

THE BEACON

Dean Of Student Affairs Undergoes Hip Surgery

By Mary Kay Pogar

"Let's gooooo, Wilkes!" For years, this cheer has been as much a part of New Student Orientation activities as President Capin's address to the incoming students. However, this traditional display of spirit was noticeably lacking due this year, due to the absence of Dean George Ralston from Saturday's Activities.

Every year Dean Ralston leads the orientation staff, administration and the new students in the "Go, Wilkes" cheer, but this year the dean of student affairs was

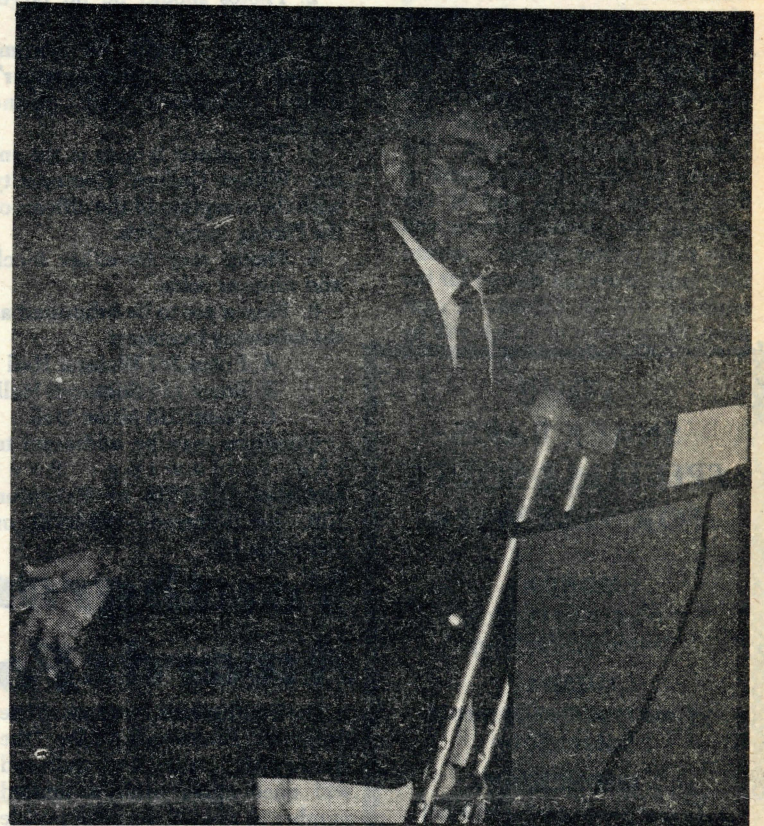
unable to provide this traditional spark of enthusiasm.

On July 24, Dean Ralston underwent surgery for total hip replacement. After the hour and a half operation, he spent five days in traction and then was allowed to move about with the aid of a walker. He now walks with the assistance of crutches and will continue to use them through most of September. Although the dean is still resting at home, he should be able to return to his office in Weckesser Hall shortly.

While Dean Ralston is recover-

ing from the operation, Deans Jane Lampe and Arthur Hoover have taken over some of Ralston's responsibilities, but as Dean Lampe noted, "George Ralston is irreplaceable." Consequently, she and Dean Hoover frequently call him for advice.

Within the next few weeks the Dean will return to his office on campus. And although he won't be doing the well-known Ralston cheer for awhile, the Dean will contribute something equally well-known by students—his highly regarded counsel.



DEAN GEORGE RALSTON delivers a message at the Ecumenical Service. The dean

made a special effort to attend this service and participate in the orientation activities.

Board Elects New Officers

By Mary Kay Pogar

The Wilkes College Board of Trustees recently elected new officers at its annual meeting. William L. Conyngham will serve as the Chairman of the Board for the new year. Conyngham is the Secretary-Treasurer of the Eastern Pennsylvania Supply Company, which is based in Wilkes-Barre. A graduate of Yale University, he also serves as Director and Vice-Chairman of the Wilkes-Barre General Hospital.

Other officers elected by the board are; Richard Ross, Vice-Chairman, who now serves as president of First Eastern Bank, William Umphred, President of Commonwealth Technologies, who will act as the Board's treasurer, and Esther Davidowitz, the newly-elected secretary.

In addition to the officers, several new members have been added to the board. Harold Rose, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Wyoming National Bank of Wilkes-Barre; Luciana

Suraci, a member of the Board of Directors of the Lackawanna County Mental Health Association, and Alexandra Ehret, President of Musical Management Company in Philadelphia, will now serve as members of the Board

of Trustees for the next three years.

According to President Capin, members of the Board of Trustees are selected after they are evaluated in terms of their prospective contributions to the college in one or more of three areas; wisdom, work and wealth.

SG Holds First Meeting Of The School Year

By Doug Fahringer

Ana Nunez, President of Student Government, opened the first SG meeting of the semester by expressing her enthusiasm for the coming year. The meeting began with the second reading of a fund request made by Donna Krappa representing the Women's Activities Association. SG members passed a request for \$1,194 to help fund attendance at away sporting events. The request had originally been \$1,841, however the bus trip to the Juniata game was deleted because of its high expense. Krappa mentioned that there is always room on the bus for students who wish to attend away games.

Inter-Residence-Hall-Council President Bill Lourie then announced the "Freshmen Follies" which will be held tonight at 6:15 p.m. in the gym. Everyone is invited to what has been termed "organized fun" and a \$25 spirit award will go to the residence hall with the most spirit. Lourie also mentioned a SUB party following the "Freshmen Follies" which is scheduled for 9 p.m.-1 a.m. The party will be catered and since it is the year's first SUB party, Lourie encourages students to come. Concerning the next IRHC meeting, Lourie stated the time will be 8 p.m. on Sunday, September 6 in the lower level of the library.

Commuter Council President Joe Knox noted that a new parking lot will be available to commuting students. The lot is located behind Bedford Hall. Knox also announced an upcoming lunchtime Coffeehouse schedule for Sept. 24.

Concerning New student Orientation, Amy Elias, co-chairman, felt that the Orientation Program went very smoothly. Elias thanked

the entire orientation staff for their help. She then asked SG members for their feedback on Playfair, which was held last Saturday night in the gym. Most members thought Playfair was successful as did three freshmen students who attended last Monday's SG meeting.

Rick Meyers, representing COPUS, announced the name

change from Peer Counseling to Financial Aid Counseling. This program offers services related to financial aid. Meyers also mentioned the Work Study Program which helps any student on campus find an on-campus job. Any questions concerning COPUS may be referred to the COPUS office on the second floor of the SUB.

Tuition Payment Plan Started

By Amy Elias

This semester Wilkes College will institute a tuition Installment Payment Plan, IPP, which will allow students to spread tuition costs over an eleven-month period. A student's eligibility for the program is determined by his parents' income and if eligible a student may pay tuition costs on a monthly basis.

Students whose parents have a combined income of \$15,000 or more are eligible to participate in the plan. The amount financed is determined by the parents and additional payments over the determined schedule may be made at any time. Though no finance charges are assessed, there is an application fee of \$35.00. On IPP, payments will be credited to the

student's account twice a year.

The Beacon asked Rachel Lohman, Financial Aid Director at Wilkes, whether this minimum proved discriminatory against those students whose parents earn less than \$15,000, especially since the reduction in government aid to students. Lohman responded that most students affected by the government budget cuts have parents who earn more than \$15,000 annually, and that IPP therefore was an aid to those who were indeed most affected by budget cuts in Washington. Lohman added that IPP will benefit those students who don't qualify for other types of financial assistance.

According to Karen Campbell, Assistant Comptroller at Wilkes,

parents of incoming freshmen or presently enrolled Wilkes students should have received a brochure outlining the plan in detail. This information, however, was available later than expected due to problems of printing and some legal questions about the finance plan itself.

When asked how such a plan came about, Campbell stated that she had seen a similar program used successfully at Carnegie Mellon University. After examining this program, Campbell, Joseph Chisarik, Wilkes Comptroller, and President Robert Capin had worked together to utilize IPP on the Wilkes campus.

Approximately 75 students have responded to IPP and will be using the new service.

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Photography Club Conducts Contest

The Photography Club, under the leadership of Paul McCabe and Joe Larnerd, will be running a semester long photo contest.

The contest, devised by Paul McCabe, will allow photographs to be judged each week by a pre-selected panel. One winner each week will be chosen. The winning photograph for that week will be a runner-up in the grand prize awarding at the end of the semester and will be printed in the following week's edition of The Beacon depending upon the amount of news to be printed in The Beacon. At the end of the semester, the previous winners will have their photos judged a second time, and an overall winner for the semester will be chosen. A cash prize, the amount of which will be

decided upon at a later date, will be awarded.

There are a few rules to be followed:

1. An initial entry fee of \$1 is to accompany the first photo. Each additional photo submitted will be charged an entry fee of 50¢.

2. Photos should be no larger than 8x10.

3. Photos should be accompanied by the photographer's name, address, and phone number.

4. The contest is open to the entire Wilkes College Community with the exception of the officers of the Photography Club.

5. Photos may be either black and white or color.

6. Photos are to be submitted at the following locations:

- A. Room 347 Webster Hall
- B. Room 114 Roosevelt Hall
- C. Room 515 Miner Hall

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Lohman Familiar With Problems Of New Financial Aid Office Job

By John Finn

Since her appointment as Director of the Financial aid Office on June 1, Rachel Lohman hasn't had much free time to explore the subtle changes that have taken place at Wilkes since her own student days here in the late '60's and early '70's. She has spent the last three months working long days in preparation for the start of the Fall semester, in addition to completing the major project this summer: the packaging of student financial aid for this year and the reviewing of last year's aid programs.

But in that time she has observed that Wilkes "has kept its small-college attitude toward students," and throughout the summer months she has enjoyed the "personal contact" with students which she believes is a part of that attitude.

Mrs. Lohman is a native of Wilkes-Barre and she received a B.A. in Business Education from Wilkes in 1971. She also holds a Master Degree in Business Education from Bloomsburg State College. For one year, in 1973, she



RACHEL LOHMAN

worked in the real estate branch of a Wall Street brokerage house.

In 1974 Mrs. Lohman became a co-ordinator at the Wilkes-Barre Business College, and in 1979 she was appointed Director of Student Services at Lackawanna Junior College. These previous administrative posts made the transition in June to the Financial Aid Office a bit easier. "From the experience I had before, I knew what this job would be like. I knew the problems I would be having," Lohman commented.

ATTENTION SENIORS!

On Thursday, September 10, 1981 at 12:00 p.m. in SLC 101, an important senior class meeting will be held. The main objective of this meeting will be to decide if the Class of 1982 will pursue the issue of majors on the diplomas. Please make every effort to attend this important meeting!

One of the more acute problems—a problem not peculiar to Wilkes—is the reduction in the overall availability of financial aid for college students. "In the past" Mrs. Lohman explains from firsthand knowledge, "as tuition went up, so did aid. But now, this is the first year when tuitions are generally increasing and aid is decreasing." This discrepancy is of course a national problem, the result of drastic reductions in the Federal budget in many areas, including aid for post-secondary education. This is a trend that will continue for at least two more years, but so far Lohman says that she has "never turned any students away solely for financial reasons." Mrs. Lohman feels that another challenge of her new job is "learning the policies of the institution." At this point she is satisfied that Wilkes' aid programs are "very fair and need based."

After one month on the job Mrs. Lohman felt adjusted and comfortable with the new routine, but she adds, "I was comfortable with the new people much earlier." During the summer she worked with Mr. Richard Raspen, who ran the same office until he became Director of Alumni Relations last year. "I called Mr. Raspen almost daily. He was very helpful on internal policy, but I also had the support of all offices on campus."

Mrs. Lohman's immediate predecessor, Linda Giordano, has returned to her teaching position at the college.

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JAY TUCKER

Tucker Appointed To Aid Housing Director

By Donna Nitka

Jay Tucker has been named Assistant Housing Director at Wilkes College, and will be assisting Paul Adams, Director of Housing. Tucker is primarily in charge of the Sterling Inn Towne and Miner Hall. He will also be working with the Resident Assistants, and will be involved in solving students' housing problems.

Tucker has also been named Director of the Student Center, and is the first administrator to serve in this capacity. His goal as director is to increase the use of the Center by making it more useful

and comfortable for both commuter and residence hall students. Tucker feels that he has taken the first step in accomplishing this by having the Center open and operational from the first day of classes, thereby giving the students a familiar meeting place.

Tucker received his Baccalaureate Degree from East Stroudsburg State College and his Master's Degree from the University of Scranton. He has worked as a career technician at Luzerne County Community College, and recently has served as Program Supervisor for Luzerne County Recreation Center.

Lourie Anticipates Productive Year

By Donna Nitka

IRHC president Bill Lourie foresees a very productive year for the Council. Various activities are planned to fulfill the organization's goals of improved residence hall, food, maintenance and parking conditions.

Foremost in Lourie's plans is the allocation of greater responsibility to individual hall governments. Lourie plans to establish a Presidents' Council, of which each hall president would be a member. He is also exploring the possibility of sponsoring workshops for the hall councils.

Lourie also wants to see each hall involved in some type of community service. He plans to take action to reduce vandalism on campus, and would like to see the SUB utilized more. Various minor committees will be established throughout the year to fulfill these plans, including a Community Service Committee, a Vandalism

Committee, and a Fund-Raising Committee. A Publicity Committee will also be established to keep the college community informed of IRHC happenings.

Lourie stresses the fact that IRHC is there to help with students' problems. The council would like to make Residence Hall life easier and more pleasant for the Wilkes resident student.

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Commuter Parking, Coffeehouse Discussed During C C Meeting

By John Finn

The Commuter Council conducted its first regular meeting of the Fall semester on Monday. The council voted to recommend that the All-College Picnic, which at the time of the meeting was tentatively scheduled for Sunday, Sept. 6, be held at Ralston Field in Kirby Park. Originally, plans were being made to rent Konefal's Grove for the same date, but the price of \$9.00 per person for 250 people, was considered by most members to be an exorbitant amount. Council members realized that even with the expected subsidy of \$550.00 from each of the three campus governments, SG, IRCH, CC, the initial cost, and the cost of the band, might still place the cost per ticket for an individual student over \$6.00. Council president Joe Knox announced that a new parking lot with an additional 20 spaces has been designated for commuters. The lot is located in the rear of Bedford Hall. The total number of spaces now available for commuters is 70. Knox also announced that parking applications have been reviewed and a tentative list of approximately 50 recipients has been drawn up. Another 20 will now be allotted. People who have been given parking spaces on campus will be notified by phone, according to Knox.

The semesters first lunchtime

coffeehouse is scheduled for Sept. 24. Coffeehouse Chairman Amy Elias is trying to book Pat Godwin for that date, but she has not yet been able to contact his agent. Elias also had reported that she had been considering holding the first coffeehouse outdoors in the Martz Courtyard, but she found the idea has not met with great enthusiasm at this time. She believes an outdoor coffeehouse may be better suited for the end of the spring semester, and she is considering that alternative.

The council is also considering

a bus trip on Sept. 27 to the Philadelphia Eagles vs. the Washington Redskins game. A vote was tabled on a request by Knox to release \$550.00 to purchase the 43 game tickets. The council wishes to find out if enough students would be interested in the trip before making the purchase. The total cost per individual will be \$26.00, including bus fare and game ticket.

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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.

Editorial discretion will be used in all cases, especially when the content of the letter is in questionable taste, as decided upon by the editors. No letter regarded by the editors as in poor taste will be published, whether signed or not. All letters will be published as written, without corrections (except for the preceeding case) and the views expressed in letters are those of the author and not those of the *Beacon* or of the college.

We would like to extend an invitation to the entire campus to visit us at our office. Our door is always open, so why not stop in — whether it be to look us over, have a gripe session or just have a talk. Remember, we can't give you what you want if we don't know exactly what it is. Let's all work together — for, not against, each other.

We would like to extend a warm welcome to those new students at Wilkes, and our best wishes for the coming years. To those returning to Wilkes, welcome back. Remember, let's all work together, and have (if we may steal an old motto) mutual support and cooperation.

Time For A Change

It's that time of year again — the time of transitions. Summer is making its transition into fall; the days getting shorter, the nights longer. It will be a period of transition for those students just entering college. For some of the students returning to good ole Wilkes, it will also be a time to make some changes.

There are new faces in practically every student organization on campus — new presidents, leaders, directors and, of course, new editors. Along with these new faces we would like to see some new ideas, policies and attitudes.

We feel that an "open-door" policy between **ALL** clubs and organizations can be beneficial to everyone. An open, clear channel of communication will not only lead to a better understanding of ideas and policies, but also will reduce conflict among us all. It can help improve relationships among various organizations, also.

If we all pull together, and work together, we can make this a great year for Wilkes College. At this time

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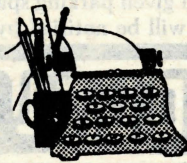
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We get... LETTERS



Orientation Chairpersons Thank Fellow Workers

To the Editor:

This past weekend marked the beginning of a new life — that of a Wilkes College student — for more than 650 young men and women. We were asked to co-chair this year's New Student Orientation program, and this afforded us the distinct honor and pleasure of working with a group of people who delighted and astonished us with their dedication and service to Wilkes College. We would like to take this opportunity to thank them, for without their help the 1981 New Student Orientation program could have been neither successful nor enjoyable.

To all of the group leaders, department chairman introducers, I.D. distributors, playfair workers, residence hall aides, cooks, and traffic coordinators, we would like to say, warmly, thank you. Your efforts were not wasted, for because of you the weekend ran smoothly and energetically, and this was our main objective.

To Mike Sopko, Jim Volpi, Elaine Kerchusky, Keith Sands, Sal Alaimo, Shelley Freeman, Fred Daniele, Janine Tucker, the members of Circle K, and all other chairmen of specific events, we would like to extend a special thank-you. Your work was excep-

tional. Also, we thank all members of the administration and faculty who participated in the program, and hope that they enjoyed the weekend as much as we did.

To Deans Art Hoover and Jane Lampe, who spent countless hours working beyond the countless hours they spent with us, we can only give our love and utmost respect.

Thank you,
Amy Elias
John Finn
Co-Chairperson

NOTICE

In conjunction with Dancenergy, Inc., the Division of Continuing Education will offer a course in Aerobic Dancing. The course will run from September 28 through October 28. The class will meet on Monday and Wednesday night from 7 p.m. until 8 p.m. in room 201 in the Dorothy Dickson Darte Center for the Performing Arts. The instructor for the course will be Sue Rink, a student at the college. For more information, contact the Office of Continuing Ed. at 824-4651, ext. 225.

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Student Government Funding Explained

To the Editor:

Welcome back to Wilkes! You probably signed your life away at the finance office and are wondering about all the extra fees. As Student Government President, I'd like to explain the Student Activity Fee.

What exactly does your \$50 purchase? To begin with, each full-time student receives a copy of the *Annicola*, our yearbook. At the beginning of school, you probably received a calendar. These two publications are sponsored by S.G.

S.G. also funds other organizations on campus such as IRHC; CC; Class of 1982, 1983, 1984 and 1985; and campus clubs and organizations. They, in turn, provide the college with contests, parties, dinner-dances, coffeehouses and dances.

In the activity area, S.G. sponsors concerts as well as trips to concerts in Philadelphia and New York. We sponsor three All College Weekends: Homecoming, Winter Weekend and Cherry Blossom. This year we plan to add several mini-weekends starting with Fall Frenzy, September 26. Our social committee also sponsors coffeehouses, rollerskating parties, gong shows and dinner-theaters.

Two quite visible services provided by S.G. are our film series and the Concert & Lecture series. Another big event is our third annual Wilkes College Hershey Park Day. Tickets are on sale at the S.G. Used Bookstore located on the

second floor of the Student Center.

Believe it or not, this is only a partial listing of what S.G. does and can do for you. Our meetings are open to everyone. We meet Monday night at 6:30 p.m. in the Weckesser Board Room.

There's no big mystery to us. We try to maximize our funds to provide social activities and services for students. Improving college life is one of our responsibilities.

Another responsibility, is to maintain a line of communication between students and faculty and administration. On matters of student services and academics, we voice opinions in faculty and administrative committees.

Most important, however, is that we're here to serve you. We need your support and enthusiasm in order to have a super year. We are still located in Weckesser, second floor.

If you have a question or want to get involved, drop by our office. Better yet, come to a Monday night meeting.

I look forward to an exciting and enthusiastic year at Wilkes. Good luck with your classes!

Sincerely,
Ana Nunez
Student Government President

NOTICE

White card students with a point average of 2.5 or better wanted to tutor Act 101 students. Apply to Suzy Wolberg, Ross Hall, second floor.

Orientation Program Introduces New Students To College Life

By Amy Elias

The scene was an odd mixture of bright color and commotion and a somber sense of uncertainty last Saturday at the Wilkes gymnasium. It was there that the 1981 New Student Orientation Program began at 12:00, and the gym was buzzing with the sounds of new students' voices.

As a new student walked into the gym he saw what appeared to

new students and their parents. Featured was the Wilkes College Wind Ensemble, directed by Jerome Campbell. The atmosphere was casual and relaxed as parents and students enjoyed food and drink served by student orientation workers. The picnic provided an excellent opportunity for parents to meet members of the administration and for the new students to relax after a morning of

that the service had been a worthwhile addition to the program.

Dr. Robert Riley, Chairman of the Psychology Department, spoke to the new students at 12:15 following the service. His topic was "College and You." After Dr. Riley's address, the students proceeded to Stark Learning Center for diagnostic testing.

The two-day orientation program concluded at 8:30 p.m. with a theatre production, *The Tiger*, directed by Jay Siegfried. This year's New Student Orientation was co-chaired by Amy Elias and John Finn, and coordinated by Fred Daniele and Janine Tucker.



Dean Hoover gives advice to a concerned student and parents.

be a mini Democratic or Republican convention. Group leaders were stationed throughout the rows of seats and held brightly colored, numbered signs which signalled the new students to particular group leaders. The atmosphere was, paradoxically, both subdued and lively, and the brightly colored signs and neon yellow shirts of the group leaders provided an interesting backdrop for the serious speeches given by President Capin, Associate Dean of Student Affairs Art Hoover, Dean of Academic Affairs Gerald Hartdagen, and Student Government President Ana Nunez. These distinguished members of the Wilkes family spoke to the new students until 2:00 p.m. about college life in all of its aspects — academics and social activities, and life both in and out class.

At 2:00 all students, led by student group leaders, left the gym to attend a refreshment break at the Marts Courtyard (the official name of the Stark Courtyard). From there they proceeded to their seminar discussions with student leaders.

At five o'clock a picnic was held at the Pickering-Bedford lawn and in the college Dining Hall for all

speeches and other meetings.

At 8:30 the new students and orientation workers met at the gym to experience Playfair. Playfair is a two-hour program of games and activities meant to stimulate communication between students. Many Wilkes upperclassmen also participated in the program, happily screaming "Uh-mee-baal" and demanding standing ovations along with the rest of the new students. After the Playfair program concluded, a movie was shown and everyone was treated to soda and popcorn. ID's were distributed to the new students after the movie.

On Sunday at 11:30 a.m. a College and Community Ecumenical Service was held at the Dorothy Dickson Darte Center for the Performing Arts. Dean George Ralston presided at the service. Three leaders of local houses of worship also spoke at the service: Rev. Paul Gerosky of St. Mary's Church, Rev. Kenneth Carter of Central United Methodist Church, and Rabbi Israel Kestenbaum of Ohav Zedek Synagogue. This was the first time that such a service was included as part of Wilkes College New Student Orientation, and all attending seemed to feel

TICKER TAPE

An art exhibit featuring a range of contemporary drawings will be shown in the Sordoni Art Gallery on campus. The exhibit opened August 30 and will continue through September 20.

WAA cheerleader tryouts will be held today at 4 p.m. in the gym. All interested students are encouraged to try out.

There will be a Senior Class Meeting on Thursday, September 10 at 12 p.m. in SLC 101. All seniors are urged to attend.

The Student Government Publicity Committee will hold a meeting on Thursday at 11 a.m. in SLC 215.

The All-College picnic will be held on Sunday, September 6 on Ralston Field from 1 p.m.-7 p.m. Food, games, and music by "Northern Star" will be there. Tickets are on sale for \$2.

The IRHC "Freshman Follies" will be tonight at 6:15 in the gym. Everyone is invited to attend, and following this event, the first SUB party of the semester will be held from 9 p.m.-1 a.m. in the Student Union Building.

From The Other Side..... TV Networks Offer Exciting Year

The start of September marks the beginning of many things. To the child-weary mother it is a time of liberation from summer. To the college industry it is the start of the new fall programming, and maybe better ratings.

The 1980-81 season will also be memorable in its own way. NBC lost its president, Fred Silverman. ABC lost the dominance it held in the Neilson's, and CBS lost Walter Cronkite. However, on the positive side, the year brought us "Hill Street Blues" (the show was nominated for over 20 Emmys, perhaps the most ever for one show), another year of "MASH", and the return of "The Paper Chase".

NBC is looking to the 1981-82 season to improve their former third place finish in the Ratings War. The network's slogan is "Our

Pride is Showing"; with shows like "Hill Street Blues," "Little House on the Prairie," and "Quincy" the network has all-star talent. Add to that the return of James Garner as Maverick and a new president, and the network could tinker its way up the ratings ladder.

CBS has the experts, at least when it comes to football, and of the three networks this one has the least to worry about. "MASH," "60 Minutes," "Archie's Place," and "Lou Grant" all are proven winners. With these shows CBS has created hits. "House Calls" and "WKRP in Cincinnati," two CBS shows are a bit above average, and when they follow "MASH" they are guaranteed an audience. No problems this year for CBS, but Hawkeye is getting grayer.

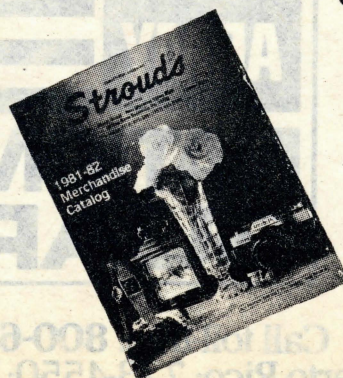
For ABC this is a pivotal year. The network is having the problem

CBS faces in the next few years, in that the proven hits are getting older. Potsie and Ralph can only stay in college for so many years, and Barney has gone through more detectives than the Gabor sisters have had husbands. It could be a long year for the former ruler, ABC, if the network doesn't produce some good shows. One thing is certain: "Mork and Mindy" will be of no help.

All and all it promises to be another exciting year. The return of some old friends, and the prospect of making some new ones, will keep our attention. We will lose some old favorites who just couldn't do it one more time, and see some bow out like a graceful lady. Through it all, we'll be watching, thinking, commenting, and writing From the Other Side.

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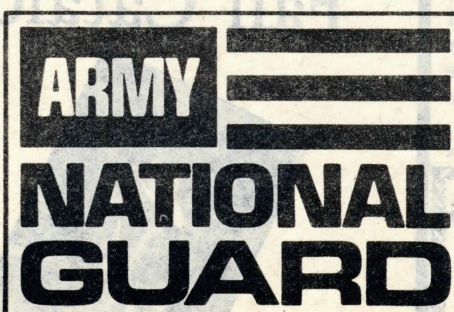
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Hockey Preseason Begins

By Ellen Van Riper

The field hockey team has been hard at work preparing for the 1981 season, and Coach Gay Meyers and her assistant Mary Jo Frail have been pleased by the team's progress so far and by the increased number of participants. However, when asked to present a seasonal outlook, Coach Meyers said that she was being "cautiously optimistic" about this year's team. The team has lost three talented performers from last year's squad, Geri MacAfee, Megan Ward, and Pam Snyder, and finding replacements will not be an easy task.

The 1981 season opens on Sept. 17 when the ladies host Elizabethtown College, but there are two warmups before then. The first is Sept. 5 when the team hosts

a local club team, and the second is on Sept. 12 when the Lady Colonels will host Messiah, Mansfield, and Drexel in a tournament. Coach Meyers is counting on the first scrimmage in particular to provide her with a general indication of the team's strengths and weaknesses.

This year's offensive unit will be led by junior co-captain Diane Hall who was the leading scorer last year. However, graduation has left the unit with little experience, so some new talent must be found. Coach Meyers indicated that finding an offensive combination that will click is the key to a successful 1981 season, so players from last year's junior varsity and some incoming freshmen may see varsity action early.

On the defensive side, the squad has a contingent of experienced returning players, senior co-captain Helen Gorgas, junior Linda Dayer, and sophomore Karen Johnson, but Coach Meyers must find a replacement for the graduated Pam Snyder. Pam was an exceptionally talented player who gained many post-season honors, so the midfield defense will be lacking unless someone can step in and fill her shoes which is no easy task. However, on the positive side, Coach Meyers has no worries when it comes to goalkeeping. Sophomore Valerie Frey had a good rookie season, and with one year of collegiate experience under her belt she should be better than ever.

Volleyball Team Sets Aim For MAC Return

By Ellen Van Riper

Pre-season practice has begun for the women's volleyball team. This year's team is working hard to reach their goal of another MAC play-off berth. Last season was the first play-off appearance for the team, and the ladies are eager for a repeat and perhaps a championship.

The 1981 season officially opens on Sept. 17 when the Lady Colonels host the Elizabethtown Blue Jays, but there are two pre-season scrimmages scheduled also. The first is on Sept. 11 when the team will travel to Maryland to face Western Maryland College, the 1980 MAC champions. The second is the following day in the Wilkes gym at 2 p.m. There will be a four team tournament featuring the host Lady Colonels, the University of Scranton Lady Royals, and Messiah and Allentown Colleges.

Much of the pre-season practice has been a conditioning program which was developed by head basketball coach Nancy Roberts. The program consists of a circuit of exercises which condition parts of the body which are used specifically for volleyball while at the same time increasing cardiovascular endurance. The ladies will be playing a long, tough schedule, so this

program should prove beneficial in the long run.

This year's team will feature many returning players. Leading the team will be captain Cathy Dudick and fellow seniors Lisa Cobb, Donna Derrick, and Jody Johnson. Other returning upperclassmen are juniors Carol Cigarski and Ellen Van Riper and sophomores Debbie Cramer, Sally Fisher, Ellen Doty, and Suzette Dyanick.

The team would also like to thank Dean Hartdagen for his help in obtaining a regulation volleyball standard for the gym. He is a great supporter of the team, and the ladies all appreciate his help. Just imagine, no more sand bags to drag across the gym before each practice and game.

Wilkes Women to Follow NCAA

By Ellen Van Riper

The 1981-82 season will be a landmark in Wilkes College athletic history. Beginning this fall, all of the women's athletic teams will compete under NCAA rules and regulations. The women had formerly followed the AIAW guidelines.

This change will have a tremendous impact upon women's athletics at Wilkes and at other colleges and universities across the country. There will be changes in statistical record keeping and post-season competition, but more importantly there will be changes in the transfer and eligibility rules.

There are many more changes which have occurred because of the switch from AIAW to NCAA, but space does not allow full detail. However, more detailed information can be obtained from Mrs. Saracino, Director of Women's Athletics, at her office in Weckesser Annex.

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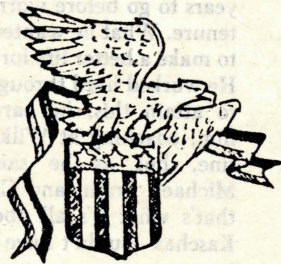
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New Faces in Athletic Programs

Kaschak, Righter Move On

By Mark James

The Wilkes College Athletic Department has gone through a number of changes during the summer, with the majority of changes involving sports personnel. Ron Righter is no longer the Wilkes basketball coach; he's gone to Washington State University to serve as assistant basketball coach. Righter's replacement is James Atherton who served 13 years as

head mentor for the Luzerne County Community College basketball squad. In those years, Atherton compiled an amazing 228-86 record for the Minutemen, giving him a .726 winning percentage.

Among the other changes is the departure of head baseball coach Dave Kaschak. Kaschak was offered a job with Rawlings Sporting Goods. His duties are as a pro-

representative for the company, which means he will be displaying and maintaining sporting equipment for professional athletes along the eastern seaboard. Most of his work will be with athletes playing football or baseball, some of whom will be in the college ranks.

Swim coach Bob Greenwald has left Wilkes and his diving coach, Bob Lewis, will take over the coaching duties. Last year a good part of the swim season had been cancelled; hopefully, this year will be different. One of Lewis' greatest difficulties may be the fact that the Wilkes swim team is without its own facilities. Previously, the King's College pool was used by the team.

Finally, Wilkes College no longer has a lacrosse team. Last spring there had been debate over whether the lacrosse program should be abolished. Upon the suggestion of the Wilkes athletic committee in charge of studying the situation, President Capin decided the team should be dropped. Rumor has it the President's house was egged after the decision was made, but whether or not hard feelings are still strong will eventually emerge.

With the coaches of two of Wilkes biggest sports no longer with us, there will most likely be some changes in these sports programs. The new baseball coach has not been selected yet, but our new basketball coach should prove to have a style much different than coach Righter.

James Atherton is not known for losing his temper and jumping up and down after a bad call. He has a much less dramatic approach to the game than his predecessor.

An alumnus of Wilkes College, Atherton once played for the Colonels when Dean Ralston was coach back in the '50's. "I feel Jimmy is one of the truly outstanding teachers of the game in this section of the country," Ralston remarked, "and more importantly, he is a fine human being and a great example for young people."

Wilkes Athletic Director John Reese, when commenting on Atherton's selection, said the move was a sign of commitment to the basketball program. "We wanted someone who could keep the program on the rise," Reese explained, "We feel we've gotten a good man. Wilkes is putting its faith in Jimmy Atherton." Ron Righter, who can be credited with turning the Wilkes basketball program around in the past two years, was also pleased with the selection. "The program is in good hands. Wilkes could not have picked a finer first-class individual for the job," said Righter, who added, "The team should look forward to working with one of the best."

The Colonels will have to make a mild transition themselves. While Atherton is a seasoned veteran of the game, Righter can be best described as a dynamic young coach with a great deal of quality experience. Jack McKinney, the present coach of the NBA's Indiana Pacers was Righter's coach while the former Wilkes mentor was playing at St. Joes. McKinney had this to say about Righter: "Ron has always been a hard working player and it doesn't surprise me that he is now going to be working for a big-time college as coach."

Washington State's head basketball coach, George Raveling, was pleased with the addition of Righter to his basketball program. Speaking of Righter, Raveling said, "His background in basketball and his personality will be a tremendous asset to our basketball program."

In his first year at Wilkes, Righter succeeded in attaining two goals: one was to beat Kings for the first time in twenty years while winning ten games. Both goals were met. Last year, Righter and company wanted to have a .500 percentage, a victory over Scranton, and a league playoffs berth. They did.

Just as Ron Righter made a step up in his career, the former Wilkes baseball coach Dave Kaschak did much the same.

In his three years at Wilkes as head baseball coach, Dave Kaschak has proved to be a great success. His overall record in that time period stands at 50 and 26; that's two out of three games being a victory. He worked as an assistant football coach and was also in charge of the school's intramural program. While a student at Wilkes, Kaschak had an outstanding athletic record, garnering most valuable player honors in addition to being the 1971 Athlete of the Year. It is his outstanding record of accomplishments in athletics that caught the eye of the Rawlings people. His sports background and his personality made him the man for the job.

Before coming to Wilkes, Dave Kaschak was doing the same things at the nearby Bishop O'Reilly High School. He took the job at Wilkes knowing it would provide for more and better opportunities. As it turned out, he met his new boss through Wilkes. "All I did was to send him a resume. It doesn't hurt to find out what you're worth." As it turned out, he was worth a lot to the Rawlings people and was told he would get the job if he wanted it. He was called at the end of April and was asked if he would be interested in the career move. "I sat down for a couple minutes because I was still in the middle of our season . . . and I said, 'How

could I refuse this?' " He couldn't refuse the salary increase and increased benefits. The job had too much to offer.

Kaschak said he would still be living in the area and would be a big supporter of the Wilkes teams. Asked if he would miss being coach and working at Wilkes, he had this to say: "Oh yeah! Some of these kids I've really grown to like." He mentioned the situation of Division III sports. His main point was that most of the athletes don't get the benefits of Division I athletes, and they play because they enjoy sports. "You get kids that want to play because they like to play, but they're not getting paid to play. You don't have the control over them that a Division I school would have. The sad thing about it is that you have kids that are dedicated enough to not go out on Friday when there is a big double header on Saturday. Some kids can do it and still do alright, but they're few and far between. Usually if you're out having a good time on Friday night, you don't have a good time Saturday afternoon."

Wilkes College means a lot to Dave Kaschak. He loves his job. The Rawlings offer for Kaschak was like the Washington State offer for Coach Righter. It was a step up in their career goals. The loss was obviously Wilkes', but the career gains for both Kaschak and Righter prove not only the quality of these two men in sports, but it is also a reflection on the Wilkes athletic programs.

Kaschak continually stressed that he took the Rawlings job for financial reasons, although the local media tended to play upon the tenure standing at Wilkes. However, Kaschak had several years to go before worrying about tenure. What he wanted to do was to make a better life for his family. He worked hard through the years to attain this; he earned it. To him, coaching at Wilkes was just fine, but as he said, "Dave, Michael, Brain, and Camille . . . that's what it's all about!" Dave Kaschak couldn't have said it better.

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From The Bench

by Ellen Van Riper



Welcome sports fans, both old and new. The summer is over, and it is time once again to enrich and cultivate our minds. Many of you probably think that the fun and excitement of life has gone with the summer, but you are terribly wrong. There is an aura of excitement in the air in and around Wilkes College. It is the anticipation of a fresh, brand new season of intercollegiate athletics here at Wilkes. The 1981-82 season is going to be action packed from the opening kickoff to the last swing of the bat, and we at the Beacon Sports Department plan to bring it all to our readers. We will include the latest scores and complete game coverage, but we will also include up to date MAC standings for all the teams, personality features, Athlete of the Week, and analysis of crucial games and matches. In addition we hope to convey to our reading audience some of the emotion of the players and games themselves.

The 1981-82 year will also be a time of experimentation by the Sports Department. "The Great Experiment" will be the sharing of the position of editor by two people, myself and Mark James. Mark will be mostly responsible for the coverage of the men's athletic teams, and my major concern will be the coverage of the women's athletic teams. This split of the editorial duties will allow us expanded and more in-depth coverage of all of the competitive teams. During the course of the year we hope that you will feel free to drop us a line or stop in the office to tell us how the experiment is going. Remember, this is the sports department of your college newspaper.

Before I continue any further, I would like to make a commentary upon the importance of athletics in college life and perhaps life in general. First of all, I must make it clear that this applies to both participants and spectators alike. The basic reason for attending a college or university is to educate, improve, and expand one's mind and intellectual abilities with the hope of successfully entering a particular profession upon graduation. With this in mind, it is obvious that almost everything at college is intellectually orientated. However, man is also a physical emotional being as well, and it is important to keep all three in proper balance. If one is improved, then the others should follow suit. This is where athletics come in, be they intercollegiate, or intramural.

Sports are a physical outlet for man, and while the mind still functions, it is the body which dominates the activity. Athletic activity gives the mind a break and also releases the tension which can result in daily life. On the emotional side sports are also an outlet for the aggressive, competitive part of man. Athletic activity can also be a means by which to release anger and frustration. Socially, sports are a great way to meet new people, to learn how to coexist with one's fellow human beings, and a great opportunity to learn the values of teamwork. It is clear that in one way or another all of these things can be applied to both participants and spectators alike and without sports this campus would be a greatly different place.

On this note, I would like to urge all of you to get involved in Wilkes College sports this year. There are numerous ways to become involved; join a team, attend games and matches, sign up for intramurals, become a team manager or statistical, or even become a sports writer for the Beacon. If you don't get involved, you are going to miss out on a lot of action and excitement. We at Wilkes are all one big team, so let's all support the athletic teams to help make 1981-82 very successful, and hopefully, the year of the Colonel.