, and Colonel Janine Ginter USAFR, Commander of 12 Medical Squadron, Dover AFB, Delaware, enjoyed the evening immensely.

Are you ready for Videopalooza?

DIANA DAVIS
Staff Writer

On Wednesday, April 30 at 7 p.m. in COB 107, communications majors Professor Robert Armstrong's Basic and Advanced Video Production's will present a collection of their efforts as part of a 30 minute "showcase". "Without a cable channel, no one can see the hard work of my students," Armstrong. "I decided, much like the art department has an exhibition, I'm going to showcase my students' work in what I call Videopalooza." The event includes works from 18 students (17 communications majors and sociology major).

The highlight of the show includes three to five minute videos produced and shown by Armstrong's students. These videos include a story of war, "Horabilia", produced by Jack Craft; a story about Cafe Cinema, produced by Lavelle; a documentary about steroid use on campus produced by Gary; a story about Bushkill Falls, produced by Tracie Vacula; a documentary about Mercury Records Internship, produced by Erin Beckey; a documentary about the haunted buildings on Wilkes campus, produced by Diana Davis; and Armstrong calls "the most important video he's ever seen in his five years of teaching," a video produced by Jason Catlin as he follows the Pocono Area Sheriff's force on a drug bust.

The purpose of this event is not only to give video production students a place to present their work, but it's also to make all students aware of the hard work and effort that goes into these projects.

The belief is that communications students have it easy," said Armstrong, "basically, they turn on a camera and press play. Hopefully, this screening will demonstrate that our students are creative and hardworking."

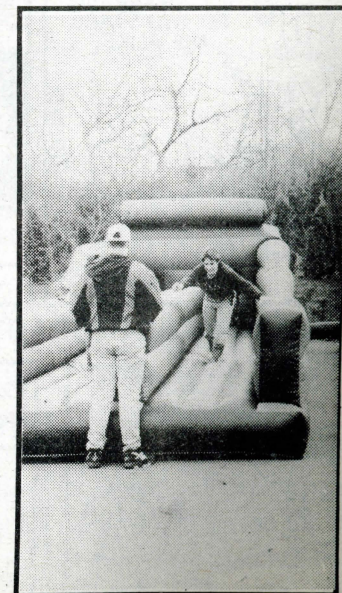
Students and faculty members from all departments are welcome to attend the event. Following the presentation, there will be a small reception for all attendees.

Block Party 1997



Live music played into the night!

The cold weather didn't keep the students away from Ralston Field last Saturday. Students participated in games like the Inflatable Jump and the Velcro Walk. They also enjoyed a variety of foods and the Beer Tent, as well as live music being performed all day, with a special performance by the Pee-Pees that evening. Sponsored by Off-Campus Council, Student Government, Inter-Residence Hall Council, Programming Board and the Alumni association, the Block Party has become an event the Wilkes Community looks forward to each year.



Fun and games filled the day.

Photos by Dave Parfitt

Soap Updates

ALL MY CHILDREN: Although he insisted he doesn't love Liza, Adam allowed Marian to help save his marriage. Erica admitted to Edmund that she used illegal means to get Sonya. Gloria and Dimitri flew to Monte Carlo where he landed in jail and she managed to get him out. Mateo learned Earl is not really Tanner's father. Later, Tanner brought an unconscious Hayley to the hospital. Maria almost saw Sonya's birthmark. **Wait To See:** Erica and Sonya have a brush with danger.

ANOTHER WORLD: Josie moved Grant to a country inn for safety, but he disappeared while she investigated a noise. Vicky said it was over between them when Bobby wouldn't answer questions about his past. Felicia went to Hollywood to deal with problems in her script. Grant and Cindy snuck into the Cory mansion to find the drug. After telling Paulina to expect to hear things about him, Joe was arrested for taking bribes. **Wait To See:** Bobby faces a decision about Vicky.

AS THE WORLD TURNS: Margo searched the police property room for her missing gun. Later, she tried to regain her lost memory with Holden's help. Jack told Holden he's a Snyder. Kirk felt Sam still loved him. Connor found a fax dropped by David. Bob found John in his office playing at being Chief of Staff. Lily made Jack manager of the Falcon Club. **Wait To See:** Margo begins to have frightening recollections.

THE BOLD AND THE BEAUTIFUL: Hunter (Tristan Rogers) introduced himself to Stephanie and Taylor as Ridge's private investigator. Michael told Hunter she saw Enrique wearing gloves before Grant was shot. Ridge fumed over Thorne taking Taylor skiing, and told Stephanie maybe his brother was involved in the shooting. After James went off to the birthing class with Sheila, an angry Maggie called Curtis to say she'll spend the next day with him. Taylor learned there was gunshot residue on Ridge's hands. **Wait To See:** Hunter asks to see Clarke.

DAYS OF OUR LIVES: Jack's appeal was denied. Celeste told Kristen she doesn't believe the baby is hers. Later, Kristen watched as John comforted Marlena over Roman's



CARRIE GENZEL,

"SKYE,"

"ALL MY CHILDREN"

death. As she struggled with her grief over her father's (Roman) death, Sami recalled seeing John and Marlena on a table in the Titan board room. Abe hoped to videotape Viper's interrogation in case he says anything to tie him to King. Later, Bo encountered Viper in an alley, and gunshots were heard. **Wait To See:** Laura faces a challenge in her attempt to prove her story.

GENERAL HOSPITAL: A confrontation with Miranda left Brenda wanting a pill, but a letter from Sonny led to an important decision. A.J. publicly admitted he caused Jason's accident. Jax and Ned helped Emily through a scary experience. Carly found solace with someone unexpected after a blowup with Tony over Bobbie. Felicia had new reason to suspect Kevin was up to his old ways. **Wait To See:** Lucky shares news with Nikolas.

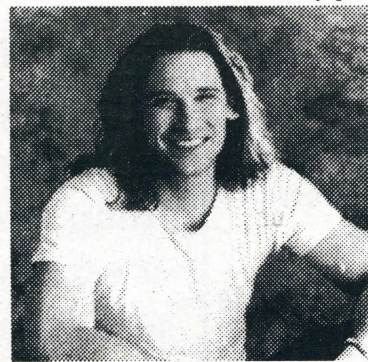
GUIDING LIGHT: Matt just missed a computer message that could change his life. Vanessa met a man who will help her recover. Alan had second thoughts about what he and Annie did to Reva in the name of love and revenge. Jenna realized things were getting out of control with Jeffrey. Annie was stunned when Josh said their marriage was over, and that Reva was not involved in his decision. **Wait To See:** Rusty has information for Reva.

ONE LIFE TO LIVE: Max and Maggie went to New Orleans with Ian to learn why his mother's locket carried a braid of hair. Patrick agreed to Blair having her unborn son's marrow tested as a possible match for Starr.

Dorian told Clint Mel Hayes was available for a job in Llanview. In New Orleans, Max, Maggie, and Ian learned Eleanor had had an affair with John and was pregnant with twins — Maggie and Ian — when she married Guy. She kept Ian with her and gave John Maggie to raise. **Wait To See:** Asa draws Drew into a new scheme.

SUNSET BEACH: Olivia saw Cole and Caitlin kissing, and realized she'd been sleeping with the man her daughter loves. Meg admitted to Ben that she's his cyber-mate, Dorothy, from Kansas. Ricardo learned Eddie found Cole's birth certificate in Del's briefcase, and realized Elaine may have killed Del over her lost son. Sean admitted to Tiffany that he has vision problems. Elaine was arrested. Annie told Tim they should be partners in keeping Ben and Meg apart. **Wait To See:** Ricardo faces a new question about the murder.

THE YOUNG AND THE RESTLESS: Nina asked Ryan for another chance to save their marriage. Victoria and Cole agreed to work out their problems. Dru and Neil reconciled, but Olivia wasn't happy to see it happen. Meanwhile, Phyllis reacted nervously to Sasha's phone call. Nick and Sharon watched over their newborn son, while Grace and Tony pre-



ROGER HOWARTH,

"TODD,"

"ONE LIFE TO LIVE"

pared to bring Cassie to meet Sharon. Hope urged Kurt to practice medicine again. Jack told Ashley he saw Kurt kiss Hope in the hospital, prompting Ashley to have a "talk" with Hope. **Wait To See:** Young Victor has something to say.

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Aries (March 21-April 20) Your discipline and will power are formidable, and you have focus, too. You'll do fine with your finals.

Taurus (April 21-May 21) All roads lead to romance. However, don't get caught up in love this week. You have other things to worry about.

Gemini (May 22-June 21) Your money difficulties will soon pass. A great job opportunity awaits you. Get that resume together!

Cancer (June 22-July 23) It's time to start planning that well-deserved vacation. Perhaps you will be introduced to that special someone. Good times await you!

Leo (July 24-August 23) Even a glamorous Leo like yourself needs to slow down every once in a while. Just don't slam on the brakes, take it one step at a time.

Virgo (August 24-September 23) Friends may think that you are easy to mock, but your wit will help you get back at them. Stand up for yourself.

Libra (September 24-October 23) If a relationship is the root of your problems lately, maybe you should seriously think about getting out of it. You deserve to be happy.

Scorpio (October 24-November 22) Treat yourself to a little something special, perhaps a new outfit or dinner at a favorite restaurant. Remember not to go overboard.

Sagittarius (November 23-December 21) You had a bad week, but keep your chin up! Something you have been waiting for will be here shortly.

Capricorn (December 22-January 20) Listen carefully to what your friends have to tell you. Sometimes their advice is just what you need to hear.

Aquarius (January 21-February 19) You may be questioning your goals, but don't fret. This is only natural, be confident in your ability and you will succeed.

Pisces (February 20-March 20) Travel and education will open doors for you. Be careful of your tendency to vacillate. Always stick to your instincts.

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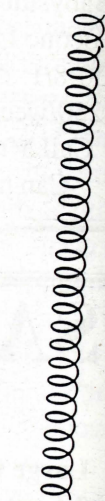
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Wilkes golf team participates in Susquehanna Invitational

By JEREMY GERBER
Beacon Staff Writer

The Wilkes University golf team's big event this past week was a trip to Susquehanna University's Spring Invitational held at the par 70 Susquehanna Valley Country Club. Periodic rain and wind made playing conditions tough at times, but the 14 team-field prevailed and completed the competition.

York earned the overall team victory with a score of 311. Jon Thornton and Damien Lynch of York shared the individual low round score of 74. Western Maryland (317) came in second place, while Millersville (325) earned the third place spot. Wilkes finished in ninth place with a

team score of 361. Gary Quinn shot a team low of 83; followed by Jeremy Gerber, 86; Andy Noble, 93; Jeff Moisey, 99 and Kevin Schonewolf, 100.

Host Susquehanna entered two teams in the tournament, one of the teams finished in fourth place with a 328, while the other team finished in eighth place with a 355.

Other teams finished as follows: Gettysburg with a 322, fifth place; Bloomsburg with a 344, sixth place; Elizabethtown with a 353, seventh place; Lycoming with a 362, tenth place; Misericordia with a 364, eleventh place; Dickinson with a 367, twelfth place; Lebanon Valley with a 369, thirteenth place and Rutgers-Camden with a 387 in last place.

The Wilkes golf team is preparing for the Middle Atlantic Conference championships this weekend at Mt. Laurel Resort.

Colonels sweep Stevens Tech in baseball twin bill

By JEREMY GERBER
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The Wilkes University baseball team's overall record went to 13-15 as they swept a twin bill and lost one game over the past week.

Wilkes traveled to East Stroudsburg last Thursday to play a doubleheader. Rain brought the first game to a hold in the fifth inning with East Stroudsburg in the lead 5-0. The weather did not let up and sent both teams home early.

The Colonels then journeyed to Hoboken, New Jersey to take on Stevens Tech in a doubleheader. The first game was a close one. It was tied 2-2 until Wilkes' Jim Domzalski blasted a two run

homer in the sixth inning, driving in Curt Kroesen for the 4-2 game winner. Nate Lipton pitched a complete game, earning his fifth win of the year. Ben Goodman of Stevens Tech picked up the loss. Brian Kaschak of Wilkes led all hitters, going three for three with a double.

The nightcap seemed to be all Wilkes University when Dan Moretski limited Stevens Tech to only two hits and no runs in the complete game. Moretski is now 1-2 on the year with a 2.52 ERA for the Colonels.

Randy Yerger led the Wilkes hitting, going three for four with two RBI and two stolen bases. Augie Mitchke added a two run homer for the Colonels. Wilkes posted an 8-0 victory. The Colonels record

improved to 13-15 overall with the wins. Stevens Tech dropped to 10-13 on the year.

Yerger leads the Colonels with a .441 average while Mike Viglone is hitting .383 and Domzalski is hitting .382 for Wilkes. Viglone and Mitschke each have five home runs while Chris Tyukody has gone yard three times for the Colonels. Viglone leads the team with 28 RBI while Domzalski has 27 and Mitschke 25 for the Colonels.

The Colonels' game at Misericordia scheduled for yesterday was postponed until next Tuesday at 3 p.m. because Misericordia is involved in their conference playoffs.

The Colonels play their final home game today against Susquehanna at 3 p.m.

Tennis team drops lone match

WILKES-BARRE — The Wilkes men's tennis team dropped its only match of the week losing to FDU-Madison by a score of 7-2. Wilkes is now 2-5 on the year.

In the loss to FDU-Madison, Dave Germick picked up a win at number four singles while Aaron Sherburne earned a win at number six singles.

For the season, Sherburne leads the team with a 5-1 record while Germick is 4-3. In doubles play the team of Joe Scordino and Parimal Patel are 5-3 for the year.

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Banter in the Booth

with Michael Noone

As the semester quickly draws to a close, the final issue of *The Beacon* is upon us. During recent weeks "The Banter" has taken a backseat, as it always should, to stories about the athletes of Wilkes University.

However, I do want to take this last opportunity to thank everyone who helped make the sports pages come to life over the past year. First and foremost the pages would be pointless without you, the reader. Those of you who have read the pages have made the long hours and hard work worthwhile.

My writers, photographers, and fellow editors have been incredibly helpful during the past year. Their assistance has been invaluable and they have my deepest appreciation.

The faculty and staff of Wilkes University have made the last four years among the most rewarding anyone could ask for. Tom McGuire, Wilkes University's Sports Information Director, has been especially helpful by providing me with the material that has made the *The Beacon's* sports pages an accurate source for Wilkes University sports.

The athletes are the most important aspect of any sports story. They provide the heart and soul that makes it more than just a game. Their talent, hard work and dedication come together in the various arenas of competition to remind us of our fragility and our strength, our anguish and our elation, and ultimately our potential. To all the athletes of Wilkes University, on behalf of all the fans, thank you.

Wilkes softball team battling for playoff berth

By **MICHAEL NOONE**
Beacon Sports Editor

A pair of losses against Lycoming College last weekend cost the Wilkes University softball team a chance at its first Middle Atlantic Conference Freedom League title. Wilkes recovered from the losses to split a doubleheader with Susquehanna University on Tuesday. The Lady Colonels still have a chance to earn an MAC playoff berth with a win in one of their final three league games.

Lycoming handed the Lady Colonels their first MAC Freedom League losses of the year Saturday at Kirby Park. Wilkes dropped the opener 2-1 and fell 8-4 in the nightcap.

Lycoming improved to 19-3 overall and 11-1 in the MAC Freedom League and sewed up the Freedom League title. Wilkes dropped to 18-7 overall and 7-2 in the Freedom League and will have to fight their way back into the playoffs.

In the opener, Suzanne Fisher had a triple, Danielle Benson scored a run and singled while Christy Palilonis also singled for the Lady Colonels. Amy Rosengrant pitched the entire first game for Wilkes.

The Lady Warriors took a 2-0 lead in the opener with a pair of two-out RBI singles. Sue Leuthner knocked an RBI single in the first inning and Amy Long hit an RBI single in the third inning.

Wilkes cut the Lycoming lead to one in the bottom of the third, but the Lady Warriors got a lucky break that resulted in an inning-ending double play killing the Wilkes rally.

With the bases loaded, Fisher hit a rocket up the middle that deflected off of

Leuthner's glove at second base and bounced right to Long, the shortstop, who stepped on second base then threw to first to complete the double play.

The Lady Colonels had a chance to tie the score in the sixth inning but stranded a runner on third. Fisher tripled with one out, but Lycoming's Beth Schwindenhammer struck out the next two Wilkes batters to end the threat.

In the nightcap, Fisher went two for four and scored a run. Shannon O'Neill had a pair of hits along with Benson who knocked in a run. Palilonis also had two hits, scored a run and knocked in a run.

Three errors by the Lady Colonels led to six unearned runs in game two as Lycoming opened up a 7-0 lead after three innings.

However the Lady Colonels never gave up, pulling to within 7-4 in the sixth inning on an error, RBI singles by Benson and Palilonis, and an RBI ground out by Liz O'Neill.

Rosengrant pitched well for the Lady Colonels despite the losses. After pitching the

complete first game, she came on in relief in the nightcap, striking out eight on the day. The performance gave

stellar pitching as Wilkes split a doubleheader against Susquehanna University at Kirby Park on Tuesday.

Susquehanna won the opener, 9-1 but the Lady Colonels came back and won the second game 6-5.

Rosengrant pitched well in the opener despite picking up the loss. Rosengrant gave up seven hits and four earned runs over five innings. Rosengrant struck out four while walking none.

Susquehanna scored a pair of unearned runs in the first inning of the opener to set the table for the 9-1 victory. Rosengrant was two for two in the game and Fisher was two for three

batters, then got a pop-up for the last out. Rosengrant now has 129 strikeouts for her career at Wilkes. Rosengrant is 12-3 on the year.

The Lady Colonels are 19-8 overall on the year. Wilkes visits FDU-Madison for a doubleheader Saturday at 1 p.m. The Lady Colonels need to win one game to take second place in the Freedom League and earn their first trip to the MAC playoffs since 1995.

The Lady Colonels' game scheduled for today at Lebanon Valley has been postponed and no make-up date has been announced.

The Lady Colonels' final home game is Tuesday, April 29, when they host Albright in a doubleheader at 2:30 p.m. at Kirby Park.

Wilkes athletes named to all-academic teams

WILKES-BARRE — Five Wilkes University student-athletes were named to the Middle Atlantic Conference Winter All-Academic Teams.

Named from the women's basketball team were Rebecca Baker, Kristen Cookus and Sarah Kovacs. Named from the men's basketball team were Jay Williams and Scott Schonewolf.

To be eligible for the MAC All-Academic team a student-athlete had to be at least a sophomore, be a starter or significant reserve, and have a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.20.

Five Wilkes University field hockey players were named to the 1996 Division III National Academic Team.

Named to the team were Noell Brooks, Lee Meyers, Pam Truszkowski, Jeanette Uhl and Lisa Werkheiser.



Photo by Dave Parfitt

Danielle Benson had three hits and knocked in a pair of runs in a doubleheader against Lycoming on Saturday.

Rosengrant 80 strikeouts on the year, setting a new school record for strikeouts in a season. Sue Schwartz held the old record with 75 in 1982. Rosengrant continued her

hanging on to a one-run lead. Wilkes' all-time strikeout leader fanned the first two

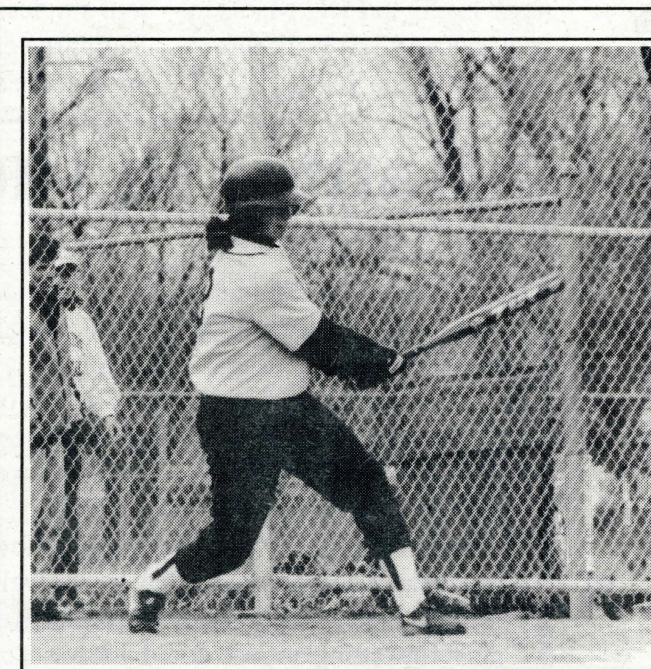


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Kristen Cookus had a pair of hits and picked up a pitching victory for Wilkes against Susquehanna on Tuesday.

to end a three game losing streak. Carrie Wilkes, Benson, Liz O'Neill and Kristen Cookus each had two hits of Wilkes, including a two-run homer by O'Neill. Cookus pitched well, picking up the win for the Lady Colonels.

Rosengrant came on in relief during the seventh inning of game two with runners on second and third with no outs and the Colonels