

Employment Market For Business Grads To Improve This Year

Following is the first of a series of articles dealing with employment opportunities that await this year's graduates.

By Sandy Akromas

"Students who qualify and persevere can get jobs." Asserting this statement was John Chwalek, director of Guidance and Placement Office at Wilkes College.

According to Chwalek, some students expect to have jobs handed to them, but this is not so in today's business world. "Business firms, for example, have cut down on traveling expenses; therefore, the student in some cases, has to travel to meet them."

"The market for business graduates, however, is improving and looks better this year than last year, but students must meet certain qualifications," said Chwalek.

Good grades and personality are definite qualifications. Also, students should take the opportunities that are available, not wait around for "something better."

What opportunities are open to students with good grades and pleasant personalities?

"We have had over 20 requests for accountants since September. However, most offers are for immediate positions which makes it tough," Chwalek replied.

Some firms and businesses are still recruiting on campuses. Seven accounting firms and two Federal Government

agencies have visited the Wilkes campus since September. Chwalek states that more companies are scheduled for the remainder of the semester. Students should stop by the placement office or read the Newsletter for dates of the visiting companies.

"Our office is constantly in touch with every major firm to ask what their needs are," said the placement director.

How does the market look for female business majors?

"They have a good chance if they have a good background, show a desire for business, and prove to be self-sufficient."

(In separate interviews held recently on campus, two female business majors were asked about their family background, e.g. what kind of job their father had, if they had any brothers or sisters, etc.)

Sales Field Wide Open

"For both male and female business majors, the sales field offers many opportunities. This kind of job is even open to all majors if they have the ability to sell...if they have the personality," stated Chwalek.

Confirming the statement is George Gera, who teaches business education, salesmanship and advertising at Wilkes. "The field of selling is wide open. The need for salespeople in the years ahead is projected at 1,400,000."

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Unit Proposes Curriculum Revisions

By Wilma Hurst

The curriculum committee is attempting to revise the present curriculum core, containing a number of specific required electives, by reducing the number of required hours and allowing more freedom in choosing electives.

According to Dr. Howard Swain, chairman of the committee, the suggested revisions will provide flexibility in the curriculum, resolve the conflict over the foreign

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language requirement, and will eliminate the "dual standard" in B.A. and B.S. programs by providing a common core.

Dr. Swain stressed that at this point the revisions have been approved only by the curriculum committee and must be presented before the faculty. Further provisions are possible before the proposed core reaches the faculty in March.

The proposed revised core includes physical education, English 101-102, hygiene, and either Fine Arts, Music or Theater Arts 101 in its list of required courses.

In the humanities electives students must choose three of the following four course sequences: English 151-152; History 101-102; Philosophy 101 plus one additional course; Foreign Language through the 204 course.

Two departmental sequences are suggested for the Mathematics Science electives. The same is true for the Social Science electives.

The proposed core would apply to all students either the B.A. or B.S. program, with a few possible exceptions.

One obvious effect the proposed core would have is the reduction of

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SUB Made Committee Of Student Government

Student Government voted 12-9-2 to give the Student Union Board committee status under the supervision of Student Government with the stated purpose of providing "increased services of S.U.B. facilities in order to benefit the student body of Wilkes College."

A proposed constitution will be revised this week and will be submitted to SG at next week's meeting. But according to several former Union Board members who were appointed as temporary members of the Student Union Board Committee, the constitution will include an amendment designed to return the board to its former independent status.

Andy Falkowski, assistant director of the Student Union Building, took exception to the statements that the board is irresponsible and not "accountable to the students." He claimed that while on a "zero budget" due to a "freeze" on expenses, the board erased debts incurred last year, maintained the facilities and provided services for the students. "In a zero budget I consider that being quite responsible," he said. "I don't feel we need more accountability. What we need is money."

According to Steve Esrick, who co-authored the proposal, the measure not only provides accountability, but also "provides the students with a role." He went on to say "students should take as much a role as they are allowed," and "we should grab as much control as we can."

In his opinion the proposal was a question of whether the students or an administrator would control the board.

Dean Baltruchitus suggested that the "biggest problem the Union Board has is that they don't have an

advisor. If they had one they would probably be moving upward." In addition, when it was suggested that he take the position of S.U.B. advisor, he replied, "Fine, when do we start?"

Baltruchitus also raised a number of questions concerning the proposed constitution and questioned whether the Student Union Board could be non-political under the provisions in the constitution. After the proposal passed, the vote on the constitution was postponed until revisions are made.

Although the new Student Union Board Committee has been created, it is presently functioning without a clearly defined constitution.

After the vote, Falkowski, Union Board Director John Zimmermen, and Patty Fichtner, co-assistant director of the S.U. Building expressed their dissatisfaction with the action, stating they don't feel the re-administration will help.

They claimed that progress will be impeded because of the number of people proposed actions must go through. In their opinion the "initial purpose of the Student Union Board has been taken away" and the board is now "hyper-political."

Falkowski also stated, "I feel this is just a power-grabbing thing for a few individuals," and Fichtner said, "Now that we're out of debt, they want to take over."

The Student Union Board Committee will meet today at 11 a.m. in the S.U. Building.

SG also approved the budget totaling \$52,520 to be submitted to the Student Activity Fee Fund Committee. Amounts for All College Weekends and SG Fund were decreased, while the budgets for the Debate Union, Various Clubs, Special Projects and T.D.R. were increased.

Grade Inflation: Statistics and Reactions Vary

By Joe Buckley

In the past decade, the percentage of A and B grades has steadily increased at Wilkes College until it apparently peaked at 61 percent of all grades in the 1975 spring semester and dropped to 52 percent last semester.

To many, the percentage is still too high because more than half of all grades are above a C.

The statistics for the last three semesters are as follows:

Grade	Fall 1974	Spring 1975	Fall 1975
4	21%	25%	20%
3	34%	36%	32%
2	30%	28%	28%
1	8%	7%	8%
0	2%	2%	3%
W	3%	2%	7%
X	2%	1%	2%

The grade inflation trend has been witnessed in many colleges and universities across the nation and opinion is divided as to whether or not it really is a problem.

Dr. Thomas Kaska, chairman of the English Department, believes that grade inflation is a very serious problem. "Our academic integrity as a college

depends upon our grades," he said. "Nothing can ruin the reputation of a school more than to send a student to graduate school who does not have the ability."

Kaska stated that the credentials of incoming students based on SAT scores indicates that the majority of grades should be C's.

However, Kaska cautioned that instructors should not think in terms of any "predetermined formula" such as bell curves. Instead, he said, "We should redefine our standards and give the grades that are deserved."

There is a disparity between the grade averages of the English Department and those of the college as a whole for last semester. The figures for the English Department are:

Grade	Fall 1975
4	7%
3	25%
2	40%
1	13%
0	4%
W	7%
X	3%

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Dr. Thomas Kaska
'Redefine Standards'



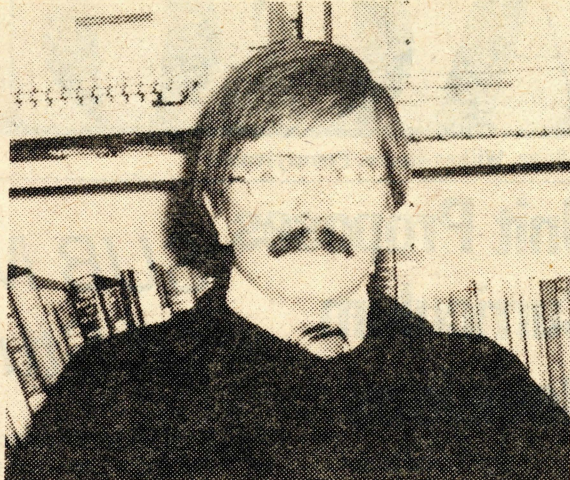
Dr. Joseph Belluci
Doesn't Bother

Grade Inflation Explained

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Dr. Robert Riley



Dr. Gerald K. Wouri

In 1973, Dr. Kaska began sending memorandums to each member of the English Department which showed the grade distribution for the college, the department and the instructor to whom it was sent. The purpose of the memorandum, according to Dr. Kaska, was not to tell professors what grades to give but to inform them of the high grade averages.

It was after the distribution of the memorandum that the English Department percentages dropped.

Commenting on the present statistics for his department, Dr. Kaska said, "I'm proud of them." He also said that a memorandum similar to the one he used could possibly be utilized to help with the college's grade inflation trend by making professors aware of the situation.

Dr. Gerald K. Wouri, assistant professor of philosophy, added another viewpoint regarding the large amount of statistics floating around. "I'm not sure anybody really knows what those figures stand for," he said, "there are too many variables."

If grade inflation is true, Dr. Wouri said, it raises the "obvious questions" of whether it is because professors are less honest or because students are better than they used to be.

The liberal withdrawal policy, which allows a student to drop a course up to the 10th week of class, is

held somewhat responsible for the grade averages by several professors and administrators of the college.

John Meyers, director of continuing education and assistant professor of history, said, "I have a hunch that many faculty members have not changed their grading policies much, if at all, during the past few years. It's the withdrawals that probably are making the difference."

Acting President Robert S. Capin also said the drop policy "may contribute to the escalation of grades." If students were not allowed to drop, then the number of students getting D's and F's would be higher.

Dr. Joseph Belluci, associate professor of education, said grade inflation "really doesn't bother me". He suggested that grades may be going up because, "We are now dealing with students who are brighter than those of 20 years ago."

Echoing a similar view, Dr. Robert Riley, chairman of the Psychology Department, said college students are "the cream of the crop." "Students," he said, "are showing much more interest in achievement" and, as a result, are getting higher grades.

According to Dr. Owen Faut, associate professor of chemistry, there is too much emphasis on grades. He said, "More people are concerned with grades than they are with learning."

Core Requirements Up For Discussion

By Wilma Hurst

The Curriculum Committee, one of the 12 standing student-faculty committees, recently completed an evaluation of the curriculum. As part of the evaluation, it conducted a survey of students, faculty and alumni, obtained information regarding general requirements on other campuses, and gathered data on Wilkes enrollment and curriculum trends.

The committee, composed of 14 faculty members and two students, is responsible for the existing curriculum and must review any suggested changes before they are presented to the faculty. Chaired by Dr. Howard Swain, the committee has already used the information obtained from the evaluation to attempt to revise the present core of required electives.

The faculty evaluation received a 40 percent response. Dr. Joel Berlatsky carried out this phase of the evaluation, which revealed that the faculty feels changes are needed in the curriculum, although most feel the necessary changes are minor.

The majority indicated that the present elective core needs revision, especially in the total hours and specific courses required. The general opinion was that too many specific courses and credit hours are required and the core should be applied equally to all degree programs.

Fifty-one percent of the faculty feels the curriculum takes too little account of vocational and professional needs.

The greatest strengths of the college's curriculum were found to be the effort at liberal arts, the variety of programs, breadth of courses, and interestingly enough, the core.

The curriculum's greatest failing was said to be its lack of choice.

The student response was extremely limited since only 75 evaluations were received, all from dorm students. Although the evaluations were placed in the Commons, commuter students did not respond.

Of the students responding, most indicated satisfaction with the curriculum, although a number

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programs. According to Dr. Michael Seitz, curriculum committee member, the core is the basis for a liberal arts education that will apply to all programs.

As chairman of the foreign language department, he also elaborated on the foreign language electives. He stated that the department hopes to offer "team-taught super courses" which will deal with masterpieces of great European literature.

Dr. Seitz stated that in his opinion the chances of the faculty approving the proposed core are "fairly good," but that "it's not all that unlikely that more changes will be made."

Dr. Swain echoed those sentiments by agreeing that revisions are likely because "not everybody likes the proposed core." He also commended the curriculum committee and stated, "We can and will do what we think is right," adding that the committee members ask the right questions and are not afraid to take action.

commented that there is too much emphasis on general requirements and the foreign language requirement should be dropped.

Among suggested additions for major subject areas were: criminology, physical education, physical therapy, journalism, pharmacy and law.

Over 3000 questionnaires were sent to the alumni, with approximately a 10 percent response. According to Dr. William Stine, who administered the survey, graduates from 1968-1972 were asked to participate in the evaluation.

The responses showed that most graduates feel the goal of a liberal arts education is desirable and the core requirements help provide a liberal arts education. However, there was also an indication that the major subject area is more important than the core, and greater freedom within the core should be allowed.

The alumni were also questioned concerning the enjoyment and usefulness of the coursework outside their majors. The most enjoyable courses were psychology, English literature, English, philosophy, fine arts and history. But, history and philosophy also headed the list of least enjoyable courses, as did mathematics, foreign languages and physical education.

Most useful courses were English and psychology, and least useful were foreign languages, history and philosophy.

CC Searches For Freshman

Commuter Council is apparently having difficulty in rounding up enough freshmen to fill the vacant seats allocated to members of the class of '79.

CC President Jackie Pickering announced last Thursday that nominations for freshmen CC representatives have been held twice and both times no freshmen showed up.

To remedy the situation, she proposed that freshmen be appointed to the vacancies. However, she added, the constitutionality of such a move must be settled first, since the CC constitution requires that representatives be elected by their respective classes. To appoint a class's total CC membership, a special constitutional amendment would probably be needed, she noted.

Park and Lock stickers will remain at \$10 per month for the remainder of this semester, according to CC Vice President Ray Ostroski. A total of 172 stickers were sold for February. Ostroski said however, that because ticket sales were not as organized as usual, money was collected for only 170 stickers. CC is liable for the missing \$20, he added.

The annual St. Patrick's Day party has been tentatively scheduled for Saturday, March 13, depending on the availability of the band "Brandy." Miss Pickering said the probable site for the affair will be the Gus Genetti Hotel. Buffet dinner will cost \$4.25 per person, but subsidies from CC, In'er-Dormitory Council, and the senior and junior classes may reduce student ticket prices to about \$3 per person. Green carnations will be provided to all females attending.

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Listener Participation Encouraged By WCLH In Voting For Groups

A "Bring In the Spring Week" will be featured on WCLH from March 15 to 19. It has been planned as a week of specials during the normal rock time slots from 7 to 11 p.m.

The public is asked to vote on the groups it would most like to hear. Each person is asked to list the five groups he would like to hear. The top five vote-getters will be spotlighted each night of the week.

Votes can be phoned (825-7663) or mailed to WCLH in care of Wilkes College.

Voting will end on Monday, March 8, and the winning groups and the night on which they will be featured will be announced during the week of March 8 to 12.

In case of a tie, the WCLH staff will decide. All decisions will be final.

NOTICE

A Student Life Committee Meeting will be held on Thursday, February 26, at 11 a.m. in the Weckesser Parlor. Dr. Lester Turoczi, will chair the meeting whose topic will include a Review of the Intersession.

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Manager Says Programming Keeps Students Informed



Mark Jacobs

By Lisa Waznik

As the saying goes, the things you need can be found in your own backyard and the newly appointed WCLH-FM Station Manager Mark Jacobs firmly believes this.

"There is an unlimited abundance of resources available for programming right here at Wilkes. There is no need to even go outside the campus!"

What Mark means is that the various departments, clubs, and other organizations are all welcome to come to the station and discuss any plans they might have for a radio show.

Many groups have already taken WCLH up on their offer. An Environmental Science group has set up "Weather Watch," an hour program providing a weekend forecast and other reports from travelers advisory to skiing conditions.

There are plans for "Foreign Perspective," a show in cooperation with the Language Department which would include interviews and lectures dealing with the cultures of other countries.

"Lighter Than Air," heard Sunday

evenings, is a Wilkes theater production.

Especially useful to students in search of activities for the weekend will be "Campus Corner," a weekly "what's happening" by Thomas Moran, the public relations director at Wilkes.

Formerly the news director at the station, "Jake" has these and many other plans in store for the station's future.

The junior political science major who is planning a career in local politics has also planned the airing of Wilkes-Barre City Council Meetings and those of the County Commissioners in full length to bring about better community relations.

As station manager, "Jake" oversees the day to day operations.

"If the five departments — music, news, production, programs, and PR — do their job, then my job is made considerably easier and I can devote more time to an increase in production," Mark relates.

Mark invites all students interested in working in the radio station to come up for a visit and also bring any ideas they might want to see become a reality.

"The more local — the better!"

Dr. Chu M. Hung

Wilkes Warm, Weather Cold

By Patrice Stone

"It's very cold here," smiled Dr. Chu M. Hung, assistant professor of business administration. A newcomer to Wilkes and Pennsylvania, Dr. Hung finds the weather here to be not at all like his native Vietnam where it's "very hot."

Dr. Hung began teaching at Wilkes last September after teaching at Louisiana State for one year and various other institutions before that. He came to the United States from North Vietnam in 1965, right before the outbreak of the Vietnam war.

"I came to the United States so I could get a degree and go back and help my country, but now the Communists are there," explained Dr. Hung. However, his government did not pay for his education. The business instructor explained that he received a scholarship from St. Joseph's College in Louisiana and worked to pay for his room and board. He received his B.S. in Business Administration from St. Joseph's.

Dr. Hung received his Masters in Business Administration at Northern Illinois University and his doctorate in Management and Marketing from Louisiana State in 1975.

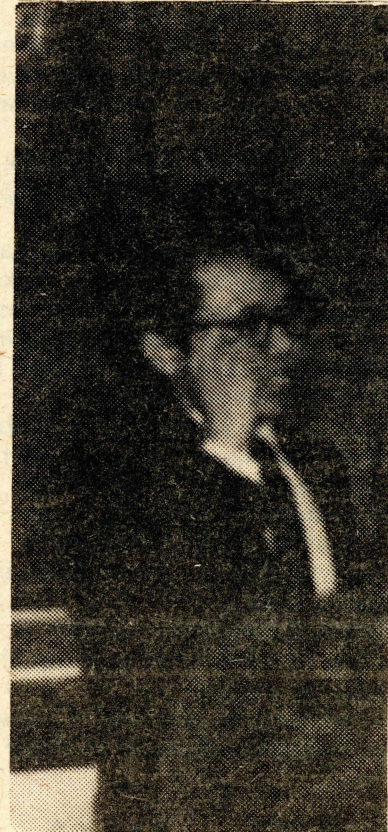
When asked how he happened to come to Wilkes, Hung replied that he saw an ad in a paper saying that Wilkes needed instructors and he decided to look into it. When he came for his interview last year, he liked the size of the school and liked the faculty members to whom he spoke. He finds that he "likes it here very much. It's a small town and a small school, so everyone is friendly."

Before coming to the United States, Dr. Hung attended a two-year college in North Vietnam where he received two certificates: one in psychology and one in philosophy. He taught French in a high school there for a while also.

While attending college there during the tension-filled weeks leading up to the Vietnam war, Hung was involved in several moratoriums at the university. He stated that he took part in many debates and tried to give the point of view of a student and also the American point of view.

Pulling out a transcript about as thick as two Wilkes-Barre telephone books, Dr. Hung read the title of the research he has been working on: "Comparative Analysis of the Effect of Technological Change Upon Employee Behavior in Banking." Researched in Vietnam in the summer of 1973, the transcript is complete, but Dr. Hung has yet to write an article for publication.

"I want to devote my time completely to teaching right now until I get settled," he explained. He found that the cultural change that results from technology creates a



Dr. Chu M. Hung

difference in employee behavior, but there are also many similarities.

The business prof has had some articles published in newspapers in Scranton and Baton Rouge.

Dr. Hung "likes teaching very much" and commented, "No matter how difficult the course, if a teacher tries to express the subject in simple form so that every student can understand, they will do well. But if they're lazy — no way."

Marketing and management and traditional business are his favorite subjects to teach.

Dr. Hung lives with his wife and five-month-old daughter in Kingston. After just overcoming a bout with the flu, Hung commented that his little girl is now sick. "She caught it from me," he smiled.

Mrs. Hung has a B.S. in Education and is working toward a Masters in Business. She came to the United States in 1967 and met Dr. Hung here at Northern Illinois University. Mrs. Hung worked in New York City for a while in the UN public relations for the Vietnam mission. She and Dr. Hung were married in 1972.

Still citizens of North Vietnam, where their families reside, the Hungs plan to take up permanent residency there one day and use their knowledge to help their country.

Debaters Obtain Triple Victories

The Wilkes College Debate Union under the direction of Bradford L. Kinney recently participated in the annual James J. O'Toole Memorial Debate Tournament hosted by Bloomsburg State College.

Wilkes Debate Union members Harriet Smith, Laflin, and David Evans, Kingston, surprised many attending the tournament with their triple victories over Penn State University, Clarion State College and the powerful United States Military at West Point Academy.

This was the second tournament for the team of Smith and Evans and their impressive showing has placed them in the upper division of the tournament.

Response Hurts Manuscript

"This is the worst response ever," reports Brian Boston, editor of the "Manuscript," campus literary magazine, when questioned on the progress of the publication.

The main reason for the poor response could be due to the fact that students at Wilkes are not willing to become involved, according to Boston.

The "Manuscript" has sent fliers to the dorms and posted notices in the Art Department and other departments in hopes that students will submit their prose, poetry, or art.

The deadline for submission is the last week of March and works can be dropped off at the "Manuscript" office, the "Manuscript" box, or with the English Department secretary, all located in Kirby Hall.

The society will present Bergmans's "Hour of the Wolf," on Tuesday, February 24.

The Manuscript Society holds meetings every Thursday at 11:00 a.m. in the office on the third floor of Kirby Hall.

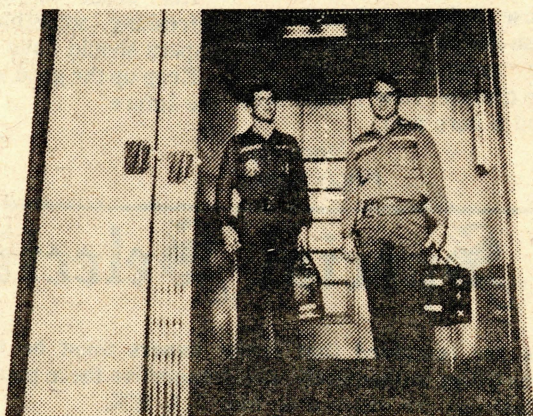
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EDITORIALS

Is Hahnemann Running Joint Med Program?

Competition is tough in many disciplines at Wilkes College, especially among freshmen and sophomores competing for high grades to receive admittance into Hahnemann Medical College.

Many students have voiced complaints to us concerning the extremely difficult requirements that must be maintained to even be considered for entrance into the Philadelphia institution.

It was interesting to note the "Preferred Area" discussed by Dr. Ralph Rozelle, dean of health sciences and project director of the Wilkes-Hahnemann Medical Program, at last week's Student Government meeting.

Although Rozelle stated that exceptional students from outside Pennsylvania and the "contiguous counties" of New York and New Jersey would still be considered this year, it appears that the program may be cutting back on the severe competition that once existed. With fewer people competing from a wider area, the chances for regional individuals are enhanced.

The refusal to admit any capable student into the Wilkes program, because of his hometown, enables more local people to enter medicine and not compete on a national level.

Rozelle also stated that the decision to admit only in-state students and members of the preferred regions was not a Wilkes policy but one of a joint selection committee, which forecasts the actions of the Hahnemann Admissions Committee. One would think that Wilkes would have more say in the matter of its students who may be eligible in the six-year program.

If a person is admitted to Wilkes College he should be eligible for any of its programs and not be penalized because of his place of origin. If he can compete he should be permitted.

It appears that Wilkes should be more vocal in the matters of the medical program when dealing with Hahnemann. If students give their word that they will practice family medicine in this area, that word should be upheld.

One of the tenets of the Wilkes-Hahnemann program is to produce the best possible doctors in family medicine for this area. Above all, a physician must be truthful.

It appears that the Wilkes-Hahnemann program is slowly becoming a Hahnemann-Wilkes Program as dictated by those in Philadelphia.

Disgraceful Facilities Harm SUB Services

It is becoming increasingly apparent that the Student Union Building and the two game rooms are not being managed effectively by the Student Union Board and that immediate action must be taken to rectify the situation.

The Student Union Building is, to put it bluntly, filthy. In no way can the college's cleaning contractor, Columbus Services International, be blamed for the situation. Blame rests squarely on the shoulders of the Student Union Board, and its director, assistant directors and employees.

The S.U.B. gives the appearance of a crumbling warehouse. Fiberboard panels are piled along walls. Junk abounds. The restrooms are disgraces. Walls are cracked and need paint.

Simple routine upkeep would improve the appearance of the S.U.B. immensely—and at little expense.

We suggest that each employee be given explicit work assignments by the S.U.B. management to put the place in

order—and to keep it in order.

In addition, service curtailments at each of the three board facilities have impaired their effectiveness to the student. The Student Union Building is not open at all on weekends. The Pickering Hall game room is open only four hours on Saturdays, and not at all on Sundays. The Commons game room has yet to open on a regular basis for the spring semester, although S.U.B. officials promise such service beginning Monday.

Access to game equipment should not be cut back. Rather, access should be expanded, as the profits from the pinball machines are the sole source of the board's income and operating funds. Without adequate income from these machines, further service curtailments at the Student Union Building become even more likely.

The best—perhaps the only—way to make best use of the Student Union facilities is to centralize all gameroom equipment on the first floor of the S.U.B.

With talented and enlightened management, the Student Union facilities can not only be self-sustaining, but they can also provide students with much-needed recreational outlets.

BEACON Editorial Abused In Incorrect News Article

In the last issue of the SUNDAY INDEPENDENT, the BEACON was quoted regarding its stand in the search for a new Wilkes College president.

We object to being used as a springboard for a factually incorrect news story.

The BEACON was quoted correctly in the Sunday paper. However, sources at Wilkes were never contacted regarding Acting President Capin's reasons for not applying for the position.

We are shocked that the local paper did not employ truthfulness in its reporting but chose to pursue a flavor of sensationalism.

When writing an editorial, we do not speak for the student body as the SUNDAY INDEPENDENT claimed, but for our own publication.

Letters to the Editor

Student Praises Marchant; Swim Team Is Dedicated

To the Editor:

I'm not very skilled in writing but there's something I want everyone to know about. This article tends to be on a serious note because Rick Marchant is serious about everything he does whether it be art, swimming, or just being himself.

Of course you must know by now that I am one of the people who is lucky enough to be a member of the Wilkes Swim Team which Rick coaches.

This is my first year on the team but it is not the first time I have seen such a great relationship between coach and team. Last year being only a little freshman I decided to check out the guys on the swim team and to my amazement I was more interested in the spirit and closeness generated by this team.

I watched the swim team at all the meets I could possibly attend and each time the feeling of closeness and dedication which a coach like Rick builds continued to grow, which is why I am now a member.

I find Rick's sense of dedication amazing, for how many college students could find time for school and coaching. Another good factor about the team is that there are no try-outs, anyone who is interested enough to attend practice and try their hardest may become a member of the team.

You don't need great times to be a member but I'm sure anyone who becomes a member will gain amazing times or at least try their darndest reaching for them. This is the effect that Coach Rick Marchant has on his team members.

His sense of dedication and team spirit is so strong that it spreads to everyone around him like an incurable disease, (one I hope they never find a cure for).

Sincerely,
Peggy Schutz

Praise Is Extended To BEACON Staff

To the Editor:

Every week my granddaughter brings home a copy of the BEACON and I thought I should compliment the staff on such fine work.

Although I never even graduated from high school and I don't always understand all the "college" talk, I must say I truly enjoy Marianne Montague's column, "Dream On."

Her sense of humor is very refreshing, something more newspapers should have at these times. Keep up the good work and luck in the future.

Love always,
Nana
(A. Scarnulis)

Special Selections

Seniors are reminded that senior papers must be returned to the Registrars Office immediately. It is imperative these papers be reviewed before diplomas are ordered on March 1, 1976.

Applications for resident assistants positions will be available at the Housing Office from today to Friday, February 27. Interested students should pick up applications between 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Tickets are now on sale for the Theta Delta Rho Dinner Dance, to be held tomorrow at the Treadway Inn. Price of the tickets is \$20 per couple, and they are available from any TDR member or at the Bookstore.

"Blazing Saddles," which was to be shown in the CPA Friday, February 27 has been cancelled.

Commuter Council, under the direction of president Jackie Pickering, will meet today at 5:30 p.m. in the Commons.

Inter-Dormitory Council (IDC) will meet on Sunday, February 22, at 6:30 p.m. in the Commons. Mike Lo Presti will preside.

Student Government, under the direction of Zeke Zaborney, will meet Tuesday, February 24 at 6:30 in Weckesser Hall.

The staff of WCLH will meet today at 11 a.m. at the radio station

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Mrs. Jane Manganella Shines In Weckesser

By Joe Buckley

Since the first week of November there has been a new face and a new smile in the Public Relations Office on the third floor of Weckesser Hall. They both belong to the new secretary, Jane Manganella.

Jane, a Kingston resident and a mother of six, was interested in the public relations job because, she said, "I enjoy people and this job puts me in touch with a lot of them."

When she first inquired about the job and what it would entail, several people answered her by saying, "Well, it is very diversified." Asked if that was a true description, Jane said it was, but she jokingly added that "after three months, I'm beginning to be able to function less like the village idiot."

According to Jane, her duties include coordinating work material out of the public relations director's office to the other people in the office, handling appointments and telephone coverage. Concerning the telephone, she said, "I like it when people call and assume that I know absolutely everything about the college just because I work in one of the offices."

Along with her other duties, Jane is also caught up in the ongoing struggle between humans and machines. Looking at the machine room on the third floor, she said, "that room terrified me when I was first shown those machines. They're all monsters."

At Jane's last job, there was a sign on the postage meter which read DO NOT LET JANE TOUCH THIS MACHINE because "everytime I touched it I broke it."

Previously, Jane worked for Vincent Kling, a prominent Philadelphia architect, and for John Kelly, the father of Princess Grace of Monaco. She knew all of the Kelly family "in an office type situation," including Grace who was just a starlet at the time.

Working for Kelly's construction company "was a great experience," she said. "He (Kelly) was the one who introduced me to working with the public." That job was "much the same" as her present one at the PR office. She said she acted "as a liaison between the public and the office."

Commenting on the extremely busy and the relatively calm days at the PR office, Jane stated, "I'd rather have it busy, but not insane."

Asked if she originally had any doubts about working with college students, the petite secretary replied she was actually "more comfortable thinking about working with kids in that age group. 'I think they are terrific, willing and capable' and, she added, 'I'm not just saying that for PR reasons!'"

At first, she was concerned about having a job and taking care of a house and six children (ranging from first year of college to first grade) at the same time. But since her working hours and their school hours coincide, everything has turned out fine. She also tells everyone she "cooks a dinosaur every Sunday" just to have enough meat for the rest of the week.

Summing up her first three months, she said "everybody blends so well and they're all so extremely friendly" that it makes working on Weckesser Hall third floor very good. With her own friendly personality and good sense of humor, Jane Manganella fits right in.

Winter Weekend

By Peggy Schutz

We had a good time
that's all that counts.
Skiing was grt at
out on those white mounts.

The beer was cold
the cabin warm
Even better than playing
"derelict of the dorm."

Too many drinks — music loud
who commented we were a
rowdy crowd?
Just because we witnessed
Meyers and Rodechko chug,
Come act like "Shriners"
and empty your mugs.

If I wasn't so hurtin' from the
night before
I might be able to see the cabin
door
My bags are packed and I'm
ready to go,
But my roommate's in front of
me
passed out in the snow.

If the bus leaves now, good
time we'll make.
But wait, where's Joe. Someone
yells "He's here, he's just
fine, we just pulled him
from the lake."

Winter Weekend is over,
I'm on my way home
I only lost a pair of pants,
A brush and a comb.

We're almost home
the whole bus is zonked out
Skiing was great
out on that white mount.

Waiting for rides
in front of "Stark Naked"
Here's Dad, straighten up
at least wipe that smirk off f
your face
do a good job and fake it.

Goodbye, old friends and new
It was great being with you
at White Beauty View.

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By Marianne Montague

Guest Speaker

In commemoration of the Bicentennial year, Wilkes Concert and Lecture Series presented a question and answer session last Monday night in the C.P.A. Guest speaker was George Washington, who like every great American, is a Wilkes graduate. George told us about his days at Wilkes. (Q is for question).

Q: What is your major at Wilkes, George?

George: History. There wasn't much of it back then and I had the story about the pilgrims down pat. The term paper topics then were "Why Do We Eat Turkey for Thanksgiving?", and "What Did the Puritans do for Fun?" You couldn't get more than 25 words or less out of those.

Q: What did you like best about Wilkes?

George: I liked the old Pocono Downs parties the best. My buddies and I would get blitzed and then we'd go out and race our horses around the track a couple of times for money. I made enough to buy my hatchet that way.

Q: Did you ever get into any trouble here?

George: Did I ever! I'll never forget the day Dr. Reif almost had me expelled for trying to swim across the Susquehanna. I tried to explain to him that I was practicing to cross the Delaware but he thought I was making the whole thing up. It's a good thing he never found out it was me who chopped down the cherry trees outside Weckesser. That could have ruined my political career!

Q: Did you go out for any sports?

George: I went out for baseball in my freshman year but Domzalski wanted me to get my haircut. Who ever heard of George Washington without his pigtail? Anyway I think he heard about my honesty hang-up and he was afraid I wouldn't be able to hack stealing bases.

Q: Did you have any nicknames?

George: A bunch of them but I'll just tell you the clean ones. I used to go up on the roof of my dorm or a sun tan. One day I got really burned. From then on they called me "Washington's Redskins."

Q: Any others?

George: At Thanksgiving they let me carve the turkeys in the cafe. Then they'd call me "George Washington Carver."

Q: What was your favorite course?

George: We had Winter Week-end at Valley Forge one year. We got snowed in and couldn't make it back for classes but Rodechko said we were making history and that was more important than studying it. So we got 15 credits for spending the Winter at Valley Forge doing Independent Study (Laughs) We did a lot of group study too — if you know what I mean.

Q: What was the most frightening experience of your life?

George: The day Martha came to me and told me I was gonna be "father of our country." I looked at her in absolute shock and asked "But Martha, haven't you been taking your pills?"

Q: Where did you meet Martha?

George: At a dorm party. She was there with Benjamin Franklin but when she saw me she told him to "go fly a kite."

Q: We've run out of time, George. Thanks for coming.

George: Thanks for inviting me. I needed the money. Raspen is still after me to pay off my tuition and I owe Mr. Abate an overdue parking ticket fee for when I parked my horse in the SLC lobby.

It's refreshing to find out that great people like George Washington were just average Wilkes students. Stay tuned for interviews with other Wilkes graduate greats like Mao-Tse-Tung, Billy the Kid, and the Wizard of Oz.

Ice Hockey: Growing Sport At Wilkes

By Janine Pokrinchak

The Back Mountain Hockey Club, in its first year of league play, has seven Wilkes College students among its team members.

As a matter of fact, Jim Shepherd, Shavertown, is the team captain with Mark Davis, Whitehouse Station, New Jersey, as assistant captain.

In addition to the Wilkes students, there are some businessmen who play on the team. According to Davis, a Bedford resident, most of the students are from New Jersey where hockey is a "big sport."

teams in Northeastern Pennsylvania. The league is divided into two divisions with four teams apiece. Scranton University, King's College, and East Stroudsburg have independent club teams which are included in this league.

With the completion of the new Wilkes-Barre ice rink, Davis commented that the Back Mountain Hockey Club would like to move to Wilkes-Barre. The move would be more convenient to all involved. For this season, the Back Mountain Club plays all its games at Buckhill Falls near Mount Pocono.

Wilkes team." "A lot of people are interested," the New Jersey resident commented. The Wilkes team would be probably an independent club team with possibly some financial support from the college for uniforms and ice rental fees. Another source for financial support would be a local business. Even though the team has lost its first two games, Davis said, "we're pretty stable for a first year league."

As to the future of ice hockey, Davis sees it as "eventually becoming a varsity sport."



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"The salesman receives an economic and psychological satisfaction from his job."

Richard Raspen, director of financial aid and adjunct professor for business education, believes that selling is a versatile job.

Opportunity In Business Education

Business education is another field offering a variety of opportunities.

Under the auspices of the Commerce and Finance Department, business education leads to a B.S. degree. The two-year secretarial science program gives a student a certificate in general office or secretarial proficiency. The program prepares for later specialization in the four-year major in business education.

According to Linda Giordano, adjunct professor teaching courses in the field, many students have never heard of the two-year program. "We have had students take the secretarial science program and decide to continue in the four-year program."

There are a variety of opportunities open to business education majors. They have three areas in which to choose from: teaching, executive secretarial, or industry — administrative assistant, management, or as a market-



Dr. Robert E. Werner

ing representative.

"The student can follow one of several business education sequences ... with a business background there is hardly any reason why one should not get a job.

"...even when the job market is tight for teachers, people are still requesting business education majors," stated Miss Giordano.

Women In Business

Students should also have knowledge of the basic business world ... how do I fit in the picture? Female business students and businesswomen especially must have asked themselves this question at least once in their lives.

What factors are they up against?

"Women in the economic world is a resource we cannot neglect. Unfortunately, sex discrimination and role differentiation can hinder the female," states Dr. Robert E. Werner, chairman of the Commerce and Finance Department.

"First of all let me explain the two. Sex discrimination is against the law: it denies the individual from achieving full potential (and a woman is an individual); and it is unfair to

the individual.

"Role differentiation are the roles our society gives to 'males' and 'females'. Our culture accepts these roles, too."

"Role differentiation will wither in time and I think sex discrimination will wither too, if more women will get out in the market and compete ... Thus women participating in labor will increase ... and our economy needs them," anticipated Dr. Werner.

Also, as men become more educated and sophisticated, they can understand better why women need to work. Hopefully this will break down the barrier.

"Generally, I think it will take at least two generations for the real bias to be significantly reduced and then some people will always remain biased. It will be a 'gradual' process," he explained, "this is not a clear-cut issue and gradually, the web will break down."

"Work is the right of the women ... however, women can be their own executioners ... (e.g. Let's say they leave the labor force for a certain period of time, for any reason. When they wish to re-enter the labor force they complain of little or no opportunity. How can they expect promotion after leaving the force for that time?)"

In conclusion, Dr. Werner feels that women, "...have come a long way, but they are not there yet!"

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BALLET PRESENTATION—The Wilkes College Concert and Lecture Series will present The Cincinnati Ballet on Sunday, February 29, at 8 p.m. in the Dorothy Dickson Darte Center for the Performing Arts.

Shown are seven members of the 24-member company in a performance of "Divertissement Classique."

The presentation is open to the public without admission fee as a service to the community.

Veteran 'Cat' Company Insures Successful Play

With each Wilkes Theater production you are sure to see the veteran and "the budding starlet" and "Cat On a Hot Tin Roof," to be presented Thursday through Sunday, March 11 through 14 will not be any different.

A familiar "character" on the stage is Bruce Phair, a 1973

graduate returning for theater credits, will be playing the part of "Brick." His credits include the Wilkes presentations of "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest," "Company of Wayward Saints," "Three Men on a Horse," and "Hot 1 Baltimore" in which he was joined by another veteran Jeff Schlicher.

Jeff is a junior math major from Center Valley and will be the Episcopal minister "Reverend Tooker."

Cathy Roccograndi, a senior English major from Edwardsville who also has a long list of stage credits behind her name, will be playing the part of "Maggie" for the March presentation.

A few other familiar "theater" people you will surely recognize from their previous talents are Joseph Gavlick, from Lopez, who is "Big Daddy;" John Forte, Pequannock, N.J., playing "Dr. Bough;" and Randy Smith from Steelton, as "Gooper."

Priscilla Wnuk, who made her stage debut in "Hot 1 Baltimore," is returning in "Cat" as "Big Mama." Priscilla is from Wilkes-Barre.

Rosemary Nicaastro, Edison, N.J. as "Sooky" and Eileen Rowlands, Exeter as "Mae" will also be displaying fine acting talents as part of the Southern family.

No production would be complete without the "behind the scenes" people like Sue Latz, Vetrnor, N.J. who is the stage manager.

Assisting the director, Jay E. Fields, will be Jo Ann Saporito, Wilkes-Barre who was also in "Hot 1."

Director Fields has selected an experienced and talented cast which insures a successful production.

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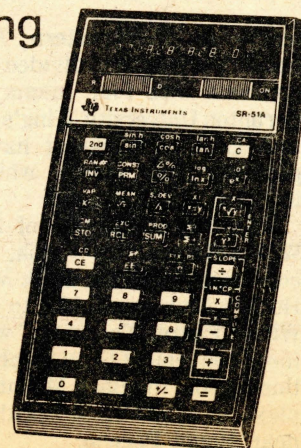
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Cage Transfer Happy To Be In Colonelland

BY JEFF ACORNLEY

Jeff Baird is a remarkable young man. He throws money out the window for reasons he finds hard to explain. He turns up his nose at prestige, and it bothers him when his friends don't get proper recognition. He is quite frankly, a remarkable human being.

Baird is a 6-7 basketball player, who transferred to Wilkes this year from Davidson University in North Carolina. His name hasn't appeared in any Colonel box scores, because an NCAA ruling concerning eligibility of transfer students has kept him on the bench for a year.

He is however, working out with the team daily and will be in a Blue and Gold uniform next season. From

all indications, the big fella has got quite a future ahead of him too.

WHEN HE GRADUATED from Owen J. Roberts High School in Pottstown, Baird was recruited by more than 250 colleges and universities. He chose Davidson in the end, because of the school's basketball prestige and reputation. Davidson has an excellent basketball program, and ranks among the nation's top five in winning percentage over the years.

His letter of intent to Davidson earned Baird a full athletic scholarship, which was estimated at approximately \$20,000.

When he arrived on the North Carolina campus however, he was very disillusioned by what he saw.

There were situations present there, that the recruiters had conveniently forgotten to tell him about, when they were banging on his door.

Restaurants would serve Jeff but not his black friends. He said, "everything that you hear about prejudice in the South is true. It was appalling. I disliked it so much down there, that I didn't even go back for the last semester."

Jeff Baird is more than just a basketball player, and he proved that by leaving Davidson. Being smart enough to sense a bad situation, he bailed out. "It's hard to explain," said Baird, "but there is more to life than basketball. I want a diploma that will mean something after my four years in school, and that's not what I would have received down there."

WHEN HE LEFT Davidson and all that money, he decided to pay his own way through school, so that he wouldn't be a financial burden to his parents. He works during the summer in a styro-foam cup factory in 130 degree heat. (I was hoping he would say "it's only WARM for me," but he didn't.)

He enjoys not being in a "basketball machine" college since making the transition to Wilkes, and he has rediscovered the fun in the sport. "I like coach Bearde, and all the guys make me feel right at home."

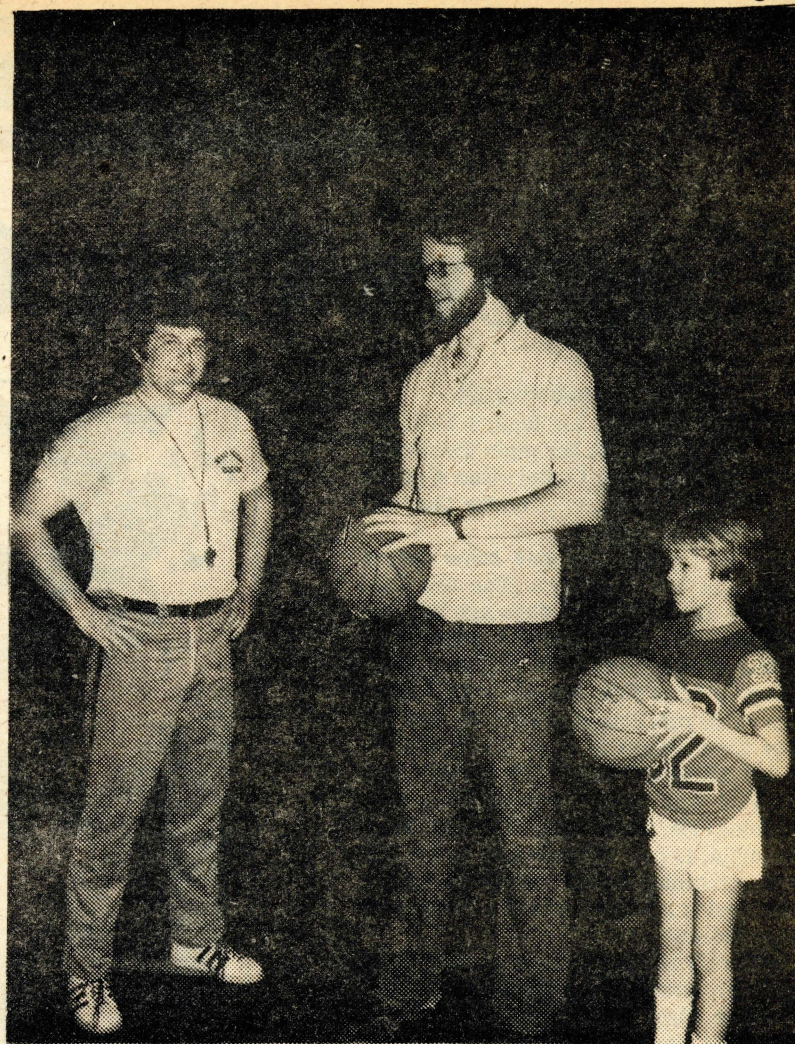
Jeff is a business administration major and takes great pride in studying for his grades, instead of having them handed to him on a silver platter because he can play basketball, which was the case at a school like Davidson. Last semester, Baird "studied" himself right onto the Dean's list.

To give you an idea of how sought after Baird's basketball talents were, you have to listen to Bearde, the coach that persuaded him to give the Wilkes-Barre campus a try.

"I had to make an appointment a week ahead of time just to get in to see Jeff at his home. He was a second team all-state performer in high school before enrolling at Davidson, but after his experiences down there, he had had it with big schools.

"Finally, it came down to us and Bucknell, and after seeing the campus and talking to some of the kids, he chose Wilkes. And I'm awfully glad he did. He is going to be one heck of a ballplayer next year."

In a nation full of spoiled athletes, Jeff Baird is a rarity; a very enjoyable rarity.



THE BIG AND THE SMALL OF IT—Jeff Baird, the Colonel's hope for the future, is pictured with coach Rodger Bearde (left), and Bearde's son Billy (right). Baird is a 6-7 transfer from Davidson University.

Sports Chatter

By Paul Domowitch

LONG LIFE EXPECTED FOR SWIM PROGRAM

The past few weeks, the members of the Colonel swim team have been living in doubt, after hearing distressing rumors that the college was contemplating termination of the varsity aquatics program next year. Well, ease your mind. Swimming will not go under (excuse the pun) next year, or any other year for that matter. If you still are unsure, these facts should relieve your doubt.

FACT—the Wilkes athletic budget has certainly seen brighter days, but it's a long way from the type of financial trouble that would cause drastic moves like the termination of certain varsity sports to "feed" others.

FACT—if indeed, the athletic department had to make drastic cuts, swimming would not be the first to go.

FACT—three years ago, under the less than adequate coaching of Joe Shaughnessy, the Colonel swimming program appeared destined to terminate itself, with no outside help. The team had no more than six or seven swimmers, and the future appeared bleak. But it was then that Rick Marchant took over the swim program, and revitalization was immediate. Interest in the sport grew immensely, and girls like Lisz Waznik and Maureen Maguire pioneered the entrance of co-eds into Wilkes swimming. Two years after Shaughnessy had trouble holding together a handful of athletes, Marchant had Wilkes, with the third largest team in Wilkes' entire athletic program.

FACT—even if the termination of the swim program was contemplated, student protest would be so great, that the administration would have to reconsider or have a riot on their hands.

FACT—while Wilkes is not quite a ready to challenge for a Middle Atlantic Conference title, Marchant has instilled a winning attitude, and it's only a matter of years before they do indeed challenge for a title. I took basketball more than two decades to build a winner under Rodger Bearde, and they'll give the swim program at least that much time.

FACT—unlike many other schools, the Wilkes athletic program ranks a distant second to academics in importance, and they are not about to terminate swimming because of its poor winning percentage.

FACT—the college is planning an addition onto the S. Franklin St. gymnasium during the next decade, which includes a swimming pool. Why build a swimming pool if you are going to terminate the sport?

But despite all this, there are a few problems. The first is the Wilkes-Barre Aquadome, the home of the Wilkes swim team. Because of financial problems, the Wilkes-Barre Recreation Board, which operates the facility, is probably going to close its doors during the winter months. That means the Colonels will be looking for another pool.

However, the YMCA was happy to let the team use its pool prior to 1972, when they moved to the dome, and there is no reason to believe that they won't welcome them back; incidentally at a much lower price than the Aquadome authorities have been charging Wilkes.

The second and more pressing problem is the graduation of Marchant. The ex-marine has done with the swim program in two years, what no one would have thought humanly possible by one man in so short a time. He has rebuilt enthusiasm and interest in a program that was on its last leg before he took it over. Well, Marchant graduates from Wilkes in May, and will be looking for a teaching job. In all probability, that means he will give up his coaching position.

It's doubtful that the athletic department can find anyone who can fill Marchant's shoes. He was a tremendous teacher, but more importantly had the best coach-athlete relationship with his team that you'll ever find anywhere. They respected him. They admired him. They loved him. People like Marchant are hard to find, and that is where the most important problem with the Wilkes swim program lies. Can they find a replacement, who can maintain the level of enthusiasm in the program at the college, that he has built up? Only time will tell.

Team Enthusiastic

Conference Cage Crown Within Women's Grasp

BY BRIAN ROTH

Victory has been an all too infrequent visitor to the Wilkes women's basketball team in the past. There was a time when losing became habit and four or five wins a year was considered to be successful. Well, times have changed.

With a new coach and re-vitalized players, the Colonelettes have begun to make their presence felt. Where

no other women's basketball team has managed more than six victories in a season, coach Debby Moyer has led her team out of the ashes and right into contention in the MAC's.

It's been nine long years since the women cagers have managed a winning season, but this year's squad looks like a sure bet to end the drought.

EVERY GOOD TEAM is backed by a good coach and Moyer gives Wilkes just that. This is the first coaching assignment for the 1975 graduate of East Stroudsburg State, and you might say she's been blessed with a little beginner's luck.

With four wins already under their belts and seven games left to play, the chances for a seven win season (and a Wilkes team record) appears pretty good. According to the coach, however, the team has bigger plans. "We're playing very well right now."

"I think that with a few good games in the playoffs we could take a first or a second in the MAC's." These words may seem optimistic but the tools are there.

AFTER WATCHING PART of a practice, it was easy to see that the team really enjoyed practicing. They ran through their drills easily and they all appear to be having fun playing basketball.

Part of the reason for the enthusiasm may be the new coach. She said, "I really enjoy coaching these girls. If we didn't win a game all season I'd still be happy just to coach. They make coaching a pleasure."

With harmony and enthusiasm in abundant supply, and the talent stronger than ever, a Middle Atlantic Conference cage title may be right around the corner.

MAC AT A GLANCE

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Scranton	7	1	875
Upsala	5	3	625
Elizabethtown	5	3	625
Lycorning	5	4	555
Albright	5	5	500
Wilkes	3	5	375
Susquehanna	3	6	333
Juniata	1	8	111
Delaware Valley	0	8	000

USUC III Still Unbeaten In IM Basketball Action

BY DAVE ORISCHAK

Intramural basketball moved into its second full week of competition last Sunday with a score of undefeated teams. However, the competition is fierce this year and keeping an undefeated status for the entire season will be difficult.

In Class A games played last week, Gino's beat Sons of Softee 77-44. Gino's bettered their record behind the strong play of the Dudick brothers and Gene Marinelli. Denison dropped their first game to USUC III 77-60. Bobby Haldeman and Bruce Jackson scored 14 points

each for the losers while Mike Kmietowicz was high scorer for the winners of 24.

THE FACULTY CONTINUED their winning ways as they defeated Smokey's Bears 56-40. Craig Austin paced the winners with 18 points.

The Ironmen won two games as they defeated Webster Wings 99-36 and Slocum B 66-48. Dave Trethaway played well for the Ironmen as he scored a total of 40 points in both games. Webster Wings came back from their loss to the Ironmen and beat Grim Reapers 53-49.

BEACON SPORTS

Cagers Out Of MAC Running

BY PAUL DOMOWITCH

For Jack Brabant, his team's 75-62 defeat Tuesday night to Scranton University up at the John Long Center, was a grave miscarriage of justice; a crime that can now, never be righted.

The 6-4 forward has had some career during his four years in a Blue and Gold uniform. It was just six days ago that the Glendale, New York resident became the second greatest scorer in Wilkes College history. Add to that two ALL-MAC selections in the past couple of seasons, and you have the makings of cage excellence.

BUT BRABANT HAS been robbed of the one goal that he has wanted more than anything else; the one goal that as of Tuesday night, is now unattainable in the five days remaining in his collegiate career. That goal is a Middle Atlantic Conference championship.

With only tonight's game against Elizabethtown remaining on the Colonel's MAC calendar, they have been eliminated of any remaining hope they had, of making Brabant's wishes become a reality. And they learned the hard way that talent minus experience does not suffice.

Coming into the game as the number two ranked Division III team in the country, Scranton took control right from the opening tap, and were never headed. The Colonels battled hard to stay in the game, but inexperience waved its vicious hand, when they lost the ball three consecutive times trying to in-bound the ball against the Royals pressing defense.

Coach Rodger Bearde realized a few minutes into the second half that a comeback was not to be, when he did something very unusual—he sat down.

FORTUNATELY FOR BEARDE and the young Colonels, the future does not appear as bleak as the present. With youngsters like McNeil, Nardelli, Hughes, Donahue, Zapko, and Welsh not even in their prime yet, a realistic shot at an MAC crown is only a year or two away.

But that is little consolation for Brabant, guard Mike Prekopa, and forward Frank Britt who won't be around to see it. Brabant said it best only a month ago: "I just wish I could stay around another year and play with these guys, when they start to put it all together. They are going to be great."

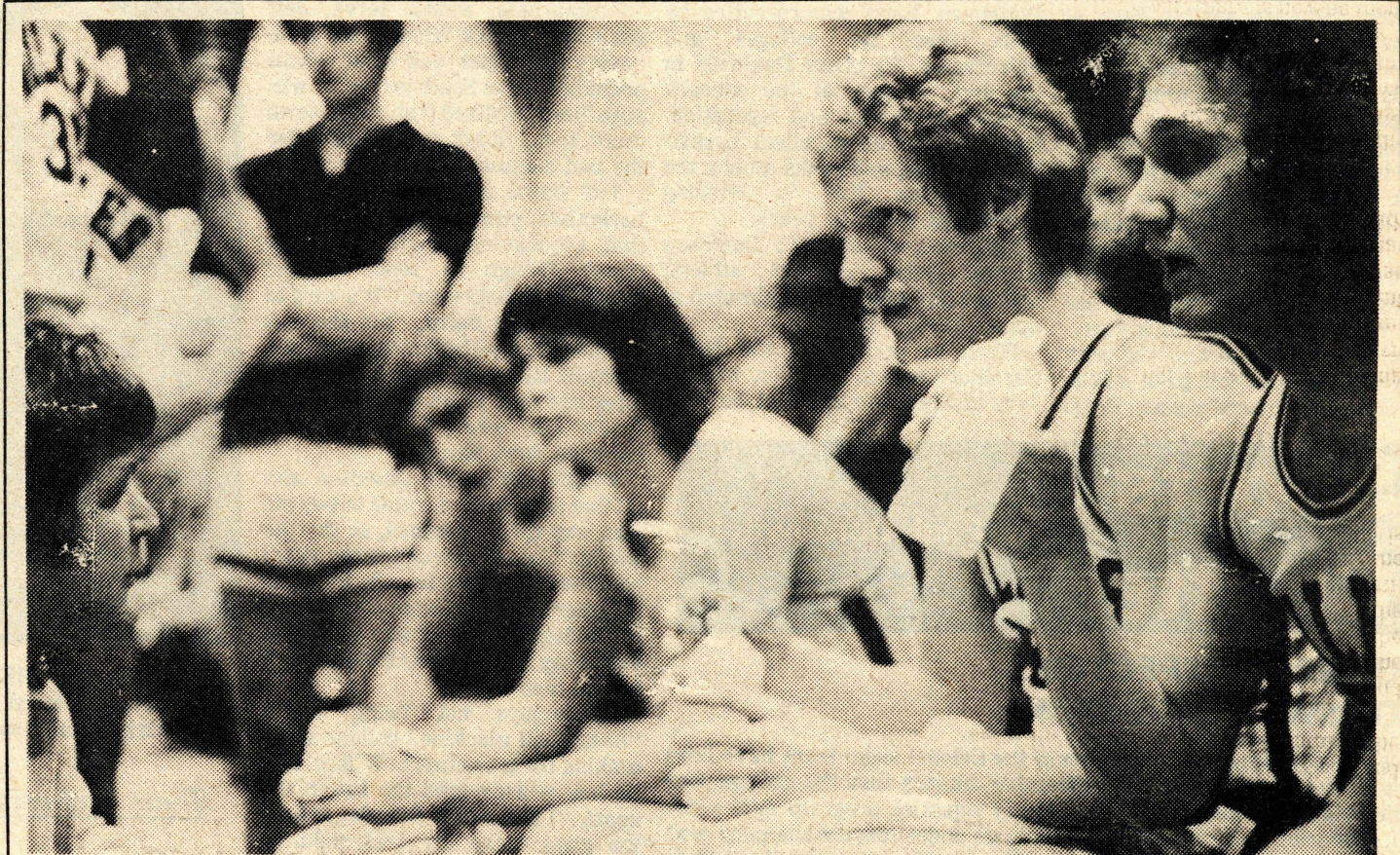
Truer words were never spoken. In fact, the best of the whole lot has not even donned a varsity uniform yet. He's Davidson University transfer Jeff Baird, a 6-7 all-state performer, who is sitting out a year.

One year ago, Elizabethtown eliminated Wilkes' final hope of making the MAC playoffs, when with the help of referee Duke Maronic, it beat the Colonels 75-72 down at E-town.

Now it is the Blue Jays who are struggling for a playoff bid. They come into tonight's contest with a 5-3 conference record, and must still play Upsala on the road Saturday. Should they lose both of their remaining conference bouts, they will finish tied for the fourth and final playoff spot with Albright, and would forfeit their tournament opportunity by virtue of an earlier 54-49 loss to Albright.

Two weeks ago, the Colonels had hoped tonight's game would assure them of a playoff future. Now, with losses to Lycoming and Scranton kissing that dream good bye, there is only pride and the motive of revenge to play for. Only trouble is, all of Bearde's freshmen weren't around last season.

Well, there is always pride.



THE COLONEL CAGERS: FOILED AGAIN

Grapplers Anxious For Easterns

BY RICH COLANDREA

When Colonel 150-pounder Bruce Lear speaks of his participation in the Easterns as "sort of like a dream," he is not kidding.

The Wilkes College wrestling team, for the first time in its history, will compete in the prestigious Eastern Inter-collegiate Wrestling Association Tournament, which begins next Friday at Franklin and Marshall College.

Most of the grapplers say that the tournament is going to be rough, but Lear seemed to unfold what has to be done. "You've got to think your best and wrestle two days of the best wrestling in your life."

Last year, Lear, all 150 pounds of him, pulled off an upset, by beating a 190-pounder in the Division III tourney.

"Everyone's going in with a positive attitude, planning on winning or placing," says heavyweight Danny House who is in

his first year as a Colonel regular. House, who has already wrestled the national champ and the eastern champ at his weight class during the year, says optimistically, "I hope to place in the top three."

Rick Mahonski, at 126, is one of the leading contenders in his class, and is hoping for a rematch with Lehigh's Lance Lenhardt. The two drew in a dual meeting earlier. "You have to go in with the attitude that you're going to win it and that's the attitude I have now," he says.

"I feel I can do well," storms Dave Gregrow. "I think the team is going to do real well if we get our heads together." At the 177 pound class, Gregrow is considered by many a sure place finisher, but Coach Reese may move him up to 190.

As Rick Mahonski says, "Seventy-five percent of the game is mental," and

almost unanimously the wrestlers contend that if they are all prepared mentally, the success will follow.

So the Easterns, with all its fame and glory, will be the final stop for many of the 150 competitors. For 48, though, the NCAA's will be the next target, and the Colonel grapplers hope to be among them.

As one Wilkes wrestler put it: "All the tough teams that we have wrestled, is going to pay off now."

Shakeup For Easterns

If you thought that you were just starting to get the Colonel wrestling lineup down pat, without peaking at the program, forget it. With the Eastern tournament only a week away, coach John Reese has been forced to do some re-shuffling, that will give the Wilkes lineup a new look with some old faces.

The major reason behind Reese's anticipated shakeup is Greg MacLean, the Colonel's regular 158-pounder, who dislocated his shoulder Saturday against Army, and will not make the trip to the Easterns.

With MacLean out, there is now no more doubt that 167-pounder Jim Weisenfluh will drop to 158 for the tournaments; something he has never done in his successful four year collegiate career. Weisenfluh's move leaves an opening at 167, and Reese is expected to fill the void with freshman Perry Lichtinger.

In a move fostered more by strategy than injury, Reese is contemplating dropping his freshman 190-pounder Bart Cook down to 177 for the Eastern event, and pushing regular 177-pounder Dave Gregrow back up to 190, where he began the season. Cook is 7-3 overall this year, including a big pin victory in the 27-18 Wilkes win over Army, while Gregrow is 11-5.

Swim Season Winding Down

The Wilkes College men's swim team will wrap up the dual meet season this week at Binghamton State. The swimming Colonels of Coach Rick Marchant are hoping for a .500 season to surpass the 4-5 record of last year.

The Colonels are presently training for MAC competition to be held at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, Md., where Garry Taroli, Rick Marchant, Ron Sweeda, Jeff Jones, and Kevin Augustine set five new Wilkes swimming records between them in the championship competition last year.

Diver Paul Niedzwiecki who was close to unbeatable this season, hopes to become a medal-winner at the contest. His diving has been steadily improving and his chances for placement are good.

The newly formed women's swim team finished the season with a 2-2 record. Cindy Glawe, top female diver, hopes to repeat

her medal-winning performance at Johns Hopkins of last year. She is fully recovered from a head injury she suffered in November during practice, and is not a bit shy of the board. Her freshman teammate Cathy Hotchkiss has also performed well in the required and optional diving events during the season, and also has the potential to do well at MAC's.

The women's competition is only in its second year, run in conjunction with the men's competition. The women will swim the same distance as the men, but in separate events. Schools in the conference include Franklin and Marshall, Dickinson, Ursinus, Swarthmore, Gettysburg, Widener, Western Maryland, and Lycoming. Last year, Johns Hopkins copped the men's championship while Ursinus led the women. The event is scheduled for February 27-28.

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