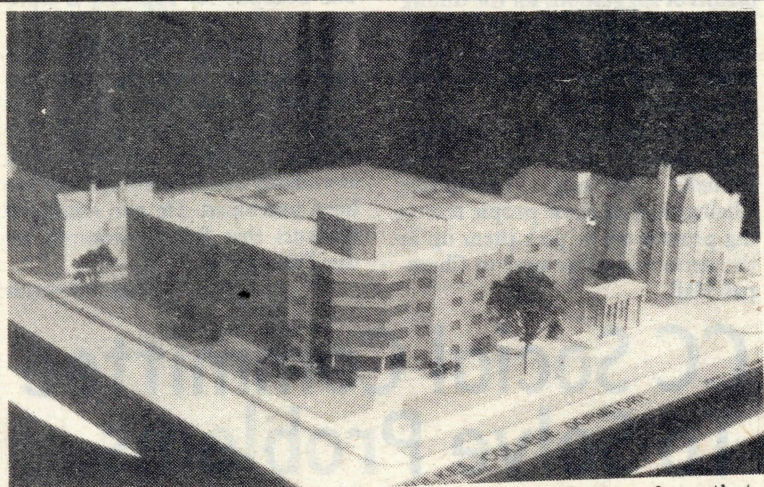


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NEW DORM? The above picture shows a model for the new dorm that might be built "someday" at the corner of River and Northampton Streets.

New Dorm Urged

Meetings and studies are still continuing on the proposal for a new residence hall in the area of Butler, Susquehannock, and Shawnee Halls. The college has been authorized to proceed with the demolition of unnecessary structures on campus.

"We hope to reach some conclusions in the very near future," said Dean of Management Dr. Andrew Shaw. "The planning has been proceeding, but that's all it is at this point."

Dr. Shaw further explained that discussions and meetings are continuous, and plans and studies

must be done before bids are put out for the potential dormitory, which would house approximately 210 students.

If everything goes as scheduled, the college could possibly be ready for bids in the spring.

LISA GURKA

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On Campus

Water Cutbacks Urged

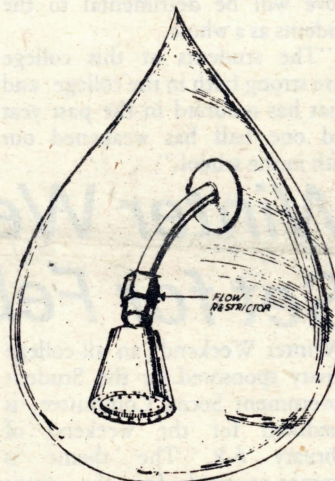
The Pennsylvania Gas and Water Company recently met with representatives of the college in order to discuss methods of conserving water on campus.

Presently, the conservation is on a voluntary basis, but may become mandatory as of Feb. 1. Moreover, the college must reduce its water consumption by at least 25 percent immediately. If this figure is not met, mandatory restrictions will be

attending a special meeting that they were in the process of repairing all leaky faucets, faulty radiators, and checking other areas where the college could conserve water. Lowering the hot water temperature by 10 degrees is also being con-

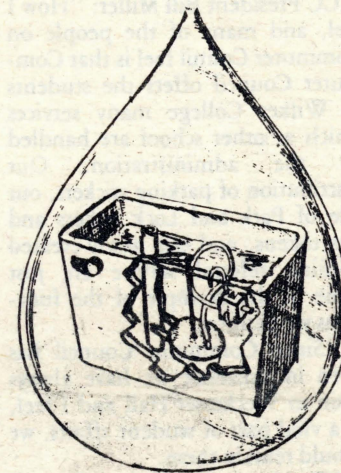
Private residences are experiencing cutbacks in the water service.

In light of the weather situation, the administration requests that all students make every effort to con-



places on the college's use of water. Repeated infractions could lead to fines, and even a possible temporary shut-off of water service.

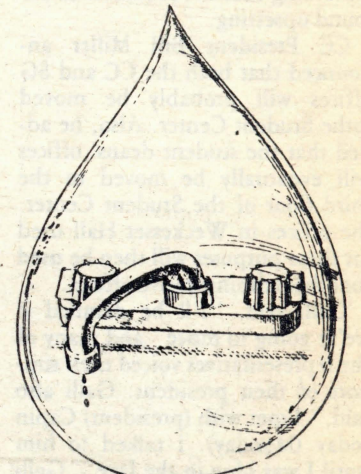
American Building Maintenance informed President Robert Capin, Dean Gerald Hartdagen and others



sidered as a conservation method in order to deter long showers.

In order to assist in the water conservation effort, the cafeteria has begun using paper products at the breakfast meal. This saves on water because the dishwasher does not have to be used until later in the day, thus saving almost four hours worth of water.

The college is not the only community hit by the water shortage.



serve water and ultimately reduce consumption. If you can, wait to do your laundry until you have a full load of clothing. Use cold water to do your laundry. Shorten shower time considerably. Additionally, it is requested that students, faculty and administration do not flush toilets after every use.

Meter readings are being taken on a regular basis to determine if the 25 percent decrease in water consumption is being met by the college.

PATTI SPARLOW

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NOTICE

Applications are available for anyone interested in being a Resident Assistant during the 1981-82 school year. Applications can be obtained at the Housing office and they must be returned by Friday, Jan. 30.

1980-81 Edition

35 Seniors Make 'Who's Who'

Thirty-five seniors have been selected for inclusion in the 1980-81 edition of "Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities."

A special committee of faculty and administrators chose the students on the basis of academic achievement, service to the community, leadership in extracurricular activities, and future potential.

The 35 members of the class of 1981 join an elite group of students selected from more than 1200 institutions of higher learning in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and several foreign nations.

The "Who's Who" students are: Marta A. Baker, Plymouth, Pa. is a psychology/sociology major.

She has served as president and new member advisor of Theta Delta Rho. Marta was also involved in the organization of the Peer Counseling Group.

Carol A. Benek, a biology major from Johnson City, New York, presently serves as a Student Government representative and Assistant Director of the Student Center. She is also a member of the class of 1981 Executive Council and manages the swim team.

Jo Anne Bennick, is also a member of the Class of 1981 Executive Council. She currently serves as the recording secretary for Commuter Council, Corresponding Secretary for Theta Delta Rho and treasurer of the Accounting and Business Club. Jo Anne is an ac-

counting major from Kingston.

Charles E. Boyer, a materials engineering major from Kingston, is active in intramurals and the Engineering Club. He participated in the 1980 New Student Orientation.

Marla Brodsky, Old Bethpage, NY, presently serves as Student Government Vice President. The psychology major participates in intramurals and was a member of the 1980 New Student Orientations Staff also.

Cheryl A. Crea, of Kingsley, is president of her dormitory, a member of the Nursing Student Organization, and a Student Government representative. She served as co-chairperson of the 1980 New Student Orientation. Cheryl is

a nursing major.

Louis Czachor is a mathematics major who presently serves as Managing Editor of the Beacon. The Wilkes-Barre native is also vice-president of the Math Club, and vice-president of the Journalism Society.

Steve Demko is an accounting major from Drums. He is a member of the Accounting and Business Club, Ski Club and Human Services Committee. He also serves as a resident assistant in his dormitory.

J. Robert Doty, State College, is captain of the swim team and chairman of the Student Government Publicity and Elections Committee. The chemistry major is also a member of the Class of 1981 Ex-

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SG Next to Move Out of Weckesser

The most exciting meeting of Student Government in the last year occurred this past Monday night at Weckesser Hall. SG President Joe Galli dropped the bombshell, which the organization had been expecting since they received word that Commuter Council was being forced to move their office out of Weckesser Hall. The bombshell — Student Government will be the next to go, and the explosion resulted in a dynamic discussion on the part of all the attending representatives.

The general opinion was that SG doesn't want to move. Student Government has enjoyed the convenience of having an office in the same building as the administrative offices for a very long time, and the prospect of being removed from the administrative atmosphere is something that the members of SG found upsetting.

CC President Bill Miller announced that both the CC and SG offices will probably be moved to the Student Center. Also, he added that the student deans' offices will eventually be moved to the third floor of the Student Center. The offices in Weckesser Hall used for these purposes will then be used for other administrative offices.

Galli said, "I'll be damned if we're going to move" and many of the representatives voiced their support of their president. Galli also said, "I met with (president) Capin today (Monday). I talked to him until I was blue in the face." Galli added that Capin's response was, "We'll see how it works out."

After it was noted that SG struck out in stopping the changes in the withdrawal policy, and was unsuccessful in getting the Stark Regulations changed, Tom Farley declared that it was time for SG to stand up and say no.

After the meeting, interested members of Student Government met in a closed door session to plan what action they would take. (See related story for comments by CC, IRHC and SG presidents.)

Under Fund Requests, Joe Knox, representing COPUS, made a request for \$367.52 to enable three students to attend the first annual meeting of the National COPUS to be held in Washington from February 5-8.

Fil Committee Chairperson Elaine Kerchusky announced that the movie, "The Champ," will be shown tomorrow, Jan. 23 at 7 p.m. and 9:15 p.m. in the CPA.

Student Leaders Upset At Weckesser Ouster

The officers and members of Student Government and Commuter Council learned recently that the college is planning to move their organizations' offices out of Weckesser Hall and into the Student Center. The student leaders have expressed their dissatisfaction with the administration's decision. The presidents of the three campus governing organizations, CC, SG and IRHC, commented on the situation.

CC President Bill Miller: "How I feel, and many of the people on Commuter Council feel is that Commuter Council offers the students of Wilkes College many services which at other school are handled by the administration. Our distribution of parking stickers, our sale of Park and Lock tickets and bus tokens, and our newly-created housing referral service are just some of the example of the functions we perform."

"Since Commuter Council has been in existence we have always been in Weckesser Hall and I feel, as a vital part of student affairs, we should remain there."

"Besides just these services we have been able to help the Student Affairs Office and other administrative offices by providing student input. We regret that in the future such input may be reduced."

"Commuter Council is an important part of the Wilkes family, representing over 1,000 students and the philosophy of students and administration working together is a tradition that should not be lost."

SG President Joe Galli: "I think that it is a big mistake. I'm kind of upset with the Wilkes College family tradition being partially removed by the fact that the student governing offices are being moved out of Weckesser."

At the IRHC meeting, President Janine Tucker expressed her enthusiasm for the new semester. She also announced various changes for students on campus, among them are the water shortage situation and the new meal card system.

Another topic reported was that

"At present it may not seem that drastic of a move, but in the future I feel that it will result in a lack of communication with the student body and the administration."

IRHC President Janine Tucker: "The three organizations all work as one. Student Government is a sister organization (to IRHC) and Commuter Council is too. I hate to see them moved. The students have been understanding up to this point, and I feel the administration has tried to understand, but in actuality, they have not."

"There has been a lack of communication from the administration to the students and I feel that the move will be detrimental to the students as a whole."

"The students at this college have strong faith in the college, and what has occurred in the past year and one half has weakened our faith in the school."

Winter Weekend Set for Feb. 6-8

Winter Weekend, an all-college activity sponsored by the Student Government Social Committee, is scheduled for the weekend of February 6-8. The theme is summer-oriented for the event which will include such games as swimming, tug-o-war, musical beach blankets, a beach party, and volleyball.

Friday night begins the opening of ceremonies and the beach party. Saturday is an entire day of games and volleyball competition. Sunday afternoon is for the volleyball finals while the movie, "Meatballs" and awards presentation will be held Sunday night. The activities will take place on Ralston Field and the gym.

the new meal card system will be in effect Monday, January 26. Students' ID cards will be used instead of the meal cards in order to prevent unauthorized persons from eating meals that board students pay for. The ID cards are presently being validated for this purpose.

In further reports, Food Committee Chairman Bruce Williams announced a committee meeting today at 3 p.m. in the east side of the cafeteria. All students with complaints or suggestions for the dining service are urged to attend. New dinner hours for Sunday only were made. They were changed to 4:30 p.m. until 6:15 p.m.

Parking permits were completed and posted last week. Fred Danielle, Parking Committee Chairman, said those people receiving permits are to pick them up in the personnel office next to Campan Hall.

In old business, Tucker announced the winners of the Dorm Christmas Decorating Contest sponsored by IRHC. Grissom took first place in the men's dorms, and Dirksen received the second place award. For the women's dorms, Sterling won first and Weiss took second.

Further News discussed was the National Convention for NACURH, which will be held May 21-24 at Texas A&M University. The deadline for applying is April 24.

The meeting concluded with Paul Adams, Housing Director, mentioning the opening of the weight room in Pickering Hall. The room is now under supervision with attendants and new equipment has been purchased. He also reminded students that RA applications are due February 3.

Doug Fahringer

CC Social Committee To Solve Problems

The Social Committee of the Commuter Council presented its solution to the problems that created a schism between CC and IRHC committee members for the latter part of the first semester. The committee will be chaired jointly by Joe Rubbico of CC and Marge

Leblanc of IRHC. President Bill Miller explained that the Social Committee's events are "sponsored jointly and should be run jointly," and that "one chairman from CC and one from IRHC will ensure that more people will know about the events." The committee is planning a Feb. 13 Valentine's Day Party and a St. Patrick's Day Party to be held on March 14.

Glen Weaver reported that members of the Food Service Committee had been told by the food service company catering the SUB that they are trying to keep the prices as low as possible but cannot realistically compete with fast food services. Following continued complaints about seemingly inordinately high prices, Dean Hoover pointed out that the food service contracts are bid each year and that some formal written report should be submitted by the committee to him or President Chapin.

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Executive Council and president of his dormitory.

Michele Fidrych, Wilkes-Barre, is a biology/psychology major. She currently serves as Circulation Manager/Cartoonist for the *Beacon*. Michele also participates in the Journalism Society and is a member of the Debate Team.

Joseph G. Galli presently serves as Student Government President. He has also participated in the 1980 New Student Orientation Staff and has coordinated the 1980 Wilkes trip to Florida. The accounting ma-

ior hails from Peckville.

Mary Giblin, a native of Palermo, New Jersey, is co-editor of the *Amnicola* and treasurer of the Nursing Student Organization. She was also 1980 Homecoming Queen. Mary is a nursing/psychology major.

Colleen Gries, an accounting major from Dallas, Pa., is vice president of the Women's Activities Association and co-captain of the majorettes. She is also a member of the Accounting and Business Club and the Debate Team.

Charles Isaacs, Kingston, is

president of the Polar Bear Club. The accounting major is also a member of the soccer team and the Accounting and Business Club.

Geraldine A. Knopic, a native of Providence, New Jersey, is President of the Women's Activities Association and captain of the strutters. The English/Communications major is also the resident assistant of her dormitory.

James E. Kovacs is a biology major from Oley. He is president of the ice hockey team. He has served on the Inter-Residence Hall Council and the Student Government Social

Committee.

Margaret R. Mascelli is co-captain of the women's tennis team, a member of the Letterwoman's club and serves as the resident assistant in her dormitory. She is an accounting major from Plains.

William R. Miller of Dallas, Pa. presently serves as Commuter Council President and is a member of the Class of 1981 Executive Council. He is a business administration major.

John Moffatt, an accounting major from Forty Fort, is president of the Accounting and Business Club, treasurer of Commuter Council, Assistant Director of the Student Center and Class of 1981 treasurer. He is also a member of the swim team.

Leslie J. Nicholas is a member of the Class of 1981 Executive Council and a member of the Education Club and English Club. The Kingston native is an English/German/education major.

Jon Pliskin, Cherry Hill, New Jersey, is a business administration major. He was captain of the intramural bowling team, Inter-Residence Hall Council Maintenance Chairman and a member of the Debate Team. Jon also brought the *New York Times* to campus.

Debra I. Prater presently serves as co-chairperson of the Human Services Committee. The biology major is also a member of the Biology Club. She is a native of Dallas, Pa.

Cindy Rossi, Plains, is president of the Letterwoman's Association and a member of the softball and volleyball teams. Cindy is a biology major.

Joseph Rubbico is a political science/psychology major from Exeter. He is the Class of 1981 Vice President, corresponding secretary of Commuter Council, a member of the golf team and Commuter Council Social Committee Chairman. Joe also participated in the 1980 New Student Orientation.

Margaret J. Scholl is a business administration major from Edwardsville. She has served as Managing

Editor of the *Beacon* and Secretary of the Class of 1981. She was also the secretary of the Journalism Society.

Susan E. Schwab is a Commuter Council representative and Chairperson of the Commuter Council/Inter-Residence Hall Council Social Committee. She is an English/education major from Wilkes-Barre.

Dana C. Schaffer, Inkerman, is a biology major. He is president of the Biology Club, a Student Government representative and a member of the Class of 1981 Executive Council.

Patricia A. Sparlow presently serves as Editor-in-Chief of the *Beacon*. The communications studies major is also a member of the Journalism Society and Debate Team. She is from Kingston.

Michael Stapleton, Easton, is a resident assistant in his dormitory, a member of the Student Life Committee and Concert and Lecture Committee. He has also served as Inter-Dormitory Council President. Michael is an earth and environmental science major.

Linda Styers is a computer science major from Williamsport. She is a member of the computer club and intramural volleyball. She has served as the president of her dormitory.

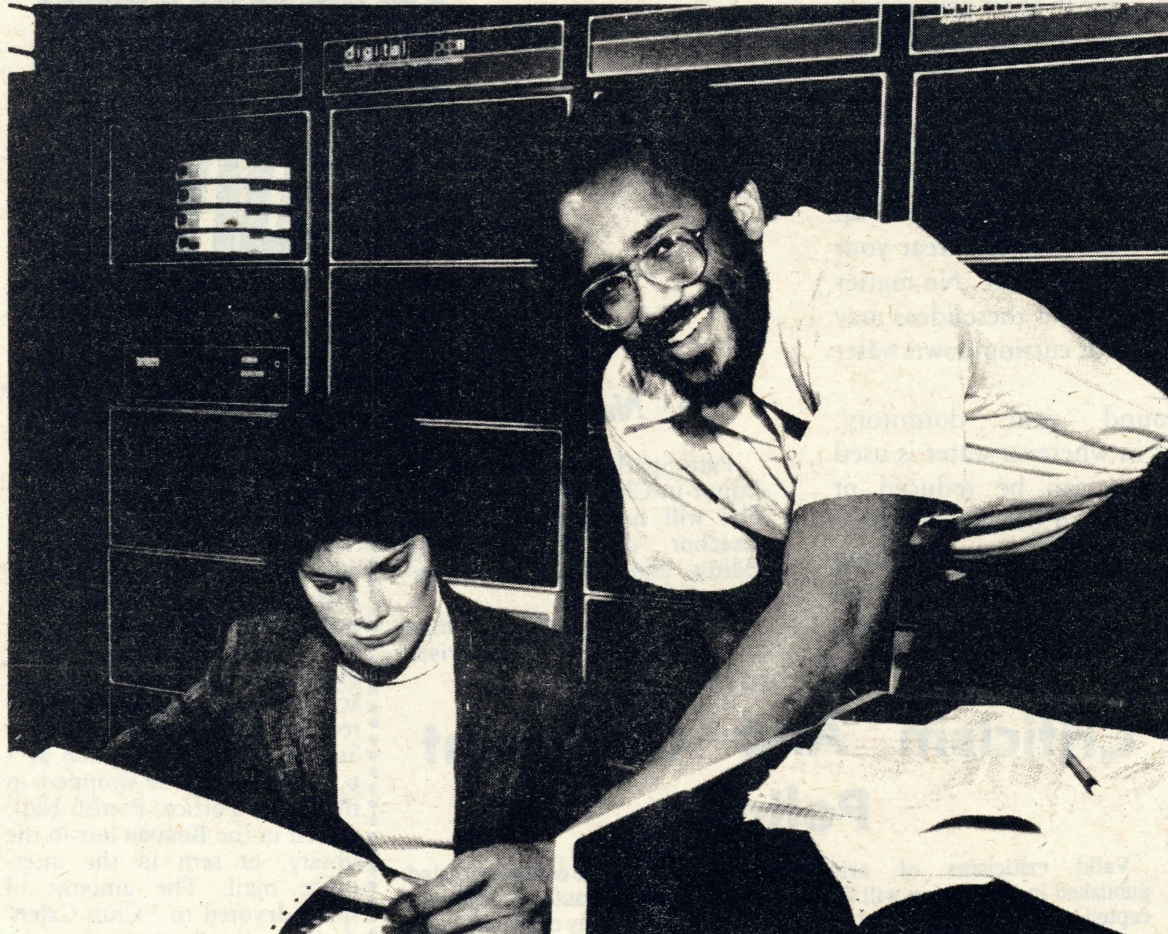
Janine M. Tucker is Inter-Residence Hall Council President. She is also a member of the Accounting and Business Club and the Concert and Lecture Committee. A business administration major, she is from Oak Ridge, Tennessee.

Catherine Updike is a nursing major from Randolph, New Jersey. She is an Inter-Residence Hall Council representative, resident assistant in her dormitory and a member of the dorm committee.

Robert S. Wallace, Cedar Grove, New Jersey, is president of the Class of 1981, station engineer for WCLH-FM and resident assistant in his dormitory. The biology major is also a member of the Human Services Committee.

Megan A. Ward is an English major from Boonton, New Jersey. She is co-captain of the field hockey team, a resident assistant in her dormitory and a member of the *Amnicola* staff.

Janet Vierbuchen, a nursing major, hails from Bridgewater, New Jersey. She currently serves as president of the Nursing Student Organization. She is also involved in intramural tennis and is a resident assistant in her dormitory.



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Waste can take several forms. Washing only several pieces of clothing in a machine full of water, leaky faucets and using two shower-heads for the "double dose" when one will do, are just a few examples of abusing the privilege of a generous supply of running water. Coupled with the small rainfall, waste inevitably leads to a shortage of water.

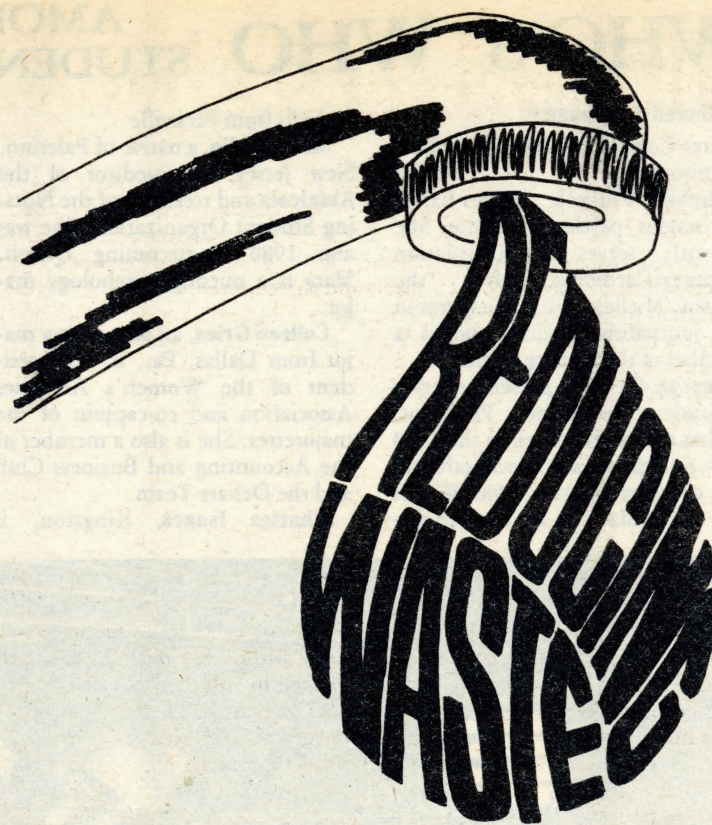
In response to this shortage, the gas and water company has requested voluntary conservation. Wilkes alone must decrease its water consumption by 25%. How can this be done? Cooperation by everyone is the key. In order to insure the continued use of water for necessary functions, we must pull together to ration and conserve water in any necessary functions and try to eliminate unnecessary uses.

The conservation requests made by the administration are not unreasonable and students should try to cooperate fully. The more the college can save by eliminating waste and overuse in

dorms, classrooms, lavatories, etc., the better. For instance, don't let water run unnecessarily. A faucet that leaks a drop of water a second ends up wasting 200 gallons of water a month. If it's hot water that's being wasted, that means energy for heating that's also going down the drain, along with your tuition debts to pay for that wasted energy.

Everyone knows best where waste is most likely to occur in their own sphere of influence. Some conservations suggestions might be to shower with a friend, leave the sinks attached to the walls of the dormitory bathroom, mix your whiskey with soda instead of water, take your beverages straight up instead of on the rocks and treat your water fixtures like a Cadillac. No matter how ridiculous some of these ideas may be, they are ways of cutting down water usage.

Look around your dormitory, laboratory, or in wherever water is used and see how it can be reduced or eliminated. If we don't make an honest attempt at conserving water and cutting consumption by 25%, we can all find ourselves high and dry. Waste not now and you'll want not later.



Notice

Patti Sparlow is continuing as Editor-in-Chief of the *Beacon*. She will be assisted by Louis Czachor, the new Managing Editor, and Lisa Gurka, News-Copy Editor.

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Beacon Advisor

ANNOUNCEMENT AND CLUB CALENDAR

Starting next week, Jan. 29, the *Beacon* will devote space for campus activities and club organization announcements. Any club, organization, academic department or group may have announcements published in this section. Typed activity announcements must be received by the *Beacon* by the Sunday before publication at 3 p.m. they may be dropped in the *Beacon* office, Parrish Hall, placed in the *Beacon* box in the library, or sent in the inter-office mail. The amount of space devoted to "Club Calendar" will depend on the number of announcements received each week.

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Valid criticisms of articles published in the *Beacon* will be accepted by the editors. The criticism must concern the most recent issue of the *Beacon*. Typed complaints or comments and suggestions of how to alter the situation will be taken into consideration by the editors. These must be put in a sealed envelope along with a copy of the article in question and delivered to the *Beacon* office on the second floor of Parrish Hall or in the *Beacon* box in the library by 3:00 p.m. on the Sunday after publication.

The appropriate editors will gladly meet with the author of the comment at a mutually convenient time to discuss the nature of the criticism or comment, if deemed necessary by the editors. All letters must be signed in ink along with the class year or appropriate title, and phone number where the author can be reached. This information will be kept confidential. Any comment bearing a signature or title deemed as fraudulent by the editors after verification will be disregarded immediately.

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All academically eligible, full-time students are welcome to apply for the position. The person chosen for the Assistant News Editor position will receive a one-quarter scholarship for the second semester.

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All letters MUST be signed IN INK, but names will be withheld upon request. Class year and-or appropriate title should be included with the signature. This status will be verified by the editors. Any letter bearing a signature and-or title deemed as fraudulent by the editors after verification will not be published.

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Mildred Traxler — She Was Important

Last week, a woman in Wilkes-Barre died. She had no major claims to fame — she won no prizes, no awards for community service. Yet Mildred Traxler, 65, was an important person.

Local papers reported her death mainly because it came about in an unusual way. Mildred Traxler committed suicide, Tuesday, Jan. 13, by jumping from a 10th floor window of the Hotel Sterling.

Bill Miller was walking past the Hotel Sterling the afternoon of the 13th. He saw what he first thought was "a large chunk of ice" falling from the hotel. For a moment he thought that a part of the hotel was falling down. Then he saw this "thing" land atop a car. He was shocked when he realized that the "ice" was a human body.

Mildred Traxler was born in Kingston. She had married and had

a daughter and son. Her two grandchildren, according to Mildred, "didn't even know their grandmother." Surviving are her four sisters and three brothers.

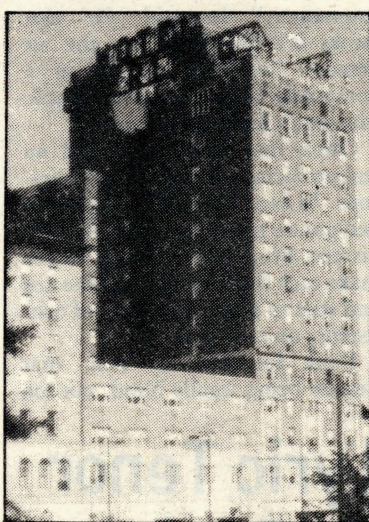
She had worked as a secretary in a rectory, where, according to Mildred, she was mistreated by her employers. This experience turned her off to religion, making her a self-proclaimed atheist. Upon her retirement, she lived for a time in New Jersey with her son.

So why was a woman with brothers and sisters, a son and daughter, living alone in a city far removed from any of her relatives? Mildred was just one of the many older people without a home, having been taken in and then rejected by her son several times. But she would never concede that to her neighbors — that she had no home. As if to distinguish her from the other homeless, old people, she asserted, "I'm not staying here long. I'm just here temporarily, until I get my things together."

Last year Wilkes students lived on the 7th floor of the Hotel Sterling. Mildred Traxler was their neighbor. At first there was friction between Mildred and her younger neighbors. She loudly complained of the noise from their stereos. They knew her only as an old lady with "problems." Then one day, according to one student, "We all went into visit her. She was shocked that anyone would come to see her. After that we got along. She even partied with us."

Despite her many problems, including a drinking problem, Mildred was a proud woman. According to students, she made a point of using her large vocabulary, and "you had to have a dictionary to understand her." One student introduced Mildred to her parents. She recalls, "Mildred was so excited that she was going to meet my parents. She had her hair done, wore a new dressing gown and put on fresh lipstick. Then she sat, as proper as ever, and talked with my parents."

On the exterior, Mildred was a hard woman, embittered by her life. She escaped her problems by drinking. She spent little time on food; therefore, it was not surprising that she became very ill. For about a month Mildred was too sick



THE HOTEL STERLING + It houses many Wilkes students, but to its elderly residents, it may very well be, as one student remarked, "a big, lonely, nursing home."

to even leave her room. Her student friends brought her food. The first time they came, she didn't know how to react. She needed to eat, but taking it was hard. After spending three weeks bedridden, Mildred finally got better.

Months later, the same students saw a change in Mildred. For one who wouldn't take, she made a turnaround, and pushed away her bitterness until she was finally able to give to others. Once she invited a maintenance man, who had come to fix something in her room, to lunch. Another time she generously gave her elderly next-door neighbor a light bulb because his had burned out and he couldn't afford another. This must have taken a lot out of her because she had to personally install the new fixture.

Day to day survival was hard for Mildred. Some days she would be coherent; on other days she would be "off in her own world." At one time she spoke of suicide to two students visiting her. They said she had seemed depressed and was reported to have said, "There's no reason to go on. I'm so lonely, I wish I could just end it. There's no place in this world for a lonely old woman." The two students tried to comfort her, saying that she was loved and that she shouldn't do anything drastic — that she **WOULD** be missed. They left Mildred's apartment a little frightened because her words were so full of despair.

Most of the students who lived on the 7th floor of the hotel moved on campus this year. Some went and inquired about Mildred at the beginning of the year, but were

told that she didn't live there anymore. They assumed that because of the on-again, off-again living arrangements with her son, she was probably in New Jersey.

The next thing they knew of Mildred was that she had committed suicide. After tracking down the location of the funeral home, they inquired about the time of the funeral. Eight Wilkes students went to pay their respects to Mildred. Only six members of her family attended the funeral. Only ten chairs were even set up. The students stood at the back of the room.

Many of the students felt an air of indifference during the service, "as if they just wanted to be done

with it and get out of there." After the service, Mildred's sister thanked them for coming. Mildred's daughter asked who they were. The replied that they were friends of Mildred. Her daughter remarked, "I'm glad my mother had some friends."

Mildred Traxler died. She may have been insignificant to many, but she meant something to Wilkes students. It would be nice to say that this story of growing old and becoming homeless is an exception, but unfortunately, it's not. As one student put it, "The hotel is full of people like Mildred." At least Mildred will be remembered.

Ana Nunez and Mary Kay Pogar

NE Pa. Philharmonic To Feature Jazz Pianist

Dynamic conductor Alan Balter returns to the Philharmonic Pops podium for "Classical McPartland and All That Jazz," featuring the great jazz pianist Marian McPartland and the McPartland Trio, Jan. 31 at the Irem Temple, Wilkes-Barre, and Feb. 1 at the Masonic Temple, Scranton. Showtime on Saturday night is 8:30 p.m., and on Sunday, 7:30 p.m.

The program for this evening of entertainment begins with the stirring "William Tell Overture." The McPartland Songbook will include

Ms. McPartland's own compositions and music by George Gershwin and the Beatles. The first lady of jazz piano will acknowledge the career in classical music for which she began training as a youngster with a solo performance of the first movement of Grieg's Piano Concerto in A Minor & a favorite of music lovers of all preferences.

Alan Balter, one of five finalists in the Philharmonic's search for a new music director, delighted Pops audiences last fall when he was guest maestro for the premiere Pops concert of the season featuring Cab Calloway. Exxon/National Endowment for the Arts assistant conductor of the Baltimore Symphony, Balter is a gifted conductor and a powerful, attractive stage presence & as well as a dynamic orchestra-builder. In 1976 he won first prize among 73 contestants in the Minon International Concours for Conductors in Tokyo.

Tickets for the concerts are available through the Philharmonic ticket hotline, 654-4738 or 342-0920, and at the following locations: Spruce Record Shop and Paperback Booksmith, Scranton; Gallery of Sound stores and Book and Record Mart, Wilkes-Barre; Piano Shoppe, Pittston; and Dempsey's Jewelry, Tunkhannock. Concert hall box offices will open three hours prior to the performance for ticket sales, but early reservations are advised due to the popularity of the program.

Philharmonic subscribers are asked to note that the dates of the performances are Jan. 31 and Feb. 1 & not Jan. 24 and 25 as announced during last year's subscription campaign.

ROYA FAHMY

Niels New Yorker To Present "Grease"

When you see bobby sox, saddle shoes, poodle skirts and lettermen's sweaters, what do you think of? The 1950's, right? On Monday, Jan. 26, on the stage at the Center for Performing Arts we will see plenty of 1950's costumes worn by the cast of "Grease." Niels New Yorker, a production company from "The Big Apple" will present their version of the 1950's high school musical at 8 p.m. in the CPA.

Come see Danny and his leather jacket gang sing "Greased Lightning"! See Rizzo and her pink ladies dance at their pajama party! You can also cry with goody goody Sandy as she sings "Look at Me I'm Sandra Dee" and "Hopelessly Devoted to You."

Tickets are \$4 and will be available at the Student Government Office, the cafeteria, the Student Center and possibly at the door. Get your ticket now and see you at the sock hop!



Mildred Traxler is shown at a pajama party given by some of her friends from Wilkes, who were then living at the hotel.

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However, it is not only the music which is unique where Ernie is concerned, because Ernie, himself, is unique. Ernie, the man operating the boards and turntables, is legally blind. Normal vision on the vision measurement scale is 20/20. What a person with normal vision sees at 400 feet, Ernie sees at 20 feet. Ernie was born with congenital glaucoma and, at the age of three, it started to affect his right eye. Now, things that are small or far away present the most problems.

Ernie has been associated with WCLH since February 1979 when he did his first show. A 26-year-old native of Philadelphia, Ernie left his management level job at GAF Photo service to go back to school. "I wanted to go to a small school out of the Philadelphia area and Wilkes seemed like a good place to come to," Ernie commented.

When friends first spoke to him about joining the radio station, Ernie was at first a little apprehensive. But after being coaxed, he joined

because he felt he could do "just as good a job as others on the station." There were some problems in joining. The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) did not want to let him go on the air. The station engineer, Joe Glynn, wrote the FCC a letter stating that he had personally trained Ernie and that he was ready to go on the air.

In addition to this training, Ernie would often watch other people doing their shows. He would also help them with little things and thus gained experience in cueing up records and operating the board. Ernie operated the board himself and fills out his own program logs. He had no log errors since October 1979. Ernie does need someone to read the news and take the meter readings, though. And it did take Ernie longer to learn to operate the production room than the studio. But he feels this ability is an art, and this feeling may have contributed to his being named Production Manager for the 1980-81 school year. Director of Broadcasting Operations D.V. Bradford Kinney has this to say about Ernie's abilities, "Ernie functions in his job as well, if not better, than people in the past have done."

For a person who is legally blind, being a DJ must be hard work. But not for Ernie. "The work is easy. I don't even consider myself an

entertainer," he said. He also thinks it's fun being on the air because "you are talking to a potentially large number of people who aren't looking back at you."

On his first show, Ernie had no real problems and wasn't really nervous. In fact, he said he was more nervous on his second show than on his first. Ernie said he always tries to make each show better than the last and tries to maintain a level of consistency on each show.

Ernie functions so well, that despite being legally blind, not too

Lyric Tenor To Perform Mon. In CPA

Cary Michaels, lyric tenor, will perform in concert in the CPA on Jan. 27 at 8 p.m. The concert is open to the public and college at no charge.

Michaels won the Metropolitan Opera auditions in Nebraska in 1979 and went to the midwest for the regional finals competition. He has appeared as a soloist with the St. Louis Symphony, the North Danish Symphony Orchestra, and the Wesibaden Civic Symphony under the direction of such noted conductors as Robert Shaw, Helmut Rillinf, and Jerzy Semof.

He has also performed in major roles in Carmen, Don Giovanni, Werther and Falstaff. Other performances include participation with the Houston Grand Opera, Opera Omaha, the Chautauqua Opera Company, and the AVA Opera Theatre.

Michaels, who received his bachelor of music degree from Indiana University and his master of music degree from the University of Nebraska, will conduct a master class on Jan. 27 from 2 to 3:30 p.m. in Darte Hall.

DOUG FAHRINGER



ON THE AIR: Ernie College is shown inspiring his listeners to keep their radios tuned to WCLH.

many people realize he is. He has experienced no bad reactions from people then they find out. Ernie feels he encounters no special problems because of his blindness and said that his ears are extra sensitive. This fact, he says, helps him in his job as Production Manager.

Everyone at the station has positive attitudes about his capabilities, and Ernie feels that they treat him as "one of the guys. They respect and apply my opinions concerning their shows and this makes me feel good."

As for his show, Ernie plays the music that is big in Europe but gets only a small amount of airplay in this area. This accounts for the title "Import/Exports." He says that a commercial station has to play songs the audience wants to hear in order to keep up its ratings. Ernie plays the type of music he does because of the small amount of airtime it gets and tries to make it accessible to a general listening audience. He does not play it to be radically different from everyone

else.

Ernie feels that he doesn't have a very large listening audience in the Wilkes-Barre area, but said he gets lots of call from the Bloomsburg and Hazleton area. "I've learned to tolerate people better by doing my shows and taking callers. Some are obnoxious and seem like they intentionally try to get you mad."

Ernie thinks the experience he has gained will help him in his career goals. Dr. Kinney said, "It's a unique opportunity we are offering Ernie here. A commercial station probably wouldn't be able to offer it. It gives him a chance to pursue a career goal and that's why he's encouraged to go on the air. How many radio stations in this area have a legally blind DJ and Executive staff member? The deficiency in his eyes is made up for in his ears and in what he can do."

How does Ernie feel? "I got better inside sometimes. But I could be worse off. I just take each day as it comes."

LISA GURKA

Ticker Tape

The Student Government Film Committee will continue its film services with "The Champ" Friday, January 23, at 8 p.m. in the CPA. Admission is 25 cents with student ID and 50 cents without.

Lyric Tenor Cary Michaels will perform Tuesday, January 27, at 8 p.m. in the CPA. The concert is open to the public free of charge.

"Grease," the 50's musical, will be performed on Monday, January 26, in the CPA. Tickets are presently on sale for \$4 per person.

The Student Leader Workshop, sponsored by Student Government, will hold its second workshop tonight from 8-10 in Stark 101. "Leadership — Getting the Job Done" is the topic for discussion and all student leaders are encouraged to attend.

The Children's Museum of Northeastern Pa. presents their Winter-Spring concert series. The first program of the series will be Sunday, January 25, at 2 P.M. in Merrick Hall, College Misericordia, Dallas, Pa. Come see and hear Juggernaut, an old-time string band, perform folk songs and traditional and Appalachian music. Tickets are available through the Children's Museum, 1710 Wyoming Ave., Forty Fort, Pa., 288-3107, and at the door. Series tickets are also available.



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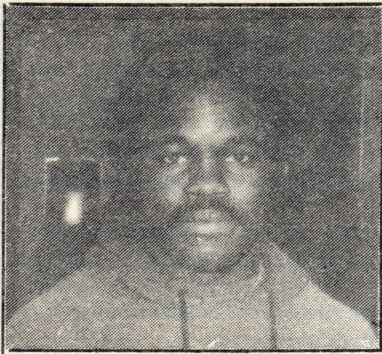
ARMY ROTC—Learn what it takes to lead

McCarrie, Nelson Star Over Break

Because of their exceptional layover the semester break, basketball's Mike McCarrie and wrestling's Lenny Nelson stand out as this issue's Athletes of the Week. Both McCarrie and Nelson are having tremendous years in their respective sports with recent events illustrating their exceptional skill.

McCarrie, a 6'5" senior, has become only the 11th player in Wilkes history to hit a career 1000 point mark, while Nelson has become one of the youngest, if not THE youngest, Wilkes grappler to garner a first place finish in the Wilkes Open Wrestling tournament.

Sporting an 11-3-1 overall record in the 142 pound class, Lenny Nelson had met his moment of glory by defeating Auburn's Clar Anderson in the final, 14-10. But the road to first place was not an easy one. In two earlier semifinals, Nelson had to take on Nebraska's All-American Al Freeman in addition to top-seeded C.D. Mock, the nation's second leading scorer in tournament competition. "He beat three really outstanding kids in a

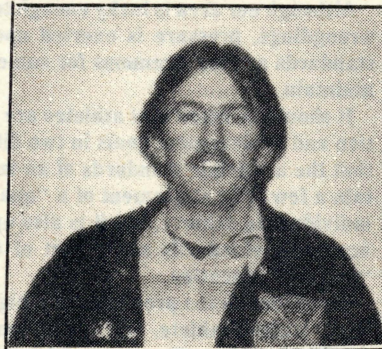


LENNY NELSON

row, which was a tremendous performance." Coach John Reese said, adding that Nelson is "Starting to mature and do what we felt he could do. We knew he had potential." Nelson came away from the Wilkes Open with a perfect 5-0 mark, while his overall totals during the holidays was an impressive 9-1 slate.

While Nelson has been doing an outstanding job on the mat, Mike McCarrie has been competing exceptionally well on the court. With a 15-foot jumper from the left at

the 4:44 mark of the first half against Alvernia, McCarrie had become one of the few members of the Wilkes 1000 point club. Tenth place Clarence Osgo is only 70 points away as of press time, and if McCarrie continues his 15-point game average, he is most likely to move up several notches on the Wilkes All-Time scoring list. Scoring 138 points this season, McCarrie's lifetime scoring total stands at 1,030 points thus far.



MIKE MCCARRIE

In addition to their milestone accomplishments, both athletes have been competing very well in regular season competition. McCarrie, Wilkes' leading scorer this year, had game high performances against Alvernia and Misericordia, shooting 18 and 24 points, respectively. Scoring 15 points in the first half against Misericordia, McCarrie played a major role in helping Wilkes keep up with their opponent; Misery scored 75 percent of their shots in the first half.

In wrestling, Nelson won 4 of 5 matches over the holidays, with on-

ly his loss at the hands of Nebraska's Al Freeman, the All-American he defeated in the tournament. In the winning column, Nelson defeated Missouri's Bill Proter, 7-3; George Mason's Pat Smith, 17-4; Syracuse's Gary Siegal, 6-4; and Rutgers' Jim Grabler, by default.

Lenny Nelson and Mike McCarrie, two of Wilkes' finest athletes, must be commended for their fine performances. The Beacon sports staff extends its congratulations to both competitors for their superior efforts.

MARK JAMES

SPORTS NOTICE

There will be a meeting for the Women's Softball Team Tuesday, Jan. 27 at 11:15 a.m. in Weckesser Annex. All girls wishing to play are urged to attend. New members are welcome.

Super Bowl Poem

It's the pride and poise, the Raiders renowned,
Against the Eagles, finally off the ground.
Alas, there is the team of great respect,
Contested by a team of long neglect,
But come this Sunday, the slate polished clean,
Only one side will have fulfilled its dream.
East coast or west, with the clapping of hands,
The screaming, the drinking, left to the fans,
There will be a victor, for that's all sure,
But Monday morn's headache will have no cure.
Pete Steve likes the Eagles, what does he know?
Predictions, they come, but many will go.
Others have picked, be it this way or that,
Some like illogic and other's weak fact.
Both teams are strong in their defense and oh,
Watch for each offense, oboy can they go!
Both of the coaches, of fine dignity;
The runners, King and, of course, Montgomery
Will play a large role, as will the front line.
The receivers of the team, caught short on time
Will test the leader, its defensive backs
Like Hayes must be great to stop pass attacks.
The quarterbacks, noble as any could get,
Jaworski the lesser, so watch Plunkett.
As the clock ticks down, one thing will be seen:
The best will rise, the winner, the cream.
So comes the time I will pick with reverence,
The winning team, my personal preference,
The Raiders will stand up, mighty and proud,
And Philly will echo, booing quite loud.

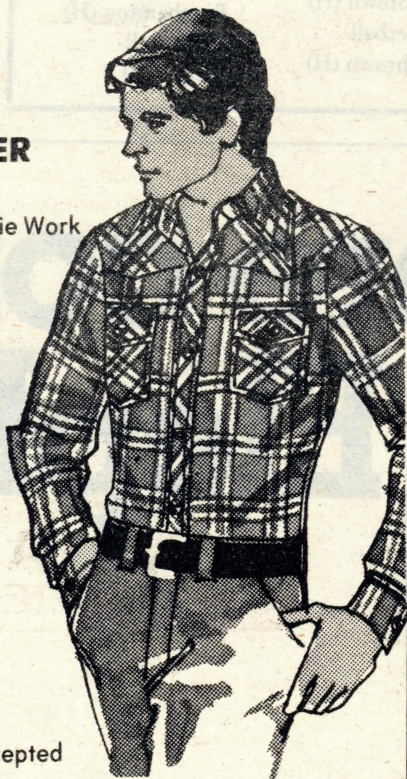
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SUMTHIN' EXTRA

by Pete Steve



Without a doubt, 1980 was the most embarrassing year the NCAA has ever experienced. Numerous scandals plagued the athletic programs of major and minor institutions throughout the entire country.

The sports world witnessed numerous wrongdoings exposed in areas of recruitment, academics, and eligibility. Seasons were forfeited, players were denied graduation, and numerous coaches resigned as a result of various investigations of athletic curriculums.

After all of these occurrences, one has to wonder about the direction which athletic programs are headed. Originally looked upon as an extra-curricular activity for athletically inclined students, sports are now becoming the heart and soul of many institutions of higher learning.

Who would have ever thought that academics would become the extra-curricular activity at a college or university. Although this seems to be a play on words, in all reality, this is what is taking place. Because of the very difficult financial situations of many institutions, athletics are a very important part of the school's continued existence.

With most colleges and universities fighting to keep from going under, the process of educating the public has turned into a big business. One of the ways numerous schools have found to increase the economic backing of the institution is through the "sale" of athletic contests or programs.

By increasing the quality of athletic performance on the court or field, institutions have found that economic stability can be attained. Although this process is perfectly legitimate when the athletes involved are in good academic standing at the school, it does become a corrupt use of mankind when it becomes an end in itself.

The athletic importance of an individual often times has greater weight than academic excellence in many colleges and universities. Or at least it used to! With the numerous scandals exposed in many of our large institutions, school officials are now becoming more cautious in their establishment of priorities. Although they are still willing to ease the pressures of a higher education on their star athletes, they are less willing to risk public embarrassment through investigations and exposure of blatant academic endowments.

In the past, coaches were willing to do anything to get a star athlete who would help out their particular program. Testimonies from former athletes

who did not make it into the pros in their respective sports exposed the unethical recruiting policies of many coaches and institutions. But in recent months, especially after the federal investigation of many athletic programs, coaches have changed their tone as far as the importance of athletes is concerned.

In the November 30th issue of the NCAA News, Roman Gabriel, head football coach at California Polytechnic State University, stated that, "In a lot of situations, I think kids are used for their four years of athletics and then turned loose with nothing to show for it. Very, very few can go on to play pro ball. When our players leave here, we want them to be well-balanced, disciplined individuals. We want to teach them how to get along well in society."

This is an attitude that many coaches are now adopting for their recruiting policy. Whether or not it is just another ploy used by coaches to bring into their program a star athlete of their choice remains to be seen. One thing is for certain, an attitude which stresses the academic as well as athletic excellence of a student is an attitude of success.

Although our area is lucky enough to be free of such athletic scandals and wrongdoings, pressure is exerted upon institutions when their academic standards are too strenuous for some of the athletes (and non-athletes) to maintain.

It should be noted that athletes are in a very rough position, with dedication and achievement goals in two different areas. But it must be stressed that the academic standards of an institution cannot be lessened to entertain a few. The attainment of a "quality" education is not only up to each individual to achieve, but it is also up to the institution to provide. Proper academic standards are a part of the institutions responsibilities for a "quality" education.

Even though the pressures of a higher education are great upon the student, student-athlete, and institution respectively, there is a point where harmony among all concerned is produced. How silly it would be for a college or university to exist solely for the purpose of extra-curricular activities, whether they be athletics, debate, student government, or whatever. Only by working together, instead of against each other can everyone come out a winner in the end. For without the youth of the world, there would be no institutions of higher learning. But without these institutions, there would be no world. Think about it!

Sports Calendar

Jan. 22
W. basketball-
Albright (H)
Jan. 24
Wrestling-
Temple (A)
Basketball-
Scranton-
Swarthmore (H)

W. Basketball-
Upsala (A)
Jan. 26
Basketball-
Elizabethtown (H)
W. Basketball-
Elizabethtown (H)

Jan. 27
JV Wrestling-
Keystone (H)
Jan. 28
Wrestling-
Binghamton (H)
Basketball-
King's (H)

Bowling Results

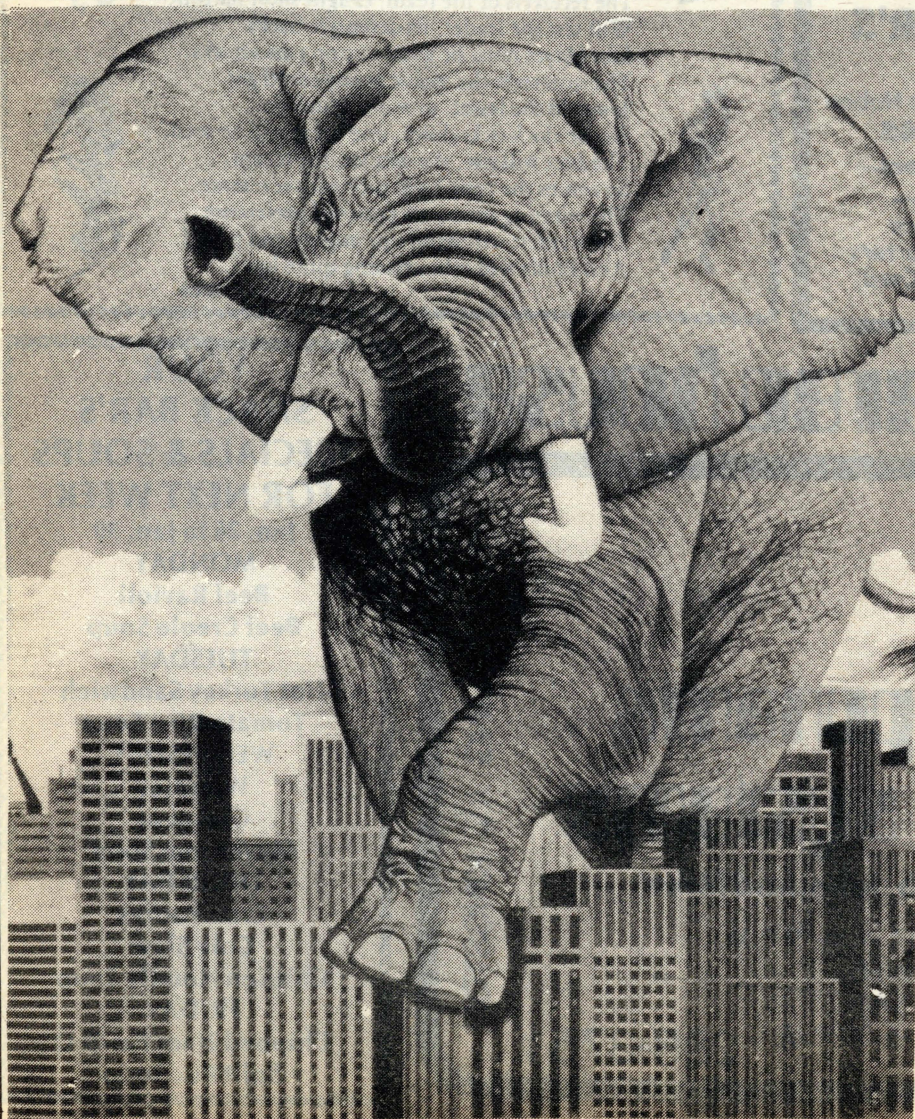
The Wilkes College Bowling Club began another semester of pin-wrecking devastation. Many problems have been encountered this semester, however. The major concern is a lack of interest in the club. The first week produced only 23 bowlers; compared to other years this is a tremendous disappointment. If any person or group of people would like to participate in the club this semester, simply go to Chacko's East Lanes on the corner of South and South Main Sts. (one block from campus) at 4 p.m., Jan. 23. If there are any questions, phone Doug Williams at 823-2406.

Due to the lack of teams, the first week was limited to bowling for average, therefore, no standings are available. An team that missed this week will not be penalized for their absence. Head to head competition will begin Jan. 23. High scores for the week: Jack Kijek, 563; Tim Page, 568; Robbie Bale, 539; and Bill Petrick, 579.

DOUG WILLIAMS

SPORTS NOTICE

This Saturday, Jan. 24, at 7 p.m., the Wilkes College Colonels will take on the Scranton University Royals at the South Franklin Street Gym in what could be the best basketball matchup of the year. The game will be televised on WBRE-TV as a part of that station's MAC basketball coverage. All students are urged to attend this game and show their support for the Colonels!



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