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Ralston to retire

by Michelle Munday

In June, the Wilkes College faculty and administration will mark the retirement of George F. Ralston, Dean of Student Affairs.

surrounding the game rugby. The first is that people think rugby players are large brutes. This is false. There are many small brutes as well. The size of the players may range from 140 pounds to 200 or more pounds. Anyone, no matter their size, can play in any position. Fast or slow, big or small, there is a useful position for anyone in rugby.

The second myth is that many referees are needed to keep control of this chaotic game. This is also false. There is only one referee to a game.

Rugby is not only a game for men. It is also played by women. Unfortunately for you women out there, the Wilkes-Barre Breakers do not have a team for women. Sorry.

Remember to support the Wilkes-Barre Breakers and come support us at our home games. If anyone is still interested in playing contact Brian C. Kern at 426-0930.

After attending an undergraduate school and realizing he would not have a future in sports, Ralston began his career when he took a teaching job in Forty years. In 1941 he was drafted into WWII, but returned to teaching after four-and-a-half years of fighting. He took a job at Wilkes College that involved the counseling of war veterans.

While here at Wilkes, Ralston spent some time working in the Biology Department, which he says was his "academic discipline." He helped form an athletic

program for the students and helped form the first Wilkes football team.

Ralston then went on to serve as the Dean of Men, Director of Athletics, Coach of the baseball, football, and basketball teams, and he even served as the Dean of Women for a short time when there was no one else to do it.

As Dean of Student Affairs, Ralston is responsible for the personal, social, economic, and academic welfare of students once they arrive on campus. He says that one of the reasons he has stayed at Wilkes so long is that he is truly interested in the development, growth, and life of Wilkes College.

Although Dean Ralston is retiring, he is not leaving Wilkes. After retiring as Dean of Student Affairs, he will be working on campus with the alumni of the

College.

Ralston says that, "These people are the life and blood of the College. Wilkes has neglected these people over the years and we have a need for them." He hopes that by working with these people, he will be able to "resurrect" the alumni and help them to make some type of contribution to students who have a desire to get an education.

Ralston expressed some of the hopes he has for today's college students: "Students, I hope, will hurry to gain a more mature point of view rather than being conspicuous consumers. They should turn themselves outward instead of inward and look to projects beyond self-gratification. Students should become more idealistic and have a greater concern for the environment, but the



most important thing students should do is try to see more of themselves in the world rather than more of the world in themselves," says Ralston. George Ralston as a part of his family and hopes that he will remain with us for many years after his retirement from Dean of Student Affairs.

Wilkes College has been very privileged to have

King's party gets raided

by Michelle Munday

On Friday, March 7, approximately 125 King's College students in an apartment began celebrating St. Patrick's Day a week

The party was not going on for an hour and a half when the police and agents of the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board acting on a tip had received that the apartment known as the Top or Shop and the festivities by all those present could not show some of identification and setting four halves of

beer, some bottles of vodka, and grain alcohol.

Michael Strang, 21, who leases the apartment, was taken into custody and charged with providing alcohol to minors.

Recently, a bill sponsored by state representative Kevin Blaum was passed by the House and the Senate Law and Justice Committee to combat underage drinking.

If this bill is passed by the state senate, the underage drinker will face stiffer consequences, such as mandatory suspension of his driver's license.

Many law officials hope that the bill will become law in time for spring break,

graduation, and proms. They think it will prevent accidents and many other serious mishaps.

Although some law officials do not feel that a license suspension is the best form of punishment, others feel that this is the most effective measure that can be taken to help prevent the underage drinking problem.

Wilkes College faculty and administration are also concerned with the problem of underage drinking on campus.

George Ralston, Dean of Student Affairs, commented that the recent raid at King's College should have a

definite effect on the students here at Wilkes. Students should realize that there is more pressure on on state and federal officials to adhere to the alcoholic beverage statutes.

"Underage drinking is not in the best interest of our society. If individuals are not going to police themselves, then enforcement will have to come from without," says Ralston.

If students continue to flout the alcoholic beverage laws, they should realize that next time a college gets raided unexpectedly, it might be Wilkes.

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Any exceptions to the above hours will be posted at the entrance of the gym and weight room.

Editorial

Academics neglected to expand administration?

Dr. Chris Fox, Assistant Professor of English, has announced his resignation. He will be leaving Wilkes after the spring semester to become an Associate Professor of English at the University of Notre Dame.

According to Fox, the job at Notre Dame is an attractive one. "This is a chance to move to a bigger school that wants to build," he said. Dr. Joseph Buttigieg, a member of the Notre Dame English Department, said, "We made a national search and must have had 150 applicants. He [Dr. Fox] was by far the best candidate for the job." And we at Wilkes can certainly be proud of Dr. Fox's accomplishments. Dr. Thomas Kaska, chairman of the Language and Literature Department, said, "Dr. Fox's leaving is a serious loss for the College. Wilkes should encourage these kind of people to stay."

Entering into Dr. Fox's decision to leave is his concern that Wilkes is not on the right academic track. "I am concerned about the future of the English major, the humanities, and indeed the College at large," Fox said. And his concern for academics here at Wilkes is one which many hold.

It appears that too much attention is being paid to expanding the administration as opposed to improving academics. For example, another new Associate Dean of Academic Affairs will be selected by June 1, according to the March 19th issue of *The Intercom*. The new associate dean will be responsible for overall supervision of Admissions, Financial Aid, Evening, Summer, and Weekend Programs, the Registrar, and the Recorder's Office. But on the other hand, approximately ten freshman English composition courses for the 1986 fall semester currently have no one to teach them. Apparently the administration is unwilling to hire full-time faculty to cover these courses. This means that ten out of twenty composition courses will be taught by "adjuncts" who will have very little interaction with the English Department. And, of course, the primary rationale behind this unwillingness to hire is a lack of money in the budget. But where will the money to pay a new Associate Dean come from? Considering the importance of effective writing skills in a liberal education, it would seem to be more important to hire the necessary faculty members to teach freshman composition than to hire an additional Associate Dean of Academic Affairs.

We can hope that a new associate dean will improve the academics here at Wilkes. We can also hope that the adjuncts teaching freshman composition will be competent. But we will definitely hope that Dr. Fox is content in his new position at Notre Dame.



The Beacon is taking a break

for

Spring Break!

We will publish again April 10th.

Students have right to see breakdown of college budget

Dear Editor:

At the recent luncheon for campus leaders, a lot of good ideas and suggestions were made. Now that the first step has been taken towards promoting communication and awareness on this campus, we must follow-up on these suggestions.

One idea that was mentioned during the

luncheon was that students should know where their tuition money is going. Last week's *Beacon* mentioned, "The increase in tuition and room and board charges will make it possible to begin major renovations in residence halls and improve the quality of student life." Rather than giving us a general statement such as the one in last week's *Beacon*, the students want

to see an actual breakdown of where everything is going.

Student Government provided a breakdown for the activity fee, now I think it is time the college provides such information for the students concerning the rest of their school bill.

Sincerely,
Caryl Goldsmith
President of SG

"Pusillanimous perpetrator" destroys professor's schedule

To the Editor:

Wilkes College has as its main goal the education of its students. Education is not the accumulation of facts merely, but the acquisition of a style of thought and action which allows one to participate in and contribute effectively to the life of the community. Yet some people insist on demonstrating a lack of that respect for others which allows society to function.

Some of us enjoy putting thoughts and greetings on our office doors for the good of the order. It is not pleasant to come in as I did today and see my latest thought scribbled on and ripped down and an offensive comment written on my posted schedule. I find through conversations with my colleagues that similar things have happened to them. If someone chooses to dislike me, that is their problem and their loss. But I have no respect and no tolerance for someone who has the malice and cowardice to covertly destroy the property of another. I challenge the pusillanimous perpetrator to do two things. First, grow up. Second, if you think you have some reason for being at odds with me, come by and talk to me about it. You probably noticed my office hours on my schedule while you were defacing it. If I have done something to

offend you, I want to make it right. If not, I want you to get it out of your system. After all, the best way to destroy an enemy is to make him a friend. Let's both try it!

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Math Department

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Phi Alpha International Honor Society, inducted into history, inducted into Wilkes College student body. Thursday, March 14, 1985. The three students are Archer, Robert L. Criseyde Shallers, membership required by completing at least 12 credit hours in history, an average grade of 3.0, as well as maintaining a 3.0 average in two semesters. The remainder of class ranking in the top 10% of their class.

Phi Alpha Theta, organized at the University of Arkansas on March 21, 1921. It is the largest number of chapters in the world, also the largest accredited honor society.

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The Commission on Economic Opportunity, the Volunteers of America, announce a Spring Drive in cooperation with the Wilkes College Cooperative Education Program. The furniture drive will be conducted March 24, 1986, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Phi Alpha Theta Inducts new members



Dianne Augugliaro
Phi Alpha Theta, an international Honor Society of history, inducted three college students its new members, March 13. The three students, Kim Archer, Robert Boyle, and Creseyde Shillers, met the membership requirements by completing at least twelve hours in history with a grade of at least C, as well as maintaining a grade in two-thirds of the remainder of classes, and being in the top 35% of the class. Phi Alpha Theta was founded at the University of Kansas on March 17, 1898. It is the largest society of chapters. It is the largest of the college honor societies

holding membership in the Association of College Honor Societies. The total number of initiates since 1921 is more than 90,000, and there are nearly 600 chapters in the United States, Puerto Rico, Canada, and the Philippine Islands. The objective of Phi Alpha Theta is the promotion of the study of history by the encouragement of research, publication, and the exchange of learning and thought among historians. On the international level, the Society holds conventions biennially. Locally, the separate chapters sponsor speakers, forums, debates, and seminars. The chapter works as an adjunct of the Department of History and serves as a

place for the exchange of opinions between the students and the department. Phi Alpha Theta gives out many prizes and awards including six graduate scholarship awards. Also, for the encouragement of publication in history, the Society offers two annual awards for books published by its members. This society also maintains a placement bureau for its members. These placements are usually college positions in the field of history. The Wilkes College community would like to congratulate Kim Archer, Robert Boyle, and Creseyde Shillers for their induction into Phi Alpha Theta.

Furniture drive slated

The Commission on Economic Opportunity and the Volunteers of America will sponsor a Spring Furniture Drive in cooperation with the Wilkes College Private Education Program. The furniture drive will be conducted from April 24, 1986, through

April 25, 1986. Collected items will be distributed through the Volunteers of America and the Commission on Economic Opportunity. Persons interested in donating furniture and appliances in good condition are asked to contact Ms. Cathy Salak or

Ms. Joanne Meshanski, Wilkes College student interns, at 826-0510. Donated items will be scheduled for home pick-up or delivery to the Volunteers of America Furniture Store by the student interns. Thank you for any assistance you can give us.

Letter to Editor Con seeking "significant other"

Dear Editor:

When my letter arrives, hopefully you and yours will be enjoying the very best of everything life has to offer. As for myself, I'm quite sure as this letter lengthens you'll agree there's an abundance of room for improvement.

Presently, I'm temporarily indisposed as a result of my participation in a nonsensical nonviolent caper. I've accepted full responsibility for my ongoing predicament, and can proudly say that despite seemingly overwhelming odds it pleases me to be counted amongst the too few able, and willing to make the best of a bad situation. All that's missing is a significant other with which to share the rejuvenated me.

My primary purposes for contacting your educational facility is two-fold; First if you publish a school newspaper it would be an honor if you'd add my name to your mailing list. Second,

if permissible, please print the following in your school paper:

It is my fondest wish that through this brief message I'll be able to establish a mutually beneficial rapport with Staff and/or students. I seek genuine friendship devoid of the nonsensical games too often allowed to hinder relationships. Any rapport built upon a solid foundation of truth and honesty will be unshakable. If you respond, I can guarantee you'll never forget doing so. If not (God forbid), at least you'll know I exist. One is truly a very lonely number! Letters would help fill the void, and champion the monotony of institution life. Any photo accompanying a letter would be considered an additional pleasure. Be gentle with yourself! Peace profound.

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Beacon editorial positions open

The process of selecting editors for next year's *Beacon* is beginning, according to this year's editor-in-chief, Cress Shallers.

Any full-time Wilkes College student is eligible for consideration. No previous experience is necessary.

"We now have students of many different majors on the newspaper staff," says *Beacon* advisor David W. Evans of the Language and Literature Department. "This diversity is good for the paper and its readers. We encourage students of any major to apply for an editorial position."

Interested students enter the selection process by first filling out the application

printed below. The student then delivers the application and a writing sample to *The Beacon* office on the third floor of the Conyngham Student Center. The selection committee will then arrange an interview with each candidate. After all interested students have been interviewed and all pertinent material reviewed, the committee will select the 1986-87 *Beacon* editors.

"*The Beacon* has a vital role to play on campus," says Evans. "I hope we get a good number of students applying to help the paper fulfill that role."

The deadline for applications is Monday, April 14.

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Please deliver your application and a writing sample (previous *Beacon* story, a term paper, or an English paper) to *The Beacon* office on the third floor of the Conyngham Student Center. You will be called for an interview.

Application Deadline: Monday, April 14, 1986

Fox resigns "with regrets"

by Ellen Campbell

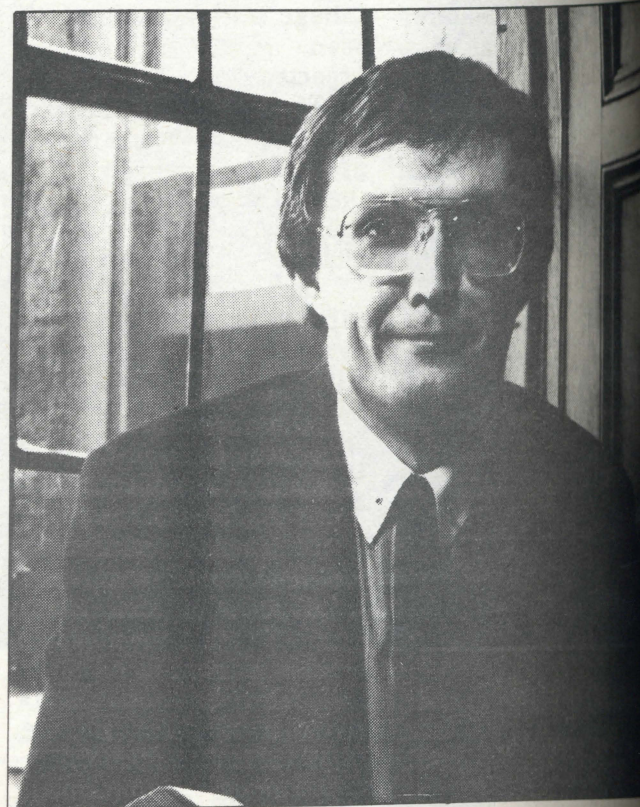
Dr. Christopher B. Fox, Assistant Professor of English, officially announced his resignation last week. Fox will be leaving Wilkes at the end of the spring semester to assume the position of Associate Professor of English at the University of Notre Dame.

"This is a chance to move to a bigger school that wants to build," said Fox. "I feel an allegiance to Wilkes," he continued. "My sense of this English Department under Tom Kaska is that it has been a marvelous place for a young person to learn. I leave with regrets."

When asked if his decision to leave was prompted by the resignation of Thomas Kaska as chairman, his answer was, "in part yes. Though I am leaving Wilkes, I am concerned about the future of the English major, the Humanities, and indeed the College at large. The present mission statement suggests a drift more than a direction," says Fox.

Dr. Fox, has been involved within the college community in addition to achieving notable academic recognition. Last year he was the advisor for *The Beacon*. He established a yearly symposium to bring nationally known speakers to Wilkes and he also participated in developing the communication program. Fox was awarded two fellowships from the National Endowment for the Humanities. He has presented papers at MIT, Columbia, Purdue, the annual Convention of the Modern Language Association, and most recently, at Harvard.

Presently, Fox has had three books accepted for publication. He acted as editor and contributor for *Psychology and Literature*, due out this year, and *Teaching Eighteenth Century Poetry*, which he anticipates will be published sometime in 1987 or 1988.



In addition, he is the sole author of *Eclipse of the Soul*, a book which deals with John Locke and the psychology of the eighteenth century. Fox's 1984 article, "Locke and Scribberians" placed third for the James L. Clifford prize which is awarded for

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the best article on the eighteenth century.

Wilkes honored Fox in

1984 by selecting him to receive its "Outstanding Teacher Award." That award is what I am proudest of at Wilkes," said Fox. Commenting on his own philosophy of teaching, he said, "If someone doesn't stay active, that will lead to unexciting teaching. The watchword is discovery. Once you stop learning, you're dead in the classroom."

Dr. Thomas Kaska, chairperson of the Language and Literature Department, said, "Dr. Fox's leaving is a serious loss for the College. He put us on the map. He is an active scholar, reading papers, attending conferences, and writing. Wilkes should encourage these kind of people to stay."

A former student of Fox, Jim Pyrah, describes Fox as "a teacher who really speaks to the students." Pyrah added, "It is too bad Wilkes has to lose someone like him. He will do well wherever he goes."

Offering some personal reflection, Fox concluded, "I feel attached to this place. This is where I got my start. It has been good to me. I am going to miss it."

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Budget constraint in effect

by Pamela Jones

As of Monday, March 17, the Wilkes College business office has not been accepting any expenditures without the approval of a presidential cabinet member.

According to Gerald E. Hartdagen, Dean of Academic Affairs, there is need for a more careful control of the budget from now until the end of the [fiscal] year. The fiscal year comes to a close May 31. After this date, the 1986-87 budget will be in effect.

Hartdagen noted that there are two major reasons why this measure is being taken.

The first is that, "We are probably about thirty to forty fewer average students for the year than anticipated." This, of course, translates financial-ly into 150 to 200 thousand dollars, a substantial under-estimation.

The second reason, according to Hartdagen, is that Wilkes has had "a more than anticipated

heating year." Higher heating bills can be attributed to an increase in the cost of steam which supplies a portion of the College. Also, this winter has been more severe than expected.

The combination of a decreased income and greater expenditures brings the College closer to overextending the 1985-86 budget.

Hartdagen said, "If we're careful, we think we can come into a balanced budget without any great pain." Entering the new fiscal year "in the red" is something that the College would like to avoid.

The approval of expenditures will be based upon the necessity of the proposed expense. Hartdagen commented that needs will vary from department to department.

The state of the budget, according to Hartdagen, is "not in a panic situation." He noted that the "only people that may be hurt [by this action] are departments that have overspent."

Debate Union places in tournament

Four speakers from the College Debate Union competed in a speech tournament at Shippensburg University on March 14 and returned to campus with four trophies.

Gandy Long, Brian Kunkle, and Elaine Bolinski comprised the Wilkes contingent and competed against students from 22 other colleges and universities.

Long brought home trophies in two categories. He finished fourth in the interpretation of literature and earned another fourth trophy in prose interpretation.

Dorsey picked up two trophies as well. He won first

place in drama interpretation with a selection from the play *Moonchildren*. Dorsey finished in third place in demagogic speaking, an event in which contestants argue an absurd position. He argued that soap should be banned.

Kunkle and Bolinski also performed well in preliminary rounds, adding points to Wilkes's overall score.

The Debate Union, coached by Dr. Bradford L. Kinney, will travel next to the Pi Kappa Delta Provincial Tournament and Convention the first weekend in April. Pi Kappa Delta is a national, honorary society in forensics.

Forum held to receive student input

by Michelle Munday

On Monday night, March 17, Gerald Hartdagen, Dean of Academic Affairs; Charles Abate, Director of Business; and Facility Operations; and Philip Tuhy, Assistant Director of the Institute of Regional Affairs were present at the open forum that was held in SLC 1.

The forum was scheduled so that the student body could express ideas and opinions about the new gym that will be constructed in the near future.

Dean Hartdagen, the first to speak, announced that decisions concerning the gym have not yet been finalized. He also said that for the past two years a new gym has been Wilkes College's number one physical priority. If all goes well, the new gym, which will cost close to five million dollars, will finally be constructed between March and November of 1987. The Board of Trustees has not given a complete go ahead yet, commented Hartdagen, but they are giving plenty of encouragement to go ahead with the plans.

Hartdagen also pointed

out some of the advantages the new gym will have over the gym that is currently being used.

The present gym is not very spacious for intramural sports. The new gym will be bigger so that many activities can take place at the same time.

Another advantage the new gym will provide is that three cross courts will be constructed to enable several practices and events to take place at one time. This will also help to alleviate late-night intramurals.

The extra rooms in the gym will most likely be used for club meetings, small seminars and classes when there is no room available in Stark Learning Center. Using the gym for some of these activities will possibly take away some of the pressure that has been placed on Stark in the past few years.

This new building will be used for recreation, convocation and sports and will therefore be called the Recreation Convocation Sports (RCS) Building.

Charles Abate, the next to speak, showed slides of how the gym will "possibly" be

set up and mentioned some of the features it will have including a sauna, a steam room, a weight room, an exercise room, two handball courts, better locker facilities, and several conference and class rooms.

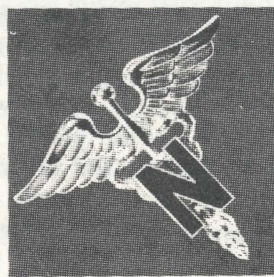
Abate went on to say that the gym will be three levels and he gave various measurements of the rooms and basketball courts.

It was also mentioned that the new gym will seat 1800 people and be used as a backup if there is inclement weather on graduation day.

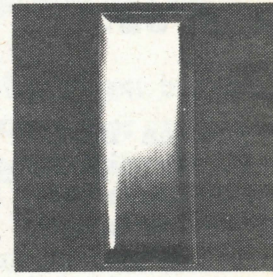
Tuhy, the last speaker of the evening, showed the students the changes that the faculty and administration suggested for the inside of the gym. The plans for the outside of the building are final, says Tuhy, but plans for the inside are still up in the air.

At the end of the meeting, students were asked to give their ideas and opinions about the new gym. Hartdagen, Abate, and Tuhy strongly suggested that anyone with any ideas or suggestions get in touch with one of them within the next week, before the architect is consulted.

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LaFeber presents interesting outlook on foreign relations

by Tom Mineo

As part of the Concert and Lecture Series, Wilkes College hosted Professor Walter LaFeber last Wednesday. Dr. LaFeber holds the position of Marie Underhill Noll Professor of American History at Cornell. Some of his more famous works include *America, Russia and the Cold War*, and *The Creation of the American Empire*.

It was indeed a pleasure for the Wilkes community to have Professor LaFeber on campus. LaFeber spent a total of about five hours throughout the day discussing the problems of the present world political situation.

Along with presenting his views on American policy, LaFeber provided ample opportunity for the audience to ask questions. In the afternoon's press conference, LaFeber devoted a half-hour to two Wilkes students. Needless to say, both of the students were grateful to LaFeber for sharing his views with them.

As one student commented, "it was a unique opportunity to talk politics with someone who is genuinely interested in talking with students."

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The day began in the Annette Evans Alumni House with a press conference. Following the conference, there was a seminar concerning affairs in Central America. Finally, the evening ended with a lecture entitled "Paranoia and Obsession in U.S.-Soviet Relations."

The main topic of the press conference and seminar was the United

States' involvement in Nicaragua. Perhaps LaFeber's strongest objection to military intervention in Nicaragua is his belief that "Nicaragua is not a Marxist-Leninist government." To back this belief, he notes that fifty percent of that country's capital wealth is privately held.

As a matter of fact, LaFeber claims that many of the problems in Nicaragua are due, in part, to the United States' policy in the area. If, in 1981, the United States set out to create a more pluralistic society, it has failed to reach its goal. To LaFeber, it seems that we have created a "less pluralistic society." In 1981, the rebel army consisted of 25,000 men and there were no Soviet military advisors. Five years later, we see an army of 60,000 and a large Soviet influence.

One major problem seems to be dissent in the Reagan Administration. Back in 1982 the administration followed a two-track policy. The first followed the Contradora Proposals negotiations, and the second favored military intervention. In a period of months, three top level advisors were moved out of Washington—one to Madrid, the second to Alaska, and the third to Algeria. The insightful reader will understand that the three advisors advocated the then not so popular Contradora Proposals.

LaFeber agrees with the Administration's belief that Nicaragua is an important concern of the United States, however he in no way sees that country as a threat to the States. It is because of the United States' position in the area—both politically and strategically—that we have an obligation to stop the killing in Nicaragua. According to LaFeber, there is absolutely no threat of an incoming "Red Tide."

After four years, the Reagan Administration has said that it would join the Contradora negotiations; however, certain conditions must first be met. Washington will only go to the peace tables if there is a military decrease in the

area. LaFeber ended his comments on the matter by saying that, in order for the Contradora Proposals to work, the U.S. must be the first to decrease their own military.

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Wednesday evening's lecture focused on U.S.-Soviet relations. LaFeber made the remark that when dealing with the two superpowers it is like when you "look into a mirror and see something strikingly like yourself." LaFeber sees many resemblances between the United States' and the Soviets' attitudes and responses toward each other. The thesis he delivered at the CPA went into detail on three major resemblances.

Both the United States and the USSR spend much of their time developing obsessions. Moscow consistently tells the Soviet people that the capitalists are trying to encircle and crush the Bolshevik experiment. Washington is forever making references to the "Red Tide"—the spread of Communism—being pushed out by the "evil empire." These illusions are created to give the populace a feeling of unity against the current enemy. Both are equally ineffective.

We can also see a growing mutual reliance on the use of nuclear arms. The Soviets and Americans seem only to understand the answers of greater numbers when it comes to military questions. This trend can only mean greater costs in the future. The question also arises as to the sensibility of "building up to build down."

Lastly, LaFeber pointed towards the growing preoccupation with developing countries. According to LaFeber, the so-called "Reagan Doctrine" helps counter revolutionaries "in parts of the world about which we know very little...." His prediction on third world matters is that, if this trend continues, "we will check and balance each other, and leave these people with no room to maneuver."

LaFeber ended with three more issues in which both superpowers share common interests: containing bloodshed, sharing knowledge, and, above all, controlling the arms race. The people of both the Soviet Union and the United States can all share in Professor LaFeber's hope that these common interests will lead us to peace before our differences lead us to war.

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by Ellen Campbell

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dental hygienist tells me
 while cleaning my teeth that
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 (groan).

After three pregnancies,
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 and thirteen years of putting
 peanut butter on just about
 everything, I am convinced
 that certain parts of my body
 are forever lost causes.
 Consequently, I have decided
 that no matter how fashion-
 able stirrup pants may be,
 they will never become part
 of my wardrobe!

Well, I reason, our cul-
 ture is too youth-oriented
 and physical appearance
 really should not matter.
 After all, we all know that
 what is inside is what counts!
 Right? Some wise person
 (probably over thirty) once
 counseled, "you are not
 getting older, only better." I
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Aries--Your life will begin to brighten up this weekend. You'll get a lot of attention from someone you've been trying to get to notice you. Over spring break, you'll see a friend you haven't seen in a long time.

Taurus--Romance will be exciting and unpredictable in the next few days. The love of your life will behave very strangely, adding to your already unusual relationship. It should be an unusual weekend.

Gemini--Over the break, allow yourself at least a couple days of laziness. You need to recuperate from all the work you have done since the semester began. Let your brain vegetate for a while.

Cancer--Ignore the people who tend to get on your nerves--they're too bone-headed to change. Find a physical outlet for your frustrations, go for a long walk, or run, or beat up your roommate (or someone else's).

Leo--Do absolutely anything you want to do this weekend, no matter what your conscience tells you. (Don't hurt anyone, though.) Forget your scruples and live it up!

Virgo--You will find yourself with an inextinguishable desire to avenge someone's slanderous words towards you. Go ahead and do it, but remember that an endless chain of vengeful acts may come of it.

Libra--Get away from here as soon as you can. Spring Break promises to be incredible, whether you're lucky enough to get to go south or not. Make the most of it, because loads of work await you in April.

Scorpio--The next week or so will be absolutely super. You will have a chance to catch up on your family's and friends' lives. Find time to celebrate whether you have a reason to or not.

Sagittarius--Be sure to sleep straight through at least three full days of vacation. Once you've restored yourself, make your presence felt at all the social functions you attend. Nobody will forget you for a long time!

Capricorn--So, all you want to do is party? I don't blame you, but you had better watch yourself. You may say or do something that could get you into a huge mess. Besides that, you'll have a great spring break.

Aquarius--Your vacation is guaranteed to be awesome, so stop being such a grump. Somehow, force yourself to come back to school--the last month of the semester has some nice surprises in store for you.

Pisces--You won't still feel like crap after Saturday night when you'll meet a very unusual person. This new friend will give you a different outlook on your life. Your future looks excellent academically, too!

Language barriers need to be overcome

by Amy Hancock

According to Congressman Paul Simon of Illinois, the author of "The Tongue-Tied American - Confronting the Foreign Language Crisis," secondary school students in France must take at least two foreign languages to graduate. For children in Denmark, fifth grade marks the beginning of six years of foreign language study. Chinese youngsters in urban areas take a total of eight years of foreign language.

On the other hand, schools in the United States are not required to maintain requirements similar to these other nations. It is usually possible for American students to graduate from college without even elementary knowledge of a language besides English.

What could possibly be so desirable about speaking a language other than English? Why should we have to be able to speak French, Russian, Italian or any other foreign tongue when English is the primarily spoken language?

In our modern world, with our constantly growing involvement in trade and countless other international activities, we Americans can no longer ignore the existence of other nations and their respective languages and cultures. Our nation's power may be great, but without active and sincere acknowledgement of our foreign counterparts' existence, that power may easily be deflated.

We must identify with their lifestyles just as they have with ours. By limiting the number of languages we speak, we build barriers between ourselves and other nations. The individual who refuses to gain competence in a language besides his own denies himself both intellectual and personal growth.

As Dr. Walter Karpinich, a member of the Ad-Hoc Committee on the International Studies major and in charge of foreign study programs, explains, the "pursuit of a foreign language can be one of the most liberating experiences of the liberal arts, even if they [the students] don't gain high proficiency in the language...the benefits derived go beyond what we generally consider as a simple acquisition of a language skill. Language proficiency enhances [one's] overall communicative skills and allows one to think clearly."

In order to keep up with the countries who already emphasize linguistic fluency, we Americans must also adapt our educational curriculum requirements to the demands of world progress. Fortunately, opportunities for students to visit and/or study in foreign countries do exist here at Wilkes College.

Through the foreign study program of another college or university, Wilkes students may spend a summer, a semester, or even an entire year abroad. Because Wilkes does not have its own program, arrangements are made through universities among many such as Georgetown, Johns Hopkins, and the State University system of New York. There are foreign-based universities in many European countries, such as Oxford in Great Britain, who recruit students from United States colleges on their own.

The courses a student takes during his stay abroad may be taught in English at first and, later on, in the host country's language. While at least an elementary background in the language of the country to be visited is preferred, it is not required. Intense programs taught there, as well as an unavoidable immersion into the language, quickly increase a

student's competence.

Dr. Karpinich, Assistant Professor of Foreign Language, views the experience of traveling abroad as "an opportunity to grow intellectually and socially. [It is the] most effective way of getting insight into another culture." This is the essence of becoming and being globally aware. Whether one studies in English-speaking countries--such as Great Britain--or acquires a second language, the exposure to a different culture is the pith of the experience.

In addition, students who have studied a foreign language find that their career opportunities are much more diverse and numerous than those of their unilingual comrades. For instance, multilingual job seekers are better prepared for the fields of business, law, and social work. One's employment marketability in almost any profession is greatly enhanced by proficiency in a foreign language. Many employers search for individuals who are fluent in one or more of the languages of the countries, besides the United States, where they do business. There is not an abundance of such knowledgeable people, so many positions are usually open.

Any student interested in foreign travel and acquiring a foreign language should definitely seek out the possibility of journeying abroad. The experience can be invaluable towards the development of a wellrounded and educated adult.

"Every Wilkes student," stresses Dr. Karpinich, "has a standing invitation" to pursue the answers to any questions he may have about foreign study programs. Dr. Karpinich can be reached at extension 414 and his office is on the third floor of Kirby Hall. The walk will be well worth it.

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by Lorri Stein

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A haven for non-traditional students

by Lorri Steinbacher

When people think of a college student they usually see the picture of a man or woman, perhaps in their late teens or their early twenties, getting their first start in life. This description may apply to a typical college student, but not *all* students fit this description. There is the non-traditional student. This is the student who has been out of school for one or more years and returns to school, the student working full-time and taking classes, or the student who is married or has a family.

Although there are many activities and programs available to the student of traditional age, these programs might not appeal to students of non-traditional age. Ann Calkins, a non-traditional student majoring in sociology, saw this problem and founded the organization for Non-traditional Students. Ms. Calkins came up with the idea in May or June of last year and was commissioned by President Henseth in August to go ahead with the project.

The organization helps these students to cope with the pressures of college life by giving them a place where they can meet with people who have similar problems. According to Ms. Calkins, "The traditional student is strictly a student. Many non-traditional students are married, working, taking classes. This may be more of a problem." In essence, the non-traditional

student has many more roles to play than does the average college student. The organization tries to help these people in their roles as college students.

"Another problem," Ms. Calkins says, "is that many of the offices on campus are closed at the times when the non-traditional student is on campus. We want to get more hours for the offices." In addition, the organization tries to steer students in the right direction if they're having trouble in classes.

Non-traditional students return to school for a variety of reasons. They may want to improve their position at their present job, or they may want to secure a better job. Many women resume their education after interrupting it to get married or have children. Many are divorced and are training to get a better job. In all of these cases, there is a lot of pressure on the students that traditional students have little concept of. The organization is perhaps better equipped than any other organization to help non-traditional students with their pressures because it is run by non-traditional students.

The Organization for Non-traditional Students meets once a month at 7:30 p.m. in the Annette Evans Alumni House. The day of the meeting varies, in order to accommodate all members. The turnout at these meetings ranges from seven or eight to twenty-five or twenty-six, depending upon the night the meeting is held. The actual membership of the organization is 44

people.

In addition to the meetings, the Organization for Non-traditional Students puts out a monthly newsletter entitled *Getting Together*. The newsletter provides non-traditional students with information about the last meeting, as well as dates and times of future meetings. It also has two special feature sections. The first section spotlights a non-traditional student and the second gives professors' opinions of the non-traditional student. The newsletter serves to keep the organization in touch with its members.

The organization gets a lot of support from Dr. Fahmy and the Department of Graduate Studies and Continuing Education. Ms. Calkins also cites two members of the organization for their support, Ellen Campbell and Gloria Lloyd.

Ms. Calkins, a senior, hopes that the organization will continue long after she has gone. The organization provides an important service for Wilkes College by catering to the needs of the ever-growing number of non-traditional students at Wilkes.

Ms. Calkin urges non-traditional students who haven't attended a meeting to do so. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 22, at 7:30 in the Annette Evans Alumni House. If you are a non-traditional student (or even a traditional one) and would like more information, you can contact Ann Calkins at the bookstore mailroom, she would be happy to help you.

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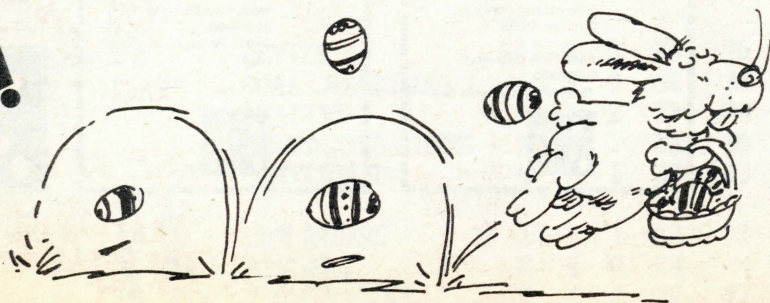
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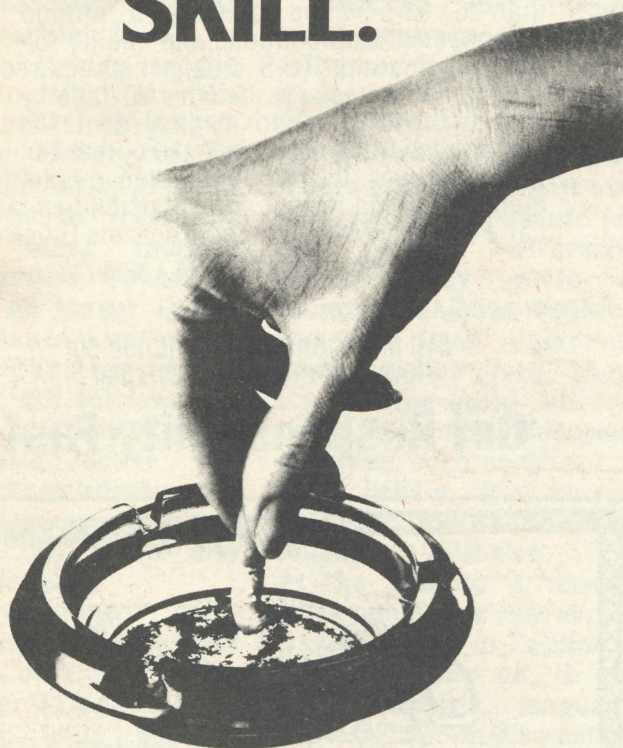
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Floor Hockey teams seek playoff berth

by Mark Mercurio

This past Thursday evening many teams looked to qualify for this year's Floor Hockey playoffs. This year's playoffs will begin April 3rd, with the top eight teams qualifying.

Among the teams currently involved are the Devils, Low Riders, Coal Crackers, Bongers, Jaguars, Bahama Bombers, Wooddogs, and the Dealers.

The Devils bid for an undefeated season was nearly crushed by the Bahama Bombers on Thursday evening. The Bombers, led by Phil Cyriax and Chris Mann, pulled within one of the Devils. Fortunately, the Devils hung on to win by the score of 3-2. Leading the Devils were Matt Ryan, who had two goals, and Junior, who netted one. The Devils will enter the playoffs as the top-seed. The Devils finished with a 12-0 record.

Despite the loss to the Devils, the Bahama Bombers can still qualify with a 6-3 record.

The Dealers assured themselves a spot in this year's playoffs as they

squeaked by the Wooddogs 4-3. Leading the Dealers were Andy Harris, who netted two goals, Andrew Bosard, and Larry Hubert who each chipped in one a piece. The win raised the Dealers record to 6-3-2. The Wooddogs, on the other hand, fell to 3-3-1 and still have a good chance in being in the top eight.

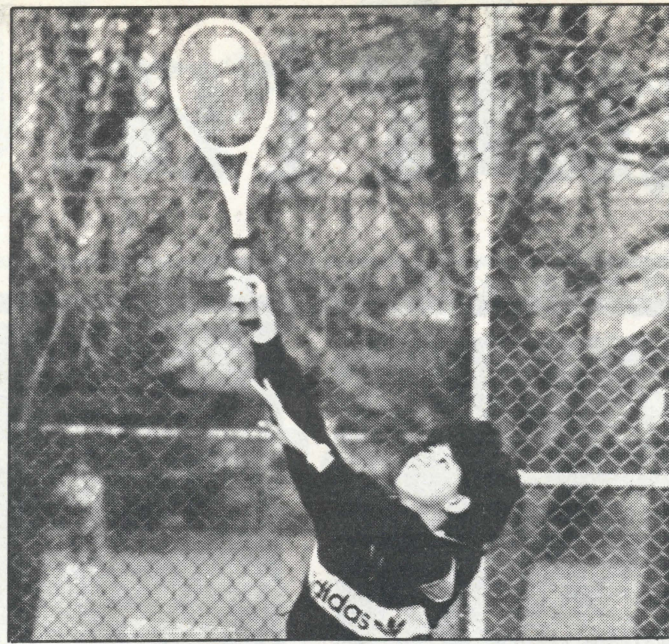
In other action this week, the Low Riders rebounded from last week's defeat to the Devils by beating the Terminators 3-1. The win upped the Low Riders record to 10-1 as the Terminators fell to 4-7-2.

The Low Riders, last year's defending champions, are currently ranked second and will look to repeat as

champion's once again.

The Contenders upped their record to 4-7-1 by defeating the NJ Hurricanes by the score of 4-1.

The *Beacon Staff* would like to thank all the teams that participated in this year's league. We would also like to wish the teams that are headed to the playoffs the best of luck.



Right is Alysse Croft left is Karen Zweibel

Spring sports schedule listed

It won't be long before spring sports season will be underway here at Wilkes. We have printed here a complete schedule so that all loyal Colonel sports fans follow and support the athletes throughout the season. Men's tennis starts the season with an away game on March 19 against Scranton. Their schedule is as follows:

March 19 Scranton - Away
March 22 Muhlenberg - Home
March 25 King's - Home
March 29 Lycoming - Home
April 2 Juniata - Away
April 5 Scranton - Home
April 9 F.D.U. - Away
April 12 Susquehanna - Home
April 14 King's - Away
April 16 Cedar Crest - Away
April 18 Marywood - Home

The men's tennis team is close behind with an opening match falling on Thursday, March 22.

March 22 Juniata - Away
April 1 Moravian - Away
April 3 Susquehanna - Away
April 8 Albright - Home
April 9 Lycoming - Away
April 11 King's - Home
April 13 Scranton - Away
April 19 E-town - Away
April 23 Muhlenberg - Away
April 25 King's - Away
April 28 Scranton - Home
April 30 Ursinus - Home

Tuesday, April 1 is the big day for the baseball and softball teams. The baseball team opens at home against King's, and the softball team is also at home against E-town. For the complete baseball schedule look in last week's issue of the *Beacon*. Here is the softball schedule.

April 1 E-town - Home
April 3 King's - Home
April 8 Scranton - Away
April 12 Susquehanna - Away
April 15 Marywood - Away
April 17 Gallaudet - Home

And finally, the golf team of Coach Rollie Schmidt opens its season at home on Thursday, April 3 against Scranton.

April 3 Scranton - Home
April 7 King's and Muhlenberg - Home
April 14 Susquehanna, Scranton, Moravian, King's and Del Valley - Home
April 17 E.Stroudsburg - Home
April 18 Lebanon Valley, W. Maryland - Away
April 22 Albright, Juniata - Away

So now you have no excuse for not getting out and supporting the Colonels. Best of luck to all the teams.

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Pictured above in action earlier in the season is Wilkes' 134-pound Andre Miller.

Wrestlers bow out

By Jim Pyrah

Even though the three Wilkes College wrestlers who traveled to Iowa this past weekend to participate in the NCAA Division I National wrestling championships were all eliminated from competition after the first day of action, they did not return empty-handed.

These three Colonels, freshman Ron Miller, sophomore Dennis Mejias, and junior Andre Miller, gained valuable experience by wrestling in such a prestigious tourney.

Most wrestlers never have the opportunity to compete on the national level and fewer still earn that right as underclassmen.

All three of these Colonels are underclassmen and all three will be back next season to perform for Coach Reese's squad. With this experience they should be better than ever.

Dennis Mejias was defeated at 118 by Rick Bonomo of Bloomsburg 16-4 in the opening round. Bonomo went on to capture his second straight national championship.

Mejias rebounded with

an 8-3 victory over Andy Bell of Wyoming in the first consolation round. He was not as fortunate in the second consolation round when he was knocked out of competition by Ed Woodburn of Oklahoma State by a score of 8-5.

At 126, freshman Ron Miller lost his opening bout and was eliminated from the tournament by 11th seeded Don Horning of Kent State by a 18-4 margin.

At 134, junior Andre Miller, the seventh seed in the tournament, opened with a victory over Marty Anderson of Northern Iowa by a score of 17-4.

In the second round, Miller dropped a hard-fought 7-6 decision to Kyle Nellis of Pittsburgh. Andre was leading 6-2 after one period and was still leading 6-5, with about 10 seconds left, when he was taken down to erase his lead.

In the consolation round, Miller suffered an 8-2 loss to Nate Allison of Northern Illinois.

Thanks for giving all of us in the Wilkes College community a memorable season and for the prospect of continued success.

Rugby

by Mark Mercurio

The Wilkes-Barre Breakers traveled to the University of Scranton this weekend to start off the 1986 rugby season.

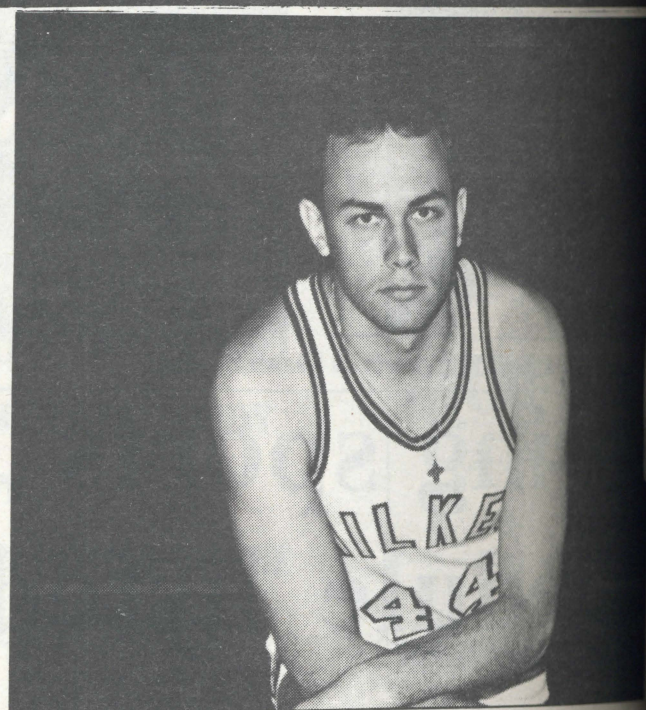
The Breakers, a club-side team, defeated Scranton in the first game by the score of 8-0 and won the second by the score of 7-0.

The Breakers would like to thank those who came to support them in their win.

If anyone is still interested in playing it's not too late start. Please contact Brian Kern at 826-0930.

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On Friday, April 4th, 1986 at 8:00 p.m. the craziest show on earth will take place in the Wilkes College Gym. You can see your friends ride the donkeys in the Donkey Basketball Game. Students vs. Faculty and Students vs. Students. Anyone who wishes to ride a donkey in either of the games should sign up in the yearbook office located on the 3rd floor of the Student Center.



Zapotocky ECAC All-Star

Dave Zapotocky, a senior forward for the Wilkes College men's basketball team, has been named to the ECAC Division III South Men's All-Star team.

In addition, the former Hazleton Area standout was selected as a second team member of the All-Middle Atlantic Conference squad.

Zapotocky enjoyed his finest season in a Colonel uniform as he led the team in scoring with 366 points in 24 games (15.3 ppg.). The 6'4" swingman connected on 166 of 344 shots from the floor (48%) and 34 of 56 from the charity stripe (61%). He also

added 128 rebounds (5.3 per game) on the season, and was second on the team in blocked shots with 21.

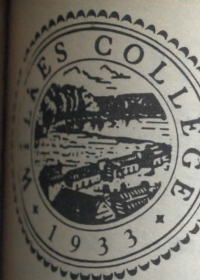
Zapotocky, who served as co-captain of the squad last past season, finished his career at Wilkes just shy of the 1,000 point plateau as he recorded 949 points in his four years.

The son of Mr. & Mrs. Eugene Zapotocky of Hazleton, Dave is majoring in accounting at Wilkes.

The Colonels, under Coach Ron Rainey, finished the season at 15-9. The fifteen victories marked the second highest total of wins in a season in school history.



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Nehring

by Beth Mazzullo

After five years as chairperson of the Department of Nursing, Virginia Nehring is stepping down as chairperson and will remain at Wilkes as a full-time professor.

Nehring said that she was glad to step down as chairperson for several reasons.

The first reason Nehring gave was that she is "tired." She said, "I have been an administrator for over 15 years. The average teacher stays in a position for five years."

Nehring is two years into her five-year term as chairperson at Wilkes. She said she remained that she had served five years in a position as a nursing education administrator. "I feel I have made a contribution," Nehring said. "I wish to move on."

Tuckey

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by Joe Kultys

The Speech/Communication/Theater Arts Department is offering academic credit to certain students working with various organizations.

The four organizations involved are the theater, the Union, the radio station (WCLH), and the newspaper.

The students are asked to take the class. Dr. David Tuckey is the man of the new SC