

IRHC Executive Council Polls Dormitory Students

by Lisa Gurka

During the past week, members of IRHC's Executive Council have been meeting with all dorm students to discuss the administration's plans to charge residents of the new dorm an extra \$200. The money raised by this extra fee would go toward the \$40,000 the administration must raise for 1983.

IRHC President Bill Lourie explained that these meetings were held to "present the administration's point of view, and get the students' points of view, also." At the meetings, the resident hall students were presented with the issue, had a chance to voice their points of view, and ask any questions they may have had.

However, these students were also offered something else. They had an opportunity to make their points of view heard to the administration in the form of a vote. IRHC offered dorm students several options to the \$200 fee differential. The students then voted on which option they felt would be the most fair and beneficial to all concerned.

IRHC decided on two options, and then a third which was offered as an alternative. After the issue was fully explained to the dorm students, and the votes were counted, IRHC would recommend the one voted as the best to the administration.

The first option was the administration's policy of charging the \$200 differential fee to the students living in the new dorm. The \$40,000 that must be raised in 1983 would be done so by the residents of the new dorm.

Option two was to raise the \$40,000 from all dorm students. This would be done by raising the cost of room and board by approximately \$40, and would begin for

the 1982-83 school term.

The third option was somewhat of a compromise of options one and two, and students voted on this option only if they felt the other two options would not work. It would involve an overall room and board increase of approximately \$25 for all resident hall students. Residents of the new dorm would then be charged an additional cost of \$75, instead of \$200. This way, residents of the new hall would only be paying \$75 more than anyone else.

Out of the 920 resident hall students on campus, 570 participated in the voting. 163 students, 29%, voted for option one. Option two received 407 votes, or 71%. (Because options one and two were decided on first, they reflect 100% voting.) The alternative option, number three, received 200 votes, or 35%.

Lourie commented that it is the administration's primary goal to raise the \$40,000 in 1983, and IRHC is "questioning the manner in which they propose to do so." He went on to explain that the students should have some input in the matter. IRHC is taking the time to do this so the resident hall students on campus can offer the administration a viewpoint that is "fully informed." He noted that IRHC had been discussing the possibility of incorporating the cost in the College's overall tuition, but it was "not a strong option and the Commuters might object to it."

Based on the results of the vote, IRHC will, according to Lourie, "strongly recommend option two to the administration for their consideration." Lourie commented that he was "a little surprised" at the outcome of the vote, especially because of the "awful big edge option two had over option one."

CC, IRHC To Establish Overnight Facilities For Commuters

by Lisa Gurka

At this time of the semester, weather conditions tend to worsen, making it somewhat difficult for commuter students to make it home. Commuters also tend to spend more time on campus studying for final exams. These are two major reasons Commuter Council President Joe Knox decided to arrange for overnight housing facilities for commuter students.

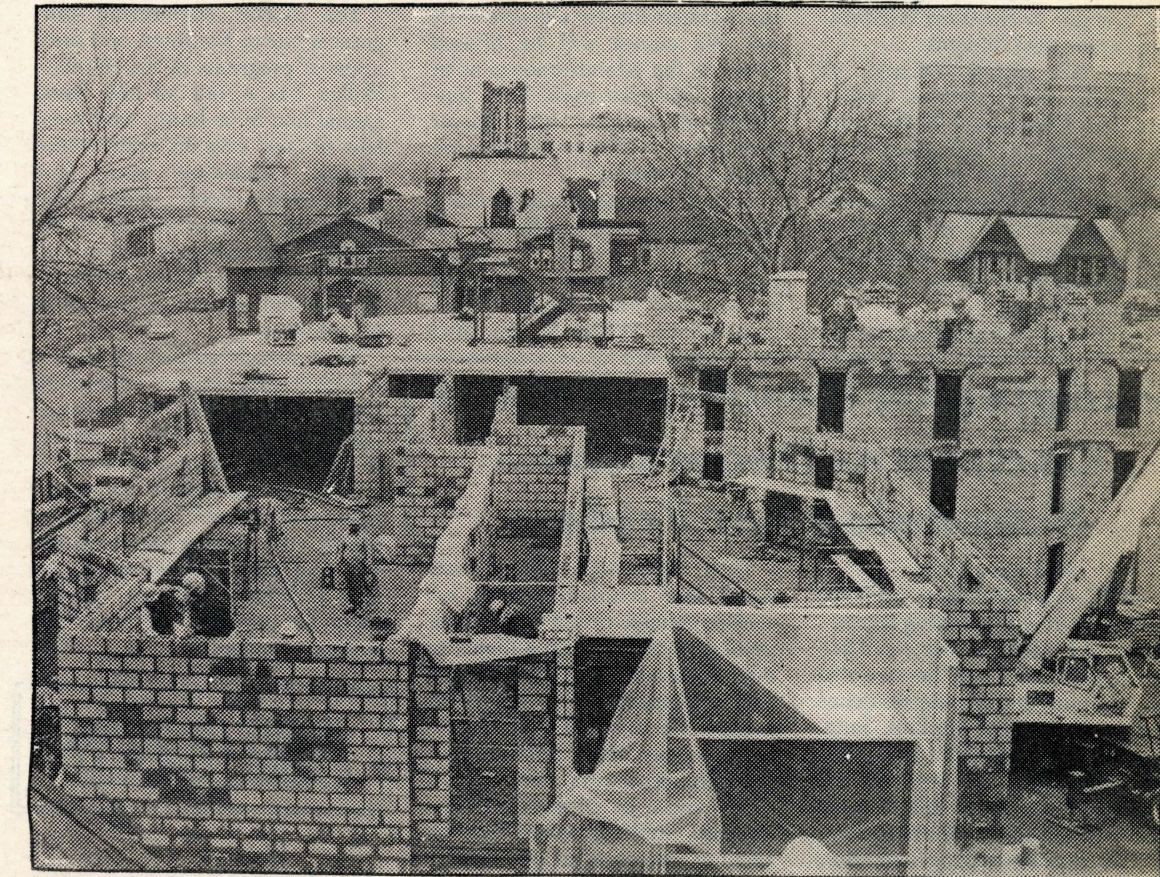
Knox first got the idea after reading about other campuses that already have such facilities. These facilities will be in residence halls that have space available. There will be no charge for staying on campus overnight. Commuters who do take advantage of this pro-

gram will be able to eat in the cafeteria at a minimal cost.

Through the cooperation of IRHC, a list is being drawn up of those residence hall students who have the extra space and are willing to accommodate a student for a night or two. When completed, a master list will be drawn up and posted in strategic locations.

"This will be a service for commuter students who might find it difficult to make it home on a certain night," according to Knox. "There are any number of reasons that something like this might happen: bad road conditions, car breaking down. Sometimes people are just too tired to drive the 20 or 30 miles home."

Knox explained that he had



THE NEW DORM — The building of the new dorm is proceeding as planned. Here, workers put the finishing touches on the third floor.

Selection Of Accounting Majors For Internships To Grow More Rigorous As Program Progresses

by Melissa Meyers

Accounting majors who are concerned about gaining internships with top accounting firms should maintain at least a 3.0 average in their major and if possible a 3.0 cumulative average in order to ensure good placement. Students with lower grade point averages are in no way prohibited from entering the internship program, but should not expect to gain the best placements, since they do not have the best qualifications.

This was the point Dr. Howard Williams, Chairman of the Commerce and Finance Department, was trying to get across to

accounting majors who could be eligible for internships. Unfortunately, several students misunderstood Williams' comment. The students feared that they would be denied placements with firms if their averages fell below a 3.0.

This is not the case, according to Dr. Williams. Efforts will be made to place any senior or exceptional junior who would like to serve as an intern for a Public Accounting firm. However, both Dr. Williams and Mrs. Cynthia Josarick, coordinator of the program, stated that a student must meet employers' standards in order to gain an internship. Wilkes places students with such prestigious firms as Peat, Warwick, Mitchell and Company, Bethlehem; Arthur Andersen and Company, New York City; Parente, Randolph, Orlando, Carey and Associates, Wilkes-Barre; and Laventhol and Howarth, Wilkes-Barre. If these firms expect outstanding students Williams feels that the college should give them "the best to represent Wilkes." He also feels that since seventy percent of internships lead to actual jobs, and the best firms pay up to twenty thousand dollars per year, the firms should not have to accept any but the best students.

Dr. Williams hopes that eventually there will be enough good accounting majors so students with less than a 3.0 average can't consider the program. Right now,

however, the Commerce and Finance Department is placing students who have somewhat lower averages than Williams would like, and has "dipped a little lower" in order to build the internship program. Now that the program has begun to progress, it must continue to do so, and, for Dr. Williams at least, this necessitates "getting more selective."

Maggie McKeown, a senior Economics major, heard the comment in question, and interpreted Dr. Williams as saying "Accounting majors should shape up, or things look dim" in regard to internships. Miss McKeown is head of the Student Advisory Board for Commerce and Finance majors, a group formed last year to handle student complaints and suggestions about the department.

The board was very active last year, dealing successfully with such issues as scheduling of exams, professors office hours, and specific course offerings. This year, in spite of a slow start, McKeown reports a recent increase in student utilization of the service. Unfortunately, no concerned students went to the board over the Accounting internship problem. Dr. Williams suggests that this is one reason that the misunderstanding over the matter was not cleared up before.

looked into other facilities where students might have been able to stay, such as the Alumni House, the Student Center and the Sterling Hotel. The residence halls were decided upon because of the shower facilities.

Knox would like to see this service operational for this final exam period. Because of the cooperation between Commuter Council and IRHC, he expects to see this service continue on campus. "That's what's so great about it — it is an example of commuter and residence hall students working together. Without their cooperation, we couldn't have done it."

For more information about the facilities, contact Joe Knox at the Commuter Council office.

Part-time Electrical Engineering Program Planned In Response To Many Requests

by Thomas Jordan

Beginning in the 1982-83 academic year Wilkes College will offer a major in electrical engineering to part-time students.

Mr. Jack Meyer, Director of Graduate and Part-time Undergraduate Programs at Wilkes, said he received over 200 phone calls from people who would be interested in an electrical engineering degree if it were offered at night. Most of these people are already working in the electrical engineering field.

In the past this program did not

officially exist. Some engineering courses were offered at night, but the other courses needed to fulfill the requirements for a degree were not. No classes will be offered either in the late afternoons or at night, and there could be a possibility of Saturday labs. Meyer added that "this is the first time we will say we have it."

Letters were sent out to every manufacturer and health care institution in the area to inform them of the electrical engineering degree. Dr. Umid Nejib, Chairman of the Wilkes Engineering

Department, said he feels this is a selling point to attract new industry into the area.

The Wilkes engineering program is one of the finest and most updated programs in the country. Wilkes has a few of the finest special labs to be found, and these labs do not exist in many other schools, including some fine engineering schools. Wilkes also has one of the finest faculty in the country. According to Meyer and Nejib, most engineering graduates do well and are able to find work in their field.

Nejib stated that he feels there is a distinct advantage to an evening program. He added, "In the evening classes there will be a mixture of full and part-time students. It is a very nice opportunity for an exchange of ideas." According to Meyer, the reason the program will exist now and did not in the past is because "all the departments got together. We finally put our acts together."

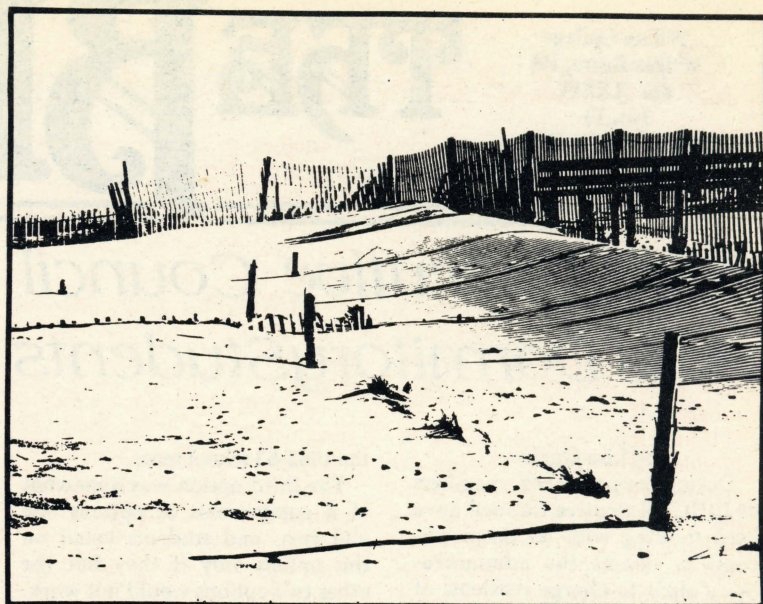
MERRY CHRISTMAS

Debate Union Invited To Compete In Penn. College Energy Debates

The Wilkes College Debate Union has been requested to participate in the Pennsylvania College Energy Debates. This competition is jointly sponsored by the Pennsylvania Electric Association and Westinghouse Electric Corporation.

Student teams from participating institutions will debate the following topic: "Should construction of new coal nuclear generating facilities in Pennsylvania be encouraged and fostered to meet expected energy needs by the year 2220?" The style of the competition will be that of "Advocates," a popular broadcasting series of the 1970's. Each team must be prepared to debate both sides of the proposition.

Wilkes is one of 25 institutions that will participate in this year's tournament. The Commonwealth has been divided into four regions, and each region will send one team to Philadelphia in March to compete in the Grand Championship round. Prior to the start of actual



As the end of the semester comes to a close, so do the photo club's contests with the Photo Club's photo of the semester contest. Before our winning contestants are announced, the Photo Club would like to express its gratitude to those who entered the contest. We would also like to give a special congratulations to John Scot Ellis of Warner Hall for his numerous victories in the photo contest. John is also the photographer who submitted the winning photo of the semester, shown above.

The following is a list of the previous winners:

John Scot Ellis (7 weeks)
Marshall Hurlbert (22 weeks)
Roger Heffington
Chris Woolverton
Kathy Hyde

The photo club would like to congratulate all of these winners for their entries.

Judging Of Residence Halls' Christmas Decorations Scheduled For Friday

by Donna Nitka

IRHC is sponsoring a residence hall Christmas Decorating contest. Prizes of \$15 for first place and \$10 for second place will be awarded to the male and female residence halls with the best displays. Judging will be held tonight, December 11, from 7-9 p.m. Students are reminded to abide by the Housing Office's regulations for decorating.

The council's parking committee announced that the list of residence hall students who will receive parking stickers for next semester is now posted in both the IRHC and Housing Offices. Students who currently have parking stickers are reminded that the stickers must be turned in before break. Parking stickers for next semester will be distributed during Final's week.

IRHC president Bill Lourie noted that members of the executive council would be meeting with all residence hall students to discuss alternatives to the proposed \$200 differential fee that students living in the new hall would be required to pay. He stated that both the administration's and IRHC's views would be presented to the students. Students would then be asked to vote on what they believed to be the best option. IRHC will present its findings to the administration. (see related story)

IRHC advisor Paul Adams reminded students that residence halls must be vacated by 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 23 for break. He also added that any room transfers must be made prior to leaving for the Christmas holidays.

New Off-Campus Parking Option Proposed By Council

by John Finn

The Commuter Council is investigating the possibility of obtaining discount rates at the parking lot on Northampton Street between South Franklin and South Main Streets. The proposed arrangement would provide three hours of parking for \$.45, at a location near the campus. This arrangement would be particularly beneficial to students who are only on campus a few hours during the day.

If the service is made available, the council will sell sheets of 50 coupons at \$22.50.

The council also voted Monday

night to appropriate \$275.00 as a partial subsidy for a bus trip to the Feb. 14, Philadelphia 76ers-New York Knicks basketball game.

Andrea Fronzoni, Chairman of the Social committee, was named representative of the week. Fronzoni organized last Friday's Christmas party at the Woodlands. The Commuter Council will provide free coffee to students in the Student Center during finals, according to Joe Knox, CC president.

The meeting on Monday evening, Dec. 7, was the council's last of the semester.

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Student Government Has 'Active' Semester

by Doug Fahringer

With the end of the year approaching, Student Government can reflect on an active first year but must look toward improvement for the second semester. The organization dealt with many changes and controversies and seems to have made some significant achievements as the semester progressed.

Under the strong leadership of President Ana Nunez, SG can be credited with effectively representing the student body. Nunez is perhaps the most influential SG leader of this or any semester. She runs the meetings in a smooth and professional manner and as always she is well aware of all events and issues occurring on campus. Nunez is a true leader who is well respected and cooperates efficiently with the administration, the student body and SG.

The disappointing resignation of the Vice-President Tom Rooney resulted in "musical chairs" for the executive council. Elaine Kerchusky was voted to Rooney's position as vice-president. Joanne Rice was elected to Kerchusky's position as Recording Secretary and Tom Farley was elected to Rice's past position as Corresponding Secretary. It was a big loss for SG when Rooney resigned; however, Kerchusky seems to possess the same dedication and enthusiasm as Rooney and as next semester begins, she should be well adjusted to her present position. Rice and Farley also are quite capable of carrying out their respective positions.

SG has involved more students on campus this semester than ever before. A total number of 107 non-SG members are currently active on at least one SG committee. The organization, following Nunez's suggestion, developed a President's Council. Through this development, the council has accomplished better communication between SG and other organizations at Wilkes.

Another plus for SG this semester was the development of Peer Counseling. This committee, headed by Cindy Bonham, is an advantageous service for the students; it's a shame, however, that more interest is not shown by the student body in response to this committee.

Another committee that seems to be accomplishing a great deal is the newly-formed Fiftieth Anniversary Committee, chaired by Phil Goedecke and Gene Chikowski. This committee is preparing for Wilkes' fiftieth anniversary next year and is currently planning many activities for the event. During SG's committee membership drive, Goedecke and Chikowski recruited 37 non-SG members into this committee.

The Academic Committee chaired by Keith Sands has been another active committee of SG. This committee has dealt with many controversial issues this semester and has 23 non-SG members as participants in the committee.

Homecoming weekend, chaired by Joanne Rice, was a definite success for Wilkes. There was effective organization of the many events held that weekend.

One of the minor faults of SG that could have led to major problems was the so-called "apathetic attitudes" of many SG members during the middle of the semester. It seems that support from SG members was lacking in terms of helping out with SG-sponsored and other campus activities as well. This was combined with what Nunez called "a lack of respect for other organizations and fellow representatives." It appears there was too much "backstabbing" at some of the meetings when discussing the success of the

activities and other issues. The problem here came from representatives who either had to "let off steam" or who just felt like talking. This issue was apparently remedied when President Nunez and Advisor Dean Hoover discussed the responsibility and influence of SG in order to "wake up" the organization. Dean Hoover urged the SG body to strive and work their hardest because it is SG who represents the entire student body.

The organization has improved in its cooperation and more enthusiasm is apparent especially because of the newly-formed Enthusiasm Committee. This committee attempts to promote spirit and enthusiasm throughout the group during the meeting and has

been a special asset to the meetings.

Nunez, the executive council, and the entire SG body have been well representative of their constituents. Their dedication and enthusiasm to SG was evident throughout most of this first semester. The organization has put its best foot forward and is fully aware of the room for improvement even with the successful ventures. Each member should be credited for attending the SG meetings and voicing the opinions of the student body. The student body is well represented by the SG organization as both look forward to new issues and events to occur next semester. Great job SG!

CC Makes Progress Despite 'Slow Start'

by John Finn

After a slow start, the Commuter Council this semester has made modest but significant achievements in several ventures. However, a few problems persist which should be worked out or they will continue to hinder progress next semester.

This year, President Joe Knox has given priority to improving parking facilities for commuters. Twenty additional spaces were obtained for commuters, and although this may not seem significant, previously the total for commuters was approximately 70.

The Parking committee continually explores different options for providing low-cost, off-campus parking alternatives. Services such as reduced rates at Park & Lock, bus tokens, and the new L.C.T.A. monthly flash pass are available through the council.

One major project presently on the drawing boards is the initiation of a fund for the construction of a multi-level parking facility on campus. The council realizes that this will not be a long-range project, but they also recognize the need for realistic planning.

The car-pool referral service has not been successful this semester. According to Knox, there have been only five or ten participants. This may be due to lack of public-

ity and information about the service, an inadequate program on the council's behalf, or it may be due to the independent nature of Wilkes' commuters. The matter seems worthy of some consideration.

The Social Committee, Special Events Committee, and Student Center Committee provided a good mix of parties and diversions throughout the semester. The Coffeehouses, run smoothly and consistently, brought quality live-entertainment to campus for the lunch-time programs.

The major problem underlying the council's activity has been a general lack of mutual support among committees and the failure of committees to obtain new commuter members for participation in the affairs of the council. This problem has had a direct and visible effect in several of the council's endeavors.

The November United Way Drive Dance-a-thon, for example, received virtually no support from the very people whose community the project was intended to benefit. This particular failure cannot be attributed to someone's poor planning. It can only be attributed to an embarrassing disinterest from the council as a whole.

The Blood Donor Day this year demonstrated the achievement of

which the council is capable when there is substantial co-operation from members. The goal of obtaining more contributions from commuter students was reached through careful planning and dedicated work. However, the practice of using prizes as incentives is questionable.

The council should also devote more effort to strengthening communication with its constituency. At a meeting several weeks ago, a member proposed that an

"open forum" be held at which members of the CC, IRHC, and SG would be available to hear suggestions and answer questions from the general student body. This proposal should be given more consideration. The weekly organizational meetings are, in fact, open to all students, but the atmosphere is somewhat formal and the format not conducive to encouraging non-member students to participate in discussions.

IRHC Credited With Successful Semester

by Donna Nitka

The Inter-Residence Hall Council, under the leadership of Bill Lourie, can be credited with various accomplishments and innovations this semester that have, and will, continue to benefit the college community.

The most noteworthy accomplishment of IRHC this semester was the Freshman Follies which earned Wilkes the honor of being named the NACURH *School of the Month* for September. This, coupled with the nomination for the large delegation spirit award received by the Wilkes delegation to the recent NACURH regional conference, is helping Wilkes to establish an outstanding reputation in NACURH.

IRHC president Bill Lourie fulfilled many of his goals for the semester by establishing both a Hall Presidents' Council and a Vandalism Committee. The Hall

Presidents' Council was established to supplement the residence hall services provided by IRHC. The two subdivisions of the council, the Inter-Hall Activities Committee and the Hall Government Committee, are working to improve relationships between the residence halls and to formalize the governing of the halls.

The Vandalism Committee was established to curb the rising rate of vandalism on campus. While the committee thus far has only reported on the damage done by vandals, it plans to initiate an anti-vandalism campaign in the near future.

IRHC sponsored and co-sponsored a number of events this semester. Included were: Freshman Follies, the Halloween Party, the New Year's-Friday the Thirteenth-Time Warp Party, and the Christmas Party, all of which were successful.

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Halfway Home: A Look So Far

As the Fall semester of 1981 winds its way to a close, it is time to look back. We should look back at the things we did, the things we didn't do, and the things we should have done, but didn't.

There are those who probably wish they had studied more, put more of an effort into classes or didn't cut as many classes as they did. On the other hand, there are those who feel they put out a 100% effort where their classes were concerned, and feel they

should have cut more classes than they did.

Looking back over the past semester, we feel we have done a good job of keeping the campus informed. We have covered the many positive aspects of the college without shying away from the negative. We think we have done our best in reporting controversial subjects (such as the facade and the dorm decision) in a manner which was fair to all concerned.

However, there have been times when we missed the

"big" story or did not cover an issue as thoroughly as we would have liked. We'll admit it. After all, we are human and do make mistakes. (People usually "observe" things, not "observe" them.)

Overall, this has been a very positive semester for Wilkes College. Our relationship with the administration, Student Government, Commuter Council, Inter-Residence Hall Council and (most importantly) you, our readers, has been one of cooperation.

We hope this continues throughout next semester, because cooperation benefits everyone.

At this time, we would like to thank a few people who have helped us during the past semester. To our advisor, Dr. Norma Schulman, we extend a great big "Thank You!" for her endless devotion (and energy) to the *Beacon*. We thank certain members of the administration for accepting a piece of equipment that will help us out a great deal. Special thanks

goes out to Dr. Kinney for being there when certain people needed to let off some steam.

Looking ahead to next semester, we see a continuing positive relationship between the *Beacon* and the rest of the Wilkes campus. Since we have heard little complaining about the job we have been doing, we assume we are giving the campus what it wants.

We would like to wish the entire Wilkes community warm and happy holidays. See you in January!

Chiorello Voices Grievances

To the Editor:

I would like to take this opportunity to lash out at a comment made in the previous issue of the *Beacon* and then perhaps go off on a tangent or two. The notice was in relation to students mutilating books and magazines in the Farley Library. I agree that such ignorance and inconsideration is not only childish, but also extremely unintelligent and inexcusable. One possible reason such vandalism is taking place may be the single, low budget "photocopier" available to approximately 3000 students. The person who wrote the notice has obviously not had to wait in line for a half an hour to make a copy, only to find out the machine is inadequate. Exaggeration — not a chance, just ask the students. Most will say it should be called a "semivisible impression" machine, because that is all it produces. Why not rent two better quality copying machines, one machine just can't handle the entire college. The rate of activity has obviously taken its toll on the Xerox 4000.

Other issues in desperate need of mention are the way the administrators regard the students, or don't regard them. This is reflected in the future eviction of the students presently residing in Barre and Sterling Halls. It seems everyone must donate to the cause of progress. I must give the students credit for standing up for what they believe in, but why don't their fellow students band together with them. This is impossible at Wilkes College, since so few people take their beliefs to the limit.

A prime example of students only going half way can be heard at any SG flick. I must commend the person(s) responsible for acquiring the films. For the first year since I have been at Wilkes, the frequency and selection of films has been satisfactory. However, the only thing worse than bad films or no films is going through

the troubles of acquiring them, setting them up, and sending the soundtrack through a distorted 7" speaker in the projector. Do you really feel the speaker can handle the CPA or SLC 101? Let's be reasonable, if you don't sit near the projector, you can't hear the audio. Granted, you will have your share of immature viewers, but this should be taken into consideration. Why not treat the soundtrack (audio output of the projector) as input to an amp (just like a turntable or cassette deck) and hook up those immense speakers from the Student Center. This would take some effort as far as transporting the speakers go, but the benefits would surely outweigh the costs. Sounds logical to me.

There is still one question I would like to raise. Has anyone ever questioned what the student receives for his/her \$50 "activity fee"? The students pay for every party they attend, and even then must deal with a cash bar, chaperones, and security guards checking under tables. Welcome to "Wilkes High School". I say, show us something for our money.

In conclusion, I would like to applaud the people who put the extra effort into doing things right and point out, the issues mentioned contribute to the degrading of the general student body. The problem is not enough people give a damn. Not enough people have the (word deleted) to stand up and say "I'M MAD AS HELL, AND I'M NOT GOING TO TAKE IT ANYMORE!" Take the time to write your editor, that's what he's there for. You don't have to be an expert writer, as you can see, I'm not. So speak your piece, set whatever it is, off your chest.

Gene Chiorello



Student Upset Over Treatment Of The 'Three Number 34s'

To the Editor:

The Sports Program here at Wilkes College is supposedly designed for the benefit of the students. I fail to see how the "three number 34s" on the Men's Varsity Basketball are benefiting. This year's team consists of fifteen players OR should I say 12 and 1/4 players.

It seems that although there are 15 players there are only 13 uniforms so three players share one uniform. This means they suit up for only 1/3 of the games. It logically follows then that they haven't even the slightest possibility of playing in 2/3 of the games.

Every player is part of a team. In order to win you must have a team effort and play as a team. This attitude is drilled into an athlete from little league to the professional level. I think two players are being forced to be non-members at every game. This destroys the spirit and concept of a team as a whole. Granted, it may be virtually impossible to play all fifteen players in every game but at least allow all the players to be on the bench with their team. It does make a difference!

An athlete must be ready mentally as well as physically for a competition. After a month and a half of vigorous workouts it is safe to say our team is physically well prepared. They are off to a great start this year at 4-0. However, after all the workouts the "three number 34s" found out they would share a uniform the night before their opening game. I think this is enough to shake anyone's mental preparation. If they were to be "part-time" players they should have been told in advance, not after all the practices and hours they put in working out for the team.

I think the coaching staff should examine their consciences and consider this matter a little more closely. Also, they should remember that athletes are people, and people have feelings. The decision to

have three players share a uniform was definitely made without regard to the feelings of these three athletes.

I am sure that the athletic department can afford two more uniforms. Even if the order takes six weeks for delivery, we would have

an entire team suited up for the second semester, which makes up most of the season anyway. I am certain this would make a great deal of people a lot happier.

Sincerely,
A Concerned Student

A BRIEF NOTE

At the annual American Heart Association convention, recently held in Dallas, Texas, Dr. Eduardo Marban received a special award and recognition for his research in the physiology of the heart.

Dr. Marban is a graduate of Wyoming Valley West High School, Wilkes College and Yale University, where he received both an M.D. and Ph.D. in physiology. He presently is a cardiology resident at Johns-Hopkins University

Hospital in Baltimore, Maryland. Before coming to Johns-Hopkins, he had frequently been invited to be visiting lecturer at seminars held by several universities and institutions.

He is the son of Dr. Edilberto Marban and Dr. Hilda Marban, professor at Wilkes College. Dr. Eduardo Marban is married to the former Sharon Lee Woods of Larksville, who is also completing a residency in pediatrics at Johns-Hopkins.

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Christmas--Traditional Holiday Celebrated Throughout World

by Doug Fahringer

Christmas is a time of happiness and joy that follows the feast of Thanksgiving and looks to hope for the New Year. But it is also a holiday of tradition that is celebrated throughout the world.

For example, in Great Britain, the children hang their stockings by the fireplace, hoping that Father Christmas will fill the stockings with treats. Drinking from the wassail bowl is an old English Christmas custom as well. The mixture in the bowl is drunk hot and contains ale, roasted apples, eggs, sugar, nutmeg, cloves, and ginger. Another popular dish in England is hot plum pudding.

Children in France put their shoes in front of the fireplace on Christmas Eve, and hope they'll be filled with candy the next morning. A popular dessert is a rolled cake in the shape of a Yule log.

Decorating trees is customary in Germany at Christmas time. The trees are decorated with beautiful ornaments, lights, tinsels, and cookies. Americans adopted the custom of decorating trees for Christmas from this German custom. However, American children believe that their Christmas gifts are brought by Santa Claus; the German children believe gifts are brought by the Christ child.

In Switzerland, young people visit nine fountains on their way to midnight church services on Christmas Eve. They take three sips of water from each fountain. Legend says that if they do this they will find their future spouse waiting at the door of the church. As in other European countries, it is believed that at midnight, the cattle are given the power of

speech because of their presence at Christ's birth.

Church bells ring throughout Norway at 4 p.m. on Christmas Eve. A Norwegian Christmas pudding contains an almond; the Norwegians believe that whoever gets the almond will be the next person married.

An unusual custom in Sweden has the eldest daughter in the household dress in white and wear on her head a green wreath with seven candles. She then brings coffee and buns to the rest of the family. Swedish children believe that elves help them with their holiday chores and also bring them Christmas gifts. The children then thank the elves by leaving food for them at night.

The Christmas season leads up to a special Christmas Eve dinner in Finland. The people of the North European countries are especially kind to most animals at Christmas. They give extra feed to the cattle and place sheaves of

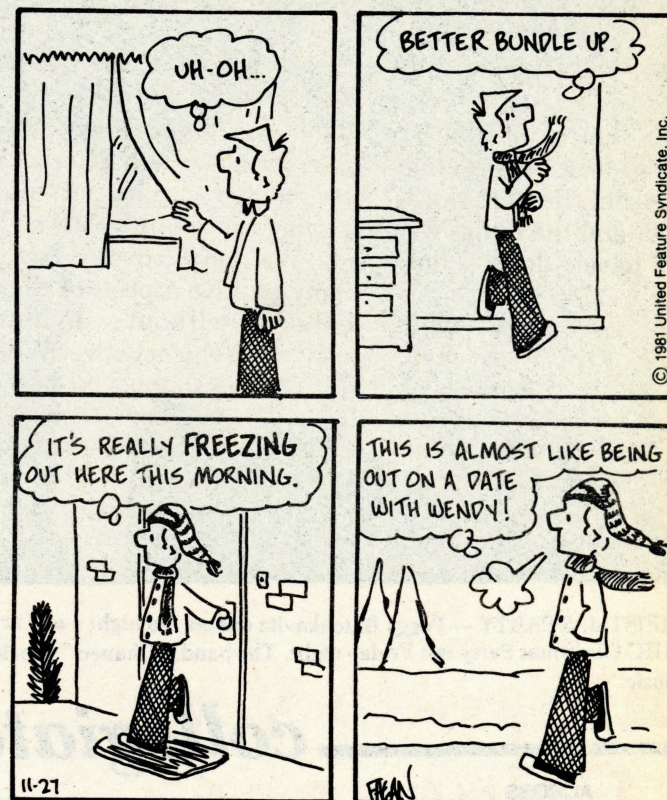
grain on top of poles for birds.

The people of Poland fast on Christmas Eve, then have a tremendous feast on Christmas Day. A vacant chair for the Holy Child always stands at the festive dinner table. Straw is scattered on the table to remind people of the stable where Christ was born. Poles also exchange small wafers with one another, as the Americans send Christmas cards.

In Yugoslavia, someone stands watch over the Christmas log all night, because bad luck is believed to come to the house if the log burns out. A Christmas cake contains a gold or silver coin; the coin is supposed to bring good luck to the person who finds it in his piece of cake.

A girl from Czechoslovakia will tell her fortune at Christmas time by putting a cherry twig in water. If the twig blossoms before Christmas Eve, the girl supposedly will marry sometime during the next year.

DRABBLE™ by Kevin Fagan



Edward Halter Meneeley

Gallery Exhibits Art Of Wilkes-Barre Native

The Sordani Art Gallery of Wilkes College will exhibit the works of Edward Halter Meneeley, a native of Wilkes-Barre, during the month of December.

The exhibit opened with a reception on December 6, from 3-5 p.m., and the works will remain in the Gallery until January 3. The public is cordially invited to see the exhibit at no charge.

Meneeley was born in Wilkes-

Barre in 1927, and began "an extraordinary career as a second-generation American Abstract Expressionist" on East 10th Street, N.Y. in the early 1950's. Critics have always found it difficult to classify him; as his career progressed, he became painter, sculptor, printmaker, photographer and film maker. Meneeley has also been an inventor, developing machinery for the making of art as well as the Electrostatic

Print Process as a medium for the Fine Arts.

The talented artist has really had two careers, each paralleling the other, in London and in New York. He has been a part of the art scene in both capital cities for many years, and his works are included in private collections and galleries here and abroad. Meneeley's current works deal with color and geometry in new and surprising ways and involve

paintings, prints and sculpture. Although he is a native of Wilkes-Barre, this is the first major exhibit by the artist in this area.

Gallery hours are from 1-5 p.m. daily, 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. on Saturday, and Thursday evenings until 9 p.m. Parking is available near the Gallery, which is located in the Stark Learning Center of Wilkes College on South River Street in Wilkes-Barre.

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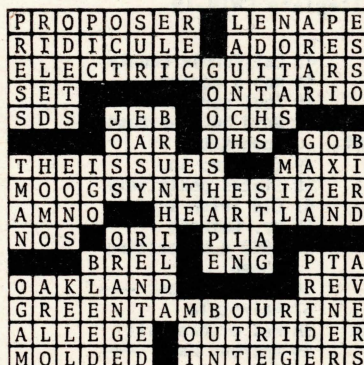
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TICKER TAPE

The Showcase Theatre of Wilkes-Barre will present the mystery/comedy "Murder Among Friends" at 8 p.m. on Dec. 11-13 in the CPA.

The Wilkes-Barre Ballet Theatre Company and the Ballet Society of Wyoming Valley will present "The Nutcracker" on Dec. 19 & 26 at 8 p.m. and on Dec. 20 & 27 at 2 p.m. All performances will be held in the CPA.

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CHRISTMAS PARTY — Peggy Butchkavitz dances the night away at the CC-IRHC Christmas Party last Friday night. The band, "Chance," provided the music.

"The Servant Of Two Masters" Contrasts Typical Comedies

by Doug Fahringer

Last weekend's performance by the Wilkes Theatre Department was exactly as Director Michael O'Neill predicted — "corny, crazy, and very spirited." The performance of *The Servant of Two Masters* utilized a variety of comical and sexual innuendoes, slapstick, and a rock band for special effects. The vaudeville-like comedy and the audience participation created a refreshing atmosphere and contrasted nicely with the past "sophisticated" plays.

The performances of the cast were similar to those of various comedy acts known to most of us as the physical slapstick of The Three Stooges and the one-liner gags of the flashy vaudeville comedians. The main interest of the play was in the strong per-

formance of Russel Curtis as Trufaldino. He kept the audience laughing with his constant high jinx and sneaky ways of escaping inevitable trouble. The remaining cast of the "Commedia dell'arte" equally spiced the humorous production with their individual comic roles.

The live rock band was an asset to the play in that it blended music for a lively mood and sound effects for laughs. The set was executed in an appropriate fashion and it allowed the actors space for their many tumbles and falls. The pale melancholy blue background was enhanced by the colorful costumes worn by the cast.

The loose construction of Carlo Goldoni's script was livened with today's gags and innuendoes in well-conceived comedy. The three-hour length of the play was slow in some scenes but picked up again with the increasing audience

participation.

This production of *The Servant of Two Masters* was a creditable performance of talent and comedy which seemed to be a welcomed relief from the typical comedies.

NOTICE

Auditions for *110 In The Shade* will be held at the CPA on Monday, December 14, Tuesday, December 15, and Wednesday, December 16. All Wilkes students, full or part time, are invited to try out. Rehearsals will begin Tuesday, January 19. Performance dates are February 26, 27, and 28. For further information, please contact Jay Siegfried, Director of Theatre at extension 417.

NOTE: Rehearsals will begin on January 19, not January 1 as reported in last week's *Beacon*.

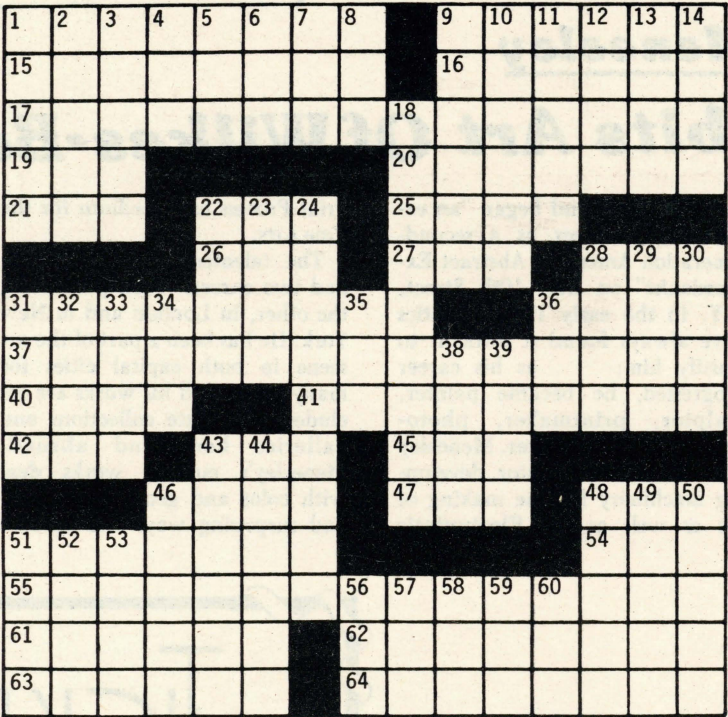
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ACROSS

- 1 Man on one knee
- 9 Delaware Indian
- 15 Mockery
- 16 Worships
- 17 Rock-band instruments (2 wds.)
- 19 Collector's goal
- 20 Great lake
- 21 Former anti-war group
- 22 Magruder of Water-gate fame
- 25 Folksinger Phil —
- 26 Propeller of a sort
- 27 Certain batsmen, for short
- 28 Mass or lump
- 31 Debate material (2 wds.)
- 36 Dress style
- 37 Contemporary music maker (2 wds.)
- 40 "I — fool"
- 41 Vital territory
- 42 Us: Sp.
- 43 Either you —
- 45 Singer Zadora
- 46 "Jacques — is Alive and Well..."
- 47 Official language of Zambia (abbr.)
- 48 Organization for Mr. Chips
- 51 1977 Super Bowl champ
- 54 Accelerate
- 55 1968 hit song (2 wds.)
- 61 Assert without proof
- 62 Mounted attendant
- 63 Like many plastics
- 64 Natural numbers

DOWN

- 1 Media coverage
- 2 Irked
- 3 "Waiting for Lefty" playwright
- 4 Photo, for short
- 5 Calendar abbreviation
- 6 California's Big —



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- 7 Hebrew judge
- 8 — room
- 9 Missile site activity
- 10 Bunker and Head
- 11 " — a Stranger"
- 12 Sandarac tree
- 13 Prefix for meter or scope
- 14 He: It.
- 18 Fitness condition (2 wds.)
- 22 Addie of baseball fame
- 23 Word with chair or street
- 24 Frankish queen of long ago
- 28 "Eyeless in —"
- 29 Draft animals
- 30 Golf accomplishment, for short
- 31 Treasury worker
- 32 — sapiens
- 33 Epochs
- 34 1938 song, "When — a-Dreamin'"
- 35 Paris when it sizzles
- 36 One one-thousandth of an inch
- 38 — go brag
- 39 Unaccompanied
- 43 California county
- 44 Was a tenant
- 46 Feel sorrow
- 48 Word in Jane Austen book title
- 49 To have: Sp.
- 50 States positively
- 51 Old Irish script
- 52 Mr. Guthrie
- 53 1949 A.L. batting champ
- 56 "L'etat c'est —"
- 57 Hairstyle
- 58 Mel of baseball
- 59 Actress Mary —
- 60 Offshore apparatus

Alcohol Abuse On Campus Viewed As Major Problem

Gainesville, Fla. (CH) — Alcohol abuse is considered a prime campus problem, and a recent survey shows why.

The nonscientific survey conducted by a national alcohol awareness group showed 88% of college students drink, and 15% have serious drinking problems.

Those figures put college students above national averages in all categories and present a real cause for concern, says Gerardo Gonzalez, president of BACCHUS (Boost Alcohol Consciousness Concerning the Health of University Students), which conducted the survey at College Expo '81 in Daytona Beach during spring break. The survey sample wasn't scientifically drawn, but Gonzalez

says those questioned do represent college trendsetters.

He recommends alcohol education and prevention programs, like those conducted by BACCHUS on 40 campuses in 25 states. The focus of the BACCHUS program is to inform students, not preach to them, on the dangers of alcohol.

One encouraging note of the survey is that 71% of the 1,920 students surveyed were moderate or light drinkers, consuming between one and 64 drinks per month. Heavy drinkers were those who consumed between 72 and 120 drinks per month. For survey purposes, a drink was considered 12 ounces of beer, five ounces of wine or one and a half ounces of distilled liquor.

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From The Bench

by Ellen Van Riper

Congratulations to Helen Gorgas, Diane Hall, and Debbie Cometa of the field hockey team. Helen and Diane were named to the 1981 All-MAC first team, and Debbie garnered a spot on the honorable mention. Helen is a senior, and she was co-captain of the team with Diane. Despite sustaining a knee injury which kept her out of a few games, Helen was

The early going so far has seen success smile favorably upon both the men's and women's basketball teams. The men are 4-1, and that is one-fifth of the mark at which Coach Atherton is aiming this season. Keep an eye out for that magic number of twenty. The ladies have only had one contest, and they made the most of it by downing Delaware Valley on the

IRHC president Bill Lourie and his staff have started a spirit team, and all interested students are urged to contact Bill or an IRHC representative for more information. The group is going to attend all home athletic events and provide the teams with the kind of support which they deserve. It should be exciting and a lot of fun for everybody. The first big event for the group will be the home

still able to provide the team with excellent defense, a few goals, and more importantly, team leadership. Diane is a junior, and she was the leading scorer for the team this past season. This is the third year in a row in which she has achieved this feat. Debbie is only a freshman, but she proved to be a valuable addition to the team. Look for her to make the first team in the future.

opposition's home court. It is always tough to win that first road game of the season, but Coach Roberts' young team came through like veterans. According to Roberts, it was the man-to-man defensive ability of the team which produced the victory. Let's hear it for the defense; keep up the fine work.

men's basketball game against King's College on December 10. On that night the group will be doing double duty, for the women have their 1981-82 home opener against Lafayette before the men's game. Both games will be very exciting, so let's all go out and support our teams. Remember, "Our heroes have always been Colonels."

Coach Reese Still 'Pleased'

Wilkes Battles Tough Foes

by Mark James

It was a very tough start this season for the Wilkes College wrestling team, but this is no indication of the Colonels' ability.

With teams like Lehigh, Oregon State, and Navy rounding out Wilkes first three opponents, it's no wonder the Colonels are starting off with a 1-2 record.

"To be very competitive with those three teams is very good," Coach John Reese commented. "I was pleased."

Wilkes took on another tough team, East Stroudsburg State, last Wednesday. A victory there would have given Coach John Reese his 300th career victory. The Colonels will travel to Delaware Valley Saturday for their final matchup of the fall semester.

"If we wrestle well, we should end up 3-2. My main concern was not to get anybody hurt. When you wrestle three teams that tough, you have to be careful," Coach John Reese said.

The Wilkes Open will take place on December 29-30.

In the opening meet this year, Wilkes fell to powerhouse Lehigh 24-12 after falling behind 12-0 after the first three weight classes. Scoring victories for Wilkes were

Lenny Nelson, Mark Troutman, Mark Correll, and Pete Creamer.

In their second meet this season, the Colonels pulled off a big upset over 22nd ranked Oregon State, 23-18. Although the Beavers had been wrestling in the tail-end of a dual meet, 2-tournament road trip, Assistant Coach Greg Strobel did not use fatigue as an excuse for the loss.

"Oregon State is very physical," Coach Reese explained. "It was the only team on our schedule that we wrestled more than once and hadn't beaten."

The highlight of the Oregon State clash was when the Colonels came back from a 9-8 deficit to score 15 straight team points. Mark Troutman started things off with a decision at 158. Wilkes jumped ahead for good with 11-9 lead. Then the fireworks began.

Mark Correll came through with a pin in 2:13 at 167 over freshman Emry Cleck. In the next bout (177), Pete Creamer took charge over freshman Tim Mondale in no time at all. Creamer scored a pin in 1:25.

In the battle against Navy, Wilkes took an early lead 12-3 with decisions by Kris Rowlette and Lenny Nelson. Kurt Rowlette,

who had run out of gas and lost his first two matches this year, had a much different showing against Navy. He came out on top in the first two periods before pinning Navy freshman Ed Culpepper in 6:27 for his first victory.

"Navy, I think has the best dual team in the East," Coach Reese remarked.

Afterward, Wilkes lost in every weight class except at 190, which was the highlight of the entire match—for the fans.

"Put two Irishmen in a circle, and there's bound to be some action," one fan commented. The matchup consisted of Wilkes' Jim Mulligan, a freshman, against Navy junior Pat Ryan. Ryan was a more powerful and experienced wrestler, but Mulligan held on for a 4-4 draw. All Mulligan's points were through penalties against Ryan.

Ryan's antics, coupled with the audience participation during the match (booing, etc.) made the battle appear more like something one would see on "Championship Wrestling." It would not have been surprising if Lou Albano or the Grand Imperial Wizard of Wrestling walked into the gym.

How They Fared

118 — Kris Rowlett lost his opening decision against Lehigh 10-5 before coming off with two consecutive victories, including a close 6-5 decision against Oregon State and an 8-5 decision against a tough Navy foe. (2-1)

126 — Doug Billig has had a tough time wrestling in this class because he normally wrestles at 118. He lost all three clashes. Being pinned in 4:22 against Lehigh, and losing a decision to Oregon State and Navy by respective scores of 7-3 and 9-7. (0-3)

134 — Kurt Rowlette lost his first two, 10-6 and 16-10 before pinning his Navy foe in 6:27. (1-2)

142 — Lenny Nelson has been Wilkes' most stellar performer this

year by virtue of his undefeated record after the first three meets. (3-0)

150 — Mark Popple grew last summer... a lot. He used to wrestle at 134, but now he's moved up two weight classes. Against Lehigh he was leading with 30 seconds left in the third period. He was penalized for an illegal hold (which was a tough call) and then reversed to lose the close 11-8 decision. (0-3)

158 — Mark Troutman has done a fine job so far this season winning his first two decisions 11-10 and 8-6 before losing a major decision against Navy. (2-1)

167 — Mark Correll started things off against Oregon State by virtue of his first pin of the year. Against Navy he fell to an experienced John Reich 1-8 after falling behind 1-6 in the first period. (2-1)

177 — Pete Creamer as always is an exciting wrestler to watch and it was no different when he pinned Tim Mondale of Oregon State in 1:25. He lost a very close decision against Navy's Mark Phillips 2-3 in Saturday's contest. (2-1)

190 — Newcomer Jim Mulligan is a freshman who Coach Reese describes as a "real aggressive scrappy kid" that has to become more experienced. He was up against a former heavyweight, Navy's Pat Ryan, and hung in there. (0-2-1)

HWT — Mike Javier was "thrown into the fire," says Coach Reese of this freshman. The coach explained that Javier hasn't been up against first class competition until this year. With bouts against the heavyweights he wrestled, Javier has no choice but to learn fast. (0-3)



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Lose To East Stroudsburg

Colonels' Streak Snapped

by Chris DaRe

After starting off the season in fine fashion, the Wilkes men's basketball team suffered a frustrating loss to Division II East Stroudsburg State, 61-50 last Monday night.

It was the first loss this season for Coach Jim Atherton's cagers as the Colonels fell behind in a tough defensive struggle near the end of the first half. The teams went into the locker rooms with ESSC on top 23-14.

In the second half, Atherton decided to throw a three-guard formation composed of Paul Scaliti, Eddie Kershaw, and Ross Zanghi at the Stroudsburg defense. It worked for a while and Wilkes pulled to within two early in the second period.

Stroudsburg bounced back by stopping the Colonels and pulling ahead every time Wilkes gained some ground.

If, however, the beginning of this season is any indication of what is to come, it looks like the

Colonels could be on their way to a banner season.

After opening the season with home victories over Alvernia and Misericordia, the Colonels hit the road for two important MAC games against Delaware Valley and Lycoming respectively.

On Dec. 3 the Colonels took to the Aggies of Delaware Valley. In their first league game the Colonels prevailed in a 70-68 overtime thriller in Doylestown.

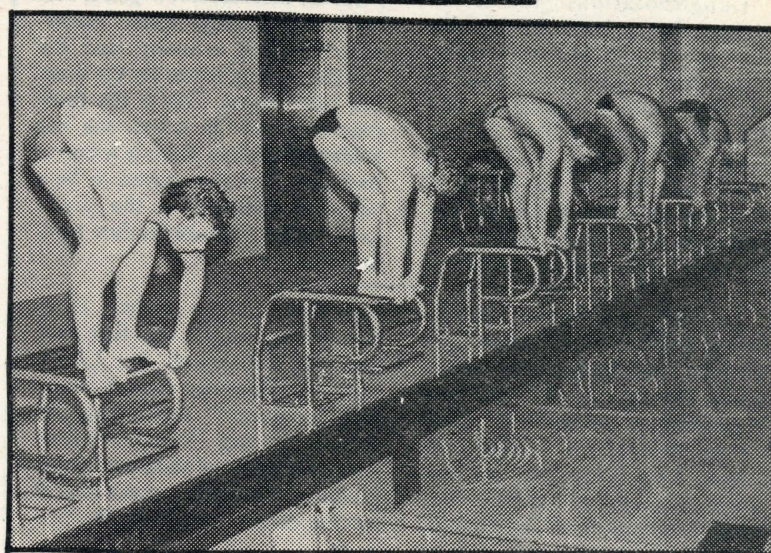
The game was nip-and-tuck all the way, with the Aggies holding a 28-27 halftime lead. The lead changed hands constantly throughout the second half until Paul Scaliti scored on a three-point play at :54 to put the Colonels ahead 64-60. Del Val fought back however and tied the game at 64 to force a five-minute overtime. In the overtime, Bob Antonelli scored 4 points and Paul Scaliti two as the Aggies rally fell short.

Scaliti was high scorer for the Colonels with 22 points. Antonelli and Rick Sheaffer added 14 in the

winning cause.

On Sat. the Colonels took their 3-0 record to Lycoming College. The Wilkes five used an aggressive defense to spur them to a 68-54 rout of the Warriors.

Leading the way for the Colonels was Antonelli with 13 points, followed by Scaliti and Sheaffer with 12 apiece. Wilkes MAC record stands at 2-0, and 4-1 overall. The next MAC game is to be Dec. 10 against cross-town rival King's College. The Colonels last game before the Christmas break will be on Sat. against FDU Madison. Game time is 3:00 in the Wilkes gym. After the game the Colonels will have off until Jan. 13 when they travel to Misericordia.



ON YOUR MARK, GET SET...FREEZE! The waning milliseconds before the starting gun of the men's freestyle event are captured in time by *Beacon* photographer Steven Thomas. Wilkes went on to lose this meet against Ursinus.

Swim Team Drops First Two

by Stephen Thomas

The Wilkes College Swim Team lost its second meet of the season to Ursinus College by a score of 69-40. The team's record drops to 0-2 with 2 home meets left before the Christmas break; King's last Wednesday and Elizabethtown today.

Despite the loss, exceptional performances were turned in by Reed Bello, who placed first in the 1-meter and 3-meter dive, Bob Butchkavitz, who placed first in the 500-meter freestyle, and Megan Maguire, who finished second in the 1000-meter freestyle. Michelle Maguire also had a good

day, placing second in both the 200 butterfly and 200-meter backstroke. Unfortunately, these fine performances were not enough to overcome a sizable early lead built up by the Ursinus team. By the end of the meet, the Ursinus team had captured ten first-place finishes in the 14 events.

"This is definitely a rebuilding year," said Head Coach Bob Lewis. "This is the first year for many of our swimmers. Unfortunately, some of our first-year swimmers are seniors and won't be coming back next year," added the coach. "But I think we'll have a good year. We may not win many

meets, yet everyone will improve."

Coach Lewis went on to say that there are some problems facing the team. One of the biggest problems is the fact that Wilkes doesn't have its own pool. "We get the run-around a lot about practice time," the coach said. "We started out practicing from 6:00 to 8:00. We were moved to 5:00 to 7:00, and then to 4:30 to 6:30."

Despite the problems, the team does have good spirit and some promise for the future. The coming weeks should bring much improvement to individual members of the Wilkes swimming team and to the team as a whole.

Team Defensive Pressure Keys First Victory For Lady Colonels

by Ellen Van Riper

The Lady Colonels opened their 1981-82 season with a victory at Delaware Valley on December 3. The final score was 76-73, and it shows how tough a contest the game was.

Coach Nancy Roberts was pleased that her young team won its first road game of the season. However, she was even more enthusiastic and ecstatic about the defensive play of the team. The man-to-man pressure applied by the team was the deciding factor in the closing minutes.

Wilkes opened the game with a starting five of freshman guard Lori Cashour, junior guard Karen Johnson, freshman forward Charlene Hurst, sophomore forward Karen Bove, and sophomore center Kim Smith. From the outset the game was a nip-and-tuck affair, and the Lady Colonels managed to gain a one point lead at the half, 41-40.

The second half was a repeat of the first as both teams kept the score close. Delaware Valley was

employing a devastating perimeter attack to stay even with the Lady Colonels, and they were shooting nearly ninety percent from the floor. In the closing minutes, Coach Roberts switched the team from a zone defense to a pressure man-to-man in order to defend against outside shooting more effectively.

The change in defensive strategy turned the tide in favor of the blue and gold. All five players on the court played a hustling, aggressive, and tenacious man defense which resulted in a drastic dropping of the opposition's shooting percentage, and more importantly in a number of turnovers upon which the Lady Colonels were able to capitalize.

High scorers for Wilkes were Charlene Hurst with 24 and 5 steals to go along with it, and Kim Smith who tallied 18. Karen Bove provided all-around support with a solid 11 points and 10 rebounds, and Sallie Jones came in off the bench and contributed 11 points and a fine total of 14 rebounds.

Upcoming games for the ladies are December 10 at home against Lafayette, and December 12 at home against Marywood. The team will be idle during the semester break until January 8 and 9 when they will host the annual Letterwoman's Tournament. The participating teams this year besides the host Lady Colonels will be Drew University from Madison, NJ, Western Maryland College, and Moravian College from Bethlehem, PA. Last year the ladies from Wilkes garnered the second-place trophy, and this year they will be looking to win the first place award.

FROM THE 'OOPS' DEPT.:

Mark James really goofed last week in his wrestling preview. He reported that John Reese had compiled a 286-60-8 record after 27 years of coaching, which is all fine and dandy, but at the beginning of the season, Reese's 29th year, the veteran mentor's record in dual meet competition was 298-64-8.

Athlete Of The Week

by Mark James

For wrestler Lenny Nelson, it was a sweet victory. "I never want to lose to Navy," he said, and he never did.

His latest Navy victory, against a tough Midshipman, senior Mike Valore, was Len's third victory this year in as many matches, he won it convincingly, 12-5.

The most amazing aspect of Nelson's 3-0 match record is that his victories were against nationally-ranked teams. Lehigh, Oregon State, and Navy always produce winning teams, and winning wrestlers, but not in the 142-pound weight class when Wilkes is around. When Nelson is around.

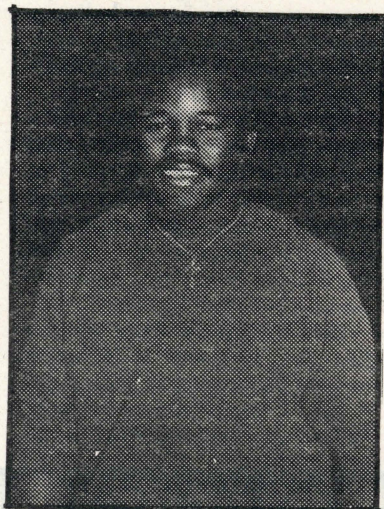
In his first match, Nelson defeated Ed Cummings of Lehigh 10-5 before scoring a major decision over Oregon State's Scott Cardwell, 15-3. Then there was the victory against Navy.

"Valore was the toughest. I beat him by more points than against the guy from Lehigh, but I was more psyched for Valore because he tied me last year," Lenny explained.

After high school, Len wanted to go to the Naval Academy to continue his education.

Lenny decided to go to Wilkes. He wasn't recruited heavily by Coach Reese, but after his first year at Wilkes, Lenny decided to stay here instead of transferring to Navy.

At Wilkes, Lenny has compiled an overall record of 22-5-1 with a 2-2 slate at the Eastern Regionals. This year, it appears he will continue his winning ways.



LENNY NELSON

"So far he has been the best performer for us. The people he had beaten weren't just average wrestlers," Coach John Reese remarked. "I think he's done a great job."

Nelson prefers freestyle wrestling to collegiate; he even gives his opponents escape points in order to get on his feet. When he does this, he usually ends up gaining more points than he loses. This is attributed to his freestyle experience wrestling for the New Jersey allstars.

What will the rest of the season hold for Lenny Nelson? He feels his most difficult challenges will be in the meets against Syracuse and Penn State, but as Lenny said, "I take one match at a time. When it comes, it comes . . . you just have to work hard."