

## Bork To Speak

## Commencement May 30

The Honorable Robert H. Bork, solicitor general of the United States, will be the keynote speaker during the 29th Annual Wilkes College Commencement on Sunday, May 30, at 2 p.m. at Ralston Field.

## Dinner Dance Opens Senior Week Events

The week before graduation has traditionally been seven days of activity and excitement for seniors. This year will be no exception.

The Commencement week events will begin Wednesday evening at 6:30 at the Treadway Inn with the annual senior dinner dance. The affair is for graduates and their guests and music will be by Museum.

Thursday evening the senior class is sponsoring a pizza and beer party at Ralston Field. Festivities will begin at 8:30 with music by Scorpio. The party is open to seniors and their guests and identification will be checked at the gate.

A Commencement rehearsal will be held Friday morning at 10 in the gymnasium, and at 11:30 there will be a senior class meeting. A senior class picnic will be held at Dr. Farley's farm from 12-4 p.m. in Beaumont.

The Commencement ceremony is set for 2 p.m. at Ralston Field on Sunday.

The week's activities will be climaxed Sunday evening with the yearly Commencement party given by the Alumni Association at the Sterling Hotel. The reception-dance will begin at 8 and all students, faculty and friends are invited.

The ceremony will be held in the Kingston Armory in case of inclement weather.

This year the Baccalaureate will be combined with the Graduation program.

Bork, solicitor general since June of 1973, is a member of the American Bar Association and is a trustee to the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars.

Also, he has been a consultant to the Cabinet Committee on Education and in 1968 he was a member of the Presidential Task Force on Anti-Trust. In 1972, he was appointed as a special master by a three-judge district court to reapportion the Connecticut General Assembly.

Born in Pittsburgh, Pa. in 1927, Bork received his B.A. from the University of Chicago in 1948. In 1953, he received his J. D. from the University of Chicago Law School. He was admitted to the Illinois Bar in 1953.

From 1954-1955, Bork was an associate of the Wilke, Owen, Farr and Gallagher law firm in New York. Later he became a partner in the law firm of Kirkland and Ellis in Chicago.

He was an associate professor of law at Yale University from 1962-1965 and from 1965-1973, he was a professor of law. While at Yale, his primary areas of teaching and writing were constitutional law and anti-trust law.

He has had several articles dealing with constitutional principles and anti-trust laws printed in such publications as FORTUNE and the INDIANA LAW JOURNAL.

## Capin Seeks New Personality For Position Of Academic Dean

With the appointment of Robert S. Capin as president of Wilkes College, the office of Dean of Academic Affairs has been left vacant. But according to President Capin, the office will hopefully be filled no later than August 1.

He stressed that the new dean will be someone from outside the college who possesses a Ph.D. and the best academic experience possible.

Capin explained that since he himself is from within the college family, the academic dean should be someone who can provide a fresh outlook on matters. He said the dean will be able to view issues objectively since he will be "looking through a brand new pair of eyes."

Such a dean "may have new ideas which we haven't explored."

Capin pointed out that he will not make any unilateral decision concerning the selection of the new dean, and that faculty participation will be sought.

The college will also be looking for a new person to fill the office of development. "We feel there is a real need for a person who will have development as their only concern, who will explore new avenues for raising money, and who will make new contacts."

He said that Thomas Moran and Arthur Hoover did an outstanding job this year with development, but they had other responsibilities that needed full-time attention.

Capin, when questioned about his goals for the upcoming year, said, "My goals will be the same as those implemented when the college first



Robert S. Capin

began - to maintain the academic quality of the institution. I don't want to see academic principles compromised."

He added that he wants to upgrade the faculty - that is, keep the present faculty members abreast of changes in their field.

Because of the job situation, Capin pointed out that Wilkes will be able to acquire extremely qualified faculty members who have been released from other institutions. He also noted that while the college may benefit from other colleges' losses, the reverse is also true.

The new president also mentioned that his open door policy will be maintained as he is always willing to discuss campus problems. "There is

no problem here which is insurmountable if people are willing to work together," he said. He hopes that people will not work for him, but with him. "We're working as a team."

"However, I will be my own man. The buck stops here and I realize that. You have to make decisions and risk being uncomfortable, and I was uncomfortable at times this year. But if you aren't willing to make those decisions, you shouldn't be in the top seat."

When questioned about his past year as acting president and any restrictions he may have had in that position, he replied that he had no restrictions within college policy. He

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## CC Campus Parking Report Released

Commuter Council's Transportation Committee has released information on the on-campus parking program for commuters in an effort to dispel student complaints about favoritism in the selection of recipients of parking stickers.

Release of the five-page report is "due to some noted dissatisfaction with the method of allocating on-campus parking stickers and also some unmerited suppositions concerning the acquisition of stickers through personal friendships," the report points out.

The report outlines the system used for the 22 spaces allocated in mid-April. The report asserts the same procedure was used for the allocation of the 50 spaces in the Temple Israel lot last fall.

According to the report, spaces are allocated only to those commuters who submit applications. The application forms "were available at the sub-level of the Commons for two weeks before both allocations and were publicized by posters and the BEACON." The report points out that 130 applications for the 50 Temple Israel spaces were received in the fall and an additional 35

applications for the 22 Parrish and Gore spaces were received last month.

The next step in the selection process is the evaluation of all applications. "Applications are evaluated not by name but by information," the report contends. "Each application is given a number and its information (miles, car pool, class, etc.) is transferred to a master data sheet for evaluation and elimination."

The report describes criteria for evaluation:

—"Commuting distance daily (round trip) is the most important factor."

—"A positive and important factor is also participation in a car pool (If mileages are similar—within a five-mile range—preference is given to those in a car pool). That way, more students benefit."

—"A third factor we consider, though only lightly, is your year in school. Seniors get preference to juniors and so on. This type of preference is only used if all the other factors fail to make for a clear choice."

—"Special conditions such as involvement in internships, teaching,

etc. are also weighed during the consideration."

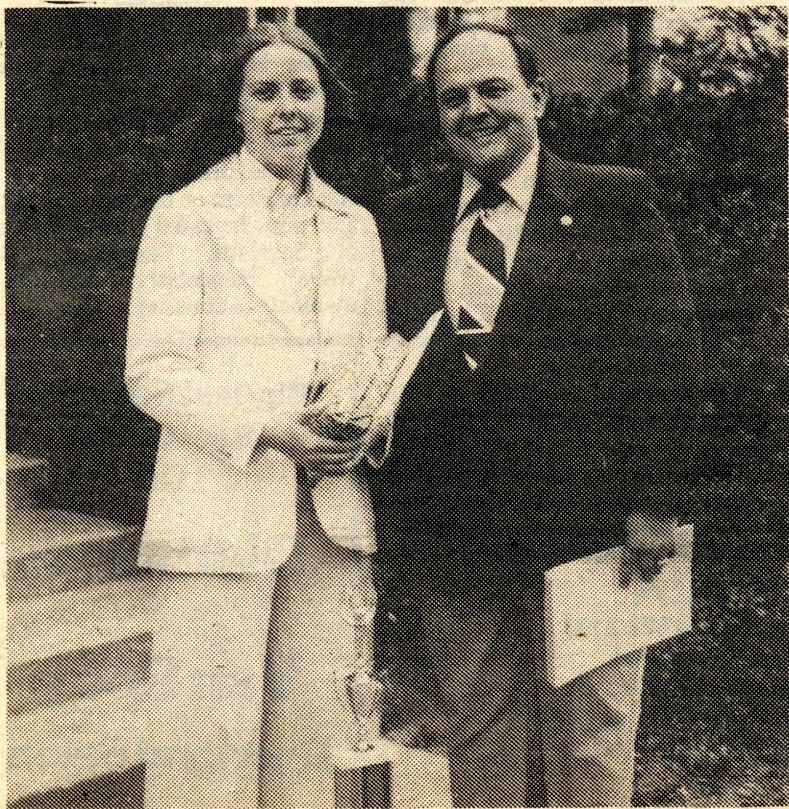
"The final choices are weighed on these criteria, for this is the most equitable system we could come up with for our situation," the report says.

Choices for sticker recipients are made by the full transportation committee, the report points out. Committee members in the fall are listed as Jackie Pickering, Ray Ostroski, and Len Shatkus. Members of the committee during the April allocation are Miss Pickering, Ostroski, and Sheila Kupinsky.

"It was not a one-man decision," the report contends.

The report also notes that recipients of stickers must file a registration form with the business office and abide by all parking regulations. Recipients must ensure that their stickers are visible on the driver's side of the dashboard or windshield. An auto may be ticketed if the sticker is not properly displayed, the report warns.

The report was submitted by Ostroski, committee chairman; and members Miss Kupinsky, Sharon Gillman, Shatkus, and Miss Pickering. (related chart on page 3)



Nancy Roberts, senior psychology major, is shown accepting congratulations from Art Hoover, alumni director, on her four awards Tuesday at the annual awards luncheon.



## ANALYSIS

# Progress Achieved By Departing CC

By Frank Baran

Commuter Council had its ups and downs this past year. It made several noteworthy contributions toward making the lives of Wilkes' commuters happier and easier. But it also fell short of the mark on several other matters.

CC's main accomplishments are summed up in one word—commuting. A three-pronged policy, under the direction of CC's Transportation Committee, aided Wilkes' 1,400 commuting students by obtaining the first on-campus student parking lots, fighting successfully against rate increases at the city's Park and Lock garages, and administering—as it had done in past years—special student rate programs for Park and Lock facilities and for bus tokens.

In granting CC 50 spaces in the Temple Israel lot and 22 in two other lots, the college administration made a significant policy shift.

To distribute the 72 parking spaces among the 1,400 Wilkes commuters, the Transportation Committee devised and implemented an allocation system.

Recently, however, many commuters have raised questions about the validity of the allocation system.

The main fault of the allocation system is that it relies too heavily on information submitted by applicants for parking stickers. And, as CC's recently released report indicates, many students have supplied inaccurate or dishonest information to CC.

Also, allocations are not made on purely quantitative measurements. Rather, they are based on daily round-trip commuting distance, plus the qualitative effects of car pooling and class year.

These problems jeopardize the equitability of the entire allocation system, making it no fairer than if spaces were distributed on the basis of chance, happenstance, favoritism, or nepotism.

On another commuting matter, CC's Transportation Committee served the student interest admirably by swift action which saved commuters about \$2,400 this school year.

Late last summer, the city Parking Authority voted to raise monthly student parking rates at Park and Lock South from \$10 to \$12 beginning in the fall semester.

Protests from CC Transportation Committee Chairman Ray Ostroski and CC Advisor Art Hoover resulted in an extension of the \$10 rate for the fall semester. Then, in January, Ostroski and CC Treasurer Len Shatus won another rate extension for the spring semester.

CC's group rate for the city's Park and Lock South garage benefited an average of 150 students each month. CC's Transportation Committee also supervised the sale of bus tokens.

In other matters, though, CC encountered many problems. The administration of elections—seemingly a simple task—posed difficulties for CC. CC's freshmen representatives were elected much too late in the school year, and the CC presidential election was almost botched by misjudgements in initially allowing the use of absentee ballots.

Problems—not always of CC's making—cropped up in the conduct of social activities. Dinner dance costs often exceeded estimates. Security at dinner dances was inadequate. The seven-hour CC film festival was felt by too many to have been too long.

But perhaps the new CC officers will learn from the mistakes of their predecessors. CC President Dave Cherundolo, Vice President Barry Pezzner, Treasurer Dave Ney, Recording Secretary Rosetta Chivacci, and Corresponding Secretary Denise Strickland will find that although CC has made some progress this year, much work still remains to be done.



**HARD AT WORK**—So are the members of the Wilkes Concert Band, Concert Choir, and Chorus in preparation for the upcoming concert.

Jan Pedersen, Choral Director, is shown conducting as William Weber, Band Director, follows the score. This is the final concert for both directors since dropping enrollment has eliminated the need for their services for next year.

## 'Pops' Concert To End On Sad Note As Participants Give Last Performance

Tomorrow evening at 8:30 the Wilkes College Department of Music will present the Concert Band, Concert Choir and Chorus in a combined "Pops" Concert. The gala event will take place in the C.P.A. and is free of charge.

However it is a sad musical production since it will be the final concert for seniors, but more important it is the final presentation for both directors, Jan Pedersen and William Weber. The decline of enrollment has left the instructors without the option of returning to their positions at the college for next year.

William Weber is the director of the Concert Band. He has taught woodwind class, Instrumentation, Orchestration, Applied Woodwinds, Theory, as well as introductory Music at Wilkes since 1970. This is his first school year with the Band, although he has directed many ensemble groups.

Jan Pedersen, Chorus Director, came to Wilkes in 1974 and is a voice instructor. Miss Pedersen also teaches Theory, Conducting, and founded the Concert Choir this past year in addition to the Wilkes Chorus. She also organized the first tour for the Choir.

The last is always the best and this

"Pops" Concert promises the best of both directors.

The program opens with a George Gershwin medley for Band and Chorus. Hoagy Carmichael's "Stardust" follows for the band alone.

The Choruses continue with three modern selections with guitar, bass, piano and drum accompaniment. Miss Pedersen's arrangement of "Come Saturday Morning," "The Green Leaves of Summer," and "Movin' On" are the three songs.

The band then adds the choreography of Daria Duh, freshman from Bethlehem, in a composition by Leonard Bernstein called "Danzon."

Paul Simon's "Bridge Over Troubled Waters" follows for the Choruses and guitar combo.

What has almost become a tradition for the band is next on the program. Only this year the Choruses join in the tradition of performing the compositions of the senior Band Arranging class. The chief arranger is David Stewart, from Morrisville, N.Y., has put together the various arrangement of the seniors. The total medley is called "Changes" and covers music from blues and country to rock.

Stewart's arrangement of "The Flute Thing" begins the set followed by "Close To You" arranged by David Skopek from Nanticoke. Joseph Jedju, Scranton, brings out a bit of the country with his version of John Denver's "Country Roads" followed by Joseph Ruder, also of Scranton, taking Duke Ellington's "Paris Blues" and arranging a piece for band and chorus.

This segment concluded with the powerful rock sounds of "Blood, Sweat & Tears." Darice Sablesky, Kingston, has arranged "You Made Me So Very Happy" for combined

groups and solo.

The second half of the concert begins with the Concert Band performing the "Susquehannock March." This particular march was written by Dr. Harold Thatcher, former chairman of the History Department at Wilkes and Professor Emeritus.

The Choruses continue in the program with selections from the musical "Funny Girl." Included in this medley are the popular tunes "People" and "Don't Rain On My Parade."

"The Band That Jack Built," the next selection for the band, is a nostalgic novelty piece for band with a narration by Richard Vaverka, a sophomore from Kingston.

The Choruses then will perform "Walk Him Up The Stairs," a "soul" spiritual from the modern Black musical "Purlie."

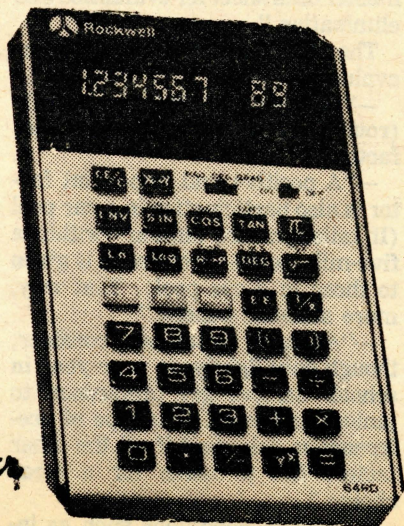
Concluding the concert, the combined groups will end with "Broadway Curtain Time" a medley of hits from Broadway shows including "Hello Dolly," "Mame," and others.

## NOTICE

In the final recital of the year, the Wilkes Department of Music announces the joint Senior Recital of Joseph D'Alessandro, Wyoming, and David Skopek, from Nanticoke. It will be presented in the Dante Recital Room on Sunday, May 23, at 3:30 p.m. Included will be the work of Scarlatti, Beethoven, W.V. Weber, Mendelssohn, and Rachmaninoff. Admission is free.

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## ANALYSIS

# SG: More Talk Than Action

By Wilma Hurst

Student Government had a "fairly good year as far as being internally active," stated Zeke Zaborney as he presided over the body for the last time. "As far as major accomplishments, we didn't accomplish anything because the school is in the process of changing to a new president."

It is definitely true that SG can't boast of many noteworthy accomplishments, and the excuse given by Zaborney does cover several proposals which never survived the lengthy process needed for approval (SG to Dean's Council to President's Council to the Board of Trustees), but by no means is the college administration entirely to blame. SG itself had a number of problems which proved harmful to the body and its effectiveness.

During discussion of an issue recently, Gina O'Brien, new SG president, inquired, "Does SG want to do anything about it, or was it just brought up for discussion?" That states the problem very nicely.

SG did a lot of discussing this year and very little doing. Tuesday nights were great rap sessions, but that's about all they were. It seems that many members were content to dis-

cuss an issue and then promptly forget it, if they bothered to discuss it at all. For apathy, that deadly disease which strikes a large percentage of the student body, appears to be contagious.

However, it's only being completely fair to note that a great deal of time is required from all members in order for an organization to be effective, and time is usually something many college students, especially those in student government, do not have. Student government can easily become a full-time job, as can many other activities. But surely SG members knew this before they entered the election.

While this year's SG would probably prefer to be remembered for its bright moments, it will likely be doomed to be remembered for its failures and ineffectiveness. It's true that most news is usually bad news, and in this sense SG often made good copy.

Its disastrous concert management led to a \$7,000 bill for damages, a possible court case which may return to haunt next year's body, and the possibility that concerts will not be held on this campus for a long time. Even its advisor pointed his finger at SG for that incident, stating that the body had adopted a "laissez-

faire attitude in concert administration" and accusing it of "not representing the students or the college in their best interests."

The Student Union Board existed for a short time as a committee of SG this year, a move which angered Union Board members from the beginning and was as one SG member put it, "the dumbest move SG ever made." After a short period of confusion, during which SG representatives proved they knew little about managing such an operation, a re-vote restored the board to its independent position, and the co-author of the original proposal remarked that it could have worked, but SG wasn't "responsible enough" to do it.

The SG constitution proved to be ineffective and vague and it caused its share of problems several times, as SG members were forced to debate its interpretation. This added to the confusion of the particular issue and delayed action, leading to a decision to revamp the document by next year.

The vagueness of the constitution and its subsequent interpretations led one SG officer to complain bitterly about an apparent double set of standards concerning students and SG. Charlie Munson accused SG of "busting people all year to follow rules," but overlooking the mistakes it itself made.

Leadership of SG was not as effective as it should have been, since the body appeared to need someone to push them from discussion to action. Zaborney fell short in this respect, although he appeared to become a stronger leader during the spring semester, especially in conducting the meetings. More parliamentary procedure is needed, however, despite the apparent disdain of some members.

But although the 1975-76 SG will leave behind some unpleasant memories, there was a bit of silver lining in the cloud. Homecoming, efforts to honor Peter Jadelis, its proposal to place a voting student on the Board of Trustees, and its questioning of the Hahnemann program, clarifying a number of problems, were some of its accomplishments.

In most cases its handling of fund requests showed it was concerned with where the money was going, and it did play an important role in preventing an increase in the activity fee.

Although at times the discussions became trivial, they were lively, and many members showed intelligent interest in the issues. They asked questions that often were very significant and relevant, but too often they were content to let them go unanswered.

Their action concerning the Student Union Board was taken with good intentions and showed a willingness to take on a great deal of responsibility, even though it proved to be more than they could handle.

In addition, the future looks much brighter than the past. President O'Brien is proving to be a forceful leader, pushing the body to get past the words and take some action. She will have to overcome the apathy, resentment and disrespect some members are exhibiting, but she appears to have an excellent executive council to work with.

In a recent BEACON article she stated, "I saw how things were going and I thought I could take them further than they were."

Hopefully she will.



**OUTSTANDING DORM STUDENTS**— In voting last week among dormitory students, Joseph Marchetti, Hazleton, Pa. and Frances Polakowski, Georgetown, Conn., were chosen outstanding dorm students of the year. A plaque is awarded yearly by the Inter-Dormitory Council to one male and one female dorm student. The award instituted to honor those two dorm students that have contributed most to dormitory life.

## Wilkes' Future To Be Discussed At Work Session This Month

A representative group comprised of about 50 students, faculty, and administration will participate in "Operation Future," a three-day work session May 24-26, to discuss where Wilkes College is at and where it is going.

At least 18 students will be involved in the program. The faculty and administration are still being chosen.

The goals of the operation are to clarify the views of students, faculty, and administration about selected issues at the college; to establish techniques which students can use in their classrooms; and to establish follow-up plans.

On Monday, May 24, participants will meet to identify campus problems that need discussion. On Tuesday, the group will move to the Bear Creek Camp and Conference Site, Bear Creek, to engage in a full day of working out problems. On Wednesday, evaluations and problem-solving and planning will take place.

**Capin** from page 1  
was given full responsibility by the Board of Trustees and felt "a freedom of action" in making decisions.

President Capin also clarified a point contained in the announcement of his appointment which ran in the special edition of the BEACON. He pointed out that he did not found the accounting internship program as it was stated, although he did work closely with it. He attributed the accomplishment to the late Dr. Samuel Rosenberg, former chairman of the Commerce and Finance Department.

Participants will be fed four meals and will be housed at the conference site on Tuesday evening.

The cost of the operation is about \$1300. The Department of Education is funding \$1000 and Wilkes is funding the remainder.

## Percussion Concert Sunday In CPA

The unique sound of percussion is the sound of today. The Wilkes College Department of Music presents the Percussion Ensemble in Concert on Sunday, May 23 at 8:30 in the C.P.A.

The group is under the direction of Mr. Rosendo Santos. Members of the group include: Richard Gregory and Joseph Serenti, both of Dunmore; Lee Strumski and Mary Neylon from Wilkes-Barre; Elayne Tubman and Darice Sablesky from Kingston; and Robert Kennedy from Scranton.

The highlight of their program will be the premiere performances of three original compositions by Mr. Santos. The first is "Metamorphosis of a Nation" an elaborate piece featuring a baritone voice solo by Mr. Richard Chapline, voice instructor at Wilkes. Also, a mixed chorus and percussion accompaniment will be included. The selection contains three movements: "1492," "1776," and "1976."

"Preludio Espagnol," the second composition by Mr. Santos, features a trumpet, bassoon, and alto saxophone trio with percussion.

The third original composition is "Rudimental Percussion on Parade."

The concert is free of charge.

from page 1 **THOSE CHOSEN FOR ON CAMPUS PARKING (22)**  
(16 spaces at Paradise, 6 spaces at Gore)

NAME	CITY	COMMUTING DIST. DAILY (RD. TRIP)	PARTICIPATION IN CAR POOL/NO	CLASS
P. BOND	BENTON	60 mi.	NO	Jr.
M. MISHINSKI	HAZLETON	50	YES-3	So.
M. ROMANOSKI	DALLAS	34	NO	So.
M. WEIDA	Gouldsboro	34	NO	Jr.
J. RUSHEFSKI	Old Forge	32	YES-5	So.
L. HADSELL	NORAN	30	NO	Jr.
J. FITT	OLD FORGE	30	NO	Fr.
T. BARONIO	HAZLETON	30	YES-4	Jr.
J. HARMON	W. Pittston	20	NO	Jr.
S. ORLOWSKI	Wyoming	20	NO	So.
D. DOYLE	Pittston	20	YES-3	So.
K. DERBIN	SCRANTON	20	NO	So.
C. MILAZZO	Pittston	19	YES-4	Fr.
R. CHIVACCI	Hughes town	18	YES-3	So.
S. BUTERA	DALLAS	18	NO	So.
L. SHATKUS	INKERMAN	16	NO	So.
H. LEWIS	Wyoming	16	NO	So.
J. JASTREM	Plains	14	YES-4	Jr.
M. E. ALU	Pittston	14	YES-5	Jr.
L. KERN	Pittston	16	NO	So.
G. BRODY	DALLAS	15	NO	So.
B. LONG	TRUCKSVILLE	14	YES-3	So.

* THOSE NOT CHOSEN FOR ON-CAMPUS PARKING PRIVILEGES				
J. KOZEY	Mt. Top	20	NO	Fr.
(NOT CHOSEN BECAUSE HE WAS NOT IN A CAR POOL AND WAS ONLY A FRESHMAN - HIGHER CLASSES WITH LESS MILEAGE TRIP)				
K. BOZINSKI	NANTICOKE	15	NO	So.
E. PURTA	Kingston	10	YES-2	Fr.
T. PACE	Swoyersville	12	NO	So.
K. MOODY	Forty Fort	12	YES-2	Fr.
M. L. ZAWATSKI	W-B	10	YES-2	Jr.
N. ROBERTS	LUZERNE	10	YES-3	So.
S. SPRECHINI	Forty Fort	6	NO	Jr.
J. RENOE	W-B	5	NO	Jr.
L. RIDZIC	W-B	3	NO	So.

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## New SG Is Making Progress

As we look at the records of Student Government, Commuter Council and Inter-Dormitory Council this year, it is painfully obvious that none of these groups has had a very noteworthy term.

Leadership was weak, and as a result, the representatives of the respective organizations did little more than discuss the issues put before them without taking much definite action. Even plain interest on the part of the elected representatives was lacking in some cases, as IDC failed to form a quorum several times this semester alone.

Excuses, including the one that the college was in a transitional state while searching for a new president, do not justify the inaction observed this year.

However, new executive councils and representatives have been installed, and at least one group appears to be making progress already.

Student Government, under President Gina O'Brien and an enthusiastic, dedicated Executive Council, already has shown signs of life, and the outlook for next year is bright to this point.

Part of O'Brien's platform when she ran for the SG presidency was to re-activate the committee structure and provide the members with some definite goals to strive for. We are pleased to note that this was not just an idle campaign promise, for last week a list of goals for each SG committee was announced.

If those goals are good indicators, each committee will be very active next year, and SG will accomplish a great deal through committee work alone.

The election team will concentrate on improving the electoral process on campus, which desperately needs some revisions. The academic team has several excellent ideas on which it will work, including a decimal grading system, finals exemption and grade inflation. The constitution, social and film committees also should be active groups.

Another point in O'Brien's favor is her leadership ability. She is not extremely eloquent or articulate, but her determination and interest are obvious. She will not allow the SG body to lie dormant and discuss problems without doing anything about them. Already she has initiated action on several issues, including the communication problem in the security force and opening SLC at night.

She also is stressing a parliamentary procedure course for SG members, which she believes still facilitate meetings by adding more order to the discussions. After observing a year of SG sessions, we agree that order is definitely needed.

But O'Brien must contend with the apathy of some members, not to mention the disrespect she is currently battling. Hopefully, the resentment a few members have will give way to a desire to fulfill their obligations without letting personal feelings affect SG's performance.

But at this point at least SG is finally heading in the right direction. IDC and CC have not had the chance to show what their executive councils can do, but we hope they decide to follow SG's example and become the active organization they should be.

## Letters To The Editor

### Assistant SUB Director Finds Fitchner Qualified

#### To the Editor:

In reply to your recent letter concerning Patti Fichtner, present director of the Student Union Board, I can only say Patti is the most qualified individual for the job. Bill Austin's obviously biased letter gave no indication of Patti's actual qualifications. She has served the Student Union diligently for three years, and has shown her dedication by working voluntarily on numerous occasions. Even in her short term as director, she has brought about positive changes in the functioning of the Student Union facilities such as a master calendar, work calendar, and the acquiring of funds for substantial repairs as part one of the plan for developing the Student Union Building and areas.

This partially includes the renovation of the basement, installation of a service bar and

construction of a staircase from the upper to lower level. These additions will increase the accessibility of the S.U.B. Because Patti is so valuable to the Student Union the fact that she is a blue card worker is irrelevant. Needless to say her salary is a minor sum of money for such sincere dedication.

I would also like to clarify that Patti's decision to select Clint Franklin as the director of the Pickering game room was not arbitrary and entailed hours of thought on Patti's part combined with interviews and discussion by the board.

In conclusion, I think it is obvious that Patti Fichtner is truly qualified to manage and direct the Student Union.

**Peggy Tomczak**  
Assistant Director

# BEACON Editors Reflect On Wilkes

By Donna M. Geffert

As the academic year is concluding, many seniors will be leaving the campus with mixed feelings.

In retrospect Wilkes College has been good to me during my four years of study. As a senior I cannot wait for Sunday, May 30 to arrive. As an alumnus of Wilkes I will remember the college for all that it has given me, educationally and socially.

At least twice weekly I have a dream concerning Commencement. Donning my cap and gown, I assemble in the Kingston Armory because of inclement weather with my classmates. Patiently waiting for the B.A. recipients to begin marching toward the stage, I reflect upon the 48 months I have been associated with the College.

Prior to my arrival in June, I see myself trudging through mounds of mud left after the Agnes Disaster, in an attempt to help with the massive campus cleanup.

As a freshman I remember studying at least 10 hours for a Dr. Rodechko World Civilization test on the third floor of the Farley library amidst the vacuuming by the maintenance staff, cleaning the carpeted floors.

During the first semester of my sophomore year we experienced a sad event, the death of the First President of Wilkes College Dr. Eugene S. Farley. A special tribute was paid him with the cancellation of all classes for that day in September, 1973.

As a sophomore I remember Dr. Rizzo standing on a table in the Music Building, illustrating how the Greeks hurled spears at the Trojans in Homer's epic, "Iliad." Final examinations in the gym also have left an

imprint on my back, not my mind. Sitting through long hours of testing in the metal folding chairs, has contributed to the slight curvature of my spine.

As a junior I visualize the zenith of the Concert and Lecture Series as I met Gene Roddenberry and Count Basie in performance at the Center for the Performing Arts.

Academically, this was the toughest year at Wilkes. Being one of the students carrying a double major in English and history, the complexity of courses took its toll. Long days and nights of study frequently were completed with numerous treks to Donahue's.

Working on the school newspaper and for Public Relations Office capped my extracurricular activities at Wilkes.

As Editor-in-Chief, I will always remember the dedication and hard work of the staff. Weathering many storms, this cohesive group helped me every day on the campus, covering news, meeting deadlines and being true friends.

As I solemnly walk up to the stage to receive my degrees many happy memories unfold in my mind.

My name being called, I walk to and receive congratulations from President Capin upon the four-year achievement. Walking across stage I turn to the audience but instead of taking my bow, I frisbee my cap into the audience, getting much laughter. However, Dr. Kaska and the English Department are frowning.

With this I awake with the knowledge that Commencement is only 17 days away.

By Rich Colandrea

Four years are just about over.

It's quite difficult to put down the exact words describing the memorabilia. But one should think after four years of reading and writing that this exercise would be less of a chore than it really is. But it ain't.

We saw a flood, a big flood, a terrible flood, one that ruined the college. And we saw droves of students, teachers, and neighbors fight back and win.

We saw the first president of this college die while we were here. We saw the second president of this college leave for another position. And, just last week, we saw the third president named.

We saw Bailey, Basie, Roddenberry, Mr. Spock, McCarthy, Gus Hall, and even Richard Nixon when he was smiling.

Yeah, four years alright. Two of which were spent in Donahue's, the other in Boris' trying to figure out how to get the shell off the egg.

Slept through a good number of classes except the ones taught by the Pope of Parrish Hall who is the only prof to make his students have a laugh or two and still teach them something.

Won't miss the slop they try to pass off as food in the cafeteria. Almost was bounced out of here four years ago for throwing the stuff. Heard Ralston say, "Now boy you don't ever want to do that again, do you?"

Dormitory life interesting through four years. Had one roommate who was missing some marbles. Another who flunked out in his senior year because his priorities were making model airplanes rather than his classes. Had a buddy with southern accent that lived across the hall a few years ago. First day here we said cheers to the new year with a few beers only to find the cafe food on his carpet the next day. "You all shouldn't a dun that," he said.

Even dorm life today has produced great musical

maladadies. One a few doors down prefers to listen to jazz while yet another even further down the hall plays WBAX like there was no tomorrow. One claims his batteries for his radio were deliberately lifted. The other says no. Somebody upstairs called monkey.

Most of all though was the time spent for four years putting one word after the other with the big idea first and the least important last. Probably the most memorable thing for my college years. Heard a lot of bad things said about the paper, and recently a lot of good things. We produced eight pages each and every Thursday for four years not because we had to or were forced, but because we wanted to.

After sitting behind typewriter for four—still not knowing how to type the correct way—cranked out many stories on many great events.

Tried to tell it both ways, both sides. There was even a time when our competition was the Bacon, a newsletter type. The other night Kaska, a man of his word, said he thought this years BEACON was the best he'd ever seen. Hoover said that people complain about BEACON but they want to know where it is each Thursday if it's not out on time.

We don't pretend to be great, we try to be good. We give it the best and that's all. But, after this, there will never be another chance like this.

Can remember starting out as a freshman covering wrestling. It was Wilkes against U of Mass. Wilkes won. Now, leaving as editor, is difficult. Learned most of what it was about in Shawnee.

Have a few talents. Can mix cement, pump gas, paint, and write obituaries. Might be offered a job for a million. Not so, says TIME. But whether or not it's for a pot of gold, think I'll stay with a job behind a typewriter. Might not be as Hoover says, a Woodward.

But, for certain, will shoot for the place whose slogan is "all the news fit to print."

## Fall Permits To Be Mailed

Applications for commuter parking stickers for next semester will be mailed to all commuters during the summer, according to Commuter Council Transportation Committee Chairman Ray Ostroski.

Ostroski announced last Thursday that the applications will be included in mailings from the registrar's office.

Ostroski said that commuters who qualify for spaces will receive their stickers by mail before classes resume in the fall.

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# Ceramics Gaining Popularity Here

By Janine Pokrinchak

"Clay is a unique substance. It has great flexibility," commented Mr. Henry Casilli, chairman of the Fine Arts Department.

At Wilkes College, Ceramics is attracting many non majors as well as art majors. The ceramics course deals with the basic methods of working with clay, coil, pinch, slab and wheel throwing.

Mr. Casilli said the revival of working with clay in the last ten years is caused by individuals desiring to become involved with the

"creative aspects." Working with clay offers the individual the chance to return to basic elements such as fire and water.

Ceramics does not require a number of complicated tools with which the individual must work. Instead, working with clay uses the individual's hands and sometimes a potter's wheel to create objects.

At one time, objects made of clay were considered to be used strictly to hold other items. Even the term pottery, which is used to describe many objects of clay, indicates the

idea of usefulness of ceramics products.

Now, Mr. Casilli believes this tradition is being changed. He said individuals are learning they "can draw and paint clay."

Perhaps the biggest challenge in working with clay is the potter's wheel. "It is frustrating to some students," noted Mr. Casilli in discussing wheel throwing. Wheel throwing shows a mastery of skill in order to produce objects.

Regardless of which method, working with clay allows a person to stress his creativity as well as his individuality. Mr. Casilli commented the hardest part of working with clay, or any other art form, is to create an object that pleases and motivates the individual who created it.

Because clay requires fewer tools, Mr. Casilli also noted it does not demand less thinking. Deciding what to create is the most important step.

A topics course will be offered by the Fine Arts Department next Spring dealing with the potter's wheel. Beginning and Advanced Wheel Throwing will attract both levels of ability hopes Mr. Casilli.

Even though the ceramics course provides a change of pace from required courses, Mr. Casilli did mention it demands a time commitment. The individual must produce in order to learn from the course.

## Wilkes History Prof Publishes 3rd Book

Dr. Bronis J. Kaslas, the author of two books and numerous historical articles, saw the publication of his third book just last week.

The former history department chairman's most recent work deals with the Baltic states and is the first detailed study of regional integration in the Baltic area. "The Baltic Nations—The Quest for Regional Integration and Political Liberty" is a valuable source of information on the East European region.

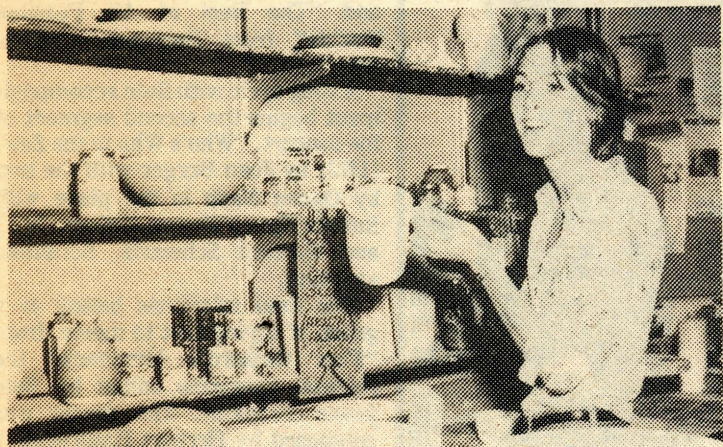
The book consists of three parts, including a survey of the history and political structure of the Baltic states, a detailed account of the search for security through regional integration, an analysis of the impact of World War II on the life and international status of the region.

Published by Euramerica, the book could be used as a textbook in specialized regional studies, especially on the graduate level.

A naturalized American citizen who was born in Lithuania, Dr. Kaslas began teaching at the college in 1949. He achieved full professorship and became chairman of the History Department before retiring from full-time teaching in 1975. He continues to teach part-time, however, and maintains an office at Franklin Hall.

He is also about to open an art gallery in Pittston, which should be completed before July. He invited art students at the college to exhibit their work free of charge and stated that he plans to provide a special section for local artists to exhibit their work.

A man of many talents, interests and concerns, in addition to his love for art, writing and history, Dr. Kaslas is active in many community organizations. Selected as an Outstanding Educator in America in 1973, he is above all an outstanding human being.



**CERAMIC CRAZE**— Art major Jean Reiter, Emerson, New Jersey, puts glaze on a clay pitcher she created for her ceramics class. The Ceramics course at Wilkes is designed for art and non-majors to learn the basic methods of working with clay.

## ESSENCE OF '76

By Sandy Akromas

As I try to meet the deadlines for my final projects, I realize another year at Wilkes is coming to a rapid close.

But there is something strange about this year: it is my last...my last year. I find it difficult to comprehend this fact. I am sure the seniors, as members of the Class of '76, share the mixed emotions.

The Class of 1976...did we really make it?

Remember our freshmen year? We groped our way into collegiate life, struggling as new-born members of the Wilkes College family. Following in our upperclassmates' footsteps, we partied to our hearts' contents — Pocono Downs, New Men's Dorm, Denison and Scarlett Lake. Life was carefree and we enjoyed every minute of it. We met many people and shared numerous sad and happy moments.

Trying to make the grades were another story. Many of us had to either change our study habits or even acquire the habit! Switching majors was another formidable task. Those were such big decisions back then.

We still carried on a carefree existence during sophomore year. But 1973-74 encompassed many personal ups and downs. Some of us were confused. "What happened?," we asked ourselves. Things had taken new shapes and forms. "Sophomore Blues" struck students and spread. There existed an unsure attitude. The seniors had forewarned us of the symptoms. We maintained, however, and the Pocono Downs parties kept us going.

Junior year. Two years behind us and two more to go. Most of us had completed our core requirements in our related field. Some of our colleagues and professors left Wilkes. Pocono Downs was gone and even the NMD party policy changed. It was like moving into a unknown era; an era which arose diverse attitudes and ideas. Party time evolved into more serious thoughts and actions. We were growing up.

Finally, our latest endeavor—entering the senior and final year at Wilkes College. We had seen many accomplishments—student parking, a Student Union Building, and a prize-winning newspaper. Our initial reconstruction of the College after the flood has now gone to the streets—causing confusion and headaches. This confusion is felt by everyone, especially us seniors. Where are we going? What will we do?

Wilkes College has provided a shelter—a protective blanket from the outside world. Now we must face reality and it is a strange sensation. Will we succeed? Are we capable of undertaking reality and its functions?

We should be confident enough to handle the intricacies of the outside world, because Wilkes, our home away from home, has given us experience and knowledge.

Consequently, we must remember that everyone of us is a unique entity of the Class of '76; each individual combines for the essence of the senior class of Wilkes College and we can be proud of this.

In our own style and manner, each of us will succeed, because Wilkes has prepared us for the essence of the real world.



By Marianne Montague

## The 'Mean Marianne' Awards

Since everybody else around here gets to present awards I decided that I'm entitled to be a presenter too. The following is my list of the year's best and most on the Wilkes Campus. Each winner is entitled to ten dollars after I sell my first book. So keep this column and pick up your reward sometime during the next fifty years.

**Best letter-writer**— Dr. Reif

**Best straight-man for Dr. Reif**— Me.

**Best catastrophe**— The day the mouse invaded Stark. (honorable mention— the day the pole fell on Paul Chromey's car.)

**Best Bad Guy**— Dick "you can't have any money" Raspen.

**Best Stunt**— Dean Ralston for riding his bike into the parking gate. (honorable mention— Ken McGraw for getting locked in the library.)

**Best Place to Have a Party**— Anywhere there's beer.

**Best hamburger-maker**— Sophie.

**Best Driver**— Coach Domzalski.

**Best injury**— Larry "Harry" Tarutis for putting his arm through the window in the Commons.

**Best Athlete**— Mr. Gasbarro for piano-moving during the flood scare.

**Best Lecturer**— Dr. Margaret Meade.

**Best Riot**— Lesley West-Slade concert. (honorable mention — St. Patrick's Day party.)

**Best Job-Opening**— Housing Director.

**Best Nervous-Breakdown Causer**— Hahneman program. (honorable mention — BEACON work)

**Best Cook**— Dr. Turoczi.

**Best Maintenance Man**— Dr. Reif.

**Best Teacher**— Nelson Carle.

**Best Creative Writers**— The kids who write all over the booths in the library.

**Best Building**— Conyngham.

**Best Crime**— The kidnapping of Dr. Rodechko's pet rock.

**Most Likely to Succeed**— Dean Ralston.

**Most unpredictable**— Mr. Moran.

**Most likely to Fall Asleep**— Greg Collier.

**Best dirty-joke laughter**— Mr. Hoover.

**Best Waste of Time**— Reading this column.

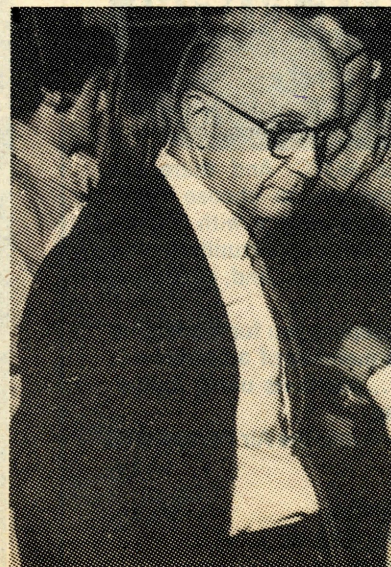
**Best Money-Making Proposition**— None.

**Best Pothole**— The one in New Men's Parking Lot.

**Best fans of "Dream On"**— Rusty, my BEACON-buddies, the swim-team, my bio-friends, Nicky Holgash, Dr. Kinney, the Boys, Meyers & Rodechko, third floor Weckesser bunch, Doty Martin's parents, my family, Barb, all my friends, Mrs. Moran, Patti Fichtner, my Nanticoke students, Nana, Miss Eaton, Dr. Hammer, all the others, and last but not least my best fan and newest friend — Dr. Reif.

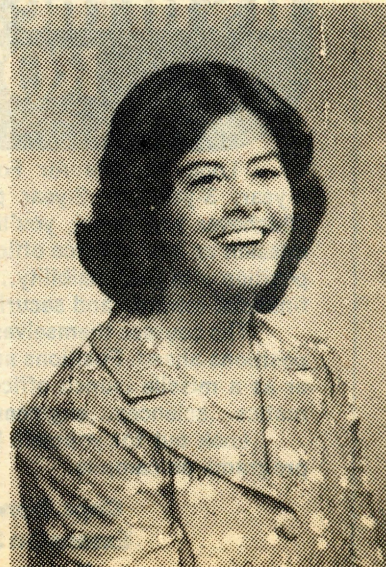
(I just want to take this opportunity to thank everyone for supporting me in this crazy venture this year. I hope I've made you laugh or at least realize that life isn't meant to be so serious. But the most important thing I wanted to share with you during this past year is the realization that things can always be better and the important thing is to hope for tomorrow and "Dream On.")

### BEST LETTER WRITER



DR. REIF

### BEST STRAIGHT MAN



MARIANNE MONTAGUE



## ANALYSIS

# Inter-Dormant Council Viewed

By Patrice Stone

In the eyes of this reporter, the Inter-Dormitory Council has just completed a year of semi-dormancy and it's difficult to put the finger on just who's to blame.

The council definitely lacked solid leadership. President Mike LoPresti, although concerned and willing and able to work, simply did not possess the qualities necessary to run an effective organization. Perhaps he was just too nice a guy, too nice a guy.

But LoPresti can't take all the blame. His officers failed to make up for the leadership he lacked. The impression given by these officers was that of indifference. Although they appeared at every meeting (with a few exceptions) and performed their assigned duties, none made any effort to go beyond what was expected of them.

The Council itself was aware of the problems confronting dormitory students and brought up many interesting topics for discussion. For example, the difficulty of repairs and cleaning in the dorms was discussed and brought to the attention of the administration.

Also, there were discussions concerning the distribution of pianos in the dorms and the use of the New Men's Dorm lounge for parties. Unfortunately, too many of the problems introduced for discussion got no further.

The main fault with the council members was their lethargic attitude. They saw what could or should have been done, but weren't willing to sweat a little and work to make change themselves. In too many instances the person introducing the problem thought he or she did enough by just drawing attention to it. One notable exception, however, is Sheree Kessler, food committee chairman, who worked very hard coordinating activities. She was willing to work herself and consequently performed effectively.

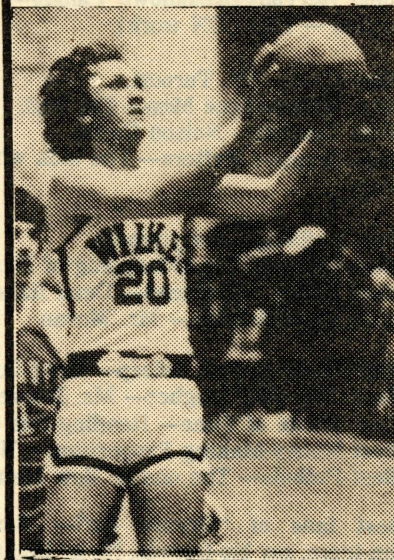
Another major fault with the council was a lack of group effort among its members. This was exemplified most recently with "Banana Split Day" in the cafeteria. Arrangements were made by the

committee and notice was given to the publicity committee to spread the word. No posters were put up, however, and as a result the turn out was only about half of what it was last year.

The fact that a quorum was not present at two of the nine meetings this semester illustrates a lack of

interest. In addition, many discussions were monopolized by one or two representatives.

In short, it could have been a better year for IDC. Hopefully next year both officers and representatives will take their positions more seriously.



## Memories

There is so much to remember. It's hard to know where to begin. The good times — a fabulous baseball season, the naming of Mr. Capin as President, the Beer-Blast, dinner dances, passing tests, cancelling tests, absent profs on rainy days, spring vacation, good talks, Donahue's, dorm parties, good showing in wrestling nationals, swimming medals at MAC's, victorious golf season.

There were also the bad times — another housing director leaves, more good teachers sent packing, tuition goes up again, potholes all over the place, exams, and more exams, never enough sleep, never enough to do on week-ends, overdue library books, overdue fifteen page papers, pressure, sickness, injuries, and bad attitudes.

What does it all mean? We have no answers. Semester after semester after semester pass. The good times and the bad times run together. We leave here with much more than we came with — more knowledge, more understanding, and hopefully, more love.



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## Madrigal Singers In Concert Sunday With American Theme

The Wilkes College Department of Music presents the Madrigal Singers directed by Mr. Richard Chapline on Sunday, May 11 at 3:30 p.m. The group will present their annual Spring Concert in the C.P.A.

This concert contains many amusing and different compositions

by American composers.

The program begins with "Three Madrigals, Op. 258" which were written in 1973, by Alan Hovhaness.

"Two Songs of John Phillip Sousa" of march fame follow. Included will be "The Free Lunch Cadets" and "Legend of the Frogs" featuring John Cardoni as soloist.

Two enjoyable songs from modern musicals conclude the first half of the program. They are: "My Heart Is So Full Of You" from "The Most Happy Fellow" by Frank Loesser and "The Best of All Possible Worlds" from Bernstein's "Candide."

A song cycle with flute accompaniment begins the second segment of the concert. "Who's Who in the Zoo" (1973) by Jean Berger with the text by Ogden Nash is the piece with flutists Nancy Evans, Edison, N.J., and Richard Schwartz, Scranton, assisting.

The final selections belong to a group of sayings set to music, from "Poor Richard's Almanack" the colonial magazine edited by Benjamin Franklin. The music was composed by Herbert Haufrecht.

This semester's Madrigal Singers consist of: Kathleen Herpich, Hillside, N.J.; Victoria Moss, Mountaintop; Nancy Tenneriello, Wilkes-Barre; Marilyn Anderson, Susquehanna; Dolores Vida, Dupont; Lisa Waznik, Wilkes-Barre; Kenneth McGraw, Scranton; James Ruck, Wilkes-Barre; John Cardoni, Bear Creek; Ronald Fex, Blakeley; and Frank McGrady, Laflin.

Linda Papatopoli from Wilkes-Barre is piano accompanist.

The presentation is free of charge and open to Wilkes students as well as the public.

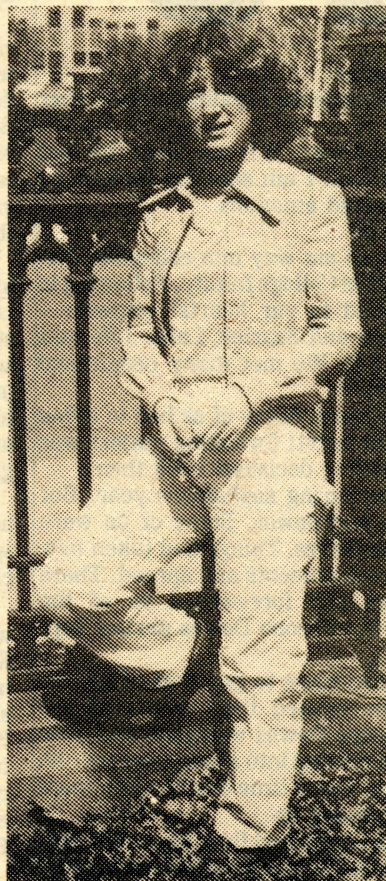
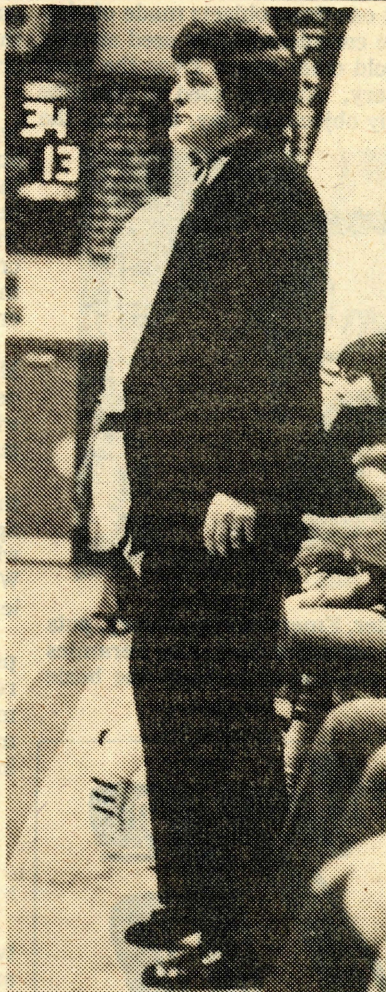
## Winners Announced In Photo Contest

The Wilkes College Committee for a Clean Environment recently announced the winners of its photography contest entitled "Positive Impressions of our Environment" in which \$125 in prize money was awarded.

Categories for the contest included color prints, black and white prints and a special interest category for snapshots.

Contest winners are June Zaleta, Nanticoke, snapshot winner; Colleen Scherer, Clarks Summit, third place color; John Hilsher, Kingston, first place black and white; and Lani-Jo Allegar, Wilkes-Barre, snapshot winner. Other winners included Jim Schmidt, Kingston, first place color; Jim Truckenmiller, Kingston, second place color; Alan Schneider, L.A., Calif., third place color; Gary Wisemiller, Hazleton, second and third place black and white; and Mark C. Blauer, Exeter, snapshot winner.

Photographs were judged by noted professional photographers Vivian Guyler and Ralph DeWitt.



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# Sports Chatter

By Paul Domowitch

## MEMORIES

It seems like a lifetime, but it's only been three years. It was September of 1973 when I stepped into the sports editorship of the BEACON, and now, three years later, I'm stepping out. My beat was Wilkes College athletics, and I covered it with a passion; the best, the worst, and the indifferent. I've written of success, and I've written of failure. I've written the good, and I've written the bad. I've made some friends, and I've made some enemies.

Barbara Streisand sings: "memories, light the corners of my mind..." That's the great thing about memories. They will always be there to look back on when time weaves a barrier between the past and the present. Time may pass, but the memories will linger on. I've accumulated quite a few during the past three years, and no matter where this crazy profession carries me in the decades to come, I'll always be able to look back and remember:

—the underdog Colonel football team's dramatic 25-15 upset of powerful Juniata in 1973.

—Mike Prekopa, then a sophomore, leading the Wilkes basketball squad to the Scranton Holiday Tournament championship that December.

—the wrestlers winning the Division III national championship in front of an ecstatic home crowd in March of 1974.

—the incomparable "Party Artie" Trovei.

—seeing Wade Schalles wrestle for the first time, back in 1973 at the Wilkes College Open.

—the gridders' heart-rendering 14-10 win over Albright two years ago, that locked up the Middle Atlantic Conference title for them.

—Gene Ashley winning a national wrestling title at John Carroll University in Cleveland, Ohio and rushing triumphantly from the mat to embrace his father, who had driven more than 600 miles to see him compete.

—a blind wrestler from Harvard, receiving a standing ovation from the fans at Franklin & Marshall, after losing a decision to Nils Deacon in the Easterns this past March.

—Jim Weisenfluh pinning his way through that same tournament, and being presented the Outstanding Wrestler Award from Speaker of the House Carl Albert.

—the Southern trip with the baseball team.

And, there were the unpleasant memories:

—Colonel gridded Bobby McBride fracturing his skull in the last game of the 1972 season against King's Point, and dying in a hospital bed less than 24 hours later.

—the basketball team's double overtime defeat at home last February to Scranton.

And beyond the memories, lie the individuals. In three year's time, I've met a lot of people on the Wilkes College sports scene; some good and not surprisingly, some bad. Some I will always remember, and some I hope to forget next week. Fortunately, the former category outweighs the latter.

There is basketball coach Rodger Bearde, a vibrant and exciting teacher of the game, who has turned the Wilkes cage program right around in five year's time.

AND SPORTS INFORMATION Director and friend George Pawlusch, who has been taking a lot of undeserved blame over the past three years for what I've written (hear that J.R. and J.H.?) What I'VE written.

And there were the great athletes like Steve Leskiw, this year's selection as BEACON Athlete of the Year. On the field, he ranks as one of the finest competitors in Wilkes history. And off of it, there are few warmer human beings around.

I stepped into my job at the same time that Jim Stehle stepped foot on the Wilkes campus as a freshman. In three year's time, I've seen him at his best, and...I've seen him at his worst. I've seen the myriad of scouts that have flocked from across the country just to watch him throw a horsehide, and I've seen the Stehle fastball that is going to put him in the big leagues before this decade is concluded. Like Leskiw's, his friendship has come to mean a great deal to this scribe.

And Jack Keller, an unselfish athlete, who has been saddled with some tough breaks during his career, and yet always finds the silver lining in the clouds.

I DON'T THINK I'll soon forget Rick Marchant, and what he's meant to the Colonel swim program. Fresh out of the marines, the young Marchant took a program that was on the verge of collapse, and gave it life. The relationship between he and his swimmers, and their enthusiasm for competition and each other, even with a losing record, was moving indeed.

And there are others. Friends like Marianne Montague, Fran Polakowski, Patrice Stone, Lisa Waznik, Jane Manganella, self-proclaimed number one baseball scribe Earl Monk, next year's sports editor Jeff Acornley, the under-publicized S&S boys-Greg Snyder and Tony Schwab, Nancy Roberts, Barb Long, Donahue's bartender Joe Phillistine for all the drinks he's poured me, and the list goes on and on.

If I might borrow a cliché for just a minute, it seems like only yesterday that I first sat down in front of my typewriter to tell of Wilkes' athletic exploits. And maybe it was. But yesterday has spanned three years—three unforgettable years. I'm going to miss covering the Colonels. They were my life. Whether it were in Cleveland, Richmond, Ithaca, or good old Wilkes-Barre, they were my life. I'm going to miss that "life" when September rolls around. The past three years, it has represented a new beginning. But this time, it means good-bye. It's time to push on and let someone else take my place. I'm going to miss it all, damn it. But then, there will always be the memories to look back on.

"Memories, light the corners of my mind.

Misty, water-colored memories,  
Of the way we were."

# Will The Phone Ring For Wilkes Golfers?

For coach Rollie Schmidt and his unbeaten golfers, the call may come today, it may come tomorrow, or it may never come at all. Only time and the NCAA regional selection committee will tell.

The committee is expected to announce the participants for Monday's three district qualifying tournaments very soon; tournaments that will decide the five teams and two individuals who will be competing in this month's NCAA Division III confab.

Tuesday was the cutoff date for all team results, and the three members of the selection committee, headed by chairman Tom Brennan of Oswego State, were expected to converse by phone Wednesday afternoon and make the final decision.

Sites for the qualifying events will not be announced until the last possible moment, so that the participating teams do not have the opportunity to practice on the courses.

The bulk of the teams for the national tournament will come from Districts I and II, which includes colleges in New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and New England.

## IM Playoffs

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early success of his team, articulate owner Dennis Phelps said, "Oh, very good."

Dennison had been the pre-season favorite in the West, but the defection of several key players left them crippled, and placed much doubt as to their capabilities of defending the title they won a year ago. These doubts were verified a week ago when the No-Names came from behind in the sixth and seventh innings to defeat the Dennison gang, 3-1.

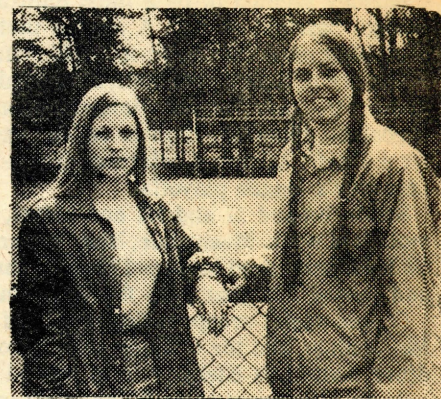
This put the flag in the West up for grabs, and opened up possibilities for a three way tie depending on yesterdays all important tilt between Dennison (2-1) and Manson Gang (3-0). Hard hitting Rookie of the Year hopeful "Poor George" Oschal leads the potent Manson attack.

A DENNISON WIN would force a three-way playoff between the three teams mentioned, while a Manson Gang victory would given them berth to the semi-finals outright. Aging Dennison veterans "Brooks Bonzo" Wasmanski and Jay (Who, Me?) Lemoncelli hope to get it up one last time for the title stretch.

The Softballers earned the right to represent the North by romping unscathed through their league games. Al Yanku has sparked the Softballers attack, as has Steve Chaldorf, a tough lead-off man who leads the league on bases-on-balls.

Umpire in chief Andre (Shag) Bacharach recently expressed concern over the lack of attendance at some of the recent games, particularly that of some of the teams. He also said that he would like to thank his only graduating umpire, Tom DeSanto, for his cool head and excellent officiating during his seven years at Wilkes.

TRADE WINDS: Rumors have it that the slumping Charlie Sullivan could be traded to Warner House for Bert Katz and two used softballs.



THE BEACON'S BEST—Steve "Winky" Leskiw was an overwhelming choice for BEACON Male Athlete of the Year last week, and Barb Long and Nancy Roberts were co-winners among the Wilkes women athletes. The trio received their trophies at a special luncheon Tuesday morning in the CPA Lounge.

## Class Of '76: Four Years Of Athletic Greatness

They were the flood kids; Agnes' children. Born from the havoc and wrath of the great natural disaster of 1972 was a freshman class that would serve as a new foundation for a college that was struggling to get back on its feet.

Hidden among the vast numbers was a group of young athletes; a group that in the next four years would win more championships, be named to more all-star teams, and create more excitement than all others before them in Wilkes athletic history.

They were the class of 1976, and in a little more than two weeks, they will officially become a part of Colonel memorabilia—deservingly etched into immortality.

Perhaps the greatest example of the contribution of this year's graduating class is Colonel football. Coach Rollie Schmidt will lose 17 players this year, and will literally have to start from scratch. As juniors in 1974, these 17 led Wilkes to their first Middle Atlantic Conference championship since 1969.

They failed to duplicate that trick this past season, but that one league crown will be remembered fondly by Blue and Gold fans for a long time. Leaving this year are Phil Besler, Jim Costanzo, Fred Lohman, Steve Leskiw, Bob Para, Joe Dettmore, Greg Snyder, Chuck Suppon, John Matusek, Kurk Franke, Fred Marianacci, Dave Trethaway, Tom Bradshaw, Lou Maczuga, Don Kulick, Tony Schwab, and Rodney Smith.

During the four years that Jim Weisenfluh wore a Blue and Gold wrestling uniform, the Colonel matmen won three Middle Atlantic Conference team titles, and captured the NCAA national title back in 1974.

As a junior, he won a small-college national title, and concluded his prolific career this season, by winning an Eastern crown, and being selected the EIWA tourney's Outstanding Wrestler. He is the only senior on the Colonel mat team, but he leaves an act that will be almost impossible to follow.

Coach Rodger Bearde has yet to win a Middle Atlantic Conference title, but it's only a matter of time. He has turned the cage program right around here at Wilkes, and his three seniors were a pivotal part of that turnaround.

Jack Brabant retires as the second leading scorer in Wilkes cage history, and this year, was the first Colonel ever named to the MAC all-star first team. Frank Britt and Mike Prekopa haven't received quite as much ink as Brabant, but the pair are going to be missed, when they pick up their diplomas later this month.

Larry Gurnari and Mark Jarolen have been the hub of the golf program the past four years. They entered the scene, just after the pressure on their shoulders. After three years of frustration, the pair led the Colonels to a second place finish in this year's MAC tourney, an undefeated season, and a possible NCAA tournament invitation.

In the four years that Steve Leskiw, Dave Trethaway, Tony Schwab, Greg Snyder, and Jack Keller have played collegiate baseball, coach Gene Domzalski's team has accumulated a 53-19 record, and the quintet finished this season with an 18-4 record; the best in Wilkes diamond history.

It is difficult for them to accept the fact that despite all of that immense success, the MAC title has eluded them, but that fact does not make their accomplishments any less creditable.

Colonel lacrosse is only six years old, and already they have been to the top; winning the league title last year. The name of Billy Winter has become synonymous with Wilkes lacrosse, and coach Chuck Mattei is going to miss him next season. But he's also going to miss other outstanding seniors like Fred Lohman, Craig Austin, and Pinky DiZebba. The stick program has come a long way in a short time, and Winter et al have pushed it through its childhood to a very early maturity.

Classes will come and go in the years to come at Wilkes, but it won't be very often that you'll run into a group like Agnes' children. What they've accomplished in four years will be talked about for 100 years. The May 30 graduation signifies the end of one of the finest eras in Wilkes College athletic history; an era that saw a college rise from destruction and build itself up bigger, better and stronger — academically and athletically.



## For Diamondmen

# Invite A Million To One Shot

BY EARL MONK

Monday seemed to be a most unfitting conclusion to the 1976 Wilkes College baseball season. A season that had been so successful and so promising, was shot down in Bethlehem, by Elizabethtown 8-1.

The ace of the Colonel staff, Jim Stehle (6-1), had the one and only bad game of the year, but unfortunately, it came against a team that thrives on opposition mistakes. The loss ended coach Gene Domzalski's club's quest for a Middle Atlantic Conference North-West Section title, and a berth in Saturday's league playoffs.

Stehle walked 11 and hit one batter, while allowing six runs in four innings of work. Meanwhile, Blue Jay ace Carmen Coppal, relaxed with a 6-0 lead, just rared back and breezed through to his 23rd straight victory, and second this year over the Wilkesmen.

Coppal wasn't overpowering, but good fielding backed up the New York Met draftee, and the Colonels didn't score a run until Donny McDermott drove home Lou Elefante from second in the ninth inning.

So, the title hopes of the Wilkes diamondmen are over, save for a million to one shot at an NCAA tournament invitation. And a millin to one is all they are. A season that saw Wilkes roll to an 18-4 record, ended Tuesday in the doubleheader with Scranton.

It was a season that saw Steve Leskiw and McDermott smash more home runs than any Colonel in history. It was a season that once again saw Wilkes hit for an average well above .300, and it was a season that saw a Wilkes pitching staff hold down an earned run average of under 2.00.

For seniors Tony Schwab, Greg Snyder, Dave Trethaway, Jack Keller, and Leskiw, their careers in collegiate baseball have come to end. In the four years that they wore a Blue and Gold uniform, the club accumulated a 53-19 record, including this season's fine 18-4 mark, and last year's 14-4 finish.

Keller's career ended three games early in pain, as the topnotch backstop suffered his second broken jaw in as many years.

It ended bleakly Monday afternoon for the whole team, but the Colonels can stand tall. As Domzalski said two months ago before it all began, "this is a great bunch of guy's I've got here, and no matter what happens, I'm proud of them."



**FOUR RECORD-BREAKING YEARS**—These five athletes closed out tremendous diamond careers this past week; careers that saw the Colonels of coach Gene Domzalski accumulate a 52-20 record. Seniors Dave Trethaway and Greg Snyder kneel down front, while Jack Keller, Steve Leskiw and Tony Schwab look on from the back-ground.

## BEACON SPORTS

### NCAA Won't Soon Forget Colonel Lacrosse Great

Hidden in the obscurity of Wilkes College's Ralston Field is a lacrosse team and probably the most prolific scorer in the history of the NCAA College Division, Bill Winter.

Despite the lack of any local high school feeder program, the Wilkes collegians have defied all norms and have been able to field one of the most successful teams on the east coast.

**IN ONLY THEIR** eighth year of varsity activity, the Blue and Gold, starting from scratch, have been able to accumulate a 45-19-1 record. The Colonels reached the zenith of all expectations last year, when they captured their first Middle Atlantic Conference championship with a senior laden club.

Saddled with a giant rebuilding effort this spring, Wilkes mentor Charles Mattei was hopeful that his young team could mature but early season injuries to key players plus inexperience took its toll in back-to-back defeats to Gettysburg and Madison FDU.

Along with the setback to Gettysburg went any thoughts of a repeat crown. Molding his club around senior Winter, who has been often double and triple-teamed, Coach Mattei has seen his charges continually pick up momentum and win five matches in a row. Wilkes entered yesterday's finale with F&M with a 7-2 record.

A big part of the Wilkes success has emulated from a "team first" attitude. It has been surprising then that a total team player such as Bill Winter has been able to emerge as

one of the most talked about lacrosse players in the country.

**WITH A LITTLE** luck, Winter, in a few weeks, could become the first Wilkes lacrosse All-American. The 6-0, 180-pound attackman from Boonton, N.J. gave one of the most outstanding performances of any Colonel athlete in history on Wednesday, when he scored 14 points (eight goals, six assists) in a 23-7 rout of Lebanon Valley.

The display, the best one-game output in the United States this year, may be what Winter needed to capture some precious All-American attention.

Going into the final match of his college career, Bill had tallied 42 goals and 29 assists this spring. His four-year totals ring out to 108 goals, 91 assists, 209 points. The Winter success has spelled quite a story for the staunch stick fans at Wilkes College and Coach Mattei couldn't think of a finer way to end it then...Bill Winter, All-American.

#### NOTICE

All Wilkes students interested in being a member of the 1976 fall cross-country team are asked to attend a meeting this morning at 11, in George Pawlusch's office on the third floor of Weckesser Hall.

#### IM CHAMPIONSHIP

The 1976 Wilkes Intramural softball championship will be held tomorrow afternoon at 4, at Ralston Field. Survivors of today's semi-finals will be battling for the title.

#### A Look Back

#### Over Three Years

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### IM Playoffs Begin Today

BY BOB WELSH

The Intramural softball playoffs begin today with many hopefuls battling for the coveted championship.

In the Eastern Division, Jim's Juicers have emerged as conference champs and serious title contenders by way of their impressive 4-0 record. The Juicers have offset an inconsistent pitching staff with their steady offensive attack, and hope that they can continue to do so today, when they face their first still competition of the year in the semi-finals.

**THE DENNIS PHELPS** Fan Club clinched honors in the South by way of their well played 7-6 victory over the stubborn Smegma's. Zeke Zaborney did it all for the Smegma cause, but their late inning rallies proved to be too little, to late to overcome the early lead of the Fan Club, who were lead by the inspirational play of Bruce (the Gentleman) Jackson, and long ball hitting John (Kong) Zimmerman. When questioned recently regarding the

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### Pro Draft Will Decide Stehle's B-ball Future

BY PAUL DOMOWITCH

Did the collegiate pitching career of Jim Stehle come to an abrupt end this past Monday in Bethlehem? It appears that only time and the June pro draft will decide that.

"I don't really know what I'm going to do right now," explained the big lefty, who possess one of the best fastballs of any college player in America. "It looks like it's all going to depend on the draft."

Until Monday, Stehle appeared a sure bet to be drafted in one of the first few rounds. But his less than spectacular performance against Elizabethtown, which saw him walk 11 batters in four innings of work, may have altered those odds a bit, and he knows it. "After the game, I heard that there was a very big scout with the Mets' organization there. And after watching me pitch, he supposedly said he was going to recommend me as a low pick, if that. It's only his opinion, but other clubs pick that kind of information up, and it's like being backballed."

Still, there have been other reports that indicatate quite the contrary. Explains Stehle, "Supposedly, there was a big scout from the Pirates at our doubleheader with East Stroudsburg (April 19), and he said he was impressed with my pitching." Only going five innings in the nightcap against ESSC, Stehle picked up the win, struck out seven, and gave up only one earned run.

Reliable sources have also indicated that the Colonel flame-thrower is highly regarded by the Central Major League Scouting

Bureau, which will send extensive reports to each pro team prior to June's draft.

Stehle will become eligible for the draft, as soon as he completes the spring semester at Wilkes. Until last year, the rules stated that a pro prospect attending college could not be drafted until his twenty-first birthday. But it was altered recently, and a prospect can now make the move following his junior year in college. Had the former rule still been in effect, Stehle would be ineligible, since his birthday is not until August; two months after the June draft.

Stehle and his coach, Gene Domzalski are not going to gamble on the youngster's future should the draft overlook him. Sometime this week, Domzalski is going to contact an amateur team out in the Colorado area that has indicated interest in Stehle with the finest collegiate players in the country.

Domzalski and his assistant coach Bob Duliba, both of whom have played professional baseball, would like nothing better than to see Stehle's name on a professional contract this year, even if it means losing his services for the 1977 season.

"He's got the talent to go places," explained Domzalski, "and if they offer him a nice sized bonus, he'd be silly not to take it."

"My only concern is that he get drafted by a good, stable organization that can help him and develop his talents, instead of acting as a detriment."