

Colonels with 13 points each
Watkins added 11 points while
Ronkowski and Huber
connected for 10 points each
Watkins was named to the
All-Tournament team
averaging 14.5 points per
game.

Wilkes fell to 0-3 on the



Photo by Dave Parfitt
es Backcourt.

points and pulling down 22
rebounds, a Wilkes single
game record. Watkins added
points for the Lady Colonels.
Lycoming's Erica Weaver
scored a game high 18 points.
Lycoming improved to 4-
in the year with the win. The
loss dropped Wilkes to 0-1 in
the MAC Freedom League.

The Lady Colonels travel
to Ithaca tonight, Ithaca
defeated Wilkes 62-56 last
season. This weekend the
Lady Colonels participate in
the Mt. St. Mary Tournament.
Wilkes then has a month off
before William Paterson
travels to the Marts Center's
Henry Gymnasium on Friday,
January 10, at 7 p.m.

The Lady Colonels next
MAC Freedom League
matchup is Thursday, January
at 7 p.m. when they take on
rival King's
college at the Scanlon
Gymnasium.

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they prepare for future

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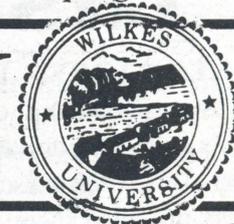
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Young man's dream remembered during weekend ceremony



Photo by Michael Beachem

speaks to students and area
about past experience

WILKES RACE

Copy Editor

recalling the Flood
many are remembering
placed his life on the
freedom of others.
Sunday January 19th at
members of the
Barre community
at The Dorothy

Dickson Darte Center for the
seventeenth annual birthday
celebration honoring Dr. Martin
Luther King Jr. This program
was dedicated in memory of
Selma Danoff who chaired the
first birthday celebration in the
Wilkes-Barre area.

The program featured the
Wilkes University Chambers
Singers performing selections
"You are the New Day," an
Irish Folk Song entitled
"Johnny I Hardly Knew Ye"
along with the American
Spiritual "Kings of Kings."

The celebration address was
given by Jill Garret of WNEP-
TV.

Garret, not a native to our
area lived in New York City
until she moved with her family
to the Wyoming Valley later in
life. Graduating from E.L.
Meyers High School in 1972
Garret was present for the
infamous Agnes Flood. Garret

began her career in journalism
began in Texas.

"They liked my voice,"
Garret stated, adding that in
the area of broadcasting "it is
not always the talented who
succeed, but the strong."

She noted that in reporting
crime, WNEP's employer, *The
New York Times* is extremely
sensitive to the issues of
diversity. For instance, in
reporting a crime, race cannot
be mentioned unless it is a hate
crime or unless it is used to
fully describe a victim or
suspect. She went on to discuss
the dream of Martin Luther
King Jr., describing how people
can make a difference by
writing a letter to a company or
media agency regarding
diversity issues.

Following Garret's
address, Alyssa M. Farris and
her nine year old twin sister
Allison, accompanied by Lydia

Breiseth on piano, performed
cello pieces.

Youth Leadership Awards
were presented by Gina Z.
Morrison, advisor of the Wilkes
Multicultural Coalition, to area
high school students who
exemplified the dream of
Martin Luther King Jr. through
their community service and
achievement. The first place
awards were given to Wayne
Eric Whitaker Jr., Nicole
Simone Washington and
Carmalee Mc Cloe.

"I found it inspiring that
young people could understand
cultural harmony and
demonstrate their ability to be
caring and sensitive towards
others," said Michael Beachem,
who was on hand for the
awarding of the plaques.

"Colorblind," a poem
written by an area student for
the committee's poetry contest
shows that the ability to

understand the meaning of
cultural understanding could
be demonstrated through
words.

Prizes for the poetry
contest included savings
bonds and gift certificates
from area businesses.

The celebration concluded
with the singing of "We Shall
Overcome" and a benediction
by Rev. Thurston Shumway.

Gina Morrison noted, this
birthday celebration "is an
important annual event for the
entire community. It is
important to keep the tradition
alive." Keeping this traditional
alive will help keep the dream
of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.
in the hearts of the members
of our community.

For more information
regarding future events of the
Wilkes Multicultural
Coalition, students can contact
Gina Morrison at ext. 4731.

Business visit will help decide fate of business and accounting accreditation

WILKES VISIT

Staff Writer

Wilkes University
Business and Accounting
departments move further into
accreditation proceedings.
This semester The Wilkes
University Business and
Accounting Department
submitted an application to
the Association of Collegiate
Business Schools and
Universities (ACBSP) in order
to receive this particular business
school

recognized among its peers.

On February 2nd-5th an
accreditation team from the
ACBSP will be visiting Wilkes.
This team consisting of Dr.
Aida Shekib, Professor of
Accounting, Governors State
University; Dr. Ruth Ann
Althaus, Professor of Business
and Public Health, Benedictine
University; and Dr. Frank
DeCaro, Professor of Business
Administration, Georgian
Court College, will meet with
faculty, students,
administration, and alumni to

see what Wilkes has to offer
for business and accounting
majors.

Wilkes' business and
accounting departments have
25 standards that they must
comply with in order to receive
this accreditation. They involve
curriculum, faculty
qualification, the admission
process and student/teacher
relationships. The team will be
overseeing the entire physical
relationship that exists between
the business and accounting
department and the other

support offices in at the
university.

"This is a big step for the
school. If our program is
accredited it will be recognized
by other peer institutions," said
Dr. Gary Giamartino, Dean of
School of Business, Society and
Public Policy.

The ACBSP has 700
members and only 20 percent
have received accreditation.
The results of this team visit
will be submitted to the Board
of Governors of ACBSP and
they will determine in May

whether Wilkes' Business and
Accounting Departments meet
their standards. If the Business
and Accounting Departments
are chosen they will be notified
officially in June at a
conference in Newport Beach,
California.

Not all curriculums can be
accredited. Accreditations are
mainly for the professional
programs. Other schools at
Wilkes that have received past
accreditation are the nursing
and engineering departments.



Class of '97 wraps up gift idea

WILKES-BARRE-- Each year, the graduating class presents a gift to the university in order to give back to a school that has provided them with four years of education and memories. The Class of 1997 will kick-off their Senior Class Gift Drive on Thursday, January 23 from 4 to 5 p.m. in Weckesser Hall. As the 50th graduating class in Wilkes' history, the class of '97 has decided on a gift of banners

which will be attached to the lamp posts scattered around campus. These banners will distinguish the campus, project the school's image, and welcome visitors to our university. The gift will be a visible and permanent fixture on campus from the Class of 1997.

The co-chairs of the Senior Class Gift Committee are Tania Karpinich and Tawnya Rabuck. Throughout the semester, the

senior class gift volunteers will be contacting members of the Class of 1997 soliciting donations. The volunteers are Jessica Bierbower, Ann Marie Blasick, Noell Brooks, Dave Clancy, Jennifer Escarge, Gina Frapolli, David Jenkins, Doreen Klimeck, Brad Kreschollek, Marie Mican, Emily Mika, Mike Noone, Bill Pastewait, Christine Pavalkis, Paula VanFossen, Linda Ward, Amy Webb, and Julie Werkheiser.

The goal for the drive is \$10,000 and participation by all class members. There are three payment options which students may choose. Students can pledge \$45 over three years (\$10 year one, \$15 year two, \$20 year three), \$25 in two years (\$10 year one, \$15 year two), or a gift of their choice. A pledge will not only help the Class of 1997 to leave a lasting mark at Wilkes but will also enter the student in

the Senior Class Gift Drive to be held on Thursday, January 23 in Stark Lobby. Prizes include a singing telegram from the Wrestling Team, a cleaning by Doug LaDarren Hack from the Residence Life Staff, hair and nails done by VanFossen, Government President.

Dr. Baldino addresses winter graduates

WILKES-BARRE-- Wilkes University President Dr. Christopher N. Breiseth conferred 76 Bachelor degrees and 13 Master degrees at the University's annual winter commencement/convocation exercises. The ceremony was held on Thursday, January 16th at 11:15 in the Darling Theater of the Dorothy Dickson Darte Center for the Performing Arts, South and River Streets.

In addition, Honorary Doctor of Science degrees were awarded to George Ralston, a longtime supporter and former dean at Wilkes; and Donald Burke, Director, Discreet Power Product Development, at Harris Semiconductor, Inc.

Greetings were extended by Dr. Breiseth and Gene Roth, chairman of the Wilkes University Board of Trustees. The invocation was given by Rev. Robert Zanicki, of First Presbyterian Church, Wilkes-Barre; and benediction was by Rabbi James Michaels.

Music was provided by the Wilkes University Brass Ensemble under the direction of Jerome Campbell.

The principal speaker at commencement was Dr. Thomas J. Baldino, professor

and chairperson of Political Science at Wilkes and a noted political expert. Baldino is recipient of the Carpenter Outstanding Teacher Award, given annually to a member of the Wilkes faculty. The recipient is chosen by a faculty committee.

Dr. Baldino earned his Ph.D from the University of Pennsylvania in 1982. He holds an M.A. from the University of Illinois and a B.A. from LaSalle College, both in Political Science.

Prior to Wilkes, Baldino served as associate professor and chairperson of the Department of Political Science at Juniata College. In 1985 he received the Lindback Award for Distinguished Teaching at Juniata.

In 1993, Baldino was named editor of "Commonwealth: A Journal of Political Science", an annual publication of the Pennsylvania Political Science Association. He served as associate editor of the journal from 1989 to 1992.

Baldino is a popular contributor on political issues to such publications and electronic media as USA Today, Washington Sunday Times, Harrisburg Patriot, Northeast Pennsylvania

Business Journal, The Times Leader, Citizens' Voice and ABC Radio Network. He is the author of many academic publications including fifteen entries in The Encyclopedia of American Political Parties and Elections and the book-length manuscript "The Evolution of Modern Congressional Parties: 1880-1988".

In addition, Baldino is a member of Pi Sigma Alpha National Political Science Honor Society and Alpha Epsilon Honor Society. In 1987 and again in 1990 he was selected by the Pennsylvania Humanities Council (PHC) as a lecturer in the Commonwealth Speakers Program. The PHC also selected him to conduct discussion groups comprised of community leaders on constitutional issues.

He has also served as a political science instructor at St. Francis College and taught in the College of General Studies and Wharton Evening Division at the University of Pennsylvania.

Baldino resides in Mountaintop with his wife, Sandra. They are the parents of two children, Kenneth and Anna Marie.



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Where were you a year ago?

• BEYOND CAMPUS

THIS WEEK

A worldly view . . .

- Election protests continue in the former Yugoslavia.
- Russian President Boris Yeltsin returns home this week, following a 12 day stay in hospital for pneumonia.

a national look . . .

- President Bill Clinton attends his second inauguration.
- House Speaker Newt Gingrich discovers his fate after being brought up on ethics charges.
- Chicago Bulls' stand-out Denise Rodman receives an 11 game suspension and fine for unlawfully kicking a cameraman.

& a local peek . . .

- Area residents recall Flood of '96 and welcome back local college students.

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I am woman

I am woman hear me roar. Hear me shout. Hear me scream. Hear me now.

Just when you thought the years of burning bras, picketing, demanding equal rights were over, Wilkes University publishes the latest issue of the *Wilkes Universe*. It is worldly to all alumni, friends and family of Wilkes, the publication represents all we are and all we plan to be.

As a former intern with University Relations, I know what the *Universe* is all about. Much hard work, time and dedication is put into each issue to make it the worthy publication it usually is. But this time is different. Everyone knows the saying "you should never judge a book by its cover," but whoever originated that saying obviously hasn't seen the latest cover of the *Universe*.

In the forefront of the page stands Stanley Grand, Director of the Sordoni Art Gallery. Looking tall and dignified in his dark suit and tie, he empowers the front cover with his authority. But he isn't the one who makes the cover stand out. Positioned behind him in the dark shadows of the room is Nancy Krueger, Coordinator of the Sordoni Art Gallery and Grand's female assistant.

Every administrator must proofread a copy of the *Universe* before it may go to print. Why didn't one of them realize that many women in the Wilkes community might be deeply offended by the *Universe's* strong implications of the gender inequality portrayed in the photo?

Some of you may miss the indiscretion on the front cover, flip through a few more pages and again look closely. An exclusive article features Melanie Bell, a Wilkes University honor student and 1996-97 Miss New Jersey. I know for a fact that Melanie has a book full of photographs of herself from the Miss New Jersey pageant to the Miss America pageant and each and every event she has attended in between. But you mean to tell me the only picture that was available to accompany the article was one which reveals a little too much breast and a lot too much leg. Wouldn't you think the administration rather people across the nation read the *Wilkes Universe* and see Melanie Bell as the motivated, well-rounded female college student that she is? Are they telling us in a round-about way that this is what they think of Miss Wilkes University?

Aside from that, how many of you heard of the pre-game party being held on Saturday, January 25 in Rumours, before the Wilkes vs. Scranton men's basketball game? The party is scheduled to begin at 5:30 p.m. but the Lady Colonel's game begins at 6 p.m. Didn't anyone consider that maybe the same people who'll be attending the pre-game party before the basketball game also may want to celebrate before the girl's game? Think about it.

For a college that promotes diversity and equality for all, Wilkes has surely lost sight of what makes 47% (females) of the Wilkes population equal to the remaining 53% (males).

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Dear Editor,

In August and September of this past year, letters were sent by the south end resident assistants to the Chief of Security, Gerald Cookus, Vice President Paul O'Hop, and Director of Facilities, John Zikowski. The letters expressed the need for a passageway to be developed between Waller N/S Hall and Ross Hall.

In order for this passageway to be made, parts of an existing brick wall needed to be taken down. The resident assistants felt that there was much need for this, not only for accessibility but for the resident student safety as well.

I am writing this long-overdue letter to express appreciation on behalf of the resident assistants for the fine job that was done. The passage has already been used on a frequent basis by students.

I often hear students saying that the administration doesn't care about the students concerns. This new passageway is an example of how untrue these comments are. The administration does care about student opinions. There are people on campus who are concerned and want to know how you think we can make our school a better place to live and learn. Speak up and let your voices be heard — people are listening and do care!

Most sincerely,
Michael Beachem
Resident Assistant, Ross Hall

Amnicola photo announcements

•Underclass photos will be taken on Thursday, January 30th in the Stark Learning Center lobby between 9 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. This is the first time that an underclass section is being included in the Amnicola, therefore students are encouraged to make an effort to have their photographs taken.

•Photographs of Clubs and Organizations for the 1997 Amnicola will be taken during "Club Photo Nights" Sunday, February 9th and Sunday February 16th between 6 and 10 p.m. There will be a blue folder located at the campus security desk until February 1st for club officers to schedule an appointment. Clubs are encouraged to sign up for an appointment as soon as possible.

•Attention Seniors: If you have not had your senior portraits taken for the 1997 Amnicola yearbook; a make-up will take place February 11-13. This is your last chance to be photographed by the school photography company.

For more information contact: Michael Beachem, Amnicola Photography Editor at (717)831-5043, e-mail: beachem@wilkes1.wilkes.edu or campus box 54.

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The Near Side with Rick Tym

Back to school, back to school... anyone who's seen the Adam Sandler movie "Billy Madison" can finish the song off. (For those of you that haven't seen it, you don't know what you're missing.)

Welcome back everyone!!! Hope everybody had a great break. Mine was short, since I spent most of my time in this godforsaken place. I guess I thought I should spend as much time as I could around here, since I won't be here that much longer. Bad idea — the only thing more boring than Wilkes-Barre is Wilkes-Barre with no Wilkes students around. Anyone who's ever taken a class during break can attest to that.

For those of you that haven't been around in the past five weeks, here's what happening in local Wilkes University news:

1. A new \$35 million capital campaign is soon to be launched. At this stage of the game, a few large gifts of one and two million dollars have already been received, one of those gifts apparently coming from a former Wilkes student. Phone-A-Thon, eat your heart out! Maybe with all this money, they can come to my dorm and put some rock salt on my steps and pavement. Every time I go out, I take my life into my own hands. No one ever told me I would need a pair of ice skates to get to and from class.

Plans for the new Student Union Building are coming along nicely, with plans to break ground for the new student gathering center tentatively being set for this spring. The center will take approximately one year to construct, and inside sources tell me that the University is using a revolutionary new construction schedule which will allow the grass around the building to be planted during the warm months of the year so it will grow, unlike methods previously used during the construction of Fenner Quadrangle.

The debate still rages over the location of the new bookstore. Since I talked extensively about this last year in one of my articles, I won't beat it into the ground. After all, what do I care? I'll be long gone and won't have to worry about walking three blocks in the freezing cold to get my books for the spring semester.

Winter Weekend is right around the corner, scheduled to take place on February 7th and 8th. The theme for this year's festivities is "Fairy Tales and Nursery Rhymes." My team already has its name, which goes along the lines of the fairy tales theme. We're going to call ourselves "Good Food At the Caf".

And finally, sources say that the frigid temperatures and messy weather of the past week have apparently caused the crossed eyes of the John Wilkes Statue to go straight again.

Hope you all had a laugh. Best of luck to all Wilkes students this semester, especially to the graduating class of 1997 (which includes me!). If any of you have any topics of discussion, or would like me to bitch a little for you, please contact me at rtym@wilkes.edu. Have a great time in the spring semester everyone. Try not to work too hard, and I'll talk to you all next week.

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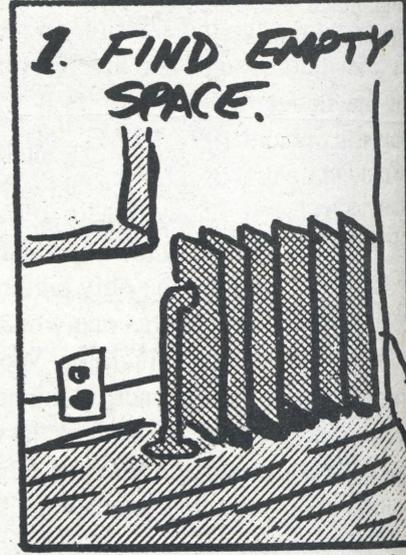
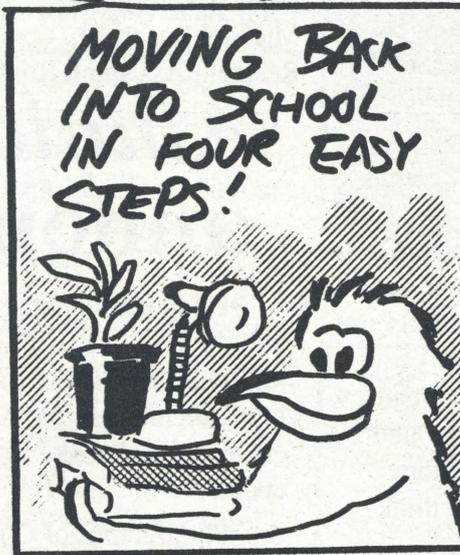
•The Multicultural Student Coalition will hold its first meeting Sunday, January 26 at 7 p.m. in SLC lobby. Any questions contact Gina Morrison at x 4731.

•The first blood drive of the semester will be held on February 11 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Rumours. There will be pizza throughout the day and heart lollipops for everyone that donates. The grand prize is a \$50 Valentine dinner at the Woodlands. Please donate! The life you save may be someone you know.

•Temporary/Part-Time Work Available for ten dependable and friendly students are needed to represent Wilkes University in a professional and courteous manner on the phone. All hours are in the evening. Students will receive training and support in the area of telemarketing, and will work as part of a team to contact selected alumni and friends of the university to seek support for the Wilkes Annual Fund. Great way to boost your resume, earn some extra cash and support Wilkes! Interested students should contact Caryn Cheyfitz, Annual Giving Office, x4311, by January 30 to request an interview.

•Vision Homeless Shelter will be on campus February 3 through February 5 in the basement of the Conyngham Student Center. We need students and/or clubs to serve meals each night and interact with the clients for about an hour. If you are interested in volunteering with these activities, please call Ann at x5904 to sign up!

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Talk shows can be educational

CHRISTINE
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Features Editor

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While this is merely a dream
most college students, one
senior had this dream
time this past summer.
While on vacation senior
Betron was introduced to
man who was a producer at
Sally Jessy Raphael Show".
After a rather short
conversation, which included
discussion of an internship, they
exchanged names and telephone
numbers.

Upon return to Wilkes for
semester Betron polished
her resume and made an
appointment for an interview in
Scranton.

"I met with the intern
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be long and drawn out but I felt
I got the position as soon as
I was there," Betron said,
"everyone was very relaxed and
young, between their 20's
and 30's, the oldest was the
executive producer and he was
in his 40 years old."
Betron's instinct was right,
she got the position and was off
to New York City by the end of
the week.

Upon arrival at the show

Hession honored as new C.C.M.A leader

CHRISTINE
NDOS
Features Editor

When your cat dies, you failed a
personality test and lonely is your
name now that your love
is nonexistent, what do you do?
Do you turn to?
The Press Enterprise" found
that spirituality is fizzling amongst
college students. Students
who were admitted to not
attending services regularly or to
not going to any religious
services, and those who were
surely falling off.

Betron let the intern coordinator know that she was only going to be there for a few weeks and intended on learning a little bit about everything. She did just that.

"I was there for a full month, we only got time off for Christmas Day and New Year's Day. We worked from 8 am to 6 or 7 in the evening," said Betron.

The forty or more hours a week that Betron put into this experience gave her a good taste of what a career in television

production was going to be like. "It was very exciting, but life revolved around work, some days were so stressful that there was no time to eat," said Betron.

Her responsibilities at the show varied from week to week, ranging from the reception area to being on the set during taping. "Everyone pays their dues at first. You work up from the front desk position. Most people start as interns like I did," Betron said. She recalled being out of breath from answering so many phone calls that came in

for producers. Betron admitted she was yelled at for losing an incoming call for the executive producers,



Senior Mariel Betron interned with "Sally". Beacon file photo

but laughed it off by saying you have learn to roll with the punches. Her first week there Betron worked in the "Cart Room". This was a tiny room where interns answered calls from people who had show ideas or were interested in being on the show. "Every episode producers look for people for another show, we screened the callers for their name and age. We starred the ones we felt were most interesting," said Betron.

The second week Betron

worked with the audience coordinator booking people to come to the show. This means interns

confirmed that people requesting tickets would actually show up to fill the audience. "I was on the phone 90% of the time when I had this job," said Betron. Next, she worked with the producers which she said was "more relaxing." "When working with the producers

we researched guests and show topics," Betron explained.

Betron did not particularly enjoy when she worked with the production assistant. They mostly coordinated the guests. This ranged from picking out their clothes to coaching them to get an emotional reaction from them.

"Most of the guests took the suggestions," said Betron, "the best part of that position was when I got to choose an outfit for a little girl who got a makeover."

Betron's final responsibility

was viewer mail. This consisted of summarizing and categorizing the thousands of letters that were sent to the show. Needless to say this was not her favorite task.

"At the end I missed Wilkes. I always thought New York City was my pace, but I am glad to be back," said Betron.

As far as responsibilities here at Wilkes, Betron sent in weekly reports to Carol Bosack to earn her 3 credits for independent study.

"The Sally Show offered me to come back whenever, but I don't know. I want to work in t.v. but I don't know where. I'd like to try somewhere else, too," Betron said.

As for advice for students interested in this field or in such internships, Betron said, "You can't be choosy in this field, you

have to go with all opportunities and be aggressive when you get them. Networking is key. I lucked out, but now I'm going to try and meet as many people I can."

And yes, for those interested Betron did get to meet Sally Jessy Raphael in person. However, it was not exactly as glamorous as one would think.

"She only really showed up for taping. She didn't even have a hand in producing. Her job was to work the crowd and rile them up," said Betron.

Betron strongly encourages all students to intern. It has played an important role in helping her.

Here at Wilkes is a beacon of hope for those who are spiritually challenged. Mary Hession has served as the director of Campus Interfaith since 1993.

Hession is a graduate of Mansfield State College, where she earned a bachelor's degree in music. Hession went on to acquire a master's degree in pastoral studies and adolescence from LaSalle University.

Hession leads a handful of different activities on campus including, Talk- It -Out, a dinner discussion group for all faiths

and Bible Study Group for those who wish to learn more about the

scriptures. Information on these and numerous other activities can be obtained at the Campus Interfaith/ Volunteer Services Office or by dialing extension 5904.

Besides all of these accomplishments, Hession now has a brand new accolade to add to her achievements. She was recently elected as the chair of the Pennsylvania Catholic Campus Ministry Association at the organization's annual conference held in State College.

"It is a great honor to have peers honor you with such a prestigious honor," said Hession.

Her peers chose Hession due to her great dedication. Hession has ministered in this area since 1980, including work in the Scranton Diocese and at St. Nicholas' Parish immediately off of Wilkes' campus and at Mansfield University before arriving at Wilkes.

Hession spoke of what a great responsibility this position would be.

"I will be responsible for organizing conferences for the next three years. The association meets twice a year," said Hession, "being the chair of the association means being the voice

from Pennsylvania to the national organization."

When asked about her plans for furthering her position in the organization Hession shared that this was already in the making.

"I found out that 5 members nominated me to run for Northeast to the National Board of Catholic Campus Ministers," said Hession.

The Wilkes community is 100% behind Hession's endeavors and is indeed lucky to be blessed with her presence on campus.

80's TRIVIA

With Donna T.

This is a new feature in *The Beacon* in conjunction with "Interstate 80: Highway of Hits." Hope it brings back some memories of the 1980's!

Music: Everybody wants to rule the world, but this U.K. band ruled the charts with this song.

Television: In what children's show were Pterri the Pterodactyl, Chairy, and Cowboy Curtis characters?

Movies: What speed did Marty have to reach in order to activate the flux capacitor?

News: On November 2, 1983 Ronald Reagan signed a bill creating which national holiday?

Grab Bag: In what video game did a chef use pepper against eggs, hot dogs and pickles?

For answers to these questions, tune in to "Interstate 80: Highway of Hits" Friday at 5:00 p.m. on 90.7 WCLH-FM, or check out next week's *Beacon*. If you are the impatient type, you may contact Donna at talarids@wilkes.edu.



Don Carpenter

"Mr. Jason, some anonymous yet concerned friends of yours feel you need help."

"Marge, am I still funky?"

Soap Updates

ALL MY CHILDREN: Edmund was shocked by Maria's revelation that she'd slept with Dimitri. Erica, meanwhile, was stunned at Bianca's less-than-enthusiastic reaction to Erica's pregnancy. Edmund rejected Skye's attempt to "comfort" him. Brooke and Pierce came face-to-face. Hayley told Tanner she's an alcoholic. After a fight with Edmund, Dimitri was injured in a car accident. **Wait To See:** Erica has a new challenge to deal with.

ANOTHER WORLD: Ryan was desperate to warn Bobby that Grant was moving ahead to make Jake a pawn in his plans for Vicky. Carl, meanwhile, considered how Cindy could help him get to Grant. Vicky continued to agonize over her growing interest in Bobby and her lingering feelings for Ryan. John and Felicia realized they needed to confront an unspoken problem that involves Sharlene. Rachel prepared herself to face some facts about menopause. **Wait To See:** Ryan sees Vicky's life increasingly endangered.

AS THE WORLD TURNS: Holden continued to remember more about his past with Lily. Meanwhile, Diego — who was still obsessed with revenge against Mike for Pilar's accident — realized Holden posed a danger. Lily reacted to what she discovered about Pilar and Diego. While Bob waited for word on Diego's credentials, Kim's back pains grew more intense. Emily worried about being exposed for her part in Diego's plan. **Wait To See:** Tom is faced with a decision about Diego.

THE BOLD AND THE BEAUTIFUL: Aboard the yacht, Brooke started to panic when she realized Ridge might not arrive before she marries Grant. Ridge,

meanwhile, reread her letter and told Thorne to drive him to the dock. When Thorne's car broke down, Ridge bought a motorcycle from a passing cyclist, but arrived just as the yacht pulled out. Ridge later admitted to Taylor that he tried to stop Brooke's wedding. Tim cautioned Claudia not to miss her upcoming deportation hearing. **Wait To See:** Brooke gets stunning news.

THE CITY: While Tracy tried to find Carla's obstetrician, Carla and Danny decided to do what had to be done to get her pregnant. Tess told Angie she fears getting medical attention for the growth in her breast might jeopardize her future with Buck. Tracy recalled seeing Danny's missing bracelet in Carla's hotel room. Tony comforted Ally on the death of her stepfather. **Wait To See:** Angie and Jacob discuss a possible surrogate for their baby.

DAYS OF OUR LIVES: Sami seemed about to slip away when Marlena noticed her reacting to the music in the background. Hope heard Bo tell Billie, "I love you," and fled before she heard him add that he's still committed to marrying Hope. At the Blake house, Laura said she remembered everything, but she began to ramble. Kristen later realized Nurse Lynn (now in Stefano's employ) was giving Laura pills to confuse her. Hope found comfort with Franco. Marlena arrived at Dr. Robbin's office as Susan (who had gone into labor) was being examined. **Wait To See:** Hope's plan may backfire.

GENERAL HOSPITAL: Mac told Felicia he was upset about Katherine rejecting his proposal. Kevin refused to talk to Lucy about what she found while clearing out his closet. Sonny insisted he loves Brenda. Meanwhile, Miranda and Jax discussed their divorce. In shock over

learning about her past, Carly is loose on Bobbie. Robin turned up to surprise Jason. **Wait To See:** Miranda and Jax face a complication.

GUIDING LIGHT: Rick faces some unsettling news about his son. Roger and Amanda pressed their plans against Alan and Alexander. Meanwhile, Alan was determined to press Matt about Vanessa's Spaulding stock. Hart was dubious over Dinah's assurances that she's given up any desire to relive her old life style. Josh fretted under the pressure of Annie's "pregnancy" and his feelings for Reva. Reva, meanwhile, acted on the information she had. Buzz got from Sarah's doctor. **Wait To See:** J gets upsetting news.

ONE LIFE TO LIVE: Blair was outraged when Todd called Addie to testify for him in the custody suit for Starr. Dorian told Blair about her scam, but hid the story from Cassie. Andy accused R.J. of killing Carlo. Patrick proposed to Marty. Non agreed to be Antonio's lawyer. Maggie learned the dead woman in her father's room was Eleanor Armistead, the wife of a media mogul. **Wait To See:** Todd has another surprise for Blair.

SUNSET BEACH: Meg was stunned to find Tim had followed her to Sunset Beach. Ben, meanwhile, decided to follow up on the information that "Dorothy from Kansas" was in town. Paula continued to fret over Ricardo's apparent unwillingness to commit. Ben's visions of the woman in his past became more intense. Annie realized she had openly threatened to kill Del who had accused her of embezzlement. **Wait To See:** Meg is forced to make a choice.

THE YOUNG AND THE RESTLESS: Phyllis' fears about her sins of the past coming home to roost were heightened by a terrifying nightmare. Kurt was upset about having opened up to Hope about the deaths of his wife and daughter. Grace pondered Sharon's comment about her guilt in giving away her first baby. Danny and Phyllis prepared for their wedding as a phone call came in from an unnamed woman. Neil accused Malcolm of being in on Dru's decision to sign with the modeling agency. **Wait To See:** Jack gets his own "message" from the past.

Top 10 Singles

1. Whitney Houston "I Believe in You And Me" (Arista) New Entry
2. R. Kelly "I Believe I Can Fly" (Warner) Last Week: No. 1
3. Seal "Fly Like An Eagle" (Warner/Sunset/Atlantic) No. 2
4. Le Click "Tonight Is The Night" (Logic) No. 8
5. En Vogue "Don't Let Go (Love)" (EastWest/ERG) No. 9
6. Jewell "You Were Meant For Me" (Atlantic) No. 10
7. Mc Lyte "Cold Rock A Party" (EastWest/EEG) No. 12
8. Gina G. "Ooh Aah...Just A Little Bit" (Warner) No. 5
9. Lil' Kim Feat. Puff Daddy "No Time" (Big Beat/Atlantic) No. 4
10. RuPaul "A Little Bit Of Love" (Rhino) New Entry

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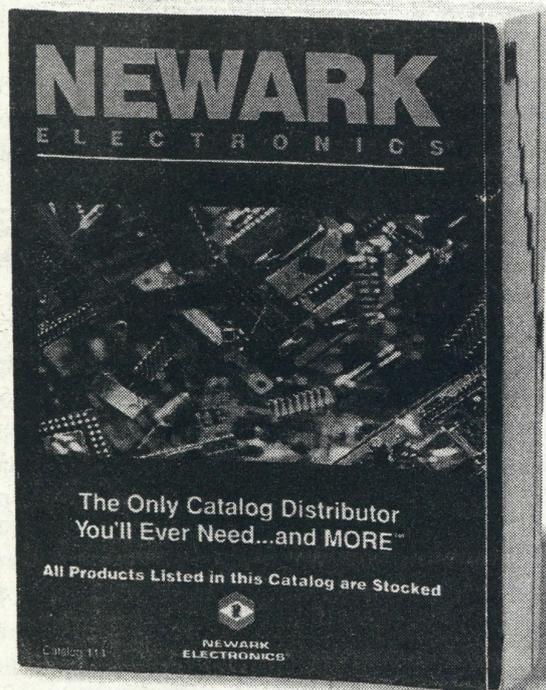
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Women's basketball team wins three straight

By MICHAEL NOONE
Beacon Sports Editor

The Wilkes University women's basketball team has elevated their level of play and put together a streak of three consecutive victories since the start of classes.

The Lady Colonels lost to Ithaca College 77-61 before entering the Mount St. Mary's Tournament in December. Katie Watkins led Wilkes with 25 points against Ithaca while Rebecca Baker added 13.

The Lady Colonels defeated Centenary College, 68-60, in the opening round of the Mount St. Mary's Tournament. Baker led Wilkes with 25 points for the Lady Colonels' first win of the season.

Watkins and Stacy Janos each added 10 points for the Lady Colonels who improved to 1-4 with the victory.

In the championship round of the tournament Wilkes lost 59-47 to the host team, Mount St. Mary's. Tracy Zaykoski led the Lady Colonels with 16 points.

Wilkes came back from an 18-14 halftime deficit to tie the game at 22-22 with 15 minutes remaining, but fell behind shortly thereafter and trailed the rest of the way.

Zaykoski and Baker were named to the All-Tournament team.

Mount St. Mary's was led by Kendra O'Kelly with 18 points, while Kelly Lauria added 12 points.

After more than a month off, the Lady Colonels returned to action when they played host to William Patterson on January 10. The Lady Colonels lost their first game of the new year, 70-61. Wilkes had a five-point lead at halftime but could not hold on for the victory.

Lee Ann Azarewicz and Baker led the Lady Colonels with 16 points each.

The Lady Colonels defeated the Lions of Albright College 73-49 last Monday. With the win the Lady Colonels improved to 2-6 on the season. Baker scored a game-high 21 points and pulled down a game-high 13 rebounds in the victory.

Wilkes defeated cross-town rival King's College last Thursday 76-75 in overtime. The come-from-behind victory at the Scandlon Gymnasium marked a turning point for the young Lady Colonels.

Wilkes trailed 30-22 with 3:49 left in the first half but was able to cut the King's lead to 36-30 at halftime.

In the second half, Watkins and Baker led the Wilkes comeback. Baker was the game's leading scorer with 29 points while Watkins added 17.

The Lady Colonels extended their winning streak to three straight with a 72-65 victory over Drew this past Saturday. Watkins scored a game-high 24 points to lead the Lady Colonels. Baker added 16 for Wilkes. The Lady Colonels improved to 4-6 on the season and 2-1 in the Middle Atlantic Conference Freedom League.

Tonight Wilkes travels to Marywood in a non-conference game. The Lady Colonels next home game is this Saturday when they host the University of Scranton at 6 p.m.

Wilkes wrestlers pick up first win over break

By MICHAEL NOONE
Beacon Sports Editor

The Wilkes University wrestling team won its home opener against Kutztown University on December 7 in the Marts Center. Chris Rebels, Jon Laudenslager, Craig Panichella, Duane Ritter, Phil Torres and Lubomir Hanal all had victories for the Colonels. Torres won by a fall at 167 pounds for the Colonels. The 28-17 win over Kutztown gave Wilkes a 1-1 record on the year.

The 64th annual Wilkes Open wrestling tournament was held on Saturday and Sunday, December 28-29 at the Marts Center. The open, also known as the Rose Bowl of Wrestling, attracts some of the top wrestlers from the eastern half of the

country. More than 3500 wrestlers from schools such as Clarion, Cornell, Duquesne, Nebraska and Seton Hall participated in this year's Wilkes Open. Clarion University has dominated the tournament for the past few years. The Golden Eagles had six individual champions in last year's tournament.

Clarion had another strong showing in this year's tournament, sending six wrestlers to the finals and placing eight wrestlers in the top four. Clarion finished the tournament with two champions, Mark Angle at 126 pounds and Jody Clark at 150 pounds. Angle also won the Gorrarian Award for the most falls in the least amount of time. His four pins came in 9:32.

Another team that had an

outstanding tournament was Cornell, the 23rd ranked team in the nation. The Big Red had two champions, including the tournament's Outstanding Wrestler Carl Keske at 134 pounds. Cornell's Jefferson New, the 158-pound champion, was the High Points Award winner with 21. Cornell added five third-place finishers and three fourth-place winners.

Wilkes lost to Hofstra in the first match of the new year. Hofstra took advantage of three forfeits in the 45-12 victory in Hempstead, New York. Ted Kemmerling (142) and Sal Recco (177) had pins for the Flying Dutchmen.

The Colonels were swept at a tri-meet at Slippery Rock on January 10. Wilkes dropped a match to host Slippery Rock, 43-9 and fell to Pittsburgh 34-15.

Banter in the Booth

with Michael Noone

For those of you who have been living under a rock for the past two weeks, this Sunday the Green Bay Packers and the New England Patriots will face each other in Super Bowl XXXI. The Cheese Heads and the Chowder Heads each got into the big show by smashing Cinderella's expansion slipper. The Pack defeated the not-so-surprising Carolina Panthers on the frozen tundra of Lambeau Field in the first NFC Championship Game in Green Bay since the legendary "Ice Bowl." The Pats earned their way into the Super Bowl by beating the incredibly surprising, no-one-even-expected-them-to-make-the-playoffs, Jacksonville Jaguars.

The Packers were a pre-season favorite to make it to the Super Bowl but not many people expected the Patriots to be in the New Orleans this Sunday. The Packers are led by their quarterback Brett Favre, the NFL MVP for the second consecutive season. Favre will be realizing his boyhood dream of playing in the Super Bowl only an hour away from his hometown of Kiln, Mississippi. Combine Favre's rocket arm and uncanny ability to make plays with a rejuvenated running game that shredded Carolina's highly touted defense and the New England defense could be in for a long day.

However, New England has a pretty potent offense as well. Quarterback Drew Bledsoe has a tendency to be streaky, but when he's hot he's very good. Bledsoe is surrounded by plenty of weapons, his favorite target is tight end Ben Coates, arguably the best pass receiving tight end in the league. Rookie wide receiver Terry Glenn has big play potential and running back Curtis Martin is one of the best in the business.

However, New England's most important weapon isn't a player, it's head coach Bill Parcells. Parcells is 2-0 in the Super Bowl, having led the New York Giants to a pair of world championships. Parcells is only the second man in NFL history to lead two different teams to the Super Bowl (Don Shula did it with the Baltimore Colts and the Miami Dolphins). However, no one has ever won the Super Bowl with two different teams and it doesn't look good for Parcells to make history.

The New England defense led by Willie McGinest will be out-gunned by Favre and the Packer's offense. Meanwhile Green Bay's defense led by Reggie White, the NFL's all-time sack leader appearing in his first Super Bowl, will be able to get to Bledsoe and effectively shut down New England's ground game. It will take perfect execution of Parcell's game plan for New England to end the NFC's dominance in the Super Bowl. The Packers will win their first Super Bowl in 29 years by two touchdowns.

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Men's hoopsters remain undefeated in league play

By MICHAEL NOONE
Beacon Sports Editor

The Wilkes University men's basketball team is gaining that elusive quality all great teams have in common — chemistry. The Colonels are starting to make the transformation from a squad with a number of very talented and explosive players into a cohesive team.

Wilkes' home opener on December 5 was a rematch of the season opener against Nyack College. The Colonels won the first game with the Purple Pride 75-72. In the game at the Marts Center, the defending Middle Atlantic Conference champion Colonels defeated Nyack 82-75. Freshman Dave Jannuzzi and sophomore Brian Gryboski led the way for Wilkes with 20 points each.

Nyack jumped out to an early 12-point lead thanks to 6-foot-5 center Ricardo Lindo's eight points. However, Wilkes weathered the early storm and led at halftime 41-39. Jannuzzi had the hot hand, hitting a four-point play and two 3-point field goals on his way to 14 first-half points. Jannuzzi's performance and Lindo's intentional foul for stepping on the head of Wilkes center Tim Burlew, set the tone for the Colonels' comeback.

Junior Mike Barrouk hit for 15 points and a game-high 10 rebounds while Jay Williams added 17 points and his team-high four assists. Coach Jerry Rickrode's team improved to 3-1 with the win.

The Colonels opened their MAC Freedom League schedule with a convincing 84-64 victory over FDU-Madison. Junior transfer Seth Meyers scored 20 points off the bench to lead Wilkes to its third consecutive victory. Gryboski added 15 points and Williams had 11 points for the Colonels.

On December 17, Wilkes improved to 5-1 with a 91-84 win over the Lebanon Valley Flying Dutchmen. Wilkes

jumped out to an early 20-6 lead behind six points each from Williams, Jannuzzi and Gryboski.

Lebanon Valley used a 13-point run to pull within 20-19 midway through the first half. Then Meyers came off the bench to score 11 points in under nine minutes during the first half to spark the Colonels to a 45-37 halftime lead.

Meyers, a forward who transferred from Division I Hofstra, is among a host of new Colonels in the Wilkes lineup.

Meyers along with guard Terry Martin, a transfer from Division I Coppin State, Barrouk, a transfer from NCAA Division III playoff team St. John Fisher and Jannuzzi join veterans from Wilkes' two-time Division III Elite Eight teams.

Barrouk scored 10 points and pulled down six rebounds, Martin hit for seven points and Jannuzzi finished with 15 points and a team-high seven assists in the win over Lebanon Valley, 4-3. Gryboski finished with 16 points and a team-high seven rebounds while Williams was the Colonels' leading scorer with 17 points.

After an 18-day holiday break, Wilkes returned to action in the Holiday Inn Colonel Classic. The Colonel Classic was a three team round-robin tournament this year because one of the four teams scheduled to participate canceled without giving Wilkes time to reschedule another team. Regardless of the scheduling changes, Wilkes cruised to the

championship of the tournament, held at the Marts Center, by beating both Marywood and Western Maryland.

The Colonels crushed Marywood College, 103-63, in the opening game of the Colonel Classic. Marywood kept it close early, behind 12 points from Guy-Jo Gordon, then Jannuzzi caught fire. The freshman guard hit for 11 points to lead the Colonels to a 45-29 halftime advantage over the Pacers.

Things only got worse for Marywood in the second half.

Colonels win nine of last 10

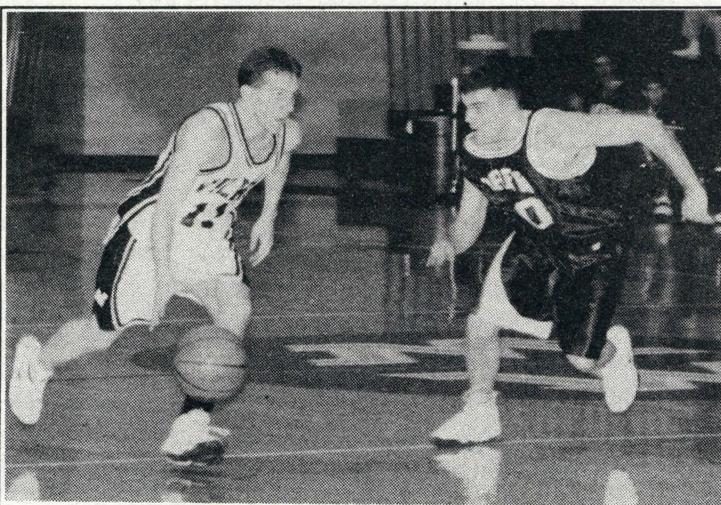


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Jay Williams (11) drives against Drew. Williams was one of four Colonels to score in double figures against the Rangers.

Wilkes improved from a 40.5 shooting percentage in the first half to shoot 54.3 percent in the second half. The Colonels finished with five players in double figures, led by Jannuzzi with 23 points.

Last year Mike Barrouk scored 17 points against Wilkes as a forward for St. John Fisher to give the Colonels their only regular season loss of the 1995-96 campaign. This season Barrouk exploded for another huge game in the championship of the Colonel Classic, except this time he was wearing a Wilkes uniform.

Barrouk scored 20 of his game-high 32 points in the first half, leading Wilkes to a 91-66 victory over Western Maryland in the Colonel Classic championship game. The smooth

6-foot-4-inch junior came out of the gates strong, scoring 15 of the Colonels' first 33 points.

Barrouk's 32 points tied the record for most points scored in a Colonel Classic game with former Wilkes star Matt LaBuda. Barrouk also added eight rebounds, two assists and two steals while leading the team with 35 minutes played on his way to being named the tournament's most valuable player.

Barrouk's former Bishop Hoban high school teammate Jay Williams also had a strong game. Williams had a game-high five assists and scored 17 points for the 7-1 Colonels.

The Colonels won their seventh consecutive game of the season, defeating New Paltz State 95-65 on January 7. Barrouk continued to light it up for the Colonels with a game-high 29 points, including four three-pointers. Meyers added 16 points, Williams, 13 and Gryboski 12 for the Colonels.

Wilkes suffered its second loss of the season on January 13th to Middle Atlantic Conference opponent Susquehanna University. The 90-75 loss was Wilkes' first loss in the Marts Center in over a year.

The Crusaders turned a two-point halftime lead into a 51-44 advantage with 14:24 left in the second half. Jannuzzi gave the Colonels a chance to comeback with 13 second half points, but Wilkes could not stop the Crusader offense, which shot 51.9 percent from the floor. Wilkes cut the Susquehanna lead to five, at 66-61, with 6:13 left in the game, but could not close the gap. Sean Breckley led the Crusaders with 27 points.

Wilkes rebounded from the

Susquehanna loss to defeat crosstown rival King's College 85-61. Senior center Tim Burlew and Jannuzzi keyed a 17-point second half run for the Colonels. The 6-foot-7-inch Burlew scored 13 points against King's, missing his career-high by one.

King's went shot-for-shot with Wilkes in the first half. Wilkes held a 37-36 lead in the beginning of the second half. Then Wilkes stepped up the defensive intensity and held King's scoreless for more than six minutes in the second half to blow the game open. The Colonels' defensive pressure opened up the transition game and resulted in a 17-0 run. Jannuzzi was the game's leading scorer with 24 points.

Burlew picked up against Drew this past Saturday night where he left off against King's. The big man scored 10 points and pulled down six rebounds in the first half of the Colonels' 73-60 victory over a highly touted Drew team.

Burlew established himself early against Drew's 6-foot-11-inch center Greg Sumner. Burlew forced Sumner into early foul trouble as Wilkes jumped out to a 25-10 lead 10 minutes into the game.

Burlew finished with his second consecutive 13 point performance while pulling down 12 boards. The Colonels were led in scoring by Barrouk and Jannuzzi with 15 points each.

Wilkes improved to 11-3 overall and 4-0 in the MAC Freedom League with an 84-58 trouncing of Delaware Valley on Tuesday.

Jannuzzi led the Colonels with 18 points while Burlew had a career-high 16.

Wilkes ended the last 13 minutes of the first half with a 35-7 run. The Colonels had control of the game at halftime leading 42-16.

The win marked the 100th victory for coach Jerry Rickrode in his five year career at Wilkes.

This Saturday the Colonels host the University of Scranton in the Marts Center at 8 p.m.

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