

Testing Policy Discussed At SG

by Amy Elias

Rapid-fire discussion was prompted at the SG meeting Monday night when Chris Fellin, student rep to the Academic Standards Committee, reported the Committee's decisions about the *Student Handbook* policy for testing during the last week of classes of a semester and Committee discussion of the four-week drop policy.

Policy for tests and examinations is stated in the 1981-82 *Student Handbook* as follows: "No mapr examination may be given during the last five class days preceding final examinations without the approval of the department chairman and the Dean of Academic Affairs. Routine quizzes are not prohibited during the final week of classes."

According to Fellin, on Tuesday, the Academic Standards Committee decided to consider the policy null and void for this semester. The Committee was faced with two choices, added Fellin: to consider the policy, which had supposedly been voted out two years ago, as valid, or to consider it null and void, a dead-letter policy. The Committee decided upon the latter choice. Said Fellin, "Why the decision was made, I don't know."

At the next faculty meeting the policy will be voted on. Fellin noted that some members of the administration are in favor of keeping the policy in effect for future semesters. Ana Nunez, former SG President, noted that an SG rep should be present at the next faculty meeting to express the students' views on the subject.

The four-week drop policy also spurred active discussion during the meeting. It was noted that the drop policy was originally intended to increase student-professor communication and raise academic standards at the College. A few SG reps, however commented that often faculty members adhere too rigidly to the written policy, and discourage discussions with students who wish to drop their courses. Ralph Pringle noted that some tests were still be-

ing given late in the semester, sometimes even after the seventh week of classes, thereby giving students no way to measure their progress until after the four-week drop limitation. One SG rep remarked, "The professor's attitude is sometimes 'policy is policy.'"

Doris Barker, Registrar, noted that students should recognize that the policy does not say that students cannot drop a course after the fourth week of classes, but only that they need an instructor's permission to do so. Dean Arthur Hoover, advisor to SG, commented that should a student have problems discussing a drop request with an instructor, the student is free to talk to the department chairman or the Dean of Academic Affairs about the problem. Further discussion on the drop policy was tabled until next week's meeting.

The Student Government budget for the 1982-83 academic year was submitted by Al Wirkman for a first reading by the SG body. The budget, which is broken down into specific, allocated accounts to various clubs, organizations, and projects for next year, is the end-product of revisions of five budget proposals submitted at last week's meeting. Organizations that will be receiving decreased allocations include the freshman, sophomore, and junior classes, the SG social committee, the All College Weekend fund, and the First Aid Squad.

In addition, the fund request for the *Amnicola*, which receives its monies from SG, was reduced, and SG President Elaine Kerchusky noted that a representative from the *Amnicola* will be asked to attend the first SG meeting of every month to inform the body of *Amnicola* activities.

It was also decided during the budget discussion that next year an SG representative be named to the Concert and Lecture Series Committee, which receives partial funding from Student Government.

Kerchusky reminded all SG reps that this weekend is Cherry Blossom

weekend, and activities are scheduled for Friday through Sunday (see related article).

Linda Woods addressed the SG body concerning recent COPUS activities, and informed members that COPUS National has filed a suit against the Department of Education. According to *Legislative Update*, the COPUS newsletter, COPUS National hopes to "win reimbursements to students who had to pay a fee to apply for federal aid," and "will sue ED for violating federal statute in making students who apply only for federal aid pay the processing fee."

Woods noted that COPUS on campus has circulated petitions protesting the financial aid cuts recently initiated in Washington. The petitions, which contain at last count 447 signatures, will be given to Congressman Nelligan and copies will be sent to the Department of Education. Woods also commented that COPUS has registered this month at least 50 Wilkes' students to vote.

Chris Lain, Chairman of the Human Services Committee, reported that last week's Blood Donor Day was a mild success, with 168 persons donating blood. Lain commended the SG membership on its participation, and announced that SG won the club prize for most members donating, with 20 reps giving blood. SG will receive a plaque from the Human Services Committee in recognition of their participation.

Kerchusky thanked all SG members who participated in last week's Walk-a-thon, noting that she was "very proud" and that the event proved that "we can do it if we just put our minds, and feet, to it."

Keith Sands, SG Treasurer for the 1982-83 year, made a motion to send a letter of congratulations to the Lady Colonel's Softball team, in recognition of its MAC title win. The team received a round of applause from SG members and the motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Don Leslie Takes Beacon Advisory Post

The *Beacon* would like to announce the appointment of Dr. Donald Leslie as our new advisor beginning in the Fall semester. Dr. Norma Schulman, our advisor for the past two years, is resigning from that post.

Dr. Leslie holds a degree in Comparative Literature and teaches French and English courses at Wilkes. He has been teaching here for the past four years, spent two years at Rouen in France, and did graduate work at the University of Oregon. Dr. Leslie is a violinist with the Wilkes Chamber Orchestra and a member of the Wyoming Valley Peace Committee.

"I am very pleased to be asked and chosen to be advisor," Leslie commented. "I am quite interested in finding out about the operations of a newspaper."

Welcome, to *The Beacon* Dr. Leslie. We're looking forward to working with you.



Dr. Donald Leslie

NOTICE

The 1982-1983 *Amnicola* staff was recently announced. The new staff is: Sandy Izaks, Editor-in-chief; Scott Ellis, Assistant Editor; Joe Larnerd, Photography Editor; Arnold Poscano, Assistant Photography Editor; Doug Evans, Art Editor; and Kirk Forman, Business Manager.

NOTICE

Students who will be taking summer courses away from Wilkes are reminded that they must secure approval for the transfer of those credits this spring. Forms are available at the Deans' Offices.

Luncheon Honors Students' Achievements

by Marian T. Koviack

More than 100 awards were made to students for outstanding achievement in scholarship and leadership at the recently held Annual Student Awards Luncheon.

Dean Arthur J. Hoover opened the ceremony at the Dorothy Dickson Darte Center for the Performing Arts and explained, "We are here today for the purpose of honoring students who have excelled in the classroom and extra-curricular activities."

President Robert Capin remarked on the importance of the Awards Luncheon. President Capin expressed his appreciation to the students for their accomplishments. He said, "It is extremely gratifying... to see so many students excelling... There are many, many good things that take place."

The awards were presented in two categories. Each academic department made Academic Awards to students who excelled in scholastics. Various organizations recognized students with Appreciation-Merit

service-Awards.

Aerospace Studies Department Awards were presented to Miklos Varsanzi, John McCarthy, Ed Weiss, Gary Willets, Dave Nazarek and Keith Saunders.

Barbara Metroka won the Art Department's Artistic Merit Award.

The Biology Department recognized five students: Valerie Van Dyke, Stanly Freeda, Mary Kay Pogar, Chris Woolverton, and Dominick Dalessandro.

In the Earth and Environmental Sciences Department, recipients were Bob Vannan and Stanley Manoski.

Lee Elchak, Ed Miskiel, John Owens and Michael Zwiebel earned the Engineering Department Awards.

History Department Awards went to John Naegeli and Keith Saunders.

The Language and Literature Department presented awards to Shelly Freeman, Frank Sabatini, Frank Kren, Jr., Frank Kren Jr.,

Russel Curtis, Lisa Bellucci and Lisa Johnson.

Edward J. Plesnar received the Mathematics and Computer Science Department Award.

The Nursing Department awarded Diane Pape, Eileen Pisanckyn and Rosanne Kramer.

Frank Sabatini, Dominick Dalessandro, Amy Zapkowski, Dawn Stauffer, Gautam Yadama and Gloria Kopac were the receivers of the Philosophy Department Awards.

The Sociology-Anthropology Department gave its award to Teresa Keenan.

Act 101 Academic Excellence Awards went to Marianne Malinsky and Marie Pierson.

The *Beacon* named Kim Smith and Mark Poppel as Athletes of the year.

Commuter Council Service Awards were earned by Bev Rothery Maurita Gries, Joe Knox and Karen Cavanaugh.

Shelly Freeman was named the recipient of the Concert and Lecture

Series Cultural Award.

The Education Club Award went to Brian Waugh.

The Faculty Women's Eleanor Coates Farley Scholarship was awarded to Jean Gerbac.

Inter-Residence Hall Council gave its awards to Mary Kutz, Raul Gochez, Bill Lourie and Bruce Williams.

Letterwomen's Awards were presented to Lisa Cobb and Donna Derrick.

Bernie Martz and Marian Koviack received the awards given by the Manuscript Society.

Fred Deets earned the Speech Division Award.

Chris Lain, Allan Wirkman, Tom Farley, Robert Doty, Linda Woods, Ana Nunez, Bruce Williams and Joe Knox won the Student Government Appreciation and Dedication Awards.

Theta Delta Rho Senior Awards went to Maurita Gries, Judy Solack, Mary Saglioccio, Mary Ann Dorman and Mary Margaret McKeown. Continued on page 2

Debate Union Captures Society's Regional Tournament

For the first time since 1955-56 the Wilkes College Debate Union has made a clean sweep at a national tournament.

The Debate Squad and the Public Speaking Unit recently competed at the Pi Kappa Delta National Honorary Forensic Society regional tourney, held in Wilmington, Del. This tournament covers the entire northeast section of the United States.

Wilkes won the first place overall award took first place in more than eleven events, including the difficult Lincoln-Douglas debate and traditional debate.

The combined talents of "Kinney's Kids" enabled the Debate Union to win 49 major awards at this tournament. The first-place overall victory makes the college

Debate program the no. one school from Maine to Va. (including West Virginia) as recognized by Pi Kappa Delta and its 50 thousand members.

The Wilkes entry consisted mainly of freshmen students. The college was represented by Marybeth Zuvich, Donna O'Toole, Jim Lehet, Annette Winski along with upperclassmen Darrell Lewis, Danny Scaran, and Fred Deets.

Marybeth Zuvich won ten awards including first place in Sales Competition, first place in Informative Speaking, first place in After-Dinner Entertainment competition, first place in Poetry and tied for first place in the Lincoln/Douglas Debate.

Her team mate, Donna O'Toole

won eleven honors — with a first place in Sales Competition, first place in Impromptu Discourse and a tie with Zuvich for the first place honors in Lincoln/Douglas debate.

Jim Lehet, another freshmen, won several national awards and Annette Winski completed the tournament with four trophies.

Danny Scaran, a junior in her first year of intercollegiate competition, posted two victories and Darrell Lewis, a junior, gathered in three awards. She was recognized as the second top speaker in the area of Small Group Discussion.

Fred Deets, the Captain of the Debate Union, helped lead the team in the Traditional Debate area. Fred, a senior, and his partner won the Traditional Debate

competition and Fred took additional honors by taking first place in the difficult Rhetorical Analysis/Criticism division. Deets was also recognized as the second best Debate Speaker in competition.

With the Pi Kappa Delta National tournament finished, the Debate Union and Public Speaking Unit completed a very remarkable

year. Kinney's students set a new college record for victories in one year — winning a total of 109 trophies since September. No other team/program in the history of the college has set a record such as this. Dr. Kinney is now looking forward to next years season and invites any interested student to stop by his office in Kirby Hall to discuss membership.

Awards Luncheon

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Connie Zelinski, Patty Craine, Laurie Edwards, Donna Krappa, Sharon Martins and Sue Ann Shemanski received the Women's Activities Association Awards.

Thirty-four students were named to Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities. They were: Mark Barettella, David Capin, Lisa Cobb, Maureen Ann Connelly, Roya Fahmy, Thomas Farley, Shelly Freeman, Michael Gould, Maurita Gries, Lisa Gurka, Sandra Hartdagen, Joseph Knox, Maribeth Kofira, Donna Krappa, Christine Lain, Robert Lashock, Barbara Metroka, Eugene Neary, Ana Nunez, Larson Orehotsky, Mary Kay Pogar, Thomas Rooney, Martha Sherman, Myron Slota, Judy Solack, Barry Spevak, Mark Thomas, Susan Tomalis, Janine Tucker, Tony Vlahovic, Gary Willets, Bruce Williams, Allan Workman and Chris Woolverton.

Dean George Ralston delivered the closing remarks to the cere-

mony. Ralston praised students for their achievements, "I do stand in awe for all the accomplishments you have been awarded for."

He spoke of the quantity of awards and the quality of the students and their achievements. Dean Ralston charged the students with the task of improving the quality of life. He told them, "In all of your achieving, you can help us to have a dream. Put some quality into life. . . Strive to keep alive your compassion, your joy for living and the quality of your life."

Closing the ceremony, Dean Ralston offered his congratulations to the students and told them, "You've made an investment in yourselves, the college and the community."

According to Dean Hoover, as a sign of the importance of the awards and the Administration's appreciation to students, the awards and the recipient's names will be listed in the 1982 Commencement Program.

Hints To Finding Employment

by Andrea Hincken

What problem is plaguing our country?

If your answer is unemployment you are correct. About nine million Americans are out of work. The national unemployment rate 8.8 is the highest since World War II.

It sounds awful doesn't it? There is some encouragement though from Labor Department experts. In the recent April 18, 1982 issue of Parade Magazine, in the Sunday Independent, the experts said that there are five million to six million unfilled job vacancies and that the prospects should brighten later this year.

The best prospects for work are found in a dozen states where the unemployment rate is below six percent. They are: Kansas, Oklahoma, Wyoming, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, Texas, New Hampshire, Colorado, Hawaii, Vermont and Minnesota.

Computers, health and engineering dominate the available job

market. Before venturing out to find a job, a labor official warned, "the worst thing you can do is to pick up and move to Oklahoma or Texas without first making sure you have a job. That can be fatal. Even in boom areas, things can change quickly."

Whether you are a semi-skilled employee or a highly qualified technician in a depressed industry, a young person on the lower rungs of the career ladder or someone on the wrong side of 50 fighting age discrimination — here are some tips the experts offer to anyone in the job hunt:

1. Don't hide the fact that you are unemployed. It's nothing to be ashamed of, and the more people who know you are job-hunting, the more leads you will get.

2. Forget about your personal label that pegs you as a government worker, auto mechanic, or whatever. Limiting yourself limits your opportunities.

3. The essence of a job hunt is a search for information, not only

for openings but also about yourself. Make a detailed personal inventory.

4. Persistence pays. People who hunt eight hours a day, five days a week, will find a job faster. The worst thing to do is to become depressed and sit at home waiting for offers to come.

5. Send out resumes, knock on doors, answer newspaper ads and ads in business, trade and professional journals. Visit the employment office. Don't ignore the public library — the most overlooked source of job information. Ask for the Occupational Outlook Handbook, the Dictionary of Occupational Titles and the Guide to Occupational Exploration — all published and periodically updated by the Labor Department. Always look for articles concerning job opportunities in newspapers and magazines.

6. Don't panic. You probably have more marketable skills than you realize.

Language And Business Major Created

If someone asked you the question Avez-Vous un MBA? Would you be able to respond? How about Haben Sie ein MBA? or Tien Usted a MBA?

Anyone who has a strong background in foreign language can tell you that the foreign words translate into "DO YOU HAVE?" Those with a business background are familiar with an MBA which is an abbreviated version of a Masters of Business Administration degree. Together, the combination of foreign language and business can open new doors into the international job market.

The marriage of the two distinct fields of study creates a new dimension for students who are considering careers in either foreign languages or business. According to Dr. Thomas Kaska, chairman of the Wilkes College Department of Language and Literature, "Many students are searching for ways to broaden the

fields in which their foreign language degree can be used. One way to do that is to combine a foreign language curriculum with a graduate business degree which would make the student highly marketable in the world of international business."

With this serving as a base, Wilkes will implement in the Fall of 1982 a new and innovative program which will allow students to obtain a bachelor of arts degree in French, Spanish or German and a master of business administration degree all within five year period.

As an example of how the new program will work, Kaska offered the following: "A high school student who is considering a foreign language major in French can choose to take his or her elective courses in the area of business administration. Following four years of undergraduate work that student can enroll, if eligible, in the graduate business program and

receive an MBA the following year." According to Kaska, the BA in French and the MBA in business will make the student a marketable commodity for an international business firm.

Inquiries regarding the new Wilkes program may be directed to the Dean of Admissions at the College.

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Unconstitutional CC Elections Create Controversy On Council

by Andrea Hincken

According to the Commuter Council Constitution, last week's elections were unconstitutional.

The recent elections went against Article 7 Sections 4 and 5, which state that former council executives may not vote in the elections and that the newly elected is to replace the former council at the meeting following the election.

"The problem was," said Mary Ellen Judge, CC President, "people voted who shouldn't have." She said that the election problem created controversy among students. She added, "It in no way reflects on members of the executive council."

SG said they would not recognize the election. In an attempt to remedy the situation a motion was made by a student to contest the election, but there was no vote. Then another motion was made to accept the council as elected and this was approved.

Joe Knox made a parking proposal which entailed using a company off campus. The first part offered was a van service, which included a fee. The second part was a car pool referral system.

The students responded more favorably to the latter. One student commented, "It's worth a try." No definite decisions were made on the proposal.

It was also proposed that next year's Christmas party, usually held by the CC and the IRHC, be combined into a Cinderella Ball for the 50th anniversary.

One student commented, "I think it's a good idea." Another student said that she thought that the novelty of the idea would probably improve attendance.

The problem of financing the ball was a concern of students. It was commented that the money for the 50th anniversary may subsidize the party and therefore lower the price of tickets, which were originally estimated at \$10.50.

The CC meetings will be held 15 minutes earlier next year. The new time is 4:30 p.m. on Mondays at Weckesser.

Cinderella Ball celebrating Wilkes' 50th anniversary would be combined with the annual Christmas party. The ball is scheduled to be held in the ballrooms at the Sterling Hotel.

LeBlanc asked for any comments or suggestions on how to improve the Freshmen Follies next year. Last year's follies won Wilkes the "School of the Month" award.

Under old business, it was once again mentioned that because of a lack of interest, IRHC would not be attending the NACURH conference. Plans are being made to attend the regional conference to be held at George Washington University in November.

Since Sunday's meeting was cancelled, LeBlanc made a closing statement thanking everyone for their help and cooperation. She also noted that she was sure next year would prove even better for IRHC.

IRHC Announces Positions Vacant

by Rebecca Whitman

At Sunday night's IRHC meeting, it was announced that many committee chair positions for next year are still open. Also open is the position of parliamentarian. Anyone interested in filling these positions should speak to IRHC President Marge LeBlanc or the present committee chairperson.

Cherry Blossom Weekend was once again discussed. Running from April 30 through May 2, activities such as pie eating contests, pillow fights and jello wrestling will be included. It was mentioned that women are still needed for the jello wrestling.

President LeBlanc announced that this week the Outstanding Senior Male and Female residents would be chosen and that voting for this would take place in the cafeteria.

It was announced that the

SG Fund Appropriations Need Better Management

The major accomplishment of Student Government this past semester appears to be the granting of fund requests. It seems that SG members passed the majority of the requests that were brought before them — even the request of \$2000 for a jazz concert.

This was the largest sum of money requested from SG this year, possibly the most ever requested. Despite repeated warnings from Treasurer Al Wirkman that this request would take a large chunk out of the budget if a significant sum of money was not taken in from ticket sales, SG passed the fund request.

Student Government ended up with a \$1500 loss from that concert and Al Wirkman had to freeze funds for several weeks. Considering the fact that the Student Government is supposed to represent the student body, and their needs, SG should have been more discriminant in which requests they decided to pass. Hopefully next year's Student

Government will learn from these mistakes.

Another detriment to the functioning of Student Government was the apparent apathetic attitude of some members. At several meetings throughout the past semester, numerous members were not present. One of the more important meetings of the semester (the elections of the Executive Council) was attended by only 14 of the 26 voting members. Again, as representatives of the student body, these members should have made every effort to attend the meetings.

Under the strong leadership of President Ana Nunez, the SG meetings were, for the most part, conducted in a smooth and efficient manner. Vice President Elaine Kerchusky was able to step into the position with relative ease after the resignation of Tom Rooney.

Overall, this past semester has been an unimpressive one for Student Government.

liberal fringe benefits. Now there should be a survey of taxpayers to determine how many feel that legislators are overpaid.

CC's "Most Sustained Effort" Focuses On Parking Problems

by John Finn

When Mary Ellen Judge, the new President of the Commuter Council, pledged last week to continue some of the programs that were successful this past year, she was in a sense paying tribute to her predecessor, Joe Knox. But her selectivity at the same time suggests an awareness that the Council did have problems and failures which may be avoided in the future.

This year, the Council's most sustained effort was given to improve parking conditions for commuters. Although a rather lengthy period of time was devoted to an idea which ultimately proved unworkable (the future construction of a multi-level, on-campus parking complex), the Council is now working out the details of a plan that will aid a number of commuters next year.

The new program will require a charge of \$20.00 per semester for commuters who receive on-campus parking spaces. The money collected will be used to further subsidize off-campus parking for other commuters. Those who receive on-campus parking will still be saving a substantial amount of money.

That privilege is given to applicants who qualify on a merit-point system which takes into account the individual's daily traveling distance, time spent on campus, size of carpool, and other fac-

Second Semester Slow For IRHC

by Donna Nitka

The 1981-82 school year was a mediocre year for the Inter-Residence Hall Council. While the first semester was successful, the second was slow.

During the first semester, the IRHC-sponsored "Freshman Follies" earned Wilkes the NACURH School of the Month Award for September. This award, coupled with the college's participation in the NACURH Regional Conference, allowed Wilkes to gain some recognition in the NACURH organization.

New committees were also formed during the first semester. The Hall President's Council was established to improve relationships between the residence halls and to formalize the governing of the halls. The Vandalism Committee was formed to curb the high, on-campus vandalism rate.

The growth of those committees stalled during the second semester. The Hall Presidents Council began constructing a constitution to outline the guidelines of residence hall government. This document still has not been completed. The Vandalism Committee, which has been planning an anti-vandalism campaign since mid-first semester, has done little more than report the damage caused by vandals.

Another problem that plagued IRHC this semester was apathy. One consequence of this apathy is

that a Wilkes delegation will not be attending the NACURH National Conference. This is particularly unfortunate since Wilkes was invited to sponsor a workshop during the conference. Lack of participation in the conference is sure to be a setback to Wilkes since the college was beginning to gain recognition in the organization. Council apathy was also demonstrated in the lack of feedback during open discussions.

IRHC's most noteworthy success was its proposal of an alternate plan to the administration — proposed \$200 differential fee that was going to be charged to students of the new residence hall. The council should be commended for the way in which it handled the situation. As a result of their planning of options and polling of residence hall students, they were able to submit an alternate plan to the Administration. The plan, which calls for money for the new hall to be raised from all dormitory students, was adopted.

Next year's Council should support the growth of both the Hall Presidents Council and the Vandalism Committee since these committees will benefit the residence hall students. The council should also work to create a sense of unity and pride among its members and continue to increase its relationships with SG and CC.

tors which insure that those who receive on-campus parking are deserving. If the efficacy of the Council is to be measured in terms of the amount of tangible benefits and services provided to the greatest number of commuters, this will prove to be an a valuable program to pursue.

In addition to improved parking conditions, the Council will continue to provide LCTA bus tokens and passes.

The CC must not lose sight of the fact that it exists to improve the on-campus life of commuters. To do so, the organization must be aware of its constituency, and the Commuter Forum, conducted earlier this semester, is a move in the right direction. However, such events should be conducted at least monthly and not merely as a gesture of concern for the commoners.

One result of regular forums may be a realization among our student leaders that Student Center Parties and parking subsidies do not necessarily a happy commuter make. Is it possible that the campus entirely lacks something that would enhance the daily existence of every student, such as a sidewalk behind Hollenback?

The exceptionally poor turnout for Commuter Council elections this year is another reminder that only a small fraction of students have an interest in the organiza-

tion's activities. Because of student's busy schedules, it is understandable that some events scheduled for weekends or weeknights do not have an excellent attendance. But when ballot boxes are placed in the middle of the busiest thoroughfare on campus (Stark lobby) during activity period and students don't notice, something is wrong.

It is pointless to try to place blame somewhere. The responsibility for construction constructing a vital, effective student organization lies in the hands of the elected leaders — from the president to the representatives. If students are not concerned with Commuter Council activities, maybe there isn't enough cause for concern.

Finally, in order for the Council to operate well externally next year, a strong internal organization will be necessary. There are already indications that the new Council will have few problems in this regard. However, some of the projects failed this year because of poor coordination and planning. On one occasion the Council lost over \$100.

Overall, the members of this year's Council are to be thanked and commended for their service.

"Be civil to all; sociable to many; familiar with few." — Benjamin Franklin.

According to a recent survey of members of Congress by U.S. News & World Report, 62 percent of the legislators indicated they felt underpaid at \$60,663 a year, plus

Conservative Comment

Reagan's Policies Defended

by Stephen K. Urbanski
and James J. Haggerty

The other day, we were walking down Main Street, and when who comes along but our good friend Joe Antinnes. First, a little background on Joe. Joe's an anachronism from the sixties, the kind of guy who will protest anything as long as you provide the signs and donuts. Today, Joe was wearing a rather elaborate 'Impeach Reagan' button. Joe greeted us with his usual, "Hey, what you guys doing?"

"How are you doing, Joe?" we responded. "We see you've been out protesting again." "Playing dumb, we asked, "Who are you against today?"

"It's that Ree-gan fellar, that's who," Joe replied, "He's sending this country down the sewer. He don't care about nobody, but his rich friends."

"What makes you say that, Joe?" we asked, expecting the usual Joe Antinnes response.

Joe proceeded to go down his laundry list of problems with Reagan's policies. "He only cares

about the rich. The economy is in a lot worse shape than when he came into office. The poor are getting poorer, and the rich are getting richer. Just last month, Newsweek said every American who makes under \$10,000 a year is losing \$240 because of Ree-gan. Just think what's going to happen next year."

We began explaining simple economics to Joe. "When Reagan came into office, inflation was running at 13 percent annually, now its running at 1 percent a year! That's right, one percent a year. So let's accept the Newsweek figure of a loss of \$240. That means 40 million Americans lost a total of \$10 billion. But because of a 12 percent increase in purchasing power, this group has gained \$24 billion (based on the \$200 billion spent by this sector of the population.) If this current trend continues, Joe, low-income people will be in even better shape next year."

Joe fidgeted with his 'Impeach Reagan' button, and he nervously said, "What about those people in

El Salvador? Ree-gan supports that government, but the people down there don't. Why do you think those rebels are fighting?" Joe snickered and stared at us for a response.

"Last month, Joe, they held elections in El Salvador. The people of El Salvador flocked to the polls in large numbers, despite the rebels efforts to stop them from voting. Through the gunfire, the people elected their new government. Why are the rebels fighting? Surely not for democracy or free elections, because they tried to disrupt them with violence. Maybe they want a new government, like the one that was set up in Nicaragua after the revolution. Incidentally, Nicaragua doesn't have elections." Joe gave us a shocked look as we told him this.

Joe was more restless now than before. He said, "Well Ree-gan won't help poverty stricken people like Lyndon Johnson did. Johnson had the 'Great Society'. They should call Ree-gan's program the 'Rich Only Society'."

"Well, Joe, we hope Reagan

doesn't do what Johnson did for poverty. Poverty was increased by the 'Great Society'. During the 1970's when the 'Great Society's' programs took effect. Poverty stopped going down, as it did in the 1960's and started to rise. Johnson's 'Great Society' was supposed to eliminate poverty, especially among minorities, but poverty among black Americans increased by 13 percent (after being adjusted to population growth.) The 'Great Society' didn't help low-income people, it hurt them." We concluded and waited for Joe to ask us about some other 'problem' the Reagan administration has caused.

"Well guys, I got to get going," Joe said this and turned to walk away.

"Where are you going, Joe?" we asked this expecting his usual "out to save the world" response, but even Joe's actions are not predictable all the time.

Joe hesitated and said, "I'm going to an anti-Ree-gan rally . . . Maybe."

Musician Plays Underwater

HOUGHTON, Mich. (CH) — Michal Redolfi's music is all wet . . . but then so is his audience.

The French performer, who studied for two years at the University of Wisconsin, produces music on a Synclavier II digital synthesizer which is recorded and played underwater to an audience that swims, floats, or just sits in a pool. His two most recent performances drew sell-out crowds to Michigan Tech U.'s indoor swimming pool. Previous concerts this year were at Dartmouth College and the University of Montreal.

The concert begins with dolphin sounds and musical accompaniment then progresses into longer electronic passages. Those watching the concert are told to keep part of their heads under water, to allow the waves of sound to enter through all of the body and be transmitted to the inner ear. "The music is waves of sound . . . peaceful waves of sound, flowing into your body," Redolfi says. He tells his audience members to swim around and try to find the place where the music sounds best, but asks that they stay as quiet as possible.

Word Of Thanks To Our Adviser

Ah, the end of another semester at Wilkes is quickly approaching. For many students it is a time of change — some will be graduating and others will be transferring. For us at the *Beacon*, it is also a time of change.

Dr. Norma Schulman is resigning from her position as advisor. She has been our advisor for the past two years. While the first year may have gotten off to a shaky start, this past year has seen the development of respect and admiration between Dr. Schulman and the staff members.

We feel that Dr. Schulman has given her all to the *Beacon*—in many instances putting out over a 100% effort. She has always backed us in our decisions and supported us when necessary. Many times she probable felt like saying to hell with it all, and quitting on the spot.

We would like to take this time to publicly thank Dr. Schulman for her interest and support of the *Beacon*. We would especially like to thank her for the friendship she has given us all.

Tucker Reminisces About Her Career At Wilkes College

To the Editor:

Back in December, I told a friend there are many things we've done at Wilkes, many things that we didn't do, and many things that we wish we had never done, but it all chalks up to one enormous learning experience. My three years at Wilkes commence with graduation on May 23, 1982.

Classes have been somewhat of an experience to say the least. The day I didn't show up for a class, I missed a very important lecture. Then when I trudged to Stark and Parrish hanging heavy, the prof decided he wouldn't show up. (I've learned that professors are human too).

Then there were parties, dances, movies, picnics, meetings, classes, church, sunbathing, eating that yum-yum (Ha-Ha) cafe food, scooping, ogging (yes, I will retire my running shoes and stick to sports like softball and basketball), road trips to B.R., Mickie Dee's, Jersey Shore, Elk Mountain, and Florida bar-hopping, mooning, studying in Stark till the wee hours, and other crazy and fun things that one is "allowed to get away with in college." This is just a partial listing of the experiences I had have at Wilkes. I couldn't begin to list all the names, places, and experiences. (Some day I will write my autobiography, but first I have to finish that scrapbook of mine.)

To all those wonderful people I have shared my years at Wilkes with, I LOVE YOU! You make life worth living for each day!!

To those obnoxious and ignorant people I only hope that some day you find your niche in society. (Preferably under a pile of horse

To those people I just met this year, I only wish we had met sooner. You are truly terrific and caring! I hope we become better friends! I LOVE YOU TOO!

A path of friendship started to form from my very first day at Wilkes. Sometimes I wonder where it will lead, but I know deep down

that if everyone keeps the faith a light of warmth and love will shine forever.

Take Care and Keep In Touch!!!!

God Bless!
Janine Tucker
B.S. Business Administration
Class of 1982

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WASHINGTON (AP) — The loss of topsoil in the United States and other countries is so severe that it could trigger food shortages in the 1980s surpassing the impact of oil shortages during the 1970s, a new study concluded.

The study by Lester Brown, head of the Worldwatch Institute, said a doubling in world food output since 1950 was achieved at the expense of severe land abuse.

"Perhaps the most serious single threat humanity now faces is the widespread loss of topsoil," Brown, an agricultural specialist, said in the study, which is being published as a book titled "Building A Sustainable Society." The Sunday Independent

BUILDING ON SAND

"Foreign policy is not an exercise in abstract logic; if it neglects psychological reality it builds on sand." — Henry Kissinger, former U.S. Secretary of State, in his new book "Years of Upheaveal."

"If at some period in the course of civilization we seriously find that our science and our religion are antagonistic, then there must be something wrong either with our science or with our religion."

Havelock Ellis
The Dance of Life

Events Scheduled For All-College Weekend

by Donna Nitka

Several teams, each named after a space on the "Monopoly" game board, will be competing in a variety of games this weekend as part of the annual Cherry Blossom Weekend celebration.

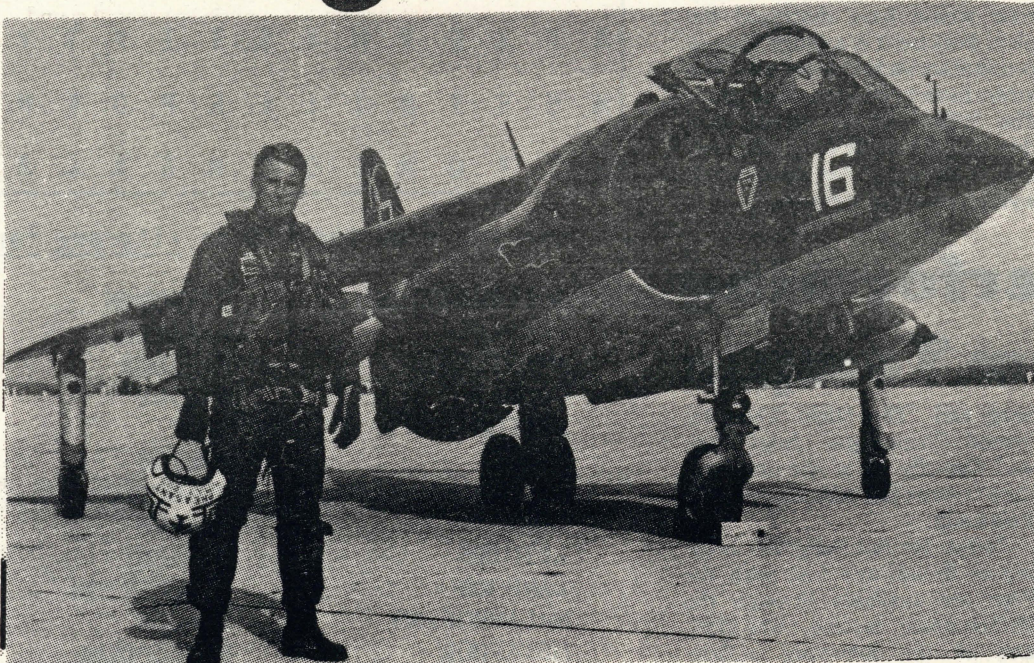
Opening ceremonies for the weekend's activities will be conducted on Friday, at 7 p.m., in the gym. These will be followed by a cherry pie eating contest, a pillow fight, jello wrestling, and other games.

Saturday's events will be held at Ralston Field. They include softball

games, which are scheduled for 10 a.m., and other team games that will be held from noon until approximately 4 p.m. A gym party with a 50's theme will be held from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Music will be provided by "Remember When" and ticket price is \$1.50.

The weekend will be topped off by a donkey basketball game on Sunday at 2 p.m. in the gym. The game will feature the Cherry Blossom Committee against the faculty. Awards are scheduled to be presented during the game.

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3-6 p.m. Picnic: team members Only!

9 p.m.-1 a.m. Gym Party

\$1.50 with .50 refund if in 50's dress

Sunday

Donkey Basketball at 1 p.m.

Closing Ceremonies

Hardy Parties Hardly Funny

(CH) — If you're planning a party around a current events theme, better be careful.

A University of Cincinnati fraternity attracted national attention and campus-wide scorn recently for its "Martin Luther King trash party." Held to "celebrate" the anniversary of King's birthday, the party attracted students dressed as pimps, in blackface, carrying large portable radios, and even in Ku Klux Klan hoods. The Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity has been suspended indefinitely, and could face revoca-

tion of its charter, a move urged by NAACP.

The Phi Delta Theta fraternity at Auburn University is under fire for another kind of insensitivity, after it turned a vacation theme social with a campus sorority into an "Air Florida 90" party, patterned after the recent crash in Washington, D.C. which killed 68 people. That fraternity will also be reviewed by campus authorities, especially since it was already on disciplinary probation for acts of mayhem during the annual Wreck Tech parade last fall.

MORE OF THE SAME NEEDED

"For the first time in the four terms I have been here Congress is doing what it should — cutting out old programs and refusing to start new ones." — Rep. W. Henson Moore (R-La).

"I think that I shall never see A billboard lovely as a tree. Perhaps, unless the billboards fall, I'll never see a tree at all.

Ogden Nash,
Song of the Open Road

Students' Talents Credited With Production's Success

by Lisa Cobb

Last weekend, the Wilkes Theatre Department presented Tom Stoppard's *Rosencrantz and Guildenstern Are Dead*. Once again, the Wilkes' actors proved their talent can surmount any obstacle. The humor of the play — hard to appreciate when one is reading — was brought to life on stage through the talent of Wilkes' own actors.

Russell Curtis and Gene Wachowski, playing the parts of Guildenstern and Rosencrantz respectively, were on stage every moment of the performance. There is not a single scene in which these characters are not present, for this play is the world of Shakespeare's *Hamlet* through the eyes of these characters. Being on stage and involved in every action is not an easy assignment. Both Curtis and Wachowski should be commended for never losing the energy they put into their performance throughout the long play.

Along with the assignment to be on stage every moment, the actors had an even tougher assignment: bring out the humor of the play. This play, with only two characters involved in dialogue through much of the play, can be boring. Also, the subtle humor can

be lost in a poor performance. Both Curtis and Wachowski brought forth the humor with their voices and facial expressions. They were convincing — convincing enough for their characters to be laughed at.

Steve DiRocco delivered an excellent performance as the Player. His hand actions, facial expressions and body movement were perfect for his character. He commanded a presence on the stage every minute he was there. Even his costume added to the general aura of humor which seemed to surround him. His band of followers also portrayed their characters in a convincing way. Ray Reese deserves an ovation for all that he put up with in his portrayal of Alfred.

Attention must also be given to Bill Mondlak for his bursting appearance on stage which brought out a new side of *Hamlet*'s Polonius. Mondlak's movements and facial expressions created moments of humor and spells of laughter as he raced around after the Royal Court.

The background of this play was, of course, Shakespeare's *Hamlet*. Mixed throughout the play are moments when this background comes through. Again, this

is the world of *Hamlet* as seen through the eyes of Rosencrantz and Guildenstern. These background characters, speaking in the manner of a Shakespearean plan and using lines directly out of the original play, are more serious characters.

The actors delivered fine performances. Frank R. Kren, Jr., as Hamlet, M. Christopher Golanski as Claudius, Jaqueline Best Brocca as Ophelia, and Marete Wester as Gertrude all created that aura of the Shakespearean world necessary to the play.

The play ends with the quiet voice of Steve Badman delivering the speech given by his character, Horatio, at the end of *Hamlet*. Badman's voice carries the sadness appropriate for the ending of both plays in which the heroes die.

The successful performance of this play can be attributed only to the talent of the actors involved. A weak actor in any one of the key roles would have destroyed the play. Because it is a tough play to concentrate on for three hours, the actors have to be more than good. The Wilkes' actors proved that they had the talent to handle such a difficult play. They deserve still another round of applause.

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Philharmonic Pops Performing Broadway Music At Irem Temple

The memorable music of Alan Jay Lerner and Frederick Loewe, two of Broadway's most popular songwriters, closes the Philharmonic's 1981-82 season tonight at 8:30, at the Irem Temple, Wilkes-Barre, and Saturday, May 1 at 8:30 at the Masonic Temple, Scranton. The Philharmonic Pops, under the baton of guest conductor Alan Balter, will be joined by soloists Paul Spencer Adkins, Judith Gray and William McGraw, and a chorus of regional singers directed by Robert D. Herrema.

The Wilkes-Barre performance

of "An Evening of Lerner and Loewe" will be sponsored by Wilkes-Barre Area Financial Institutions, including First Eastern Bank, United Penn Bank, Franklin First Federal Savings & Loan Association and Wyoming National Bank.

On the program for the Lerner-Loewe Pops are such favorites as "Camelot" and "If Ever I Would Leave You" from *Camelot*; "They Call the Wind Maria" and "I Talk to the Trees" from *Paint Your Wagon*; "Come to Me, Bend to Me" and "Almost Like Being in Love" from *Brigadoon*; the title

song and "The Night They Invented Champagne" from *Gigi*; and virtually all of the duo's all-time favorite box-office smash, *My Fair Lady*.

Tickets for this delightful evening of Broadway's best with the Pops are available through the Philharmonic hotline, 654-4788, and at the following outlets: Spruce Record and Paperback Booksmith, Scranton; Gallery of Sound stores and Book and Record Mart, Wilkes-Barre; and B & C Music Studio, Pittston. Box offices will open two hours before the show.

Book Offers Solutions For Today's Problems

A new book published by the World Future Society suggests that new information technology offers many solutions to the pressing problems of today's crisis-racked world.

The new book, *Communications Tomorrow, The Coming of the Information Society*, is a collection of articles on cable television, videotape recorders and other topics. The articles originally appeared in the Society's journal, *THE FUTURIST*, and have been edited by the Society's president, Edward Cornish.

The Society published the book in preparation for its conference, "Communications and the Future," to be held this July in Washington, D.C.

"The world is weary of problems," Cornish writes in his introduction. "It wants solutions. And no area of human endeavor today

offers so many solutions to so many problems as the new communications technology. Here are exciting new solutions that seem to beg for problems to solve."

The 25 articles, authored mainly by experts in communications and other scholars, explore the future possibilities of libraries, newspapers, microcomputers, the English language and other fields.

Based on the thinking of these and other futurists, Cornish attempts to envision the home and office of the future. Home life, he believes, will be changed in thousands of subtle ways by the new electronic technology.

"One development already occurring is the appearance of the 'media room,' in which a person can be drenched in visual and auditory sensations.

"The development of the media room is dictated inexorably by the

fact that a large television set cannot easily be moved around. If a videotape recorder is added, along with cassettes that inevitably accumulate, mobility becomes impossible. Huge TV screens and greatly improved sound, which will likely lead to more use of speakers, will put further pressure on households to dedicate a certain room to the electronic monsters. Thus, the media room seems a virtually inevitable development, and interior designers are already beginning to apply their imagination to it."

Based on current trends, the media rooms that will be increasingly common in the years ahead will feature TV sets with large screens allowing the actors in TV dramas to appear larger than life size. In addition to the videotape recorders, speakers and shelves for holding videotapes, there will be

comfortable chairs, sofas, and cushions for people to lounge on while absorbing the electronic stimuli.

Office of the Future

Unlike the womblike media room, the office of the future may be completely portable — simply a package of electronic gear that contains both computer capabilities within itself and also the means to hook into large computerized data centers elsewhere.

"The 'office' will be wherever that little package is — right next to the executive as he sits talking to a client or at home under his bed at night," writes Cornish.

Communications Tomorrow: The Coming of the Information Society (160 pages, paperback) is available from the World Future Society, 4916 St. Elmo Avenue, Bethesda, Maryland 20814-5089. \$6.95, postpaid.

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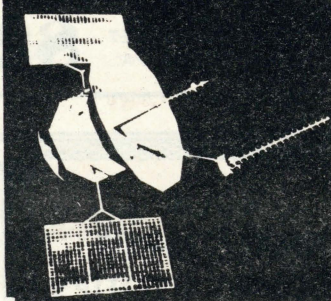
by Kevin Fagan



PARTY

The Business and Accounting Club will be holding their annual end of the year party, May 4. This year the party will be a cook-out held behind the job placement building (right next to Parrish Hall). The cook-out will begin at 4 p.m. Tickets will be sold all day Monday and Tuesday in the club room on the 5th floor of Parrish Hall.

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"Quest For Fire" is a spectacular science-fantasy adventure set 80,000 years ago, a period when men lived as members of fiercely loyal tribes, scattered throughout a vast, unexplored world. These tribes — some of them savage, others peaceful — battled each other and their environment for survival.

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"Quest For Fire" is the extraordinary adventure of three courageous warriors who venture beyond the safety of their tribal campsite when their fire is destroyed during a battle with a rival tribe. Although these warriors possessed fire, they did not yet know how to create it. In the course of their perilous journey to find another source of the sacred, life-giving flame, they encounter vicious beasts, cannibals who nearly take them captive and — most important of all — they discover the secret of how to make fire anew.

In its initial engagements in New York and Los Angeles, "Quest For Fire" broke attendance records previously held by "Close Encounters of the Third Kind." The visual beauty and excitement of this magical re-creation of an alien, primitive world stunned audiences and impressed critics, who called it "the next 'Star Wars'" and "the movie adventure of a lifetime."

"Quest For Fire" continues to create excitement as it opens at theatres across the country.



Ron Perlman and Everett star as three courageous warriors who venture into the vast uncharted world of the Ice Age in search of the life sustaining element— fire. The film, *Quest For Fire*, will be coming soon to the Wyoming Valley Mall in Wilkes-Barre.

Although it is rated R, the film has been applauded by educators as a unique and important production, teaching us about our ancestors and the beginnings of our civilization while entertaining us with its spectacle. In France, where "Quest For Fire" had its world premiere, the book upon which the film was based is required reading in the public schools, and the film itself was endorsed by numerous scholars as an event which all students should have the opportunity to experience.

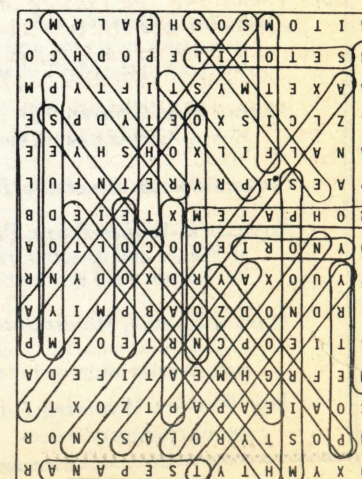
The French Academy of Motion Picture Arts & Sciences voted "Quest For Fire" the Best Picture of the Year Award (the equivalent of our Oscar), and in this country the film was voted a special Best Picture prize by the Academy of Science Fiction, Fantasy and Horror Films.

"Quest For Fire" is now playing (or will soon be opening) in your city. A Michael Gruskoff Presentation of an ICC-International Cinema Corporation Production, the Jean-Jacques Annaud Film stars Everett McGill, Rae Dawn Chong, Ron Perlman and Nameer El-Kadi. Annaud directed from a screenplay by Gerard Brach, based on the novel by J. H. Rosny, Sr. The music is by Philippe Sarde.

ANOTHER FREE LUNCH BITES THE DUST

The New York Journal of Commerce, a respected business newspaper widely read in the shipping industry, reports that a bill has been introduced in Congress that would forbid federal agencies from listing their products or services as "free of charge." Instead, they would be required to state in sending out a booklet, for example, that the "publication has been paid for with U.S. tax dollars; therefore it is available at no cost in addition to the tax expenditures already made for its production." Plus cost of mailing, of course.

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Student's Comments

Since classes are almost over and students will soon be going home to summer jobs or summer relaxation, we decided to find out exactly how students will be spending their summer months.

Andy Mebalsbick, Hazelton, PA: I'll be working at WCLH and working in Hazelton in a local supermarket to make money to come back to school next year. In between working hours I hope to do a lot of waterskiing and play baseball. Maybe I'll catch up on some sleep also!

Greg Murman, Mountaintop, PA: I plan to do a co-op work study at WVIA and also work in a department store. Also, I plan to take at least a week off and live it up!

Greg Sunday, Scranton, PA: I plan to work at a local warehouse. If the job is not available, I'll go to school to catch up on some credits.

Janet Sharkey, Kearny, NJ: Hopefully, I'll be working—if I find a job!

Megan Maguire, Bear Creek, PA: This summer I plan to lifeguard in either the Poconos or in Wilkes-Barre. I might take some courses if I can fit it into my time. The rest of my free time will be spent swimming, sailing and just lying out in the sun.

Roya Fahmy, Dallas, PA: For the summer, I will be doing an internship for twelve weeks at WBRE-TV, Channel 28.

Marge LeBlanc, Pottsville, PA: I don't know yet what I'll be doing, or where I'll be working. I have a lot of ideas for IRHC I'd like to work on, so hopefully I'll get a lot of that done. Mostly, I just want to have a great time and get a great tan.

Kim Smith, Plymouth, PA: Hopefully I can get a part-time job somewhere. I'm also trying to become a member of WCLH. I'm playing softball on the weekends, also. Most importantly I want to relax and have a good time. I'm supposed to go to Hawaii on May 22, so I can't wait until finals are over with. All in all, though, I have no definite plans.

Naomi Morton, Lisbon, ME: I plan on working and taking a summer biology course.

Kim Shrinak, Wyoming, PA: I'll probably work as a ride operator in an amusement park, camp out, and take photographs.

Melissa Meyers, Wapwallopen, PA: First thing I have to do is find a job. From there it's all downhill—taking care of my horses and dogs during the day, "unwinding" during the night!

Michele James, Pittston, PA: Sunning, surfing, and working by day and night.

Nora Lee, Wilkes-Barre, PA: I plan on sleeping, traveling, and working as a lifeguard and getting a terrific tan!

Chuck Smith, Kingston, PA: Working on my home and garden.

Fran Gilroy, Wilkes-Barre, PA: Work, study philosophy, work in the garden, and play in the sun.

Kathleen Marie Swich, Hollidaysburg, PA: Work as a nurse at the Hahnemann Hospital and study.

Ann Marie Snyder, Susquehanna, PA: Study and party!

Buddy Brezinski, Nanticoke, PA: I'm spending the summer with my 18-month-old daughter. My wife will be working, so the baby and I will explore the state together.

Cathy Ann Johnson, Avoca, PA: I'm taking summer courses—11 credits. The remainder of my time will be spent with my two girls.

Thomas Jordon, Pittston, PA: Hopefully I'll be working at the Miley Detective Agency.

Betty Petrucci, Enola, PA: Over the summer I'll be working and partying!

Pat Brannon, West Pittston, PA: During the summer I'll lifeguard, get tan and, as always, enjoy myself to the limit.

Diane Hall, Ephrate, PA: I want to make lots of money so I can come back next year and graduate. Also, I'll practice hockey so we can win the MAC championship.

Joanne Rice, Chester, NJ: I'll be working at the Foster Wheeler Energy Corporation in Livingston, NJ, as a secretary.

Corey Sullivan, Brackney, PA: I'll be working in a lumber yard.

Roy Clark, Wilkes-Barre, PA: I plan to take summer courses here at Wilkes and do some travelling. I'd like to go to Texas again, but I doubt if I'll get there.

Marion Koviak, Mountaintop, PA: I'll be camping, spending lots of time with my dog, writing, working, and taking some time to relax and worship nature.

Lou Westley, Wyoming, PA: I'll be frolicking with my foal and taking chemistry classes.

Major Fox Joins ROTC

by Thomas Jordon

This semester Major Raymond Fox joined the faculty of Wilkes College with the ROTC program.

Fox brought a vast background of experience to the ROTC program. The major entered the Air Force through the ROTC program at Michigan State and has been in the Air Force for 16 years. After finishing navigator school, Fox flew C130's for a year in Viet Nam. Fox was then stationed in Japan.

He left the Air Force for three years. As a civilian, Fox worked as a commercial navigator and then

as a chemical engineer.

According to Fox, "I liked the people and the atmosphere better in the Air Force." So, he reenlisted.

Fox was assigned to F16 fighter aircrafts and then PBV's in the Philippines. He also spent three years in Florida and Germany. The major's last assignment was at Mather Air Force Base in California, where he was the assistant operations officer for the 452nd Flying Training Squadron.

Although he has travelled extensively, Fox said, "Cadets will probably not travel as much as I

have." The main reason for this is the economic cuts in the government. Fox also stated, "pilots' and navigators' assignments might include a lot of traveling, but not as much as in war. People in non-flying jobs will probably stay where they are stationed."

Because of his experience, the addition of Fox will give students a chance to receive direct and first-hand information about the navigation field and engineering.

Fox said that Wilkes is "a nice little college. It's a lot more personal than Michigan State was."

34th Annual Math Contest Held

by Stephen Thomas

Last Saturday, the Luzerne County Council of Teachers of Mathematics with the cooperation of the Wilkes College Mathematics Department sponsored the Thirty-Fourth Annual Luzerne County High School Mathematics Contest in Stark Learning Center.

Approximately 120 juniors and seniors from every high school in the county attended the contest and competed for prizes ranging from books and pocket calculators to a full scholarship to Wilkes College.

The contestants were nominated

by their own mathematics teachers to attend the contest, and there was a limit of the number of nominees from each school depending on the number of students in each class.

A two-part exam was given to the seniors and a similar two-part exam was given to the juniors. The tests were written by Professor Earl and Dr. Berard of the Mathematics Department. These tests covered algebra, geometry and trigonometry. The score on the test was the basis on which the prizes were awarded. This year's

winners were Agesino Primatic, a junior from Meyers High School, and Jay Rubino, a senior from Wyoming Area. Both students will be offered scholarships to Wilkes.

According to Dr. Wong, Chairman of the Mathematics and Computer Science Department, many students have taken advantage of these scholarships. "Some of Wilkes' best students have been winners of the contest," he said. The scholarship is not limited to the mathematics department. It can be used in any department, according to Dr. Wong.

AIME To Hold 2nd Seminar

The Anthracite Section of the American Institute of Mining Engineers (AIME) will meet for the second consecutive year at Wilkes College, on Thursday, May 20, in Schaeffer Lecture Lounge, Stark Learning Center. The day-long event will begin at 8:30 a.m.

Dr. Mahmoud Fahmy, director of the Division of Continuing Education, stated that the theme of the seminar/meeting will be "The Computer and the Mining Industry." Topics covered will include computers, personal computers, and the potential of the computer in surveying and mine planning. Experts in the field will present participants with a general overview of computers in relation to mining technology.

The recently established Anthracite and Community Development Institute of Wilkes College is cooperating in preparing for the seminar. For further information concerning registration, contact the Division for Continuing Education at 824-4651, extension 225.

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Colonel Display Of Power Fails To Overcome Royals In Twinbill

by Pat Brannon

In a twin bill last Wednesday the Colonels bowed to MAC foe Scranton adding two more losses to their record.

Rick Schaffer took the loss in the first game. Catcher Ken Sorick was one of the Colonel's few hitters of the day turning in a homer, a triple and a single with two RBIs. Dale Englehart also came up with a triple and two RBIs in the opener. In a seemingly unbelievable play, the centerfielder for the Royals caught a fly ball among a group of trees deep in the ball park and brought the only Wilkes rally to an end.

It was Freshman Jack Delfino from Carbondale in his 4th start of the season pitching for Wilkes in the second round of action. Wilkes scored most of their runs in the second game thanks to grand slams by both Joe Geffert and Rich Everett. Ted Ruch added a two run homer. Unfortunately for Wilkes it just wasn't enough to overcome Scranton as they took the night-cap 19-11.

After nine innings of play on Thursday against the Junior Varsity of Penn State at Dunmore, the game ended in darkness with the

score tied at 14 apiece. This game gave some of the Colonels younger players a chance to show their talents. Freshman pitcher Lou Correlle started the game for Wilkes and hammered in a home-run in the fourth to add to his good day on the mound. Gene Nosovitch, a sophomore, slammed in a homer in the 7th bringing his batting for the day to 3 for 4 with 3 RBIs. Mark Csensi had a good day both in the field and at bat coming up with 3 RBIs.

The Colonels split in a double-header against Juniata on Saturday. In the MAC match-up the Colonels lost the opener 8 to 5 in extra innings as Juniata turned in three runs in the top of the eighth. Wilkes took a 3-2 lead with Scott Pryor blasting a three run homer in the second inning of play. Ned Sandercock hit his homer in the third and Senior Chris DaRe added another homer in the fourth, bringing the two teams even at five and sending them into extra innings.

Senior pitcher Tony Vlahovic did a fine job on the mound in the night-cap with Juniata. Wilkes, with a seven-run second inning, took an 8-0 lead as Scott Pryor

turned in another homerun and Chris DaRe came up with 2 RBIs and Ken Sorick added 2 more RBIs to his credit.

Designated hitter Rich Geffert slammed in a three run homer in the fourth only to come back in the 5th for a replay bringing Wilkes' lead to 16-5. By the end of the seventh inning Wilkes came out with a 19-7 victory.

Coach Bob Duliba's Colonels now stand at 8-11 overall and 3-3 in the MAC.

While coach Duliba is disappointed in this year's season, he realizes he has a young team. Only three of the team's members are seniors. The Colonels have 4 double-headers left in their lineup.

NOTICE

Catch all the Wilkes baseball action on 90.7 FM this Monday May 3 as the Colonels take on Upsala. Join Dom Augustine, and company (Tom McGuire, Dave Gayeski, and Gary Willets) for all the action on WCLH, your Wilkes College sports station.

Athletic Banquet Planned For May 2

by Ellen Van Riper

This Sunday the Wilkes College Athletic Department will hold its annual awards banquet at the college cafeteria. This yearly tradition will begin at 7:30 p.m. with dinner, and then the various awards honoring various athletes for their achievements during the year will be presented.

The event is a celebration of athletic competition at Wilkes and is attended by members of all the men's and women's teams, the coaches, and the college administration. It is a chance for men and women with a similar interest to get together and receive recognition for their athletic achievements.

The presentation of team awards is usually the first thing on the agenda. The order is done by season — fall, winter and spring. Each coach says a few words about his or her team and then makes the award presentation. These include most val-

uable player, most improved player, and often all-conference or all-star awards.

After the coaches are finished, special awards are presented. These include the athletic department male and female athletes of the year (not to be confused with a similar honor awarded by the *Beacon*), the male and female scholastic athlete of the year (this award is presented to the senior athlete who has achieved the highest overall GPA), and the *Beacon* Coach of the Year. This year the Coach of the Year award is being sponsored by the United States Marines and Capt. Jack McAteer will make the presentation.

In between are speeches delivered by honored guests and college administrators. The evening, of course, would not be complete without a few spirited words from Dean Ralston.

Colonel Tennis Team Continues To Lose

by Mark Sarisky

Three times last week the Wilkes College men's tennis team went out to the courts hungry for victory.

Three times last week the Wilkes College men's tennis team went out to the courts hungry for a victory. Three times they came away empty. The Colonels lost matches to Juniata, Albright and Elizabeth-town.

The Colonel netters lost all six of the individual matches, but gained a victory in doubles as Barry Spevak and Jayme Rutheford defeated their Juniata counterparts. Wilkes lost the overall match by a score of 8-1.

On April 24, the Colonels took on division leading Albright at

home. Wilkes was no match for the powerhouse Albright netters, as they lost 9-0. Dave Battle and Mike Colino played tough against their opponents, but were unable to come up with a victory.

Wilkes travelled to Elizabethtown on April 27 to face the Bluejays. Despite the rain, Dave Battle managed to tie his opponent before the match had to be called. Overall, the Colonels came up short in the match and lost 8-0-1.

It has definitely been a down year for the tennis team, but they have a lot of potential. Freshmen filled three of the six starting positions and will improve with each season. This will give the Colonels a good nucleus for next year.

WCLH Downs Bedford In Basketball Benefit

by Mark Sarisky

Wilkes College radio station WCLH defeated Bedford Hall 60-43 in a recent basketball game to raise money for the Wilkes-Barre SPCA.

The WCLH cagers were originally scheduled to play Rock 107, WEZX of Scranton, but 107 could not play due to illnesses. Bedford gratefully filled in.

The stands were not filled for the game, but the few people on hand were treated to a good time. The WCLH team held the Bedford Cagers scoreless for the first three minutes of the game while amassing a 6-0 lead. Outstanding rebounding by Tom McGuire, Dave Gayeski, and Andy Mehalshick powered the WCLH defense. Fine shooting by Mehalshick, McGuire, and Dom Augustine gave WCLH a 18-10 first-quarter lead.

The Bedford squad managed to draw within 3 points late in the first half. That was as close as they came for the rest of the game as Gayeski canned several shots from downtown to give WCLH a 5 point halftime advantage.

The second half was similar to the first as the WCLH team pulled away from Bedford, leading by as much as 22. Chris Sailus and Joe Memorian led the defense. Jim Mandes put on a show of dribbling and fancy footwork. Ray Alunni, Gary Stack, and Tom Fleig all aided the WCLH win.

The game was a lot of fun for everyone involved and, despite the lack of attendance, it did help raise some money for the SPCA.

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1982 Athletes Of The Year

by Ellen Van Riper

Each year it becomes more and more difficult to choose the female and male athletes of the year. Virtually all of the programs at Wilkes have been upgraded and improved, and thus, there are increasing numbers of quality athletes competing for the blue and gold. 1982 has produced a host of men and women who are deserving of such an honor. It is a shame that only two can receive the reward. Ideally I would like to present an award to each and every athlete at Wilkes, for during the year they have all given a 110% effort for their respective teams. It is because of all of their perseverance and dedication that 1982 has been a successful one for the Colonels.

Still, only one woman and one man can be chosen, so whom to choose? After much careful and painstaking comparison and thought, the *Beacon* staff is proud and honored to announce that sophomore Kim Smith of the Lady Colonel basketball team and junior Mark Popple of the Colonel wrestling squad have been selected as the 1982 Female and Male Athletes of the Year.

There are comparisons which can be drawn between Kim and Mark which are striking. Both are area residents; Kim is a graduate of Wyoming Valley West and Mark is a graduate of Coughlin. Each established school records during 1982, and naturally both were keys to the success of their respective teams.

The selection as Female Athlete of the Year was quite a surprise to Kim, for she thought that someone else would be chosen. She is a modest person who grows uncomfortable when asked to comment upon her athletic success. Kim said that there were a lot of great women athletes at Wilkes, so she felt it a bit unfair that only one could be chosen.

Kim attributes a great deal of her success to her father and her close friends, for they all encourage her and push her when she needs it most. These people are both her greatest admirers and her most scrutinizing critics. She, however, also realizes that she herself is an important reason for her success.

The keys Kim believes have been her maturity and seriousness. Both qualities are important to the development of individual talent and the adaptation of this talent into a team concept. It takes a big person to do this, especially one who is as talented as Kim. However, these qualities apply equally well to life in general.

Kim realizes that she will not be playing basketball forever, so even though she loves the game, she places it second to her education on her list of priorities. Communications is her major, and Kim's career goal is to be a news program anchorwoman.

Right now Kim Smith has little trouble communicating on the basketball court. In only her second season, Kim has become one

of the dominant forces in the MAC. 1982 saw her lead the Lady Colonels in rebounding with a 15.8 average and in blocked shots with 35 for the season. In addition, she finished second behind Charlene Hurst in scoring with 17 per contest.

Kim's rebounding average was good for second in the nation for Division III schools. The figures were quite phenomenal. During the 1982 season Kim broke the team record for rebounds in a game with 21 against Lycoming, and her season's total of 285 was good enough for the establishment of a second standard.

Statistically, she was an asset to the Lady Colonels, but Kim also contributed the intangibles or the things which do not show up in the boxscore. Defensively, she has improved 100% since her freshman year. During her second year, opposing players discovered Kim to be a formidable defensive force.

According to Coach Roberts, Kim is a well-liked member of the team, and her easy going manner helps to keep the team loose. It takes a lot to get her down on herself or the team, so she is a source of constant encouragement.

She sets an example for the rest of the team because she works hard and accepts constructive criticism graciously. To sum up, Kim is a pleasure to coach, according to Roberts, and a player who has potential yet to be fulfilled.

It all sounds so perfect and rosy, and in fact it is too good to be true. Underlying it all are the thorns of bitterness. Athletic excellence is usually rewarded with post-season awards, (i.e. ALL-MAC selection), but Kim was mysteriously left off of this honor roll. A poor team record of 6-12 left Kim with no chance for recognition for the team, but she felt that she had earned individual honors. Kim is a modest person, but she is also proud of her athletic ability, so such a lack of recognition was a bitter disappointment. All of the hard work seemed wasted.

Coach Roberts was also disappointed, and she felt that Kim had been "ripped-off" by the selection committee. In her estimation Kim was a better player than some of the others chosen, (i.e. Michelle Kravitsky of King's). According to Roberts, there was league politics behind the decision, and it is a shame that such activities would interfere with a decision which should be based upon individual achievement.

Coupled with the disappointing team record, this snub has left Kim bitter and frustrated. The hurt is a deep one and is evident in her opinion of the so-called "selection process." Ironically, she believes that her all-around style of play might have been responsible for her omission.

In Kim's eyes, scoring was the only criterion considered by the selected committee. People who score belong on all-star teams, but so do the people who do

everything else. Kim is a complete player, and her specialty is rebounding.

Kim views women's basketball as "mainly a guard's game," and she believes that she could be a high scorer if she set her mind to it. However, she will not, for she prides herself on being a multi-faceted player. Sacrificing her scoring average for defense and rebounding is an old habit which she learned back at Valley West, and it is her role for the Lady Colonels.

Kim would rather just forget the past season, but she cannot. So much was expected of the team, and yet, so little was achieved. Improving the team is utmost in her mind.

She pinpoints the main problems as a lack of unity and a lack of leadership. The team was talented, but the players could not play together. Each player should have had a role to fill.

The lack of leadership was a direct result of the absence of an official captain. When a leader was needed, there was no one who could step forward.

If the players can develop a team concept, Kim sees no reason why success cannot be had next season. The year of experience will also be a big help.

A successful season for the Lady Colonels and selection to All-MAC will provide Kim with strong motivation for self-improvement. Coach Roberts will be looking for more aggressive and consistent play from Kim, and she feels that if Kim can do this, she could possibly even make All-American.

Mark Popple was equally as surprised when he was informed of his selection as the Male Athlete of the Year. As a matter of fact, he was unaware that the *Beacon* presented such an annual award. One thing for sure, he is now.

Modesty is also a quality which earmarks Mark's personality. He immediately gave much of the credit for his success to Coach Reese and his teammates. Of Reese, Mark said that "he is the best coach in the country, and even though his drilling methods may not be well-liked, they are effective." Despite this humble outlook, much of the credit should also be extended to Mark himself.

Mark is an example of what is called a "late-bloomer," for he did not reach his athletic peak until college. Although he did have a successful career at Coughlin, Mark never made it to the Pennsylvania state finals. Most top Division I wrestlers usually have a state crown to their credit. One year Mark sat helplessly in the stands and watched a wrestler whom he had beaten during the regular season in a dual meet win the weight class state championship.

Without a state crown to his credit, Mark entered Wilkes as somewhat of an unknown commodity. No one was sure how he would do. Mark chose Wilkes because of its proximity to his home, and because of its fine



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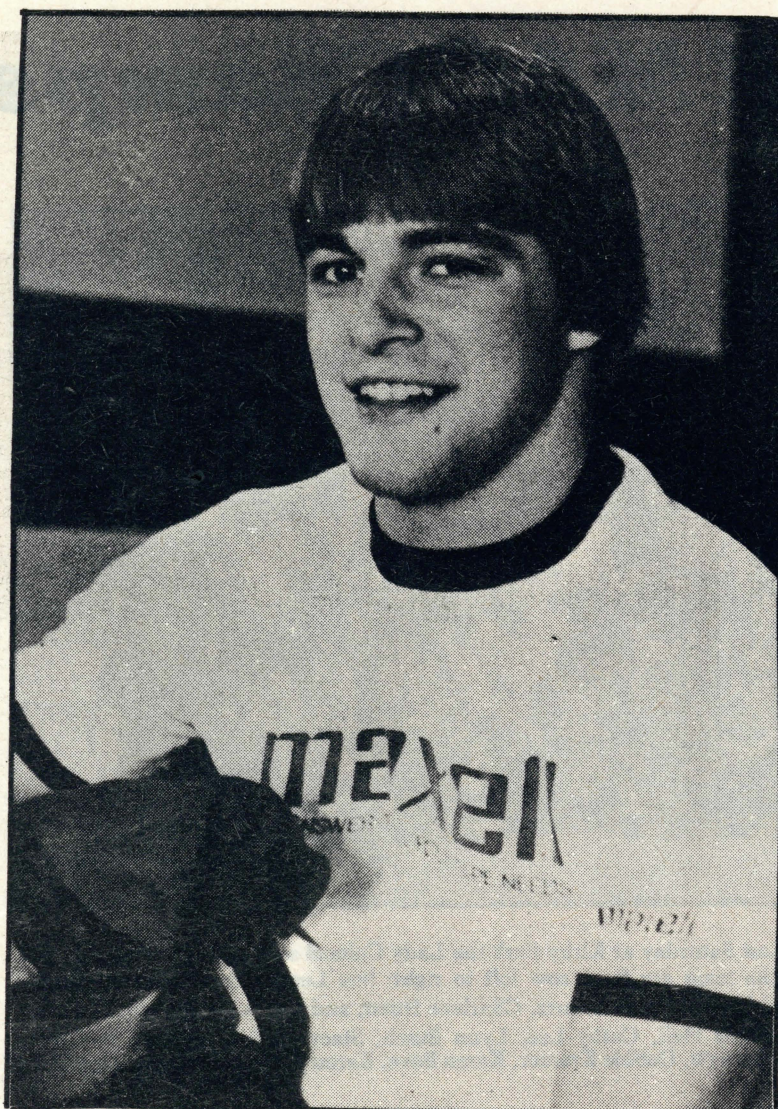
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MARK POPPLE

The 1982 *Beacon* Male Athlete of the year

academic and wrestling programs. Once here, Mark chose to major in business and to pursue his love, wrestling.

The sport is very important to Mark, and he calls it his first love and a hobby. He finds wrestling much to his liking, for it is disciplined and highly competitive. One-on-one confrontations are a means by which to build-up confidence, and of course winning is very satisfying. He realizes that he cannot win all of the time, and he sees losing as a part of the challenge and a motivation for improvement in order to succeed. Mark also loves wrestling because "it is a sport where individuals can excell even if the team loses."

Well, in 1982 both the Colonels

of John Reese and Mark Popple were successful. The team compiled a 19-4 season record, a mark which tied a school wrestling record for most wins in a season. Mark was, according to Coach Reese, his "most consistent wrestler."

Individually, the season which Mark enjoyed in 1982 was the kind of story of which legends are made. Nobody could have written a better script. The only change possible would be to make Mark earn All-American honors, but the fact that he missed it by a single point lends the story to the creation of a sequel in which he actually does make it. Readers are already eagerly anticipating the drama which will unfold in Mark's final season at Wilkes.

True to form, the hero of our story faces some difficulty in the opening scene. The Colonels open the season against Lehigh, Oregon State, and Navy, three of the top teams in the country. Mark comes up empty in all three, and admittedly his confidence is a bit shaken.

Coach Reese had expected Mark to do well, but he was unsure what effect the moving up of two weight classes would have on the quality of Mark's wrestling. Moving up from 134 to 150 was extremely unusual, and it would take time to adjust to the bigger opponents. At the close of Act I, it appears as if Reese's doubts were well-founded.

The first scene of Act II is set in the Wilkes Gym on December 9. The Colonels completely dominate East Stroudsburg 40-2. The victory is the 300th of Coach Reese's career, and Mark Popple also wins his first of the season.

Looking back, Mark considers this initial victory to be the turning point of his season. He knew that things could not get any worse, so the only way to go was up. This initial victory also helped to solidify his shaken confidence.

The rest of the action in Act II is fast paced as Mark defeats 25 opponents in a row. One of the highlights is a victory in the annual Wilkes Open in which he won the 153 title. The other highlight occurs on February 13. Mark wins his 19th in a row with a 7-0 decision against his Lycoming opponent. The victory breaks the school record for consecutive dual meet victories which was held jointly by Bryan Billig and Mark Densberger. Oddly enough the record was set on the same day that Coach Reese was honored by the College for his 300th victory.

The win streak carries over into the third act as Mark continues to send his opponents down to defeat. The second scene is set at the EIWA tournament at Lehigh, and Mark is facing Gary Siegel of Syracuse in the quarterfinals.

Siegel and Popple had wrestled each other in high school, and Siegel used his knowledge of Popple's moves to win the bout and end the streak. However, Mark came back in the consolation bouts to capture third place and a trip to the nationals. Siegel only managed a fifth place finish. Going into the nationals, Mark has an impressive 27-4 overall record.

The fourth and final act opens at Iowa State, the site of the NCAA tournament. There are three Wilkes wrestlers in attendance,

Mark Popple, Lenny Nelson, and Kris Rowlette.

Rowlette is eliminated in his opening bout, but Popple and Nelson advance. Popple pins Rich Rindfuss of Kentucky in 55 seconds to record his 28th victory of the season. However, in his second bout Mark is pinned by Roger Frisell of Oklahoma State in 4:30.

In the final scene, Lenny Nelson earns All-American honors with an eight place finish, and Popple misses the elite group by a single point. Not making All-American was a bit disappointing, but Mark was happy to get as far as he did.

Looking back, Mark sees the whole experience in a positive light. He was really impressed by the tournament, for it was a nice set-up which featured the top wrestlers in the nation. The ex-

perience has made a big difference with him, because it has provided him with an incentive to work hard and to improve.

Mark plans to wrestle as much as possible over the summer in order to prepare himself for his senior year. He found success, but he is not content to rest on his laurels. Next season he expects the team to be the best-ever Wilkes wrestling squad, for only one senior is graduating, and a lot of quality wrestlers are returning. The NCAA Tournament is the big time, and that is where Mark plans to be come the end of next February. The achievement of All-American honors in his senior year will sure be a fitting and appropriate finishing touch to such an amazing story.

Athlete Of The Week

by Ellen Van Riper

This week, due to the MAC Championship won by the Lady Colonel softball team, it seemed inevitable that one of the ladies would be chosen as the Athlete of the Week. This assumption is partially accurate. The title marked a first in Wilkes College athletic history, for it is the first ever won by a women's team. We at the BeaconSports Department pride ourselves on our ability to keep pace with the sports of the time, so we have decided to set a precedent of our own. For their magnificent display of athletic excellence, the entire Lady Colonel team has been selected as the Athlete of the Week.

Coach Nancy Roberts called the MAC title the result of a "total and consistent team effort," so based upon this assessment it would be unfair to name only a single player. Of course there were players who turned in a tremendous performance, but in the long run it was the combined efforts of all of the players which won the title. One player does not a championship team make.

It is always an unexpected but pleasant surprise whenever a true team of talented individual players comes along. In an age when sports at all levels are dominated by superstars, the emergence of a group of athletes who unselfishly mesh their talents together into a team concept

is indeed a sight for sore eyes.

The Lady Colonels have been the epitome of the unselfish team concept throughout the spring. The coaching staff has done a tremendous job in developing the talents of a primarily young team and creating the proper chemistry for a winning program. Add to this the final ingredient of entirely unselfish and dedicated athletes, and one can expect a championship season.

The accomplishments of the team in 1982 have been many, and at the top of the list is naturally the MAC title. Time after time they have been the exception to every rule. To begin with young and inexperienced teams are just not supposed to win an MAC title. The Lady Colonels turned a seemingly rebuilding year into a championship year. They also began the season with a seven-game winning streak, and with only a few minor interruptions breezed to a 15-3-1 overall record.

Finally, they won the title in an unusual but impressive fashion. The team had to win a mini-playoff against Juniata in order to qualify for the tournament. Ironically, a loss to Juniata two days earlier forced the extra game. Once in the tournament, they coolly responded to the pressure of extra-innings and last-at-bat heroics to win the MAC title.

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Lady Colonels Crowned MAC Champs

by Ellen Van Riper

Coach Roberts calls her team's MAC title the "most special thing that has ever happened to me." The achievement undoubtedly has the same sort of indescribable significance for all of the people associated with the team. It truly is a feeling which is not easily put into words. Right now the Lady Colonels are 15-3-1 and are eagerly awaiting an invitation to the regionals. No matter how they do from here on, 1982 shall always be remembered as "That Championship Season."

The MAC tournament was held last Saturday at Kirby Park, and over 200 people came out to enjoy both the sunshine and the softball action. Little did they know that they would be witnessing the making of history. These people will always be able to claim that they witnessed Wilkes College athletic history. In a thrilling final game, the Lady Colonels edged Muhlenburg 12-11 to record the first ever MAC championship title ever won by a women's team at Wilkes.

Roberts just could not say enough about the performance of her team. She started by calling them "amazing," and then she said that they "gave everything they had and more." She next said that "everything that the team has sacrificed has finally been worth it." Even this was not enough, so she gave up and said that there was simply "no way in words to explain what had happened in the last three days."

The road to a championship is never an easy one to travel, but the Lady Colonels made it an even harder one by taking the longest and the toughest route. Back on April 21 the team met Juniata at Kirby Park for a doubleheader. The first game was very important, for if the Lady Colonels won, they would win their division and an automatic tournament berth. If they lost, there would be a three-way tie for first place between Wilkes, Juniata, and Susquehanna, and a mini-playoff would be necessary to deter-

mine the winner of the division and the recipient of the MAC berth.

To make matters tougher for themselves, the ladies lost the game 7-5. A combination of pressure and nerves resulted in 6 defensive errors which enabled Juniata to score 4 unearned runs. Sue Schwartz was the losing pitcher. She was not her usual sharp self, for she walked 9 and only struck out a pair. The big hitter was Karen Johnson who went 2 for 3 including a homerun and 2 rbi's.

In the second game, the Lady Colonels vented their frustration and won decisively 13-2. Sue Schwartz again was the starter, and she was back in top form blanking the Indians for 4 innings to record the win. Lynn Busch came in on relief for the final 3 innings and allowed the only two Juniata runs. Coincidentally, in this second game, the ladies played errorless ball.

The offense was again led by Karen Johnson who went 1 for 4 with 4 rbi's. Sue Schwartz, Cathy Lee, Sue Leach, and Karen Bove all accounted for 2 rbi's apiece.

The mini-playoff which was forced by the loss to Juniata was played on April 23 at Lewisburg, a site considered to be neutral for all the teams. The Lady Colonels were the lucky ones of the draw, for they got the bye. At 1 p.m. Juniata would face Susquehanna with the winner taking on Wilkes at 3 p.m.

As fate would have it, Juniata won the first round. However, in the final they faced a different Lady Colonel team than the one they had previously defeated. This time the Lady Colonels were ready and had revenge in mind. Sue Schwartz was the starting pitcher and walked 3, struck out 2, and allowed only 1 hit and 1 earned run enroute to a 3-1 Wilkes victory. This time the team came through in the clutch.

Karen Bove, Karen Johnson, and Theresa McGraw all had an rbi apiece. Bove went 1 for 3 with a homerun and Johnson went 1 for 3 with a triple. In addition, Cathy Lee had a perfect day at the plate going 3 for 3.



WE ARE THE CHAMPIONS!! Last Saturday at Kirby Park the Lady Colonel softball team won the 1982 MAC championship. Members of the team are front row left to right: Sue Leach, Lori Cashour, Jeanne Dougherty, Sheri Zimmermar. Carol Hagen, Sue Schwartz, Charlene Hurst, and Renee Dougherty. Back row left to right: Coach Gay Meyers, Diane Hall, Cathy Lee, Lynn Busch, Stacy Keeley, Theresa McGraw, Marian Karmataviez, Coach Nancy Roberts, Debbie Kramer, Karen Bove, Karen Johnson, and Lisa Gigliello.

Now it was official. The Lady Colonels had won their division and with it a ticket to the MAC tournament. Looking back, they may have done it the hard way, but perhaps the extra pressure situation was a beneficial preparation for the tournament. The experience of playing in a "must win" game must have proved invaluable to the entire team, especially the first year players. Proof of this are the results of the tournament. Both games were pressure filled and close, but yet, the Lady Colonels remained cool and poised as if they had been there before.

At 9:30 Saturday morning, the ladies faced Delaware Valley in the semi-finals. Back on April 19 they had been defeated by the Aggies 9-8, so the game took an additional dimension; revenge. In that contest, Sue Schwartz had been the pitcher and Cathy Lee and Theresa McGraw had been the offensive leaders. Lee went 2 for 4 with a double and 2 rbi's, and McGraw went 1 for 3 with a double and also 2 rbi's.

Sue Schwartz was the starting pitcher, and she began her revenge by putting her team on the scoreboard in the top of the first with a two-run homerun. The game remained scoreless in the top of the sixth when Karen Johnson drove in a third Lady Colonel run with a single.

The three-run lead which was held by Wilkes did not last long. In the bottom of the sixth Delaware Valley scored 3 runs to tie it up and send the game into extra innings.

The tie continued until the top of the ninth when Karen Johnson scored what would prove to be the

winning run on a single by Karen Bove. At this point, the team was three outs away from the final.

In their last-at-bat the Aggies began a miracle comeback. They loaded the bases with only one out, and it seemed as if they would tie it up again, or even possibly score two runs for the victory.

Sue Schwartz was still pitching, by that time her arm had to be tired. However, she had a job to do. Poised and confident, she coolly reached back for that something extra and struck out the next two batters.

The pressure increased as the Lady Colonels faced Muhlenburg in the final. Everybody knew that this one was for all of the marbles. In the top of the first, Muhlenburg scored 4 runs, and it appeared as if Wilkes was in for a long game. However, these thoughts were quickly dispelled as the Lady Colonels erupted for 7 in their half of the inning.

The top of the seventh saw the Lady Colonels leading 10-6. The lead appeared to be insurmountable. All they needed was three outs, and they would be the champions. However, Muhlenburg had different ideas. They scored 5 clutch runs to lead 11-10.

Now the pressure was shifted over to the shoulders of the Lady Colonels. It was their turn to come through in the clutch. Sue Schwartz had relieved starter Lynn Busch in the top of the seventh inning, and in the bottom of the inning she once again became a hero. This time she did it with her bat by stroking a two-run double to clinch the title for the Lady Colonels.

The offense was led by Karen Johnson who went 3 for 4 with 3 rbi's. Schwartz had her one hit for 2 rbi's. Cathy Lee went 2 for 2 with

a double and an rbi, Carol Hagen went 2 for 4 with an rbi, and Charlene Hurst went 1 for 4 with an rbi. As usual there was a balanced attack.

In retrospect, 1982 has been a dream come true for the Lady Colonels. Before the initial practices began, Coach Roberts was not even sure that she would have enough players, let alone a winning team. Only 5 remained from the year before. Fortunately there was a large turnout of first year players, and some of these freshmen were immediately inserted into the starting line-up. At this point, a championship was only a distant pipe dream. It seemed as if 1982 would be a rebuilding year. In a sense it has been a year for rebuilding, the rebuilding of a positive and winning attitude for the Wilkes softball program. The team developed practically overnight. First year players played like veterans, and the returning players became consistent day in and day out producers. The Lady Colonels began to win, and each victory built confidence. As time passed the dream of an MAC title moved closer and closer to reality. On a sunny Saturday afternoon on April 24, the dream finally became a reality, as fiction became fact.

The Annual Athletic Awards banquet will be held on Sunday May 2 at 7:30 p.m. at the Wilkes College cafeteria. All team members are invited and encouraged to attend. Tickets and further information are available from the secretary at Weckesser Annex.



SAFE AT THE PLATE. Karen Bove eludes the tag of the Muhlenburg catcher to score a run during the Lady Colonels' 12-11 MAC championship game victory.